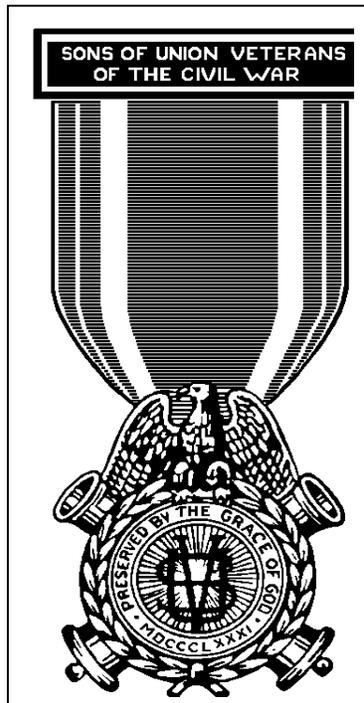


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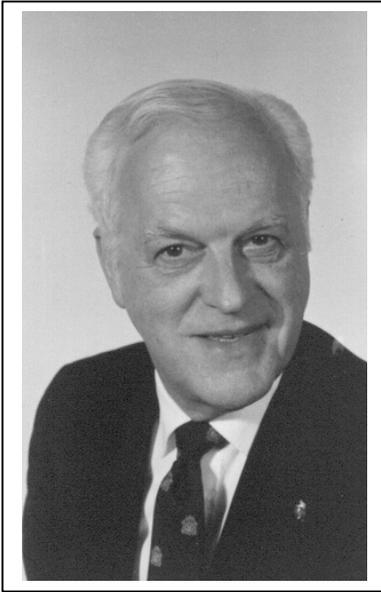
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**Biography and Photograph of Commander-in-Chief  
Lowell Varner Hammer**



**LOWELL VARNER HAMMER**

Lowell Varner Hammer was elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on August 13, 1991 at the 110<sup>th</sup> National Encampment held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Commander-in-Chief Hammer was born in Ligonier, Pennsylvania on February 20, 1928. Educated in the public schools of Ligonier, Greensburg, and Johnstown, Pennsylvania, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Service from the Pennsylvania State University in June 1950. Called into the Armed Forces in October 1950 and after attending Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Artillery in 1952. He served in the Far East Command during the Korean War until his release from active duty in 1953. Returning to the academic world, Commander-in-Chief Hammer attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Medford, Massachusetts where he earned a Master of Arts degree in 1954. During his career of over forty years in foreign affairs with the Federal Government, Commander-in-Chief Hammer served as an officer in Executive Branch agencies and departments included service abroad in Africa and Europe with the U.S. Foreign Service. Following his retirement in 1985, he continued to serve the government as a consultant in international security affairs.

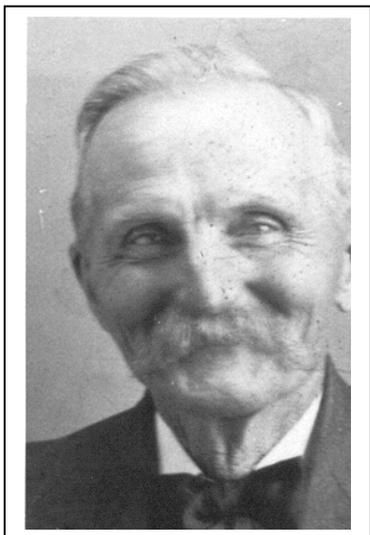
Commander-in-Chief Hammer's grandfather, great uncle, and two great grandfathers served in the Union Army with the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His grandfather, John B. Hammer, was a Sergeant with Company D of the 138<sup>th</sup> Regiment; his great uncle, Hezekiah Hammer, served as Captain of Company K of the 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment; and his great grandfather, Jacob G. Varner, served as a Private in Company A of the 107<sup>th</sup> Regiment. Another great grandfather, Thomas G. Walker, served as a Private in Company I of the 171<sup>st</sup> Regiment and later as a Corporal in Company I of the 91<sup>st</sup> Regiment.

Prior to his election to the SUVCW's highest office, Commander-in-Chief Hammer served as Camp Commander of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 and as Commander of the Department of Maryland. At the National level, he has served as the G.A.R. Highway Officer, as a member of the National Council of Administration, and as Junior and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. As a Colonel in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, he has served as Washington D.C. Liaison Officer, Inspector General, and Public Information Officer. Other Civil War and Lincoln related activity includes service as Chairman of the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee which sponsors the annual ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial every February 12<sup>th</sup>; a member of the Advisory Board of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites; a member of the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, the Lincoln Commission at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and a Board Member of the Civil War Library and Museum in Philadelphia.

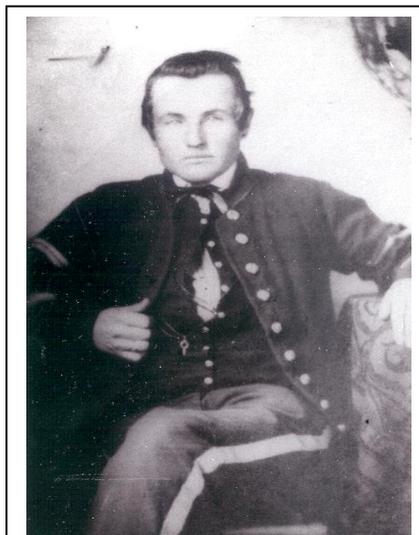
Commander-in-Chief Hammer served also as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and had two months remaining in his term of office when he was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Although Major General Ulysses S. Grant III had also served as Commander-in-Chief of both Orders, Commander-in-Chief Hammer is the only one to have served both organizations in that capacity concurrently for a period of time. In addition to serving the above cited organizations, Commander-in-Chief Hammer has served as President of the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; President of the Sons of the Revolution in the District of Columbia; Commander of the District of Columbia Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars; and Governor of the District of Columbia Branch of the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. He is a member of numerous other hereditary, veterans, patriotic, and genealogical societies in which he has held office at the national, state, and chapter level.

Commander-in-Chief Hammer and his wife, the former Elizabeth "Betsy" Carter Bowers, have a daughter and two sons who are all married and have families of their own providing the Hammers with two grandsons and three grand daughters. Betsy is a Past President of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp Auxiliary and a Past National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Although they were living in Potomac, Maryland at the time of Brother Hammer's service as Commander-in-Chief, the Hammers now reside in Port St. Lucie, Florida where they relocated in 1997.

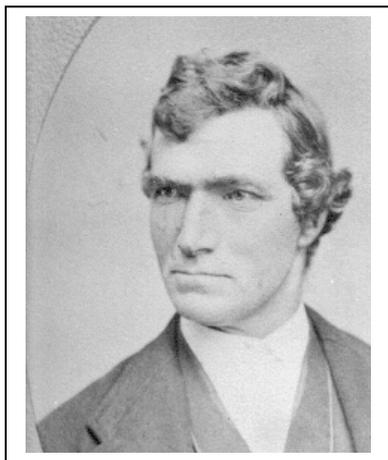
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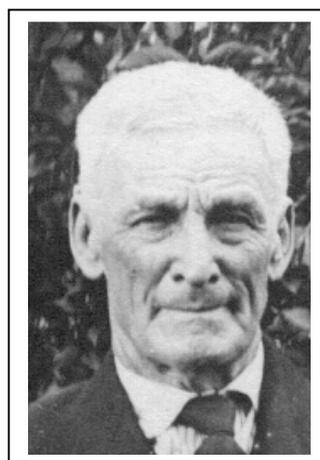
John Beisel Hammer  
1842-1917  
Sergeant, Company D,  
138<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry  
29 Aug. 1862-23 June 1865



Hezekiah Hammer  
1840-1910  
Captain, Company K,  
55<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry  
9 Sept. 1861-30 Aug. 1865



Jacob G. Varner  
1829-1906  
Private, Company A,  
107<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry  
20 Sept. 1864-6 June 1865



Thomas Griffith Walker  
1832-1917  
Private, Company I  
171<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry  
16 Oct. 1862-8 Aug. 1863  
Corporal, Company I  
91<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry  
21 Sept. 1864-30 May 1865



**NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1991-1992**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

Commander-in-Chief.....Lowell V. Hammer (Maryland)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....Elmer F. Atkinson (Pennsylvania)

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....Allen W. Moore (Indiana)

Council of Administration.....George W. Long (Pennsylvania)  
Joseph S. Rippey (New York)  
Peter A. Dixon (Maryland)

National Secretary.....James T. Lyons (Michigan)

National Treasurer.....Richard D. Orr (Pennsylvania)

National Counselor.....Richard D. Orr (Pennsylvania)

National Chaplain.....Frank A. Foight III (Maryland)

National Patriotic Instructor.....James O. Lee (Iowa)

National Historian.....Jerome L. Orton (New York)

National History Book Coordinator.....Gary L. Gibson (Michigan)

National Graves Registration Officer.....Charles E. Sharrock (Colorado)

National G.A.R. Highway Officer.....Alan C. Peterson (Rhode Island)

National Personal Aide.....Peter A. Dixon (Maryland)

National Washington D.C. Representative.....Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C (Maryland)

National Member at Large Coordinator.....Keith G. Harrison (Michigan)

National Chief of Staff.....Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C (New York)

*BANNER* Editor.....James O. Lee (Iowa)

## PROGRAM

### THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST 1992

5-7:00 PM	Registration	Conference Center
7:30 PM	Council of Administration Meeting	Board Room, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall
7:30 PM	Hospitality Room Hosted by Encampment Committee	
8:30 PM	Practice Joint Opening & Memorial Service	

### FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST 1992

8:00 AM	Registration	
9:00 AM	Joint Opening, Sons & Aux.	Salon B
9:30 AM	Business Session	Salon A
12:00 Noon	Lunch Recess	
1:00 PM	Business Session	Salon A
5:30 PM	Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents Dinner	Robinson and Montour Rooms
7:00 PM	Campfire	Ballroom

### SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 1992

7:00 AM	SVR Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Registration	
9:00 AM	Business Session	Salon A
12:00 Noon	Lunch Recess	
1:00 PM	Business Session	Salon A
6:00 PM	Chief of Staff Banquet, Sons, Auxiliary & Ladies of G.A.R.	Ballroom
9:00 PM	Courtesy Hour Open House	Salon E

### SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST 1992

9:00 AM	Joint Church Service	Ballroom
9:30 AM	Joint Memorial Service, Sons Auxiliary, Ladies of G.A.R.	Ballroom Salon A
10:00	Business Session (Election and Installation)	
12:00 Noon	Lunch Recess	
1:00 PM	Business Session (if needed)	Salon A
1:30 PM	Tour to Flag Plaza	
3:00 PM	Council of Administration Meeting	



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

**PRE - 111<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT  
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

**SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST 1992**

The pre-111th National Encampment Meeting of the Council of Administration, SUVCW, was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer. An opening prayer was offered by Past Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker.

**Members Present:**

Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer, MD  
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. Atkinson, PA  
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore, IN  
Council Member Joseph S. Rippey, NY  
Council Member Peter A. Dixon, MD  
Council Member George W. Long, PA  
National Secretary James T. Lyons, MI  
National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PA

**Others Present:**

Others present included Past Commanders-in-Chief Richard Schlenker, Clark Mellor, and Charles Corfman, BANNER Editor James Lee, Timothy Frake - IL, Nathan Moll and Roger Wheeler - IA.

The minutes of the 17 November 1991 Council of Administration meeting were read and approved on a motion by George Long, seconded by Richard Orr.

**Reports of Officers:**

1. The Commander-in-Chief distributed copies of the report that he will present to the Encampment tomorrow and offered a few comments on the content.
2. Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Atkinson indicated that his full report would be presented the next day.
3. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Moore indicated he had no report at this time.
4. National Secretary Lyons distributed copies of the statistical report on membership and offered comments regarding portions of the report. It was noted that all Departments with one exception had made all payments due through 30 June.

Although scheduled for discussion under New Business, the problems in the Department of Illinois were discussed at this time. Brother Tim Frake, Commander of

Custer Camp #1 of Chicago, recounted some of the difficulties they have encountered with the operation of the Department.

A motion was offered by Richard Orr, "That the Council of Administration recommend to the Commander-in-Chief that the Charter of the Department of Illinois be suspended." Seconded by SVC-in-IC Atkinson. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Treasurer Orr then offered a motion, "That the Council of Administration recommend to the Commander-in-Chief that Robert M. Graham, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Illinois be removed from office for failure to perform the duties of his office." The motion was seconded by SVC-in-C Atkinson and passed.

The Commander-in-Chief then directed that the record show that Robert M. Graham was removed upon recommendation of the Council of Administration from office as the Secretary- Treasurer of the Department of Illinois as of this time (9:10 p.m. EDT) and date. He recommended that the incoming Commander-in-Chief convene a special Department Encampment to reorganize the Department at the earliest possible time. It was observed that Michael Rhodes had been improperly elected (appointed) at the Department Encampment in 1991 since he was not in attendance as required by the C&R. The 1992 Department Encampment was canceled by Robert Graham.

The National Secretary was directed to send a mail-gram to Brother Graham informing him of this action and directing him to turn all Department records and property in his possession over to the National Secretary acting as the agent for the Commander-in-Chief. On motion from Orr, seconded by Atkinson the motion was passed.

5. The National Treasurer presented copies of the audits performed for 1990-1991. Technically, under recent changes in the law in Pennsylvania, this constitutes a review as opposed to a formal audit, but provides a full financial statement.

Treasurer Orr presented the written statement of accounts for the past fiscal year. Following some discussion, he offered the recommendation that a Financial Advisory Committee be formed to advise the Treasurer regarding investment of funds in the CDs which will be maturing in the present fiscal year.

There was some discussion regarding procedures for camps to be reimbursed for Life Members.

The proposed budget was presented and following some discussion, the Council acting as a Committee of the Whole approved the budget for presentation to the National Encampment.

1. The BANNER Editor James Lee read the following report:

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Delegates  
to the 111th National Encampment of the  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

The deadline for information, articles and pictures to be placed in the Fall BANNER is September 1st of each year. The deadline dates for upcoming BANNERS are December 1, 1992, March 1, 1993 and June 1, 1993. These deadlines must be strictly held. If these deadlines are extended again like this past year, then each issue of the BANNER suffers. Tradition must be set aside. If someone can not get their article into the BANNER Editor before the set deadline, then that information and pictures must be printed in the next BANNER.

The deadline for the Fall issue of the BANNER was extended seven (7) weeks to allow the National Auxiliary President time to submit her picture and article about her qualifications and life history. Only four (4) bags of BANNERS which were mailed in November and December, 1991, with the Fall, 1991, issue were ever delivered. One bag went to PA; the other three bags went to members-at-large and mixed states. All other bags have been misplaced by the U.S. Post Office. The SUV will receive a postage refund only after a complete search of the Post Office system has been conducted. This search takes two years.

The March 1st deadline for the Winter-Spring BANNER was extended over eight (8) weeks. This was done so information could be placed into the preregistration form concerning the National Chief of Staff Banquet. Her committee needed this amount of time to decide on the menu and price of the banquet.

The Summer issue of the BANNER listed all the Appointed Encampment Committees, and most of the activities that Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer attended during his year. The issue was sent out to the membership only about three (3) weeks late.

Since the above conditions existed throughout the entire 1991-1992 year, I believe that no one could have done a better or faster job of getting the BANNER out to the membership.

Four departments are still not complying with the Commander-in-Chief's general orders concerning up-dating their current membership list. These departments are Massachusetts except Camps #15, 26 and 104; Illinois except Camp #1; New Hampshire except Camp #38 and Maine. All of these department BANNERS have been sent by UPS to either the Department Secretary or the Department Commander for distribution.

Returned BANNERS have decreased to about 165 per mailing. I have copies of the BANNERS which were returned for "No forwarding address on file, unable to forward." Since these members do not live at these addresses all of these members must be deleted from the mailing list.

Proposal #1 - Is to mail the BANNER by First Class postage. This would save about two months distribution time for each mailing to get out to the membership.

Proposal #2 - Is to invoice the Departments that refuse to comply with the Commander-in-Chief's general orders about up-dating their current mailing list. All of their BANNERS would be mailed by First Class postage for the first issue only each year. If these departments still refuse to comply with the Commander-in-Chief's general orders then all other issues of the BANNER must be sent by UPS to the Department Secretary and/or Department Commander until these departments comply.

Proposal #3 - I am willing to fulfill this office for another year, if the Council of Administration desires to elect me again.

Proposal #4 - All monies that are vouchered for the BANNER should be wired into the BANNER account in Des Moines, Iowa. This would increase production time about three weeks.

Proposal #5 - Complimentary BANNERS. Who gets one and who doesn't?

Respectfully submitted;  
Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty  
James Lee, Editor of "THE BANNER"

Following the report of the BANNER Editor, Commander-in-Chief Hammer read letters from Massachusetts Department Commander Edward Parks and New York Department Commander Danny Wheeler. Both offered complaints and suggested some solutions for the distribution problems of our publication.

7. The report of the Membership-at-Large Coordinator was deferred. Keith Harrison will not arrive until late tonight.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A. It was reported that Camp #85, Department of Massachusetts has been disbanded and that Camps #9 and #30 have been reactivated. Personal differences between individuals continue and the issue of dividing the balance of the money in the Camp #85 Escrow account remains.

B. Commander-in-Chief Hammer presented the following summary of the matter concerning the Office of the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief:

### **SUMMARY OF JR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SITUATION**

Soon after the 17 November 1991 meeting of the National Council of Administration in Gettysburg, it was brought to the attention of the Council members that Brother Roger Wheeler had never served as a Camp Commander. If true, this would place the legitimacy of his election as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief in question since the C & R

states that a brother must have served as a Camp Commander to be elected Department Commander. Thus, if he had not served as a Camp Commander, his election as Department Commander was not valid. Since the C&R also stipulates that a Brother must have served as a Department Commander to be elected to the position of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, or Commander-in-Chief, his election as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief would likewise be invalid.

