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Eighty - first  
Annual National Encampment

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



WASHINGTON, D. C.  
AUGUST 19-23, 1962

## NATIONAL OFFICERS 1961-1962

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- Commander-in-Chief (August 23, 1961-May 3, 1962)—  
Charles L. Messer ..... 633 Clinton Ave., Albany 6, N. Y.
- Commander-in-Chief (since May, 1962)—  
Chester S. Shriver ..... P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa.
- Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—  
Joseph S. Rippey ..... 165 Linden St., Rochester, N. Y.
- Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—  
Cecil McConahay ..... 714 Lemcke Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.
- Council of Administration—  
Thomas A. Chadwick ..... R. F. D. 1, Box 81, Chester, Vermont  
Allen B. Howland ..... Box 105, Elmwood, Mass.  
Rev. Richard O. Partington  
Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, Pa.
- National Secretary-Treasurer—  
Albert C. Lambert ..... P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
- National Patriotic Instructor—  
Albert W. Lambert ..... 117 Palmer Lane, Trenton 8, N. J.
- National Chaplain—  
Maurice J. Warner ..... 822 Middle St., Bath, Maine
- National Counselor—  
Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd., U. S. A., Ret.,  
1135 21st St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.
- National Historian—  
Allen F. Spink ..... 388 Woodland St., Apt. 2B, Hartford, Conn.
- National Chief of Staff—  
C. Leroy Stoudt .... 2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa.
- National Graves Registration Officer—  
Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr. .... 9 Nichols St., Ansonia, Conn.
- National Personal Aide—  
John G. Kernan ..... 1473 Broadway, Rensselaer, N. Y.
- District of Columbia Representative—  
Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd., U. S. A., Ret.,  
1135 21st St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**



**CHARLES L. MESSER**  
August 23, 1961—May 3, 1962

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**



**CHESTER S. SHRIVER**  
May, 1962—August, 1962

## PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

### Council of Administration Meeting August 19, 1962

The Council of Administration met at 1:30 P. M., Sunday August 19, 1962 in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.

The following were present: Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey; Council of Administration Members Thomas A. Chadwick, Allen B. Howland and Rev. Richard O. Partington; National Counselor General U. S. Grant, 3rd; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

These matters were considered by the Council; and resulted in the following action:

(1) Commander-in-Chief Shriver appointed a Sub-Committee of the Council of Administration, consisting of Council of Administration Members Thomas A. Chadwick and Allen B. Howland, 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 to the Encampment on the final day of business, for their action.

(2) In an effort to relieve the deficit in the General Fund, as shown in the National Secretary-Treasurer's Financial Report; the Council took action to authorize the Budget Committee to include in the Budget for the coming year, the \$200.00 appropriation to the Convention Committee—this sum to be taken from the G. A. R. Memorial Fund.

(3) Action was also taken by the Council to authorize the Budget Committee to include in their budget \$250.00, from the G. A. R. Memorial Fund, for the College scholarship—to be continued at Gettysburg College.

(4) After discussion, the Council took action to publish The Banner four (4) times in the coming year; and that the Budget Committee be governed accordingly in their appropriation for printing of The Banner for the next year.

(5) In the matter of Bert Sack (a member of Oliver Tilden Camp No. 70 of New York) which was considered at great length by the Council, the following action was taken:

(A) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief advise Mr. Sack that this Encampment does not have jurisdiction over this matter.

(B) That the appeal be sent to the Department Commander of the Department of New York; and suggest to the Department of New York that it is not for us to take action and that, in view of the Resolution passed by the Department of New York, it is a question of ascertaining whether Mr. Bert Sack wants his resignation accepted; or if he wants charges preferred against him, as required by the Constitution and Regulations.

(6) With reference to the Union Veterans Cemetery at Carleton, Florida, relative to its being taken over and maintained by the Disabled American Veterans—and requesting rights to this burial property from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in order to establish a National Cemetery in Florida, the decision of the Council was:

From the correspondence, we do not see that we have a clear title to this land; but as heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic have great interest—and will do all in our power to give any assistance in establishing a National Cemetery; or for the improvement and maintenance of grounds for the respect it should have as a burial ground of Veterans; and especially veterans of the Civil War.

## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Ballroom — Mayflower Hotel

Sunday, August 19, 1962 — 3:00 P. M.

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

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Musical Prelude ..... Myra Montross  
 Processional  
 Invocation ..... Maurice J. Warner  
 National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans  
 Scripture ..... Viola Bremme  
 National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans  
 Solo: "The Lord's Prayer" ..... Miss Gertrude I. Dixon  
 Washington, D. C.  
 Dedication of Candle Holder:  
 Sixty-Twenty Club, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic:  
 National President Ladies of the G.A.R. .... Alice Ure  
 National President of Auxiliary to the Sons .... Dorothy Hilyard  
 Commander-in-Chief of Sons of Union Veterans  
 Chester S. Shriver  
 Remarks ..... Clara Montross  
 National Chaplain, Ladies of G.A.R.

### Tributes to Memory of:

Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer—  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe (Tribute follows at end  
 of program)  
 Past National President Mabel Coffey, Ladies of G.A.R.  
 Past National President Mabel Taylor  
 Past National President Edwina Trigg, Ladies of G.A.R.  
 Past National President Twanette Paul  
 Past National President Minnie Groth, Auxiliary to Sons of Union  
 Veterans—  
 Past National President Elnore Konrad  
 Past National President Clara Gallagher, Auxiliary to Sons of  
 Union Veterans—  
 Past National President Katherine Joyce  
 Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle, Sons of Union Veterans  
 Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Locke, Sons of Union Veterans  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold



Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran, Sons of Union Veterans

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven

Deceased Officers and Members of Ladies of G.A.R.

Past National President Frances Kuhns

Deceased Officers and Members of Auxiliary, S.U.V.C.W.

Past National President Anne O. Clayton

Deceased Officers and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin

Solo, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" ..... Miss Gertrude I. Dixon

Roll Call and Placing of Floral Tributes

Department Presidents and Department Commanders

Benediction ..... Clara Montross

National Chaplain, Ladies of G.A.R.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Taps

Recessional ..... Myra Montross

Tribute to the late Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer given by Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe:

"This is a tribute in loving memory of Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer, who was called to his final reward on May 3, 1962.

Brother Messer joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in August 1906. If he had lived until this month, he would have been a member of our Order for 56 years and, in that time, he was a very dedicated and willing worker. We are going to miss him very much.

He served in the different offices in his own Camp in Albany, eventually becoming Camp Commander.

He started going through the chairs in his Department; serving many offices in the Department; and serving in the office of Department Commander in 1948-49. He was my National Personal Aide in 1956-57.

He held the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, was advanced to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and in August, 1961 was elected to the highest office that can be conferred by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—that of Commander-in-Chief. I had the honor and pleasure of installing Brother Messer, and his staff of Officers, at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 24, 1961.

Brother Messer served as Chairman of our Americanism and Education Committee, as well as on other Committees; and was always a willing and devoted worker for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

He was a Past Commander of the American Legion, a Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a Past Commander of the Army and Navy Union.

He was very well known, and very well liked throughout his Department, and the National Organization.

We pay tribute to his memory today; and we shall miss him."

## THE CAMP FIRE OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC REVIVED BY THEIR DESCENDANTS

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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

### CAMP FIRE PROGRAM

Mayflower Hotel Ballroom — Washington, D. C.

Sunday, August 19, 1962 — 7:30 P. M.

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Concert of Civil War Music .....	U. S. Marine Band
Sounding "To the Colors" .....	U. S. Marine Band
Advance of Colors with S.V.R. Field Music ..	Major Howard Dissinger
National Anthem .....	U. S. Marine Band
Pledge of Allegiance .....	Audience
Invocation .....	The Rev. C. Leslie Glenn, S.T.D.
Welcome by General Chairman .....	Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd
Welcome by D. C. Commissioner .....	Hon. Walter N. Tabriner
Address .....	Hon. Wm. H. Ayers, Congressman, Ohio
Civil War Songs .....	Singing Sergeants, U.S.A.F.
Presentation of Guests and Greetings from participating Organizations .....	Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd
Remarks .....	Wm. J. Bryan Dorn, Congressman South Carolina
Benediction .....	Rev. C. Leslie Glenn, S.T.D.
Retirement of Colors .....	Major Howard Dissinger
Taps .....	Bugler, U. S. Marine Band
Adjournment .....	Field Music, S.V.R.

## JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

Monday, August 20, 1962 — 9:30 A. M.

The joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the East Room of the Mayflower Hotel, under the direction of National Chiefs of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt of the Sons; and Ethel Jones of the Auxiliary.

The colors escorted the Special Aides into the room. Each carried a golden chiffon arch with which they formed an arch of honor through which the guests were then escorted.

First, the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief were escorted in; then the National Officers; after which the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, Chester S. Shriver, and the National President of the Auxiliary, Dorothy Hilyard were escorted in.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt presented the Commander-in-Chief; and National Chief of Staff Jones introduced the National President of the Auxiliary; after which a solo, "You'll Never Know" was sung by Hazel Moushey.

The National Aides and Department Presidents then came in, each carrying cherry blossoms interspersed with gold tinsel, which they placed on a gold, metallic tree just in front of the National President's station.

The National Chiefs of Staff presented ten (10) Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons; and fifteen (15) Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary; as well as the National Officers of both organizations.

A welcome was extended by National Chief of Staff Jones, after which she presented National President Hilyard.

**National President Dorothy Hilyard:** Thank you, for this wonderful joint opening. It was beautiful, and I appreciate it very much. The cherry tree is lovely, and as I am especially fond of cherry blossoms, this theme is quite appropriate; and I thank you for all your efforts to make it so beautiful. My thanks too, to all those who participated; and to the Sons for coming over to join with us. We are most happy to have you with us this morning.

**National Chief of Staff Stoudt:** I would now like to present the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, Chester S. Shriver, for a few words.

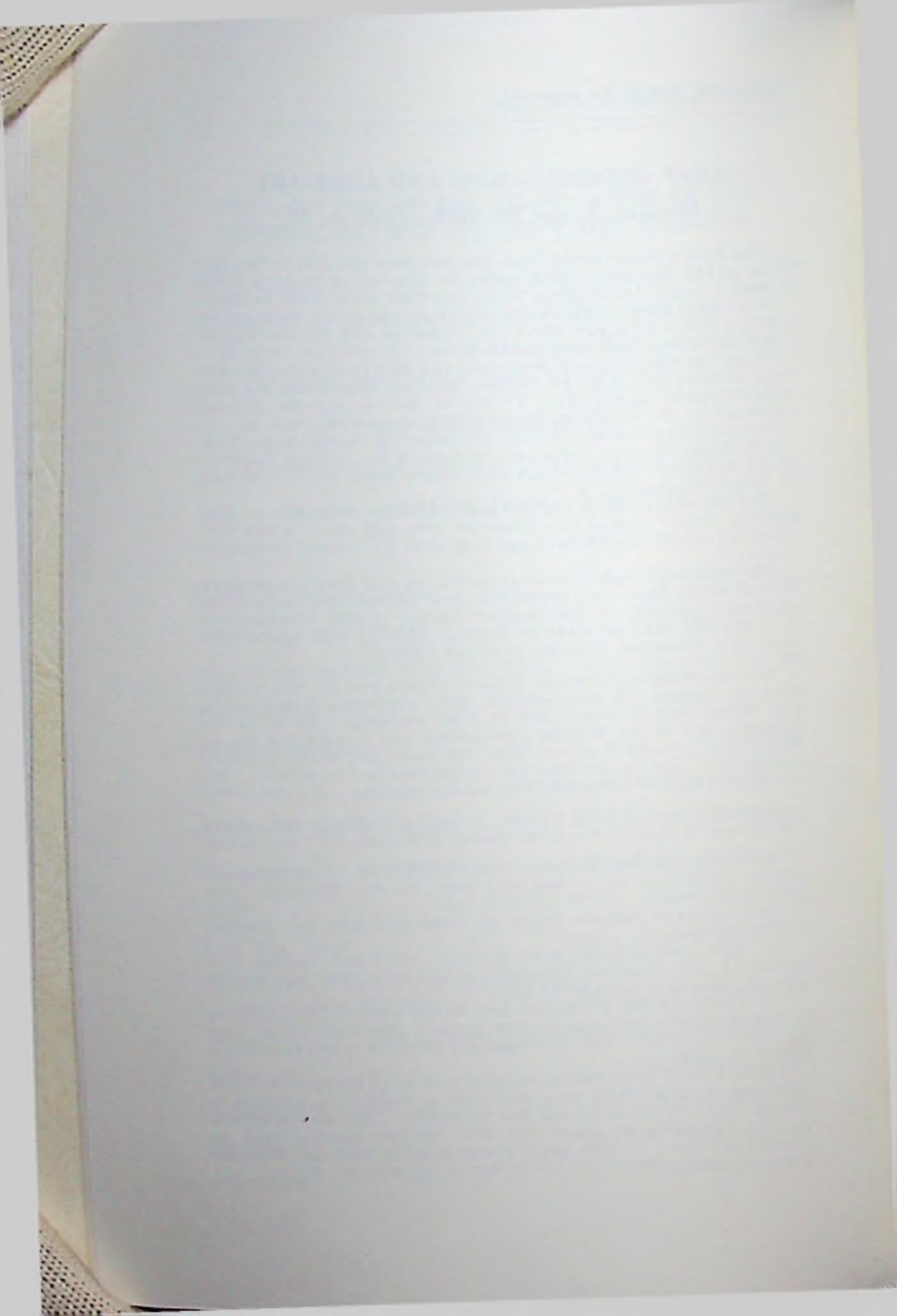
**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you for this lovely ceremony, and for permitting us to join with you. We are pleased to have been a part of it.

There are two tributes which are being paid here this morning in this opening:

(1) This most colorful, most dramatic, and lovely opening is a tribute to your National President—it has been very well carried out and I am sure enjoyed by all.

(2) The wonderful attendance here at this ceremony this morning is also a tribute—not only to your National President, but to your organization as well; and I am sure you will have a fine Convention here this week.

I wish I could have the authority to have all of the Sons meetings right here in this lovely room with you—it would be a privilege to remain with you and enjoy this fine fellowship. I will always remember the fellowship we share here with you this morning; and all through the year. It once again proves that the Sons and Auxiliary are very close through our association in the work we do.



# PROCEEDINGS

## EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Headquarters—Hotel Mayflower; Washington, D. C.

Sessions—"Chinese Room"—Hotel Mayflower

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

August 20, 1962 — 10:15 A. M.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** The Officers and Members of the Eighty-first Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order.

At this time, I wish to appoint the following:

Guide—Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Mass.,

Guard—Past Department Commander Eugene F. Patton, Sr.,  
New Jersey.

Color Bearer—Delegate James Y. Ledwith, Connecticut.

The Encampment opened in Ritualistic Form, with prayer by the National Chaplain.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except National Graves Registration Officer Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., and Personal Aide John G. Kernan.

The roll of Past Commanders-in-Chief was called, with ten present.

### COMMITTEES

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** I will appoint the following Committees:

#### Credentials

Herbert W. Bogue, Delegate, Massachusetts; Chairman,  
James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois,  
Charles H. Langletz, Past Department Commander, Maryland,  
Robert L. Gerke, Sr., Department Commander, New Jersey

#### Resolutions

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio; Chairman,  
Thomas J. Lock, III, Department Commander, Indiana  
L. K. Boutin, Past Department Commander, Iowa,  
DeVene F. Williamson, Past Department Commander, New York.

#### Officers' Reports

Thomas A. Chadwick, Past Commander-in-Chief, Vermont; Chairman  
Howard M. Dissinger, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania,  
Henry S. Bowen, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts,  
Charles P. Bradshaw, Past Department Commander, New York,  
William F. Powers, Department Commander, Ohio

### Constitution and Regulations

Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine; Chairman,  
Edward E. Biering, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin,  
Walter H. Quist, Department Commander, Oregon and Washington,  
Elwyn C. Heidenreich, Department Commander, New York,  
R. Lester Bare, Associate Member, Ohio.

### Restoration of Rank

Earl F. Riggs, Past Commander-in-Chief, California; Chairman.  
O. G. MacPherson, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania,  
Walter B. James, Department Commander, Maine,  
James L. High, Delegate, Illinois,  
Frank Woerner, Past Department Commander, California.

### Ritual and Ceremonies

Fred E. Howe, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York; Chairman,  
Harold P. Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts,  
Leon H. Crocker, Department Commander, Connecticut,  
Cecil McConahay, Past Department Commander, Indiana,  
Alton Sharp, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

### Encampment City—1964

C. Leroy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania; Chairman,  
Harold E. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief, Rhode Island,  
Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer.

### Fraternal Relations

Wm. M. Coffin, Senior Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio; Chairman;  
and all delegates assembled.

### Press Correspondent

Arthur Glenum, Delegate, Maryland.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** We will now have a report from the Credentials Committee.

**Delegate Herbert W. Bogue, Massachusetts:** Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee presents a preliminary report. At this time, we have a total registration of 90.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you Brother Bogue.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Needless to say, we are honored in meeting in this fine city of Washington; and our host Department has done everything possible to make it a wonderful Encampment.

Last night, a tribute was given to the host Department at the Camp Fire by the wonderful attendance there. It was a fine program which I am sure was enjoyed by everyone.

Now, we are assembled here for the first part of our Encampment. There is a lot of business to consider, and act upon during our regular business sessions. May I ask for your kind consideration, and your attention at all times.

We are now under the Reports of Officers; and I will ask the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to preside while I present my report.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey presided as the Commander-in-Chief read:

## REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania  
August 15, 1962

To the Commandery-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
In Session for the 81st Annual Encampment:

Officers and Brothers:

Last year in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, you honored me in casting your decision for my election as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Through many trials and tribulations encountered since August 24, 1961, I humbly present this formal report of activity in serving our Order and request your indulgence in hoping that after receiving this report, you will concur with the State of the Order that exists with us, this day.

Immediately following our Encampment last August, we were all saddened upon learning of the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Major John H. Runkle. Truly we missed his wise counsel and excellent leadership; and the tribute bestowed upon Brother Runkle by your Commander-in-Chief, Charles L. Messer, and the many other National Officers present for the final services were most memorable.

Realizing that the office, to which the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is elected, is one that not only presents a challenge in serving, but must be considered as an important part of the program for success and teamwork is a necessity. And yet, in consideration of any office on the level of your Camp, on your Department or the National organization, our success must be recognized on many individuals performance in duty, interest and effort. Pledged to support the Constitution and Regulations and your Commander-in-Chief, this office was accorded many honors and courtesies in the months to follow.

One of the fulfillments of Brother Runkle, before his passing, was a request that should the occasion arise, the Colors of the Commandery-in-Chief be placed under the custodianship of Camp 112, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; with the understanding that they be presented annually for the Lincoln Memorial Services in Washington, D. C. on February 12th, the annual services at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois; and for Memorial Day at Gettysburg. Commander-in-Chief Messer and the Council of Administration granted this request.

The privilege of representing your Commander-in-Chief and the National organization included many testimonials in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland and Delaware—often serving as the speaker or Master of Ceremonies. Of special mention must be accorded the privilege of assisting Appomattox Camp #2, Department of Maryland and Delaware, in Wilmington, Delaware, where on September 30th, 1961, The DuPont Civil War Centennial Commemoration Day was observed with an outstanding program in DuPont's own—Rockford Park. Promoted by the V.F.W. Post in Wilmington, Camp #2 of the Sons, and the Governor of Delaware, your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief was afforded the honor of serving as Master of Ceremonies. Here again a proven point in that regardless of the status of Man—we, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have a duty to perform.

Additional services rendered included serving as a member of the 1962 National Encampment Committee, planning for the 81st Annual Encampment in which we are convened, presence at the testimonials for Commander-in-Chief Messer in Albany, New York; and for our National President of our Auxilliary, Sister Dorothy L. Hilyard in

Wilmington, Delaware. Credit is due my own Camp #112, all Departments and the National Organization, in promoting the 5th Annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day at the Woolson Statue on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

An important duty to our Order which places us in the interest of higher Education is the annual presentation of contributions to a Scholarship award to one of the leading Colleges. Last year, Gettysburg College was chosen as the recipient of this award and, through this office, arrangements were made for Commander-in-Chief Messer to formally present this check on November 18, while on an official visit to Gettysburg, in commemoration of Dedication Day and G.A.R. Remembrance Day.

Always a pleasure is that of installing newly elected officers at the beginning of a new year. As your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, this duty was performed in many Camps in Pennsylvania, as an honored guest of Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd to be present for the installation of officers of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 in Washington, D. C. on January 17th.

In the absence of your Commander-in-Chief, the wreath for the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was placed at the annual services at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on February 12th. Acknowledgement of credit must be accorded the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States for promoting this memorable service annually. Together with the cooperation of the Armed Forces, and other Patriotic Orders, this is a fitting tribute to Lincoln at its finest.

Greetings were conveyed at many observances of Lincoln's Birthday and commemorations of Appomattox Day.

Then, on April 26th we learned of the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke of Illinois; a Brother near and dear to everyone who knew him as a man of Character and the highest Standards in promoting the organization he loved—The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Then followed May 3rd, 1962. While eating at the family dinner table, a telephone call from National Secretary, Brother Albert C. Lambert notified this office of the passing of Brother Charles L. Messer, at his home in Albany, New York. Assisted by Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt, his wife and Mrs. Irene Murphy, the Colors were taken to Albany for the funeral of Brother Messer. The representation of our Order and our Auxiliary, was the finest tribute that could be given a dedicated Brother who is now serving in Camp Eternal.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Messer, National Personal Aide John Kernan and National Secretary Albert C. Lambert, records and correspondence was available to have presented to this Encampment, the following listing of events as recorded by Brother Messer:

#### Report of Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer

##### Chronological Listing of Events

1961

August 24—Elected Commander-in-Chief at the 80th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

August 27—Attended funeral services for Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

September 16—Attended the reception for the Department Commander of Massachusetts, at Holyoke, Massachusetts.



- September 20—Attended meeting in Washington, D. C. for the 1962 National Encampment.
- October 7—Was tendered a reception by my own Camp honoring me as Commander-in-Chief. Many members of our National Organization, as well as many members and Officers of the Camps and Auxiliaries were present. There were 141 guests present in all. National Personal Aide, Brother John Kernan acted as Toastmaster.
- October 14—Attended the Central Regional meeting of 12 Camps, held in Akron, Ohio. The Commander-in-Chief and his wife, enjoyed the hospitality of the members and the hearty manner in the way we both were received by the members present.
- October 21—Attended the two day meeting of the New England Region at New Britain, Conn.
- October 28—Attended the reception given to the Department President, Sister Marjorie Tagart, given by her own Auxiliary in Rochester, New York.
- November 4—Attended the reception tendered to the Department Commander and Department President of New York, Brother DeVene Williamson and Sister Marjorie Tagart, in Utica.
- November 11—Was present at the reception of the National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Dorothy L. Hilyard at Wilmington, Delaware.
- November 18—Present at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for the 5th Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day service. Anyone who attended these services will never forget them.
- A check was presented to Gettysburg College from our Organization to the Scholarship Fund, in memory of the G.A.R.
- November 19—Observed Dedication Day at the Gettysburg Battlefield conducted by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania. Attended a reception at the Hotel Gettysburg and luncheon, followed by the parade to the National Cemetery—where Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois gave his tribute on the spot where President Lincoln gave his original Gettysburg Address, almost 100 years ago.
- December 1—Your Commander-in-Chief took a trip to Washington, D. C. and issued the Charter to Camp #2. The reception was held in the meeting rooms of the Daughters of Union Veterans in Washington, D. C.
- December 2—Your Commander-in-Chief attended the reception in Union City, N. J. honoring the Department Commander and Department Presidents of New Jersey.

