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**Campfire Program
Of the Allied Orders of the
Grand Army of the Republic
held at
Radisson Hotel Utica Centre
Utica, New York, August 1997**

Master of Ceremonies Clark Mellor, PCinC

Posting of Colors..... Sydney Camp #41 Color Guard, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance Edward J. Krieser, National Patriotic Instructor

InvocationMargarite Plante, National Chaplain Auxiliary to the SUVCW

Greetings from the New York Department..... Joe Pucciarelli, Commander

Greetings from the State of New York The Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York

Greetings from the City of Utica The Honorable Ed Hannen, Mayor of Utica

Greetings from Alan Loomis Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings from Betty Baker National President Auxiliary to the SUVCW

Greeting from Leta B Torrey National President Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Address *The 148th New York Volunteers* George Shadman PDC

Concert..... The Mohawk Valley Frasers

Announcements..... Clark Mellor, PCinC

Benediction Kathy Egan National Chaplain Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Retiring of ColorsSydney Camp #41 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Alan R. Loomis

Commander-in-Chief 1996 / 1997



CinC Loomis has served the National Order in several capacities including Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Program and Policy Committee Chairman and National G.A.R. Highway Officer. In addition, he was the General Chairman of the 110th National Encampment held in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1991. When Brother Loomis served as the Junior Vice Commander in Chief, in cooperation with the Departments of Michigan and Wisconsin, he worked with local state legislators to name US 12 the "Iron Brigade Highway" by the Indiana legislature. Indiana was the first of the three states to so name this highway. In addition, he raised \$1,260 to fabricate an Indiana State Historical Marker commemorating "The Iron Brigade" which was dedicated July 1, 1995.

Brother Loomis served the Department of Indiana, SUVCW, three terms as Department Commander. He also served as Department Secretary-Treasurer, member of the Department Council, Patriotic Instructor and as Department G.A.R. Highway Officer. In 1988, with the assistance of local state legislators and the Indiana Department of Transportation, G.A.R. Memorial Highway signs were placed at each intersection of US 6 and intersecting federal and state highways. In addition, between the fall of 1994 and spring of 1996, CinC Loomis organized Co. William Hardy Link Camp #12 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

CinC Loomis served two terms as Camp Commander of David D. Porter Camp #116, SUVCW, Valparaiso, Indiana. In addition he served as Camp Secretary-Treasurer, Senior Vice Commander, Chairman of the Memorial Day Program and served on several committees that deal with camp projects.

CinC Loomis served as Commander of the Central Region Conference at Kokomo, Indiana in October of 1995. In addition he served as Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Patriotic Instructor, and served on several conference committees as a member or chairman. In 1990 he served as the site chairman of the Central Region Conference that was held in Chesterton, Indiana.

Brother Loomis traces his SUVCW eligibility to four Illinois veterans through his maternal ancestry. They include his great grandfathers James A. Latimer of Co. K, 39th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and John L. Barber of Co. L, 15th Illinois Cavalry. In addition, great granduncles Cicero and Alden Barber served in Co. K, 39th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Both lost their lives during the Bermuda One Hundred operation against Richmond, Virginia by the Army of the James under Major General Benjamin Butler. Additional footnotes to history includes the attendance by John L. Barber and presumably all of the Barber family at the first Lincoln-Douglas Debate in Ottawa, Illinois on August 21, 1858. Additionally the 39th Illinois Volunteers were recognized and visited by President Lincoln when the Army of the Potomac was reviewed April 24, 1862. At the close of the war, James Latimer was the only ancestor still on active duty with the 39th Illinois, 24th Corps, which in conjunction with the 5th Corps blocked Lee's attempt to break out at Appomattox Court House.

CinC Loomis is a graduate of Ottawa High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree (1956) from Millikin University, Decatur Illinois. Additionally he received a Master of Science in Education degree from Northern Illinois University (1966) and a Master of Science degree from the University of Notre Dame (1971).

Brother Loomis is a retired Junior High Science Teacher with thirty five years experience. He is presently assistant Curator of the "Old Jaim Museum" in Valparaiso. He has served as Secretary of the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of the Historical Society of Porter County which operates the above mentioned museum. In addition, he organized and chaired the first committee that attempted to raise funds for restoring the G.A.R. "Memorial Opera House" in Valparaiso. He later served on the board of directors of the Memorial Opera House Foundation that eventually secured funds for the restoration. Brother Loomis is a member of Occidental Lodge #40 of the Masonic order in Ottawa, Illinois.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
National Officers for 1996/1997

Commander-in-Chief	Alan R. Loomis
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....	Richard D. Orr
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Andrew M. Johnson
Council of Administration:	David R. Medert, PCinC (to 1997)
	Robert E. Grim (to 1997)
	J. Douglas Park (to 1998)
	George L. Powell (to 1998)
National Secretary.....	David F. Wallace (to 1998)
National Treasurer	Charles W. Corfman (to 1998)
National Quartermaster	Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC (to 1998)
National Chief of Staff.....	David A. Turpin
National Counselor	The Honorable James B. Pahl
National Life Member Coordinator	Richard D. Orr
National Chaplain	Ronald B. Gill
National Patriotic Instructor.....	Edward Krieser
National Historian	Danny L. Wheeler
National Graves Registration Officer	John R. Mann
National GAR Highway Officer	Robert W. Davis
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator.....	William R. Ward
National Membership List Coordinator.....	Richard A. Williams
National Camp and Department Organizer	Edgar J. Dowd
National Personal Aide	Ronald B. Gill
Washington Representative	Richard R. Willich
National Guide	Stephen T. Jackson
National Guard.....	David Bailey
National Color Bearer	Nicholas Kaup
<i>Banner</i> Editor.....	Glenn B. Knight
National Chief of Staff <i>Emeritus</i>	Norman R. Furman, PCinC
National Chief of Staff <i>Emeritus</i>	Clark W. Mellor, PCinC
Washington Representative <i>Emeritus</i>	Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC
Council of Administration Senior Member <i>Emeritus</i>	Joseph S. Rippey, PCinC

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Standing National Committees for 1996/1997

Program and Policy

Richard D. Orr, Chair
Keith D. Ashley (to 97)
Ronald M. Aronis (to 98)
J. Douglas Park (to 99)
Robert E. Grim (to 00)

Constitution and Regulations

Richard D. Orr, Chair (to 96)
Lowell V. Hammer, PCinC (to 97)
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC (to 97)
The Honorable James B. Pahl (to 96)
Joseph S. Rippey, PCinC (to 97)

Encampment Site

James Hilton, Chair
Robert E. Grim
James T. Lyons

Legislation

Peter F. Kane, Chair
Forest Altland
Ross S. Dent
Ronald Gill
David V. Medert

Military Affairs

Terrance L. McKinch, Chair
George L. Powell
Edward Krieser
Richard R. Willich
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr

Americanization and Education

Danny L. Wheeler, Chair
Stephen T. Jackson
Gregg A. Mierka
Donald Greenly
Donald Darby

Membership

Andrew M. Johnson, Chair
(All Department Junior Vice Commanders)

Lincoln Tomb Observance

Thomas L.W. Johnson, Co-Chair
Robert M. Graham, Co-Chair
Kevin L. Burg
Ronald E. Clark
Timothy P. Frake

Remembrance Day

Charles W. Corfman, PCinC, Chair
William J. Little
Clyde H. Hayner
Robert Bateman
Anthony Waskie

History

Danny L. Wheeler, Chair
Roger L. Olsen
George Shadman
Jerome Orton (to 95)
Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC

Fraternal Relations

Charles C. Yates, Chair
Peter A. Dixon
Richard Greenwalt, PCinC
James A. Muetting, Sr
Charles E. Funck

Graves Registration

John R. Mann, Chair
Charles D. Young (to 97)
Mark Braun (to 97)
Charles E. Sharrock (to 98)
Randall L. Sierk (to 98)

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Special National Committees for 1996/1997

Banner Printing and Distribution

Glenn B. Knight, Chair
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J. Douglas Park
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC

Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment Investigation

Howard E. Bartholf, Chair
Robert J. Eck
John R. Seibert II
Clyde J. Hayner

Carlisle Barracks Records

Lester A. Kern, Chair
Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC
Ivan Frantz, Sr

Communication and Technology

Glenn B. Knight, Chair
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC

Daniel Bunnell

Stephen B. Bauer
Edward Berger
William R. Ward

GAR Memorial Foundation

Michael G. Friedel, Chair
Nicholas Kaup
Dean K. Speaks

Life Membership

Herbert Webb, Chair
Robert E. Delaney
George Knell

Membership Number

Kenneth Hershberger, Chair
George L. Powell
Richard A. Williams

National Headquarters Funding

Gordon R. Bury, II, PCinC, Chair
Stephen B. Killian, Esq
Allan W. Moore, PCinC

National Headquarters Staffing

Ivan Frantz, Sr., Chair
Clyde Hayner, Sr
Stephen Killian, Esq
Dean K. Speaks

Real Sons and Daughters

Jerome Orton, Chair
Robert Petrovic
Aram A. Plante
Steven Leicht
Kenneth Butterfield

Save Outdoor Sculpture

Kent L. Armstrong, Chair
Bradley S. McGowan
David Turpin
Danny L. Wheeler

Scholarship

Robert E. Grim, Chair
Dr. Gary Dolph
Allen W. Moore, PCinC

1997 National Encampment Credentials

George L. Powell, Chair
Robert W. Davis
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The Honorable James B. Pahl, Chair
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Ron Turo, Esq

**116th Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

The National Secretary will call the roll of officers.

Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis,
Senior Vice Richard D. Orr,
Junior Vice Andrew M. Johnson
Council of Administration members:
David R. Medert,
Robert E. Grim,
J. Douglas Park,
George W. Powell,
National Secretary David Hann,
National Treasurer Charles Corfman,
National Chief of Staff David Terpin,
National Quartermaster Elmer (Bud) Atkinson,
National Counselor James B. Pahl

(Appointment of committees by Commander-in-Chief; preliminary report by Committee on Credentials)

- We have 85 Brothers registered, 3 not present, 82 present

The Officer Reports will be limited to five minutes and upon presentation be refer it without debate to the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports.

Commander-in-Chief's Report

National Officers, delegates and Brothers in attendance at the 116th National Encampment of the SUVCW. I am honored to have served as Commander-in-Chief during the past year.

I had the opportunity to speak at the capitol building of the United States on September 9, 1996. The occasion was a ceremony commemorating the participation of a 178,000 colored troops that served in the Union cause through the Civil War. It is my observation there is a large, untapped growth potential among the descendants of those Union soldiers and sailors that needs to be addressed. The second notable highlight was the opportunity to address the Sons of Confederate Veterans Annual Reunion in Nashville, Tennessee, July 31, 1997. This is the third consecutive year that the Commander-in-Chief has attended and addressed the SCV annual reunion. The emphasis of my remarks was, "may we continue to explore all possible means of ensuring that the honor of our ancestors will continue as we work to ensure that grave sites, monuments and memorials are maintained and the appropriate commemorative ceremonies are continued and ingrained in the hearts and minds of our fellow Americans,"

I do not wish to disturb your repose by enumerating my complete list of travels during the year, since they have been made a part of this report as attachment number one.

I would now like to note two projects which I have emphasized during my administration. From the time of my election and installation as Commander-in-Chief, I have been encouraging members, camps and departments to become involved in graves registration and Civil War veterans and to classify, catalog, and preserve and maintain GAR and Civil War monuments and memorials. This is enormous undertaking and requires years and possibly decades to complete. However, any journey begins with the first step.

The National Military Affairs Committee, with my concurrence, ...change in command of the Sons of Veterans Reserve which occurred at the end of the Remembrance Day weekend last November. The final chapter of this most unfortunate situation will hopefully be decided with this Encampment. It is my humble opinion that the dismissal and unfortunate aftermath could have been avoided had the obligation each one of us agreed to during our initiation had been adhered to and the Constitution and Regulations of our Order been scrupulously followed.

I would like to point out that important changes took place in relation to the Banner without major disruptions. These changes included a change in Banner Editor with a new format for our national publication and although there have been mixed reviews of the new format, the Banner has been printed and delivered to the U.S. Postal service in a timely manner. Unfortunately, the third class mailing status has in some instances caused delays in delivery which should not be misconstrued as resulting from a delay in publication.

I would encourage each department commander to enlist a member attorney to fill the position of department counselor, as well as serving on the National Legal staff. I would like to briefly address the growth of our Order and its association with the growth of electronic communication. With the advent of electronic communications, i.e. computers, e-mail, the internet and the SUVCW Web page, our membership has increased dramatically due to this media. Our membership now stands at five thousand plus members, double the membership we mustered just a few, short years ago. I would like to state that in spite of the problems that we dealt with this year and in spite of the fact that I did not deal with and accomplish as much as I had hoped to, the progress of the SUVCW continues. We were able to address major concerns and the outlook of the Order is positive and encouraging. During the course of my administration it became necessary to concur with and carry out administrative decisions made with the object and interest of the Order in mind and based on the Constitution and Regulations.

I make no apologies for the decisions I made and I will state that my primary objective was the good of the Order.

I present you my recommendations:

1. Consider changing the Save our Sculpture Committee from a special committee to a standing committee in order to give it equal standing with the National Graves Registration Committee. Consideration may be given to renaming the committee so as to reflect our concern with identifying, cataloging, deserving and maintaining the Grand Army of the Republic monuments and memorials.
2. Consider establishing a National Grand Army of the Republic Records Committee charged with locating, cataloging, copying and preserving GAR records. This committee should be a standing committee with equal standing to the National Graves Registration Committee and the SOS committee which could be Grand Army of the Republic Monuments and Memorials Committee.

3. Develop and appropriate nothing whereby the Graves Registration Committee or Save our Sculpture Committee or as it's renamed, National Grand Army of the Republic Records Committee, provided it's established, would share appropriate information gathered by one of the committees that would fall under the jurisdiction of one of the other committees.
 4. Strongly encourage each Department Commander to appoint a member attorney as department counselor and to also request the appointment of at least one member attorney as a member of the National Legal Staff.
- Thank you.

Moved, seconded and passed that the report be accepted and referred to the Committee on Officers Reports.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's report

Commander-in-Chief Loomis and Brothers. It's been an honor and a pleasure to represent you and serve our Order this past year. The highlight for me was representing you at the Civil War Widows Reunion in Gettysburg. This was a once in a lifetime experience.

This has been a tumultuous year. Commander-in-Chief, I am sure that in time your administration will be remembered for breaking the 5000 member milestone, a level we have not seen in a quarter of a century.

Because you were occupied with other matters, at your direction I took responsibility to resolve the difficulties between the National Organization with the Department of Florida regarding the admission of women as associates to SUVCW. It is regrettable that that problem was publicized in the Civil War News, forcing a public response. Although the outcome was not a complete success, I can report that the issue has been concluded. Department of Florida has ceased all efforts to enroll women. However, in the process we lost a member who would have had much to offer. Ron Bear, Department of Florida Commander, chose to resign his membership. I am told that he feared he would be expelled from the Order. All that was ever requested by anyone was that he and the Department adhere to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations. It is unfortunate that Mr. Bear chose to resign rather than end his personal effort to admit women. This is why I cannot turn this into complete success. Mr. Bear was instrumental in the formation of the Department of Florida and a definite asset to our Order.