2. Wishing to give Brother Wheeler the opportunity to clarify this situation before taking any further action, the Commander-in-Chief wrote to him on 1 January 1992 asking for his comments and explanation. Brother Wheeler never responded to the letter. Instead, the Commander-in-Chief received a letter dated 8 January from Past Department Commander Merrill Anthony and Department Council members Martin Lucas, Adrian Wheeler, and Wendell Moriarity which made the following points:

a. Brother Wheeler joined the SUVCW in 1986 and attended his first Department Encampment in July 1986.

b. In July 1987, Brother Wheeler attended the Iowa Department Encampment where only 5 members were present. During the nominations and elections all others present refused to accept the position of Department Commander except Brother Wheeler who was elected.

c. In December 1987, Brother Wheeler was elected Sr. Vice Commander of Grenville M. Dodge Camp.

d. On or about June 1988, some Camp members decided to change the meeting night to a time which would make it impossible for the incumbent Camp Commander, Brother Ray Niffenegger, to attend the meetings. In the absence of Brother Niffenegger during subsequent meetings, Brother Wheeler chaired the meetings as Sr. Vice Commander. During this period, it is alleged that the Camp Council verbally appointed Brother Wheeler as Camp Commander in the absence of Brother Niffenegger. The letter continues at some length to outline Brother Wheeler's achievements on behalf of the SUVCW and his service in the position of Department Commander for 5 years.

Additional communications were received from the Camp Council members, Past Camp Commander Niffenegger, and other Iowa Department brothers. Copies of all the Camp Minutes for the period concerned were also received. Copies of all of these items were sent to all National Council members. By a letter of 26 January 1992, the Commander-

in-Chief requested the National Counselor to make a recommendation for the disposition of the matter consistent with the C&R. Under a letter dated 6 February, the National Counselor forwarded a very thorough and detailed eight page review of the case in which he found that Brother Wheeler's election as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief had violated the provisions of the C&R since he had not fulfilled the prerequisites of office as specified by the C&R.

Copies of the National Counselor's findings and recommendations were sent to all national Council members along with a form indicating their concurrence, non-concurrence, and other comments or recommendations. By early April 1992, responses were received from all National Council members. All concurred with the findings and recommendations of the National Counselor, although one member concurred with reservations.

4. While in Springfield, Illinois for the Lincoln Death Day ceremony on 14-15 April 1992, the Commander-in-Chief, along with Past Commander-in-Chief Corfman, discussed the situation with Brother Wheeler at great length. It was explained to Brother Wheeler that the National Council was duty bound to uphold the C&R of our Order. Thus, we had no choice but to find that his election as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief was invalid. The contention that the Camp Council verbally appointed Brother Wheeler as Camp Commander in 1988 is disputed by at least one Brother who was present at the meeting where this action was allegedly taken. Moreover, the Minutes and official correspondence of the Camp during this period indicate that Brother Niffenegger remained in office. Even if the Camp Council had taken the alleged action, it would not have been valid, since under the provisions of the C&R the Camp Council may only fill a vacancy in an elective office. Since Brother Niffenegger never resigned nor was he removed from office by a vote of the Camp, there was no vacancy to fill. During our discussion with Brother Wheeler, it was suggested that one way to rectify a regrettable situation would be for him to be elected as Camp Commander. With service as a Camp Commander, he could then go through the restoration of rank process to have his rank as Past Department Commander restored. Although understandably disappointed with the outcome of this matter, Brother Wheeler indicated his acceptance of the Council's action.

5. By a letter of 22 April 1992, all National Council members were advised of the conversation with Brother Wheeler. The Commander-in-Chief recommended that in advising Brother Wheeler officially of the invalidity of his election as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, that he also be advised that in the event of his election to the position of Camp Commander, he could request restoration of his rank as a Past Department Commander at the June 1992 Iowa Department Encampment even though he had not completed the term of office as Camp Commander. The Department could then request approval of the National Encampment for the restoration of rank action. With no objections from National Council members, Brother Wheeler was so notified by a letter of 10 May 1992. Department Commanders and Secretaries were notified by a letter dated 23 May 1992 that the National Council of Administration had found it necessary to declare the August 1991 Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief election invalid. To fill the vacancy created by this action, the National Council named Brother Allen Moore to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief position since he had received the second largest number of votes in the election.

(End of Summary)

Following the presentation of the Commander-in-Chief's summary of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief situation, a discussion ensued on the matter.

Council Member Rippey offered comments on the situation and indicated that Brother Wheeler could appeal the decision of the Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment.

Secretary Lyons inquired how even a successful appeal could remove the deficiency in the qualification of Brother Wheeler. No answer was forthcoming and a lengthy discussion followed. In response to a direct question from the National Secretary, Brother Wheeler indicated that the procedure for restoration of rank, as agreed upon at Springfield, had not been initiated. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed that three options remain open to Brother Wheeler:

1. Register an appeal of the Commander-in-Chief's ruling.
2. Apply for restoration of rank as a Department Commander.
3. Do nothing.

C. The National Secretary indicated that work had been done on the proceedings for 1982, 1990 and 1991, but none were ready for publication yet. He indicated that time spent performing the duties of other officers has hampered the process. He recommended that the SVC-in-C actually should handle the advertising program, and that the JVC-in-C should be responsible for the follow-up with those responding to the ads. He indicated he had been handling both tasks for the past three years and that this took considerable time from the duties of the office of Secretary. He also recommended that the performance of these two officers should be evaluated by the Council of Administration and that non-performance or poor performance should not be rewarded by promotion to the next office. PC-in-C Schlenker inquired if this should apply to the Secretary and the Treasurer as well. The answer was yes!

D. The Constitution and Regulations has been reprinted, distributed to key personnel, and is now ready for sale at this Encampment.

E. Commander-in-Chief Hammer reported that the new flag of the Commandery-in-Chief is here and will be displayed tomorrow.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Treasurer Orr presented a suggestion that we consider a joint activity involving the

Allied Orders and our Confederate counterparts to commemorate the last meeting of the G.A.R. and the United Confederate Veterans in 1999, the fiftieth anniversary of these events.

B. It was noted that the balance of the items under new business had been covered in relation to other topics.

C. Several items, which might involve more time than that available at this meeting were postponed to the post Encampment meeting.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Council of Administration will take place on Sunday, 16 August 1992 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
In F., C., and L.,  
James T. Lyons  
National Secretary

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

**JOINT OPENING  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1992**

The officers and delegates of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its Auxiliary assembled at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for their traditional Joint Opening at 9:00 A.M. under the direction of SUVCW Chief of Staff Past Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman and Auxiliary Chief of Staff Florence Spring. National President of the Auxiliary Ethel Carver and Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer were escorted through the cordon formed by the National Aides and seated in the places of honor. As they were announced, the National Officers, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents then marched in through the honor cordon.

Following the opening formalities and welcoming remarks by the National Chiefs of Staff, the Commander-in-Chief and National President were asked to make remarks. For his part, Commander-in-Chief Hammer made the following comments: "It has often been said that 'first impressions are lasting ones.' I hope that this holds true for our National Encampment this year for the first impressions are indeed favorable ones. The accommodations here at the hotel are pleasant and commodious and it looks as though we will have an excellent attendance. The host committee has planned an interesting and active program, and everything seems to be falling into place. Of course, the weather could be better, but hopefully that will improve. It has been a very active year for me and most of the National Officers and I know that it has been equally active for Sister Ethel and the officers of the Auxiliary. Let us give serious attention to the business we must transact while at the same time enjoying ourselves at the social activities. To Sister Ethel and all the Sisters of the Auxiliary, I extend to you the best wishes of the Sons for a most productive, harmonious, and enjoyable Encampment."



**FIRST BUSINESS SESSION**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1992, 10:00 A.M.**

The 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Hammer who conducted the formal ceremony as prescribed by the Order's Ritual. After declaring the Encampment open for business, the Commander-in-Chief directed the National Secretary to call the roll of National Officers. Those present were as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	Lowell V. Hammer
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Elmer F. Atkinson
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Allen Moore
Council of Administration Member	George W. Long
Council of Administration Member	Joseph S. Rippey
Council of Administration Member	Peter A. Dixon
National Secretary	James T. Lyons
National Treasurer	Richard D. Orr
National Counselor	Richard D. Orr
National Chaplain	Frank A. Foight III
Patriotic Instructor	James O. Lee
History Book Coordinator	Gary Gibson
Personal Aide	Peter A. Dixon
Washington, D.C. Representative	Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C
Chief of Staff	Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C
Member at Large Coordinator	Keith G. Harrison
<i>BANNER</i> Editor	James O. Lee

Those not present:

National Historian Jerome L. Orton had not yet arrived, but was enroute.  
National Graves Registration Officer Charles F. Sharrock had provided notice of the inability to attend the National Encampment.

**Encampment Appointments**

Guide:	Alan C. Peterson
Color Bearer:	James Pahl
Guard:	Richard Smyser
Committee on Credentials	Ivan Frantz, Sr, Chairman Forrest F. Altland Joseph Long, Jr. Danny L. Wheeler Gary Gibson
Committee on Resolutions	Richard C. Schlenker, Chairman Charles A. Rogers, Jr.

	Allen W. Moore Keith G. Harrison
Committee on Officers' Reports	Charles W. Corfman, Chairman Keith D. Ashley Ivan Frantz, Jr. Alan Loomis
Committee on Constitution and Regulations (Standing Committee)	Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman Clark W. Mellor George W. Long Edgar A. Prince, Sr. Harry E. Gibbons
Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies	Richard Greenwalt, Chairman Frank A. Foight III Richard Smyser Alan C. Peterson
Committee on Fraternal Relations	Allen W. Moore, Chairman E. Ray Niffenegger Floyd I. Blodgett, Sr. Richard Lufkin
Committee on Press	David N. Reed, Chairman J.D. Jenkins James O. Lee
Committee on Audit	Elmer F. Atkinson, Chairman George W. Long
Committee on Restoration of Rank	Richard C. Schlenker, Chairman Richard D. Orr James T. Lyons
Committee on Visitation for Auxiliary	Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman Richard Greenwalt Eugene Russell Clark Mellor
Committee on Visitation for Ladies of the G.A.R.	Norman R. Furman, Chairman Charles W. Corfman Jonathan T. Mayhew

### **Report of the Credentials Committee**

In its first report, the Credentials Committee reported 73 Brothers were registered including 1 Commander-in-Chief, 9 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 24 Past Department Commanders, and 9 Department Commanders. The Committee indicated that a final report would be presented prior to any voting requiring a complete headcount of delegates and those entitled to vote.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **Report of the Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief Hammer prefaced his report by stating that it was comprised of two sections, but that he would present only the first section called the State of the Order leaving the delegates to read the second section about his travel and other activities at their leisure.

Officers, Delegates, and Members of the 111th National Encampment: My report consists of two sections. The first, entitled The State of the Order, presents some thoughts on the current condition of our Order. The second section is a summary of my activities on behalf of the SUVCW during the past year.

#### **STATE OF THE ORDER**

In presenting their State of the Union messages, Presidents usually try to emphasize the positive developments and extol the achievements of their administrations. Similarly, Chief Executive Officers of corporations strive to demonstrate significant progress in their annual reports to the stockholders. More often than not, the heads of many of our hereditary and patriotic societies and veterans groups follow the same pattern in reporting to the membership. I plead guilty to having done this myself at times. However, today I will not succumb to that temptation. Instead, I would like for all of us to take a critical look at our organization.

With respect to growth and increasing our membership, our gains barely offset our losses. Although in March it looked as though our gain of 244 new members with only 149 losses would give us a substantial net gain of members, the June report showed a gain of 351 new members with 349 losses leaving a net increase of only two. Although some Camps and Departments report healthy membership figures, when we count heads at Camp meetings and Department Encampments, the results are often disappointing. More often than not, our Camps and Departments are kept alive by a small nucleus or handful of faithful brothers who carry the total work load year after year. This does not auger well for the long term viability or survivability of our Order. In addition to increasing the number of names on our rolls, we must find ways to interest members in taking an active part in the Organization and its activities.

During the past year, I have received letters directly from potential members and I have seen similar letters received by other National Officers. In too many instances, the interested party complains that he has written to a Camp, Department or even a National Officer to inquire about membership or to express his interest, but has never received a response. Is this the way to increase our membership or build the Organization? Of course, it is not!

Another shortcoming on the part of some Camps and Departments is the failure to undertake projects or programs which satisfy the purpose and objects of the Order. What is the justification for the existence of any organization which does not fulfill the purpose and objects for which it was created?

I am pleased to report that on the plus side of the balance sheet, there are Camps and Departments which are doing outstanding work in sponsoring ceremonies, programs, and projects designed to perpetuate the memory of the G.A.R. and the men who preserved the Union. On the other hand, there are Camps which rarely or never hold meetings to say nothing about engaging in programs or projects. I need not mention specific Camps. Department Officers know where such cases exist in their Departments.

Perhaps the greatest disappointment or discouragement that I have encountered this year stems from conflicts or disagreements in Camps or Departments over leadership, programs, or finances. In a number of instances these differences have escalated into serious internecine battles which threaten the very existence of the Camp or Department. Members are forced to choose sides or simply drop out to avoid involvement. Charges and counter charges are exchanged, friendships are broken, and reputations are damaged. There are no winners in this type of situation. We all lose! When these situations are brought to the attention of the National Organization, we have tried to deal with them impartially and to seek a solution or compromise acceptable to those concerned. Unfortunately, if the problem or situation has been festering for some time, it is often too late to find a remedy.

Another troublesome situation which sometimes presents itself stems from the reluctance of some brothers in our Order to welcome new blood into the Camp or Department officer ranks or to relinquish any of their long held authority because of a fear that the activity and affairs of the Camp or Department will not be conducted precisely as they would conduct them or that they may be toppled from their position at the center of power. In such cases, the long-time power broker often has been doing very little in the way of activity to further the objectives of the Order and is content to see things remain that way. We are not immortal and the quickest way to take our Order to the grave with us is to ignore the need to harness the talents of new members who can assure the continuation of the SUVCW.

In recent years, one of the greatest concerns for every Commander-in-Chief has been the problems associated with the publication and distribution of THE BANNER. These problems have ranged from having no Editor at all to printing problems, addressing problems because of inaccurate or incomplete mailing lists, and mailing problems because of the use of third class mailing. This year, despite some technical problems with his computer equipment and later loss of his printing plant facility, the Editor has produced a Fall edition of THE BANNER, a combined Winter/Spring edition,

and a Summer edition. However, from many reports reaching me from around the country, it appears that brothers in many Departments have not yet received some issues of THE BANNER. I am told by the Editor that this is primarily because of our use of third class mailing, the low priority of which has caused long delays or in some cases loss and total non-delivery. To remedy this situation, I recommended that THE BANNER be mailed first class to the extent possible. However, if our budget will not permit the mailing of every issue by first class mail, other solutions must be sought to our mailing problems. The Council of Administration will consider this matter during our Encampment.

We cannot blame our problems on outside forces. We have been our own worst enemy. There is time, however, for us to overcome our problems and to move in a more positive direction. How can we achieve this?

- We must have the commitment of everyone in the Order, not just a nucleus of a few loyal members.
  - We must have officers who seek the position not simply for prestige, but who are willing to make serious contributions in time and effort to further the Order.
  - We must engage in programs, projects, and activities that respond directly to our purposes and objects.
  - We must be willing to make changes in our traditional way of doing things if the situation, circumstances, and times require it.
  - We must not let petty differences or perceived slights within the Camp and Departments detract us from the accomplishment of our mission.
  - We must make our Organization well known and attractive so that others who are eligible will wish to join it.
- We must improve our communications within the Order so that the membership will know what is going on at the National level and what other Departments and Camps are doing.

If we can do these things, there is yet hope that we can save our Order from decline and extinction. Its fate is in our hands. Will it be bleak or bright? It's up to us.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That an award be made by the Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment each year to the Camp or Department having the best newsletter or publication for the year. This award could be monetary, a plaque, or simply a certificate.
2. That our Certificate of Merit be upgraded in quality and attractiveness and that a Certificate of Appreciation be added to our inventory. The latter is needed to recognize people within and without the Order for contributions to our efforts.
3. That our contribution to the Cathedral in the Pines be increased from \$25 to \$50 if budgetary considerations allow.
4. That a new recruiting/information brochure be designed and printed for use in recruiting and in publicizing our Order.
5. That our application form be redesigned to make it more attractive to prospective members.

6. That a prospective member packet be prepared for use by Camps and Departments in recruiting new members. The packet should contain an invitation to join from the Commander-in-Chief, an information brochure, an application form with instructions for completing, and a copy of a recent issue of THE BANNER.

7. That we continue to advertise in suitable national magazines as our budget permits.

8. That we explore the feasibility of creating an ROTC medal for use by Departments and Camps which may wish to present them to ROTC students at local schools

9. That we continue to support Civil War battlefield preservation through personal, Camp, Department, and National efforts.