## 1962

- January 15—Arrived in Los Angeles, California where we were met by Past Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs and his wife Bea, a Past National President of our Auxiliary. I enjoyed one of the finest meetings that it was my privilege to attend, with about 60 members present.
- January 19—Attended meeting and reception in San Jose and enjoyed meeting Past National President of our Auxiliary, Sister Lenora Glass. There were 50 or 60 present. I appreciated the efforts of those who planned these meetings.
- January 24—Reception in Colorado Springs, Colorado, arranged by Department Commander Myers and his wife. It makes one feel fine to have others plan these welcomes for the Commander-in-Chief on his official visits.

- January 27—Visited Des Moines, Iowa where another fine reception and meeting was held. Met Past Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett, Past National President Wilma Coombs and Department Commander Jones, and his wife. About 50 members were present here.
- January 29—Attended meeting in Chicago with the National President Dorothy Hilyard, who made the entire trip with us; and we all had a fine time together.
- February 2—Visited Jackson, Michigan for another fine meeting. Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey showed us the hospitality there. About 40 attended this meeting.
- February 12—Attended Lincoln Day Banquet in Philadelphia, Penna.
- February 13—Attended the election of Officers of the Tilden Camp in New York City.
- February 16—Attended the 3 day Regional Meeting, which included a reception for the National President and the Commander-in-Chief.
- March 24—Attended the election of Officers of the Northern New York Club in Schenectady.
- March 31—Attended reception to Department Officers in New York Department at Ovid.
- April 3—Attended reception and the 25th Anniversary of Auxiliary 26, New York, at Royal George Restaurant in East Greenbush, N. Y.
- April 7—Present in New Britain, Connecticut for the Department Encampment.
- April 13—Attended the 2 day Department Encampment in Providence, Rhode Island.
- April 27—Attended 3 day Department Encampment in Worcester, Mass.
- May 3—Passed away.

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I do not know how Brother Charles would have composed his report. Perhaps, he would have added many other experiences not listed. His recommendations were never mentioned—and yet as we knew him for lo, these many years, we know that they would have been constructive.

Eternal Taps beckoned him from the line of duty.

To his lovely wife, Lillian, we extend our deepest sympathy. Perhaps we could all voice these memorable words—

“Beautiful life is that whose span,  
Is spent in duty to God and man.  
Beautiful calm when the course is run,  
Beautiful death when a life well done.”

Following the funeral of Brother Charles L. Messer, the Council of Administration, meeting in accordance with Constitution and Regulations, elected your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to serve as Commander-in-Chief. Upon assuming command, headquarters were established at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

During the many official visitations into Departments with large membership and others with small numbers, it not only affords an opportunity to get behind the scenes of planning for great events and commemorations, especially during the Civil War Centennial Years, but one can see the accomplishments of what certain Camps or a certain Department does. Circumstances prove that, in many cases, key men promote our Order in maintaining recognition in that certain community. Through the medium of the newspaper, radio and television, the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic can and in most places are being promoted wherever one of our Camps exist.

The various ways in doing this may differ. Some use the presentation of a good citizen award to an outstanding worker in that community. Some Camps take issue with National Problems and forward these, by Resolution, through their Department and then to the Commandery-in-Chief for adoption of support. May I especially note that in opposing the recent Government Order to eliminate prayer in our public schools, many of our Camps took immediate action to voice their opposition; and this office has received a Resolution to this effect from the New York Department, which will be presented through the Committee on Resolutions. Another issue that brought action was relative to the reduction of our National Guard strength and, here again, the New Jersey Department recorded their opposition to this Defense Department proposal. These issues are as much ours to support, or defend today as it was to the Grand Army 100 years ago. Other Departments have proven through their efforts that they can produce an increase in membership. Of the three Departments; namely, Maine, Maryland and Ohio, who have reported an increase in membership since our last Encampment, the Ohio Department credits its increase to the Sons of Veterans Reserve program.

One of the greatest pleasures accorded this office, was the approval of the application for—and the signature attached to our new Camp in the Department of California and Pacific. Through the efforts of that Department Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Frank Woerner, this Camp was approved on June 29, 1962 as Major General McCoy Camp #27; which will officially be reported on the September quarter, due to the deadline for the June quarter having just passed at the time of approval. Here again is proven that the effort of a key man can do the job.

Your Commander-in-Chief was greatly impressed with the program, promotion and organization of the New England Regional Association. Here six (6) Departments joined together, 27 years ago, to meet on certain dates annually—to discuss problems and present solutions. One of the most impressive parts of this group is the attendance, which represents nearly one-third of our total membership. Their two day summer meeting includes an agenda of important legislation, excellent publicity and cooperation with the Auxilliary who are included as a part of the Regional Association. This group is preserving and promoting the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic in the New England Departments. The hospitality accorded your Commander-in-Chief will never be forgotten; and it was an honor to install the newly elected Officers at my official visit at The Weirs, New Hampshire on July 21st and 22nd, 1962.

Recognition must be given to our Order in that we are doing the job expected of us during the Civil War Centennial Years. We have now reached the half way point and in your travels and mine, we must concur that the remembrance of 100 years ago is not forgotten. Your National, State and Local officials have recognized what they can do in the authorization of funds. Yet in the hands of patriotic groups, such as we represent, lies the answer if the commemoration will be done honorably. The Veterans Organizations are cooperating. Our Churches have planned special services and our mediums of publicity are always anxious to cooperate. Through the many observances where invitations have been extended to this office, especially should we recognize the dedication on the Antietam Battlefield, near Sharpsburg, Maryland, where on May 26th a beautiful memorial to the First Delaware Volunteers was dedicated to our Nation. This was one of the many in which your Commander-in-Chief and your Auxilliary National President shared representation on the program.

Credit must be given to our Committees who have worked ardently to bring to this Encampment reports of success. We recognize in Brother Ernest Wells, a truly dedicated man, serving us as Chairman of the G.A.R. History Committee and the Civil War Centennial Committee; whose publications have carried the work, and interest, into every Department—and his success is evident in the New England Region. Our National G.A.R. Highway Committee, with Brother Earl F. Riggs as Chairman, serves another important part of our modern program—in that each State is informed of our interest in proper markings and maintenance through the States in which the highway is located. The Membership Committee has serving as its Chairman, Brother Arthur Ballou. This Committee has exemplified their hard work in keeping the new blood in our Order—a necessity. Our National Military Affairs Committee has met several times since last Encampment and, with Brother O. G. MacPherson as Chairman, have adopted their program to encourage membership through uniformed units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. These units are in demand today and provide due recognition. The Staff of National Officers and Committees, must be complimented on their teamwork in submitting regular activity reports to your Commander-in-Chief to keep this office informed. The cooperation and necessity of our most important office—that of National Secretary-Treasurer handled so well by Brother Albert C. Lambert must be extended our deepest gratitude for his untiring efforts.

In summarization, may I state that we as Sons, Grandsons, or Great grandsons of those Union Veterans are now in the midst of re-dedication. We must not only re-live the past, but we must plan and program for the future. True, our membership now is smaller than ever before in our history, but we have in our membership today the highest calibre of Americans, serving in our Camps, our Departments and our National Organization. We are strong enough to stand on our feet—to propose or oppose that which we know the Grand Army would do if they were in the room today. That is why we were recognized for our Congressional Charter. That is why your Commander-in-Chief and your National Counselor, Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd were invited, through the American Coalition, to appear as witnesses or present our Resolutions, at a hearing of the United States Senate Armed Services Sub-Committee to support H.R. Bill 2218 relating to the oath given all enlisted men entering the Armed Forces, to include the phrase, "So Help Me God." These facts will be included in General Grant's report as Counselor. Being recognized through the American Coalition, and other patriotic Orders will benefit us in keeping our patriotic freedom—American. We believe in preserving our history—for without doing this, our future will have no foundation. Thank God we can meet here in this Encampment and speak, not only for us, as lineal descendants of the Grand Army of the Republic, but as Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Through the deepness of feeling we have obligated ourselves to the purpose of maintaining our highest standards; and to conform to our proud heritage the following recommendations are presented for your consideration and approval at this Encampment:

(1) That this Encampment shall approve authority to amend the Constitution and Regulations, and the Ritual and Ceremony, so as to conform to the Flag Code of the United States of America, approved by Congress—that Paragraph 5, (General Instructions) Page 3 of the Ritual and Ceremonies shall read as follows: "The Altar will be placed in the center of the room. It will be covered with the National

Flag, and resting, on the side, will be a Bible." This would replace the word—THEREON.

The present form as is, is in direct violation to the Flag Code of the United States and, in some instances, our Order has been reminded of this violation.

(2) That this Encampment grant approval for the Commandery-in-Chief to purchase a new 50 Star Flag, to match the Flag of the Commander-in-Chief.

(3) That this Encampment grant the approval to create a new National Office for the purpose of recording service records of all Union Veterans who served honorably during the Civil War; and whereby all prospective applicants for membership, not being able to verify their descendants service record in his own State, may contact this new Office, to be known as National Recorder, for assistance in verifying his eligibility for membership.

(4) That by vote of this Encampment, proper legislation be adopted to approve any and all Resolutions originating in the American Coalition to enhance and promote our patriotic duty to the highest degree.

(5) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be granted authority to appoint a three (3) member Committee, to be known as the Fraternal Relations Committee, for the purpose of inviting the National Woman's Relief Corps, and the National Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to join together for the National Encampment in 1965. Provisions must be adhered to as set forth by the Commandery-in-Chief to promote closer fraternal relations with the Grand Army Official Family.

(6) That this Encampment grant approval to provide funds from the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund, to purchase and erect a permanent seat at the Woolson Statue, located in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield. Such seat to be presented as the contribution of the National Organization during the observance of the Battle Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg on July 1, 2 and 3, 1963; and would serve as the Sons Memorial to the Centennial Years.

May I add that Sister Dorothy L. Hilyard, our Auxiliary National President is also recommending that the National Auxiliary present the same, with the hope that both Organizations may join together in this most worthwhile project. Approval has been cleared with the Gettysburg National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to erect permanently two seats at the Woolson Statue.

(7) That by vote of this Encampment, the National Organization present to Mrs. Lillian Messer, widow of former Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer, who passed away serving his term, a memorial of Remembrance in recognition of Brother Messer's service to our Order August 23, 1961 to May 3, 1962.

May I formally convey to Sister Dorothy L. Hilyard, our National President of our Auxiliary, and to her Staff of Officers my deepest appreciation for their assistance—morally, financially and loyally, as they are always at our service in helping our cause.

To Sister Alice Ure, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Sister Ann H. Atkins, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; and Sister Marie Robinson, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, my deepest thanks for their cooperation in keeping our fraternal relationship of the Grand Army family most cordial.

Our host City for this 81st Encampment was chosen two years ago. Since that date, the Department of Maryland and Delaware have chosen one of our most dedicated Americans, and one of our Past

Commanders-in-Chief, General U. S. Grant 3rd, to serve as Encampment Committee Chairman. Today, your Commander-in-Chief wishes to join with the Officers and Delegates present in conveying to General Grant, and his Committee, our deepest appreciation for this memorable and outstanding Encampment.

To have served you in this capacity has been a challenge.

To have received the unselfish assistance and support has been most inspiring and must be a tribute to all who serve. These kind deeds have been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Chester S. Shriver),  
Commander-in-Chief.

**National Secretary Lambert:** I move a rising vote of thanks be given the Commander-in-Chief for this splendid report; and that all reports of Officers be referred, without debate, to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried).

A rising vote of the Encampment, with their applause was given Commander-in-Chief Shriver; after which the Report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you very much Brothers. We will now hear the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey presented:

#### REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

August 20, 1962

To the Officers and Members of the  
81st National Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

In May of this year I was elected by the Council of Administration to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, to fill the vacancy in that office caused by the advancement of our Commander-in-Chief, Chester S. Shriver, occasioned by the death of our late esteemed Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer.

I am highly honored to have been so chosen and express to the Council my thanks and appreciation for the confidence reposed in me.

Immediately upon notification of my selection I entered upon the performance of the duties of the office and have attended a number of functions representing the National Organization, and have been engaged in the planning and preparation for ceremonials and events already given, and which will have their culmination in the following months.

My tenure has been a rewarding experience, and I trust that it was handled to your entire satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Joseph S. Rippey),  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will give his report this afternoon; and we will now have the report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

National Patriotic Instructor Lambert submitted:

## REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Trenton, New Jersey  
August 3rd, 1962

To: Chester S. Shriver, Commander-in-Chief,  
51st Annual National Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander-in-Chief Shriver:

When news reached me, in August of last year, of my appointment to this high office I accepted with a pledge to perform to the best of my ability. It seems proper to start my report with a note of thanks to my fellow National Officers and to countless supporters throughout the country, without whom this report would not be even possible. Their encouragement, support and advice were the guiding force of my term.

I will not consume space or time with a chronological listing of events or activities during the past year. Camp meetings, Department meetings, banquets and various affairs were attended. In our Order and in my local Centennial Committee, I remained fully active. One solemn event merits mention. I was fortunate in being able to travel to Albany, to take part in the final services and to attend the funeral of Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer.

In the course of my activities, every Camp, every Department Patriotic Instructor, and every Department Secretary was contacted. Here again, the response and cooperation of my Brothers deserves mention. However, in this vein, I feel obligated to make mention of the fact that the response from Department Patriotic Instructors to our new form of reporting was exceptionally poor. I have, in fact, received only seven copies of the Department Patriotic Instructors reports to their various Encampments as of the writing of this report, and the information contained therein is frequently of limited value.

It would seem to me that frequently on Camp and Department levels the office of Patriotic Instructor is not given the respect or consideration it might expect. We cannot criticize on a National level the failure to respond to our programs and requests when the "men on the spot" at lower levels are often handicapped. The solution might well lie not in the constant search for an improved reporting method to National, but in greater attention on lower levels to selection and support of the men actually doing the job. Nevertheless, I suggest that my immediate successors carefully evaluate the present system, giving it a couple of years of trial until our members become familiar with what is to be expected and until a fair test has been given it. If the response at that time has not greatly improved over what has been experienced this year, then I strongly suggest that a revision of reporting procedure again be studied.

Individual cases of exceptional patriotic work have come to my attention; frequently these are instances of hard work and unselfish labor behind the scenes. The Patriotic Instructors of the New York and Pennsylvania Departments have particularly come to my attention for the excellence of their work. Through such men as these, and through sundry other contacts in the organization, I am able to report to you that the many yearly activities, projects and affairs to which our Order is pledged are continuing. This year, as in previous years, our patriotic work has been completed and our message has been carried forth. Our sacred days of remembrance, principally Memorial Day, plus numerous other anniversaries observed by Camps and Departments, have been honored in our best traditions.

The paradox that exists between the fact that our sacred work has been done and it has not been properly reported to me underlines the message I have carried to our members in every issue of The Banner during the past year. Our main concern cannot, should not, and must not lie in concentration upon our weakness. We cannot gain members by the process of complaint. Our work does go on; we have only to see that it continues to go on. The present mood of apathy on the part of the American people does not necessarily mean we must lie down and quit. If we continue to do our job, and let the public know we are doing it and doing it because of our patriotism, the members we seek will find us. Our strength is not in numbers, our strength is in our belief in our heritage. Unless we lose that, we cannot lose our strength.

I wish to call to your attention a conflict between our Ritual (General Instructions, No. 5 on Page No. 3) and the laws of the United States of America. The Ritual calls for the placing of a Bible upon the American Flag—the law forbids the placing of any object upon the flag. The Ritual should, therefore, be amended accordingly, to comply with the law of the land.

For several years this matter has been discussed, but change has always been voted down. It is certainly no reflection upon our religious attitude, nor upon our patriotism, to conform to the laws of this country. It has been stated that the Grand Army of the Republic always placed the Bible upon the flag, but we must remember that it was not in violation of the law at that time. I cannot help but feel, in keeping with everything I have heard or learned of the G.A.R., that those patriotic men would have changed their procedure immediately, had it become unlawful at the time. Patriotism is, after all, love of country. And love of country certainly infers a desire to honor and respect its laws.

Therefore, I offer the following RECOMMENDATION:

That General Instruction No. 5 on Page No. 3 of the Ritual be amended to read as follows:

"The Altar will be placed in the center of the room. It will be covered by a white cloth, and resting thereon will be a Bible. The Color Bearer will arrange the Altar, and Station Banners."

My final task during this year has been the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. To the Brothers, Camps and Departments who have rallied to my pleas, I extend my sincerest thanks. The total of the G.A.R. Memorial Fund raised this year is \$1,422.18, the detail being as follows:

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL FUND

1961-1962

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC	Amount	Total
Department of California and Pacific	\$ 10.00	
Camp No. 4	5.00	
Camp No. 15	5.00	
Camp No. 20	3.00	
Camp No. 21	2.00	
J. Wilbur Coursey	1.00	
Thomas C. Ersele	1.00	
Bess Garwood	1.00	
Mrs. Eva Longdin	2.50	
Ethel A. Rasmussen	5.00	
Mrs. Bessie Z. Schlink	2.00	
Ulysses B. Schoonover	2.00	
Miss Helen L. Spaulding	2.50	42.00



	Amount	Total
<b>DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING</b>		
Department of Colorado and Wyoming	5.00	
Camp No. 5	5.00	
Louella V. Holmes	1.00	11.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT</b>		
Department of Connecticut	10.00	
Camp No. 7	10.00	
H. Dwight Bromley	1.00	
Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr.	10.00	
A. T. McCook	5.00	
James Parker	1.00	
Perley C. Wallace	2.00	
Frank L. Wilder	5.00	
Allen F. Spink	1.00	45.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS</b>		
Department of Illinois	25.00	
Charles H. Bournstine	5.00	
Paul E. Herschel, Jr.	10.00	
W. L. Kuhlman	1.00	
George W. Lovering	1.00	
George S. Pfeiffer	5.00	
James Watson	2.00	49.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA</b>		
Camp No. 28	10.00	
Raleigh Yingst	5.00	15.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF IOWA</b>		
Department of Iowa	5.00	
Jacob Kirchner	10.00	
Lyle McFall	10.00	25.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MAINE</b>		
Department of Maine	10.00	
Camp No. 1	5.00	
Albert B. DeHaven	5.00	
Lester D. Nudeau	5.00	
Maurice Warner	5.00	30.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND</b>		
Camp No. 2	5.00	
U. S. Grant, III	25.00	
William L. Irvin	1.00	
Edward A. Tamm	10.00	41.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS</b>		
Camp No. 3	1.00	
Camp No. 5	5.00	
Camp No. 15	2.00	
Camp No. 26	2.50	
Camp No. 81	5.00	
Camp No. 104	5.00	
Auxiliary No. 5	1.00	
Memory of William L. Anderson	10.00	
Henry S. Bower	1.00	
Alfred M. Bowen, Jr.	1.00	

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS—Continued		Amount	Total
Ira Buxton		2.00	
Leslie E. Covey		5.00	
George E. Foster		15.00	
Memory of H. Harding Hale		10.00	
Gilman W. Harrington		1.00	
Memory of Dr. E. W. Homan		10.00	
Allen B. Howland		2.00	
James E. Jones		5.00	
Memory of Frank L. Kirchgassner		10.00	
Edward N. Lake		3.00	
Clark W. Mellor		1.00	
Dr. F. McGuire		25.00	
Ralph E. Poole		5.00	
Robert B. Rich		1.00	
Ernest Wells		5.00	133.50
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN</b>			
Department of Michigan		10.00	
James Davey		5.00	
James L. Johnson, Sr.		3.00	
John P. McCarthy		2.00	
W. Roy Sandus		10.00	
Edward C. Stevens		2.00	32.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA</b>			
Camp No. 8		5.00	
George E. Bailey		1.00	6.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>			
Department of New Hampshire		7.00	
Camp No. 1		2.00	
James H. Winn		1.00	10.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY</b>			
Department of New Jersey		25.00	
N. J. Dept. P.D.C. Association (In Memory of Russell H. Bogert)		10.00	
Department of New Jersey Auxiliary		25.00	
Camp No. 4		5.00	
Camp No. 5		15.00	
Camp No. 12		5.00	
Auxiliary No. 5		15.00	
Auxiliary No. 18		5.00	
Marguerite Bonnell		5.00	
Frank L. Clark		5.00	
Mrs. Joan L. Clark		5.00	
David Clark		2.50	
Donald Clark		2.50	
Linda Clark		2.50	
Anne O. Clayton		15.00	
Fred H. Combs, Jr.		2.00	
Gertrude Deckenback		1.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eckstrand		5.00	
Lillian Eckstrand		4.35	
Robert L. Gerke, Sr.		25.00	
Tena Jacobus		1.00	
Mr. and Mrs. John Junge, Sr.		5.00	

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY—Continued	Amount	Total
Albert C. Lambert	23.00	
Edna S. Lambert	15.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Lambert (Drawings, Card Sales, Plaque Sales, Cake Sales, Miscellaneous and Personal)	208.51	
Deborah Ann Lambert	2.50	
Florence S. Mantel	5.00	
Gertrude Murphy	5.00	
Charles W. Mutchler	1.00	
Raymond Nichols	1.00	
Eugene F. Patten, Sr.	3.00	
Edith Rice	1.00	
Andrew Richardson	2.00	
Ella G. Reeger	20.03	
George Schroeder	2.00	
Margaret D. Schroeder	2.00	
Gladys Scott	5.50	
William G. Simpson	5.00	
Alton Sharp	5.00	
Walter S. Spring	1.00	
Alice Thompson	1.00	
Harrison M. Williams	1.00	
Mrs. Lena Williams	1.00	
Walter H. Williams	3.00	
Frances Winter	1.00	500.39
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK</b>		
Department of New York	20.00	
Allied Organization in Memory of the GAR	2.00	
Camp No. 26 (Memory of Owne E. Coyle)	5.00	
Camp No. 93	5.00	
Camp No. 154	1.00	
Camp No. 154 (Memory of Charles L. Messer)	10.00	
Camp No. 199	2.00	
Howard W. Bunker	1.00	
Helen M. Bogardus	2.00	
Neil D. Cranmer	2.00	
John Kiernan	1.00	
Harmon Hershey	5.00	
Edward W. Higley	2.00	
Fred E. Howe	5.00	
Charles L. Messer	5.00	
Mrs. Lillian Messer	2.00	
George W. V. Riper	1.00	
G. Eliot Sanford	5.00	
Truman Vincent	10.00	
Robert Wagner	1.00	
Frank A. Wilson	5.00	
Following in loving Memory of Charles L. Messer:		
O'Rorke Auxiliary No. 23	5.50	
Glidden Pierce Lomb Camp	5.00	
Winchell Camp No. 43	20.00	
Howland Auxiliary No. 10	3.00	
P. G. Cooke Auxiliary No. 8	3.00	
Northern New York Club	5.00	
Watertown Auxiliary No. 46	3.00	
Diven Camp No. 77	2.00	

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK—Continued	Amount	Total
Waverly Auxiliary No. 7	1.00	
Ovid Auxiliary No. 72	3.00	
Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26	6.00	
Southern Tier Association	5.00	
Hallsey Valley Auxiliary No. 11	2.00	
Rensselaer Auxiliary No. 6	25.00	
Myrtle More, PDP	1.00	
Elsie Woodington, PDP	1.00	
John Berry	2.00	
DeVene and Eluned Williamson	2.50	
Harold Bielby, PDC	1.00	
Margaret Hachenberg	1.00	
Robert McMahon, PDC	1.00	
Emma Hughes, PDP	1.00	
Sara O'Brien	1.00	
Margaret Heinsler, PDP	1.00	
Caywood Camp No. 146	5.00	
Alme Evans	2.00	
Elwin Heidenreich	2.00	
U. S. Grant Auxiliary No. 24	5.00	
Unknown (transmittal list not complete)	5.00	212.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF OHIO</b>		
Department of Ohio (Memory of PDC Aubrey Hess)	10.00	
Camp No. 133	1.00	
W. Del Atkins	2.00	
William M. Coffin	5.00	
Miles S. Kuhns	5.00	
Memory of Fred Pfeister, Sr.	5.00	
Fred Pfeister, Jr.	5.00	
William A. Selz	1.00	
Earl B. Swisher	5.00	39.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON</b>		
Camp No. 17	5.00	
Frederick K. Davis	10.00	15.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA</b>		
Department of Pennsylvania	25.00	
Davis Star Camp	5.00	
Camp No. 16	5.00	
Camp No. 32	2.00	
Camp No. 149	2.00	
Camp No. 160	10.00	
Camp No. 182	12.00	
Robert W. Arnold	2.00	
Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	2.00	
Frank M. Heacock, Jr.	2.00	
O. G. MacPherson	4.00	
Irene Murphy	10.00	
Memory of John Runkle, P. C. in C.	5.00	
Chester S. Shriver	5.00	
Phaon Snyder	1.00	
C. Leroy Stoudt	5.00	
Anna I. Stoudt	3.00	
Robert E. Swayne	4.00	
John Yocum	5.00	109.00

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND	Amount	Total
Department of Rhode Island .....	10.00	
Fred J. Arnold .....	1.00	
Harold E. Arnold .....	5.00	
H. Dwight Bromley .....	1.00	
Leo E. Burrows .....	2.00	
Dexter Combs .....	1.00	
Ellery Linnell .....	1.00	
James C. Parker .....	3.00	
William A. Perry .....	1.00	
Joseph G. Randall .....	1.00	
George A. Strait .....	1.00	
Perley Wallace .....	1.00	
Clarence E. Young .....	1.00	29.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT</b>		
Department of Vermont .....	5.00	
Camp No. 1 .....	5.00	
Camp No. 91 .....	5.00	
Arthur L. Ballou .....	2.00	
Thomas L. Chadwick .....	5.00	22.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN</b>		
Edward Biering .....	2.00	
Herman Black .....	2.00	4.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Camp No. 4—Camp-at-Large .....	24.29	
Missouri Department, Auxillary .....	25.00	
Ethelyn Gray .....	2.00	
Hattie Kesselring .....	1.00	52.29
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b> .....		<b>\$1,422.18</b>

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(Albert W. Lambert),  
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 Shriver:** Thank you, Brother Lambert for that wonderful report. You have raised more for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund than anyone else; and your efforts are very much appreciated by all of us.