Commander-in-Chief, I have eight recommendations:

1. That we institute the practice of sending a letter to each new member from the Commander-in-Chief welcoming them to the Order and that a line item be added to the budget to cover the costs of letterhead, envelopes and postage for this purpose.
2. That we change the procedure for reporting new members to the National Organization. The Camp Secretary is to send copies of the application form and the new member fee directly to the National Secretary as the new members are enrolled. This will decrease the time needed to add members to the National data base for mailing the Banner and allow timely implementation of recommendation number one if it is adopted.
3. That a special committee be authorized to review the manner in which Camps report to Departments and Departments report to the National Organization. Of particular concern to a number of Departments and Camps is the frequency of reporting, additions, deletions and address changes. We also need to consider financial impact upon the Departments and the National Organization if the frequency is altered. This committee to report its findings and recommendations to the 117th National Encampment. The committee to consist of the Senior

Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer, National Secretary and two other members to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

4. On a lighter note, that the following medals be adopted and the Program and Policy Committee be authorized to design them subject to the approval of the Council of Administration.
 1. The commemorative purple heart.
 2. A commemorative prisoner of war medal and
 3. A commemorative killed in action. The Brothers whose ancestor was wounded, a POW or a KIA would qualify to wear the respective medals. Also, this can be a source of additional revenue through sales to collectors. If the medals are adopted a committee on Constitution and Regulations be authorized to draft the necessary changes to the Constitution and Regulations for presentation to the 1998 national encampment.
5. That we return to the practice of issuing commemorative medals for each National Encampment in place of the ribbons.
6. That we explore the feasibility of producing a color brochure of available supplies to accompany the order form and if financially feasible, such brochure be produced.
7. That the Commander-in-Chief on behalf of the Order be authorized to enter into a contract of professional file maintenance and storage company for the secure storage of our records.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's report

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. If any there was an inopportune time for a man to deliver a report, I think this is probably it. I note that my recommendations are contained within the text of the report. It's truly been a privilege to serve this Order during this last year as your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

We've received throughout the past year, 5 1/2 membership requests each day and each requires prompt response to the inquirer, and it requires a name and address list to each Junior Vice Commander in the Department involved and often separate notification to one or more of the allied orders.

Perhaps a more major duty is as Chairman of the Membership Committee and I will now include that report, as it is of equal or greater importance.

Streamlining the membership acquisition process. We concluded that new members acquired through the national advertising program should be signed up by the Department Junior Vice Commander who then makes those new members available to local Camps in his Department. This shortens the recruitment chain while providing Camp control over member induction. Ohio and Michigan have pioneered this approach and report an improved level of sign-up from the advertising program.

I have urged all Department Commanders to consider signing all inquirers at the Department level and distributing the new members to the appropriate Camps afterwards and then each one would become a National Member-at-Large. If that's a good idea I believe it needs to wait until the time this organization has a National Headquarters with a full and part time staff to handle that kind of workload.

Next, providing SUVCW brochures and application blanks via the Internet. Glenn Knight and I have dealt with this issue and I've authorized him in his position as Webmaster to acquire the necessary software to make it possible for an interested party on the Internet to download our brochure and our application form in a useable form into his own house. My successor will need to be able to provide Mr. Knight with Department level addresses to which completed applications could be directed, mailed by

prospective new members who get that application form right out of their own printer and he needs to know the appropriate dollar fees required. I urge each Department Commander to fully cooperate in this matter. It's a major step in the improvement of our National recruiting system. Assistance for the Junior Vice Commander job, this position needs at least one aide to assist in processing inquiries, you'll hear a number of resolutions on this matter. That position has been authorized and I urge people interested in the recruitment processing system to speak with my successor before leaving Utica this weekend.

Webpage improvement, just briefly there. We've added telephone numbers which makes it possible for our people at Department and Camps to contact them by telephone and we know that's much more effective than the mail.

Each response letter that I send out has the name of a Junior Vice Commander in it and also the name of the Membership-At-Large Coordinator in the event that person wishes to become a member at large. Thanks to the efforts of George Powell of Philadelphia, the Member-at-Large backlog is being worked out.

There's a critical need for a National roster of Camps by Department. Each Department Junior Vice Commander needs to know the Camp location, the dues, the meeting schedule and the contact address. The Commander-in-Chief needs to know that when making visits.

Recruiting for the SVR, another recommendation, our current brochure does not do enough for recruiting for the SVR, mentions it, and doesn't urge it. We should alter the Webpage also so that response allows an expression of interest in the uniformed military branch of the SUVCW, people will know it's there and be able to get that application.

Next, retaining new members. This is chiefly a matter of Camp responsibility.

The matter of getting new member addresses on the Banner mailing list. We cannot wait until the end of each quarter to do this. I urge that this Encampment require that names and addresses of new members be reported immediately to the National Membership List Coordinator and the official notice to the National Secretary, the regular processing of the quarterly notices can continue as it's done currently.

Looking ahead, there is a continuing level of interest and it's very high, in the Civil War related matters. Our webpage and our print ads reach a numerous amount of Americans. The webpage to customer process that I described before is now being installed. Rapid processing of responses is another essential step but most recruiting is done at the Camp level.

Moved, seconded and passed that recommendations of officers be referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers Reports.

National Secretary's Report

Dear Brothers, it has been an honor to submit this report to you. I would like to thank especially Past Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson. To me he exemplifies the spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty. I'd like to thank my wife and my sons.

Most per capita tax forms and department election forms were in early enough allowing me a chance to report it. I would like to ask a favor of our Departments. Communication is key. The faster I get the information, the better it is for all. I would like to have the e-mail addresses of all Department

Commanders and Secretaries so that we can get this information to you quicker. I would also like to make up a Department directory with e-mail addresses for most all Department officers and I would like to mail this directory to each Department Commander and Secretary and the goal here is to better communications between Departments. There are a few recommendations I would like to make, I know I've been in this job only thirty-seven days.

Recommendations:

1. A storage facility for our records which are one of a kind. I feel we need to look into a long term storage facility that would provide a safe environment for these articles of our past and provide us with easy accessibility of these items.
2. A printer. I would like to look to the purchase of a printer for the laptop computer owned by the Order which is used extensively during our annual encampment and it would be beneficial for the secretary and would help during registration and with credentials.
3. PSAs. As we have no budget for television or radio advertising, we need to look to this, Public Service Announcements, as a vehicle for recruiting. I do believe they are free to non-profit organizations.
4. Extra Banners as recruiting tools.
5. Corporate accounts at a store on the order of a Staples or Office Max which could provide us with the items needed at a lower cost and the ability to purchase the larger items with the ability to stretch out payments.

In closing, thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve in this capacity. I would also make available the National Archives form, NATF Form 80, it's the one to search out ancestors. Send me a self-addressed, legal size, stamped envelope and I will send one form per envelope. Respectfully submitted in FC&L, David Hahn.

The National Treasurer's report

Now you're getting 4 separate papers here. The first one passed around is the statement of assets, liabilities and fund balances as of June 30, 1997. This shows the six different funds that we have money in and the amount that is invested in each, like money market accounts, U.S. savings bonds and long term investments. We do have some Vanguard fund investments. The second one shows the comparison of bank to book values, bank balances in checking accounts, money market and the money other than CDs and investments. Now the third one is the budget for 1997-1998.

Our SUV accountant, Geraldine Orr, has prepared her usual fine analysis of our financial status in her year end report. Our assets have increased by some \$47,000 dollars. Monies are invested in CDs, government bonds, Vanguard fund and money market accounts. In the general fund, per capita is increased due to larger membership and income. I have kept a higher figure in there for the printing of the proceedings and the full knowledge that it would take a lot of effort for that many proceedings to be printed and yet since we were obligated, I saw no particular choice but to still show that obligation as a line item in our budget. This year I was making the revision of putting in a little less but Richard felt there are going to be enough proceedings printed and he hopes that we will spend \$15,000 on printing proceedings, so I put that figure in. There's a slight increase in the Banner figure. The scholarship is now in the GAR Fund. There were three items added which are not on the budget as presented to you and that is storage of records, if approved, at \$300, awards of \$250 dollars and Departmental information packets at \$500. I have those in line to be put in the budget, waiting for the approval at the Encampment. In the GAR Fund, the SVR Dance Committee funds appeared and are donated to Gettysburg National Military Park.

I do have one request. Life Member payments which last year were \$6.00. This requires the Secretary to send a Life Member reimbursement form to the Camp who then signs it and sends it to the Treasurer. The Treasurer then sends it to the accountant for a check and sends it out. My request is, the form that the Secretary sends out, where it says signature, is illegible. Please put your name down so I can read it.

National Headquarters Fund, when this was set up last year we were in hopes of by this time we would be talking seriously about being in a National Headquarters. As you can see, that hasn't happened. Now we had the fund set up but we've transferred monies into the National Headquarters Fund in CDs and long term investments, all of which is fine, and we're now earning money and we will be building up money in that fund and it'll be there when we get one but right now about all I can do is build up a fund and hope that we get a National Headquarters.

Richard Orr assumed the duties of National Treasurer on March 7, 1997 under the orders of Commander-in-Chief Loomis. Routine duties returned to me on July 9, 1997 and everything seems correct in the reports. Thank you.

National Quartermaster's Report

To Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, as our Order grows, so does the work of the National Quartermaster. Since our last Encampment, I have mailed out over 718 supply orders. That is a 177 more than last year. I gave out 718 Eagle Certificates. This is 209 more than last year. I think any money that is put into this fund is well invested. There were very few problems with supply other than running out of originals.

I had two Seals made for the National Organization. We now have the official National Seal. The Secretary and Quartermaster each have one and they are available to departments and camps.

Another new item is the SVR swords and I am taking orders for the swords.

I did less traveling this year but as our Order grows, I'm sorry to say I grow older. I would like to see some Member be appointed as National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator with one member in each department to assist him. It's a rewarding experience to take part in this program and these young men are the kind of men we need to carry on our Order.

Submitted in FC&L, Elmer F. Atkinson.

National Counselor's Report

This is my report to the National Encampment August 8, 1997. I would like to specifically commend at this time Brother Steven Gible of Pennsylvania for his work in assisting the Gettysburg camp and the other projects he has received by being in Pennsylvania.

I have issued several formal opinions because of disagreements as to the interpretation of the Constitution and Regulations and as I render these opinions, I know there are people who will disagree with them and those should be then formulated into changes proposed to Constitution and Regulations and submitted to the Constitution and Regulations Committee so we can further study these issues.

1. A Brother who desires to file a complaint against another Brother even when that Brother is a member of another Department must file that complaint with the Brother's home Camp.
2. Secondly, appointed officers may not appeal their removal from office.

3. Appeals, as to procedure, filed in a meeting, must be made at that meeting. If the meeting closes without objection, as to the procedure followed, then everyone is forever barred from making such an objection.
4. Appointments by the Commander SVR, to the National Military Department outside of specified offices are void.
5. The phrase male blood relatives have specific legal meaning. A blood relative is anyone who has however small a portion of the blood derived from a common ancestor, including the half blood, this includes even remote cousins. Therefore, new Chapter Three, Article Five, Section 1, as adopted by last year's National Encampment, ... the ability of any blood relative to be eligible to membership even remote cousins is in my opinion void as in violation of Section Five of the enabling Congressional Charter and Legislation.
6. Meetings within our Order are not open to the public, only Members in good standing can demand attendance to a meeting of the Order.
7. Proxy voting is allowed at meetings of the order unless prohibited by the Constitution and Regulations and/or the bylaws of a particular Department or Camp unless there is a State law in which the meeting is taking place that mandates otherwise.
8. Credentials, for a Past Department Commander to attend a National Encampment are issued by the Department in which that Brother served as Department Commander. If that Brother transfers membership to another Department, he loses his right to automatic credentials to a National Encampment unless he is granted restoration of rank according to the Constitution and Regulations by the new Department as approved by the National Encampment.

As a recommendation, several opinions and policy statements of the National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief, the National Counselor and various committees are made each year without adequate system to index or to publish those for future years to study, to have available for review.

- I propose that we re-institute the Digest of the Order so as to index and record these opinions and policy statements.
- I propose a Special Committee on Digest to glean these types of items from our past proceedings and once that is completed and the committee discharged that each year thereafter an Assistant National Secretary be appointed to glean those items out of the proceedings of the current encampment to put those together to be approved by the National Secretary and Counselor and further, rather than going to the expense of paper publishing of this each year that we reserve sufficient space on the homepage of the Order and publish it through the Internet so it is available, and that concludes my report.

The report is sent to the officers report committee.

The National Chaplain's Report and the National Aide Encampment Report

Since giving the closing prayer at Gettysburg last year, I've been using the mails and computer to complete the work involved. In an article in the Banner for reporting the deaths of our Brothers this past year and the response was twenty names returned to me, I have been setting up the parts of the memorial ceremony and the details have been completed.

- One suggestion I have is to encourage through the Banner all Departments and Camps to turn in the names of deceased Brothers of our Order. I know I do not have all the names.

I will now move to the National Aide report. The Commander-in-Chief joined me in an Eagle Scout Ceremony and we gave them certificates and my activities have been concentrated in helping our Commander-in-Chief with details with this National Encampment.

- A suggestion I have here would be for the National Aide to keep real close contact with the Auxiliary Aide for coordinating many of the details that the Commander-in-Chief has keeping in touch with the Auxiliary. That concludes my report.

These reports are referred to the officer report committee.

The National Patriotic Instructor Report

It gives me great pleasure to submit my final report to the Encampment. To date, \$485 has been collected for the fund and I am able to take more at this Encampment. This past year I gave out 7 certificates in recognition of exceptional patriotism and they were accompanied by a letter of gratitude.

- I recommend only that Patriotic Certificates be continued in hopes of being yet another means of continuing to convey the patriotic spirit to the membership and public. Thank you.

This report will be referred to the officers report committee.

National Camp and Department Organizer Report

After several years of very marked and dramatic increases, we kind of hit a plateau this year. There were no new Departments formed, however, we have some very good news that the third Camp is now formed in Kentucky and we're beginning the procedures to institute a Department of Kentucky there. We have a very vibrant camp formed in Alabama which will be attached to the Department of Tennessee. Other areas of the deep South seem to be the areas making the most progress. Also, up in the Northwest area, Oregon and Washington, we're trying to get a Department going there and I think we'll see some progress in the future. Your continued cooperation to help out is always appreciated. Thank you.

National Historian Report

Commander, fellow Brothers. I have tried this year to accomplish information on States, on the Grand Army of the Republic history, the Camps, the locations and so on. I have had some information sent to me. I feel we need to accomplish someone in each Department to collect information and the information to be in one location within the National Organization so that we can help our Members.

I have established re-building projects on all GAR monuments in the Country and in New York State we have as many records as can be found and we have some from the other States. I have spent the last three months funding and re-building an 1861 Fireman's Monument in Ithaca which should be completed in time for re-dedication the first week of October for Fireman's week. This is out of ten monuments since 1987, the first that was not a GAR monument and has been a learning experience. The SUV is getting help from companies in Ithaca and they're doing these things helping us grow. We have already picked up in three months four new members from this project.

On October 23, I conducted a 6-hour tour as a tour guide to five GAR monuments and graves of the Civil War monuments of the Civil War soldiers giving histories of and using pictures before restorations to show what the SUV has accomplished. I have received many phone calls this year and I have been able to furnish information and I directed it to where it could be found to the best of my ability. The highlight for me this year was to travel to Gettysburg for the reunion of the widows of the Civil War on July first. As National Historian, I commend all who made this possible.

GAR Highway Officer Report, read by the Chief of Staff

Bob Davis did express his sadness in not being able to attend this year and I'm going to have to wing it because there was an addendum I received so I'll have to add that in as I go.

I assumed duty of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway August 1996. I began with the request, names, addresses of Department Commanders that involved U.S. Highway 6, The GAR Highway, but I received only three responses, one from California, Ohio and New York, from ads I placed in Civil War Times Magazine, et cetera.

Yours in FC&L, Robert W. Davis.

Refer to National Officers' Report Committee.

National Graves Registration Officer Report

I had to resign due to health problems of a family member. I will forward all files to my successor upon notification of his name. Recommendations: Support from all Departments and camps. All Camps and Departments to appoint and elect a Graves Registration Officer and that an annual report be submitted to National.

In FC&L, John Mann.

Report referred to Officers Report Committee.

National Member-at-Large Coordinator Report

To date I have processed twenty new members and am in the process of thirty others. I have one recommendation: A Banner be issued for promotion material. I must resign as Member-at-Large Coordinator due to domestic tranquility. George L. Powell.