It has been a distinct honor for me to have served as your Commander-in-Chief this past year. God bless you all. God bless our Order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lowell V. Hammer  
Commander-in-Chief

PART II  
of the Commander-in-Chief's report

The following is a chronological presentation of my activities on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War since my installation as Commander-in-Chief on 14 August 1991 at the National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana:

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| 22 September 1991 | Represented the SUVCW at the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites tour of the Third Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek Battlefields. |
| 24 September 1991 | Represented SUVCW at planning meeting of the Lincoln Commission.   |
| 26 October 1991   | Represented SUVCW at meeting of Lincoln Commission.  |
| 9 November 1991   | Honored at Testimonial Dinner sponsored by the Lincoln-Cushing Camp.   |
| 11 November 1991  | Participated in Armistice Day/Veterans Day Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.  |

15-17 November 1991      Participated in Remembrance Day activities (MD Dept. dinner, Military Affairs Committee Meeting, SVR breakfast, parade, wreath laying at Woolson Monument, Cyclorama program, banquet, Blue/Gray Ball, Council of Admin. Meeting).

During this period, I provided THE BANNER Editor with General Orders No.1, biographic data, lists of officers and committee appointments, and other items for THE BANNER. Also maintained close contact with the Editor and monitored progress toward publication. Considerable time was expended in telephone conversations and written communications with brothers in the Massachusetts Department in an effort to resolve the problems concerning Camp 85. The Council of Administration was kept informed of these developments.

Contact was maintained by telephone and letters with the G.A.R. Remembrance Day Committee to assure that plans were progressing for the Remembrance Day activities. Arrangements were made with the History Department of Gettysburg College for the awarding of the SUVCW Scholarship Award. Correspondence was answered from many brothers and others. Encouragement was provided to Brother Freck of New Jersey who is recording the burial places of Civil War Veterans. An article on this subject was prepared and sent to THE BANNER Editor. Letters were received from the NY. Department Commander and others from the New York Department on a variety of subjects which were answered personally. A number of communications were received from officers of the Allied Orders which were promptly answered. Communications were received from persons interested in joining the SUVCW and making genealogical inquiries. All inquiries were answered in a timely fashion.

7 December 1991      Attended a meeting of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp of the Maryland Department where I installed the newly elected officers and assisted with the initiation of new members.

22 December 1991      Represented the SUVCW at a reception given at the Confederate Memorial Hall in Washington, D.C.

During the month of December, considerable time was devoted to arranging for the travel of an Audit Committee to Boston for an audit of Camp 85 finances preparatory to the dissolving of the camp and reconstitution on Camps 9 and 30. A Commander-in-Chief's message was prepared for the New York Department's book on G.A.R. and Union monuments scheduled for publication during the 125th anniversary year of the establishment of the G.A.R. in New York. Five National Aides from the George Armstrong Custer Camp #1 of Illinois were appointed for the recruitment of three or more members by each of these brothers. General Orders No.2, photographs, and other material were provided to THE BANNER Editor for the next issue of THE BANNER.

- 6 January 1992 Attended a meeting of the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee (LBNCC) to plan for the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony on 12 February 1992.
- 25 January 1992 Attended a meeting of the Lincoln Commission at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church to plan for the February Lincoln Day Observance and other ceremonies.
- 7 February 1992 Attended the reception and dinner at the Willard Hotel for the awarding of the Lincoln Prize offered by the Lincoln and Soldiers Institute at Gettysburg College.
- 9 February 1992 Participated in the Lincoln Day Observance at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church sponsored by the Lincoln Commission.
- 11 February 1992 Attended the Lincoln Birthday Dinner at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Loyal Legion.
- 12 February 1992 Laid the wreath of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the Lincoln Memorial ceremony in Washington, D.C.
- 12 February 1992 Attended the luncheon following the Lincoln Memorial ceremony sponsored by the LBNCC.
- 7 March 1992 Arranged for SUVCW participation in Fort Stevens anniversary ceremonies to be held on 11 - 12 July 1992.
- 14 March 1992 Attended the quarterly meeting of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. where I initiated several new Camp members and spoke about activities of the Commandery-in-Chief.
- 21 March 1992 Flew to Scranton, Pennsylvania to attend the testimonial luncheon for Pennsylvania Department Commander Joseph Long, Jr. Brought the greetings of the National organization and spoke briefly about the activities of the Commandery-in-Chief. Visited the well preserved G.A.R. Hall in Scranton.
- 4 April 1992 Represented the SUVCW at the Third Congress of the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations held at Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia.
- 10-12 April 1992 Attended the Massachusetts Department Encampment in Chickopee, Massachusetts where I installed the newly elected officers.
- 12 April 1992 Designated Past Commander-in-Chief Clark W. Mellor as my representative at the Connecticut and New Hampshire Department Encampments because of my prior commitments at other SUVCW events.

- 13 April 1992 Because of my travel schedule to the Massachusetts Dept. Encampment and to the Lincoln Death Day ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, Brother Dixon placed the wreath of the SUVCW at the Jefferson Memorial ceremony in Washington, D.C.
- 14-15 April 1992 Traveled to Springfield, Illinois to attend the Lincoln Death Day ceremony where I delivered brief remarks and placed the wreath of the SUVCW.
- 16 April 1992 Certified Brother Joseph T. McCarthy of Oliver Tilden Camp of New York City to serve as the SUVCW representative on the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Committee at the VA Medical Center in New York City. Also sent Brother McCarty a certificate of merit for his work.
- 25-26 April 1992 Attended the Maryland Department Encampment in Wilmington, Delaware where I installed the newly elected officers.
- 1-3 May 1992 Attended the Annual Meeting, dinner, and seminars of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites in my capacity as Advisory Board Member and Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW.
- 6 May 1992 Awarded Eagle Scout certificate to Brother Ryan E. Bartholf.
- 7 May 1992 Advised Massachusetts Department that I would be pleased to approve the proposed Department By-Laws following minor changes suggested by Brother Rippey of the C&R Committee.
- 8 May 1992 Sent letter of thanks to Executive Director of Springfield, Illinois Convention and Visitors Bureau for her letter of appreciation for my remarks at the Lincoln Tomb ceremony.
- 10 May 1992 Represented the SUVCW and placed the floral tribute of the Commandery-in-Chief at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in the annual ceremony of the American War Mothers.
- 11 May 1992 Sent Brother Donald Hewett of Des Moines, Iowa my personal best wishes for a rapid recovery from a stroke.
- 13 May 1992 Planned for SUVCW participation in rededication of plaques marking the site of Libby prison in Richmond, Virginia.
- 15-17 May 1992 Traveled to Albany, New York to participate in the ceremonies and programs organized by the New York Department to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R. in New York.

- 25 May 1992 Represented the SUVCW in the Memorial Day luncheon, parade, and cemetery ceremonies at Gettysburg, Pa.
- 30 May 1992 Represented the Commandery-in-Chief at the ceremony at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery and the dinner following sponsored by the Lincoln-Cushing Camp. At my request, Past C-in-C Clark W. Mellor represented the SUVCW at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Cathedral of the Pines.

During most of 1992, considerable time and effort were devoted to investigating and reviewing the possible violation of C&R provisions in the last election for the office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. This resulted in finding that the 1991 election of the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief had been invalid. During this same period, numerous queries were answered and applications were sent in response to many letters requesting information on membership in the SUVCW. General Orders and numerous other items were sent to THE BANNER Editor for use in coming issues of THE BANNER. Being unable to attend the Grant Tomb Ceremony sponsored by the Oliver Tilden Camp of New York City because of another Department Encampment, I provided a letter which was printed in the program for this ceremony. Responses were provided to several queries regarding the SUVCW scholarship award. Close contact was maintained with the National Secretary in an effort to complete the Charters for several new Camps.

- 12-14 June 1992 Attended the Michigan Department Encampment in Lansing where I also participated in the dedication of a plaque marking the site of the G.A.R. Office in the Capitol building and installed the newly elected officers.
- 19-21 June 1992 Attended the Ohio Department Encampment in Alliance, Ohio where I installed the newly elected officers.
- 26-28 June 1992 Attended the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in Scranton where I installed the newly elected officers.
- 4 July 1992 Attended the 4th of July ceremony in Congressional Cemetery, Washington D.C. sponsored by the D.C. Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and placed the floral tribute of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- 11 July 1992 Attended a program and participated in a wreath laying ceremony commemorating the 128th anniversary of the battle of Fort Stevens.
- 12 July 1992 Participated in a wreath laying ceremony at Battleground National Cemetery in memory of the Union soldiers killed at the battle of Fort Stevens. Following this ceremony, I attended a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony for

the Confederate dead from the battle of Fort Stevens at the Grace Episcopal Church in Silver Spring, Maryland.

During the closing months of my term, efforts were made to have the Winter/Spring edition of THE BANNER which contains information on the National Encampment mailed first class to the membership. General Orders No. 4 and other information was sent to THE BANNER Editor for inclusion in a Summer edition of THE BANNER scheduled for 1st class mailing to the membership prior to the National Encampment. More National Aides were appointed and ribbons and certificates were prepared for mailing or for presentation at the National Encampment. I sent letters to my Senators and Representative urging them to support the Civil War Battlefield Commemorative Coin Act. I also explored the possibility of having the Post Office Department issue a postage stamp commemorating the G.A.R. General Order No. 11 as proposed by the SUVCW Central Region. Upon the suggestion of Brother Jason Moore of the Ohio Department, I pursued the possibility of creating a Camp in Tennessee. Efforts were made to save the Florida Camp-at-Large from dissolution. Knowing that the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Frank A. Bracken, is eligible for membership in the SUVCW, I provided him with information and application forms and urged him to become a member. An amendment was approved to the By-Laws of the Department of Wisconsin. Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman was designated to bring the greetings of the SUVCW to the Annual Convention of the Women's Relief Corps in Dayton, Ohio on Monday, 17 August. Appointments were made of Encampment Committees and the members were notified. Frequent telephonic and letter contact was maintained with National Officers and the Host Committee regarding plans for the National Encampment.

13-16 August 1992                      Attended the National Encampment in Pittsburgh, PA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lowell V. Hammer  
Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker moved that this report and all other officers' reports be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports by way of the Secretary's desk. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mellor and approved by the Encampment.

### **Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee**

To the 111th National Encampment, Pittsburgh, Pa:

Greetings:

At the 110th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Indianapolis, Indiana, the honor of being elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief was

bestowed upon me.

I tried to make myself available to assist the Commander-in-Chief in any way he desired. I had the honor of representing him at several State Encampments and other affairs of our Order and I wish to thank the Departments concerned for the courtesies tendered to me.

The Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief serves as Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee. The purpose of this Committee is the promotion of the Order and the creation of guidelines for the continuance of the Organization as approved by the National Encampment. I regret that I have failed in the creation of guidelines this year. One of the problems I encountered is that this is a Standing Committee and requires a continuity of members in order to work together over a period of time to draft guidelines. The C & R stipulates that members are to be appointed for four year terms, one new appointee each year. This has not been done in recent years, therefore, all appointees had only one year terms.

Last year a print of "Final Glory" by Dale Gallon was secured by Gary Gibson and was chanced off for the benefit of the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund. Our Commander-in-Chief won the print and donated it back to the Fund for chancing off this year. Our thanks to Commander-in-Chief Hammer for his generosity. We tried to contact as many of our membership as possible to sell tickets by sending letters to all Department Sr. Vice Commanders asking for their assistance. In addition, I took the print to all Department Encampments I attended.

The Sr. Vice C-in-C Fund had a \$2,000 balance. This was before adding the donations from Departments, Camps, members and profit from the print drawing this year. As of 30 June the fund had a balance of \$2,797.

I suggest that next year this very important Committee give all their time to the creation of guidelines for the continuance of the Organization as per the C. & R.

Attached is a report on my activities for the Sons which should indicate that I have fulfilled my duties of promoting our Order. Part of the success of this activity is found in Anna M. Ross Camp #1, my home camp. Working together with members of this Camp, we have increased the membership to over 161 members.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAM & POLICY COMMITTEE:

1. Conducting a drawing should not be one of the duties of this Committee. Continuing to collect donations for the C-in-C Fund together with the application fees that are deposited in it should generate sufficient monies to keep this fund solvent. Since the duties of the Jr. and Sr. Vice Commanders-in-Chief entwine, with the Sr. Vice promoting our Order and the Jr. Vice responsible for membership, the National Secretary's duties in relation to new membership could be given to these two officers. The Sr. Vice C-in-C and the Program and Policy Committee should be given an amount of money designated by Council from the Sr. Vice Fund to be used to publicize our Order. The Committee would have some input as to how the money is best spent for the

advertisement of our order. The Jr. Vice C-in-C's name and address would be the contact person in relation to inquiries for membership. He would pass these requests on to the appropriate Department Jr. Vice who would contact the nearest Camp Jr. Vice. Reports of the results would come back through channels to the Jr. Vice C-in-C.

2. A complete roster of our Order be compiled, listing not only National Officers, Department Commanders and Secretaries, but also the individual Camps in each Department with their contact's name and address.

3. Permission be given to the next Commander-in-Chief to appoint this Committee according to the C & R with one member to serve one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years. Subsequently, one new member would be appointed in each of the ensuing years.

## REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

This report will continue with a summary of my other activities for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I do not intend to sound as if I am bragging. I am involved in these many activities because I believe they are worthwhile and I enjoy doing it.

As President of the G.A.R. Museum in Philadelphia, I am present when it is open to the public the first Sunday of each month and also countless other times when it is opened for groups. I also participate in programs at schools, community organizations, and reenactments. At all these functions, membership information from the Sons is passed out. The membership of Anna M. Ross Camp #1 reflects this time spent. With over 160 members, I think it is the largest camp in our Order.

Due to the articles in newspapers, Civil War magazines, and other media about our Museum, we receive mail from all over the USA and some foreign countries asking for information on Civil War veterans, the G.A.R. and the Sons.

In our replies, we always include information on the Sons and a membership application with the address of the Department Secretary if there is a Department in their State. I am sorry to report that I get letters back from men wanting to join, stating that their letters were not answered by the Department. There have been many times that I wrote directly to the Department Commander with information on men requesting membership and have not received any answer. To avoid losing a member, we give them information about our Camp and Membership at large. This is why Anna M. Ross Camp #1 has members from 22 States and Norway.

In addition to the above activities, I have attended numerous Son's functions during the past year, including Department Encampments, ceremonies, testimonials, and meetings.

I thank the membership for electing me Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief and have deemed

it an honor to serve under Commander-in-Chief Hammer.

Respectfully submitted in F, C, and L,  
Elmer F. Atkinson  
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

Prior to calling for the report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Commander-in-Chief Hammer explained the action taken with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration in finding the election of the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 1991 National Encampment invalid because of violations of the Constitution and Regulations which then led to the appointment of Brother Moore to fill the position since he had received the next highest number of votes.

### **Report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Chairman of the Membership of the Membership Committee**

TO: Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer  
and the Assembled Officers, Delegates and Members of the 111th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

First, I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the Council of Administration, who appointed me to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in May 1992. I am honored by their confidence and trust placed in me. During these past three months, I have attempted to fulfill the responsibilities of this office and to promote and publicize our beloved order, the SUVCW.

The following is a list of the activities in which I have participated since the last National Encampment in Indianapolis:

- 21 December 1991 - Attended the Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 at Kokomo, Indiana, where I was honored with a plaque on their 10th anniversary as the camp organizer and as camp commander for 5 years.
- 23 February 1992 - Attended the Ben Harrison Camp #356 at Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 29 March 1992 - Attended the Ben Harrison Camp #356 at Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 15 April 1992 - Participated in the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony at Springfield, IL.
- May 1992 - Appointed as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief by the Council of Administration.
- 9 May 1992 - Attended Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 at Kokomo, Indiana.

- 30 May 1992 - Attended Memorial Day Ceremonies at Crown Point Cemetery at Kokomo, Indiana
- 13 June 1992 - Represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Indiana Department Encampment and Banquet at Indianapolis, Indiana.

When I attended the SAR National Congress at Norfolk, Virginia, on June 20-24, 1992, I recruited 3 members. At the July 11, 1992, SAR Indiana Society State Meeting at Porter, Indiana, I recruited one member; and since that time have had correspondence in regard to two additional recruits, which are in progress.

Membership, both recruitment and retention, is vital to the survival and progress of our organization. Once members are recruited they should be provided with interesting, educational programs at regularly held camp meetings. Camps are also urged to develop meaningful and useful projects. Communication is very important.

One of the best ways to recruit new members is to be an enthusiastic member yourself and to spread the word about our order. Advertising pays whether it is by word of mouth or by the printed word in local, state, or national media. Often members of other historical, genealogical, or hereditary organizations are pleased to learn that we exist; therefore, I challenge each member to publicize the SUVCW.

#### Recommendations:

1. All camps should hold regular meetings and have programs of an enrichment type pertaining to the Civil War or the Grand Army of the Republic.
2. Every camp be represented at a Memorial Day Ceremony.
3. Members participate in local, regional, and national historical society functions so that SUVCW is known as a vibrant organization.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,  
Allen W. Moore, Jr. Vice C-in-C

#### **Report of the National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief Hammer: The National Secretary did manage to get the statistical reports prepared for this year's activity. Unfortunately, he did not get his written report typed so I will make a few comments relative to that report and submit the typed report sometime before Sunday. You will notice there are two sheets being distributed. The first one gives the membership status of each department with a starting point at June 30 last year, the gains and losses in camps and members for the year since then, and the current standing as of June 30 of this year. The membership figures have fluctuated. Final analysis as we note for the year end is that we, for the third year in a row, have shown a net increase in membership. Unfortunately it was only 63 members which is half the amount that we have shown in the previous two years, but at least the trend for growth on the part of departments and in the National Organization does continue.

The second page is a summary of activity in several categories. One is a listing of the departments which have shown a membership increase over the last year. That's a net increase in membership. The other shows departments that have reported a membership decrease. We did gain five new camps during the past year, two in the department of Massachusetts which resulted from a division of Camp 85; one in Michigan; one in New Jersey; and a new Camp at Large in Louisiana; but we had some camp losses during the year, as well, a total of eleven. The Maine department reported three camps not identified by name or number. Massachusetts reported two additional camps lost in addition to Camp 85 and we had a couple of other camps which apparently had small memberships and decided to no longer continue.