We will now have the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer. National Secretary Lambert presented:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Trenton, N. J.  
August 15, 1962

To Chester S. Shriver, Commander-in-Chief,  
81st Annual National Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

My Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

1. We were shocked and grieved during the past year by the deaths of Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer, as well as Past Command-

ers-in-Chief John H. Runkle, Charles H. E. Moran, and Richard F. Locke. Proper tribute will be made them at the Memorial Service conducted by the National Chaplain.

Immediately following the death of Commander-in-Chief Messer, the Council of Administration unanimously voted for the election of the then Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver to the unexpired term of Brother Messer. The Council also voted to elect Joseph S. Rippey to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. They also voted to elect Rev. Richard O. Partington to the office of National Council of Administration to fill the unexpired term of Richard F. Locke.

2. It is a pleasure and privilege to report to you on the fiscal transactions of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. The books, records, assets, etc. have been audited again by the J. S. Teunon Co., Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962. 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, as required by law. Attached to this report is a statistical condensation of their report.

3. An examination of membership figures discloses a net loss of 287, of which 202 were lost by death. It would seem that with a determined effort, it would be possible to show a gain in membership for the coming year. Several Departments are to be congratulated for an increase in membership, and several for maintaining their membership without serious loss.

On June 29, the California Department instituted a new Camp in San Diego, which is not included in the statistical report. The Camp was instituted with 16 members, and will be known as General Daniel McCoy Camp No. 27. Congratulations to the California Department, and to Brother Frank Woerner, the organizer of the new Camp.

4. An analysis of the financial standing of our Order discloses a continued increase in our net worth. This is amazing and is a tribute to the cooperation of the entire membership, and the sound judgment and careful management of our National Officers. When I took over as National Secretary-Treasurer in 1948 our Net Worth was \$8,539.98; today it is \$28,379.58.

Yet, in spite of this favorable showing, I must call your attention to the fact that the increase is principally in the G.A.R. Fund, and the Permanent Fund. In fact, during the past year, our disbursements in the General Fund exceeded our income by \$470.09. The principal reason for this is that the membership has now decreased to the point where the per capita received is no longer adequate to meet operating expenses. Obviously, it is necessary to either increase the income or decrease the expenses to avoid further decrease in our reserve in the General Fund. I urge caution in all legislation with an eye to the preserving of our assets.

The Permanent Fund has shown a continued increase from dividends, by donations to the Honor Roll Fund, by Life Membership Fees and by donations of loyal and interested members.

Donations to the Honor Roll fund during the year were made by Ella G. Reeger of New Jersey, Chas. H. Bournstine of Illinois, and G. Elliot Sanford of New York. Additional additions to the Permanent Fund were a donation of \$500.00 by P. C. in C., U. S. Grant 3rd, and a \$100.00 Life Membership purchased by Edward W. Higley in Meade Camp of Reading, Pa.

5. The Banner has again been published at a modest cost to the Order. The number of subscriptions continue to increase. The California Department has subscribed for every member in the Department, and several Camps do likewise. It is important that every

member receive The Banner, particularly the non-attending member, to be appraised of what his Order is accomplishing.

6. Special commendation is extended to those responsible for outstanding programs at the Remembrance Day program at Gettysburg, Pa. on November 9th, and at the Lincoln Tomb exercises at Springfield, Ill. on April 15th. These are truly worth while and reflect creditably on the Order.

7. My activities and visitations during the year are far too numerous to itemize. However, I might mention that I have made three trips to Washington relative to this Encampment, and that it was my sad duty to attend the funeral of Bro. Charles L. Messer in Albany, N. Y. I also attended the Remembrance Day program at Gettysburg and witnessed the presentation of the scholarship to Gettysburg College, and also enjoyed a visit to the New York Department Encampment.

8. 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 1961 Proceedings have been edited and published; the investments of the Permanent Fund have been supervised; minutes and actions of the Council of Administration have been reported; 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.

9. Much confusion is caused by anti-anti-Communists—those who say that they are opposed to Communism (and often are) but devote most of their efforts to discrediting those who are actively fighting the Red menace. Do not let the “anti-anti’s” cause you to falter in attack. Don’t accept the fallacy that the Communist conspiracy can be defeated by opposing it thousands of miles away, meanwhile ignoring it in our midst. The internal war is often concealed but deadly, as proved by the tragic fate of twenty nations now under the Communist yoke. Don’t quarrel with sincere persons who do not agree with you entirely on the methods of winning this war for survival. Differences of opinion are to be expected and respected. All who love our Country should unite to fight the common enemy—not each other.

Today our most precious heritage—our freedom—is threatened by forces more powerful, more resourceful, more destructive than at any time in our history. As Americans, we all must share in the struggle to preserve the peace and our freedom. The part played by individual Americans will take many forms. We, as a Patriotic Order must encourage observation of our national holidays, patriotic ceremonies, display of our Flag, and other acts which cause respect for and pride in our American institutions.

10. To you, Commander-in-Chief Shriver, I extend sincere commendation for the sincere and intelligent manner in which you assumed office on such short notice, and for your loyalty and devotion to duty. To my associate officers, I extend appreciation for their many courtesies and their cooperation.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

(Albert C. Lambert)  
National Secretary-Treasurer.

## NATIONAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 1, 1961 to JUNE 30, 1962

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Nat'l Patr. Instructor's G.A.R. Fund</i>	<i>Permanent Fund</i>
<i>Cash Balance July 1, 1961</i> .....	\$4,539.23	\$2,028.88	\$1,895.27
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Per Capita Tax .....	4,651.40		
Supplies .....	831.25		
Banner Subscriptions .....	1,360.85		
Registration Fee, 1961 .....	218.00		
Gift—Auxiliary .....	500.00		
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor 1960-1961 .....		247.75	
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor 1961-1962 .....		1,063.68	
Donations .....			500.00
Dividends—Wellington Fund .....			1,263.00
Honor Roll .....			60.00
Life Membership Fee .....			100.00
	7,561.50	1,311.43	1,923.00
	12,100.73	3,340.31	3,818.27
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Supplies .....	876.29		
The Banner .....	2,190.00		
Commander-in-Chief Messer .....	600.00		
Commander-in-Chief Shriver .....	400.00		
Nat'l Secy-Treas. Salary & Expense .....	1,200.00		
Social Security .....	48.50		
Encampment Expense .....	803.35		
Convention Committee appropriation .....	200.00		
Rent .....	400.00		
P. C. in C. Badge .....	102.80		
Proceedings and Rosters 1961 .....	752.50		
Office Exp.—Postage, Telegraph and Express .....	291.78		
C. P. A. Audit .....	100.00		
Flowers—Runkle .....	12.66		
Flowers—Moran .....	12.83		
Flowers—Messer .....	25.88		
Donation—Locke .....	15.00		
Cathedral of the Pines Wreath .....		15.00	
Grave Marking Committee .....		50.00	
Gettysburg College Scholarship .....		300.00	
American Coalition .....		25.00	
Lincoln Tomb Expense .....		168.35	
Gettysburg Remembrance Day Wreath .....		14.40	
G. A. R. Highway Committee .....		42.00	
G. A. R. History Committee .....		100.00	
Centennial Committee .....		50.00	
Interest on Life Memberships .....			65.00
Purchase of 100 Shares Wellington Fund .....			1,685.00
	8,031.59	764.75	1,750.00
<i>Cash Balance July 1, 1962</i> .....	4,069.14	2,575.56	2,068.27



**Permanent Fund**

Cash Balance June 30, 1962 .....	\$2,068.27
1300 Shares Wellington Fund .....	17,476.49
(Market value June 30, 1962—Bid \$16,861.00, Asked \$18,382.00)	
	\$19,544.76

**Comparative Balance Sheet**

	<i>June 30, 1961</i>	<i>June 30, 1962</i>
<b>CASH</b>		
General Fund .....	\$4,539.23	\$4,069.14
Patriotic Instructor G. A. R. Fund .....	2,028.88	2,575.56
Permanent Fund .....	1,895.27	2,068.27
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Permanent Fund .....	15,791.49	17,476.49
<b>INVENTORY at Cost</b> .....	1,917.33	2,190.12
	\$26,172.20	\$28,379.58

**Stock and Supplies Account**

Cost of supplies on hand, 7-1-61	\$1,917.33	Received for supplies .....	\$831.25
Cost of supplies purchased .....	876.29	Cost of supplies sold .....	599.07
	2,793.62	Profit on supplies .....	232.18
Cost of supplies on hand 7-1-62	2,194.55		
Cost of supplies sold .....	\$599.07		

**Recapitulation—Secretary's Report**

	<i>Camps</i>	<i>Members</i>
In good standing 6-30-61 .....	298	4694
<b>GAIN</b> .....	1	240
	299	4934
<b>LOSS</b> .....	22	527
In good standing 6-30-62 .....	277	4407

## NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1961-1962

Departments	Good standing June 30, 1961		GAIN		LOSS		Good Standing June 30, 1962		Associates Included	Delegate Representation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Calif. & Pacific	13	222	0	20	0	32	13	210	10	5
Colo. & Wyo.	1	19	0	0	0	0	1	19	0	1
Connecticut	17	237	0	8	4	49	13	196	0	5
Illinois	11	142	0	0	1	5	10	137	1	4
Indiana	5	92	0	4	0	26	5	70	0	2
Iowa	6	74	0	0	0	4	6	70	1	2
Kansas	5	44	0	0	0	6	5	38	0	2
Maine	16	253	0	18	0	13	16	258	7	6
Maryland	4	54	0	11	0	2	4	63	0	2
Massachusetts	50	780	0	33	4	54	46	780	20	16
Michigan	8	181	0	4	0	41	8	144	0	4
Minnesota	5	57	0	2	2	31	3	28	0	2
New Hampshire	9	137	0	3	0	5	9	135	4	4
New Jersey	14	251	0	8	1	28	13	231	9	6
New York	32	524	0	15	1	36	31	503	16	11
Ohio	21	283	0	43	0	31	21	295	0	7
Ore. & Wash.	3	75	0	12	0	22	3	65	3	2
Pennsylvania	46	829	1	54	4	94	43	789	7	17
Rhode Island	11	157	0	1	1	10	10	148	0	4
Vermont	12	182	0	0	2	15	10	167	0	4
Wisconsin	5	58	0	4	0	6	5	56	1	2
Camp 21, Beaufort, N. C.	1	14	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	1
Camp 4, St. Louis, Mo.	1	13	0	0	1	13	0	0	0	0
Camp 30, Springfield, Mo.	1	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
Nat'l Members at Large	1	12	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	1
	298	4694	1	240	22	527	277	4407	79	110

CAMPS GAINED: Ellwood City, Pa., Reinstated.

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

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you, Brother Al for that fine report, and your cooperation at all times.

We will now have the report of the National Counselor.

**National Counselor Grant:** Commander-in-Chief, Brothers and Delegates, the following is my report as National Counselor and Washington Representative:

#### REPORT OF WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE

19 August, 1962

To the Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Hotel Mayflower,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Little work has come to me during the past year as Washington Representative; such questions as have been presented to me as National Counselor have been answered. Their substance will probably transpire in the course of our proceedings, and need not take up any of your time now.

I have lent such assistance as I could to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in their efforts to secure passage of their bill for a National Shrine to the Memory of the Participants in the Civil War, H. J. Res. 253 and S. J. Res. 69. However, this legislation, after having generally received approval of the Executive Departments and agencies when referred to them by two previous Congresses, was mildly objected to this year by two of the Departments and one Independent Agency. In view of the shortness of the time left for action by this session of Congress, its passage seems unlikely in spite of the acceptance by its proponents of various recommendations made for amendments in its language.

My actions in regard to this legislation were in compliance with (5) in the summary of Resolutions passed at the 1960 National Encampment, page 47 of the Proceedings.

By authority of the Commander-in-Chief, I wrote to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee holding hearings on H. R. 218 expressing our Order's indorsement of this legislation. I was unable to remain in Washington for the hearing, but my letter was acknowledged and was presented by the Secretary of the American Coalition.

During the year, I have had very little contact with our Legislative Committee and am ignorant of its activities. Perhaps it has not been concerned with any National Legislation. As the Washington Representative would generally be "Johnny on the spot" for action on any legislation, it seems to me he should have constant information as to what our Committee on Legislation is considering and working on.

Now that we have an active Camp in the Nation's Capital, I recommend that, for the coming year, someone else be appointed to replace me—someone who can be in Washington more continuously than I can, and that I be relieved from this duty.

Our Order as such can not properly take part in "partisan" politics (Article IV of our Constitution) the way the labor unions do, for instance. However, one purpose of our Order is "to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our Constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights and of impartial justice for all." (Article

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II of the Constitution). Moreover, we naturally are responsive to President Lincoln's appeal at Gettysburg that "it is for us the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

We should also be mindful of what Secretary of State John Hay said to the Grand Army Encampment here in Washington 60 years ago, "The great host of 1865 ceased to exist as an armed force; but in every town and hamlet of the land it lived as a part of the body politic—a nucleus everywhere of courage, patriotism and self-sacrifice. This was a new product the Republic might proudly show to the world, saying, "These be the peaceable heroes I breed from great wars."

Therefore, it seems obvious to me that we, their Sons and Grandsons, should play our part individually to preserve the kind of country and government the G.A.R. saved for us, as they did when confronted by the problems of their day. Moreover, since our members cannot always fully inform themselves as to all the problems of today, so frequently misinterpreted by the enemies of our form of government or often by its misled, would be, friends, it is eminently proper for our governing body, this National Encampment, to express its views and call their attention to the dangers as we see them, and encourage them to look into the merits of changes that are going on, or proposed.

Therefore, I recommend for your action the following Resolution and that, if passed, with such amendments as you may adopt, it be immediately transmitted to our Auxiliary and to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for consideration and concurrent adoption if they agree.

#### RESOLUTION

We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual Encampment assembled, after solemn and conscientious consideration of the problems confronting our beloved Country, and the dangers that threaten it and the form of government we inherited from our Fathers and Grandfathers,

#### RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. We favor all appropriations that are needful for the National Defense of our Country's security.

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

3. We favor reduction of the Income Tax, and meeting the consequent anticipated loss of government income by elimination of Foreign Aid to all but declared friendly nations, and by reduction in expenditures for farm control, and other welfare programs.

4. We view with deep concern the threat to our national economy, and to the value of the dollar resulting from continued increases in the public debt for such programs without which our country has been prosperous and successful in the past.

5. We favor a firmer stand in foreign relations, and believe that history shows appeasement only leads to war.

6. We favor more strict observance of the rights reserved to the States, and the balanced distribution of responsibilities and authority preserved by our Constitution, among the three branches of our Federal Government.

Respectfully submitted,

(U. S. Grant, 3rd),  
Washington Representative.

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

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**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

**Chairman Coffin:** Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Resolutions report as follows on the Resolution on general policy, referred to this Committee earlier in the session.

Your Committee has given approval, with amendments, which will make it more terse and brief. We, therefore, present the following:

1. We favor all appropriations that are needful for the National Defense and our country's security.

2. We favor the reduction of the expenses of government, with a view to balancing the annual budget, and gradually liquidating the National Debt.

3. We strongly urge reduction of the Income Tax, the elimination of Foreign Aid to all but declared friendly nations; and the strict curtailment of all welfare programs, without which our Country has been prosperous and successful in the past. We favor a firmer stand in foreign relations and believe that history shows appeasement only leads to war.

4. We favor more strict observance of the rights reserved to the states and the people, as provided in the 10th Amendment of our Constitution; and the balanced distribution of responsibilities and authority among the three branches of our Federal Government, as set forth in the Constitution.

**Chairman Coffin:** I move the adoption of this Resolution, as amended. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you, Brother Coffin.  
I will now declare a recess until 1 P. M. this afternoon.

## MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 20, 1962 — 1:10 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** I would like to announce that the Resolution, on national issues, which we adopted this morning has also been adopted by the Auxiliary, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We are now under reports of Officers, and will now have the report of the National Chaplain.

**National Chaplain Warner:** Commander-in-Chief, I wish to present:

### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

322 Middle St.  
Bath, Maine  
August 15, 1962

To: Chester S. Shriver,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is with great pleasure that I submit my report as National Chaplain.

One year ago, it was with a feeling of pride that I accepted my appointment from Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer. My installation took place on the occasion of the reception to the Department Commander of Maine, at Bath, in September of 1961; and I was proud to be installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven of Maine, with whom I have been a co-worker in the Maine Department for thirty-seven years, serving as his personal aide during his year as our Commander-in-Chief.

From the beginning, I have been shown every courtesy by my associates, and members of other organizations where I have been invited to attend. Many visits to annual inspections, receptions, etc. of our various Civil War organizations were on my schedule during the Fall of 1961. I feel that one of the highlights of my term of office was on November 11, 1961 when, for the first time in many years, a large public observance of Veterans' Day was held in my home city of Bath, Maine, under the auspices of the local American Legion Post and I was invited to be the main speaker. This invitation was extended me wholly because of my work in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as I am not a member of the American Legion, nor am I a veteran.

Following the sudden passing of Commander-in-Chief Messer, I continued to serve under your very capable leadership.

It is very interesting to note that other Patriotic and Civic groups are eager to know more about the Civil War and our organization. I refer, at the present time, to an invitation I accepted to speak before the local Rotary Club, and a short time later received invitations to appear at other Rotary groups in the State to give the same information regarding the Civil War period, and the organizations connected therewith.

I was invited, and gave lectures at the local High School, during the period that they were studying the Civil War and Reconstruction. I also conducted very interesting question and answer periods following these lectures.

I was chairman of the local Memorial Day Committee and, following the program in Bath, I was the speaker at another Community in another part of my state.

I also attended the annual Encampments of some of the other Departments, and represented our Commander-in-Chief at the Department of Maine, in June.

It has been very gratifying to me this year, in my work as Chairman of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission, that whenever publicity was given to my travels throughout the various states, that all news media also referred to me as National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I have enjoyed the honor of being National Chaplain, and wish to thank you for the confidence placed in me.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Maurice J. Warner),  
National Chaplain.

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

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay:

#### REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Indianapolis, Indiana  
714 Lemcke Building,  
August 14, 1962

To: Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver  
and the Officers and Members of the  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
in the Eighty-first National Encampment:

Having been honored with the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at Springfield, Illinois; and again in Indianapolis, Indiana I wish to thank the members for giving me this privilege of serving you brothers.

I want to publicly congratulate Brothers Chester S. Shriver of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for his promotion to Commander-in-Chief; and Brother Joseph S. Rippey for his election to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

It is with sadness that I miss our late Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer.

After the National Encampment in Indianapolis last August, the first order of business was to balance the books. I am glad to report to all of you that, after paying all our expenses, the Committee was able to pay our debts without paying anything out of the Indiana Department treasury. For your further information, when we closed the books, we found that the cash profit was none—and the loss was none.

On September 16, 1961, I represented the Sons of Union Veterans, for the Department of Indiana, and the National Organization, at the Monroe County Civil War Centennial Parade which was held at Ellitsville, Indiana.



In the latter part of September, there was a reception for the new Department Officers, as well as the Auxiliary Officers, which was held at the G.A.R. Memorial Home on East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

On October 13, 14 and 15th, 1961, I attended the Midwest Conference held at Akron, Ohio; and at that meeting, I worked with the Commander-in-Chief Charles Messer. At that time, he outlined his plans and hopes for his administration. That was the last time I talked to him.

I attended the Indiana Department Mid-Winter Meeting which was held at the Washington Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 11th and 12th, 1961.

On March 12, 1962, I received a letter from the Commander-in-Chief asking me to attend and represent him at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois; and in accordance with my orders, I reported to James L. High, Recorder, Illinois Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; and George L. Cashman, Curator of Lincoln's Tomb and Commander, Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans. In the Memorial Services observing the 97th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death, I read the Lincoln's Farewell Address to the people of Springfield. The reading of this Farewell Address to the people of Springfield is now a part of that ceremony at the Tomb. Also, in the name of the Commander-in-Chief and the Sons of Union Veterans, I placed a wreath on our great Emancipator's tomb.

During the early part of this year, I represented the Sons of Union Veterans on the Indiana Historical Markers Committee. We are preparing now to mark with a large plaque, Camp Morton, which was a prisoner of war camp in Indianapolis, a hundred years ago. The ceremony will take place October 7, 1962.

On June the 8th, 9th, and 10th, in the Indiana Encampment, I installed the new Officers and, under the leadership of Thomas J. Locke, II, Department Commander, the Indiana Department will continue to work for the good of the organization. I might add that our new Department Commander has already rejuvenated one Camp.

This year, as well as last, the privilege was given me to represent the National Organization at the Illinois Department Encampment at Springfield, Illinois, on June 16th and 17th. I want to thank them for inviting me again this year.

The Joseph E. Reynolds Camp at Lafayette, Indiana, held an Appreciation Night July 17, 1962, in which the pictures of our departed Brother, Thomas Horn; and Mrs. Margaret Horn Beasley were unveiled. The honor was given me to pass out the certificate of awards to the Boy Scout Troops which have been helping the Camp in their patriotic work.

Humbly submitted,

Yours in F. C. & L.

(Cecll McConahay),

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** We will now have the report of the National Historian.

**National Historian Spink:** Commander-in-Chief, in my written report I did not include the various activities in which I participated during the year. However, I am proud to say that for the past many

years, since the G.A.R. in Connecticut passed out of existence, I have been the Master of Ceremonies for the Campfire for the Connecticut Department, which is sponsored by the Woman's Relief Corps. I have also attended every meeting of the New England Regional Association; and this office of National Historian has been most respected by the Sons of Union Veterans, and by all the other organizations. I should now like to present:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

388 Woodland St., Apt. 2-B.  
Hartford, Conn.  
August 14, 1962

To: Chester S. Shriver, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and  
Members of the 81st Annual Encampment

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

It has been an honor and privilege again this past year to have served as National Historian and keep the History of the main events of our National Organization.

One year ago, we attended another outstanding Encampment in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana. Meeting with us were our Auxilliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. We were privileged to hold our sessions in the Claypool Hotel, the same hotel that, in 1949, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic held their final Encampment.