Report referred to Officers' Report Committee.

Life Membership Report

During the last year and due to increase in fees, there was a drop in applications. Yours in FC&L, Richard Orr.

National Guide Report

I have not performed any duties in my capacity as National Guide during this past year, however, I have been very active in attending functions.

Yours in FC&L, Stephen Jackson.

(Chief of Staff Report presented. No recommendations)

Reports referred to Officers' Reports Committee.

Report of Banner Editor

I have changed the format to eleven by seventeen. Distribution is still a problem with the flow from Member to Camp to Department to National.

Recommendations:

1. The Order investigate ways to improve the flow of membership information.
2. The Editor remain a non-voting member of the Council of Administration under the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

3. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief have additional title as Publisher of the Banner.
4. Establish a committee to write policy statements of Editor of the Banner.

Constitution and Regulations Committee

Recommendations passed seriatim

Recommendations:

That a formal procedure be established for removal of a National Officer between Encampments from a National Office. Recommend topic be addressed to Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations during coming year.

Objections? Motion carries.

That the Standing Committee review entire disciplinary process and report to next encampment their findings.

Objections? Approved.

That a Section be added to prohibit proxy voting.

Objections? Motion carries.

Moved and seconded that this recommendation be accepted. Discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

Definition of member in good standing.

Motion made and seconded. Discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

Program and Policy committee. (Goes through changes only to Ritual)

Motion made to accept revised Ritual. Motion carries.

Recommendation for use of generic greeting card.

All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

Fraternal Relations Committee report

No recommendations.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee report

No recommendations.

Military Ball report and audit presented.

Remembrance Day Committee report presented.

Recommendation: That \$11,000 be presented to National Parks Commission from Military Ball fund and to continue each year thereafter.

Motion to table.

Encampment Site Committee report presented.

No recommendations

Motion made to accept report. All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

History and Americanization report by Danny Wheeler

History committee. Recommendation: That the National History committee keep all records of the GAR, SUVCW & SVR.

Military Affairs Committee Report by Ed Krieser

The only recommendation we have is that the Encampment review, discuss and accept the proposed SOP.

(Lengthy discussion ensued)

Vote to send back to the Committee. (Vote failed) Motion to adopt SOP. Motion carries.

Motion to accept report of National Military Affairs Committee. Motion carries.

Credentials Committee report

One hundred three registered, three not present, one hundred present.

(Presentation of meritorious service award to Dave Medert and Glenn Knight)

Report of the Special Committee on Communication and Technology

Brothers, it has been a year of unprecedented growth and maturation for the World Wide Web Site of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In October of last year I was ecstatic when the hits (number of times that someone accessed our site) reached the 100 per day mark. Last month our average daily rate was 1,400 per day—fourteen times the access in less than a year. That is also about a half million hits per year. As webmaster I regularly receive email messages from satisfied web surfers and this one from JerrKath@aol.com, Subject: Thanks, on Wednesday, July 2, 1997 at 3:10 p.m. is typical, “What an excellent site. The music really takes you back to the drama and times. I’m new to the web, but would like to visit this site frequently and learn more. I have always been interested in the Civil War and its many stories. Thanks again for a super visit.” This year, music (in the compressed MIDI format) was added to most of our pages so that a surfer with a sound card in his or her machine will, on entering our site be greeted with *Ashokan Farewell*, from the Ken Burns PBS special *The Civil War* and while browsing the index page they will listen to *Just Before the Battle Mother*. We have secured all of the necessary permissions.

Our site was among only 10 percent of the more than one million on the web to be selected for indexing by *Readers Digest* in their LookSmart search engine. As Webmaster I have received and processed in excess of 1,500 email messages since January 1, 1997 - most for information on the Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic or genealogy. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson reports that he receives an average of nine requests for membership information per day. At the request Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Johnson the committee has procured computer software which will enable us to make the membership application form available on-line so that the requester can obtain it and submit it to the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, with appropriate proofs and payment, directly. This software, and the Order's scanner will enable us to eventually make ALL of the Order's forms available on line. The software is Adobe Acrobat and is currently being used, effectively, by the Library of Congress.

We are either just finished or are still in the process of changing our Internet Service Provider to take advantage of greater capacity, additional services and lower cost. When it is finished we will have the capability of loading an on-line Quartermaster Store which will allow browsing and print out an invoice for them to send in, with payment. We should consider it. The sheer volume of work required in keeping the site updated and growing was relieved some when I was able to give up my dial-up 38.8 Kbps connection and replace it with a 500 Kbps cable connection. There was some additional cost, partly offset by the ISP change, bringing the budget requirement to \$900 for next year.

Some or all of the cost of this service could be re-captured if a qualified Email Postmaster could be found. The Order could sell (I would suggest, for \$1 per month) an alias for members to use. Briefly, a member (whose email address might be me@aol.com or YJNW42A@prodigy.com could purchase me@suvcw.org. As far as the world would know, that is his email address. His mail would come to our domain and the postmaster would distribute to the appropriate brother.

The apparent trend for our web site is to begin using it to gather, and disseminate information on graves registration, monument preservation and even members' genealogy. The new ISP will give us five times the storage space of our previous provider, but nationwide data bases could quickly fill up that space and the Order is advised to step carefully into this extremely valuable, but potentially expensive, genre. Additionally, we are talking about some very valuable data. I have been running the web site from a small personal computer and I am facing the need to upgrade because to the size and potential growth of the site. The other Brothers who will be gathering massive amounts of data will also be using personal machines for that work. It is time for the Order to consider a central repository for all of this data that the Order owns but which is not really under its direct control. We feel that it is time for the Order to consider a capital expenditure of up to \$4,000 to purchase a "server" for the Order. This would currently not be on line but will be a central repository for SUVCW data.

We also feel that the job title Webmaster is too limiting for the scope of the job that it represents. We feel that a National Signals Officer would be in keeping with the tone of officer's titles and would allow an expansion of duties to encompass potential future technologies.

One area of concern is with Department Web Pages. For the most part, Department Commanders have been responsive and have named Department Webmasters after they have been informed that the National Webmaster will not be able to maintain their Department Web Pages (even if they are resident on the National Web Site) due to the frequent changes that they require and the potential volume. In some cases I placed an initial Department page on the site and warned them that I would not do updates. When approached with updates I have refused. In other cases I have been admonished for not updating a Department's page. In that case I simply un-linked the Department until the update is made and sent to me for up loading.

It is technically possible for us to host real-time discussion groups and / or messages on our site. How they are offered, who would have access and what is discussed will have to be worked out as the year moves along. It might be helpful to have a weekly officer's forum or regular on-line encampments. What we want to avoid is the nemesis of all Civil War news servers - re-fighting the Civil War. Once it is aware of the potential and structure the committee will recommend policy for such forums. At this juncture we will be asking for a prohibition of all discussion relative to the merits of specific Civil War battles, decisions and politics.

Recommendations

1. That the position of National Signals Officer be created and that Departments and Camps be encouraged to establish similar positions at their level. Proposed job descriptions for these positions are attached to this report.
2. That the position of National Recruiting Officer be established, reporting to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This person would be the initial contact for electronic requests for information on membership and would act on them as prescribed by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This would ensure that membership queries would be handled consistently from year to year and that there would be no lag time due to the need for a new Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to become proficient at the tasks. Proposed job descriptions are attached to this report.
3. That the Order authorize the National Signals Officer (or Webmaster) to make space available on the Internet Web Site for any Department or Camp which requests the service, provides the Webmaster with a properly coded page or pages, updates the pages as necessary and pays the appropriate fee to the National Treasurer. For discussion it is suggested that a fee of \$60 per year be established and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to waive the fee for any Department whose financial status is tenuous and which, in his sole opinion, can not afford the fee in any one specific year.
4. That the National Signals Officer (or Webmaster) be authorized to set up a system of email addressing and employ the services of a volunteer Postmaster. Aliases based upon position in the National Order be established at no cost to the individual and that personal aliases be available at a fee set by the Council of Administration (suggestion, \$1 per month payable yearly).
5. That the National Signals Officer (or Chairman of the Communication and Technology Committee) be granted authority for the capital purchase of a National Communication Server and that it be used to store all official copies of data bases, sites and software which is owned by the Order. Such purchase not to exceed \$4,000. A description of the minimum capabilities is attached.
6. That the Communication and Technology Committee, in setting up discussion groups, news groups or other technology involving two-way communication with the membership of the Order and/or the general public, be guided by the principle that any discussion of the tactics, politics or outcome of the Civil War is prohibited. We recognize that the war ended more than a century ago and that our mission is to support the objectives and aims of the Grand Army of the Republic. We will not tolerate any effort to re-fight the conflict.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Glenn B. Knight, Chairman
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Daniel Bunnell
Stephen B. Bauer
Edward Berger
William R. Ward

Now we'll do the recommendations. And if there are no objections, they will be approved by the sound of the gavel.

1. Recommendation that the position of National Signals Officer be created and that departments and camps be encouraged to establish similar positions at their level. Proposed job descriptions for these positions are attached to this report.

I would make a motion to change the title of Webmaster to National Signal Officer on a proposed job description as submitted to broaden the scope of the office.

All those in favor, say aye. Opposed? Motion carries.

2. That the position of National Recruiting Officer be established according to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The person would then be initial contact for the electronic request for information and membership and would act on them as prescribed by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This would ensure that membership queries would be handled consistently from year to year and no lag time to the need for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to become proficient in the task. Proposed job descriptions are attached to this report.

Motion and seconded. Motion carries.

3. Recommendation that the National Signal Officer or Webmaster be authorized to employ the services of a volunteer postmaster, aliases based upon position in the national order, CINC@SUVWCW.org, JVCINC@SUVWCW.org, counselor@SUVWCW.org, councilone@SUVWCW.org, et cetera, be established at no cost to the individual and that personal aliases be available at a fee set by the Council of Administration, suggested \$1.00 per month payable yearly.

No objections, Motion carries

That the order authorize a National Signal Officer or Webmaster to make space available on the Internet website for any Department or Camp which would request the service provided the Webmaster with a properly coded page or pages, updates the pages as necessary and pays the appropriate fee to the National Treasurer. For discussion it is suggested that a fee of \$60.00 per year be established and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to waive for any Department whose financial status is tenuous and which is in his sole opinion cannot be offered the fee in any one specific year.

No objections. Motion Carries

4. Recommendation that the National Signal Officer or Chairman of the Communication and Technology Committee be granted authority for the capital purchase of a National communications server and that it be used to store all official copies of data bases, site and software which is owned by the Order. Such purchase not to exceed \$4000. A description of the minimum capabilities is attached.

Moved and seconded and passed that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee for further review.

5. Recommendation: the Communication and Technology Committee in setting up discussion groups, news groups or other technology involving two-way communication with the membership of the Order and or the general public, be guided by the principle that any discussion of the tactics, politics or outcome of the Civil War is prohibited.

Headquarters Staffing Report

This is the final report for 1996-1997 for the National Headquarters Staffing Committee of which I have been Chairman. I do not have much to report, due to the fact that for most of the year I had no concrete idea of the purpose of the committee. Contact with the previous committee chairman, Glenn Knight, revealed that the committee never had been given a specific charge other than to investigate how a paid staff person might serve as a National clearing house for correspondence or information and so make the organization more efficient and responsive. In order to further clarify the committee's purpose, I contacted the Commander-in-Chief Loomis and Chief of Staff Turpin. I did not receive a response until some time later. Suggestions contained in this response were helpful, see attached e-mail, but also emphasized the close connection with the work of the Site Committee. Unfortunately, I have had absolutely no contact with them and remain totally oblivious to their progress. Regretfully, I have been busy this spring and have not had time to pursue the suggestions made by Brother Turpin. The only progress the committee has made is to receive a draft job description drawn up by Brother Glenn B. Knight for the position of National Executive Director and a copy of that is enclosed without comment. Now that I have a better grasp of its purpose I would be willing to stay on as chairman.

Sincerely in FC&L, Dr. David Martin, Chairman.

Unless there are objections this report will be accepted at the sound of the gavel.

National Headquarters Funding

Commander-in-Chief, there is at the Secretary's desk a copy of the e-mails that transpired back mid-year. The Committee had submitted a report last year at the Encampment, asked for further directions in its first and second quarter reports and further went on to state that if the directions were not available so that we can know what it was and the matter in which the financial basis was to be starting blocks of the committee to go forward to develop fundraising ideas, in other words, what are we doing for fundraising for the Encampment, or the National Headquarters, staffing, expenditures, to be able to proceed and in the February report, we referred the matter to Council of Administration and if we were not advised, we've not received any direction and, therefore, in February, we had requested that the committee be discharged by the Council of Administration and we have not received any direction forthwith, therefore, were we discharged in February, what was the actions? Thank you.

Is that in the form of a motion, to disband it? Is the motion concerning this particular committee. (Discussion ensued) This is a communication from chief of staff sent to Dr. Martin and PCinC Gordon Bury.

To cover this, we make an appeal to the membership to fund the project, we ask for inclusion of wills of members. These are some of the possibilities that need to be considered and recommendations made as to the best ways obtaining the needed funding. Regardless of the final amount needed in order to pull this project off, a plan of some sort needs to be in the development stage in order to be proposed and implemented when the time arrives...

(Discussion ensued re: fundraising dollar amounts for National Headquarters)

Moved, seconded and passed to disband the committee on National Headquarters Funding.

True Sons and Daughters Report

Dear Commander-in-Chief, members of the 116th Annual National Encampment. On July 1, 1997, two of the three known surviving widows of Civil War veterans met each other for the first time. Daisy Anderson of Denver, Colorado, widow of Robert Wall Anderson, 125th USCT met Alberta Martin of Alba, Alabama, widow of William Jasper Martin, 4th Alabama infantry, Bertha January of Tennessee, widow of John January was not able to attend. When I first started this project, there were 32 federally compensated widows of Civil War veterans. Three only were found that were not receiving federal compensation. Below is a list of Real Sons and Daughters that I have contact with this year.

Recommendations:

1. That the committee continue for another year.
2. That the National Organization grant an Honorary Membership to Daisy Anderson. While women cannot be members, please remember this is honorary.

In F., C., & L.,
Jerome Orton

Recommendation number one is that the committee (True sons & daughters) be continued for another year. Motion carries

(Discussion ensued re: Honorary Membership)

All those in favor of the motion say aye. Those opposed? Motion carries. (Sound of gavel)

(Discussion ensued)

You are instructing the Council of Administration to, say that again.

My motion is that this body supersedes the Council of Administration and, therefore, we are ... the motion that this body is ... so there's no misinterpretation that the Council of Administration ... an honorary member.

Seconded. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries. (Sound of gavel)

Report of Save Our Sculpture Special Committee

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. Ms. Jill Wiley from S.O.S. Headquarters would like to come in and address the body.

Ms. Jill Wiley

Thank you for your hospitality, I just wanted to cover a few points. Hearing about your local activities at the local level those kind of stories are most inspiring to me and help us at the National level see why we're implementing Save Our Sculpture in the local level. We started out in 1989 to survey every existing outdoor sculpture in the United States, which inventory is now housed at the Smithsonian in Washington and it's available through the worldwide web, we have a link to your home page so you can access us through your own home page. We do have some funds available to bring a professional conservator to your area to assess the condition of your treasured Union monument. We ask that you provide an overnight stay for the conservator if they are required to spend the night, if they have to travel far away. We will cover the honorarium and the travel for a conservator to come to your community.

We encourage you to use our maintenance information and fundraising ideas to be translated to both the sculpture element and monuments. If you're interested in sponsoring a workshop to train people to maintain cemetery markers or monuments in your area, please let me know and I can see if we can work with the National Park Service to help you get this kind of training. That's all and again, I'll be out at the booth if there are any unanswered questions, feel free to call on me. Are there any questions?