The Holland award once again goes to the Department of Pennsylvania for recruiting 124 new members during the year. The Grant Cup goes to the Department of Wisconsin with a 61% increase in their membership by new members and the Under Forty year recruiting award has gone to Pennsylvania for recruiting 39 new members of their 124 who were under the age of forty at the time they were recruited. We will try to devise a form like reporting system by the next year. The third sheet is a summary breakdown of the responses to the advertising program that we had this year. This shows a breakdown by states, the number of responses coming from each state, we had a total of 579 responses during the year. We ran two ads, one in Civil War Times

Illustrated and one in America's Civil War. Civil War Times Illustrated has demonstrated that this is a good spot to put our ad. The business of reporting has always been a problem, getting quarterly reports from camps back to departments so that departments can get quarterly reports to the national organization has been a problem in a number of departments for some years. It gives me great pleasure to announce that aside from one department and one camp at large where we have some extremely serious problems, there is only one department that has not paid their per capita tax and submitted the reports that were due June 30. everybody else is up to date.

We did, during this past year, add a couple of additional reporting categories and we have not been quite as successful in those areas. At the National level there is no list available anywhere of all of the Camps that exist in all of the Departments. Form 22 was not forwarded to me by the majority of Camps.

The second thing is the need to update the IRS list of tax exempt organizations, a project which has not been done in ten or twelve years, at least. Another item is the business of getting the election report forms for Departments filed, form 49.

The final item deals with the business of keeping up the mailing list for THE BANNER. Departments don't do their end of the job. The Camp Secretary forwards the new mailing information to the Department Secretary. They should send that information immediately.

I don't have any recommendations as such, but I do offer the following suggestions: I would like to recommend strongly that the incoming Commander-in-Chief consider some slight changes in his travel pattern. It's customary that the Commander-in-Chief

makes a circuit in the late Spring or early summer of Departments who invite him to attend their Department Encampment and at the end of your administration. This is largely a ceremonial visit, but from a practical working viewpoint, it's too little too late and I would like to respectfully suggest for consideration that the Commander-in-Chief might alter his travel pattern and visit the Departments even though they may not be meeting in Encampments, sometime during the fall shortly after he is elected to office. If he has any objectives, if he has a theme for his year of administration, the time to get it to the Departments is early in the year. The other thing that can be accomplished by this is that those Departments that are having problems, whatever they may be, ought to have priority on that visiting list. There's no sense in visiting a large, prosperous, well-run, operating Department when you've got three that are falling apart at the seams and need some serious help. So, I would respectfully suggest that the Commander-in-Chief ought to tackle those Department problems in the place where they exist to discuss what's going on in the Department and ways and means to improve the operation and make it a better Department. This would not preclude the business of visiting Department Encampments but what happens is that frequently as in the Midwest, there are five or six Departments which have their Department Encampments on the same weekend...and so, consequently, he will visit one of those five and during his administration will not get to the other four. This approach would help to remedy things.

A final thought. I think that as officers assume responsibilities of their particular offices, during the course of their administration they should be held accountable for the performance of their assigned task within the scope of that office. I think that people should take the responsibilities of their office seriously.

In F., C., & L,  
James T. Lyons  
National Secretary

(Attachments to the National Secretary's report appear in the Appendices.)

Following the National Secretary's report, there was a brief pause in the presentation of reports in order to receive a delegation from Encampment Committee which presented flowers for the meeting room and brought greetings from the Committee for a productive and harmonious encampment.

### **Report of the National Treasurer**

Before presenting his report, National Treasurer Orr commented that the station banners being used today were the original ones used at the first encampment of the Sons of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief, National Officers and Brothers;

During the past year, I have spent an average of 15 to 20 hours per week conducting the business of our Order. Many hours were taken up answering questions from our auditors about financial records from prior years. I am delighted to report at this time that the auditors have completed their review of our financial records from July 1, 1989

through June 30, 1991. At the conclusion of this Encampment, the auditors will begin auditing the immediate past year's records. I can tell you that our Order has regained sound financial footing. We have begun to see the effects of the increase in membership, and the increase in per capita tax, which was levied two years ago. However, we are not yet on "easy street." Our anticipated income from interest will be greatly reduced as the last of our "high paying" CDs mature. We must endeavor to keep our financial ship afloat.

I want to express my appreciation to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Elmer "Bud" Atkinson whom Commander-in-Chief Hammer re-appointed as Assistant National Treasurer for his help. Bud has taken on the responsibility for preparing and shipping all supplies. He also is the liaison with Simon Brothers, the manufacturer of our medals.

Let us turn to the Financial Report itself. Our expenditures this year did not exceed our income for the second consecutive year. This is a welcome change to prior years, but it may be a little misleading. Most of the gains were the result of budgeting for the preparation and printing of past proceedings which didn't take place and other items which were not accomplished because of more pressing and immediate concerns of your National Officers as I am sure you will learn as the Encampment progresses.

Clearly, more than 50% percent of our total cash assets is in the Permanent Fund. Because we have not needed to use the income from this fund, it has grown at a rate of \$4,000 a year for the past two years. As a result, I will be recommending at the post Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration that the Life Membership rebate be increased for the fiscal year 1992 -1993.

During the past year I have researched the money we "borrowed" from the GAR Fund when we were not receiving income to meet our expenses from the General Fund. Over a period of approximately six years, we "borrowed" in excess of \$40,000 from that fund. Because we have attained a level of financial stability, one of the recommendations I will be making is that we begin to repay this money to the GAR Fund. If that \$40,000 were in the fund all of our activities which are supported by the GAR Fund could be funded off of interest income alone, even at today's interest rates.

We have been successful again in reducing the inventory by nearly \$3000 without reducing the variety and availability of items in stock. However, we are coming to a point in time where several of the items which the Brothers are accustomed to having in stock are becoming short in supply. This consists primarily of the jewelry items, cufflinks, tie tacks and tie clips. The unfortunate aspect of this is that these items must be purchased in minimum lots of 200 - 400 items, depending on which item it is and this translates into an expenditure of anywhere from \$500 to \$1000 to restock one item. We are going to have to think long and hard about whether or not we want to commit funds to that type of inventory, considering that at the present time it has taken nearly eight years to sell the last order.

You have been provided copies of the 1991-1992 financial reports. I would like to go over those to a certain extent. Page one shows our total assets and liabilities of \$1600 which was the cost for the audits. That liability was incurred prior to the close of

the fiscal year but I did not receive the bill until last week. The statement also shows the net assets in each of our fund accounts on June 30, 1992

Page two shows the changes in fund balance. We had a total increase this year in funds of nearly \$22,000 dollars. A large portion of that is in the General Fund and is because of expenses that were budgeted, but which were not incurred. That is the basis on which I will make my recommendation to transfer \$10,000 dollars to the GAR Fund. As you can see, we have had an increase in all of our funds. The income in the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief fund of nearly \$2700 reflects our new members. The vast majority of that money is from the \$5.00 application fee. That is the money which is going to promote the Order, pay for our advertisements and hopefully, allow us to continue to grow and exist in the future.

Page three and four are the actual expenses versus what we budgeted. There is a penciled in change. I have this on computer and the accounts are coded.

The National Organization flag with an added code was one digit difference from what the code is for miscellaneous expenses and I miscoded an item so the \$50.00 actually belonged on miscellaneous expenses instead of the National Flag which cost us \$450. That's why the penciled change. I didn't notice it until after I'd run these off on a laser printer at work.

Page five lists the current cash assets, or all of the assets actually, and where they are: checking account at Pittsburgh National Bank; three certificates of deposit still remain with Gettysburg National Bank; three CDs with Pittsburgh National Bank; three savings accounts with Pittsburgh National Bank which now are money market accounts as of July 23. The Pittsburgh National Bank eliminated passbook savings accounts for business entities and forced it into money market accounts.

Our inventory on June thirtieth stood at a replacement cost. This is not what we would get from the sale of it and it's not necessarily what it costs us because some of that can't be historically recreated. It is what it would cost us to replace the inventory today, \$11,266.16. On this page and the first page you will note accounts receivable of \$1385. As the National Secretary reported, all of that was for per capita tax that had not been paid as of June 30 through the March 31st quarter. All of that with the exception of funds due from the Department of Illinois and Florida Camp at Large has been paid and is up to date. For the first time in many years, unless the Encampment votes to expend funds in large amounts or for many projects, we will not need to transfer funds from the GAR Fund or the income from the Permanent Fund to balance the budget. You may recall that last year at Indianapolis in my report, I suggested that this would be possible if we continue to be judicious in our use of our funds. We have made during the past year some great strides to assure the financial solvency of our Order. However, the National Officers cannot maintain that vigil alone.

The National Secretary spoke earlier about the request that went to each Department to provide the National Secretary and the National Treasurer with a complete list of Camps and their EIN numbers. This information is needed to complete

two different reports for the IRS. Telephone conversations with the IRS have strongly suggested that if we do not comply, the National Organization may lose its charitable organization tax status. Gentlemen, I can tell you this will not happen. Reports are due 90 days from the close of our fiscal year, September 30,1992. If the requested information is not forthcoming, the reports will be filed with the available information. Again, according to representatives of the IRS, any EIN that we cannot verify and we cannot provide a contact for, will be inactivated and invalidated. Those who do not respond will be left on their own to deal with the federal government. We will not intervene. We cannot simply file a piece of paper with the National Headquarters. In addition to those who make charitable donations to non-complying Camps and Departments not being able to claim those donations, the IRS agents that I have been dealing with have said that any report they receive from a bank on interest paid to those EIN numbers, the banks will be notified they are to close those accounts because they are not valid numbers.

Anyone who is using their own personal social security number for those accounts, is in violation of federal law and they are personally liable for any interest on that account on their income tax. If you are using your own social security number and have not been claiming interest received, you could be charged with income tax evasion. So, as I said, if you don't want to comply, you're on your own.

The Constitution and Regulations state that the Council of Administration is to prepare the budget and to present it to the Encampment. A draft budget was submitted to the Council last night, and tentatively adopted. Pending changes from the Encampment, that budget will be presented for this Encampment's approval.

I have four recommendations:

1. That \$10,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the GAR Fund to begin repaying the money that was borrowed from that fund.
2. That we continue the organized program to recruit new members and that this program be under the jurisdiction of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief as the officer responsible for membership and that all national department officers take an active role in the implementation of this program.
3. That an allocation of \$1750 minimum be made for the membership recruitment program from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief fund.
4. Because of the drastic decline in current interest rates, a committee be established to review alternative investment options and that committee present a report to the Council of Administration at the Council meeting in Gettysburg during Remembrance Day activities.

Commander-in-Chief, it has been an honor to serve with you during this past year. I wish for you a most happy, joyous and harmonious Encampment and look forward to continuing to work with you for the good of our Order and to “keep green the memory” of the GAR.

Yours in F., C., & L.,  
Richard D. Orr  
National Treasurer

(Attachments to the National Treasurer’s Report are found in the Appendices)

Following his report as National Treasurer, Brother Orr provided a Life Membership report and asked the Commander-in-Chief to present Life Membership cards to the new Life Members who were present which the Commander-in-Chief did.

### **Report of the National Chaplain**

To Commander-in-Chief Hammer and Brothers Assembled:

When appointed National Chaplain last year in Indianapolis, I set five goals for myself for the coming year:

First, to improve communications between the various Chaplains of our Order wherever possible;

Second, to honor as many of our deceased Brothers as possible by name in the Memorial Service at the 1992 Encampment in Pittsburgh;

Third, to strive to continue to expand the tradition of our Order to observe an historical event each month at all levels of the organization through special programs and ceremonies with expanded participation and display of the national colors;

Fourth, to be an active, participating Chaplain beyond the boundaries of my own Camp and Department, and not just a name filling position;

Fifth, to minister to the sick, bereaved or sorrowing members of our Order and see that they are attended by their Brothers of the Order as far as possible within the capabilities of organization.

I have traveled far and wide in connection with this and other duties of mine. I have conferred regularly with other Chaplains of the SUVCW and the SVR, with your Commander-in-Chief, many Department Commanders and Camp Commanders, and have encouraged all levels of the SUVCW and the SVR to appoint active Chaplains at all levels in the organization. I have attended activities in Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, District of Columbia, Virginia, New

Jersey, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and West Virginia. I was present and participated in the Encampments of Ohio and Pennsylvania, as well as our own Department of Maryland. I did miss three events in which I wished to participate. I became ill the night before the Lincoln Birthday Celebration in Washington which I had helped to plan, and I was unable to attend the ceremony in Springfield and the Grant Tomb ceremony in New York because of conflicting events.

Major events I was able to attend included the 1991 National Encampment in Indianapolis; Remembrance Day at Gettysburg; Memorial Day Observances at Arlington Cemetery; Hillside in Charles Town, WV; Elmwood at Shepherdstown, WV; the Lincoln Birthday Observances at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.; the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations in Alexandria, Virginia; Re-dedication of the Veterans Hospital near Augusta, Maine, and numerous Civil War Battle re-enactments in which SVR Troops participated. In addition, I have worked with Chaplains of other organizations, including Sons of Confederate Veterans, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars in the planning and execution of local commemorative ceremonies, and with the Loyal Legion.

We did not reach all five of our goals to the extent that I had hoped. One of the problems was that the list of holidays that should be observed monthly by each unit, or observances, was never published or an issue did not reach everybody and we all are aware of the problems with the BANNER and we're working hard to correct this. Observance of monthly events was pursued, mostly through THE GUIDON and other SVR publications and in my own department, but it did not reach all of the people in all of the other departments. I have been reasonably successful in most of my other goals this year and to our incoming Chaplain next year, I hope he has as much success as I have had. Thank you, sir.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,  
Frank A. Foight III  
National Chaplain

### **Report of the National Counselor.**

Brothers, I do not have copies of this report for you because I rewrote it several times. There are certainly some scathing remarks in it and this was written with a great deal of emotion behind it. It reflects my feelings and I do not apologize for them.

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

It has been a busy and trying year for the National Counselor. It has been my duty to advise the Commander-in-Chief on several matters of grave importance to our Order. Most of these topics have been presented by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary and some of them will be presented by other officers. In the interest of time, I do not believe it is necessary to revisit them. Copies of written advice provided are attached to the report. While some of the tasks have been time consuming and ended in an amicable solution, others were distasteful, required much

thought, consideration, and soul searching before I could provide the advice requested. Some remain unresolved.

In all my endeavors, the primary guiding force has been the oath to which I ascribed upon taking the office of National Counselor to abide by and uphold the Constitution and Regulations of our Order. Brothers, that affirmation will continue to be a guiding force in all that I may do within this organization. These documents--the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution, and the Regulations -- were developed and handed down through time so that this Body would be assured of maintaining the purposes for which it was founded in this City 111 years ago. We are the fifth oldest hereditary, patriotic organization and the fourth oldest patriotic organization in this country. Exceeded in age only by the Society of the Cincinnati, Society of the War of 1812, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and the Sons of the Revolution.

We have survived, we grew to nearly 175,000 members, we have fallen and we are rising again because our members have committed themselves to the principles so nobly advanced by Augustus Plummer Davis when he conceived this organization and because our brethren adhered to their self imposed rules. It is our duty; it is our obligation; it is our hereditary right; it is our responsibility to our forefathers and those Brothers who have gone before us to maintain the principles upon which this Order was founded to assure its continued existence through the application of our own rules. We pledged ourselves to do so when we took the obligation upon joining the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

There are those among us who would cast aside our rules and the maintenance of order for their own purposes. If we allow Brothers to disregard the C&R because it doesn't suit them, we will end in anarchy. We must be vigilant of those who would cast aside harmony maintained through application of the same rule for all Brothers, in order to advance their own purposes and self aggrandizement. Likewise, we must be aware of those forces outside our order who make statements such as "the Sons need straightened out and I'm going to straighten them out," or those who would proclaim, in writing no less, "We are not behind the Sons, we do not support the Sons." There are strong reasons to believe that those who would do this organization great harm in an effort to advance their own self serving agenda are lurking among our sister organization. I do not make this accusation lightly, but the foregoing statements are attributable to members of the Auxiliary and to worsen the circumstances they were made by national officers of the Auxiliary. Other National Officers know of the persons to whom I am referring. It would serve no purpose to attach names to the statements at this

As you will hear when the Secretary reads correspondence, there are our own members who have expressed a purpose to "take over the SUVCW ." Rhetoric such as, "We cannot save the SUVCW without a complete takeover of the National Headquarters" are not the words of someone interested in furthering the work of our Order. Rather these are the words of persons who have been found to, knowingly or unknowingly, take actions contrary to the rules of our Order. When the Council of Administration authorized the Commander-in-Chief to take specific action to rectify those errors the response was that exhibited in the Martin Lucas letter to the members

of Grenville M. Dodge Camp, which you will later hear. Mr. Lucas states, "During the last five years, the members of the Iowa Department have led the nation in fund raising and organization building." The records submitted to the National organization by the Department of Iowa do not support this claim. In fact, reports from members of the Department of Iowa indicate that the officers of the Dodge Camp and the Department of Iowa have refused to accept resignations from Brothers without just cause. They refuse to grant honorable discharges when requested by Brothers in good standing. They refuse to grant transfers when requested. They have steadfastly blocked every attempt by a group of Brothers within the Department to form a new Camp, a Camp which would have included new members for the Department. The group instead was forced to seek a Camp at Large charter outside the Department of Iowa.