The Encampment got off to a booming start with the roar of a genuine Civil War cannon. The firing of the cannon continued, periodically, all day Sunday, rocking downtown Indianapolis. A parade, with bearded "soldiers" and women in hoop skirts, as well as more modern features, was held Sunday evening prior to the Camp Fire.

The Camp Fire was held out of doors on the Memorial Plaza, the guest speaker was Alan T. Noland of Indianapolis, author of "Iron Brigade." Other speakers were Governor Matthew Welsh, and Charles H. Boswell, Mayor of Indianapolis.

On Wednesday afternoon, the delegates from all three organizations were guests of the Indiana Department on a bus tour which included stops at the Indianapolis Race Track, Benjamin Harrison Home and the Powerama Exhibit at the Allison Division of the General Motors Corporation.

During the sessions of our Encampment, we were informed of the illness of Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle. We were hardly home from the Encampment when the entire organization was saddened by the news of his untimely death. John, 52 years of age, was one of our youngest and most active Past Commanders-in-Chief. He passed away August 26, 1961, in Harrisburg, Pa. He served as Department Commander of Pennsylvania in 1928, and was elected Commander-in-Chief in Indianapolis in 1949. At the time of his death, he was serving as a member of the National Council of Administration.

Brother Runkle was also most active in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and held the rank of Major for many years. His passing has caused a void which will be hard to fill. I quote the words of Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin who wrote, "Brother Runkle's devotion to his Country's interest and to the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was always manifest. Next to his name in our Book of Memories we shall inscribe the words 'Semper Fidelis' and though he has passed from our visible presence,

his virtues and his helpfulness will be long in our memories; and the spirit of John Runkle will remain with us always."

The Council of Administration elected Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland of Massachusetts to fill the vacancy on the Council.

On November 18 and 19, 1961, Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic and Commemoration of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address were held in Gettysburg, Pa.

On the afternoon of November 18th, National and Department heads of the five Allied Organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and representatives of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, placed wreaths at the Albert Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove. Because of cold weather, the exercises were held in the Visitors Center on the Battlefield. Past Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold was Master of Ceremonies. Major General George J. Richards was the main speaker. A pageant was presented by the Gettysburg Camp, written and narrated by G. Henry Roth. As a tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic Members, Attorney Eugene R. Hartman read the record of the 72nd Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment at High Water Mark.

In the evening, the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association commemorated the Dedication of the National Cemetery at a dinner, held in the Hotel Gettysburg at which all National and Department heads were present, and brought greetings. Dr. James R. Hartnett, Ph.D., of York Junior College gave the address.

Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer presented a \$300.00 check for a scholarship to Dr. Seymour Dunn, director of development at Gettysburg College. Later, we learned that this scholarship was awarded to Mr. Raymond E. Menger, Jr. who is a Freshman.

Sunday exercises commemorating the Anniversary of the delivery of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address were held at the Gettysburg Cemetery. Standing on the same spot where another man from Illinois stood 98 years ago in the National Cemetery, stood U. S. Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen to deliver the principal address. This program was arranged by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania and the Sons of Union Veterans.

On January 25, 1962, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran passed away, after a long illness. He held most of the offices in his Camp and his Department, and was elected Commander-in-Chief in 1947. His Department and the National Organizations have lost a faithful and loyal member of long standing.

On February 12, 1962, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War again this year joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion in fitting exercises commemorating the Birthday of Abraham Lincoln, held at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. The services were conducted in a driving snow storm, with temperatures in the low 20's. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver placed the wreath for our Organization. He was accompanied by a color guard from the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

On April 15, 1962, Memorial Services commemorating the 96th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death were held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. This marked the sixth consecutive year in which the date has been commemorated under the sponsorship of our National Organization, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. There were two addresses this year. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay recited Lincoln's February 11, 1961 Springfield farewell and was followed by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief H. Duston Saylor, II, of the Loyal Legion. Forty separate patriotic societies and veteran organizations presented 53 wreaths. Immediately following

the ceremonies, 112 people gathered for luncheon at the State House Inn. Mayor Collins of Springfield welcomed the guests. The speaker was S. Phil Hutchison, a former President of the Sangamon County Bar Association, a student of Lincolniana and a member of the Abe Lincoln Players of Springfield. Each person received a small Lincoln plate, presented by the Loyal Legion.

On April 25, 1962, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke passed away. He served as Department Commander of Illinois in 1935, and was elected Commander-in-Chief in 1936. A friend, consultant and confidant of many Past Commanders-in-Chief, he served the order he loved, in many capacities, serving as National Counselor on numerous occasions. "Dick" Locke has made a lasting impression on a grateful organization, and will always be remembered for the principles that he so long advocated.

Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer passed away in his sleep on May 3, 1962. Brother Messer was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 80th National Encampment held in Indianapolis last year. He entered upon his duties with enthusiasm and devoted his entire time to the office, of which he was very proud. We have lost a wonderful member. He has left us, but his good deeds will linger in our memories.

Chester S. Shriver, Past Department Commander and Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Department was elected by the Council of Administration to complete the term of Commander-in-Chief Messer; Past Department Commander Joseph S. Rippey of New York, to fill the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and Rev. Richard O. Partington of Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy on the Council of Administration which resulted from the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Locke.

At Memorial Day Services, May 30, 1962, held at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N. H., Brothers Past Department Commander Harold Shepardson and Moses Heiman of Massachusetts, and members of the New England Regional Association, represented our Commander-in-Chief and placed a wreath in the name of our National Organization.

Again from the fine Articles, Reports and Department news that we read about in The Banner we gain confidence that our Organization is alive, active and progressive. We should receive from these inspiration to carry on and make the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the biggest and best organization of its kind.

This year, Brother Alva Reef of Muncy, Indiana has sent this office some 600 new names and records to be added to the Indiana Graves Registration Book of Civil War Veterans.

A copy of The Banner, published May, 1912, was also presented to this Office. I have this copy with me, and will be glad to show it to any interested Brother.

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

Commander-in-Chief Shriver may you have a most prosperous, harmonious and happy Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Allen F. Spink),  
National Historian.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: In the absence of the National Graves Registration Officer, I will ask the National Secretary to read this report. National Secretary Lambert read:

## REPORT OF NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

9 Nichols Street,  
Ansonia, Connecticut  
August 1, 1962

Commander-in-Chief  
Chester S. Shriver  
Gettysburg, Pa.

Dear Commander-in-Chief Shriver:

For the seventeenth consecutive year, I am privileged to submit to you and to the Brothers in attendance at the 81st Annual Encampment, a report of the activities of the office of National Graves Registration Officer.

At the very outset of the term, the duties of this office were somewhat curtailed due to my having been stricken with a coronary sclerosis resulting in my being hospitalized for some six weeks during last October, November and December, on two separate occasions. Thereafter, I was convalescing at home for several months, and during this period was able to take up the duties with which this office is concerned.

Another short delay was occasioned by my removal from New York state to Connecticut, but within a brief period the office was set up in my new location and again engaged in the work of the administration of this office.

However, my unfortunate circumstances had no effect on the continuance of the work thruout our several Departments, from whom reports continue to indicate much progress in this phase of the work of our Order.

To be sure, this project has been going along so smoothly that many times we do not even hear about the work that is being done. The registering and marking of the graves of our hero dead has been progressing since long before it became a national project at the 44th Encampment, in 1925. Our Camps have been caring for veterans' graves from the time of their institution, having taken over these duties from the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic whose interests they had been organized to serve.

Yet, there are always those who seek information, and who request aid in the work, and communications continue to come to this office and are promptly handled. This office also assists newly appointed Department Grave Registration Officers outlining the duties of the office, and procedures. And, there are many instances where this office has been called upon to assist in the location of the graves of veteran ancestors, and on occasion to assist authors who are engaged in writings on the Civil War.

While much of the work of this great project is being done by loyal Brothers, unheralded and unsung, there are a number of instances which are brought to the especial attention of this office, and it is indeed a privilege to include them in this report:

**CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC:** Department Commander Bacon has encouraged a project thruout the Department whereby the graves of all Union veterans in the States covered by his Department will be listed and included in several volumes for permanent record with the Department. Brother Frank Woerner, Department Secretary, who has charge of this work of compilation, reports some 6,000 names already registered with about 20,000 more to come. This is a tremendous job, but one which is truly worth-while, and the Brothers who are engaged in it are to be highly commended.

**CONNECTICUT:** Russell A. Scott has been appointed to head up the work in the "Constitution State," as Department Graves Registration Officer. Brother Scott, who succeeds the late Benjamin H. Rose in this office, is the son of Past Department Commander Harold L. Scott, who for many years has served on the Department committee on Grave Marking and has been in charge of the work in his Camp. Brother Russell Scott has begun a record of location of the cemeteries in his state where veterans are buried and has also taken up the placing of headstones where needed.

**ILLINOIS:** Graves Registrar Warren L. Van Dine, who is also active in the Sons of the American Revolution, has contacted the Camps in his Department giving instruction in marking graves and where all materials can be obtained. His appeal to this office for information concerning grave markers was duly handled.

**NEW JERSEY:** William W. Vanderhoof, Registrar of Graves has been very active in his state and his report to the Department Encampment at Atlantic City was indicative of his faithful work in the interests of our project. At his suggestion, the Senior Class of one of New Jersey's large high schools placed geraniums on the G.A.R. Memorial Plot in the cemetery in their city, a program which Brother Vanderhoof is endeavoring to have other places emulate. Brother Vanderhoof has supplied this office with complete lists of veterans buried in the cemeteries of Rahway, New Jersey, which are on record here.

**NEW YORK:** Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 of New York City has been engaged in an organized effort to beautify the Tilden Memorial G.A.R. Plot in Woodlawn cemetery. The monument, flag pole, graves of veterans, markers, headstones and landscaping all have been put in perfect order. Commander Lawrence Isaacs and Secretary Cecil M. Baer headed up the work.

The National office has been busy with a number of productive measures for the furtherance of this all important work thruout our Camps, Departments, and individual members. To enumerate all of the details of the correspondence this office has handled in the past term would burden this report with material which is routine for any business office. However, there is one matter which this office became involved in that warrants mention here. A Mr. Paul A. Girouard, Florida Service Officer of the Department of Florida Disabled American Veterans, wrote from Palatka, Florida, concerning the most unusual set of circumstances this office has ever had presented to its attention. The D.A.V. of Palatka are registering veterans' graves of all wars located in Putnam County. In their enterprise they came upon an abandoned cemetery at a place known as Carleton. But, it appears that not only was the cemetery abandoned there, but the entire town as well—the church, the store, the cottages, the recreation hall, post office, all were moved away. Only the little cemetery was left behind, and today it rests situated in deep pine woods within a cattle-fenced area. Grass fires over the years have destroyed fences and fence posts which originally inclosed this one acre plot, and cattle roam there now at random. The D.A.V. are anxious to acquire this God's Little Acre for a continued Veterans' Cemetery and to eventually add to it more acreage to create a National Cemetery for Central Florida. However, a search of County Courthouse and Abstract Office records fails to disclose required information. And no nearby funeral directors have any records, no relatives remain to advise them. The D.A.V. report that they are still continuing their search thru other

angles and have legal assistance now. They submitted to this office a list of ten Civil War veterans whose graves were marked in the cemetery and stated that sunken graves could contain other veterans. Of those buried there, two served with Maine regiments, two with Pennsylvania regiments, two with New York regiments, and one each with Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky and Massachusetts regiments. There was little that this office could do to help the D.A.V. in this matter, but we did offer some suggestions and our assistance if we could be of further help. It is a commendable work that our Brother D.A.V. members are doing in Florida. It is a coincidence that just a few days before receiving word of this, I was a visitor in Palatka, Fla.

Attached is a specimen of the questionnaire that this office has sent out to our Departments in the past several terms, which is made a part of this report.

The term has dealt us sadness in the passing of our Commander-in-Chief, Charles L. Messer on May 3, 1962. I felt especially the loss of a longtime friend and Brother in his demise. However, it was truly fortunate for our Order, Commander Shriver, that you were available and in a position to take on his duties, and it has been an honor to have served on your staff for even this short space of time.

In looking over the reports of the years since May 1946, when I was first appointed in this office by the late Past Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale to succeed my friend and Brother, the late Charlie Hale of Connecticut, it reminds me of many ardent and loyal Brothers with whom I have worked so closely in the marking of veterans' graves. Many of these have gone to their reward, some are still actively engaged in this great work. To all the members who are engaged in this project I say 'thank you' on behalf of our Order, for a work well done. The work is still far from being completed, it must be continued and its activity accelerated until it is finished. That is a debt of gratitude which we owe to our fathers who comprised the Union forces in the great Civil War 1861-1865. In these Centennial years, we must have their last resting places properly marked for younger generations to see. I commend the work of grave marking committees thruout our Departments, and offer the services of this office to all those requiring assistance.

The allocation of \$50.00 toward the expenses of this office has been used to defray the costs of operating this business office on a national scale and included postage, stationery, printing, report binders, copying and other office accessories.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., P.D.C.)  
National Graves Registration Officer.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** At this time, we will have the reading of communications and Resolutions.

## COMMUNICATIONS — GREETINGS

The National Secretary read the following telegrams and letters containing greetings and best wishes for a fine Encampment, with regrets at their inability to attend from:

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, New York  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Urien C. Mackey, Michigan  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Frederick G. Bauer, Massachusetts,  
 Joseph H. Riley, Commander, Camp #112, Gettysburg, Penna.  
 Col. Rolfe R. Holbrook, Pres., Orders and Medals Society of America  
 Hon. Associate Thomas I. Starr, Michigan.

**National Counselor Grant.** Commander-in-Chief, I am an old friend of Thomas I. Starr. His letter about the Civil War Monuments is quite interesting, and perhaps we should give some consideration to his letter. I would request that the National Secretary reply to that letter; and inform him that it has been referred to the National Historian.

## RESOLUTIONS

National Secretary Lambert then read the following Resolutions, after which they were referred to Committees:

(1) From the Department of Indiana—addressed to the Resolutions Committee, relative to a Parade Banner for the Sons of Union Veterans. (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(2) From the Department of Massachusetts—to give special recognition for membership exceeding 65 years. (Referred to the Committee on Constitution & Regulations.)

(3) From the Department of Massachusetts—that a bar designating a "Past Commander" be attached to the Past Commander's badge. (Referred to the Committee on Constitution & Regulations.)

(4) From the Department of New Jersey—relative to "cut-backs" in our National Guard. (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(5) From the Department of New Hampshire—a recommended change in the Flag Charge in the Ritual. (Referred to the Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies.)

(6) From the Department of New York—relative to the offering of prayer in the public schools. (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(7) From the Department of Oregon & Washington—asking that changes be made in the American Creed. (Referred to the Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Our Auxiliary has set up a certain hour, in their program, to receive us. I am going to ask that every Brother here go over with us now to pay our official visit to our Auxiliary; and for that purpose, the Encampment will now be recessed until 3 P. M.

(All members of the Encampment accompanied the Commander-in-Chief to the Auxiliary; after which the business session was again called to order at 3 P. M.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** We had a very enjoyable visit to the Auxiliary, and are now ready to proceed with our business.

We are under reports of Committees, and will now have the report of the G.A.R. Highway Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs presented:



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

To the Officers and Members,  
31st National Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

As chairman of the G.A.R. Highway Committee, I have written to every Department where, in the U. S. Highway No. 6, Grand Army of the Republic travels. I have heard from most of the Departments and find the markers are being taken care of.

I wrote to the State of Nevada, Highway Department, and was pleased to hear from Mr. William F. Engel, Public Information Assistant. He tells me Nevada has installed eight signs identifying the route as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. He says these signs are kept in repair, and replaced as needed. He also informed me they have five Roadside Rest stops, developed and maintained by the Highway Department; and two Forest Camping sites, built and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service. I have written to him again asking they consider having placed on the map of Nevada, a sample of which he had sent me, showing U. S. No. 6 as the G.A.R. Highway when they have new maps printed.

The State of California has kept the signs in good repair, and the Department is almost ready to place the marker at the beginning of the Highway, at Long Beach.

It has been a pleasure to serve on this Committee.

With all good wishes to our Commander-in-Chief for a most successful Encampment.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

(Earl F. Riggs), National Chairman  
G.A.R. Highway Committee.

**Chairman Riggs:** Several late reports were received, which are not included in my written report.

Department Commander A. G. Myers of Colorado advises that the G.A.R. Highway in that State is very good; and that a lot of work is being done on it by the Highway Department.

William W. Haskell, Chairman of the G.A.R. Highway Committee in Massachusetts reports that he has made two trips over the highway from the Rhode Island state line to Provincetown; and that many of the markers are in bad shape, and a number of them are missing. The Massachusetts Department of Public Works promised to replace the missing markers and also any that were not in good condition.

Past Department Commander Elton P. Koch, of Pennsylvania reports that the G.A.R. Highway, known as U. S. Route 26 extends across the state a distance of 337 miles; and there are 24 large G.A.R. markers on the highway, which are kept in excellent condition by the Pennsylvania State Highway Department.

**National Secretary Lambert:** I move that where there is no objection to Reports of Committees, as submitted, they be adopted as read. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you, Brother Riggs. We will now have the report of the Legislative Committee.

National Chairman Joseph S. Rippey gave:

## REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

August 20, 1962

To the Officers and Members of the  
31st Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The opportunity to have served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the National Organization during this past year is highly regarded and most appreciated.

The work of the committee is of continuing interest and of fundamental importance in the recognition and remembrance of the critical period of American history a century ago.

Much proposed legislation has had the attention and analysis of the committee and it has taken the initiative where original action was desirable.

Your chairman has followed the law-making processes and promoted legislation nationally, in the several states and locally of interest to and advancement of the functions of our Order and for the bringing to memory and teaching of the true history of the decisive middle years of our Country's existence.

The following is a summary of acts and resolutions of interest to our Order, proposed, that enacted, or progress thereon in the legislative bodies, during the past twelve months.

There was introduced in the Congress of the United States House Joint Resolution No. 253 for the purpose of establishing in the Nation's Capital a national shrine commission to select and procure a site, and formulate plans, for the construction of a permanent memorial building in honor of the veterans of the Civil War, which has been referred to the House Administration Committee.

Senate Joint Resolution 41 and House of Representatives Joint Resolution 396 for the designation of November 19th, the anniversary of the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day in the calendar of special days and for the request to the President of the United States to proclaim the same and to suggest that the address be read on that day in schools and public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions and on our ships at sea and wherever the American flag flies, are awaiting action in the respective Judiciary Committees, and their sponsors give assurance of their continuing efforts to obtain favorable action.

The Congress enacted Public Law 86-737 not heretofore reported authorizing the District of Columbia Civil War Centennial Commission to plan and carry out in the District of Columbia civic programs in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Civil War; authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Defense to make certain property of the District and of the United States available for the use of such Commission; and authorizing the Commissioners to make certain regulations and permit certain uses to be made of public space; and authorizing appropriate actions to carry out the programs.

There was presented Senate Joint Resolution No. 36 to create a joint committee for the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's first inauguration.

In the Senate there was introduced Joint Resolution No. 156 to authorize the President of the United States to proclaim the period from February 10, 1963 to February 16, 1963 as Negro History Week and invite the people of the United States to observe such period in schools, churches, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 199 was proposed to designate the 22nd day of September 1962 as "Emancipation Proclamation Centennial Day" and to authorize and request the President of the United States to issue a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe and celebrate such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Introduced in the Senate was Senate Joint Resolution No. 191, that the 17th day of September 1962 be designated as Antietam Day and set aside as a special day for solemn commemoration of those who died on that day a century ago, and to reaffirm our loyalty to the United States of America and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom and unity, and that the President of the United States be authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States at half-mast until noon on Antietam Day, when it shall be hoisted to the peak, on all Government buildings on such day; and invite the people of the United States to observe such day in schools, and other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies.

In the State of New York, Chapter 550 of the Laws of 1962 was enacted authorizing the Commissioner of Education to proceed with the planning of, and a design for, the erection of a shrine to house Lincoln's manuscript draft of the Emancipation Proclamation in the rotunda of the New York State Library, and making an appropriation therefor. An appropriation was also passed which continued the work of the Civil War Centennial Commission for another year.

Michigan granted an appropriation to the Civil War Centennial Observance Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, contained in Public Act 232.

Arkansas enacted legislation known as Act 10 of 1961 that the Jenkins Ferry Battleground area, situated in Grant County, is designated as a State Park, to be known as Jenkins Ferry Battleground State Park, and directing the Publicity and Parks Commission to determine by survey of the battleground area the extent and location of lands desirable for the park and to acquire such land as is donated for park purposes, the park thereafter to be maintained and developed as a State Park by the Commission; Act 164 of 1961 authorizing the Publicity and Parks Commission to study the feasibility of establishing a State Park, to be known as Marks' Mills Battleground State Park, in Cleveland County, to determine the extent and location of lands desirable for such park, and if determined feasible to purchase and acquire lands and maintain the same as a state park, and whether or not the establishment of the park is deemed feasible to establish and maintain appropriate markers along highways leading to the battleground area designating the same as the Marks' Mills Battleground; Act 182 of 1961 designating the Poison Springs Battleground area situated in Ouachita County as a State Park, to be known as Poison Springs Battleground State Park, directing the Publicity and Parks Commission to determine by survey of the battleground area the extent and location of lands desirable for the park, and to acquire the lands, thereafter to be developed and maintained as a State Park by the Commission; Act 310 of 1961 making an appropriation for the use of the Arkansas Civil War Centennial Commission. A resolution was introduced urging all state agencies and all educational institutions and others which can assist to cooperate in every possible manner in organized efforts to study, observe, recognize and publicize the famed feats, peerless personalities and historical places which were involved in the Civil War, to arrange for the placing of markers and to provide educational material.

In Pennsylvania, Act No. 71A granted an appropriation for promoting and celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, the appropriation being made to the Department of Commerce. Two bills to create temporary commissions previously introduced and relating to the above were referred to committee.

The State of Virginia passed legislation: Ch. 440 of the Laws of 1962 directing the Virginia Civil War Commission to erect on the site of the Battle of Fredericksburg a suitable memorial to Sgt. Richard Kirkland, C.S.A., "The Angel of Marye's Heights," with proper inscription reciting his historic conduct; Ch. 372 of the Laws of 1962 appropriating various sums of money in aid of Confederate Memorial Associations and organizations of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Virginia, to be used in caring for Confederate cemeteries and graves of Confederate Soldiers and Sailors not otherwise cared for, and in erecting and caring for markers and monuments to such Soldiers and Sailors; and Ch. 347 of the Laws of 1962 directing the State Library Board to erect two historical markers in appropriate places in Prince George and Sussex Counties respectively, designating the route of the "Beefsteak Raid" led by General Wade Hampton of the Army of the Confederate States; and further Ch. 560 of the Laws of 1962 authorizing the State Library Board to erect four markers, one to be known as "Edgehill," a headquarters of General Robert E. Lee, one to be known as "Cottage Farni," where General Lee wrote the orders for the evacuation of Petersburg and Richmond and for the beginning of the march that ended at Appomattox, one to be known as "The Cattle Raid" in which field were penned the 2,486 cattle captured by Confederate Cavalry under General Hampton, and the fourth to be known as "A Revolutionary Soldier Richard Kennon of Mecklenburg," statesman and influential in his State and the nation, in public life.

In the last regular session of the Missouri Legislature in 1961, legislation was enacted to create the Wilson's Creek Battle Field Commission. An appropriation was enacted for the State to expend \$350,000 in acquiring land for the Wilson's Creek Battle Field National Park that has been approved by the Congress of the United States. The legislature also appropriated \$10,000 toward the expenses of the Centennial Commission for a two year period. A further appropriation was approved by the Legislature, but vetoed by the Governor, for the purpose of erecting Civil War memorials in connection with the Battle of Carthage. These memorials would have been statues of Major General Franz Sigel and Missouri Governor Claiborne F. Jackson who were the rival commanders in the battle.

North Dakota made enactments on the subject of the centennial anniversary of the creation of the Dakota Territory.