(Questions ensued)

Commander-in-Chief Loomis, Brothers, we the members of the Committee, Bradley S. McGowan, David A. Turpin, Danny L. Wheeler, myself the chair, report much positive feedback from our message printed in the April 1997 issue of the Banner and wish to thank Brother Glenn B. Knight for his assistance in "spreading the word". Based on support received from that issue, we respectfully submit these recommendations for consideration.

1. Whereas our interest includes all Civil War Memorials with and without sculpture, we submit that the committee name be changed to "National Civil War Memorials Committee."

If there is no objections to the first recommendation, at the sound of the gavel it will be adopted. My recommendation was the same idea, I personally feel we need to be more generic, so I would have no objection to the title he's using.

What I would like to do is defer this until you bring up the resolution, so we'll defer this particular recommendation until then.

2. The second one was to respectfully submit that the committee be designated as a Standing National Committee.
3. Number three, if you would open up your handouts, I went ahead and customized something that was closer in line with our focus. Whereas, any National scale effort benefits from a standardized method, we submit that the attached Civil War Memorial assessment form be officially adopted for use by each Department. This is something that would offer to those who have not yet gotten that far that standardized form. I would recommend that the Departments maintain their individual identity, because the information ... to them if it gets lost in the shuffle by whoever's going to be working on the data base at the National level but this would be something that would aid a data base. I've talked to Brother Knight about this. The location of information, that's provided so that anyone that witnesses vandalism this will provide the contacts that we need to have to contact the proper ... whether they be municipal or private to start the ball rolling on making it right, that wrong committed by the hand of the vandal.

Respectfully submitted in FC&L.

Ok, I'm going to defer the second recommendation, changing that committee to a standing committee, as I mentioned it also on my recommendation the officer's report and we'll take it up together at that time. The last recommendation...I'll defer all three recommendations until the other report comes in.

Report of Carlisle Barracks by Chief of Staff.

To the Officers and members of the 116th Annual National Encampment meeting in Utica, New York. We were appointed to oversee the storage of records at the United States Military History Research Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Since the Constitution and Regulations were changed at the 115th National Encampment to delete the requirement for Camps and Departments to send their records to this facility, there was little or no action during the past year. The need for this committee no longer exists. It is recommended that Dr. Richard Summers, head of the research division of the Institute be given an opportunity to make a presentation of about twenty minutes at the 117th National Encampment in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Dr. Summers has informed us he will make himself available to clear up many of the misconceptions regarding the availability of the records already stored at the institute.

Yours in FC&L, Lester Kern

The Scholarship Committee Report

The Scholarship Committee consists of past Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore, Doctor Gary Dolph and myself and we're charged with the responsibility of giving advice to the Commander as he makes the selection of two scholarship recipients each year, the amount of the scholarships are \$1000 each. We have an application form which the students interested in this scholarship secure from the Commander-in-Chief. This year we had fourteen candidates. We evaluated them all and they were all very, very good candidates. We recommended four. He selected the top two. It is my understanding that one of those did not matriculate at the school, that's not a problem because the Commander-in-Chief can always award the scholarship to someone else or he can contact that particular student and see if they matriculated somewhere else.

- Our recommendation is that the committee remain in effect next year as a special committee to assist the new Commander-in-Chief.

No objections; approved

Resolutions Committee, PCinC Lowell Hammer.

Commander-in-Chief, your Resolutions Committee consisting of past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, National Counselor, Jim Pahl, and myself met last night to review the resolutions that had been presented to us.

1. The first resolution, really two, concern the expenditure and use of funds and other aspects of the Military Ball.

There's a resolution from the department of Pennsylvania. The name of the Ball to be changed to National Civil War Military Ball. The committee concurred with that.

No objections; approved

2. Number two, that the gross proceeds of the Ball accrue to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund. We concurred with that.

No objections; approved

3. Three, that the expenses of the Ball be paid from the gross proceeds. We concurred with that.

No objections; approved

4. Number four, that the net proceeds of the National Civil War Ball be donated to the Gettysburg National Military park for the maintenance and restoration of Civil War monuments within the Gettysburg National Military Park until such time as the park service, may decline the donation or fail to use it for the stated purpose. Should the park service decline the donation or fail to use it for the stated purpose, the fund shall be used at one or more other locations for the stated purpose. We did not concur with this one. In this case, we decided that we would prefer to substitute the wording of the resolution from Michigan for number four of the Department of Pennsylvania which reads in terms of the use of the funds, Michigan's reads number one, donate a portion to be determined by the Council of Administration of the existing funds to the park in Gettysburg in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. That one we concurred with because it's not as black and white as the number four of Pennsylvania, it gives a certain amount of discretion to the Council.

That one, we concurred with.

Any objections?

The amendment is that the funds be held by the treasurer in the specific, GAR fund and that it be disbursed under the park's sponsorship program and those funds not be disbursed until the meeting of the Council in November 1997. That's the amendment.

All those in favor of the amendment?

(Discussion ensued re: motion previously made)

The motion is two-fold that, actually three-fold, that we prove with the amendment, number two, that we give the money under the park service's sponsorship program which means we don't give the money cart blanche, they tell us where and what, we tell them to go ahead and do the work and they bill us and we pay them and we have control of the funds. The last item is those funds not being determined until the November meeting of the Council of Administration because of the matter of the Farnsworth Fund, A General killed on the third day of the Civil War, who has not so much as even a marker for recognition.

(Discussion ensued)

I'll amend my motion to be that prior to Remembrance Day rather than..., thirty days prior to.

All those in favor of the amendment, say aye. Opposed? Motion carries. (Sound of gavel) Right now we are voting to end all discussion on this topic. Ok, any discussion on the amended recommendation? All those in favor of ending the debate, those in favor, say aye. Opposed? Motion carries. (Sound of gavel)

The motion is the funds be held by the Treasurer, disbursed under the Park sponsorship fund, under the Council of Administration, those funds to be determined thirty days prior to the meeting of the Council of Administration.

(Discussion ensued)

All vote in favor, say aye. Opposed? Motion carries.

5. The next resolution comes from Department of Maryland regarding the Appomattox camp. Whereas, ... Be it resolved that the SUVCW congratulates Appomattox Camp#2 of the Maryland department, one hundred years of service to the Order and further, that the SUVCW authorize it is the Appomattox Camp#2, to design, issue to Members of the Camp and wear a Camp commemorative centennial badge. If copyrighted symbols of the order are used in the design of the badge, the Camp will submit its design to the Council of Administration for approval of their use. We concurred.

No objections; approved

6. Next is a resolution from Department of Michigan proposing the professionally produced video tape on the SUVCW for use in recruiting purposes. The Committee concurred with the recommendation, but recommended we refer it to the Junior Vice Commander of the Membership Committee to consider the questions of funding, feasibility and such details and present a report on the finances and feasibility to the March meeting of the Council of Administration.

No objections; approved

Next one concerns Memorial Day.

(Discussion ensued re: procedure of previous recommendation)

I would move to rescind.

All those in favor, say aye. Opposed?

Now I would move you that we concur with the Committee's recommendation.

All those in favor, say aye. Opposed? Motion carries. (Sound of gavel)

7. All right, next, from the Corporal Patrick Kline, camp number one, Department of Kansas, Whereas, ... Be it resolved that the Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp#1, Department of Kansas, SUVCW calls upon the National Encampment to support Federal Legislation calling for a return to Memorial Day to May Thirtieth of each year. We concurred in this resolution and decided it should be referred to the Washington, D.C. representative to make the appropriate contacts and representations on this.

Recommendation of the committee. No objections; approved

(Discussion ensued)

8. Another resolution concerning the same issue from Brother Knight, however, he expands on it a little and has another element in here. Whereas, ... Be it resolved that the SUVCW and National Encampment assembled in Utica, New York, August 6 - 9, 1997. It's a day to remember its true and honorable fallen heroes and we direct that a copy of this resolution be delivered in hand by a National Officer of the Order to Senator Inouye to add emphasis to our support. This we didn't have last night when we met, the thrust is much as the

one we approved, about the only thing different is commending Senator Inouye for his actions. If the Committee agrees, I would simply say that this be referred to the Washington representative for action on that, however, a letter to him commending him should come from the Commander-in-Chief.

Objections?

(Discussion ensued)

Commander-in-Chief, rather than only refer it to the Washington, D.C. representative, I would move you that this body adopt that resolution, that it be published in the Banner and that in addition to the Washington, D.C. representative be instructed to deliver a copy of it to Senator Inouye's office personally and that the National Secretary be instructed to issue copies to Senator ..., Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, who has jurisdiction over this, to the Vice President as President of the Senate, to the National Commander of the American Legion, VFW and any other organizations we can get support from, including our Allied Orders in order to force this issue out of committee and onto the floor of the Senate.

(Discussion ensued)

Ok, an amendment was offered to the resolution, it's been seconded, those in favor of the amendment, say aye. Opposed? Motion carries.

9. The next resolution comes from the Department of Ohio. Whereas, ... Be it resolved that the National Organization, SUVCW, oppose any apologies for slavery by any part of the United States government since three hundred thousand Union soldiers paid the price to ultimately end slavery.

The Committee decided we would take no action with respect to concurring or non-concurring, rather to leave it to the organization.

All those in favor, say aye. Opposed? Motion carries. (Sound of gavel)

10. Whereas, ... Be it resolved that the National body, SUVCW, create the appointed office of Monument Registration Officer and that all Departments and Camps be empowered to credit local corresponding officers appointed and further be it resolved that each Camp be charged to record in a prescribed manner to be established by the National Monument Officer, a report of all the Grand Army monuments, memorials, buildings, cannon and so forth, within the geographical area of said Camps and the Camps forward these reports to their respective Departments to catalog accordingly forwarding the information then to the National officer and furthermore, be it resolved that each Camp and Department be encouraged to aid and contribute to the maintenance and preservation of these monuments and memorials so they may be able to keep green the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861-1865, our ancestors.

We simply concurred with the sentiment in this but recommended that it be considered along with the other motions or recommendations on this particular subject.

Refer this to the officer's report along with the Save the Outdoor Sculpture.

Officers' Reports Committee

The recommendations made by Commander-in-Chief are:

1. to consider changing Save Our Sculpture committee from a special committee to a standing committee in order to give it equal standing with the National Graves Registration Committee. Consideration may be given to renaming the committee so as to reflect our concern with identifying, cataloging, preserving and maintaining Grand Army of the Republic monuments and memorials.

The Committee concurred with that. We submit that the committee be designated as a standing committee.

(Discussion ensued)

We respectfully submit that the committee name be changed to National Civil War Memorials Committee.

If there are no objections, these two recommendations will be accepted at the sound of the gavel. (Sound of gavel)

2. Develop an appropriate method whereby the Graves Registration Committee, Save Our Sculpture Committee and the National Civil War Memorials Committee provided it has been established, would share appropriate information gathered by one of the committees would fall under the jurisdiction of one of the other committees.

We concur.

No objections; recommendation is accepted

3. Strongly encourage each Department Commander to appoint a member attorney as Department Counselor and to also request the employment of at least one member attorney as a member of the National Legal Staff.

We concur.

No objections; Recommendation is approved

4. We do have one item to clear up on the Save Our Sculpture Committee and that is the assessment form with modification by Ohio.

The recommendation will be accepted unless there are objections. Oh, it's a motion, is there a second? There's been a motion to refer to the committee. All those in favor, say aye. Opposed? (Sound of gavel) Motion carries.

Senior Vice Commander's Recommendations:

1. That we institute the practice of sending a letter to each new Member from the Commander-in-Chief welcoming him to the Order and that a line item be added to the budget to cover the cost of letterhead, envelopes and postage for this purpose.

The committee concurred.

Objections? (Sound of gavel)

2. That we change the procedure for reporting new members to the National Organization. Camp Secretary send copies of the application form and the new Member fee directly to the

National Secretary as the new members are enrolled. This would greatly decrease the time needed to add names to the National data base for mailing the Banner and timely implementation of recommendation number one.

The Committee concurred.

(Discussion ensued)
(Sound of gavel)

3. That a special committee be authorized to review the manner in which Camp reports to Department reports to the National Organization. A particular concern is the frequency of reporting additions, deletions and address changes and the financial impact upon Departments and the National Organization if the frequency is altered. The committee to report its findings and recommendations to the 117th national encampment. The committee to consist of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer, National Secretary and two other members to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

The committee concurred.

Objections? (Sound of gavel)

- 4 Not wanting our southern counterpart to look more like Turkish generals than we do, that the following medals be adopted and the program and policy committee be authorized to design them subject to the approval of the Council of Administration. Commemorative purple heart, commemorative prisoner of war, commemorative killed in action. A brother whose ancestor was wounded, a POW or KIA would qualify to wear the respective medal. Also this can be source of additional revenue through sales to collectors. If these medals are adopted, the committee on Constitution and Regulations be authorized to draft the necessary changes to the Constitution and Regulations for presentation at the 1998 national encampment.

Committee concurred.

(Discussion ensued)

There's a motion made to table, second? All those in favor, say aye. Opposed? NO. Those in favor of tabling, stand please. (Count taken) Those that are against, stand. (Count taken) Motion carries and it's tabled. (Sound of gavel)

5. That we return to the practice of issuing commemorative medals for each National Encampment in place of the ribbons.

The committee concurred.

Objections? (Sound of gavel)

6. Number six, that we explore the feasibility of producing color brochure of available supplies and accompanying order form.

Committee concurred.

No objections; approved.

7. Number seven, that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to enter into a contract with a professional file maintenance and storage company for the secure storage of our records.

Committee concurred.

No objections; approved

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's recommendations:

1. I would urge candidates for the Membership-at-Large position....(??)

No objections; approved

2. The Commander-in-Chief needs to know where each camp is located.

No objections; approved

3. Brochure. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

4. Names and addresses of new members be reported to National Membership List Coordinator. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

5. Storage facility. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

6. Printer for lap top. Committee concurs.

No objections: approved

7. Public service announcements for recruiting purposes. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

8. Extra Banners for recruiting purposes. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

9. Corporate accounts such as Staples, Office Max. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

National Quartermaster's Report.

1. Create a budget of Two hundred dollars for the purchase annually of a wreath. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

2. Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator be appointed by each Department Commander. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

National Chaplain Report.

1. He suggests all Camps and Departments submit a report of deceased Brothers. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

National Patriotic Instructor.

1. Patriotic certificate. Committee concurs.

Objections; approved

GAR Highway.

1. Supply of signs to sell. Committee concurs.

No objections? (Discussion) Approved

Graves Registration Officer.

1. C&R to require all camps and departments to record graves registration information. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

2. Camp officer to seek and record all Civil War grave sites, Union or Confederate. Committee concurs.

Objections? (Discussion) Add "to encourage to" at beginning.

No objections; approved

3. Information gathered by Camp Graves Registration Officer be submitted to National Graves Registration Officer database. Committee concurs.

Discussion.

Motion to strike name of commercial product of data base.

No objections; approved

4. Camp Graves Registration Officer submit report once annually to National Graves Registration officer. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved.

5. Department Graves Registration Officer to collect and coordinate graves registration information and to submit report to National data base. Committee concurs.

National must have computer.

objections? (Discussion)

Motion to not concur.

All those in favor? (Gavel)

6. That Camp Graves Registration Officer provide National Graves Registration Officer information disk. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

7. National Graves Registration Officer have space in Banner. Committee concurs.

Objections raised.

Motion made to not concur.

Motion carries.

Membership at Large Coordinator.

1. Put out special edition of Banner. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved.

The Banner Editor.

1. Investigate ways to facilitate member's change of address. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved

2. Per Capita be scrapped. Committee not concur

Motion made to refer to committee.

Motion carries.

3. Editor remain a non-voting member under the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to be named as Editor. Committee concurs.

No objections; approved.

4. Establishment of a committee to address policy statement for Editor of Banner.

No objections; approved

Motion to restore rank of Al Peterson of Massachusetts.