Threats, open or veiled, to bolt the SUVCW and form their own organization are not what one would expect from Brothers who call the State of Iowa, which contributed the greatest number of volunteers to the Union cause on a percentage basis of eligible men, their home. Rather these orations ring of those heard from Southern leaders prior to the Civil War. Is this the type of leadership Dodge Camp and the Department of Iowa purport to provide the National Organization?. Are these the type of leaders, we as a National Organization are to embrace with open arms? I sincerely hope the answer to both questions is no. I also hope that Mr. Lucas' letter and the threats to disassociate from the National Organization do not reflect the sentiment of the entire Department of Iowa. I hope and believe that the Brothers of the Departments of Iowa and Dodge Camp recognize that just as they acted with the best of intentions for what they believed was the good of the Order, the Council of Administration and the Commander-in-Chief were compelled by their oaths of office to take the actions which they did to uphold the C&R. Departments and Camps are subdivisions of and subordinate to the National Organization. So must their respective by-laws and actions be subordinate to the Constitution and Regulations of the National body. The Brothers of Iowa have given much to this Order and they certainly have the ability and potential to continue to provide leadership and direction to the National Organization.

Copies of the Constitution and Regulations are now available. I strongly urge each Brother to secure a copy, become familiar with it, and to conduct the business of the various Departments and Camps in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations.

I submit the following two recommendations:

1. That all written opinions provided by the National Counselor and the standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations be submitted along with those reports for publication in the proceedings so that future National Counselors and future members of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations will have these previous decisions and recommendations to review and rely upon when interpreting the Constitution and Regulations and making recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief.

2. That the standing committee on Constitution and Regulations be charged with reviewing the current Constitution and Regulations to eliminate the inconsistencies, typographical errors and to realign articles so that they are more readable.

Commander-in-Chief, I do apologize for the length of this report, however, I feel it is necessary in light of recent events to make these statements. It has been a privilege to serve as your National Counselor this past year. I hope that I have provided you with accurate and sound advice.

Yours in F., C., & L.,  
Richard D. Orr  
National Counselor

### **Report of the National Patriotic Instructor**

To: Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer

Greetings Brothers:

Last year you appointed me the National Patriotic Instructor. This was an honor to me. I accepted this challenge without realizing that the 1991-1992 budget for the National Patriotic Instructor had been raised to \$2,500.00. Since I was the Editor of THE BANNER, I inserted the 1992 Appeal forms in each issue of THE BANNER at no additional cost to the National Organization. During the 1991-1992 year, I sold bumper stickers and mailing labels for this fund. At the time of this interim report I have collected the sum of \$2,420.68, but expect to report a considerably larger sum in my final.

Respectfully submitted,  
James O. Lee  
National Patriotic Instructor

(In his final report on the last day of the Encampment, the National Patriotic Instructor reported that he had raised \$3,773.00 for this fund).

Since the National Historian had not yet arrived at the Encampment, the National Secretary moved on to the report of the National Graves Registration Officer which he read since Brother Sharrock was unable to attend the Encampment this year.

### **Report of the National Graves Registration Officer**

Commander-in-Chief Hammer and Brothers of the Encampment:

My travels to record Civil War tombstones took me to Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Illinois and Missouri. With the help of E.H. Monahan American Legion Post in Sioux City, Iowa, we put up a head stone for medal of honor winner, Edward B. Spalding. The city charged our camp \$25 to allow us to erect the headstone.

I did not want to take a chance on the Wisconsin department to set it since their delegate got confused at last year's convention regarding his responsibilities. They might have set it in the wrong state even. We have ordered and received fifty stones from Riverside Cemetery in Denver and we are setting them now. I continue to enjoy holding this office.

Yours in F., C., & L.,  
Charles E. Sharrock

### **Report of the National GAR Highway Officer**

Commander-in-Chief Hammer, Officers and Delegates of the 111<sup>th</sup> National Encampment Assembled:

After having the honor of being appointed your National G.A.R. Highway Officer in Indianapolis last August, I immediately started to chart my course for the coming year.

I was aware that those who have held this position before me have worked hard and long to establish the status of U.S. Route 6. Being a State employee in Rhode Island for 20 years, I am aware that administrations and people change and it is like starting all over again each year.

My goal was to contact each Department Commander and State Highway department through which U.S. Route Six passes and update our records. Letters were sent out to every Department Commander and State Highway Department hoping for the best. The response, I feel, was good. I have received responses from the following departments: Massachusetts, Ohio, Indiana, Colorado and New York. I received responses from the following State Highway Departments: Nebraska, California, Colorado, Massachusetts, Nevada, Illinois, Iowa, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. I would be remiss if I did not mention my own state of Rhode Island where we conducted a re-dedication ceremony on May 13, 1992.

A breakdown is as follows:

Massachusetts: No changes in the highway and existing signs are in good shape and in place.

Rhode Island: Route six was re-routed and new signs are in place. DOT will replace any damaged signs when needed. New signs will be installed in the western part of Rhode Island to the Connecticut border. Rhode Island will also establish some road side rest stops along Route Six, one of which will be dedicated to Brother Wallace Macomber, a seventy year member of the Order. Research is being done by the local Department of Transportation and they will get back to us on an update. We observed no signs from the Rhode Island border to at least Hartford.

New York: State maps show U.S. Route Six as the GAR Highway, but there is no evidence to show that the highway was ever formally dedicated as the G.A.R. Highway. Signs are in place. They need to provide some written proof that the New York legislature formally dedicated the highway. If not, a bill would have to be introduced in

the legislature to formally dedicate the highway and install new signs.

Ohio: No changes in the location of the highway, signs are in place throughout the state.

Indiana: The alignment of U.S. Route Six has changed in several locations and in some locations it is now a minor primary highway or a country road. Existing signs will be maintained. Some signs are missing. There was no mention about replacements.

Illinois: Alignment of Route Six is unchanged. Signs are staggered side to side, one sign every ten miles. They will make repairs and replacements where necessary.

Colorado: A letter was sent to the Department of Transportation and then forwarded to the Director of Public Relations in Denver. No response as of this date.

Nebraska: As of this date there are no markers along Route Six in Nebraska.

Nevada: Alignment not altered although after many construction projects, the markers were lost or displaced. At this time there are no markers identifying the highway as the GAR Highway in Nevada. The Traffic Engineering Section in Nevada claims to have designed a sign to be placed along the highway. A copy of our blueprint with dimensions will be sent to them for reference. Signs will be installed at the California/Nevada and Nevada/Utah borders and two signs will be installed at each county line that U.S. Six crosses.

California: Signs are in place in a number of counties and after a field review is conducted, any missing signs will be replaced. I did receive reports from Pennsylvania and Iowa, but have misplaced the reports. Those reports will be included in the status book. Several states also included official highway road maps.

It is very important to each and every one of us to continue to do everything in our power to keep Route 6 alive. We must continue to keep on top of our highway department as well as our legislature to do whatever it takes within your own state. Remember, the G.A.R. Highway Officer, no matter who they may be cannot travel this great highway alone. We need to find out when each state dedicated the highway and on an anniversary date conduct a rededication ceremony.

As our present Commander-in-Chief indicated when he held this position, such an effort is likely to reach a greater audience and promote a greater awareness of the highway than the markers which are seen only by those who travel the highway. We need to keep the media informed.

Although some changes in the highway have taken place, signs are not in place in some locals. We need to take steps to replace them. As most of you are aware state agencies are severally cutting their budgets. We must not let that discourage us.

In conclusion, I make the following recommendations:

- The appointment of a state GAR Highway officer from each state through which Route Six passes. This person shall be appointed by the Department Commander at their annual encampment. Said state GAR Highway officer will be the liaison between the state they represent and the national GAR Highway officer with notification to the National GAR Highway Officer as to the person being appointed.
- That our Washington, D.C. representatives conduct a follow-up on any and all legislation on the GAR Highway and keep the National GAR Highway Officer duly informed as to the results.
- That each state GAR Highway Officer research their own state legislation and report back to the National GAR Highway Officer with the results.
- The GAR Highway Officer be given permission to conduct a fund raiser for the purpose of obtaining money to have signs made and placed where there are no signs.

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief Hammer, for having the confidence in me when you appointed me as GAR Highway Officer. It has been most interesting and rewarding. It has been a privilege to have served on your staff this past year.

Yours in F., C., & L.,  
 Alan E. Peterson  
 National G.A.R. Highway Officer

### **Report of the National Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief**

The very brief report of Brother Peter A. Dixon saying only that it was a pleasure to have served in this position was greeted with resounding applause.

### **Report of the Washington Representative**

Commander-in-Chief Hammer and Delegates assembled.  
 Fraternal Greetings,

To be allowed to serve our Order as Washington Representative for the twelfth time has again proven to be an honor and a privilege. Thank you Commander-in-Chief Hammer for appointing me to be a part of your distinguished administration. As always, any efforts on behalf of our organization are made in memory of my qualifying ancestor, Daniel B. Schlenker of Berks County, PA and his part in preserving a nation united. Being chartered by Congress requires us to have an agent in Washington. We are pleased that no inquiries or summons were made of your Representative by Congress this year. Many opportunities abound in Washington to hold up our Order and its rich heritage before the public. Those of the past year are enumerated in the attached itinerary.

Some of the more notable ceremonies where we were represented include the Lincoln,

Washington, and Jefferson Memorials; Arlington, Congressional and Battlefield Cemeteries; Fort Stevens and the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church which is known as the Lincoln Church in Washington.

We were also represented at meetings of the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee, the Lincoln Commission, the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations, Civil War Roundtables, the Lincoln Group and the National Gavel Society. Having a Commander-in-Chief, a national Council of Administration member, and National Chaplain in the Washington area this year allowed us to be even more visible. Also having an active camp of a hundred and twenty members is extremely positive. Close fraternal relations continue to be maintained with our Auxiliary, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans, the Loyal Legion and Dames of the Loyal Legion, the American War Mothers, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stars and Bars and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

We remain alert for battlefield preservation information and the 130th Civil War anniversary events. Membership inquiries continue to be routed in proper channels. An official inquiry was made of the Library of Congress in May as to what records of Sons of Veterans USA and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (after 1926) repose there. No progress is to be reported at this time although clarifying telephone conversations have taken place.

A personal project under way for some time has been a review of the first one hundred years of published proceedings of our Organization. We are now ninety percent complete. I have covered the first ninety years. Pertinent information deemed to be of interest to the membership in general will be released in a series of items in the Banner. In my review of the proceedings, I have found that decisions of the Commander-in-Chief and the Council and his advisors have always been published up until more recent years.

The Commander-in-Chief's General Orders were always published in the proceedings. I would highly recommend that this year's General Orders be attached to the Commander-in-Chief's report as has been done in the past. Now a lot of this has fallen by the wayside because all of a sudden a few years ago we got nervous about spending money to have the proceedings published. I tell you this, the only existing record of our Organization is in published proceedings and if we continue to complain about the cost of paper and printing, we are doing a disservice to our Order by not having its true records published someplace, even if only one issue gets into the Library of Congress. I am fortunate to have a complete set of the proceedings which were passed on to me by General Shriver some years ago and it is my intention when I complete my survey to have them put in the Library of Congress, particularly when I find out what the response from them will be as to what they do have there. There have been references over the years that indeed our proceedings are there. Well, I want to know that they're there. That's why I've initiated this inquiry. Incidentally, there was one history written some years ago that only appeared in the Banner and that's when the Banner was tabloid size. God knows where copies of those Banners are now from back in the eighteen nineties and the early years of this century. It's too bad that particular history had not been published in the proceedings.

Information about our organization has been disseminated at reenactments and to many organizations through a series of lectures done in conjunction with the Washington Representative of the Auxiliary and her program on Women of the 1800's and their fashions, the latter on fifteen occasions since we last met. Requests come from High School teachers, museum docents, women's and senior clubs and hobby and historical groups. Future commitments are already numerous

In summation may I say that our retirement years have been made busy and delightful by having the opportunity to serve you and our Order in Washington and we would wish the same for each of you in your home area.

Respectfully submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C  
Washington Representative

Following the report of the Washington Representative, a recess for lunch was declared by the Commander-in-Chief at 12:00 noon with instructions to the delegates to return for a 1:00 P.M. reconvening.

## **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1992, 1:15 P.M.**

### **Announcements**

On behalf of the Encampment Committee, Brother Orr announced that a professional photographer would be taking photos tomorrow evening before and during the dinner for a booklet that would be for sale later. There was no obligation to purchase the photographs taken or the booklet.

Past Commander-in-Chief Corfman announced that the SVR Breakfast would take place on Saturday morning and that the SVR would present the Colors at the Campfire program.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Atkinson announced that the Pennsylvania Department Breakfast would take place on Sunday morning. He also announced that the Constitution and Regulations had been updated and were being reprinted and would be available for purchase.

### **Report of the National Chief of Staff**

During the past year I have been approached by many of our members with complaints on three different items. First, the matter of the BANNER. People have been complaining that they have not received the BANNER. It's probably because the Editor has never received an updated roster for their camp.

Years ago it was mailed by first class mail and there was never any problems. But now in order to make sure everyone gets a BANNER, it's up to every Camp to make sure the Editor of the BANNER gets an updated roster at least every quarter and whenever there's a change of address of any of the members. The second thing is the Life Member payments. Now we have a form which has to be filled out verifying the fact that the life members are alive and our National Treasurer sent them out to all department secretaries. My secretary was a year late in getting mine to me, and that's only because I finally asked him for it, so the main problem is that department secretaries have not forwarded this form to their individual camps. The third was in connection with our missing national proceedings. I am unable to do anything about that. And that, Commander-in-Chief, is my report. Thank you.

Norman Furman, PC-in-C  
Chief of Staff

### **Report of the National Member At Large Coordinator**

Commander-in-Chief:

It is indeed a pleasure to report on the activity of the National Organization's Membership-at-Large (MAL) program for the reporting period 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992.

At the beginning of the period, the National Membership-at-Large stood at 281 Brothers composed of 245 five members, 36 life members and zero associates. During this year, a total of 26 new members (23 by initiation and 3 by transfer) joined the Membership-at-Large. A total of 50 members (42 by nonpayment of dues, 7 by transfer and one death) was lost during the same period. Therefore, as of June 30, 1992, the National Membership-at-Large stood at 257 Brothers (221 Members, 36 Life Members and 0 Associates), a net loss of 24 Brothers. Last year we had an increase as opposed to this year where we have a decrease. However, for the second consecutive year, I was very pleased to present the national organization with the excess of Membership-at-Large funds totaling \$1000.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the National Organization.

Respectfully in F., C., and L.,  
Keith G. Harrison, PDC  
National MAL Coordinator

### **Report of the *BANNER* Editor**

The BANNER Editor presented the report which he had given earlier at the pre-Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration and which appears in the account of that meeting found earlier in these Proceedings.

Following the report of the BANNER Editor, Past Commander-in-Chief Schlenker took the floor to point out that the Editor should not have to take all of the criticism for the BANNER problems since some of them were beyond his control such as postal problems and late submissions.

Brother Chip Rogers asked the Editor if material that had been submitted but not published would be discarded or if it would be published in later issues. The Editor replied that it was his intention to publish as much as possible in later issues.

Since the National Historian had not yet arrived at the Encampment, the National Secretary read the written report which he had submitted.

## **Report of the National Historian**

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

It is with pride and pleasure that I make my annual report to you as your National Historian.

During the past year very few letters were received for information and hopefully all will get answered in the future.

On May 19, 1992 I mailed a letter to many brothers and sisters of the Allied Orders about several projects and areas of interest. This letter did create some interest but not much as I had hoped. I have attached a copy of it to this report.

For the past 10 years I have issued certificates to "real Sons and Daughters" of Civil War veterans either Union or Confederate. Over 500 have been located, one even on the Willard Scott weather segment on "The Today Show". As of June 1992 there were 32 children of Civil War veterans and 3 widows receiving compensation from the federal government.

The majority of my effort was directed to putting an album together with the history of our order. While it is impossible to write a history of the SUVCW without including the Grand Army of the Republic in the period before 1956, I would like to remind you that the history of the SUVCW is unique itself. Although both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia claim to have the roots of our order, there can be no doubt that without the devotion of Maj. Augustus P. Davis, we would not be meeting here today. He is truly the father of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I could bore you with many facts, but instead I will pass around this album with what I have put together so far this year. Hopefully this will become a central core of a fuller history of our order.

Submitted in F., C., and L.,  
Jerome L. Orton, PDC  
National Historian

Following the report of the National Historian, Brother Smyser called to the attention of the delegates a broadcast that would be made of a reenactment.

## Communications

The National Secretary read the following Communications that had been received:

1. Pennsylvania Department endorsement of Brother Elmer F. Atkinson for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the 1992-93 term.
2. Maryland Department endorsement of Brother Peter A. Dixon for the office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief for the 1992-93 term.
3. Indiana Department endorsement of Brother Allen W. Moore for the office of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief for the 1992-93 term.
4. Wisconsin Department endorsement for Peter A. Dixon for the office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief for the 1992-93 term.
5. Ohio Department resolution on destruction of Seminary Ridge.
6. Ohio Department resolution on disinterment of graves of Civil War Veterans.
7. Ohio Department resolution on Buffington Island.
8. New Jersey Department resolution on gay and lesbian service in the military.
9. Central Region resolution on GAR records.
10. Letter from individual producing and selling plastic Civil War toy soldiers.
11. Letter from Institute of International Commerce.
12. Letter from Cleveland Civil War Round Table on Johnson's Island.
13. Letter from VFW regarding data base of veterans.
14. Letters regarding the condition of Grant's Tomb.
15. Letter from Friends of the National Park at Gettysburg seeking contributions.
16. Circular from M&M/MARS on fund raising possibilities.
17. Letter from Martin L. Lucas of Grenville M. Dodge Camp of Iowa which was discussed earlier in the report of the National Counselor.