The Texas Civil War Centennial Commission has been operating for over two years according to information given without any direct funds from the State, and incidental expenses have been borne by a few individuals, the commission consisting of members of the Historical Survey Committee and members of the Centennial Commission at large, the former having some limited funds to keep the program going with some slight motion because a member's time was given to the commission by the Survey Committee as Director.

The General Assembly of Maryland enacted three pieces of legislation. The first is Joint Resolution No. 5 of the regular session of 1962 contributing funds for a monument to honor the last Confederate veterans. Another is Ch. 876 of the Maryland Acts of 1961 which provided for a Civil War Centennial Commission in Charles County. This is the county along the Potomac, south of Washington, and it is

the one where the famous Dr. Mudd lived and practiced. The third is Ch. 393 of the Maryland Acts of 1961 providing an appropriation for the Civil War Centennial Commission in Frederick County. This county is famed for the residence of Barbara Fritchie.

Maine granted an appropriation for the continued expenses and operation of the Centennial Commission.

Proposed resolutions in the legislature of the State of Rhode Island making an appropriation for the Civil War Centennial Commission, and for repairs and restoration of the G.A.R. building in Pawtucket, did not pass.

In Mississippi the legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the State Commission on the War Between the States for the fiscal biennium 1962-1964.

California passed a resolution urging the support and cooperation of all the people of the state in the planned observances of the executive committee appointed by the Governor to prepare for California's participation in the national observance of the centennial of the Civil War.

Wisconsin passed an appropriation for the work of the Centennial Commission.

Minnesota enacted legislation enabling counties of the state to raise and appropriate limited amounts for commemorating and observing the Minnesota Civil War and Sioux Uprising Centennials.

A privileged resolution or communication was enacted in the state of Georgia urging and requesting every citizen and every local community in the state to commemorate the valor and courage of their forebears during the centennial years.

In the State of South Dakota there was a Senate Concurrent Resolution that the state legislature participate in suitable Statewide observance during the academic year 1961-1962 for the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Land-Grant Act by President Abraham Lincoln.

Vermont granted a supplemental appropriation to the Vermont Civil War Centennial Committee to effect a state program for observance of the centennial and recognition of that state's role in the conflict.

By Chapter 258, Volume 53, Laws of Delaware, approved by the Governor December 21, 1961, the Civil War Centennial Commission for that state was officially created.

In several of the states the legislatures meet every two years and were not in session during the twelve months last past.

I trust that the work of the committee and the results thereof meet with your approval, and I thank you for the honor of serving our Order in this significant position, and the members of the committee for their dedicated service.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

(Joseph S. Rippey),  
Chairman, Legislative Committee.

(No objection to this report—adopted, as read.)

Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: I would like to inquire as to whether or not it would be the proper thing to put through a motion to change the name of that Committee from the Legislative Committee to the Committee on Legislation.

National Counselor Grant: In answer to that, it is already taken care of in our Constitution.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We will now have the report of the Civil War Centennial Committee.  
Chairman Ernest G. Wells presented:

### REPORT OF CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

August 12, 1962

To the Officers and Members  
81st Annual Encampment  
Commandery-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brothers:

There are two wide-apart viewpoints regarding the value of the Civil War Centennial.

There is a large group, growing with newcomers, that regard it as an over-sized picnic of indefinite duration—with bands playing, banners waving, colorful uniforms, and gorgeous costumes—lines of blue and gray charging each other—musket volleys—and cannons thundering.

Then there is the hard core of idealists who believe we should now study the causes of the Civil War—determine where and why it was unresolved—and how we should apply the lessons learned today.

The pattern for the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Civil War is now beginning to take on discernible features nationwide. So much so that those involved in the commemorative planning and activity should begin to take stock as to where they are going and what they intend. In the ensuing report we will try to help toward this end.

The quantity and quality of Centennial observances all over the country make it impossible to report on everyone of them in the limited space of this report. The tempo of the Centennial is still slowly increasing, in spite of ever-present dangers and conflicts.

We have numerous sources of information and will try to choose the most striking aspects from them all.

### S.U.V. RESERVE

We must pay tribute to the outstanding role of the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve in their colorful reminders of the services of our Fathers—particularly those of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Pennsylvania's Reserve has been well established for years. Our attention has been called to the comparatively rapid growth of the First Ohio Regiment under Col. Clancy.

### NEWS LETTERS

Five news letters were distributed during the year not only to members of this committee, but also to National Officers, National Chairmen, Past Commanders-in-Chief, National and State Civil War Centennial Commissions, and many different newspapers and periodicals in a wide area.

We also want to call attention to the splendid work carried on by Spencer Leonard, Dept. Historian of Oregon and Washington with his news letters based upon a continuous account of events starting 100 years ago.

In an early news letter of this Committee, we included an appeal from the Sons of Confederate Veterans for information pertaining to

graves of Confederate Veterans. We thank Past Dept. Commander O. G. MacPherson of Pennsylvania; Dept. Commander Michael Casey of Maryland; and Carl Wheeler of New Hampshire for their help.

### PRESS RESULTS

Our press releases to the newspapers have had results. We have received many copies of letters written by Union soldiers on active duty. Some of these are exciting and dramatic—and worthy of more widespread publication.

It is odd how some of our news items spread. One such, printed in the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times, was sent to a relative of a reader in Tulsa, Oklahoma—from whom we received letters and an account of one Corporal Henry Arnett of the 3rd R. I. Cavalry, along with a commendation from his Colonel for driving off the attack of a large party of Confederate guerrillas.

One of our own, Brother L. Beaumont Reed of Garfield Camp #4 of Trenton, New Jersey, and a First Lieutenant of their Battery of the "Sons" Reserve, has sent us a book of 38 letters written by his father while in the Army of the Potomac.

A monthly veterans' newspaper, "Worcester (Mass.) Life & Yank," carried a Centennial column for us in every issue.

Many requests have come to us from students and "buffs" for information and printed matter. We hope we have satisfied them all.

### SPEECHES

As part of this committee's contribution to the Centennial effort, your Chairman has, through the year, given a number of addresses throughout the New England States.

### ORDERS AND MEDALS SOCIETY

This Committee has had a considerable correspondence with Gary S. Krug, editor of "The Medal Collector," the national publication of the Orders and Medals Society of America. Illustrated articles on Civil War Medals were published in the issues of October 1961, November 1961, January 1962, and March 1962.

### THE BANNER

Four out of the six issues of "The Banner" had articles on the Civil War Centennial by this Committee. And this gives me an opportunity once again to express my sincere admiration of our National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert for his editorial policies in our national publication—and to urge all those who want up-to-the-minute coverage on the Centennial to subscribe to it now.

### CIVIL WAR TIMES

This has indeed been a year of startling developments.

"Civil War Times" an excellent commercial magazine whose name is descriptive of its contents, came out in its Sept. '61 issue with a highly controversial article "Did Stanton Plan Lincoln's Murder?"

In the October 1961 issue it told of the mass resignations from the National Commission and quoted Admiral Ingersoll's fear that the Centennial program would be shifted into "political areas."

The January 1962 issue gave the news of Dr. Nevins election as

Chairman and Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr., as Executive Director. Dr. Robertson, 31 years old, is a native of Danville, Virginia, and a frequent speaker on Confederate leaders before Round Tables and Centennial groups. His appointment, according to the "Times," was seen as a move, in part, to give the South a larger voice in Centennial affairs.

The new National Commission frowns on battle re-enactments. It believes they glorify war by removing the blood and filth and presenting it as a holiday spectacle. Therefore, it is believed that the coming Re-enactments of the Battle of Antietam near Hagerstown, Maryland, on September 15th and 16th will be the last of its kind during the Centennial. The advertisements feature "The Bloodiest Single Day of the War."

### BAY STATE BUGLE

This is the organ of the Massachusetts Commission. A full report would be voluminous, so we must confine ourselves to the highlights. A number of dignified observances have been and will be held on a State level. We quote the following as of particular interest to us:

"This Commission will miss the inspiration and stimulus which stemmed from the expert and deft leadership of Major General Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd, and Karl S. Betts, former chairman and director, respectively, of the National Commission.

The change of administration has relegated these great Americans to the sidelines and we, regretfully, acknowledge that any success that we have had was in a large measure owed to the excellent leadership and superb advice given by these two dedicated men."

Announcement was made, this past year, of the appointment by President Kennedy of historian Allan Nevins to the National Civil War Centennial Commission. Professor Nevins, Pulitzer Prize winner for biography in 1932 for "Grover Cleveland: A Study in Courage," and in 1937, for "Hamilton Fish: The Inner History of the Grant Administration," wrote the foreword for President Kennedy's Pulitzer prize winner, "Profiles in Courage."

(And so the stage seems set for the academic, the intellectual, approach to the Centennial. Are we going to get farther away from reaching "the people"—or don't they count?

We suggest that mental gymnastics are not sufficient. This Centennial has to have "heart!" put into it too. More attention must be paid to the men and women who fought the war on the field and in the farm—in battle and on the home front. So far we seem to have been obsessed with "things," "spectacles," and "fancy words." Only by a proper combination of heart and mind will we reach the "spirit" of the Civil War.)

A meeting of local Centennial committees in Springfield, Mass., came to the conclusion that our primary objective is still the same: to stimulate interest in our historical heritage and increase knowledge of the greatest period of crisis endured by this nation. It was pointed out during the meeting that students, both in lower grades and in high schools, showed an enthusiastic interest in the Civil War when lectures were enlivened with illustrations and anecdotes about the great figures of that era. Also, lower grade pupils especially displayed great interest when Civil War weaponry was compared to present day "hardware"—as the military describes the terrible weapons of the nuclear age.

The criticism of many outstanding educators is that our schools and colleges are not encouraging the type of curriculum that brings forth the leaders this country requires.



Henry Steele Commager, professor of history at Amherst College says: "18th century education, with its interest on the classics and on history was designed to instill in the young an avid sense of duty and civic virtue." He adds that it is an understatement that education no longer does so.

"Current Events" has replaced history in the classroom and the hero is no longer held up for emulation. An emphasis on process has left only a shoddy ideal of possession of material wealth, or worse, the flagrant consumption thereof. Education is held out as the means to the land of perpetual plenty. The withdrawal of the classics and of history as mythological stimulus has left students without standards for the evaluation of excellence.

There is an idealism in young people which is stifled by the pursuit of material success as they grow older. The conferees at Springfield agreed that the attempt to reach these young people, in the hope of instilling a desire in them to pursue further their study of history is the best method of commemorating the Civil War.

When Professor Nevins was elected Chairman of the National Commission, Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd, was elected chairman emeritus. We are pleased that Gen. Grant will continue to support the Centennial and are sure that his courtliness and sagacity will smooth over the rough places.

Dr. Nevins has announced that the National Commission will sponsor its first commemorative observance, the Emancipation Proclamation centennial September 22, 1962. The ceremony will be held at the Lincoln Memorial with President Kennedy as the principal speaker. Archibald McLeish will have written a special poem for the occasion and the U. S. Army Chorus will sing a number of Civil War songs.

Massachusetts also plans an observance of this event on the same day at the Emancipation Monument in Park Square of Boston. Part of the occasion is being prepared by the Boston Centennial Committee, which will have a "Trooping of the Colors" on the Boston Common in the Grand Army tradition and under the direction of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

#### NATIONAL COMMISSION

We all regret the resignation of our General Grant as chairman of the National Commission. At about the same time, there were others: Congressman William M. Tuck, vice-chairman, Congressman Wint Smith, Senator Carl T. Curtis, Executive Director Karl S. Betts, Vice-Admiral Stuart H. Ingersoll, and the Hon. Dewey Short, Asst. Secretary of the Army.

Your committee chairman is a member of his state commission and has tried to be somewhat observant. If you will remember, from his last year's report, he compared the similarity of trends in the development of both the Civil War itself and its present Centennial. Here we find what appears to be a continuation of these trends—political appointments and changeovers among general officers—and you will remember what the consequences often were during the Civil War. Let's hope the analogy gets no worse. But let us leave this particular subject on a note of optimism; we still have over two years to go—and the Union was victorious in the Civil War.

"100 Years After" the news letter of the National Committee, told us of possibly the youngest living son of a Civil War veteran who was recently assigned to the Air Force Command and Staff School near Montgomery, Alabama (the Confederacy's first capital). He is 33.

A \$5,000 literary award contest involving manuscripts of 75,000 or more words on a historical, non-fictional subject relating to the Civil War period has been sponsored by the War Library and Museum and the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, 1805 Pine Street, Philadelphia. The award is expected to be made at Gettysburg July 3rd, 1963.

#### DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

Special bars with the wording "Civil War Centennial" were attached to medals the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Illinois presented on Honors Day at the University of Illinois, Champaign, May 4th, and at Northwestern University, Evanston, May 31st.

#### AMERICAN LEGION

One of the most exciting, entertaining and instructive programs we have yet heard of was put on by the Columbia County American Legion of New York to commemorate the men who served in the 128th Columbia-Dutchess Regiment in the Civil War.

After a full program of history, ceremonies, and exhibits, a firing demonstration was put on, including Civil War small arms, cannon, mortar, and the renowned Gatling Gun. The firing teams were under the direction of George Bisacca of Eastover, Lenox, Mass. A highlight of this demonstration was a competition between the Gatling Gun and a Machine Gun team from the 152nd Engineer Company B.

#### MOBILE MUSEUM

The Massachusetts State Centennial Commission prevailed upon the National Guard in that area to provide a 32 foot bus coach as a Civil War Centennial Exhibit on wheels. It compared the weapons, uniforms, and events of 100 years ago with those of today—and toured all over the State for a month and a half.

#### CONCLUSION

We must acknowledge the fine statement of policy of Dr. Nevins, the new Chairman of the National Commission:

"So far as we can, we shall allow the just pride of no national group to be belittled or besmirched. A host of white Southerners died for what they believed a just cause; a host of white Northerners died for what they held a sacred duty; a host of Negroes died, many in the uniform of the United States, for the achievement of freedom and human equality. We must honor them all. When we finally reach the commemoration of Appomattox, we shall treat it not as victory or defeat, but as a beginning—the beginning of a century of increasing concord, mutual understanding, and fraternal affection among all sections and social groups of the republic."

We can subscribe to this—all of it—up to a point. Up to the same point where the Grand Army of the Republic shook hands with the United Confederate Veterans at reunions of the "Blue and the Gray" at Gettysburg and other fields—but still would not allow the flag of treason—"The Stars and Bars"—to be flown in the presence of "The Stars and Stripes"—the emblem of our glorious Union and the symbol of hope for all mankind.

He refers to the host of negro dead. How do we honor them? By permitting that for which they died to be held as a sham and a mockery.

Oh, I know that here we "step on some toes." There are those delicate souls—of tender sensibilities—who want to retire from the battle of living into some sheltered haven remote from conflicts of opinions and the vigorous upholding of convictions. They want to avoid those controversial questions of "states rights" and "segregation." Poor things, they don't want to hurt anyone's feelings—least of all their own.

But how do they stack up alongside of our Fathers? How did our Fathers deal with "states rights" and the worst form of segregation—"slavery?"

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is not going to be a pale, wavering shadow of its illustrious forebears. It is not ready to slowly fade away. It is not going to avoid meeting the problems of our day squarely—and head-on. We are not afraid to carry the banner of our Fathers. Our Fathers—who freed the slaves and guaranteed them civil rights. Can we do less than assure that guarantee to their descendants. By shedding their blood with ours in all our wars, our colored brethren have just as much right to the rewards of peace.

Imminent in this Centennial are coming observances of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. This is the time when our heritage and our principles demand that we declare ourselves—that the race our Fathers freed from bondage did not exchange their iron shackles for the more subtle economic and social ones of second-class citizenship.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Ernest G. Wells, Chairman).  
National Civil War Centennial Committee.

(Applause of the Encampment followed the reading of this report and, as there were no objections, it was adopted, as read.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Brothers, I want to bring to your attention the very interesting and effective back-ground we have here on the platform—these flags, which have been provided by the Maryland Department. This back-ground adds a great deal to the appearance of this room; and we extend our sincere thanks to the Department of Maryland for them.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** Col. Clancy, retiring Commander of the Ohio Department wanted to present the matter concerning the use of Union uniforms in a disgraceful manner, especially in connection with the Centennial observances. I discussed this matter with Col. MacPherson, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee yesterday and I left this Resolution with him. Col. MacPherson, and his Committee will handle it, if we have your permission.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** It has been placed in excellent hands, and I am sure he will take care of it.

May we now have a report from the Credentials Committee.

**Delegate Herbert M. Bogue, Massachusetts:** Commander-in-Chief, we now have a total of 101 registered.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you, Brother Bogue. We will now recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow morning.

## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 21, 1962 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in Ritualistic form, with a moment of silent prayer in memory of those who passed on during the past year; followed with prayer by National Chaplain Warner.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We are now under the heading of reports of Committees; so let us continue with the report of the G.A.R. History Committee.

Chairman Ernest G. Wells presented:

### REPORT OF GRAND ARMY HISTORY COMMITTEE

August 14, 1962

To the Officers and Members  
81st Annual Encampment,  
Commandery-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brothers:

We have issued five (5) news letters and a number of press releases to the members of this committee, the National Officers, National Committee Chairmen, Past Commanders-in-Chief, Chairmen of National and State Civil War Centennial Commissions, and Editors of many newspapers and magazines.

The preparation and dissemination of the news letters of both my committees would have been almost twice as arduous if it had not been for the able and willing assistance of Past Department Commander Henry S. Bowen of Massachusetts, who is also the Chairman of our Americanization Committee.

### THE BANNER

Four out of the six issues of our national publication "The Banner" contained columns devoted to the news and efforts of this Committee. We appreciate the help of Editor Al Lambert.

### OTHER PUBLICITY

The most successful and ambitious commercial publication on the Civil War today is "Civil War Times Illustrated." In the December 1961 issue we were accorded a write-up on the purposes of this committee.

As usual, P.D.C. Wyman of New Hampshire has been generous with space in his popular little "Camp 10 News."

The newspaper "The Falmouth (Mass.) Enterprise" published a whole series of articles on their local Grand Army Post, plus accounts of the individual comrades thereof in the Civil War. We have purchased this series for our files. We have received information of several other similar publications throughout the country.

The national bulletin of the Tokens and Medals Society printed our story in its last issue and we have started to receive offers of help—from Pennsylvania to Florida to California.

You have seen many instances of the tremendous nation-wide publicity of "The Advertising Council, Inc.," on billboards, in news-

papers and magazines, and many different kinds of public places. They advertise free of charge the best cultural, patriotic, and inspirational activities. You will all recall their famous "The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together!"

Well, I have a letter here from them of their interest in our "History of the Grand Army of the Republic." They could give it a million dollars worth of publicity. It must, however, be free of charge. They are unable, by the terms of their incorporation, to recommend anything to be sold to the public, even when non-profit and of cultural and historical values.

This represents a decision that will some day have to be made by one of our National Encampments. It also presents an aspect of our survey with which this committee is not yet prepared to deal. Other factors have yet to emerge from our studies before we will be able to make any recommendations on this.

However, this year we have determined, beyond a shadow of a doubt, not only in our own Order, but from a great variety of outside sources, the truly deep feelings of admiration and worth our "History" project engenders. We are certain as we can be that the continuation of this survey will contribute not only to our national prestige, but to our own self-respect.

Edward C. Rochette, Editor of "Numismatic News," the largest publication devoted to the multi-million dollar hobby of the collecting of coins, etc., has persuaded us that there is a very definite place in our "History" for "Numismatics."

It appears that this hobby is more than just the collecting of coins; it includes currency, bank-notes, tokens, medals and awards. There were literally hundreds of G.A.R. encampment medals and badges that are collector's items today. Mr. Rochette believes that an account of them would be very interesting and promised to spend his vacation (last month) in developing this material.

We have been in constant communication with Gary C. Krug, Editor of "The Medal Collector," official publication of "The Orders and Medals Society of America." He is working on a complete and detailed History and Analysis of the Grand Army Badge. We have been able to help him on a number of points. Thanks to a tip from our National Secretary, Al Lambert, we were able to make him very happy with information pertaining to a gold, diamond-studded presentation piece in his possession.

Rolfe R. Holbrook, President of the Orders and Medals Society of America, of Coral Gables, Florida, read an account of our project in the national publication of the Tokens and Medals Society. He has been collecting Civil War material of all types and forms, among which there is a very large collection of G.A.R. material, both printed and physical. He has 90% of the national encampment badges by years, plus a great multitude of individual bestows, some solid gold with diamonds, etc., all properly inscribed to various past commanders of the G.A.R.

Mr. Holbrook is affiliated with several national groups, many of whom are persons deeply involved in similar collecting categories. He asks to be of service to our "History" program.

#### HISTORY OF THE G.A.R.

As far as the physical work of this "History" is concerned, the manuscript of a preface and a chapter and a half has already been tentatively written—and is with us today for any one who wishes to peruse it.

Let me give you some savory samples—that you may become better acquainted with the Order you are sworn to uphold and commemorate. Perhaps some of you will realize that there is more to our heritage than you realize.

The 5th National Encampment of the G.A.R. was convened in Boston, Mass., May 10, 1871. Gen. John A. Logan presided. 17 departments were represented by 68 delegates. An interesting incident was the reception of the following telegram from the Universal Peace Convention then in session in New York City: "We congratulate you upon a peaceful Encampment. As veterans can you not add your protest against war, that there may never be another war Encampment?" This characteristic reply was telegraphed: "Your congratulations reciprocated. The Grand Army of the Republic is determined to have peace, even if it has to fight for it."

Though the number of delegates was small, the number of distinguished men present was remarkably great, as the names of Generals Logan, Burnside, Hooker, Pleasanton, Kilpatrick, Devems, and Fairchild testify.

Boston's second National Encampment was the G.A.R.'s 24th, August 11, 1890. By this time the Order had attained a membership of nearly half a million, and could not find accommodations except in the largest cities. From all parts of the country the veterans poured into the "Hub." 40,000 of them marched in the great parade. Conspicuous among the hundreds of distinguished guests were General Sherman, President Harrison, Vice-President Fairbanks, 4 cabinet ministers and 5 State Governors. Nobody foresaw that a comparatively inconspicuous Comrade from Ohio named William McKinley would become an occupant of the White House, and one of our martyred Presidents.

At the 51st National in Boston, August 1917, Governor McCall closed his speech with a thrust at the oppressors of the negroes that brought the old veterans to their feet, as he said; "You gave your blood, your lives, your all, that the Nation might be saved and that 4 millions of colored men and women might be free and have equal rights with us. And now, I know that you do not look with favor on the terrible riots against our negro brothers—where mis-guided whites have attempted to undo the very things for which you gave all you had in '61."—and to a man the answer was "no."

What was perhaps the most dramatic incident of the great parade of that encampment occurred as the line was approaching the Shaw monument opposite the Governor's reviewing stand.

There was one veteran who did not see the Governor or any of his dignitaries on the gala reviewing stand in front of the State House. He saw only something opposite the State House which meant more to him than the whole Encampment. Comrades tried to keep him in line as they sharpened their steps at the crest of the hill and turned their faces toward the Governor, but they could not. He stopped short in his tracks.

"That's my regiment," he cried, and his right hand came up to his hat brim. He saluted Col. Robert Gould Shaw, and friendly volunteers led him out of the ranks. He wanted to salute his Comrades in bronze, and they led him to the base of the Shaw monument, where he came to attention again, gazing at the tablet until they brought him a chair. There he sat. The parade was over as far as he was concerned. He was an old colored veteran. "M. Jameson of Syracuse, N. Y. of Co. H, of the 54th Massachusetts, Captain Russell in command, Sir."

Perhaps prophesy can be found in G.A.R. history.

In the Proceedings of the 31st National in 1897, we read: "the struggle of the human race should be to reach that plane in civilization where the horrors of the world will not include the savage crime of war. We have not reached it yet, but let us hope the prayers of all the generations that have passed will find complete fulfillment in the future. Perhaps the genius of invention may discover implements of war so powerful and fatal that men dare not engage in armed contention. If war meant also certain death to those who entered it, the Christian's zeal, the statesman's skill, and the strong desire of all mankind to live, might, joined together, uphold the cause of peace. No other union can maintain a long continued national repose, for the rivalries of men will overstep the bounds of prudence and integrity, and ambition halts before no enemy except the fear of death."