All in favor? Opposed? Approved

Election of officers

Doors were secured and the Encampment Credentials Committee read the roll of those able to vote and gave a final report. Candidates were presented for the Offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and a Council of Administration Member. Candidates were presented, nominations given and election held after which the doors were opened and a break was then taken.

Installation of National Officers

Newly elected officers were:

For Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr

For Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson

For Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler

For Council of Administration David R. Medert PCinC

Motion was made and seconded to disband the Encampment Committees and to express appreciation for a job well done.

A motion was made and seconded that, upon publication these minutes become the official record of the Encampment. The motion passed.

Brother Alan R. Loomis was presented with the jewel of the Past Commander-in-Chief.

Newly elected and appointed Officers were installed according to the Ritual of the Order.

The 116th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was formally closed in Ritualistic form by Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr.

Appendix 1

Minutes of Council of Administration Meetings

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING
17 NOVEMBER 1996
EISENHOWER INN
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

Members Present: Alan R. Loomis, Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim, Council Member, David R. Medert PCinC, Council Member, J. Douglas Park, Council Member, George L. Powell, Council Member, David F. Wallace, National Secretary, Charles W. Corfman, National Treasurer, Elmer F. Atkinson PCinC, National Quartermaster, Hon. James B. Pahl, National Counselor, Richard R. Willich, Washington DC Representative, Richard Greenwalt PCinC, Keith G. Harrison PCinC, George W. Long PCinC, Richard C. Schlenker PCinC.

Other Brothers Present: Robert J. Bateman, Senior Vice Commander Department of Maryland, Ronald B. Gill, National Chaplain, Kenneth Hershberger, Assistant National Membership List Coordinator, Glenn B. Knight, National Communications and Technology Chairman, Terrance L. McKinch, National Military Affairs Committee Chairman. Charles Young, Jr. Vice Commander Department of Pennsylvania.

The Meeting was called to Order by Commander-in-Chief Loomis at 8:30 AM.

The National Chaplain, Ronald B. Gill offered the invocation.

The minutes of the Council of Administration meeting of August 8, 1996 were approved as read and distributed. The minutes of the Council of Administration meeting of August 11, 1996, were approved as amended to reflect that the National Treasurer prepared the Proposed Budget for 1996. The Summary of Council of Administration Action of August 12, 1996 was approved as read and distributed. An exception was noted on the previously approved minutes of the Council of Administration meeting of March 9, 1996 to reflect that the National Treasurer was in attendance at the time the meeting was called to order.

The Commander-in-Chief informed the Council of Administration of the resignation of Brother Gregory D. Hayes as Managing Editor of the Banner.

Brother Glen Knight, Chairman, National Communications and Technology Committee, reviewed a presentation with the Council regarding editing and publishing The Banner. The Council approved a motion to appoint Brother Glen Knight (Department of Pennsylvania) as Managing Editor of the Banner under the structure consistent with the Constitution and Regulations for the remainder of the 1996/1997 term. The Council approved a motion directing the National Legal Staff to draft a written contract consistent with a proposal presented to Glenn Knight for publication of The Banner beginning with Volume 102, to be presented to the Council for review and approval.

The Council approved a motion directing the National Secretary submit an article to The Banner suggesting that all Departments and Camps to provide change of address updates for Brothers to the National Organization as soon as possible.

The Council approved a motion as amended to offer space on the SUVCW Home Page for Union Civil War related organizations and activities for the annual sum of \$1 plus associated costs. The cost for any other organization is set at \$50,000.00, subject to the prior review of the Council. The fee is waived for the G.A.R. Museum and MOLLUS. The Webmaster will provide a quarterly update of requests and additions to the Council for review. The Council retains the right to refusal. The Council approved a motion as amended to offer sponsorship of a page on the National Website for the fee of \$100.00 annually. In addition the Home Page can be sponsored for the fee of \$1000.00 annually. The Webmaster will provide a quarterly update to the Council for review. The Council retains the right of refusal.

National Secretary Wallace reviewed the current status of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming regarding compliance with the Council directive of 11 August 1996. The Department has approved the petitions of the Lot Smith Camp Number 1 of Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Chapman-Compliment Camp Number 1 of Billings, Montana to join the Department. The Department has also reactivated its Colorado Springs Camp Charter with 5 Members. The Council approved a motion to repeal the suspension of the Department Of Colorado & Wyoming. The implementation of which had been previously postponed.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 AM and reconvened at 10:05 AM.

The council approved a motion as amended to investigate whether the Ames Sword Company has the ability to procure and provide an "SUVCW" styled sword to National Supply for purchase by Members of the Order on a pre paid basis only. National Quartermaster Atkinson indicated that he would handle this.

The Council approved a motion commending the Remembrance Day Committee for planning the 1996 ceremony.

The Council approved a motion authorizing the Department of Wisconsin to use the Emblem of the Order on a City entrance sign that is to be offered for sale to all Camps. This authorization expires on 30 June 1998, at which time the Department may apply for renewal of the approval.

National Counselor Pahl reviewed the early publications of our Order, the Digest, which included the opinions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Counselor. The Council approved a motion to reestablish "The Digest," a publication which is to include the opinions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief and National Counselor. This will be input to the Order's Home Page for the review of all members. In addition a special National Committee will be appointed to review all previous proceedings for opinions and rulings. Finally a National Aide will be appointed to continue annual updates, once the Committee's initial review is completed.

The National Counselor reviewed several inquiries received regarding the use of proxy voting and the definition of a "member in good standing." The question regarding proxy voting was referred to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for review and report to the National Encampment. The question regarding the definition of a "member in good standing" was referred to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for review and report to the National Encampment.

The National Counselor responded to a question clarifying the "Special Assignments" provision contained within the Standard operating procedure of the Sons of Veterans Reserve by Richard C. Schlenker PCinC.

The Commander-in-Chief indicated his concurrence with the action of the Military affairs Committee in relieving Charles Corfman as Commanding Officer of Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The meeting was recessed at 12:05 PM and reconvened at 12:15 PM.

A motion by Charles W. Corfman PCinC for the Council of Administration to set aside the action of the Military Affairs Committee until it can be appealed to the National Encampment died without a second.

An appeal by Charles W. Corfman PCinC to the Council of Administration to set aside the action of the Military Affairs Committee was ruled out of order by the Commander-in-Chief.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commander-in-Chief at the sound of the gavel at 12:30 PM, with the National Chaplain offering the benediction.

The next meeting of the Council of Administration is tentatively scheduled for 15 March 1997, at the Radisson Hotel Columbus – North Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

Appendix 2

General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
General Orders No. 1
Series 1996-1997
Alan R. Loomis, Commander-in-Chief
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1. I wish to express my profound appreciation to all members that attended the 115th National Encampment and elected me Commander-in-Chief. I appreciate the great privilege bestowed by this office and humbly accept the challenges it presents.
2. I would like to congratulate William Dennison Camp # 1, Department of Ohio and Past Department Commander Jim Hilton in particular for the outstanding success of the 115th National Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio. They deserve an extra measure of recognition and congratulations from all of us that attended since this was the second National Encampment in a row they hosted. The Department of Ohio should be doubly proud of their enthusiasm and dedication to a job well done.
3. All correspondence to this office should be directed to the above address or e mail. All business correspondence including quarterly reports, address changes, etc. should be processed through Camps and Departments and sent to National Secretary David Wallace. Quarterly reports and per capita from Camps to Departments and from Departments to the National Secretary should be sent on time. Requisitions for supplies are to be sent directly to National Quartermaster Elmer Atkinson, PCinC. Quarterly reports of National Officers and Chairmen of Standing and Special committees will continue to be sent to the Chief of Staff. Addresses, e mail screen names, telephone and fax numbers of brothers elected or appointed to National Offices or Committees are listed in this issue of the Banner.
4. As previously stated, National Officers and Committee Chairmen will submit Quarterly reports to the Chief of Staff. Quarterly reports will be submitted to the Chief of Staff by the following dates: November 8, 1996; February 14, 1997; May 16, 1997; and July 18, 1997 (three weeks before the National Encampment). The final report should summarize the preceding three quarters plus information about the fourth quarter. With the advent of the Chief of Staff acting as a liaison and the use of e mail and fax communication within the order, the flow of information has increased over the past two years which has resulted in a greater awareness of the mission statement of the order, section 3 of the Congressional Charter, and improved efficiency.
5. I would urge all Brothers to consult the Constitution and Regulations when questions arise concerning the appropriate resolution of problems. The National Legal Staff and finally the National Counselor are also available when difficulties arise over interpretation of the C & R. I would recommend that all National, Department, and Camp officers study the most recent version of the C& R available. Copies or supplements may be obtained from the National Quartermaster Bud Atkinson, PCinC.
6. All Brothers are urged to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander-in- Chief's Fund which is used to buy membership ads. Our membership has increased considerably the past few years due directly to these expenditures. Send your contributions to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214. Checks and money orders should be made out to: National Organization, SUVCW.
7. In addition, Brothers are encouraged to send contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor Mr. Edward Krieser, 1354 Gilleevan Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383. These funds are used to support Patriotic Programs which perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Checks and money orders should be made out to: National Organization, SUVCW.

8. The Scholarship Application developed by the Scholarship Committee will continue to be used during the current administration. Applicants may obtain a copy by contacting me at the above address. All completed applications and supporting documentation should be returned to me and will then be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for evaluation. Recommendations will then be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for final selection. The dead line for submission of applications will be March 31, 1997.

9. On behalf of our Order, I would like to extend greetings and congratulations to all the new National Presidents of the four ladies organizations that compose the Allied Orders of the GAR with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These organizations include the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Woman's Relief Corps. I look forward to working with all four ladies and their organizations as we combine our efforts in behalf of the Allied Orders in honoring the Grand Army of the Republic.

10. Past experience indicates that my schedule for the year will begin to fill rapidly. I would strongly suggest that Departments that desire that I attend their Department Encampment and/or other activities submit their request as soon as possible. Written requests are recommended since memory overload and misunderstandings can and do occur. For reasons of fairness, invitations will be accepted and acknowledged on a first- come, first-served basis.

11. I would urge all brothers who have the opportunity to attend the Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg on Saturday, November 16th. I have attended the past two years and I can assure you that this activity is one of the highlights of the year. Brigadier General Corfman and his committee have done an excellent job in the past and I am sure that this year will be no exception. All members of the Council of Administration are advised that there will be a meeting of the Council at 8:00 A.M. Sunday, November 17, 1997 in Gettysburg at the headquarters hotel.

12. Two items were emphasized by the previous two administrations and I would like to reemphasize them again, namely membership recruitment and technology. A motto which I have often quoted is as follows: Any organization is always one generation from extinction. Without recruiting new and younger members, our organization is doomed to extinction. This is an activity in which each one of us must be involved. Additionally, the development of the rapid communications network, e mail and fax, within the order has greatly increased the efficiency with which we are conducting our business. I would like to support and encourage the continued use and improvement of this network. I would like to encourage all those in leadership position who do not use at least one of these forms of communication to consider installing and using one or both.

13. I would now like to address what I consider a very serious and crucial topic concerning the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its mission. I would first like to quote Section 3 of our Congressional Charter.

"The purposes of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag; 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."

On April 21 I received a telephone call concerning the sale of two parrot gun tubes that were part of the GAR monument in the former I. O. O. F. Cemetery in Marion, Indiana. With the help of a committee of SUVCW members in the Marion area evidence was gathered, including a court certified copy of the Deed of Conveyance, and a complaint was filed with the Marion Police Department. During the on going investigation the FBI and Grant County Prosecutor's Office were contacted. It was the judgment of the Prosecutor's Office that we pursue a civil case rather than their office prosecuting the case. This conclusion is based on the fact that no one of any organization had attempted in any way to maintain the GAR monument. Indiana law, and I suspect that most states are similar, indicates that it is essential that successor organizations such as ours conduct some type of maintenance in order to substantiate their claim of ownership. Another area of this problem that I have become aware of is the implementation of the Deed of Conveyance. Since the 1950s when this document was executed, the SUVCW has generally not located, catalogued, or attempted in any way to claim ownership of GAR properties, particularly monuments that are located in cemeteries. It is my understanding that using the Deed of Conveyance, our organization can locate and transfer a deed, which a GAR post executed for building a monument, to our organization. This legal exercise along with doing some type of maintenance on the monument or plot would establish our legal claim of ownership. If this had been done in Marion, I am sure that by this time these two gun tubes would be back in their proper place.

The question is as it appears to me, have we fulfilled our obligation, as descendants of our forefathers that preserved the Union, to preserve the ". . . documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic . . ." ? It is my intent during this administration to set in motion the process, briefly outlined above, to identify and begin the process of preserving GAR properties and materials throughout the United States. Although this is a huge undertaking, a journey must always start with the first footstep. I would ask that each member of our order rededicate himself to his obligation by committing to a preservation project, no matter how small or large, individually or as a group. As Benjamin Franklin commented during the American Revolution, " We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

14. Department Commanders are encouraged to appoint a Department Webmaster to work with the National Webmaster to establish and maintain a Department Home Page on the Internet. The appointed brother must have access to the Internet. The National Communication Technology Committee has created a Department Home Page Template which the appointed brother can download, modify and ship to National Webmaster Glenn Knight to be added to the National Website. Those appointed must send an e mail message to Bro. Knight at gknight@suvchw.org who will respond with the Internet address for the template and complete instructions.

By Order of:

Alan R. Loomis
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David F. Wallace
National Secretary

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
General Orders No. 2
Series 1996/1997**

**Alan R. Loomis, Commander-in-Chief
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1. I was informed by David V. Medert, Jr. in late November that Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert had triple by-pass surgery on Wednesday, November 27th. The latest word that I received was that he was to be released from the hospital December 3rd. At this writing his recovery appears to be progressing at home. I would encourage members to send a get well card or word of encouragement to Dave at his home address: 16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.
2. I was pleased to attend and present greetings from the SUVCW to the National Encampment, Woman's Relief Corps and National President Eileen Post in Ottumwa, Iowa on August 19, 1996.
3. September 9 I was honored to represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the program of the African-American Civil War Freedom Foundation Ceremony in Statuary Hall, U. S. Capital Building, Washington, D. C.
4. It was again my pleasure to attend and convey greetings on behalf of the SUVCW to National President Betty Baker, Auxiliary to SUVCW at a reception held in her honor September 14 in Waterloo, New York.
5. On October 5 and 6 I attended and participated in the Central Regions Conference, SUVCW and Auxiliary, held in Chesterton, Indiana and hosted by David D. Porter Camp, Department of Indiana. I wish to acknowledge and thank Brothers Ed Krieser and Ron Gill for arranging a delightful reception and banquet for me during the conference. I would like to thank all those who were able to attend and the thoughts and prayers of those unable to. The roast will be long remembered with affectionate reminiscence.
6. I attended the following camp meetings and activities during October and November of 1996.
 - a. Memorial and rededication of four Civil War veterans' graves in Warrenville, Illinois on October 12 sponsored by Sheridan Camp # 2, Naperville, Illinois.
 - b. Attended Somers Camp # 1 meeting, Kokomo, Indiana on October 19. and Ben Harrison Camp # 356 meeting on November 10 in Indianapolis.
 - c. Attended Chartering Ceremony for Frank Reed Camp # 24 in Tuscola, Illinois on October 26 and the Chartering Ceremony for Col. Friedrich Hecker Camp # 443, Bellville, Illinois on November 9.
7. On November 15 I visited the U. S. Army History Institute and War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania to present pictures of my maternal great grandfathers who fought with Company K, 39th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and Company B, 15th Illinois Cavalry to the U. S. Army History Institute. I was well received and was given extensive tours of both the institute facilities and the War College. I would encourage any member that wishes to donate copies of or the actual pictures or papers of ancestors that fought in any war the United States has participated in to the institute to do so.
8. On November 16th the Annual Remembrance Day parade and activities carried out by the SVR were held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The impressive wreath laying ceremony following the parade was held at the Woolson Monument. Immediately after the wreath laying, the ceremony continued in the auditorium of the Cyclorama building. The activities continued that evening with a banquet sponsored by the Department of Pennsylvania and concluded with the Blue and Gray Ball. I was greatly honored to be a part of the Remembrance Day activities and encourage any members that have not attended to plan to attend at least one Remembrance Day in the future. I wish to thank members from the Departments of

Indiana and Michigan that formed the color guards for the Commander-in-Chief's and Department of Indiana Colors in the parade.