Following the reading of the above communications by the National Secretary, Brother Richard Smyser of the Ohio Department called the Secretary's attention to a communication which had been sent, but apparently not received. It was a letter signed by several members of the 16<sup>th</sup> Light Artillery, SVR regarding the place of the Confederate Flag in American History. A member of the Wisconsin delegation indicated that the Wisconsin Department had endorsed Brother Moore for Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief in a communication which may not have been sent or received.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER REGARDING THE DECLARATION OF AN INVALID ELECTION FOR JR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT THE 1991 ENCAMPMENT**

After being recognized, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Partington rose to express his dissatisfaction with the decision made regarding the invalid election for the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 1991 National Encampment. He said that he was disturbed by comments of the National Counselor and others regarding the invalidation of the election of Brother Roger Wheeler as the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Partington stated that he believed as a Past Commander-in-Chief that he should have been consulted more thoroughly on the decision made. He indicated that had he known that the matter was to be discussed at the meeting of the Council of Administration on the evening of 13 August, he would have been there.

Following Past Commander-in-Chief Partington's remarks, Commander-in-Chief Hammer stated that since it was fully expected that this matter would be brought to the floor at some point, this may be as good a time as any to discuss it. In his reply to Past Commander-in-Chief Partington, Commander-in-Chief Hammer expressed surprise at his remarks about not being informed of the case since he had been included in the voluminous mailings to Council members of the subject. Commander-in-Chief Hammer explained that everyone must keep in mind that this is not a case of removing a duly elected officer nor is it a matter of taking disciplinary action. Rather it is purely a matter of adhering to the provisions of our Constitution and Regulations which specify that a candidate for the office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief must have served as a Department Commander and further that a candidate for the office of Department Commander must have served as a Camp Commander. When it was brought to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration that Brother Wheeler had never been elected or appointed Camp Commander to fill a vacancy, the matter could not be ignored. Although violations of the Constitution and Regulations may have been ignored or overlooked in the past, Commander-in-Chief Hammer asked if the current Commander-in-Chief and Council and future ones should also look the other way when violations of the Constitution and Regulations occur. When investigations proved that Brother Wheeler had never held the office of Camp Commander (although he may have sometimes presided at meetings in the absence of the Camp Commander), it became clear that his election at the 1991 National Encampment was not valid. Commander-in-Chief Hammer reiterated that although Brother Wheeler is, of course, affected by the action taken, it was not an action taken against him personally.

When questions and comments from the floor showed that many delegates did not understand the background of this matter, the Commander-in-Chief asked that copies of the printed summary of the situation be distributed to the delegates. This was the same summary distributed at the Council meeting of Thursday, 13 August and can be read in the Minutes of that meeting which appear earlier in these Proceedings. Brother Tucker Mayhew of the Pennsylvania Department commented that all SUVCW members should be provided with copies of the latest Constitution and Regulations in order to understand the action taken in the case of Brother Wheeler. Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Schlenker rose to comment that the Constitution and Regulations are revised from time to time and copies have always been available from the National Organization and should be available from Camp and Department Secretaries. In reply to Past Commander-in-Chief Partington's comments, Brother Schlenker stated that Past Commanders-in-Chief are always welcome to attend any and all meetings of the Council of Administration although they cannot vote unless actually serving as a member of the Council. He indicated that he always attends Council meetings to stay informed and to provide his views on matters under discussion.

Commander-in-Chief Hammer continued his explanation of the matter by pointing out that Brother Wheeler had been advised of a way in which he could work through his Camp and Department to validate his service as a Department Commander and thus enable him to be nominated at this Encampment for any one of the Order's three highest offices. He had expected that Brother Wheeler would avail himself of this solution, however, for unknown reasons, Brother Wheeler chose not to do so.

Brother Marion Townsend of the Maryland Department rose to state that since many delegates appeared to have insufficient knowledge to make judgments on the subject, he moved to table the matter until 10:00 A.M. the following day to provide time to study the matter. Since there was no second to the motion, no discussion or vote was required.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. Atkinson took the floor to point out that Brother Roger Wheeler had been present at the previous evening's meeting of the Council of Administration and had been given every opportunity to present his case and to pursue solutions offered by the Council.

Brother Ronald Gill of the Department of Indiana made a motion that the National Encampment sustain the action of the Commander-in-Chief made with the advice and counsel of the Council of Administration. Following the seconding of the motion, Brothers Frank Foight of the Department of Maryland and Gary Dolph of Indiana rose to speak in support of the motion.

At this point, the National Counselor explained that after the vote on the motion now on the floor, a motion to reconsider would be required depending upon the outcome of the vote on the floor.

Once again, Brother Townsend moved that the matter be tabled until 10:00 the following day to allow further study. This time the motion received a second. Since a motion to table takes precedence over other motions, a vote was taken on Brother Townsend's motion. When a voice vote proved to be inconclusive, a standing vote was taken showing 17 in favor and 50 opposed, thus defeating the motion.

Having disposed of the motion to table the matter under discussion, a vote was taken on the motion of Brother Gill to sustain the action of the Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration. By a standing vote showing 53 in favor and 14 opposed, the motion passed.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Prior to the presentation of the reports of the Standing Committees, the National Counselor moved that recommendations of the committees be approved seriatim by sound of the gavel. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Report of the Standing National Committee on Constitution and Regulations**

To the Commander-in-Chief and the delegates assembled at the National Encampment in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1992:

The standing committee on Constitution and Regulations has the honor to present this, the report of the committee of the activities for the Order and the performance of its duties during the national administrative year ending at this Encampment.

Due to the outstanding attention to detail, experience, dedication and able leadership of the Commander-in-Chief, it is certain that most problems were resolved promptly and without undue difficulty or delay.

Your Chairman has had many questions referred to him both verbally and in writing, including some from each of the other Allied Orders of the GAR, Departments, Camps and individual members, and has endeavored to give considered and accurate and prompt replies.

In the Regulations, the matter of the per capita tax in relation to Life Members of the organization continues to have varied interpretations. That is, do they still owe camp dues minus the amount of the tax to the National Organization; is the tax to be paid to the department less the amount above; or do they owe the difference between the amount remitted to the camp by the national organization and the actual preset camp dues? It is stated that no per capita tax shall be paid to the National Organization on Life Members and further that the annual interest on the proceeds of life memberships shall be paid to the member's camp during the life of such member in lieu of his dues. The amount so paid is variable and usually will not agree with the camp's established dues.

The interpretation often presented is that the camp of the Life Member owes no dues at all, a result obviously unfair to the Department and Camp, both of which have their own respective expenses to cover during the year. Perhaps the time has come for attention to the subject to be given by the Encampment or an appropriate committee.

The subject of the rights, duties and privileges of associates which has come up repeatedly in the past, as distinct from regular members, apparently has been properly promulgated by replies to inquiries to your Chairman, too lengthy to be included in this report, but if there are any lingering thoughts on it, they will be discussed with anyone who requests.

Among problems of greater significance are the difficulties in the Department of Massachusetts, in the Department of Ohio, and in regard to the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief originating in the Department of Iowa. In the case of the Department of Massachusetts, members of two camps apparently were not of the same mind, that is a division in the consolidated camp, involving both personnel and finances, and assets, this being resolved now, hopefully, to the satisfaction of all concerned. In the case of the Department of Ohio, there was asked mostly interpretations of various provisions of the Constitution and Regulations, the opinions of your Chairman being given verbally at the close of the last National Encampment and later by letter. The matter of the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief engendered voluminous correspondence and certainly much of the time of the Commander-in-Chief and of the Council of Administration, as well as other officers and inevitably your Committee on Constitution and Regulations with lack of unanimity among all involved. The Commander-in-Chief did his best to satisfy the various contentions with the advice given by many and declared the office vacant, which decision and action is subject to appeal to the Encampment. The opinion of your Chairman is not given at this time.

To list and comment on all items brought up by the several sources would consume much time and burden you unduly, but your Chairman and the members of the committee are available for their studied advice at any time. This past year has been a most interesting one and we appreciate the opportunity of serving our Order in this capacity and thank the Commander-in-Chief for the confidence placed in us, and at the same time congratulate him on a most outstanding year of accomplishment. May the officers, and the delegates, and all the other fine people present at this Encampment enjoy a most rewarding experience, and our well wishes to all.

By the committee, Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman, Clark W. Mellor, George W. Long, Edgar A. Prince, Sr., Harry E. Gibbons.

### **Report of the Standing National Committee on Legislation.**

To Lowell Hammer, Commander-in-Chief. Greetings:

Your committee, appointed to study legislation of interest and concern to members of our Order, begs leave to submit the following Report to you and through you to the officers and delegates attending the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment.

Your chairman wishes to acknowledge the fine support and cooperation of Brother James O. Lee in providing space for updates on legislative matters in THE BANNER through the year. That support has been very helpful in getting our message across to our membership.

Status of Civil War Battle Sites. On December 10, 1991, President Bush signed Public Law 102-202, an Act to provide additional appropriations for land acquisitions for Monocacy National Battlefield in Maryland. Both the House and Senate have passed separate versions of HR-2370, a bill to expand the boundaries of Stone River National Battlefield in Tennessee. Agreement on a single bill is being sought.

S.17 and S. 80, bills relating to the Battle of Corinth, Mississippi are still in committee, as are S.225 and H..424, measures that would authorize expansion of the boundaries of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Battlefield Park.

On May 7, 1992, Senator Dale Bumpers, Democrat of Arkansas and Senator John Warner, Republican of Virginia, introduced S.2682, the Civil War Coin Act of 1992. This bill would authorize the U.S. Mint to design a coin to commemorate the centennial of the movement to protect Civil War Battlefields begun in 1892. Earnings realized from the surcharge added to the price of the coins are projected at 10 to 30 million dollars and would be earmarked for the Civil War Battlefield Foundation, a private, non-profit organization begun in 1991 by the Secretary of the Interior to raise money for battlefield acquisition. At the time the measure was introduced, Senator Bumpers made this statement quoted in part: "Less than fifteen percent of Civil War battlefield sites are protected by the Federal Government. Most of the sites could be bought within the next five years but the reality of the Federal Government's fiscal situation is that there is not enough money to purchase these sites and preserve them." Senator Warner added the following: "In 1988, the Congress saved 542 acres adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield from development. This land purchase expressed the support of our country and in the Congress for battlefield preservation. The Manassas experience inspired the creation of a public/private partnership. The partnership is spearheaded by the American Battlefield Protection Program of the National Parks Service and the Civil War Battlefield Foundation, a private organization." In the House of Representatives, Senator Bruce Vento, Democrat, Minnesota and representative Chalmers Wylie, Republican of Ohio, are sponsoring a companion bill, H.R. 5126.

Preservation of Other Historic Sites. On December 10, 1991, President Bush signed Public Law 102-201, which authorized a memorial to be erected at the Custer Battlefield National Monument to honor Indians who fought in the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

On June 9, 1992, the House passed House Joint Resolution 320, which would authorize the District of Columbia to establish a memorial to African Americans who died as Union soldiers during the Civil War. The measure is now in a Senate Committee.

On June 23, 1992, H.R. 1642, a measure to establish the Palo Alto Battlefield National

Historic site in Texas, the first major engagement fought in the Mexican War, was signed by President Bush as Public Law 102-304. On July 31, 1991, the Senate passed S. 628 to authorize a study of historic forts in New Mexico. That bill is now in the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Among measures cited in our report for last year, S. 989 and H.R. 2337, bills to authorize a study of frontier cavalry posts in Kansas, have not made it out of Committee. A similar fate has befallen H.R. 396, which would authorize the land acquisition for the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site in Tennessee.

Monday Holiday Legislation. Representative G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, Democrat of Mississippi, the Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, has introduced H.R. 2981 which would return the Federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30.

Future Status of Federal Charters During the time reserved for "One Minute Speeches" in the House on April 8, 1992, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass), Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, arose to proclaim the demise of the time-honored practice of granting Federal charters to various private, non-profit organizations. Historically, the Veterans Administration, now the Department of Veterans Affairs, had required a veterans organization to have a Federal charter in order to be eligible to use VA facilities. In March of this year, Veterans Affairs Secretary Edward Derwinski abolished that rule. That action was well received by Rep. Frank who observed: "We had a glitch. We had an archaic procedure in the House known as chartering Federal organizations. It took time. It involved some money. It involved some effort. And it was largely unnecessary because these charters had no real meaning. Except we found that with regard to the Department of Veterans Affairs, to be a veterans service organization of that Department, you had to have a Federal charter. We thought that was an unnecessary requirement."

Title 36 of the U. S. Code listed 92 organizations, past and present, under the heading of "Patriotic Societies and Observances." Our Order earned that status in 1954 when President Eisenhower signed Public Law 83-605. That recognition was long sought and was the culmination of the work of many individuals including Major General U. S. Grant III and Albert C. Lambert. Rep. Frank was silent on the future status of organizations already chartered by congressional action.

Congressional Turnover. Given a number of factors in this election year, one can expect a higher than average turnover in the membership of the Congress when the 103rd Congress convenes for the first time on January 3, 1993. As of the end of June, seven Senators and 50 Representatives had announced their retirement. In addition, one Senator and 12 Representatives have been defeated in their respective primaries.

Finally, 13 House members are running (or have run) for other offices, 11 for the U. S. Senate and two for governor in their states. There are still a number of primaries to be held thru September followed by the General Election on November 3. Some observers

are predicting that there could be as many as 150 or more new faces in the House of Representatives alone next January.

State Flag Dispute. Gov. Zell Miller of Georgia has said that he wants the Legislature in his state to authorize removal of the Confederate battle emblem from the Georgia state flag next year as a move to "lay the days of segregation to rest." The familiar Southern Cross which the Confederacy adopted as its battle flag, was added to the Georgia banner in 1956 during a controversy over the merits of school integration. Supporters of the current version of the flag vow to fight to retain the design and consider it an example of Southern pride. The issue is an emotional one and promises to be contentious when the Legislature convenes early next year.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1992-93: Brothers are urged to give consideration to the issues and proposals discussed in this Report as well as other measures that may come to their attention and convey their views to their elected officials as appropriate. The following recommendations are offered on behalf of the Committee on Legislation for the review and support of the delegates at this Encampment.

Recommendation No. 1: That we support consideration of the Civil War Coin Act of 1992, S. 2682 and H. R. 5126, as a means of raising funds for the acquisition of battlefield sites and as an example of a promising public/private partnership. **Approved.**

Recommendation No. 2: That we applaud the effort of Rep. G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery in calling for a return of the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 and urge support for H. R. 2981 which he has introduced to realize that goal. **Approved.**

Recommendation No. 3: That we urge consideration of H. Jt. Res. 320 which would authorize establishment of a memorial to African American soldiers who died in the Union Army during the Civil War. **Approved.**

It is a privilege to have been associated with Brothers Forest F. Altland, Francis Lipp and Scott W. Stucky as members of the Committee on Legislation and to have been able to serve our National Organization in this capacity during the 1991-92 year.

Respectfully submitted,  
For the Committee,  
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman

### **Report of the Standing Committee on Membership**

The report of this committee was included in the Report of the Jr. Vice Commander who serves as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

### **Report of the Standing National Encampment Site Committee**

To Lowell V. Hammer, Commander-in-Chief and Assembled Delegates of the 111<sup>th</sup> National Encampment:

I am pleased once again to bring you a report of the National Site Committee. Not much activity has taken place during the past year due to the difficulty of finding a date for the Committee members to gather and review locations for future Encampments. We will provide, however, a summary of upcoming locations as a reminder of the commitments already made.

The 1993 Encampment will be held at the Ramada Inn in Portland, Maine on August 13-15. Room rates will be \$72 per room, any occupancy.

The 1994 National Encampment will be held at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing, Michigan on August 12 - 14. This facility was formerly the Clarion Hotel and was the location of the 1988 Encampment. Room rates will be \$59 dollars, single or double.

An invitation by the Department of Rhode Island has been accepted for 1995 with Providence as the location. Arrangements need to be completed.

The Department of Ohio has extended an invitation for 1996 but a location has not been determined as yet.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of this Committee for the past several years. I will lend all assistance possible to whomever fills this post the next year.

Submitted for the Committee which was comprised of Allen Loomis and Charles Corfman during this past year, James T. Lyons, Chairman.

### **Report of the Standing National Committee on Press and Publicity**

Brother Reed who was videotaping the proceedings indicated he had no formal report at this time.

### **Report of the Standing National Committee on Americanism and Education**

To the Commander-in-Chief:

1. The Americanism Committee again recommends that each camp hold a monthly activity of some kind to honor a person, date or event. A list was circulated at the Indianapolis Encampment and was publicized through the SVR and several other publications. It did not, apparently, reach all Camp Commanders. The Pittsburgh Encampment is one of the recommended activities.
2. The Americanism Committee Chairman has worked with other organizations during the year including the Loyal Legion, Lincoln Birthday Committee in Washington, the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations, American Legion, VFW and several public school systems to promote Americanism.
3. In my capacity as National Chaplain, I have also tried to promote the religious aspect of these commemorative days, especially those that are most worthy of special events by camps or departments in their observance.