In the proceedings of the 60th National at Des Moines, Iowa, in September 1926, we are told:

Major William McKinley (first a Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and then war-time President of the United States) once said in speaking of the incidents of the war, long after the close of it: "Our black allies must never be forsaken, and every right secured them by the Constitution must as surely be given to them as though God had put upon their faces the color of the Anglo-Saxon race. They fought for the flag, and that flag, with all that it stands for, must secure them every constitutional right in times of peace as in times of war."

In the same proceedings, we are told: "The United States was conceived in the Revolutionary War but born in the Civil War. To you came the great task of deciding whether this Nation could endure on the foundation of Unity it had defined in its Constitution; or if it could be divided and redivided and subdivided by differences—petty or great, as the case might be. As a nation—as a success religiously, educationally, and industrially—we owe our life to the success your sacrifices achieved.

In the history of the world we have no record of an organization of soldiers that has for so long held the great political influence that has the Grand Army of the Republic. Not only did your efforts give the Nation birth, but you have helped to shape its destinies in a far-reaching way that has been an inspiration to more than one American youth.

The Grand Army of the Republic must never die. Your spirit—your soul—must live on and grow in power and influence even as have the souls of Washington and Lincoln. You have filled your place assigned by the great forces of the earth and have filled them creditably; you have made of the Grand Army of the Republic a power in the Nation and thereby in the world. You need not worry about the perpetuation of your Order. History will take care of that. The story of this Nation could never be told without the names of Abraham Lincoln and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And the above is the plain, clear statement why we have chosen as our Civil War Centennial Project—A HISTORY OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Both national Committees, over which I have had the honor of presiding this year, have the same 3 recommendations:

- (1) That their work be continued.
- (2) That 500 copies of each report be printed right away for distribution by their successors where it is thought they will do the most good.

(3) That the following resolve be duplicated and distributed within a reasonable length of time to as many newspapers and periodicals as possible by the publicity facilities of this Encampment and our Order.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Ernest G. Wells, Chairman),  
National Grand Army History Committee.

(No objections—adopted, as read.)

#### GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Mrs. Harriet King and  
Mrs. Myrtle Burke

were escorted into the Encampment, and introduced. Mrs. King, representing Mrs. Anne Atkins, National President extended the greetings of her National organization, as well as personal greetings from the National President; after which they both brought personal greetings and wishes for a fine Encampment in Washington.

(Response was by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania—after which they were escorted from the Encampment.)

#### VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Alice M. Ure, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; accompanied by the following Greetings Committee:

Anna V. Hausman, Past National President, Chairman; and these Past National Presidents:

Sarah J. Ehrmann, New York,  
Frances M. Kuhns, Pennsylvania,  
Harriet W. Eaton, New York,  
Mabel S. Taylor, Rhode Island,  
Theo. McCallum, Wisconsin,  
Lura B. Frye, Illinois,  
Edna Lindsey, Oregon,  
Winona P. Kahl, West Virginia,  
Twanette Paul, Missouri,

were escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Brothers, I am sure that you join me in a hearty welcome to these Sisters this morning. I would like to add just a little bit of personal comment about G.A.R. Remembrance Day, November 19th, which was originated five years ago; and is held in Gettysburg each year. Each year, the National and Department heads of each organization in the Allied Family are invited to that observance, as well as representatives of other organizations; and I am happy to say that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic has honored your Committee, and the State of Pennsylvania with the presence of their National President for five consecutive years. So, I have had the privilege of meeting many of these Sisters and feel that I know them—some of them quite well.

I know that we are honored in having them present here this morning and our hearts are happy when such a large delegation of



these Sisters come to greet us—and we most sincerely welcome them. I should now like to present the National President, Sister Alice Ure.

National President Alice M. Ure: Commander-in-Chief, General Grant, and Brothers: We are so happy that we could come over to visit you this morning with this fine delegation, and we appreciate your receiving us so courteously. It is a wonderful thing for us to get together, and to work together. It seems to me that we are one grand family, as it should be, as we are so closely knit by blood ties and we, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are proud to have you Sons as our leaders. When you come into a room with the Sons and their Auxiliary, you have a warm feeling—the warmth of being together; and we are happy to be a part of it.

I have had a wonderful association with Commander-in-Chief Shriver—he has been very nice to me; and it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Chet, I hope you will have a wonderful Encampment here, and a wonderful term as Commander-in-Chief next year.

I would like to present this little gift to you, Chet, from the Ladies of the G.A.R. Thank you for all you have done for us, and for all the courtesies you have extended to us.

(The other members of the delegation extended greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment; after which response was by Past Commander-in-Chief Grant.) They were then escorted from the Encampment.

#### GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The following Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was then brought in, and presented:

Mrs. Mary Gordon, representing National President Marie Robinson;  
Mrs. Ellen Beckman, representing Mrs. Mildred Baruch, President of Ellen Spencer Mussey Tent #1, Washington.

Mrs. Gordon extended greetings on behalf of her organization, and National President Marie Robinson; as well as her own personal greetings and best wishes for a fine Encampment. Mrs. Beckman brought greetings on behalf of Ellen Spencer Mussey Tent No. 1 and its President, Mrs. Mildred Baruch. Both presented gifts to Commander-in-Chief Shriver.

(Response was by Department Commander Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania; after which they were escorted out.)

#### VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND

#### GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

National President Dorothy Hilyard, and Mrs. Lillian Messer, wife of the late Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer, together with the Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary, headed by Past National President Margaret McKinney; and the Pennsylvania delegation which included the Department President of the Auxiliary, Betty Kramer; and Mrs. Ruba Shriver, wife of the Commander-in-Chief; and Donna Shriver, daughter of the Commander-in-Chief were escorted into the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We men are bashful. There are many times when we can speak from the heart and express our feel-

ings, and there are many times when we cannot—and this is one of those times. We are at a loss for words this morning because we are overwhelmed by this fine delegation from our Auxiliary. We are most happy to have you here with us; and I would ask that you escort the National President Sister Hilyard, Sister McKinney and Sister Messer to the platform.

When we convene in our annual Encampment there is much business to be considered and there are many things on the agenda that take much time—in the formal part of the Encampment itself. Yet one of the most important parts of our very existence is our fraternal bonds—the things for which we are bound together as organizations, to carry on the work to which we are pledged.

We are fortunate in enjoying the best of fraternal relations with our Auxiliary; and much of that is due to the leaders in that fine organization. During the past year, the Auxiliary has had, in office, one of the finest leaders to represent the National Organization—a fine person, an energetic worker, and a very likeable individual who made friends for the organization, and for herself wherever she went. I am proud and happy that my Sisters from Pennsylvania were chosen as escorts for this fine National President; and it is now my pleasure to present to you the National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Dorothy Hilyard.

**National President Dorothy Hilyard:** Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I took a few minutes out of my Convention this morning to come over and extend greetings to you.

It seems quite natural for me to speak to you and I have the feeling that I know most of you. For about nine months during the past year, your Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer and I made every official visit together, and I have had the opportunity to meet many of you.

I would like to say just a few words here about Charles Messer. I want to thank you for electing him as your Commander-in-Chief at your Encampment last year in Indianapolis. He was one of the finest men it has been my privilege to know, and he was wonderful to work with. He was devoted to this organization—it was his whole life, and he loved the Sons of Union Veterans. It was an honor, and a privilege to have known him and to have served with him.

I was very happy when this organization selected you, Chet, to complete the term of Commander-in-Chief Messer. We have had a lot of fun and you, too, are a fine person and a fine Commander-in-Chief; and I was happy to finish out my term as National President with you.

I would like to present, first, a love gift from the Auxiliary to the Sons—a check of \$500.00; and then this little gift for you, Chet, from me.

I hope that next year, when you have your own elective office of Commander-in-Chief you will remember some of the fine times we have had. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

For your information, I want to tell you that in our meeting this morning we took action that next year, if it is possible, we would like to have our own Memorial Service, with the Sons.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Dorothy, thank you very much for taking time out of your sessions for this visit—it is greatly appreciated.

And now, I would like to present the Chairman of this delegation from the Auxiliary, Past National President Margaret McKinney, of Pennsylvania.

**Past National President Margaret McKinney:** Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Members and Friends: It is a pleasure to come into your Encampment this morning and extend good wishes to you, Chet; because we want everything to be just right for you.

All our Sons, and the members of your Auxiliary in Pennsylvania are very proud to have Chet as the Commander-in-Chief of this organization. We have with us the one who served with Chet as his co-worker—Caroline Riddell, who was Department President at the same time he was the Department Commander; and we have with us the present Department President, Betty Kramer; as well as all of these other members of the Auxiliary from Pennsylvania—and we all wish the best for you not only today, but in the future.

Our love and best wishes from the National Organization; and we wish you success for this Encampment, and for next year too.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Throughout our lives, there are many trials and tribulations. We have with us this morning a lady who has recently experienced perhaps the greatest trial of all in the loss of her beloved husband; and she has measured up most honorably. She has shared a dedicated life in the work of this organization with her husband, the late Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer, and we are honored to have her with us this morning. At this time, I wish to present to this Encampment, Mrs. Lillian Messer, beloved wife of Past Commander-in-Chief Messer.

**Mrs. Lillian Messer:** It is going to be hard for me to say what is in my heart; but I do want to thank you for the honor you gave in placing Charlie in the highest office in this organization. He didn't fulfill his entire term because of his passing; but the honor extended to him showed the love of the organization for him. I appreciate it, and would like to extend my sincere thanks for that—and for all that has been done for me, in this trying time.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you, Lillian.

I would now like to present my family, whom I am privileged to have here with me this morning—first, my wife Ruba; who is a great granddaughter of a Confederate Veteran; then my daughter, Donna; and my sister-in-law, who is a twin sister of my wife, Mrs. Lloyd Keilhaltz of Hyattsville, Md.

By request, the National President of the Auxiliary sang a solo, "Then Sings My Soul."

(Response was by Past Commander-in-Chief Grant; after which they were escorted from the Encampment.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** May we now have a report from the Credentials Committee.

**Chairman Herbert W. Bogue, Massachusetts:** Commander-in-Chief, there is now a total registration of 105.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you. We will now have the report of the Committee on Membership.

Past Department Commander Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont presented:

## REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

August 14, 1962  
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Chester S. Shriver, Commander-in-Chief  
and the Members of the  
51st National Encampment  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Brothers:

May I first try to express to you my sincere appreciation for the honor and privilege of serving you in my humble way as your National Membership Chairman this past year.

I believe as I have said many times that our membership is the life-blood of this Order.

During this year, we have lost many valuable members in all branches—from the smallest Camp to the Commandery-in-Chief. It thus becomes increasingly evident that we must infuse new blood into our ranks if we are to survive.

I have spoken in many places during the year, besides writing for "The Banner" and other papers. The response has not been as good as I had hoped for. I have noted before that there seems to be an attitude, apathetic or indifferent, that is not good for the Order in any degree.

I feel that the task is too great for an ordinary member. It seems to me that if we had a man with executive ability who could devote a large amount of time to this problem, using the mediums of TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, as well as personal public speaking, we could get our message out in the open where the people we must reach can get hold of it—so that they may realize their eligibility and their responsibility.

It doesn't do much good to tell our own members what they know already. We need to get this message, so vital to our Order, out in front of the Public in massive form in order to grow.

I think most Departments are holding their own; some show small gains; and a few have made substantial increases—but this is not enough.

A man such as I have described would need the unqualified support of the entire membership and, in addition, he would need funds from some source to finance the project. Perhaps a sum could be allotted from the National Treasury.

We are losing time—for time will not wait. The moment for decisive action is now!

## Supplementary Report

August 21, 1962

The report I have just read I wrote before I left home. I have put a great deal of effort into this position, for I would not accept an office without trying my best.

I have written a number of articles on membership, some of which appeared in "The Banner."

Whenever an opportunity offered, I spoke on "membership" in meetings, and to many individuals.

Some new members have joined through my efforts and, in other cases, I was able to help by looking up records.

Commander-in-Chief Messer appointed District Chairmen in various sections of the country, and I wrote to each one of them—in some instances, several times.

At the suggestions of Commander-in-Chief Messer, I set the date of August 1st as a time for the District Chairmen to report to me, in order that I might compile an over-all report on national membership.

I did not receive a report of any kind from any District—and felt let down and discouraged. I do hope that some of the seeds I have sown in this past year will bear fruit in the future.

Since coming to this Encampment, I hear of two new Camps that have been formed and new members gained in other areas. I am very glad that this is so, for it is certainly an encouraging note.

Still we cannot go out into the highways and byways and compel men to join us—we must win them by our own earnest persuasion; our own belief in the love for the Order that we hold in our hearts.

I wish, in closing, to express my sincere appreciation for the vast amount of work being done by Brother Ernest Wells, and the help he has given me personally.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Arthur L. Ballou, P.D.C.), Chairman,  
National Membership Committee.

(No objections—and this report was adopted, as read.)

**National Counselor Grant:** In two organizations, to which I belong, there is a Cup or Banner given each year to the State organization which increased its membership in the greatest proportion during that year.

I would be glad to give such a Cup to the Sons of Union Veterans for presentation to the Department each year showing the greatest gain in membership, with the Department engraved upon the Cup; and next year, it would go to another Department which might win it. Do you think that would be any good? If so, I will be glad to furnish the cup.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** I am sure that everyone agrees that is a fine idea; and I feel sure that we would be very happy to have such an award; and we thank you, Brother Grant.

We will now recess until 1:30 P. M.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 21, 1962 — 1:30 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** We are still under reports of Committees, and we will now have the report of the Military Affairs Committee.

**Past Department Commander O. G. MacPherson, Pennsylvania:** I would like to preface my written report by saying that the Committee laid the ground work last year then, this year, your Committee built from there up, increasing the fundamental principles into what we feel should be enacted into law for a period of one year—to try and establish the Reserves as a National organization.

Your Committee presents the following:

### REPORT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Route 1,  
Gettysburg, Pa.  
15 August, 1962

To the Officers and Members of the  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
in the 81st Annual National Encampment assembled  
in the City of Washington, D. C.

#### Greetings:

1. The National Military Affairs Committee, appointed by Commander-in-Chief Messer in Indianapolis, Ind., herewith submit the following report.

2. The work of this Committee commenced and is built upon the foundation created by the 1960-61 Committee, so ably headed by Major C. S. Shriver, Adjutant of the Pennsylvania Brigade, S.V.R., whose report showed the numerical strength of the Commissioned and enlisted personnel to be 289 in the several states having units of the Reserve.

3. The Committee held three meetings—19 November, 1961; and 10 June 1962 in Gettysburg, Pa., and 19 August, 1962 in the city of Washington, D. C. All meetings were well attended and were harmonious and rewarding to those in attendance and to the Sons of Veterans Reserve. This report and its recommendations are largely based upon the proceedings of these meetings.

4. (A) The Committee decided the National Reserve (if created) embrace and be governed by the Regulations of the Pennsylvania Brigade S.V.R. providing for Uniformity, System of Drill, Armament and Equipment, Election and appointment of Officers and non-commissioned Officers, Numerical strength of Companies, Battalions and Regiments, how same are Officered. Also, providing for the establishment of a Woman's Auxiliary Corp. to the S.V.R.

4. (B) It is not the intent of the regulations to cause or force undue hardship on units not uniformed and equipped according thereto. We are, however, of the opinion that when new uniforms and equipment is secured, it should be Regulation.

4. (C) The National Reserve to include all organized uniformed units of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; i.e., Camp

Guards, Color Guards, Firing Squads, etc., for the purpose of administration and record. All such units to submit an annual report to National Reserve Headquarters, on forms to be provided, thru their State and District Headquarters.

5. That three (3) Military Districts be created; i.e., Northern: embracing the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Central: states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Western: the states of Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

That each District be commanded by a Colonel, to be named by the National Military Affairs Committee, from within the District to be commanded. The several units from each state to constitute the Reserve unit of that State. It may be divided into Battalions or Regiments should the numerical strength warrant. It shall be commanded by a Major or Lt. Colonel, elected as provided for according to regulations. Commissions shall be issued to all elective or appointive Commissioned Officers thru the National Military Affairs Committee. A fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) will be charged for each commission and must accompany the application. Blank applications upon request. All such monies to be accounted for in the annual report of the Committee to the Commandery-in-Chief.

6. It is interesting to note the Reserve is furnishing several Battalions from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Illinois to participate in the re-enactment of the Battle of Antietam 17 September, 1962. These troops will be under the command of Colonel D. F. Clancy of Ohio, and Major H. L. Dissinger of Pennsylvania.

7. Your Committee is of the opinion the Reserve functioning as it does, under the C. R. & R. of the Order, will prove to be a favorable adjunct to the organization. We feel it will be an incentive to the young men and women to become affiliated with us, and in this manner serve to increase our membership.

8. The numerical strength of the Commissioned and enlisted personnel of the several states, as of this date, is as follows:

	Officers	Men	Aggregate
New York	1	10	11
Ohio	13	165	178
Pennsylvania	24	219	243
Rhode Island	13	146	159
Connecticut	4	12	16
Illinois	4	20	24
Total	59	572	631

9. The relationship among the members of this Committee is most cordial and cooperative. Their interest in the National Reserve movement is outstanding. It has indeed been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Chairman of this Committee. I wish to thank the members for their splendid cooperation. Truly, this is not a one-man committee.

10. Your Committee presents the following recommendations for consideration:

(1) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a National Military Affairs Committee. It is further recommended that to implement and execute the plans and work so far advanced, that the same personnel be re-appointed for one year, plus an additional member to be named from the State of New Jersey.

(2) That the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee be empowered to act, for one year, as the Commanding Officer of the National Military Department, S.V.R. Also, he be authorized to name an Adjutant General for the same period.

We also request the Commandery-in-Chief authorize the payment of the necessary expense thereof, not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), plus the required stationery. All monies to be accounted for in the annual report.

(3) That the National Military Affairs Committee be empowered to create a National Military Department, S.V.R.—to divide same into three (3) Military Districts; i.e., Northern, Central, and Western.

(4) That the National Military Affairs Committee appoint the Commanding Officers of the several Districts, from the Districts to be Commanded.

The Committee extends its thanks to the Commandery-in-Chief for the many courtesies extended over the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

(O. G. MacPherson),  
Lt. Col., S.V.R., Chairman  
Military Affairs Committee.

(No objections—The Report, and its recommendations adopted, as read.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: One of our most patriotic and colorful ceremonies, in connection with the work of this organization, is the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, on April 15th, and I am going to ask for a report on that ceremony from Brother James High of Illinois.

Delegate James L. High, Illinois gave:

#### REPORT ON LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

20 August, 1962

To: Chester S. Shriver,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. Since a complete account of the 15 April 1962 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield, Illinois appears in the May-June issue of THE BANNER, many of the details will be omitted in this report.

2. For the sixth consecutive year, the National organization of the Sons of Union Veterans conducted the services; with the assistance of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

As in the past, great pains were taken in the letters of invitation, the press release, all of the correspondence, and the remarks of the two Co-Chairmen at the exercises, and at the luncheon, to emphasize that the sponsoring group was the Sons, and that the role of the Loyal Legion was secondary. I stress this because of my intimate connection with the latter Order.

3. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay represented the late Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer, who was unable to be present.

4. Brother George L. Cashman, Curator of the Tomb and at the time Commander of the Illinois Department, S.U.V.C.W., served as Co-Chairman in charge of arrangements at Springfield. In my capacity as a State and National Officer of the Loyal Legion, I acted as the other Co-Chairman, handling the paper work in Chicago. Since Brother Cashman has had no hand in the preparation of this report, I am perfectly free to pay tribute to his diligence and to his organizing ability, which I now do.

5. 86 letters of invitation were mailed to the National heads of various patriotic societies, veterans organizations and similar groups;



and 50 additional invitations went to the State or local heads of certain of these units, the result being the presentation of 53 wreaths and an attendance of 112 at the luncheon which followed the ceremony. Each of the figures quoted in this paragraph represents an increase over prior years.

6. The expenses, which were borne by the National Treasury of the Sons, totalled \$168.35, an excess of \$18.35 over the \$150. budgeted. A small cost reduction might be achieved in the future, by cutting down the number of press releases, but I cannot see that more than, say \$10 or \$12 could be saved in this manner.

7. In conclusion, I salute the following gentlemen who, in past years, played important parts in the development of this annual event:

Major General U. S. Grant 3rd, former Commander-in-Chief of both the Sons and the Loyal Legion. Though never able to ascertain definitely, I have long felt that he was one of the first to conceive the idea. Certainly, it was he who originally interested the Loyal Legion.

Past Commander-in-Chief the late Richard F. Locke. In the early stages, he served as a planner without portfolio, obtaining publicity and otherwise assisting. His enthusiasm was boundless.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, Jr. Called upon in 1959 to expand the ceremony and to build it up into something worthy of national recognition, he did just that. The procedures and the mechanics he introduced have remained practically unchanged to date.

Respectfully submitted,

(James L. High),  
James L. High, Co-Chairman,  
1962 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.

(Applause of the Encampment followed the reading of this report.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you very much, Brother High for that excellent report. I remember reading an article in The Banner saying that, in the very beginning, only a few wreaths were presented at that ceremony—and in this report, we hear that 53 were presented there this year; which shows that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are doing a fine job with it. It is a credit to the Department of Illinois, and to the Brothers in Springfield.

Brother Coffin, if you are ready, we will now have a report from the Committee on Resolutions.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Resolutions present the following preliminary report:

(1) From the New Jersey Department—relative to their resolution to deplore any move to weaken our National Guard.

The Committee recommend adoption of this resolution, with minor corrections, after which it would read: "That we deplore any move to weaken the National Guard, either through repeated internal reorganization or through a cutback in strength, and urge the Department of Defense immediately to renounce any such plans; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That each Department of this Order similarly urge their respective state Governments to take a similar stand, since no State National Guard unit can be disbanded without state government approval, and the various State Governors should be made aware of the stand of their voters before giving such approval; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of this

Resolution be forwarded to the Department of Defense, and to the Governors of the several States." (Adopted)

(2) From the Department of New York—That the offering of a suitable prayer on appropriate occasions in the public schools, not dictated or required in form or content by public authority of the State, is highly commended by this Encampment and should be continued.

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted.)

(3) Your Committee on Resolutions presents the following resolutions of thanks:

(A) To Hon. William H. Ayers of Ohio—our very special and sincere thanks for his address at our Camp Fire. From it, we have drawn inspiration and enthusiasm to do our duty as American citizens. (Adopted.)

(B) To Hon. Wm. J. Bryan Dorn—our heartfelt appreciation for his attendance at the Camp Fire—we were inspired and enlightened by his message. (Adopted.)

(4) Your Committee on Resolutions presents the following:

"RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. That we urge the construction of the Fort Boulevard in the Nation's Capital, and its operation as a Civil War Memorial Boulevard:

That, in explanation thereof, we point out that this project has been recommended by planning and park authorities since 1902, and has been officially approved three times by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia: that over 98% of the right-of-way is already in Government ownership and, while the cost will be a minimum because of the right-of-way being available, the beneficial effect on the Capital's traffic will be very great; and that this Centennial period is the appropriate time to make the remains of the Civil War forts, which protected our Capital during the Civil War, accessible to the public; and

THEREFORE, That we urge upon the Congress and the District of Columbia Commissioners the adoption of this project and insistence upon its completion by 1965." (Adopted.)

Chairman Coffin: There are several other Resolutions, which will be presented later.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, Brother Coffin. Brother Chadwick, I understand you are ready to report for the Committee on Officers' Reports.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Your Committee has checked over the Officers reports, at great length; and they are all to be congratulated for their efforts and for the fine results which have been achieved by them.

#### Report of Commander-in-Chief

I am sure that you were thrilled with the report of the Commander-in-Chief. This report was prepared under rather unusual conditions, in that it contains the work of the two men who served in this office during the past year.