9. A vacancy on the National Staff occurred in October when Banner Editor Greg Hayes resigned. Greg did an exemplary job as Banner Editor and deserves the acclaim of the Order. The position was filled by the Council of Administration at its Gettysburg meeting on November 17 when it accepted the proposal of Glenn B. Knight of the Department of Pennsylvania. All material to be submitted for inclusion in the Banner should be sent to Glenn by way of one of the following:

Glenn B. Knight, Banner Editor
233 Conway Drive
Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543-8689

or

e mail: gknight@suvchw.org

Glenn's voice telephone number is: (717) 626-7066 and his fax number is: (717) 627-4096.

10. I regret to inform the membership of the SUVCW and SVR that Commanding Officer Charles Corfman was relieved of command by the Military Affairs Committee with my concurrence on November 17. His replacement, Keith Harrison, was confirmed by the Military Affairs Committee with my concurrence on the same date.

11. Brothers are reminded of the indispensable part that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund and GAR Memorial Fund play in the operation of our Order. Donations to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund may be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214-1251. Donations to the GAR Memorial Fund may be sent to National Patriotic Instructor Edward Krieser, 1354 Gilleevan Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383. No donation is too small and checks for both funds should be made out to "National Organization, SUVCW." A copy may also be made of the form printed in recent issues of the Banner which can be used to designate donations to these two funds as well as other important funds. The copy of the form and the donation may be sent to the appropriate National Officer listed on the form.

12. The holiday season has arrived and will probably have passed by the time that you read these General Orders. I would still like to express my belated season's greetings to each and every Brother of the SUVCW and Sisters of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Ladies of the GAR, Woman's Relief Corps, and Daughters of Union Veterans. We are all bound together in our dedication to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and its motto of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

13. Departments are requested to forward their Encampment Dates to me as soon as possible if you wish the Commander-in-Chief to attend. I am now in the process of answering those that have already requested my attendance. I am sure there will be conflicting dates, but I will try to attend as many as possible.

14. A New Member Data Form for those brothers interested in becoming involved at the National or Department level has been published in the past. There has been outstanding responses in the past from brothers who have expressed interest in serving at one or both of these levels. The Banner Editor has been requested to include the form again in this issue. Brothers with an expertise in one or more areas that would be useful to the order and are interested in serving in one or more capacities are urged to submit a completed copy of the form to the National Secretary.

By Order of:

Alan R. Loomis
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David F. Wallace
National Secretary

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Brothers:

It is my sad duty to report that Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr., a tried, true and faithful member of the Lincoln Camp No. 100, Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was on 23 December 1996, called by our great Commander to the Grand Army above. Wherefore, in testimony of his loyalty to his country and her glorious principles of freedom; of his private character as a citizen, and as a true and loyal Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby direct that all Camp and Department Charters should be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days as an expression of our regard for our fallen Brother. Resolutions of respect may be forwarded to Brother Combs' family at the address below.

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Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082-1203

By Order of:

Alan R. Loomis
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Attest:

David F. Wallace
National Secretary

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1. I would like to announce the following changes in National Offices that have taken place recently. National Secretary David F. Wallace has resigned effective July 1, 1997 and was replaced by the Council of Administration at its March 15th meeting by Department Commander David Hann, Department of New Jersey. Dave Wallace has done an excellent job as National Secretary since 1994 and has encountered increasing responsibilities at his place of business as well as Department Commander of the Department of Michigan. We wish him God's speed as he steps aside at the National level. The Council of Administration approved the appointment of George Powell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as National Membership at Large Coordinator to replace William Ward of Salt Lake City, Utah. James Hilton, Department of Ohio, recently resigned as National Site Committee Chairman and the Commander-in-Chief named James Lyons of the Department of Michigan as his replacement.
2. I would like it to be noted that I inadvertently omitted in General Orders No. 2 that I attended a dinner/reception for Helen Meyer, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 in Le Sueur, Minnesota on Sunday, October 20, 1996 and I also attended a camp meeting of Ben Harrison Camp # 356 in Indianapolis, Indiana on Sunday November 10, 1996.
3. On February 8th, 1997 I attended the annual President Abraham Lincoln Birthday Luncheon in Milwaukee, Wisconsin sponsored by the Allied Orders of the Department of Wisconsin. It was a pleasure to participate in this luncheon and renew old friendships with several members of the Allied Orders and to make new friends.
4. I participated with several members of the Department of Indiana, SUVCW, in the Lincoln Day Program at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial near Lincoln City, Indiana on Sunday, February 9, 1997. SUVCW members participated in the indoor part of the program by presenting the National and State of Indiana Colors and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the indoor program, the SUVCW color guard led the assembly to the grave of President Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, for laying of wreaths and eulogy.
5. The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. was the setting of the Lincoln Birthday Ceremony which I and the National Presidents of the Allied Orders attended on February 12, 1997. The day before, February 11th, I attended a ceremony in Ford's Theater sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. SUVCW and MOLLUS member Lowell Hammer, PC-in-C, read several of President Lincoln's poems which was followed by a tour of the theater and Peterson House.
6. I attended the 1st Annual Department Encampment, Department of Kansas in Wichita, Kansas on February 22, 1997. I was impressed with the enthusiasm shown at this first encampment and look forward to hearing more from the Department of Kansas.
7. I attended and presided at the Council of Administration meeting held in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, March 15, 1997.

8. I would like to remind all brothers to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander-in- Chief's Fund as well as the GAR Memorial Fund. Both funds are essential components of our order in that the former is used to support our membership program and the later supports the various activities related to honoring and memorializing the Grand Army of the Republic. The SUVCW Contribution Form printed in the Banner may be used or Xeroxed for use and can be sent with the contribution to the Senior Vice Commander-in- Chief Richard Orr, Patriotic Instructor Edward Krieser, or to the National Officer listed on the form. Checks for both funds, made out separately or as one check with directions for distribution, should be made out to the "National Organization - SUVCW."

9. Recent e mails I have received concerning members experiencing health problems are as follows: PC-in-C Clark Mellor recently under went surgery to implant a pacemaker and appears to be doing well. PC-in-C George Long had a series of tests that turned out to be negative and he also appears to be doing well. He is reported to have attended a recent camp meeting and is reported to be active and in good spirits.

I would like to pass on information I received from Kansas Department Commander Dean Speaks about George Schultz, Camp Commander of the MAL Camp in Omaha, Nebraska. George suffered a massive heart attack on January 27th followed by a stoke. He has been in the VA Medical Center since and was recently transferred to the Douglas County Hospital for further treatment and therapy. His will be there for about 2 months or so and I am sure that he would appreciate cards and letters sent to:

George A. Schultz c/o Douglas County Hospital
4102 Woolworth
Omaha, Nebraska 68105

All Camps are requested to tend to the needs of members and their families that have suffered illness.

10. I would like to remind members but particularly all officers of the two publications that deal with job descriptions. These two publications are: "Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers SUVCW" and "Job Descriptions for National Organization Officers and Standing Committees SUVCW." They, along with the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, are indispensable to each officer fulfilling his duties as outlined in these publications. The National Quartermaster should be contacted concerning obtaining copies and their cost. Updated supplements to the C and R are also available from the National Quartermaster.

11. The National Park Service and Oliver Tilden Camp # 26, SUVCW will be conducting the annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant on 27 April at Grant's Tomb, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan, New York City. This year's ceremony has double significance since it is the 175th anniversary of his birth as well as the centennial of the tomb. I will be attending and will participate both in the parade and the ceremony which follows.

12. The Department of Illinois will host the 131st anniversary of Post # 1, Grand Army of the Republic near Decatur, Illinois on Sunday, April 13th. In addition, the Department is planning to conduct a ceremony at the grave of Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson. in Petersburg, Illinois. Further details can be obtained by contacting Department Commander David Bailey, 1569 Marquette Ave., Naperville, Illinois (708) 983-1585.

13. I will represent the SUVCW at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois on Tuesday, April 15th. The Military Order of the Loyal Legion co-sponsors this ceremony with the SUVCW and the National Presidents of the Allied Orders also participate. I would like to encourage all Brothers that have the opportunity to attend to make every effort to do so.

14 All member of the SUVCW are urged to attend and participate in Memorial Day Activities in order to fulfill your obligation to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. We all have accepted to task of teaching patriotism, respect of our flag and country, and to honor those who have given their lives in order to protect and perpetuate our form of government. I believe we can do no less than to dedicate part of our time and effort to taking part in Memorial Day programs in our local communities.

15. Camps are reminded to render aid and comfort to the families of members that have passed away and to drape their Charters in respect for departed brothers.

16. Please note the information in this issue of the Banner concerning the National Encampment to be held in Utica, New York August 8 - 10, 1997. I would recommend that members plan on attending and make reservations at the Radisson Hotel at your earliest convenience.

17. I would like to announce that those that have submitted names of members for Certificates of Merit and/or National Aid status for membership recruitment and the certificates have not as yet been issued to send me a reminder. I am in the process of catching up in this area and I do not wish to miss anyone.

By Order of:

Alan R. Loomis
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David Hann
National Secretary

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1. The 116th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held August 7-10, 1997 at the Radisson Hotel, 200 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502. The Joint Opening of the SUVCW and Auxiliary to SUVCW will take place at 4:00 P. M. on Thursday afternoon August 7th. All National Officers are requested to be present for the Joint Opening at that time. The pre-encampment meeting of the National Council of Administration will take place at 7:00 P. M. on Thursday night August 7 at 7:00 P. M. The first business session for the SUVCW will begin promptly at 9:00 A. M. Friday, August 8. I look forward to a large number of delegates being present and participating in this Encampment.
2. Officers Reports - National Encampment reports from Elected and Appointed Officers plus Standing and Special National Committee Chairs should be typewritten on 8 1/2" by 11" white paper and submitted to new National Secretary Dave Hann at 440 Clark Drive, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037-1011 no later than Thursday, July 31, 1997. His e mail address is COLELLET@msn.com and his telephone number is (609) 567-7432. Three (3) copies should be submitted. A period of five (5) minutes will be afforded each National Officer and Committee Chair to present his report on the floor of the Encampment. In addition to the 3 hard copies of the reports, it would also be appreciated if a floppy disk with the report could be sent to the National Secretary.
3. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Past National President of the Auxiliary to SUVCW Doris Schlenker, wife of PC-in-C Richard Schlenker. Doris had been suffering from an extended illness and I encourage all brothers to extend their sympathy to Brother Richard at this time. Please send your condolences to 4112 Heathfield Road, Rockville, Maryland 20853-2036.
4. Brothers are reminded and urged to send their donations to both the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund and the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Fund. Donations to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund are to be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214-1251. Donations to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund should be sent to Patriotic Instructor Edward Krieser 1354 Gilleevan Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana 46385-9069.
5. Department Encampments that I have attended since the publication of General Orders Number 4 includes the following: Department of Tennessee at Pickwick Landing State Park near Savannah, Tennessee April 9, 1997; Department of Maryland April 26th at Baltimore, Maryland; Department of Illinois in Heyworth, Illinois on May 3, 1997; Department of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri on May 10, 1997; Department of Indiana on June 7, 1997 in Kokomo, Indiana; Department of Ohio on June 14th and 15th in Alliance, Ohio; and the Department of Pennsylvania at Reading, Pennsylvania on June 27th and 28th. I also plan to attend the annual visitation by the Department of Michigan to the Michigan Veterans Home in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 2, 1997.
6. I have been invited to attend and will bring greetings to the 102nd National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans on July 31st in Nashville, Tennessee. Commander-in-Chief Peter W. Orlebeke of the SCV has accepted my invitation to attend our National Encampment and will bring greetings on August 8th in Utica, New York.

7. I wish to thank all Department and Camps that sponsored functions I attended and to the Departments and Camps that I was unable to attend due to conflicts in my schedule. Knowing that I would be unable to attend all Department Encampments or other activities due to the sheer size of our growing organization, I would encourage each Department, Camp, and individual member to contribute what time and talents that you are able to for the "good of the order." I would especially like to thank Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, PC-in-Cs Bud Atkinson, Clark Mellor, and Keith Harrison for representing me at Department Encampments and other functions that I was unable to attend. My apologies if I missed anyone. One very large thank you goes to Past C-in-C David Medert for his leadership in heading up the meeting of the Union and Confederate widows at Gettysburg on July 1, 1997. This turned out to be a big undertaking and Dave did a superb job of working out the details.

8. National Encampment Committee assignments will be made at a later date with the announcement of the Committee assignments early in the 116th National Encampment.

9. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all Departments, Camps, and above all the individual members for their hard work and dedication during my term in this high office. During the course of the year the total membership has reached and exceeded 5,000 members which indicates that the team spirit being developed within the order is bearing fruit. I look forward to the ensuing years and this dedication continuing and eventually increasing the membership to 10,000 followed by 15,000 and then 20,000. I firmly believe that this is an attainable goal, perhaps beyond our grasp at the moment, but eventually attainable.

10. As this will be my last General Order for the year, I would like to thank all the elected and appointed National Officers as well as the Chairmen and members of the Standing and Special National Committees for their dedicated and productive work this year. As Commander-in-Chief, I have been very cognizant of the role each member of the Administration played in furthering the goals of the SUVCW. Without this vital team effort, none of the accomplishments made during my or any administration is attainable. It is my hope that each member of the administrative team will continue to work in some capacity for the fulfillment of the goals that have been set for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:

Alan R. Loomis
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David Hann
National Secretary

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1. The Department of Tennessee is hereby notified that it may expand its borders to include Alabama. This order to being executed in order to allow camps formed in or to be formed in Alabama to become a part of the Department of Tennessee ,provided, when at least three camps have been formed in Alabama, a Department of Alabama shall be formed. At that time, the boundary of the Department of Tennessee shall revert to the boundary in force at the time of this General Order # 6.

By Order of:

Alan R. Loomis
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David F. Wallace
National Secretary

Appendix 3

Travel Log of the Commander-in-Chief

1996

- Aug. 9-11 Attended 115th National Encampment, SUVCW Columbus, Ohio.
Aug. 11 Chaired Council of Administration Meeting, Columbus, Ohio.
Aug. 17 Presentation of Eagle Scout Certificates to David Darrol & Tony Bergstedt, Troop 7, Valparaiso, Indiana.
Aug. 19 Conveyed greetings from SUVCW to National President Eileen Post & National Encampment, Woman's Relief Corps, Ottumwa, Iowa.
- Sept. 9 Conveyed greetings to African American Civil War Freedom Foundation Ceremony in Statuary Hall, U. S. Capital Building, Washington, D. C. in conjunction with dedication of monument dedicated to U. S. Colored Troops that participated in the Civil War.
Sept. 14 Attended reception for National President Betty Baker, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Waterloo, New York.
- Oct. 4 & 5 Attended Central Region Conference, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Chesterton, Indiana. Dinner honoring the Commander-in-Chief was a part of the Central Region Conference.
Oct. 12 Attended Memorial & Re-Dedication Service for four Civil War Soldiers buried in Warrenville, Illinois Cemetery, Warrenville, Illinois. Sponsored by Gen Phillip H. Sheridan Camp # 2, SUVCW.
Oct. 19 Attended Orlando Somers Camp #1 luncheon meeting in Kokomo, Indiana.
October 20 Attended and brought greetings from SUVCW at dinner/reception for National President Helen Meyer, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Le Sueur, Minnesota.
Oct. 26 Attended Chartering Ceremony for Frank Reed Camp # 24, SUVCW, in Tuscola, Illinois.
- Nov. 9 Attended Chartering Ceremony for Col. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp # 443, SUVCW, Bellville, Illinois.
Nov. 10 Attended Ben Harrison Camp # 356, SUVCW, camp meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.
Nov. 16 Attended & Participated in Remembrance Day Activities, (Parade, Woolson Monument Ceremony, Banquet) at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
Nov. 17 Chaired Council of Administration Meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

1997

- Jan. 25 Attended midyear meeting, Department of Indiana, Valparaiso, Indiana.
Feb. 8 Attended C. K. Pier Badger Camp # 1 annual President Abraham Lincoln Birthday Luncheon in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Feb. 9 Attended and participated in Lincoln Day Program at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln City, Indiana.