4. I have discussed Americanism with other officers and members in conjunction with the Indianapolis Encampment, the SVR Annual Muster and three department encampments during this fiscal year that I was able to attend. I have an enclosure on the report which shows proposed commemorative days for the coming twelve months. I'll go over those. August is the National Encampment. September, the Battle of Antietam, Sept. 17-18, 1862. October, the Battle of Cedar Creek on 19 Oct. 1864. November 14, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg and GAR Founders Day on November 20. It is the 126th anniversary of Veterans Day on November 11. December, the Battle of Fredericksburg, 13 Dec. 1862. January the fall of Fort Fisher, NC on 15 January 1865. February, Lincoln's Birthday on 12 February. March, the Battle Five Forks, 30 Mar.-1 Apr. 1865. April, Appomattox on 9 April 1865; the end of the War, Johnston's surrender on 26 April 1865, and Lincoln's death day on 15 April 1865. May, Decoration (Memorial Day) the thirtieth of May. June 14, Flag Day, Battle of Petersburg the fifteenth, July, Battle of Gettysburg, 1-3 July 1863 and Independence Day on 4 July. Ending in August again with the National Encampment in Portland. All Brothers are encouraged to plan local events or to participate with Camps, Departments, or the National Organization to observe the above dates.

In F., C., & L.,  
Frank A. Foight III  
Chairman

### **Report of the Standing National Committee on Fraternal Relations**

To: Lowell V. Hammer, Commander-in-Chief  
Officers, Delegates, and Members at the  
111<sup>th</sup> National Encampment

Greetings:

As Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee, I have received communications from members in three states. At the Central Region Conference held in Lansing, Michigan on October 5 and 6, 1991, members of the Sons and Auxiliary to the Sons from the Departments of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa attended. Their theme was "Your Success Stories," which involved camp and department recruiting efforts and sponsorship of patriotic projects.

The Indiana Department held its Department Encampment along with the Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Indianapolis on June 13, 1992.

At the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony held in Springfield, Illinois, held on April 15, 1992, numerous fraternal organizations assembled, including the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, Sons of The American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of Dames of the Loyal Legion of the U.S., as well as several others.

One Department registered a complaint about the lateness of the delivery of issues of THE BANNER. Another Department has complained about not receiving issues of THE BANNER. This is a problem that must be resolved. Good communications from the National level to all members is vital to the success of our organization. For several members, THE BANNER and the Department General Orders are all they ever receive for their payment of dues.

The Department of Rhode Island is to be commended for their activities. Several members have participated in meetings of a newly-formed Rhode Island Civil War Round Table. On May 30, 1992, the Rhode Island Department participated in the re-dedication of the GAR Highway, which was coordinated by Brother Alan Peterson, National GAR Highway Officer and which was attended by two brothers from the Department of Massachusetts. The Rhode Island Department is a member of the New England Regional Association of the Sons and Auxiliary, which includes members from all six New England States. They have met in October, March, and July; the latter meeting was held on July 18-19, 1992 at Weirs Beach, New Hampshire.

I strongly recommend that each Brother make sure that his personal goals and objectives are in harmony and agreement with those of our Order. Let's band together for the betterment and good of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully submitted in F.,C., & L.,  
Allen Moore, Chairman

### **Report of the Standing National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance**

To: Lowell Varner Hammer, Commander-in-Chief

Greetings. Your committee, appointed to conduct the annual Death Day ceremony held on April 15, 1992, begs leave to submit the following report:

1. The 36th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Lincoln Death Day Association., Inc., recorded the attendance of more than sixty organizations that presented commemorative wreaths and nearly one hundred persons who gathered at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel for the luncheon following the rites.
2. At the ceremony, brief addresses were given by Commander-in-Chief Lowell Varner Hammer and by William H. Upham., Jr., a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion. Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the ceremony and at the luncheon program,
3. The 114<sup>th</sup> ILL. VOL. INF. REGT. provided its colors., and honor guard., and a bugler and drummer under the command of Col. Robert M. Graham. SGT/MJ, Stephen Hall rendered "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" as a solo performance on his bugle and was accompanied by CPL Joe Richiusa on the drum. Ronald Clark of the 114th Regt. served as chaplain at both the ceremony and the luncheon.

4. At the luncheon following the ceremony., Lewis P. Mallow, Jr. presented an in-depth program of narration and slides entitled, "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln." Commander-in-Chief Hammer presented certificates of merit to each member of the Committee in recognition of their work and long association with the April 15 ceremony.

5. Among the dignitaries present were Ethel Carver, National President of our Auxiliary and Elizabeth D, Upham., National Chaplain of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, representing her National President. In addition, Anne L. Gerlt., National President of the Women's Relief Corps; Irene R. Berg., National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Bonnie P. Weld, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, led their organizations in presenting wreaths.

6. Departments of our Order that presented wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin. Department Auxiliaries taking part were Illinois., Iowa and Wisconsin. In addition, Gen. Grenville M, Dodge Camp No, 75, Des Moines, IA; Epps-Henderson-Hester Camp No. 91, Indianola, IA; Adm. David D. Porter Camp No. 116, Valpariso, IN; Gen. George Armstrong Custer Camp No. 1., Chicago., IL; and Gen. John A. Mc Clermand Camp No, 4, Springfield., IL presented wreaths. Camp No. 1 of Chicago also displayed its organizational colors. Local Auxiliaries from Springfield, IL, Des Moines, IA, and Milwaukee, WI also presented wreaths.

7. The ceremony received excellent media coverage again this year with radio and television recording the event for later broadcast. The State Journal-Register of Springfield printed a color picture and an interpretive article in its April 16 issue.

8. For a complete account of the 1992 ceremony, your attention is invited to a forthcoming issue of The Banner.

9. Your Committee is proud to be able to serve the National Organization in this capacity and is very appreciative of the financial support and commitment as demonstrated by the generous appropriation authorized each year by our Order. Without that support, the ceremony would not be where it is today.

We also wish to acknowledge the resources provided by the Lincoln Death Day Association, Inc., and the volunteer efforts of Edward G. Pree, PNP Ellinore K. Johnson, and by members of Auxiliary No. 200 of Springfield led by Marlene Carnduff. Working together, we believe we have provided a ceremony in keeping with the significance of the occasion at a modest cost.

10. In its planning for the 1993 ceremony, your Committee is pledged to do all that it can to contain its expenses, bearing in mind the essential or "core" expenditures required for a ceremony of this type. In anticipation of some assistance from the Death Day Association which receives limited financial support from the trust set up under terms of the Will of our late Brother, George L. Cashman, the following recommendation is submitted for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: Your Committee recommends that its appropriation in the amount of \$400,00 be continued for the support of the 1993 ceremony. The authorization of this amount will allow the development of a realistic budget for the conduct of the 1993 observance. **Approved.**

A complete accounting of expenses incurred for the 1992 ceremony has been filed with the National Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert M. Graham, Co-chairman  
Thomas L.W. Johnson, Co-chairman

### **Report of the Standing Committee on G.A.R. Remembrance Day**

The Report of the Standing Committee on G.A.R. Remembrance Day is found in the Report of the Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve which is included in the Attachments to the Military Affairs Committee located in the Appendices.

### **Report of the Standing National Committee on Military Affairs**

Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer  
Delegates assembled  
111th National Encampment  
Pittsburgh, PA 15 August 1992

Fraternal Greetings,

Following the announcement of committee assignments by CinC Hammer, all members of this committee were notified of their appointment by letter of August 19, furnished with the S.O.P. and Regulations of the SVR, the reports of the Commander and Adjutant General and a call for a meeting at Gettysburg on Remembrance weekend.

Postal and telephone channels of communications between the committee and General Staff were opened and used regularly with the most satisfactory results. All are to be commended for their cooperation for the good of the order.

The committee met in Gettysburg on 15 November with CinC Hammer, SVCinC Atkinson, BG Corfman and Col. Foight also in attendance. A lively exchange of ideas and proposals took place with some being adopted and some rejected then and since.

The committee, being well aware of its responsibility to administer the Military Department on behalf of the order, undertook its duties seriously.

Art.I of the S.O.P. was amended redefining the six Military Districts as follows:

1 MD CT, RI, MA, VT, NH, ME.

2 MD NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, DC, VA, WV.

3 MD MI, IN. OH, KY.

4 MD MN, WI, IA, IL, MO.

5 MD MT, ND, SD, WY. NE, CO, KS, OK, NM, TX.

6 MD WA, OR, ID, CA, NV, UT, AZ

Art. XI of the S.O.P. was added to provide for Artillery Regulations to govern SVR units and others participating in SVR sponsored events.

The concept of a membership badge for SVR was approved. Suggested designs are under study. The use of existing dies was urged.

Reminders were made that all commissions and promotions to Major and above require the approval of NMAC to keep within the bounds of the Table of Organization.

The committee continues to receive and study suggestions for updating the S.O.P. which has not been done for ten years.

The Reserve is to be commended for the efforts to communicate with all echelons through the publication of "The Guidon".

The Remembrance Day parade, program and military ball were extremely successful due to the cooperation of the Reserve and the Remembrance Day Committee.

The State of the Reserve Report of the Commander and the Statistical and Financial Report of the Adjutant General are attached herewith and show the SVR to be well organized, fiscally sound and growing.

The Annual Muster of the Reserve will take place 25-27 September in Harrisburg, PA.

Your National Military Affairs Committee would point out to the encampment that men in uniform are the best recruiters for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by virtue of their being on parade before the public.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Forest F. Altland  
Ivan E. Frantz, Jr.  
George H. Shadman  
Richard H. Smyser  
Richard C. Schlenker, Chairman

(Attachments to the Report of the Military Affairs Committee are found in the Appendices)

## **Report of the Standing Committee on Program and Policy**

The report of this committee was included in the report of the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief who serves as Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee.

## **Report of the Standing National Committee on Publications**

To: Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer

The purpose of this new committee is to encourage Department and Camp Commanders to publish newsletters, to assist THE BANNER editor when necessary, and in general to encourage timely communications among the brethren. Members were chosen because they were already publishing newsletters for viable, functioning Departments/Camps. The Committee members are myself, David Jenkins, Chip Rogers, Jerry Orton, Frank Foight and James Lee.

The Committee got off to a late start due to the failure of the U.S. Postal Service to deliver THE BANNER to the membership. Every Department Commander was contacted twice except the Connecticut Department Commander because of a bad address. The first contact was by the committee chairman and then a "local" follow up was made by the committee member assigned to that territory. Response was mixed. Active Department Commanders responded and took action. Other Department Commanders have yet to be heard from as of this time. We were not able to develop any statistics but we did determine there are a few more newsletters being published than we first suspected. Also a few Department and Camp newsletters have been started up because of the committee.

It is recommended that the Commander-in-Chief make the Publications Committee a permanent committee and that it continue to find ways to encourage communications between and among Departments and Camps. **Approved.**

It is recommended that a budget be authorized in the amount of \$40 to reimburse the committee for postage and related expenses already incurred and for anticipated expenses for 1992- 1993. **Referred to Council of Administration.**

The following departments are known to publish newsletters. Ohio, West Virginia, New York, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania. There may be others that I'm not aware of. As Committee Chairman, I thank all the committee members and Commanders for their cooperation and willingness to make this project a success.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,  
David Jenkins, Chairman.

## **Report of the Standing National Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Records**

Commander-in-Chief and brothers:

The GAR records committee has done very little this year. I cannot speak for others, but other duties on the state and national level have kept me from being active on this committee. However, I did speak with Bud Atkinson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and we were in agreement with the following. Next year, with the new officers and committees, a form will be sent to each Department requesting that all their records that are available for research be put on a master list and be published for members and the general public. Many individual members, such as myself, have considerable private collections. These would also be listed.

There is a project by a national genealogical society to list all projects of this nature. There are numerous grants available to put records like this on computers.

There is always talk about the Mormon Church copying records. However in the Syracuse, N.Y. area, there is about a 3 year waiting list to get your records copied.

While it is not the intention of this report to give free advertising to a private publication, there is one magazine that deserves to be recognized. Antique Week, Suite 220, 525-K E. Market St., Leesburg, VA 22075 publishes a weekly magazine with an excellent genealogy section. If one were to digest the material offered for about \$15 a year, he or she could be a very good amateur genealogist.

I would suggest to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, that the next person to be appointed as Chairman of this Committee have experience in computers, library science or museum work. That way a great deal of red tape could be eliminated.

Submitted for committee,  
Jerome L. Orton, PDC, Chairman

### **Report of the Committee on Credentials**

In an updated report, the Committee reported that 73 Brothers were now registered as voting delegates.

## **REPORTS OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES**

### **Report of the Encampment Committee on Rituals and Ceremonies**

As of this date, nothing has been sent to me requiring the action of my committee for the 1992 National Encampment.

In F., C., & L.,  
Richard Greenwalt

### **Report of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee reported that its review of the Treasurer's accounts and records showed everything was in order.

At 4:05 P.M. A motion was made to recess the business session until 10:00 A.M. the following morning. The motion was seconded and passed.

**THIRD BUSINESS SESSION  
SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 1992, 10:10 a.m.**

**Report of the Committee on Credentials**

Prior to opening the Encampment for the nomination of officers, the Credentials Committee reported that 81 Brothers were now registered with 10 not present and 71 present and eligible to vote.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS**

Although under the normal order of business at a National Encampment the nomination and election of officers is the last item on the agenda, a motion was made by Brother Joseph Long of the Pennsylvania Department to advance the election in order to permit Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Moore to return home because of the death of his father. The motion was seconded by Counselor Orr who also noted that the Order should express condolences to Brother Moore. The motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Hammer declared the meeting open for the nomination of officers for the 1992-1993 term. A motion was made by Counselor Orr and seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mellor, and passed that in cases where only one candidate was nominated for an office, he should be declared elected by acclamation.

Commander-in-Chief Hammer directed the National Secretary to call the roll of Departments for the purpose of nominations for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Partington of the Department of Pennsylvania nominated Sr. Vice Commander Elmer F. Atkinson. There were no other nominations for the office of Commander-in-Chief. When asked by the Commander-in-Chief if he were willing to serve as Commander-in-Chief, Brother Atkinson replied in the affirmative. Commander-in-Chief Hammer then directed the National Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Brother Atkinson and declared him to be the duly elected Commander-in-Chief.

The same procedure was followed for the nomination and election of the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. The only nomination for this office was Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore who was nominated by Brother Alan Loomis of the Indiana Department. After affirming his willingness to serve, Brother Moore was declared the duly elected Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

During the roll call for nominations for the office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Gary Gibson of the Department of Michigan nominated Brother Keith G. Harrison for this position while Brother Peter A. Dixon was nominated by the Department of Wisconsin. Brother Dixon explained that he had earlier requested that his Department of Maryland withdraw his name from consideration because of other obligations that would preclude his serving effectively at this time. He respectfully declined the nomination of the Wisconsin Department thanking them for their kind consideration. No other nominations being made for the office of Jr. Vice Commander-

in-Chief, Brother Keith G. Harrison was declared elected after affirming his willingness to serve.

Commander-in-Chief Hammer announced that nominations would now be opened for the position on the Council of Administration now occupied by Brother Joseph Rippey whose term expires at this National Encampment. Since Past Commander-in-Chief George Long would be automatically succeeded by Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer on the Council and Brother Peter A. Dixon had another year to serve in his two year term, it was observed that Brother Rippey's position was the only one to be filled at this time.

During the roll call for nominations to fill the open position on the Council of Administration, Brother Joseph Rippey was nominated by Past Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman for another term. No other nominations being made, Brother Rippey was declared elected following his affirmation of his willingness to serve.

### **Report of the Encampment Committee on Resolutions.**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the reports of this and other Encampment Committees at the sound of the gavel if there are no objections.

#### **RESOLUTION #1: Condemning the Destruction of Seminary Ridge**

WHEREAS: The National Park Service made an agreement with Gettysburg College for the exchange of a part of the Gettysburg Battlefield, known as Seminary Ridge Railroad Cut, for the purpose of creating athletic fields for the College.

WHEREAS: The National Park Service has abdicated its responsibility in protecting the most visited of the National Park Service in the united Battlefield state by agreeing to the exchange of The Seminary Ridge Railroad Cut at Gettysburg

AND WHEREAS: This loss of a part of The Seminary Ridge Railroad Cut sets a dangerous precedent for future losses of Civil War Battlefield areas

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED That the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, condemns the action of the National Park Service in this - in conveying a portion of The Seminary Ridge Railroad Cut, at Gettysburg National Cemetery, to another owner, who has desecrated it

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, urgently request that the National Park Service; through whatever means is necessary; get this land restored to its original state.

Adopted by the Department of Ohio, June 19-21, 1992. **Concur with Resolution #1.**

#### **RESOLUTION #2: Disinterment of Civil War Veterans**

Whereas : It has come to the attention of our members, that the Federal Government has allowed the Graves of Civil War dead to be opened. The bodies to be disinterred and used for scientific study

AND Whereas: We as individuals and as an Organization strongly resent this invasion of these Veterans final resting place for whatever reason

AND Whereas : If this must be done for scientific reasons, then it is the responsibility of the Federal Government whom these Veterans served on the fields of Battle. to see to it that their earthly remains are re-buried with the appropriate dignity and ceremony befitting them, and that should be done post haste

AND Whereas : We question what beneficial knowledge that can be gained from this practice of exhuming the bodies of Civil War Soldiers and strongly urge that is to be stopped or at least brought to the lowest feasible number. And that when the study of the remains is completed that there should be no delay in returning these remains to their proper place for re-burial with appropriate ceremonies.

Adopted by the Department of Ohio, June 19-21, 1992. **Concur with Resolution #2.**

#### RESOLUTION #3: Preservation of Buffington Island

WHEREAS, Congress is doing a study of Civil War sites for the purpose of saving these through federal purchase and improvement; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio was not included in the information as a state having any sites to preserve in the federal government study of Civil War sites preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Buffington Island occurred in Ohio with 10,000 soldiers and was important in demoralizing the Confederacy in its attempt to invade the North; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans recommends that the Battle of Buffington Island in Portland, Ohio, be included on the list of sites to be preserved by the federal government.