We highly commend Brother Shriver for this fine report, and we thank him for it. It clearly shows his great interest and devotion to our organization.

His report contains several recommendations:

(1) Relative to authority to amend the C. & R. and the Ritual, so as to conform to the Flag Code.

A similar recommendation is contained in the report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

Your Committee feels that this matter should be considered by the Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies; and recommend its referral to them. (Committee sustained—referred to Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies.)

(2) That this Encampment grant approval for the Commandery-in-Chief to purchase a new 50 star Flag to match the Flag of the Commander-in-Chief.

Your Committee felt the decision should be based on the condition of our present flag. We were somewhat at a loss as to whether our present flag is in good condition and we, therefore, recommend that this matter be left to the discretion of the Council of Administration. (Committee sustained, and the matter referred to the Council of Administration.)

(3) That a new National Office—that of National Recorder be created, for the purpose of recording service records of all Union Veterans who honorably served during the Civil War. Your Committee originally felt this would require a change in the regulations; which would be handled by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. However, the National Counselor has suggested to the Committee, and we agree, that this body empower the incoming Commander-in-Chief to appoint such officer, on an experimental basis—and later, if it works out, it can be provided for in the regulations. (Adopted.)

(4) That by vote of this Encampment, proper legislation be adopted to approve any and all Resolutions originating in the American Coalition to enhance and promote our patriotic duty to the highest degree.

Your Committee talked about this, and with all due respect to the American Coalition, we feel that no such broad powers should be given and we, therefore, feel that we cannot concur with this recommendation.

**National Counselor Grant:** I think the Committee advanced a good point in saying that a blank check shouldn't be given to another organization. I would suggest that this be amended—and that the vote of this Encampment be that we support this; but with the further understanding—provided such resolutions are acceptable to our Council of Administration. I will make a motion to that effect. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

(5) That a three (3) member Committee, to be known as the Fraternal Relations Committee, be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief—for the purpose of inviting the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to join with us in 1965.

Your Committee felt there should be no further supplication on the part of the Sons to have these organizations join with us in future Encampments and, for this reason, does not concur with this recommendation. (Committee not sustained.)

**National Counselor Grant:** I would like to propose, as a substitute for the recommendation of the Committee, that this Encampment authorize the Commander-in-Chief to invite the other organizations to join with us in our annual Encampment, in 1965. We fix the date and place; keeping in mind that the place be so located, and accommodations will be such, that all five organizations can be taken care of—then the Commander-in-Chief will have the authority to invite them

to join with us. (Seconded by Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts; and carried.)

(6) That approval be granted to provide funds from the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund to purchase and erect a permanent seat at the Woolson Statue, on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Your Committee believes this is a worthy project. However, clarification as to cost, etc., is necessary; and unless this information is immediately available, we would recommend that it be referred to the Council of Administration.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** This should cost between \$65.00 and \$75.00. If accepted, the Sons and Auxiliary will each present one of these seats. If we do not, the Auxiliary will present two, and we will be invited to the presentation.

**National Secretary Lambert:** This is a fine project for the Centennial years, and if the cost will be less than \$100.00, I can see no objection to it. I move that the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be accepted, with a maximum of \$100.00 as the cost of this bench. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

(7) That the National Organization present to Mrs. Lillian Messer, widow of the late Commander-in-Chief a memorial of Remembrance, in recognition of Brother Messer's service to this organization.

Your Committee agrees highly with the idea but, again, it is indefinite; and we recommend it be referred to the Council of Administration. (The Committee was not sustained, as immediate action was requested. After lengthy discussion, the members of the Encampment participated in a voluntary contribution—and a total of \$80.00 was collected for this Memoriam.) The following motion was then made by:

**Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts:** I move you that as a Memoriam to the late Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer a resolution be prepared and presented to Mrs. Messer, together with a bouquet of flowers, at the banquet tonight; and that a silver tray, to which will be affixed the badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief be presented to Mrs. Messer as soon as it is ready for presentation. (Seconded by several, after which it was unanimously adopted by the Encampment.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** It is growing late, and since our banquet is to be held tonight, I feel we should close our session for today; in order that we have plenty of time to get ready for the banquet. I will, therefore, declare a recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow morning.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 22, 1962 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form, with prayer by National Chaplain Warner.

### GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION

The following Committee from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion were then introduced:

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief,  
James L. High, Illinois,  
Wm. M. Coffin, Ohio,  
L. K. Boutin, Iowa.

Greetings, on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion were extended by Past Commander-in-Chief Grant. (Response was by National Secretary Lambert.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Yesterday afternoon, in performing the gesture of courtesy and tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief Messer, a total of \$80.00 was collected. The Resolution and the flowers were presented to Mrs. Messer last night at the banquet, and she has written this letter of thanks:

August 23, 1962

To my Brothers of the  
Sons of Union Veterans:

With a heart full of gratitude for your lovely thoughts expressed last evening by our Commander-in-Chief, in memory of my Charlie, a truly sincere "thank you."

I was very happy and pleased by the action of the Sons. You can hardly realize what this plaque will mean to me—it is something I wished for, but I did not expect I would ever have something which can be passed on to the family.

I will always remember my Brothers of the Sons organization, and thank you once more for all your kindness extended to me—I am truly grateful.

Wishing you all God's blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

(Lillian Messer)

(Applause of the Encampment followed the reading of this letter.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** We are now under reports of Committees. When we recessed yesterday, we were having the Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. We will now continue with that report.

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Past Commander-in-Chief Chadwick:** Yesterday, when we recessed your Committee had completed the report of the Commander-in-Chief and we shall now continue on from that point.

### Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey is brief, as Brother Rippey was in office for only three months. However, his report is quite complete and worthy of our praise. Brother Rippey does everything so well; and is a credit to this Order—and we are indeed fortunate in having him serve this organization in this capacity. There are no recommendations contained in this report.

### Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This report tells of very interesting activities by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay during the past year. We all commend him for his work, and appreciate his efforts.

This report contains no recommendations.

### Report of National Patriotic Instructor

The report of National Patriotic Instructor Lambert clearly shows that he did a wonderful job this year. How hard he must have worked—he has been successful in getting more money for the G.A.R. Fund than anyone has for many years, perhaps ever. He deserves the highest commendation from all of us, as the G.A.R. Fund finances a number of our most important projects.

There was one recommendation in this report—to amend the Ritual to conform with the present Flag code—this was referred to the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

### Report of Washington Representative

You heard this report read to us by General Grant. As always, it is inspiring and complete. We are indebted to Past Commander-in-Chief Grant for his work for this organization. He has done much, on our behalf, and it is very much appreciated.

His report contains no recommendations. It does contain a Resolution, which already has been acted upon by this body at a previous session.

### Report of National Chaplain

From the report of National Chaplain Warner we learn that he has been quite active during this past year. We congratulate him on a fine job, and sincerely thank him for his efforts.

This report contains no written recommendations. However, I think he had a verbal recommendation, or two.

**National Chaplain Warner:** These were suggestions only; and would require no action. These were:

(1) That we should either go back to our former way and have our Memorial Service with our Auxillary; or take the suggestion of the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—that the preparation for the Memorial Service be in the hands of the National Chaplain of the Sons, who would take charge of the service and say how it is to be carried out.

(2) That the Commander-in-Chief in the last General Order prior to the National Encampment—when he notifies the Department Commanders to appear at a certain time for rehearsal for the Memorial Exercises, he should also add that as soon as they have made definite

plans to attend, they should notify the National Chaplain if they will be available for participation in the Memorial Service.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** Commander-in-Chief, this is no new experience for us with the Memorial Service. As you just took action to again invite the other two organizations to join with us in 1965, this could become quite a problem.

I move you that, starting next year, we return to our original custom of having a Memorial Service—jointly with the Auxiliary only. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried).

**National Counselor Grant:** I think it should be made quite clear to the Ladies of the Grand Army as to why we are taking this action.

This year, so many people were being commemorated by the three organizations that the service became quite lengthy, and a bit confused. When there are so many tributes to be paid to those who have passed on, it is difficult to avoid confusion.

The Ladies of the Grand Army were kind enough to join with us in this service; although they have a Memorial Service in their Convention; and I think we should make it clear to them that we passed this motion to free them from any obligation to participate with us, in the future.

We took this action because of the experience we had here this year, and to avoid a repetition of such a long service and the confusion resulting from the number of people to whom tributes were paid.

#### Report of National Historian

The report of the National Historian, Brother Spink is, as always very complete and interesting. It shows how active this Brother is in this work, and how well he carries out the duties of this office. We commend him for his fine work, in this office.

This report contains one recommendation—that \$25.00 be allotted for the work of the National Historian again next year. Your Committee recommends adoption of this recommendation. (Adopted.)

#### Report of National Graves Registration Officer

Brother DeForest has held this position many years and does a wonderful job. In spite of his health, he is willing to take on the duties of this office and, as usual, has done very well. We thank him for his work, and his fine report.

This report contains no recommendations.

#### Report of National Secretary-Treasurer

I did not purposely leave the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer until last—but I think outside of the report of the Commander-in-Chief, it is the most important report we have.

This report is very complete, and very clear—and gives important facts on our financial condition, on our membership, etc., and we hope that you will read it in its entirety as it is very interesting and informative.

Our National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert is so dedicated and so efficient that no words we say can fully do justice to his work. He does an excellent job; and we commend him for his constant and untiring efforts in the work of this organization.

His report contains no recommendations; but I was stirred with the closing words of his report: (reads second to last paragraph of National Secretary's report—"Today our most precious heritage, etc.") and would recommend that you give serious thought to these words.

Chairman Chadwick: With this, we conclude our report—and trust our work was satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Chadwick, Chairman, Vermont,  
Howard M. Dissinger, Pennsylvania,  
Henry S. Bowen, Massachusetts,  
Charles P. Bradshaw, New York,  
William F. Powers, Ohio,  
Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you Brother Chadwick for your excellent report.

At this time, I would like to recognize Brother Stoudt to make the report of the Encampment City for 1964.

#### Report of Encampment City, 1964 Committee

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Your Committee has had a very easy job. We only had two invitations, and that is partly due to a certain Department telling us they would have an invitation for us to meet there in 1964; and it was not until early in July that we were officially notified by this Department that they did not intend to take it in 1964. We had the following invitations:

(1) We have one from the Department of Rhode Island, inviting us to meet in Providence, R. I. This one is very outstanding, and complete with supporting invitations from the Chamber of Commerce, the City Government, etc. All the ground work has been laid; preliminary plans are under way and everything is lined up for us to meet in Providence.

(2) An invitation from the city of Wichita, Kansas. This is from the city only—and we have nothing further on it. Unfortunately, the Sons do not have anything in Wichita, and neither does the Auxiliary.

Your Committee unanimously recommends that we accept the kind invitation of the Department of Rhode Island, to meet in Providence, in 1964.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Leroy Stoudt, Chairman, Pennsylvania,  
Harold E. Arnold, R. I.,  
Albert C. Lambert, N. J.  
1964 Encampment City Committee.

(Adopted.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I would like to discuss something else with you.

You will recall Sunday evening at the Campfire, the Executive Director of the Centennial War Commission brought out the fact that this Centennial is not intended only for re-enactment of battles and firing guns. Personally, I feel there are other ways in which we can take part in this Centennial observance.

On January 19, 1955, when General Grant was Commander-in-Chief, the Sons and Auxiliary each presented a stand of Colors to the Fort Monroe Casemate Museum at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Our Brothers in the South could not have done more for our comfort and entertainment, as every courtesy was extended to us by everyone there.

Those, of course, were 48 star flags. As a feature of the Centennial, I am wondering whether we couldn't do a lot of good by presenting a stand of 50 star flags to them. We could invite the President



General of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Ex-director of the Centennial Commission, and our Drum Corps. It could be held on a Saturday afternoon, so that many of our members could be present; and we could have a Centennial observance, without the firing of guns in the presentation of these 50 star flags

I move that, if acceptable to our Auxiliary and to the Museum, we present a stand of colors to the Fort Monroe Casemate Museum, the cost of which is to be taken from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. (Seconded by Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts; and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** I had a call last night, at the conclusion of the banquet from Lt. Gen. Edward J. Stackpole, in Pennsylvania in which he advised that the Sons of Union Veterans have been placed at the top of the list; with the Sons of Veterans Reserve in charge of the Union Forces, at the Gettysburg anniversary ceremony which is to be held there next year.

(Mrs. Margaret Worrell, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was then escorted in. She spoke about her efforts, in behalf of legislative work for the Ladies of the G.A.R.—Department Commander Michael Casey, Maryland responded; after which she was escorted from the Encampment.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** I would like to accord thanks to Past Commanders-in-Chief Coffin and Cranmer for being the spokesmen on our visits to the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army. They both did a splendid job; and we are grateful to them.

Is the Committee on Constitution and Regulations ready to report?

#### Report of Committee on Constitution and Regulations

**Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven:** Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers, your Committee on Constitution and Regulations beg leave to make the following report.

There were three items on which we acted.

(1) From the Department of Massachusetts—That the present Past Commander's Badge be further designated as such by the addition of a bar bearing the wording "Past Commander." Your Committee concurs with this recommendation.

**Past Department Commander DeVene F. Williamson, New York:** Why should you have a bar on the Past Camp Commander's badge? That badge is self-explanatory—it is the only one like it.

**National Secretary Lambert:** I personally would dislike to see a change. We have been using these badges in their present form, and everyone knows the badge of a Past Camp Commander. I don't think it necessary to make a change. This also brings up the point that those who already have them will have to continue to wear them as they are, or buy new ones.

**Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts:** It is my business to rise in support of this resolution from my own Department. Our concern was not for our own members who know the badge, but for the general public. I think a man who has served that office is entitled to recognition as a Past Camp Commander—and the general public does not know that fact from the badge as it is now.

**Department Commander Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania:** I move that we do not support the recommendation of the Committee.

(Seconded by several; after which a rising vote was taken, with the following results:

In favor of non-concurrence with the Committee (which means not to place the bar on the badge) .....	36
In favor of concurrence with the Committee .....	16
(Committee not sustained.)	

**National Counselor Grant:** I feel there is much to be said in favor of the bar, but you must change all these things in the regulations. It would mean that we must get new cuts and new dies made, and a general survey should be made of the entire matter to determine the cost involved. In order to do this, there must be a co-ordinated plan.

I, therefore, make a motion that this question of any changes in the Badges be considered by a Committee, to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief—with the suggestion that it could be referred to the Standing Committee on C. & R., and they are to report on the matter at our next Encampment. (Seconded by Delegate Laurence R. E. Johnson, Massachusetts; and carried.)

(2) From the Department of Massachusetts—that the National organization be authorized to issue, after positive proof of membership exceeding 65 years, some special recognition to be made and attached to the membership badge, showing long and faithful service to the Order.

Your Committee recommends that the numerals 70 and 75 be provided for such length of membership. (Adopted.)

(3) From the Indiana Department—that the National Encampment adopt the design and colors of the banner designed by Brother Thomas J. Lock, III, and displayed at the Encampment—and that it be used as a Pilot banner for all Camps wishing to display the Official National Banner of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Your Committee recommends referral of this matter to the Military Affairs Committee. (Committee not sustained.)

**Chairman DeHaven:** This is something a little bit different than anything we have considered before. In order that you may learn more about it, the Committee would like the Brother from the Indiana Department to explain about this official parade banner.

(Department Commander Thomas J. Lock, III explained it, in great detail; after which there was a prolonged discussion on the matter.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** As it is getting late, and time to close our session for today, I will designate this as the first order of business at our morning session; and I will now declare a recess until 9 A. M. tomorrow morning.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

August 23, 1962 — 9 A. M.

The Encampment opened in usual form, with prayer by the National Chaplain.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** We are now under the order of business at which we recessed yesterday.

### FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

**Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven:** When we closed the session yesterday, we were considering the matter of the resolution from the Indiana Department relative to the pilot banner. I believe Brother Coffin has something to present at this time.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** Commander-in-Chief, General Grant has prepared the following resolution to be presented, at this time, to take care of the matter under discussion at the close of business yesterday:

#### RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Brother Thomas J. Lock, III, presently Commander of the Indiana Department has brought with him, exhibited and kept on display to the Brothers of this 81st National Encampment a replica of a banner, which he tells us he has created and had produced for the use of the Indiana Department, and has had that Department adopt for use of all Camps in the Department, and

WHEREAS, Brother Lock has gone to some pains to explain to us, at some length, the symbolism which he employed in the creation of this banner; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we express to Brother Lock our great appreciation and commendation for his efforts in bringing to our attention this example of his handiwork; also that we commend it to the consideration of such Camps and Departments as may wish to employ a flag of this description."

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** I move the adoption of this resolution. (Seconded by Council of Administration Member Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts; and carried.)

**Chairman DeHaven:** That Concludes our report and I thank the members of the Committee for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert B. DeHaven, Chairman, Maine,  
Edward E. Biering, Wisconsin,  
Walter H. Quist, Oregon and Washington,  
Elwyn C. Heidenreich, New York,  
R. Lester Bare, Ohio.

Committee on Constitution & Regulations

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you, and your Committee, Brother DeHaven for your fine work.

We will now have the report of the Committee on Ritual.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL &amp; CEREMONIES

**Past Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Your Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies has gone over the items submitted to us, and would like to submit the following report:

(1) From the Department of New Hampshire—recommended change in the Ritual in the Flag charge—page 25, line 29—insert "its initial" between the words brought and independence so it will read, "to Cuba it brought its initial independence."

Your Committee does not concur. We have the feeling that as it presently stands, it is specific enough. (Committee sustained.)

(2) From the Department of Oregon and Washington—asking changes be made in the American Creed, by adding the words "Foreign and Domestic" after the word, Enemies.

Your Committee does not concur. We feel that it is clear enough as it is—that enemies include both foreign and domestic, and that our own F.B.I. is capable of watching the domestic situation.

**Department Commander Walter H. Quist, Oregon and Washington:** This recommendation comes from my Department. I realize that when you oppose a committee recommendation, you are inviting trouble. However, we feel, on the west coast, that the present Communistic trend in our country needs the emphasis on "domestic" even more than on the "foreign." Our domestic enemies are insidious. We have this thing existing on the West coast, and I am satisfied that it exists in the East, and all through our country as well.

I would like to say that in last year's proceedings you will read that this question was raised in the Encampment. We need to amend the American's Creed. I would suggest that, as Americans we do something for America—and, in time, if we adopt this change I am sure the other organizations will fall in line because they will realize the importance of the emphasis on our domestic enemies.

However, in deference to Brother Howe and the other members of the Committee, I will say no more at the present time. If this non-concurrence of the Committee is supported by the Encampment, I assure you that we will be back next year in Miami with the same resolution; and I am appealing to members of the various Departments to come to Miami prepared to support us in Oregon. (Committee recommendation adopted.)

(3) From the reports of the Commander-in-Chief and National Patriotic Instructor—having been referred to this Committee by the Committee on Officers' Reports—that a change be made in the Ritual on page 3, No. 5 to read, "The Altar will be placed in the middle of the room. It will be covered by a white cloth, and resting thereon will be a Bible."

Your Committee does not concur with this suggestion. We have discussed this matter and feel that the flag of our Country should definitely be on the Altar, but with nothing on it. The flag could be moved far enough to the right side of the Altar to allow room for the Bible to be placed thereon and not on the flag, or the flag could be festooned similar to the way the red, white and blue bunting is used on the front of a speakers stand, and the Bible placed just below the center part of the festoon. Your Committee does not concur with the change, as presented, because it is against the law to place anything on the flag.

After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by:

**Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts:** I move you that the Encampment does not concur with the recommendation of the Committee; and that we leave the Bible on the flag, as it is at

the present time. (The motion was seconded by several after which a rising vote was taken, with the following results:

To concur with the motion of Brother Wells, and leave it as it is at the present time	51
Non-Concurrence with the motion	7
(Motion of Brother Wells adopted.)	

**Past Commander-in-Chief Howe:** This completes the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred E. Howe, Chairman, New York,  
Harold P. Shepardson, Massachusetts,  
Leon H. Crocker, Connecticut,  
Cecil McConahay, Indiana,  
Alton Sharp, New Jersey.  
Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you Brother Howe. Are there any other Committees to report?

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

**Past Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs:** Commander-in-Chief, as nothing has been turned over to this Committee, there is no report.  
**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:**

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

This Committee, sometimes referred to as the Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations, was named in the post-encampment meeting of the Council of Administration at Indianapolis, last year, pursuant to a resolution offered in the closing moments of the last Encampment by Past Commander-in-Chief (and then National Counselor) Richard F. Locke, in these words:

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the idea of re-writing the C. R. & R. so that it is understandable, up-to-date and applicable to present conditions; and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of five (5) to make this study, and report back to the next Encampment with reference to the desirability of making complete changes in the C. R. & R."

The members of the Committee then named were, in this order: P. C. in C. William M. Coffin, P. C. in C. Richard F. Locke, P. C. in C. Thomas A. Chadwick, Chester S. Shriver (then Sr. Vice. C. in C.) and Joseph S. Rippey.

Even a casual reading of this resolution shows it to be extremely broad in its coverage; and that it places on the committee duties, functions and responsibilities practically equivalent to a "Committee on State of the Order." The maker of that motion—as well as being a member of the committee—had been an honored, respected and dedicated member of the Order for over two-thirds of a century; and must have had reasons and ideas not explicit in the motion; and so the committee had looked forward to the benefit of his counsel and advice at a time when they might all be together before the convening of this Encampment. But, this was not to be—Dick Locke has gone to his Eternal Rest.

The Committee met for four hours on the evening prior to convening of the Encampment; and from an informed source learned

that Dick Locke's idea was to create a continuing, and yet rotating, committee in order to provide some measure of stability and continuity, and yet flexibility, in the policies and basic principles and regulations of the Order, as reflected in the C. & R.; and that, to this committee would be referred all resolutions and questions affecting such matters. He had suggested that, to accomplish this purpose, a continuing committee on Constitution and Regulations and State of the Order be appointed to consist of five (5) members—and when originally constituted, one (1) member to be appointed for a term of five (5) years; 1 member for 4 years; 1 member for 3 years; 1 member for 2 years; and 1 member for 1 year; and that, in succeeding years, the expiring term be filled by appointment for five (5) years.

After consideration, the Committee concurs in the principle of a continuing committee, as stated above; and recommends its adoption; but we further recommend that the basic terms be fixed at three (3) years, instead of five; and that, for this first year of operation (beginning at the close of this encampment), the Council of Administration (at its post-encampment meeting) confirm or appoint two (2) members for terms of three (3) years; two (2) members for terms of two (2) years each; and one (1) member for a term of one (1) year. In succeeding years, the retiring Commander-in-Chief will be appointed to the expiring one-year term.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Coffin, Chairman, Ohio,  
Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont,  
Joseph S. Rippey, New York.

(Adopted, as read.)

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** I was over to the Ladies of the Grand Army, and can report to you that they will join with us in Providence, in 1964.

I can also report to you that the Auxiliary has gone along with the presentation of the Colors at Fort Monroe; also with the project of the permanent seat at the Woolson Monument in Gettysburg.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** Your Committee on Resolutions wish to present the following:

#### FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

(5) Resolutions of thanks to:

(a) The Columbia Historical Society, and especially Miss Josephine Cobb, for the interesting exhibit of Civil War pictures and relics presented for our information in the hall of the Mayflower Hotel.

(b) The Department of New York for the gift of the very attractive illuminated transparency of the insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic which has been enthusiastically received by those present at this Encampment.

(c) The Marine Band Orchestra for their participation in the Camp Fire program—in a program which was excellent, and their rendition of it exceptionally fine; and their military appearance, under the leadership of Captain Dale Harpham which was outstanding.

(d) To the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, to the Department of Defence and to the Civil War Centennial Commission, with thanks to each for their co-operation in securing the participation of the Singing Sergeants of the U. S. Air Force in our Camp Fire program.

(e) To the Committee on arrangements for this Encampment and this Convention, and more especially to our General Chairman thereof.

Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd; for their efforts in producing a most outstanding Encampment and Convention.

(f) To the Board of Trustees and Management of Government Services, Inc. for the gift of the Custis-Lee Mansion brochure which has given our visiting members the background information necessary for their understanding and appreciation of what they have seen in this historic house.

(g) To the management of the Mayflower Hotel for the hospitality extended to our three patriotic orders, and for measures which have contributed to our comfort while in Washington.

(h) To the G. Jones Printing Co., for the fine quality of the program; and the promptness with which our various printing jobs were completed.

(i) To the Pennsylvania Brigade, S.V.R. Field Music, Harrisburg, Pa. for their appearance at this Encampment, and for their fine music.

**Chairman Coffin:** By action of the Encampment at our Tuesday afternoon session, this Committee was directed to prepare a resolution to Mrs. Lillian Messer, widow of our late Past Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer; and we, therefore, present: (in order that it will appear in our proceedings)—

(6) RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in National Encampment assembled that they express their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Charles L. Messer in the loss of her life companion, and our beloved Commander-in-Chief. The memory of his stalwart leadership and friendship will remain with us all our lives and we hope you, Mrs. Messer, will continue to treat us as brothers. as we shall ever cherish you as a sister.

To express our sympathy and remind you of our continued affection we propose to present to you, as soon as it is ready, a token with a Past Commander-in-Chief's badge; but there has not been time to have it made to present tonight—so, for the present we can give you nothing more tangible than our sympathy and affection which, however, we expect you will find more permanent than anything in gold or silver.

So may God be with you and help you over these first years of loneliness.

**Chairman Coffin:** This now concludes the Report of the Committee on Resolutions; and we trust our work has met with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Coffin, Chairman, Ohio,  
 Thomas J. Lock, III, Indiana,  
 L. K. Boutin, Iowa,  
 DeVene F. Williamson, New York.  
 Committee on Resolutions.

(Adopted.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Your Committee has performed a wonderful job, and we thank you for your work.

Are there any other Committees, or Officers to report at this time?

**REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

Past Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Commander-in-Chief, the Subcommittee of the Council of Administration present the proposed budget for the coming year:

**PROPOSED BUDGET 1962-1963**

**RECEIPTS:**

Per Capita Tax—4200 members at \$1.00 .....	\$4,200.00
Registration Fees—100 members at \$2.00 .....	200.00
Sale of Supplies .....	1,000.00
Banner Subscriptions .....	1,350.00
Auxiliary Gift .....	500.00
Total Receipts .....	\$7,250.00

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

The Banner .....	1,640.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expense .....	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer (Salary & Exp.) .....	1,200.00
Supplies .....	800.00
Encampment Expense .....	700.00
Shipping Expense—supplies, etc. ....	100.00
Rent of National Headquarters .....	400.00
Miscellaneous (Incl. P. C. in C. Badge) .....	200.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	200.00
Proceedings—1962 .....	750.00
C.P.A. Audit .....	100.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$7,090.00

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That National Per Capita Tax remain at \$1.00 per year per member, payable quarterly by Departments in the amount of .25¢ per member per quarter.

2. That the following appropriations be authorized from the Patriotic Instructor's G.A.R. Memorial Fund:

- \$ 50.00 for Committee on Grave Marking.
- 25.00 for National Historian's expense.
- 50.00 for expense of G.A.R. Highway Committee.
- 250.00 for Scholarship.
- 25.00 for American Coalition.
- 150.00 for Lincoln Tomb exercises.
- 50.00 for Lincoln Monument exercises.
- 30.00 for wreaths at Gettysburg and Cathedral of the Pines.
- 100.00 for G.A.R. History and Centennial Committee.
- 200.00 for G.A.R. Campfire.
- 100.00 for Bench at Woolson Monument.
- 100.00 for Military Affairs Committee.
- 100.00 for Colors to be presented to Fort Monroe.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont,  
Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts,  
Budget Committee Council of Administration.

(Adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: May we now have the final report of the Credential Committee.



## FINAL REPORT—CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Delegate Herbert W. Bogue, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee presents our final report.

Total number of members enrolled, 111, as follows:

Past Commanders-in-Chief .....	10
Past Department Commanders .....	45
*Past Department Commanders (registered, not present) .....	2 (no vote)
Department Commanders .....	12
Delegates .....	33
*Delegates, (not present) .....	4 (no vote)
*Associate Members .....	5 (no vote)
<b>Total registration .....</b>	<b>111</b>
(Total voting delegates—100.)	

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert W. Bogue, Chairman, Massachusetts,  
James M. Blackman, Illinois,  
Charles H. Langletz, Maryland,  
Robert L. Gerke, Sr., New Jersey.  
Credentials Committee.

(Adopted.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** We will now continue under the heading of new business.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** At the Tuesday afternoon session, and by adoption of the Resolution presented as part of the final report of the Resolutions Committee this morning, we took action to present to Mrs. Lillian Messer the badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief and in order to make it perfectly legal I now move you that the rank of Past Commander-in-Chief be conferred upon the late Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer by this Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and unanimously adopted.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Under the heading of new business, I would like to take just a few seconds for something of a special nature.

In appreciation of the efforts of one of our Brothers, present in this Encampment, who has devoted not one, but many years of hard work and effort in his Camp, in his Department, and in the National Organization it gives me a great deal of pleasure to award the bronze star to Brother Ernest G. Wells, Department Commander of the Massachusetts Department, for his meritorious achievements in connection with his work in connection with the Civil War Centennial and G.A.R. History Committees. He has done, and is doing, a splendid job; and we are most grateful to him for it. (Presents bronze star to Ernest G. Wells.)

**Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts:** Brother Commander-in-Chief, very seldom have I been in a position like this. I am not easily upset, and very seldom at a loss for words—but, at this moment, I am. I am deeply touched with this presentation. You know how much I love this Order, and the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

You can be sure that, in the future, I will do whatever I can to prove to you that this tribute is not misplaced. Thank you very much. I appreciate it more than I can tell you, at the moment.

**National Secretary Lambert:** I think, Commander-in-Chief, that we recognize and wish to express to General Grant, Chairman of the Encampment Committee, and to his Committee, our appreciation for all their efforts in connection with this Encampment, and for our enjoyment and comfort while here in Washington. The high calibre of the Camp Fire ceremony on Sunday night, the fine type of entertainment, and the excellent arrangements for this Encampment are due, in a large measure, to the efforts of General Grant. I move that the deep appreciation of this Encampment and a rising vote of thanks, be given Past Commander-in-Chief Grant and his Committee for their efforts in our behalf. (Seconded by several, and rising vote of the Encampment given.)

**National Counselor Grant:** I appreciate this very deeply; but I think the thanks should go to the Committee, and not to me personally.

**National Secretary Lambert:** I move you, Commander-in-Chief that we proceed to the order of business of Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs; and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** I will appoint as Tellers: Alton Sharp, Past Department Commander, New Jersey, DeVene F. Williamson, Past Department Commander, New York, Arthur L. Ballou, Past Department Commander, Vermont.

## NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to New Jersey, and Department Commander Robert L. Gerke, Sr. yielded to Pennsylvania.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers; the untimely death of Brother Messer practically put me out of business this morning, because it has given you an opportunity to see in action, for the past several months as well as during this Encampment, the man I want to propose for a full term as Commander-in-Chief.

In addition to his work here, he is also a worker in his own Department and in his Camp. He is the Department Secretary-Treasurer, and an Adjutant General in the Reserves.

In 1956 the Auxiliary dedicated the Woolson Memorial in Gettysburg. The following year, Brother Shriver started the G.A.R. Remembrance Day observance, and since that time he has had a batting average of 100%—in not only having all of the Department heads, but also the National heads of all the Allied organizations attending each year. This is a fine, dignified program held there in Gettysburg—one of our most important projects and to have the National heads from all over the nation there, year after year, takes a great deal of effort. It is due to the efforts of Brother Shriver that this observance is so successful.

I could go on and on, telling you of the many things that Brother Shriver has done for this organization, but I am sure that it is unnecessary; so, at this time I want to present for your consideration Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Departments of Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Indiana and Ohio.)

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** I move you that in this case, and all others, in which there is only one nomination, that the nomination be declared closed; and the National Secretary-Treasurer cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment. (Seconded by several, and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast 100 (actual voting strength of the Encampment) votes for Chester S. Shriver for Commander-in-Chief.)

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey:** Brother Shriver, you have been elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** I do.

#### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Nominations are now open for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Massachusetts, when Department Commander Ernest G. Wells yielded to New York.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, the man whom I am going to nominate has his fingers in so many pies that it would take a great deal of time to tell you all about him. He is a fine, energetic young man and is very well liked all over the Department of New York.

He joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the late 1940's. He has served in several offices in Glidden Pierce Lamb Camp #6 in Rochester. He has been President of the Rochester Abraham Lincoln Association of the Allied Orders. He served in several offices in the New York Department, eventually becoming Department Commander and served two years in that office.

He has been Commander of the Monroe County Council of Rochester. He has been the National Chairman of our Americanism and Education, and our Legislative Committees. He has been the Chairman of the Legislative Committee since the passing of Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell of the New York Department.

He has served as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief the past three months, completing the term of Brother Chester S. Shriver, who was elected Commander-in-Chief—to complete the term of the late Brother Charles L. Messer.

He has served as Counselor for the Auxiliaries in Rochester, and also as Department Counselor of the New York Department Auxiliary. He also has served as Judge Advocate for the New York Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You have had a chance to see him in action here at this Encampment.

He is dedicated to the Sons of Union Veterans, is a hard worker, and is always ready and willing to do whatever is required of him.

It is a privilege to nominate for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, for a full term, Joseph S. Rippey of New York.

(Seconded by Departments of California, Indiana, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Oregon & Washington.)

(The National Secretary cast 100 ballots for Joseph S. Rippey for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** You have been elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Rippey. Do you accept?

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey:** I do.

### Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Nominations are now open for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Maryland, when Department Commander Michael Casey yielded to Massachusetts.

**Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts:** I would ask your indulgence for a moment, and I will be as brief as possible although a great deal could be said about the man I rise to nominate.

We have a Past Department Commander in the Massachusetts Department loved, respected and admired by everyone in our Department. He is very active in the work of his Camp, and in the Department. He has served you well for the past two years as a National Officer, and his record speaks for itself. Most of you know him; and we feel he is the man for this office. We, in Massachusetts, wish to propose as a candidate for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland.

(Seconded by the Departments of Connecticut, Maine, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.)

(The National Secretary cast 100 ballots for Allen B. Howland for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Brother Howland, you have been elected to this office. Do you accept?

**Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts:** I accept, with thanks for the confidence placed in me.

### Council of Administration (2 Year Term)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** We will now nominate a member to the Council of Administration for a two year term.

The National Secretary called the roll to Illinois.

**Past Department Commander George W. Lovering, Illinois:** I would like to place in nomination for this office the name of a man from the Department of Illinois who is very capable; and whom we feel sure will serve you well as a member of the Council of Administration.

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Delegate James L. High for a two year term on the Council of Administration.

(Seconded by the Departments of Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island and Vermont.)

(The National Secretary cast the 100 votes of the Encampment.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Brother High, you have been elected for a two year term on the Council of Administration. Do you accept?

**Delegate James L. High, Illinois:** Yes, I do.

### Council of Administration (1 Year Term)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** We are now ready for nomination of a member to the Council of Administration for a one year term. The National Secretary called California.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs:** We have a man in California, who has attended quite a number of National Encampments, and is well liked in the Department of California, where he is a hard worker.

He was the originator of the idea for our monument in Long Beach, in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic Highway project;

and he is a dedicated worker, not only for this project but for all the work of the Sons of Union Veterans.

I would like to present the name of Past Department Commander Frank Woerner for a one year term on the Council of Administration.

(Seconded by Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon & Washington, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.)

(The National Secretary cast 100 ballots for Frank Woerner for a one year term on the Council of Administration.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** You have been elected to this office. Do you accept?

**Past Department Commander Frank Woerner, California & Pacific:** Yes, I will. To me, this is one of the most important offices in this national organization, and I will do my best to do justice to it.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** That concludes the nomination and election of officers. I would like to discharge the Tellers, and thank them for a magnificent job.

We will now proceed with the Installation of Officers.

**National Secretary Lambert:** Commander-in-Chief, before proceeding with the Installation, I would like to make a motion that all Committees be discharged, with thanks; that the minutes, as taken and transcribed by the Encampment Stenographer, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer, be the official proceedings of this Encampment. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Howe, and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** May I thank the Officers, and Committee members who served during this Encampment. You all did a very fine job. All Committees are hereby discharged, with sincere appreciation of the National Encampment.

I notice we have some special guests waiting to come into the Encampment before the Installation; and I would ask that they be escorted in at this time.

(Mrs. Ruba Shriver, wife of the Commander-in-Chief; as well as Mrs. Anna Stoudt, National President, (of the Auxiliary) and Mrs. Irene Murphy, National Personal Aide were escorted into the Encampment, and to the platform.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** There being no further business to come before this Encampment, we will proceed with the Installation of Officers.

The Installing Officer will be Past Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers followed, with Past Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold as Installing Officer; Past Department Commander, Louis T. Story, California as Installing Guide, Past Department Commander Charles P. Bradshaw, New York as Assistant Guide; and National Chaplain Maurice Warner as Installing Chaplain.

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

National Patriotic Instructor—Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts,  
National Chaplain—Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania,  
National Counselor—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A., Ret.,  
National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut,

National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania,  
National Graves Registration Officer—Bertrand O. DeForest, Connecticut,

National Recorder—Albert W. Lambert, New Jersey,  
National Military Aide—Maj. Howard Dissinger, Pennsylvania,  
District of Columbia Representative—Arthur R. Glenum, Maryland,

**Committee Chairmen:**

G.A.R. Highway Committee—Laurence K. Boutin, Iowa,

Legislation—Cecil McConahay, Indiana,

Americanism & Education—Walter H. Quist, Oregon & Washington,  
Civil War Centennial & G.A.R. History—Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts,

Membership—Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts,

Military Affairs—Col. O. G. MacPherson, Pennsylvania,

Badge—Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island,

Standing Constitution & Regulations Committee—Wm. M. Coffin, Ohio,

1963 Encampment—Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold:** The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers (complied with) and,

Commander-in-Chief—Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Joseph S. Rippey, New York,

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts,

Council of Administration Members—

Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont,

James L. High, Illinois,

Frank Woerner, California,

National Patriotic Instructor—Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts,

National Chaplain—Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania,

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

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District of Columbia Representative—Arthur R. Glenum, Maryland

were installed in Ritualistic form.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold:** Congratulations, Chet and I am sure you will continue to do a fine job as Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** Commander-in-Chief, it is my honor and pleasure to present to you the badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief; and may your new administration be as successful as the last. We couldn't ask for more than that.

**National Secretary Lambert:** I would like the floor for the purpose of doing something which I have had the pleasure to do for the past fifteen years. It is a tradition, started by my predecessor the late Horace H. Hammer; and it has been my privilege to carry it on.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you this lapel button of a Past Commander-in-Chief and I assure you that at no time during those fifteen years has this presentation given me more pleasure than it does today.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you very much. It is indeed a great privilege and honor to receive both this badge and the lapel button. To come before you as your Commander-in-Chief, and to serve a full term in that office, presents the highest challenge that any

Brother could have in this organization: and I will endeavor to be worthy of the office.

I would now like to call upon the newly elected National President of our Auxiliary, Sister Anna Stoudt of Pennsylvania.

**National President Anna Stoudt:** Commander-in-Chief Shriver, your newly installed staff of Officers, and Brothers: this has been a most unexpected pleasure to witness your installation.

My best wishes for a successful year, and I am grateful that I will have the opportunity of serving with Chet, as his National President. Chet, you know that I mean that sincerely; and I am looking forward to seeing and becoming better acquainted with many of you Brothers during this coming year.

Thank you for the courtesy extended to us; and it was a pleasure to come in for your installation.

(Sister Stoudt and Sister Murphy were then escorted from the Encampment, as their installation was being delayed until their return to the Auxiliary Convention.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** At this time, I sincerely wish to thank you for electing me to this office. As I said before, having the opportunity to serve a full term as your Commander-in-Chief presents the highest challenge that can come to a brother in this organization, and I will do my best to be worthy of the opportunity that has been given to me.

This year, I shall continue the program which is now in effect, but will endeavor to accentuate it and promote it more fully. We plan to continue to participate in projects which will give us "all important" publicity—those already in effect such as the Remembrance Day observance, the Lincoln Memorial observance, the Lincoln Tomb observance, also the one at the Cathedral of the Pines; as well as those upon which action was taken at this Encampment—such as the presentation of the new 50 Star Flags at Fort Monroe, and the permanent seat at the Woolson Monument.

Not only do we want to concentrate on projects of a national level but I hope to have a program which will promote the interest—not only on a national, but a Department and Camp level as well.

Your Commander-in-Chief endorses the Reserve program; as much good publicity as can be given us, on every level; assistance in veteran and patriotic efforts; and in an active membership program.

I hope you will go back to your Departments and tell them these things which are endorsed by your Commander-in-Chief. Tell them of the work of this National Encampment, and tell them we are interested in every member of this organization. We all want to work together, and I ask for the assistance and cooperation of every member in this organization so that our work can go forward in this coming year.

The measure of success of an organization, and that of any Commander-in-Chief is based on the work of the members behind him. I know we have many good workers in this organization—so go back and tell your members that their cooperation is needed to accomplish our aims this year. I am counting on every member to assist us in our work.

Thank you very much for the challenge given me by my installation to this office—I will try to be worthy of your confidence.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Brother Rippey, may we hear from you?

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey:** Brother Commander-in-Chief, I am greatly honored by the confidence placed in me in award-

ing this high office to me. I have had a little taste of it during the past three months. Previous to that, during this past year, most of my work was on the Legislative Committee, on which I turned in a report.

I will do the very best I can, in the future, to bring honor and dignity to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Whenever there is any occasion for anyone to consult with me, I would be pleased and happy to have them do so. I hope, too that, at any time, when the occasion arises that I can call on each of you.

Commander-in-Chief, I pledge my support to you, and this organization and will do the best I can to carry out the duties of this office.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Brother Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, may we have a word from you.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howland:** Brother Commander-in-Chief, it is a great privilege for me to attain this high office. It has been a pleasure to work as a National Officer for the past two years. I certainly hope this will be a good year for you, and for the organization—and I will be glad to do anything I can to make it so.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** May we have a few words from the National Patriotic Instructor.

**National Patriotic Instructor Mellor:** Commander-in-Chief, this office was quite unexpected, until this morning. I shall do all in my power to uphold the dignity and honor this office holds, and hope that my efforts will meet with your approval; as I will do my best. This office is now open for contributions to the G.A.R. fund.

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** Thank you.

At this time, I want to present to you an officer which I named a number of years ago, but an important one in my life—one who has been a partner in my home and my life, my wife Ruba.

I think most of you know that our home is at the edge of the battlefield in Gettysburg, where I have lived for the past 13 years. Ruba was born in Lee County, Virginia and is a direct descendant of a Confederate Veteran. At times, it has been quite a problem—and I did a lot of explaining because she comes from the South, and I come from the North.

However, we have enjoyed a lot of friendship in the organization; and everyone has been very kind—for which we are most grateful.

As you can see, she leaves the speaking up to her husband. I do want you to meet her formally; so that when you see her, not only during the next year, but any time that you will treat her as Ruba, and not as Mrs. Shriver.

(The Commander-in-Chief presented his wife, Ruba who extended her greetings and best wishes.)

**Commander-in-Chief Shriver:** I think I will now recognize General Grant for the final remarks of this Encampment.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** It is an honor for me to say the last word.

I think this has been a very successful Encampment, under your leadership. There has been a good deal of business—many words have been spoken, and action taken on matters for the good of this Order.

When we separate today, to go on our way to various parts of the country from which we came, I hope you will take back to your Departments not only what has been done here, but whatever inspiration and drive you have obtained from the proceedings of this En-



campment—and I hope that you will put it into action in your Departments and your Camps.

Ignorance and apathy, it seems, are great factors in this organization which must be overcome. If we can overcome the ignorance that exists about this organization as to who we are, what we are, what we are doing and what we hope to do, in the future—and have our fellow citizens understand all these things, we have accomplished a great deal. If we can get rid of the apathy which exists in our membership and have our members take an active part in the work of this organization, under your new Commander-in-Chief, we have achieved much.

I hope you will take this word of advice on behalf of your National organization, for the good of the Order, and that you will stir up the Departments and Camps to greater activity and effort.

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable time here this week, and you leave to return to your homes with our best wishes.

We wish success for you, Commander-in-Chief as our leader in the coming year; and will promise you our loyal support.

May I add that in the Shriver family we have the symbolism of a re-united country.

National Patriotic Instructor Mellor: I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that we now adjourn—to meet in Miami Beach next August. (Seconded by Department Commander Ernest G. Wells, 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 Eighty-first Annual Encampment.

Chester S. Shriver  
(Commander-in-Chief)

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert  
(National Secretary)  
Annamae D. Berhalter  
(Official Stenographer)

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 23, 1962 — 2 P. M.

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held at 2 P. M., August 23, 1962, in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.

The meeting was attended by: Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland; National Chaplain, Rev. Richard O. Partington; Council of Administration Members Thomas A. Chadwick, James L. High, Frank Woerner; National Counselor U. S. Grant, 3rd; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

The following matters were considered by the Council, with these results:

(1) In accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations that this Committee be continued—that the basic terms be fixed at 3 years and that, for this first year, the Council of Administration appoint: two (2) members for terms of three years; two (2) members for terms of two years; and one (1) member for a term of one (1) year; and in succeeding years, the retiring Commander-in-Chief is to be appointed to the expiring one (1) year term; the following were appointed:

1 Member—for 1 year term—

Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick.

2 Members—for 2 year terms—

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey,

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin.

2 Members—for 3 year terms—

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe,

Past Department Commander Arthur Ballou, Vermont,

with Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin being designated as Chairman of the Committee.

(2) In the matter of the purchase of a new 50 star Flag to match the flag of the Commander-in-Chief—action was taken by the Council to retain the present flag, as the Department of Pennsylvania plans to present such flag, in memory of Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle.

(3) A discussion followed on recommendations of the various Committees presenting reports to the Encampment, requesting appropriations for their Committees, or projects sponsored by them—action was taken by the Council that, in the future, any requested appropriation be given every consideration by the National Encampment, but they are to be referred to the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration to determine if funds are available for these appropriations.

(4) Action was also taken by the Council to authorize payment of expenses which will be incurred for shipment of the large illuminated G.A.R. Badge, presented to the National organization by the New York Department, to Miami Beach, Florida for the 1963 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, 1962 Membership	Delegates
California and Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	210	5
Colorado and Wyoming	23	March 22, 1929	19	1
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	196	5
Illinois	10	July, 1883	137	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	70	2
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	70	2
Kansas	9	June, 1883	38	2
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	258	6
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	63	2
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	759	16
Michigan			144	4
Minnesota	17	January 1, 1885	28	2
New Hampshire	11	August, 1883	135	4
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	231	6
New York	13	November 6, 1883	503	11
Ohio	3	August 1, 1882	295	7
Oregon and Washington	22	June 8, 1923	65	2
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	789	17
Rhode Island	14	February 14, 1884	148	4
Vermont	12	October, 1883	167	4
Wisconsin	21	September, 1887	56	2
Camp 21, Beaufort, N. C.			14	1
Nat'l Members at Large			12	1
			4407	110

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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 H. Russell	Kansas	
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	51 Woodridge Circle, Trumbull 19, Conn.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	
1917	*Fred T. J. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	

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1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pacific	
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	
1930	*Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	
1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana	
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois	
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	*Wm. L. Anderson	Massachusetts	
1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California	
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1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa.

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1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1893	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1894	†*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

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\* Deceased

† Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	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

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota
74th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	Ohio
75th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
77th	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	Massachusetts
78th	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	California
79th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	Illinois
80th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
81st	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	D. C.

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