- Feb. 11 & 12 Attended and participated in Lincoln Birthday festivities in Washington, D. C. including program at Ford's Theater and Lincoln Birthday Ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial.
- Feb. 15 Attended midyear meeting, Department of Michigan, and Allied Orders Lincoln Day Dinner.
- Feb. 22 Attended the 1st Annual Department of Kansas Encampment in Wichita, Kansas.
- March 15 Chaired Council of Administration meeting in Columbus, Ohio.
- April 5 Attended Department of Iowa Encampment in De Moines, Iowa.
- April 13 Attended ceremony for Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson, founder of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois followed by a ceremony commemorating Post # 1 of the GAR at the Macon County Historical Society, Decatur, Illinois.
- April 15 Participated in Ceremony at Abraham Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois commemorating the 132nd anniversary of his death.
- April 19 Attended Department of Tennessee Department Encampment at Pickwick Landing State Park near Savannah, Tennessee.
- April 26 Attended Department of Maryland Department Encampment at Baltimore, Maryland.
- April 27 Attended 175th anniversary of General Ulysses S. Grant's birthday and Centennial of Grant's Tomb in New York City, New York.
- May 3 Attended Department of Illinois Department Encampment in Heyworth, Illinois.
- May 10 Attended 1st Annual Department of Missouri Encampment in Columbia, Missouri.
- June 7 Attended Department Encampment, Department of Indiana held in Kokomo, Indiana.
- June 14 & 15 Attended Department Encampment, Department of Ohio held in Alliance, Ohio.
- June 27 & 28 Attended Department of Pennsylvania Encampment held in Reading, Pennsylvania.
- July 31 Extended greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to Sons of Confederate Veterans at their National Reunion held in Nashville, Tennessee.
- August 2 Visitation to Michigan Veterans Home, Grand Rapids, Michigan at the invitation of the Department Commander, Department of Michigan. Accompanied by Department of Indiana Commander Ron Gill (also C-in-C aide-de-camp) for the purpose of exploring visitation strategies for the Department of Indiana.
- August 7, 8, 9, and 10 Attended and presided at the National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held in Utica, New York.

Appendix 4

Speeches Given by the Commander-in-Chief

**National Encampment
Woman's Relief Corps
Park view Plaza Hotel
Ottumwa, Iowa
August 19, 1996**

National President Eileen Post, National Staff Members, members of the Woman's Relief Corps, and guests. I most heartily extend to each one of you here assembled in your National Encampment greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am humbled by the fact that your organization was and still is the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. I stand in awe of the Boys in Blue and to their life or death commitment that insured that our country would continue as envisioned by our founding fathers. I also stand in awe of your organization and its steadfast support of the Grand Army after the Civil War in its work to secure dignity for the veterans, widows, and orphans that bore the harsh results of the war.

I feel compelled to relate to you an experience that has stayed with me as though it happened yesterday. Exactly forty years ago this fall I entered Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois as a freshman. During my freshman year, as I recall, I noticed a plaque on a store front in downtown Decatur that marked the meeting location of Post # 1, Grand Army of the Republic, the plaque place by your organization. I clearly recall that discovery to this day and the excitement it generated within me due to my mother and her parents, a son and a daughter of Civil War Veterans, taking the time to pass her grandfather's and their father's heritage on to me. I am greatly honored to be able to address you knowing that your organization continues to carry on the traditions and heritage of the Grand Army.

I extend to National President Eileen and each one of you my sincere anticipation of a successful and productive National Encampment. I am sure that many issues will be dealt with during this Encampment and I commend you to the guidance of the Divine Being in making these decisions.

On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I would like to express my commitment to continue the harmonious and constructive dialogue between our two organizations and within the Allied Orders. I would like to state that as Commander-in-Chief that I will continue these efforts and will do everything I can to implement mutually beneficial objectives and programs that strengthens the bonds between the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Union Veterans.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you for this opportunity to address your National Encampment and may God bless you during your deliberations.

**Ceremony in Statuary Hall,
United States Capital,
Commemorating the participation of
United States Colored troops during the Civil War
Washington, D. C.
September 9, 1996**

Congresswoman Norton, Chairman Smith, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman.

I represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the hereditary organization created by the Grand Army of the Republic in 1881. Since the G. A. R. chose not to include veterans of any other war besides the Civil War, its eventual passing as an organization occurred with the death of Albert Woolson in 1956. With this passing, The Sons of Union Veterans, in conjunction with the Allied Orders, assumed the role of perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who fought to preserve the unity of our Republic. I would like to add that the second Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John A. Logan, as a member of Congress was a steadfast supporter of equal bounty and pension schedules for black as well as white veterans. In addition he was a supporter of black suffrage and education. If I may quote from "John A. Logan, Stalwart Republican from Illinois" by Professor James P. Jones: (quote) "On January 12 the (New York) GLOBE endorsed Logan and gave it's reasons: his Civil War record, his honesty, and his battle for veteran's benefits. But the chief factor was his continued support of a "fuller emancipation" of black men when other supposed friends "turned their backs upon the path of duty." (unquote)

Therefore, on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I bring greetings to the African American Civil War Freedom Foundation and congratulate you on these ceremonies to honor the one hundred and eighty seven thousand (187,000) African Americans that answered the call to arms during the Civil War. The Sons of Union Veterans offers its help and support in your continuing efforts to increase awareness of the Black Troops of the Civil War and your commitment to Abraham Lincoln's vision: (quote) ". . .to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan-- to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations." (unquote)

Reception for Betty Baker
National President
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Holiday Inn
Waterloo, New York
September 14, 1996

I would like to congratulate you Betty on being elected National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during 1996-1997. I am looking forward to a rewarding year in which we will be attending various functions related to honoring the Grand Army of the Republic and working together harmoniously as we tend to the affairs of our two organizations.

On behalf of the sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I would like to express my commitment to continue the friendly and constructive dialogue that exists between our organizations and within the Allied Orders. I would like to state that as Commander-in-Chief I will continue these efforts and will do everything I can to implement mutually beneficial objectives and programs that strengthens the bonds between us.

I extend to you National President Betty my sincere anticipation of a successful and productive year. I am sure that many issues will be dealt with by you during your year and I commend you to the guidance of the Divine Being in making these decisions.

**Testimonial Dinner
Central Regions Conference
Chesterton, Indiana
October 5, 1996**

National Presidents, Present and Past National Officers, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentleman. I would like to acknowledge the courtesies that many of you have extended to me and I would like to express to each one of you my heartfelt thank you. I also wish to extend to each of you that are sojourners to Indiana a most cordial welcome of Hoosier Hospitality. I would like to add that the weather as well as the arrangements for this weekend were specifically arranged for your visit

I would like to begin this evening by going back one hundred and thirty one years. The Civil War had been over barely six months and the creation of the Grand Army of the Republic was six months in the future. America was experiencing a new birth of freedom as well as reassessing its national purpose and its roll in the world at large. Today, the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln's legacy of (quote) ". . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations." (unquote) still stirs the souls and imaginations of Americans as well as others of a multitude of nationalities. I am humbled by the realization that these momentous events and the ideals which our forefathers fought, bled, and died for are still a linchpin of our national consciousness. In addition, I am constantly reminded by the fact that the Grand Army of the Republic evolved from the dedication of the Union Veterans to the concept that this undivided Republic would continue to be a government of, by, and for the people, testifying that their sacrifices were not in vain.

I feel compelled to relate to you an incident that occurred during my freshman year as an undergraduate. My discovery of a plaque on a store front noting the location of Post # 1, Grand Army of the Republic rekindled my interest and respect for my great grandfathers and two great granduncles, instilled by my parents and maternal grandparents. This past spring, forty years after the above mentioned discovery, it was my privilege to take part in the 130th anniversary celebration of the formation of this post in Decatur, Illinois. I am sure that each one of us can relate a similar incident that stirred the inner recesses of our consciousness and enhanced the inherent interest in our forefathers deeds.

This brings me to a topic that I would not have dreamed a few short years ago would be a focus of discussion. Last Spring it came to my attention that two artillery gun tubes were removed from the GAR monument in the former I. O. O. F. cemetery in Marion, Indiana and sold by the present owner of the cemetery. The SUVCW Legal Staff has advised that due to the nature of Indiana law, civil action in the courts would probably not result in the gun tubes being returned to the monument. Similar situations have unfolded recently which indicates to me the necessity of addressing this subject. I am requesting all Departments and Camps to begin to photograph and/or inventory GAR properties and records in their jurisdictions in order to establish a base line of information. Some examples of this type of work that has been done includes an photograph and short descriptive inventory in the United States by the Daughters of Union Veterans in 1976 and a photograph inventory in New York done by the SUVCW in 1992. This however is just the beginning. Contacting legislators about strengthening laws protecting veterans monuments, protective maintenance and inquiries concerning how deeds may be changed in order to give added protection to these properties should be considered by each of our organizations. I realize that this will require a great deal of effort on the part of our combined memberships, but are we fulfilling our obligation to our forefathers by not addressing this subject.

I would now like to direct my remarks to the members of the Allied Orders. I would like to assure you that as Commander-in-Chief, I am committed to continue the friendly and constructive dialogue that exists between our organizations and within the Allied orders. I stand ready to meet our challenges together in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. I will be joining the National Presidents as we participate in several functions during the coming year and I look forward to continuing the dialogue we have established tonight.

I would now like to introduce the National Presidents of the ladies organizations if I may. They include Mrs. Betty Baker, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Leta Torrey, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Eileen Post, National President, National Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Helen Meyer, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.

I would also like to introduce members of my family that are present tonight. My wife Gretchen Loomis and son Dale Loomis. In addition, my brother Richard Loomis, his wife Barbara Loomis, son Jim Loomis, and daughter Jane Loomis.

Some special guests include State Senator Bill Alexa, State Representative Ralph Ayres, and Mr. Max and Mrs. Donna Daniels. In addition, the Buckley Family Singers, Joan Abraham, Yevon Weaver, and Ivy Hettrich.

I wish to thank Ed Krieser and Ron Gill from the bottom of my heart for all of the effort and work in putting this dinner and Central Region Conference together. These two gentleman have been very close to me for several years and I really appreciate everything that they have done for me.

I wish to thank everyone that attended this evening and I am most assuredly wish you a safe trip home.

Orlando Somers Camp #1
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Richards Restaurant
Kokomo, Indiana
October 19, 1996

Past Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore, Past Department Commander Gary Dolph, Department Commander Ron Gill, Camp Commander Russell Kirchner, members of Orlando Somers Camp # 1.

I would like to quote Section 3 of the SUVCW Congressional Charter:

"The purposes of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag; 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."

I assume that all or nearly all of you are aware of the sale of the two gun tubes on the GAR monument in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Marion Indiana. I am sure that you are also aware that the National Counselor and members of the National Legal Staff advised against pursuing a Civil Case in this matter since Indiana law that is on the books at this time favors the seller of the gun tubes due to abandonment. In other words, no one attempted to do any type of maintenance of the monument, thus in the eyes of the law, the monument and the gun tubes were abandoned. I don't happen to agree with this situation, but at the present time, we have no choice in the matter unless we would be willing to throw our money away on a case that would be extremely difficult to win.

I would like to inform you that Indiana Law will hopefully be changed this coming session of the Indiana Legislature. I have contacted State Senators Allen Paul and Bill Alexa as well as State Representatives Dale Grubb and Ralph Ayres and gave them copies of Michigan Penal Code 750.387, Malicious destruction of tombs and memorials to dead. I would like to read the replies I received from Senator Paul and Representative Grubb.

Senator Paul: "Thank you for your recent letter regarding the two parrot gun tubes that were removed from the Grand Army of the Republic monument in the Old I. O. O. F. cemetery in Marion and sold by the new owner.

I think that it was such a shame that this could have taken place and I am going to take steps this fall to have legislation drafted so this won't happen again. Alan, please keep in touch over the next few months and keep me informed of anything else taking place."

Representative Grubb: "Alan, I'll put the bill under draft."

I would also like to note that Senator Bill Alexa, who represents the district that I live in, is a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee in the Senate and has indicated to me that he is behind efforts to change the law so that this does not occur again.

At this point you may be wondering what can the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do or what can I do as a member of the SUVCW. I would like to bring up some things that I am emphasizing during my term as Commander-in-Chief. First of all, I am encouraging all Departments to take on the responsibility to begin to locate, photograph, and catalog all GAR monuments within their jurisdiction. I would like to point out that the Department of New York did this in 1992. I would also like to note that the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War did this nationwide in 1976 as a bicentennial project.

With these two examples, I am of the opinion that the Department of Indiana should establish a Department Graves Registration Committee, with representatives from each camp, with the mission of beginning to work on this project. I do not expect it to be completed within a year or necessarily two years, but the first step has to be taken in order for us to honor our commitment to Section 3 of our Congressional Charter and our obligation when we joined the SUVCW. I have a copy of a list of gun tubes that are known to be at various locations throughout the State of Indiana, supplied by a member of Harrison Camp, which can form the foundation for this project.

The second phase of this project is that once the locations of the GAR monuments have been identified, photographed, and cataloged, each camp take responsibility to do some type of maintenance on the GAR monuments within a certain distance from the city or area in which they are active. This serves two purposes. It fulfills our obligations which I noted earlier and it also establishes our claim of ownership, based on the Deed of Conveyance signed by the last surviving GAR member, Albert Woolson. In the eyes of the law, we would be maintaining this property and avoiding the problems of abandonment. I am not advocating a rigorous schedule of maintenance, but a regular basis of once a year or every other year in order to establish our right of ownership.

I personally feel that the time for each member to become involved in some SUVCW activity rather than just attending meetings. I enjoy a well prepared and informative program as much as any other member. However, no organization will grow and prosper if only a very few members do nearly all of the work. I would encourage each one of you present today to offer to become involved with camp and/or department activities.

**Reception for Helen Meyer
National President
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
Le Sueur Country Club
Le Sueur, Minnesota
October 20, 1996**

I would like to congratulate you Helen on being elected National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, during 1996-1997. I am looking forward to a rewarding year in which we will be attending various functions related to honoring the Grand Army of the Republic and working together harmoniously as we tend to the affairs of our two organizations.

On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I would like to express my commitment to continue the friendly and constructive dialogue that exists between our organizations and within the Allied Orders. I would like to state that as Commander-in-Chief I will continue these efforts and will do everything I can to implement mutually beneficial objectives and programs that strengthens the bonds between us.

I extend to you National President Helen my sincere anticipation of a successful and productive year. I am sure that many issues will be dealt with by you during your year and I commend you to the guidance of the Divine Being in making these decisions.

**Chartering of Frank Reed Camp # 24
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Douglas County Court House
Tuscola, Illinois
October 26, 1996**

Nearly one year ago I attended an open house in this Grand Army of the Republic room on Veteran's Day. The purpose of that open house was to inform the residents of Douglas County of their priceless heritage represented by the artifacts found here and the admonition by the last member of the Frank Reed Post # 409 that it be used and preserved by patriotic organizations. Several of you that attended that open house have returned today to become a part of the successor organization to the G. A. R. that will carry out the desire of that Civil War veteran. I am sure that each individual present today, as a guest, resident of Douglas County, or as a charter member of Frank Reed Camp # 24 as he attends meetings in this room, cannot help but keep green in his or her mind the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the Nation might be preserved. You have a rare and rich inheritance entrusted to you. Be diligent in its preservation as you carry out the three principles upon which the Grand Army and our organization were founded: FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY.

Chartering of Col. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp # 443
Department of Illinois
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Bellville, Illinois
November 9, 1996

Department Commander Bailey, Camp Commander Shepherd, honored guests, members and quests of Colonel Friedrich K. Hecker Camp # 443. It is a distinct honor for me to attend and participate in the chartering ceremony of this camp. I would like to remind you that although I am from the Hoosier State, my background is firmly rooted in Illinois, I was born and raised in Ottawa and my two maternal great grandfathers and two maternal great grand uncles served in Illinois regiments, the 39th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and the 15th Illinois Cavalry. It was a pleasure to participate in the chartering of the Frank Reed Camp # 24, Tuscola, Illinois two weeks ago and tonight here we are repeating a chartering here in Bellville that I hope is repeated several times in the near future. As recently as about four years ago, the Department of Illinois was composed of one camp. The Department is now made up of five Camps with about 200 members and a distinct possibility of adding more camps and members. Membership in the SUVCW has been increasing rapidly over the last four years and I am proud of the Department of Illinois' participation in this growth. God bless your endeavors in bringing this camp into being and may the camp and department continue to prosper through the years as each member does his duty to further the purposes of the order

**Ben Harrison Camp # 356
Indiana War Memorial Building
Indianapolis, Indiana
November 10, 1996**

Past Department Commander Steve Jackson, Department Commander Ron Gill, Camp Commander Tom Melton, members, and guests of Ben Harrison Camp # 356.

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**Woolson Monument Ceremony
Gettysburg National Battlefield Park
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
November 16, 1996**

President Lincoln; Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve; Commanders of all reenactor organizations; National Presidents, Allied Orders; Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion; Superintendent Latschar; members of all reenactor organizations; ladies and gentlemen.

The three noble principles the Grand Army of the Republic was based upon were FRATERNITY, CHARITY, and LOYALTY. The objectives of the order as set down at its first national encampment in 1866 reflected these three principles. Additionally, they were included in the GAR membership badge and lapel button.

Fraternity, symbolized by a Union Soldier and Sailor clasping hands, identified the common hardships shared by the comrades of this illustrious organization. What price is asked of the "Little Brown Button" as the lapel button was called. "Ten cents in good money" was the answer "And four years of marching And fighting to boot." The wealth of the world cannot purchase this emblem except that the buyer once wore the brave blue.

Charity, depicted by two small children receiving assurance of protection from the comrades who offered all they possessed upon the altar of their country, became a corner stone of the Grand Army. The protection and care of the needy defenders of the nation, their widows and orphans was a benediction to President Lincoln's admonition in his second inaugural: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in: to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan -- to do all which may achieve a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

Loyalty, symbolized by the Goddess of Liberty, is the central figure of the GAR motif. Loyalty to the nation in its time of need and to comrades that shared the hardships of the march and battle were central to the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thus membership was confined to "all soldiers, sailors, of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, who served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, having been honorably discharged and after such service, and of such State regiments as were called to active service and subject to the orders of the U. S. General Officers, between the dates mentioned.

My concluding thoughts turn to the motto of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the successor organization to the G. A. R, which states "Preserved by the Grace of God." This motto, I believe, is a fitting tribute the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and more importantly to the United States of America.

**Lincoln Tomb Ceremony
Springfield, Illinois
April 15, 1997**

Representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am pleased to have been invited to present a few remarks today at this solemn ceremony. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, created in 1881 by the Grand Army of the Republic, is dedicated to fostering and preserving the memory of those who preserved the Union in 1861- 1865.

On this occasion, with the promise of renewed life in the air, we gather at this hallowed place to again honor the individual that gave renewed life to a nation divided by Civil War. Reflecting on the trials and sacrifices that would be required in order to preserve this nation, his farewell address to the citizens of Springfield anticipated these trials and sacrifices and his confidence in the divine being to see him and the nation through this perilous time.

"My Friends, no one not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that divine being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To his care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

He was especially cognizant of the fragile nature of life as evidenced by the death of his mother during his ninth year, his sons Edward at the age of three, and William at age eleven in Washington. The casualties of war, as they mounted, were an ever increasing burden that deeply troubled him as so eloquently expressed in his letter to Mrs. Bixby at the loss of her sons in defense of the Union.

"Executive Mansion
Washington
November 21, 1864

Mrs. Bixby
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam: I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant-General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,
Abraham Lincoln"

These sentiments, so appropriately expressed in this letter, would in turn be applicable to the death of Abraham Lincoln. We here assembled, as well as the entire nation, should annually commemorate the memory of "so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I encourage each individual here present to maintain in your heart and mind the ideals of citizenship and dedication to "one nation under God, indivisible, and with liberty and justice for all" as exemplified by the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Grant's Tomb Ceremony
New York City, New York
April 27, 1997

I am especially honored to be a part of this ceremony honoring the 175th anniversary of General Ulysses S. Grant's birth as well as the 100th anniversary of this revered site. It is most appropriate that the commemorative slogan selected for this event be, "Let Us Have Peace."

I would like to draw your attention to the terms of surrender drawn up by General Grant at Appomattox in the spring of 1865.

"Appomattox Ct. H., Va., April 9, 1865

"General R. E. Lee, Commanding C. S. A.

"General: In accordance with the substance of my letter to you of the 8th inst., I propose to receive the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia on the following terms, to wit: Rolls of all officers and men to be made in duplicate, one copy to be given to an officer to be designated by me, the other to be retained by such officer or officers as you may designate. The officers to give their individual paroles not to take up arms against the Government of the United States until properly [exchanged], and each company or regimental commander to sign a like parole for the men of their commands. The arms, artillery, and public property to be parked, and stacked, and turned over to the officers appointed by me to receive them. This will not embrace the side-arms of the officers, nor their private horses or baggage. This done, each officer and man will be allowed to return to his home, not to be disturbed by the United States authorities so long as they observe their paroles, and the laws in force where they may reside.

Very respectfully,

U.S. Grant, Lieutenant-General."

While reading the terms, General Lee exhibited a change in countenance as he was visibly touched by the phrase allowing the officers to retain their side arms, private horses or baggage. Before the document was signed General Lee mentioned that the organization of the Confederate Army being somewhat different than that of the Army of the United States in that the cavalrymen and artillerists owned their own horses. He stated that "I would like to understand whether these men will be permitted to retain their horses?" General Grant replied "I will not change the terms as now written, but I will instruct the officers I shall appoint to receive the paroles to let all the men who claim to own a horse or mule to take the animals home with them to work their little farms." General Lee, looking greatly relieved, replied: "This will have the best possible effect upon the men. It will be very gratifying and will do much toward conciliating our people." May each one of us here assembled take with us a portion of that sincere and pure conciliatory spirit exhibited at Appomattox and apply it in our lives as citizens of these United States of America.

**102nd Annual Reunion
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Nashville, Tennessee
July 31, 1997**

Commander-in-Chief Orlebeke, officers, delegates, and members, Sons of Confederate Veterans; compatriots, Military Order of Stars and Bars. I am especially honored to be invited to this 102nd Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and I wish to extend cordial greetings from the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I am reminded of the last reunion of the Blue and Gray held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 1938. Mr. Paul L. Roy, Executive Secretary of the State Commission in charge of the reunion, relates in his book on the subject the complications inherent in bringing together these two veterans groups for their last gathering together. I believe that United Confederate Veteran's Adjutant General Harry R. Lee summed up the response that would be generated by this last tattoo when he responded to the Pennsylvania invitation as presented by Mr. Roy. ". . . Of course I am for the Reunion. We should get together. We should be friends. . . ." Over 1800 veterans from both sides attended and participated in activities between June 29 and July 6, 1938, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

I am sure that most of you are aware of the meeting of two surviving widows, one of a Union Veteran and the other of a Confederate Veteran, at Gettysburg on July 1, 1997. This meeting occurred in conjunction with the re-interment of an unknown combatant of that great battle. In addition, a reenactment of the "hands across the wall" occurred between two members of our organizations in conjunction with the widow's meeting and the re-interment. These activities highlighted the end of an era in which individuals that had direct contact with our ancestors that struggled during the 1861-1865 conflict will no longer be accessible. It is fitting and proper that we combined our efforts to ensure that this final meeting took place in a spirit of friendship and brotherhood.

In recognition of these historic events and numerous cooperative endeavors between our two organizations, I extend the hand of friendship and cooperation from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. May we continue to explore all possible means of ensuring that the honor of our ancestors will be continued as we work together to ensure that grave sites, monuments, and memorials are maintained and the appropriate commemorative ceremonies are continued and engraved in the hearts and minds of our fellow Americans.

Appendix 5
1997 – 1998 Budget

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997**

	General Fund	GAR Fund	Permanent Fund	Sr VICE Fund	Headquarters Fund
Revenue:					
Per Capita Tax	\$42,000.00				
Sale of Supplies	22,500.00				
Shipping & Handling-Supplies	1,500.00				
Banner Subscriptions	275.00				
National Encampment Reg. Fee	500.00				
New Camp Application Fees	200.00				
Banner Advertising Income	0.00				
E-Mail Service Income	0.00				
Auxiliary Love Gift	250.00				
Donations	0.00	100.00	50.00	1,000.00	0.00
New member fees	0.00			4,500.00	
NMAL Donation	2,000.00				
Interest Income – checking	0.00				
Interest Income - Money Market	300.00				200.00
Interest Income – CDs	0.00	3,680.00	3,120.00	0.00	710.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00				
Recapture of Escheated Funds	3,815.48				
Life Membership Fees	0.00		4,000.00		
Honor Roll Contributions	0.00		500.00		
Transfer of Eunds	16,000.00	3,780.00	7,670.00	5,500.00	910.00
Total Revenue	89,840.48				
Cost of Sales:					
Supplies	20,000.00				
Shipping & Handling	1,500.00				
Total Cost of Sales	21,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses:					
Commander-in-Chief allowance	5,000.00				
National Secretary's allowance	3,500.00				
National Treasurer's allowance	2,000.00				
National Quartermaster allowance	2,000.00				
Council of Adminiatration per diem	1,200.00				
National Encampment Committee	1,000.00				
Graves Registration Committee	500.00				
Office expenses	2,750.00	0.00	775.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Web Page	900.00				
Telephone	1,000.00			300 00	

	General Fund	GAR Fund	Permanent Fund	Sr VICE Fund	Headquarters Fund
Postage & Express Mail	1,750.00		50.00	600.00	
Electronic Mail	800.00			200.00	
Electronic Recording Records	500.00				
Transcribe Proceedings	2,000.00				
Printing of Proceeding	24,000.00				
National Encampment Expense	500.00				
Publication - Banner	12,000.00				
Past Commander-in-chiefs Jewel	500.00				
Accountant Fee	1,200.00				
Purchased Services	200.00				
Sons of Veterans Reserve	500.00				
Bank Charges	80.00	60.00	60.00		
Scholerehips	1,000.00	1,000.00			
Miscellaneous expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00		
Bad Debt Reserve					
History Book	400.00				
Grant Tomb		75.00			
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony		75.00			
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony		400.00			
G.A.R. Remberance Day		300.00			
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines		100.00			
Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldiers		75.00			
Jefferson Memorial		75.00			
Congress of Patriotic Organizations		25.00			
Special Projects		25.00			
G.A.R. Campfire		1,000.00			
GAR Highway Association		400.00			
Patriotic Instructors Appeal		75.00			
Life member payments			1,400.00		
Membership drive - advertising				4,000.00	
Purchase of Computer	2,000.00				
Legal fees					
Total Expenses	88,830.00	3,710.00	2,335.00	7,100.00	3,000.00
Excess (Deficit)	510.00	70.00	5,335.00	(1,600.00)	(2,090.00)

Appendix 6

Past Commanders-in-Chief

ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT	ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1928	*Delevan B. Bowley	California
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1929	*Theodroe C. Cazeau	New York
1883	*Frank F. Merrill	Maine	1930	*Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1889	*Charles L. Griffin	Indiana	1936	*William A. Dyer	New York
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	1937	*William A. Dyer	New York
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	1938	*William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	1941	*Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	1942	*Henry Towle	Maine
1896	*James L. Rake	Pennsylvania	1943	*C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	1944	*Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1899	*A.W. Jones	Ohio	1946	*Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	1947	*Charles H.E. Moran	Massachusetts
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	1950	*Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	1951	*Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1905	*Harvey V. Speelamn	Ohio	1952	*Frederick K. Davis	Wash & Oregon
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	1953	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	1954	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1908	*Edgar Allen, Jr.	Maryland	1955	*Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1909	*George W. Pollit	New Jersey	1956	*Fred E. Howe	New York
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	1957	*Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1958	*Earl F. Riggs	California
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	1959	*Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	1961	*Charles L. Messer	New York
1915	*A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio	1962	*Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1917	*Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania	1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	1965	*W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	1966	*Frank Woerner	California
1920	*Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska	1967	*William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	1968	*Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1922	*Frank Shelhouse	Indiana	1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	1970	*George L. Cashman	Illinois
1924	*William M. Coffin	Ohio	1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	1972	*John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	1973	*Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania

ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	*Harold T. Bielby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	*Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	*Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio

HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

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

SONS OF VETERANS

1881	!*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	!*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	!*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	!*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1885	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1887	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

THE POST SYSTEM

1889-90	!*George W. Marks	New York
1890	!*George T. Brown	New York

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

*Isaac S. Bangs	Maine
*A.V. Bohn	Colorado
*Frank Challis	New Hampshire
*Charles S Crysler	Missouri
*A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
*E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
*H.P. Kent	Massachusetts
*William Maskell	Illinois
*Walter S. Payne	Ohio
*R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
*William Ross	Maryland
*Raphael Tobias	New York
*Leland J. Webb	Kansas

* Deceased

! Conferred by the Commandery-in-Chief

Appendix 7

Past National Encampments

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6 - 7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27 - 30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17 - 18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1 - 2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17 - 19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15 - 17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10 - 13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26 - 29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24 - 29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8 - 12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15 - 18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20 - 23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16 - 18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8 - 10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9 - 11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10 - 14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7 - 9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11 - 13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7 - 9	Washington, D.C.
22nd	1903	September 15 - 17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18 - 20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20 - 23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20 - 21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25 - 27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24 - 26	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20 - 22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20 - 25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27 - 29 St.	Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16 - 18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1 - 3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28 - 30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30 - 31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22 - 23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20 - 21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9 - 11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22 - 23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26 - 28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4 - 6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
43rd	1924	August 12 - 14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1 - 3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21 - 23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
47th	1928	September 18 - 20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10 - 12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26 - 28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14 - 17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19 - 22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19 - 21	St. Paul, Minnesota
53rd	1934	August 14 - 16	Rochester, New York
54th	1935	September 9 - 12	Grand Rapids, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22 - 24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6 - 9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5 - 8	Des Moines, Iowa
58th	1939	August 29 - 31	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10 - 12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15 - 18	Columbus, Ohio
61st	1942	September 15 - 17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20 - 23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12 - 14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1 - 4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10 - 14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26 - 30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28 - 31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20 - 24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19 - 23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24 - 28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23 - 27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8 - 13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21 - 25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 1 - 15	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18 - 22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17 - 21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16 - 20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21 - 25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20 - 24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19 - 23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18 - 23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16 - 20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15 - 19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6 - 10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18 - 22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17 - 21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23 - 27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13 - 17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5 - 9	Palm Springs, California

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
93rd	1974	August 18 - 22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10 - 14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15 - 19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14 - 18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13 - 17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12 - 15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10 - 14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9 - 13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 15 - 19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12 - 16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10 - 15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10 - 13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9 - 12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14 - 17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13 - 16	Stamford, Connecticut
109th	1990	August 12 - 15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11 - 14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13 - 16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13 - 15	Portland, Maine
113th	1994	August 11 - 14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10 - 13	Columbus, Ohio
115 th	1996	August 6 - 9	Columbus, Ohio