Adopted by the Department of Ohio, June 19-21, 1992. **Concur with Resolution #3**

#### RESOLUTION #4: Task Force for Copying G.A.R. Records

Whereas, the GAR records are not presently fully assembled, cataloged or indexed in a central repository, and

Whereas, the Carlisle Barracks is presently designated as a repository for same, and

Whereas, the presence of some GAR holdings are known but are located in many separate collections, and

Whereas, descendants of GAR Post members cannot presently access or know the location of these various holdings,

Now, therefore be it Resolved, that the SUVCW designate a task force to permit all known GAR and SUVCW holdings to be copied, cataloged and indexed at the Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and the G.A.R. Museum with all the original holdings to remain in their present locations.

Furthermore, the Central Region Conference requests that all present holdings at Carlisle shall be similarly handled and included in the collected index of all holdings.

This Resolution was approved at the Central Region Conference, held at Lansing, Michigan on 5 and 6 October 1991. **Concur with Resolution #4**

RESOLUTION #5: Support for U.S. Military Prohibition on Gays and Lesbians.

WHEREAS, at the annual department meeting of the New Jersey Department, Sons of Union Veterans, of the Civil War, held in Hightstown, New Jersey, on May 30th, 1992

WHEREAS, it was voted affirmatively, and unanimously, to support the military services in their long standing practice of not permitting members who profess Gay and/or Lesbian preferences to remain in the service.

Be it hereby resolved, that the New Jersey Department, Sons of Union Veterans, of the Civil War, respectfully requests the National Organization, of the Sons of Union Veterans, of the Civil War, to approve this action, and forward a report to the appropriate authorities.

**The Committee made no recommendation on Resolution #5. Although considerable sentiment was expressed in support of the resolution, since it was not Civil War or GAR related, no action was taken.**

### **Report of the Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Again, the recommendations of the Committee will be approved at the sound of the gavel if there are no objections.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

1. That an award be made by the Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment each year to the Camp or Department having the best newsletter or publication for the year. This award could be monetary, a plaque, or simply a certificate. **While concurring in the intent of the recommendation, the Committee recommended that certificates be awarded to those publishing the better newsletters rather than having a competition requiring judges to review the publications and decide which was the best.**

2. That our Certificate of Merit be upgraded in quality and attractiveness and that a Certificate of Appreciation be added to our inventory. The latter is needed to recognize people within and without the Order for contributions to our efforts. **Concur.**

3. That our contribution to the Cathedral in the Pines be increased from \$25 to \$50 if budgetary considerations allow. **Committee recommended referral to the Budget Committee.**
4. That a new recruiting/information brochure be designed and printed for use in recruiting and in publicizing our Order. **Concur.**
5. That our application form be redesigned to make it more attractive to prospective members. **Concur.**
6. That a prospective member packet be prepared for use by Camps and Departments in recruiting new members. The packet should contain an invitation to join from the Commander-in-Chief, and information brochure, an application form with instructions for completing, and a copy of a recent issue of THE BANNER. **Concur.**
7. That we continue to advertise in suitable national magazines as our budget permits. **Concur.**
8. That we explore the feasibility of creating an ROTC medal for use by Departments and Camps which may wish to present them to ROTC students at local schools. **The Committee believed further study of this recommendation was required.**
9. That we continue to support Civil War battlefield preservation through personal, Camp, Department, and National efforts. **Concur.**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND CHAIRMAN OF PROGRAM AND POLICY COMMITTEE:

1. Conducting a drawing should not be one of the duties of this Committee. Continuing to collect donations for the Sr. C-in-C Fund together with the application fees that are deposited in it should generate sufficient monies to keep this fund solvent. **The Committee considered this recommendation resolved since the raffle had been a one time event, albeit held a second time when the Commander-in-Chief donated his prize for a second drawing.**
2. Since the duties of the Jr. and Sr. Vice Commanders-in-Chief entwine, with the Sr. Vice promoting our Order and the Jr. Vice responsible for membership, the National Secretary's duties in relation to new membership could be given to these two officers. The Sr. Vice C-in-C and the Program and Policy Committee should be given an amount of money designated by Council from the Sr. Vice Fund to be used to publicize our Order. The Committee would have some input as to how the money is best spent for the advertisement of our Order. The Jr. Vice C-in-C's name and address would be the contact person in relation to inquiries for membership. He would pass these requests on

to the appropriate Department Jr. Vice who would contact the nearest Camp Jr. Vice. Reports of the results would come back through channels to the Jr. Vice C-in-C. **The Committee believed that these recommendations had already been approved and instituted.**

3. A complete roster of our Order be compiled, listing not only National Officers, Department Commanders and Secretaries, but also the individual Camps in each Department with their contact's name and address. **Concur.**

4. Permission be given to the next Commander-in-Chief to appoint this Committee according to the C & R with one member to serve one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years. Subsequently, one new member would be appointed in each of the ensuing years. **Concur.**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF JR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

A. All camps should hold regular meetings and have programs of an enrichment type pertaining to the Civil War or the Grand Army of the Republic. **Concur.**

B. Every camp be represented at a Memorial Day Ceremony. **Concur.**

C. Members participate in local, regional, and national historical society functions so that SUVCW is known as a vibrant organization. **Concur.**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER:

1. That \$10,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the GAR Fund to begin repaying the money that was borrowed from that fund. **Concur.**

2. That we continue the organized program to recruit new members and that this program be under the jurisdiction of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief as the officer responsible for membership and that all national department officers take an active role in the implementation of this program. **Concur.**

3. That an allocation of \$1750 minimum be made for the membership recruitment program from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief fund. **Concur although this is a Budget item.**

4. Because of the drastic decline in current interest rates, a committee be established to review alternative investment options and that committee present a report to the Council of Administration at the Council meeting in Gettysburg during Remembrance Day activities. **Concur.**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR:

1. That all written opinions provided by the National Counselor and the standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations be submitted along with those reports for publication in the proceedings so that future National Counselors and future members of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations will have these previous decisions and

recommendations to review and rely upon when interpreting the Constitution and Regulations and making recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief. **Concur.**

2. That the standing committee on Constitution and Regulations be charged with reviewing the current Constitution and Regulations to eliminate the inconsistencies, typographical errors and to realign articles so that they are more readable. **Concur.**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL G.A.R. HIGHWAY OFFICER:

1. The appointment of a state GAR Highway officer from each state through which Route Six passes. This person shall be appointed by the Department Commander at their annual encampment. Said state GAR Highway officer will be the liaison between the state they represent and the national GAR Highway officer with notification to the National GAR Highway Officer as to the person being appointed. **Concur.**

2. That our Washington, D.C. representatives conduct a follow-up on any and all legislation on the GAR Highway and keep the National GAR Highway Officer duly informed as to the results. **Concur.**

3. That each state GAR Highway Officer research their own state legislation and report back to the National GAR Highway Officer with the results. **Concur**

4. The GAR Highway Officer be given permission to conduct a fund raiser for the purpose of obtaining money to have signs made and placed where there are no signs. **Concur.**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BANNER EDITOR:

1. To mail the BANNER by First Class postage. This would save about two months distribution time for each mailing to get out to the membership. **Referred to Budget Committee since expenditures involved.**

2. To invoice the Departments that refuse to comply with the Commander-in-Chief's general orders about up-dating their current mailing list. All of their BANNERS would be mailed by First Class postage for the first issue only each year. If these departments still refuse to comply with the Commander-in-Chief's general orders then all other issues of the BANNER must be sent by UPS to the Department Secretary and/or Department Commander until these departments comply. **Concur.**

3. I am willing to fulfill this office for another year, if the Council of Administration desires to elect me again. **This is a decision to be made by the Council of Administration.**

4. All monies that are vouchered for the BANNER should be wired into the BANNER account in Des Moines, Iowa. This would increase production time about three weeks. **Committee did not concur and recommendation rejected.**

5. Complimentary BANNERS. Who gets one and who doesn't? **After some discussion, it was agreed that complimentary copies of the BANNER should be sent to all Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary, the sitting National President, and the National Secretary.**

### **Report of the National Council of Administration**

The National Secretary reported on the Meeting of the National Council of Administration held on Thursday, 13 August 1992, the minutes of which appear earlier in these Proceedings.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief reported that he now had received \$665.00 in the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund with time remaining for additional contributions.

A motion was made that the Encampment stand in a moment of silent prayer in honor of Brother Allen Moore's father who had just died.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Creation of Committee to Explore Possibility of Joint Encampment with SCV**

A motion was made by the National Counselor and the National Secretary to create a committee referred to as the '99 Committee to work with the Sons of Confederate Veterans and United Daughters of the Confederacy toward holding a joint encampment in 1999 on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last Encampment of the GAR and United Confederate Veterans. Gettysburg has tentatively been selected as the site for a joint encampment and in previous meetings with the SCV they have indicated they would be receptive to a joint encampment anywhere but Richmond. The motion carried.

#### **National Historian's Album**

National Historian, Jerome Orton, displayed the album documenting the history of the SUVCW which he had mentioned in his report and indicated that it would be available through the Encampment.

The transaction of new business was suspended briefly in order to receive a visitation from the Auxiliary led by Auxiliary National President Ethel Carver and Past National Presidents Doris Schlenker and Dorothy Hillyard. Past Commander-in-Chief Clark Mellor gave the response assisted by Brothers Johnson and Foight.

Other items of business at this time included the suggestion by Brother Richard Lufkin that the SUVCW advertise in the *Camp Chase Gazette*, and questions and comments by Brother Keith Ashley and Brother Gordon Bury regarding the bonding of Department Officers

Greetings from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States were brought by Brothers Gordon Bury, Keith Harrison, Peter Dixon, Keith Ashley, and Gary Gibson who are all Companions of the Loyal Legion.

At 11:45 a motion was made, seconded, and carried to recess for lunch.

**FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION  
SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 1992, 1:15 P.M.**

**CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**Updated report of the Credentials Committee**

Committee Chairman Ivan Frantz, Sr. reported that 83 Brothers were now registered for the National Encampment.

**Gettysburg Land Exchange**

Brother Ivan Frantz provided some additional information on the previously discussed exchange of land on the Gettysburg battlefield. Brother Richard Orr added comments regarding Pennsylvania Department action taken on the matter. Brother Frank Foight provided additional information on railroad involvement.

Business was again suspended to receive a visitation from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic led by National President Bonnie Weld and including Past National Presidents Betty Koch, Janice Corfman, Eleanor Lowe and Patriotic Instructor Lois Smyser. Past Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman made the response. Following this visitation, the business meeting was recessed briefly for visitations to the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the GAR.

**Letter to SCV Supporting the Display of the Confederate Battle Flag**

A motion was made by Brother Richard Smyser of the Ohio Department that the SUVCW send a letter to the Sons of Confederate Veterans showing support for the display and flying of the Confederate Battle Flag. Following a second by Brother Frank Foight the motion was discussed with Brothers pointing out that the Battle Flag was part of the history of the Civil War and to deny its appropriate display was ignoring history. It was noted that we were supporting the display or carrying of the flag on appropriate occasions and in a correct manner and not the use of the flag by hate groups. After the discussion the motion carried.

### **Amendment to Regulations Permitting Wearing the Badge Suspended from Ribbon when Wearing a Coat and Tie**

A motion was presented by Brother Peter A. Dixon of the Maryland Department to amend the Regulations to permit the wearing of the badge suspended from the appropriate ribbon by Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, and Past Camp Commanders when wearing a coat and tie rather than limiting the wearing of the badge in this manner only with formal attire as the Regulations do now. Brother Dixon explained that this change would be more consistent with the protocol in other hereditary societies. After the motion was seconded Past Commander-in-Chief Schlenker spoke in opposition of the motion while National Counselor Orr spoke in favor of it. The motion was carried by a vote of the Encampment.

### **Amendment to Regulations to provide for GAR Highway Officers in Departments through which Route 6 passes**

A motion was made by National Counselor Orr to amend the regulations to stipulate that a GAR Highway Officer should be appointed in each Department through which the GAR Highway (Route 6) passes. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **National Encampment schedule for 1993**

A question was raised regarding the schedule for the 1993 National Encampment. It was observed that the Auxiliary planned to begin their meetings on Thursday. During a discussion of this matter several Brothers pointed out that work obligations prohibited their attending National Encampments when they opened on Sunday and held business meetings on Monday thru Wednesday. Commander-in-Chief Hammer commented that we had modified our schedule to hold the business meetings on the weekend when more could attend. Additionally by shortening the Encampment and taking advantage of weekend rates at hotels, it kept the cost of attending a National Encampment within reason especially when faced with ever increasing hotel rates. Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Atkinson moved that the new weekend schedule be maintained. The motion was seconded by many and carried.

### **Consideration of the Budget**

Referring to the Budget, copies of which had been distributed, National Treasurer Orr indicated that several changes had been necessary because of actions taken at the Encampment. The first was the increase in the allotment for the Cathedral of the Pines from \$25 to \$50. The second was the increase from \$1,250 to \$1,750 for advertising in the membership drive and the \$40 approved for the Publications Committee. This would require changes in the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund as well as taking \$750 out of the \$2,800 reserve held at the opening of the Encampment. Another \$25 would be taken from the GAR Fund. Following a discussion of the proposed budget changes, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the budget be accepted.

## **Presentation of Awards and Unit Citations**

### National Aide Awards for the recruitment of new members during the year

Brother Elmer F. Atkinson for 14 new members  
Brother David R. Medert for 11 new members  
Brother Thomas Prince for 10 new members  
Brother Joseph Long for 9 new members  
Brother Andy Waskie for 7 new members  
Brother Richard Greenwalt for 6 new members  
Brother Keith Ashley for 6 new members  
Brother James Lee for 6 new members  
Brother George Powell for 5 new members  
Brother Julius Herra for 5 new members  
Brother Herb Kaufman for 3 new members  
Brother J. Hickton for 3 new members  
Brother L. Swogger for 3 new members  
Brother Chip Rogers for 3 new members

### Awards for publication of excellent Newsletters

Brother Elmer F. Atkinson for the *GAR Civil War Museum and Library Newsletter*  
Brother Ross Dent for the *Burpee Bugler*  
Brother Robert Eck for *Billy Yank*  
Brother Frank Foight for the *SVR Guidon*  
Brother J.D. Jenkins for the *Battlefield Dispatch*  
Brother John Mann for the *Camp Blair Dispatch*  
Brother C.A. "Chip" Rogers for the *Camp Commander's Communique*  
Brother Roger Wheeler for the *Camp 75 Newsletter*  
Brother Roger Graves for the *Camp 22 Newsletter*  
Brother James Neal for the *Camp 17 Newsletter*

### Unit Citations

New York Department for excellence in programs and publication of the book on GAR Monuments in the state of New York .  
Ohio Department for excellence in ceremonies, programs and events.  
Michigan Department for restoration of GAR Hall in Sunfield and placement of a plaque in the State Capitol building.  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26 of New York for its more than 50 years sponsorship of the Grant Tomb ceremony.  
Philadelphia Camp for its support and contributions to the GAR Civil War Museum and Library.  
Griffin Camp #8 of Scranton for its efforts in restoring and maintaining the GAR Memorial Hall in Scranton, PA.

The Ten Eyck Camp # 154 of Albany, NY for organizing and conducting a day long program in Albany to commemorate the 125 anniversary of the founding of the GAR in New York.

### Commander-in-Chief's Remembrance of Officers and Staff

Commander-in-Chief Hammer requested the National Personal Aide to distribute his tokens of appreciation (gift boxed Lincoln medallions from the U.S. Mint) to his officers and staff.

### **Discharge of Encampment Committees**

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Encampment Committees be discharged with thanks.

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

With the business of the Encampment completed, Commander-in-Chief Hammer announced that the time had arrived for the installation of Officers for the 1992-1993 term. He asked Commander-in-Chief elect Atkinson whom he had chosen to conduct the installation. Brother Atkinson indicated that he would be honored if the senior Past Commander-in-Chief present from Pennsylvania, Brother Richard Partington, would conduct the ceremony. A five minute recess was declared for preparing the installation ceremony.

When the meeting resumed at 3:40 P.M. Past Commander-in-Chief Partington asked Commander-in-Chief elect Atkinson to announce his appointive officers to serve during his term. Brother Atkinson announced the following appointments:

Chaplain:	Rev. Richard O. Partington
Counselor:	Richard R. Orr
Patriotic Instructor:	Charles Rogers
Historian:	Jerome L. Orton
History Book Coordinator:	Gary L. Gibson
Graves Registration Officer:	Charles E. Sharrock
Personal Aide:	Joseph Long
Washington Representative	Richard C. Schlenker
Chief of Staff:	Norman R. Furman

Following the announcement of officers selected, Past Commander-in-Chief Partington proceeded with the installation of officers as prescribed in the Ritual of the SUVCW. Concluding the ceremony, the newly installed Commander-in-Chief Atkinson was given the gavel for conducting the closing of the 111<sup>th</sup> National Encampment. Before conducting the closing ritual, Commander-in-Chief Atkinson expressed his appreciation for honor bestowed upon him and pledged to do his best to honorably serve the Order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph Rippey moved that the Minutes of the Encampment as recorder by the Secretary become the record of this Encampment. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey and passed. A final announcement was made that a Council of Administration meeting would be held in Room 220 following the Church/Memorial Service the next day.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commander-in-Chief Atkinson conducted the ritual closing ceremony after which he declared the 111<sup>th</sup> National Encampment adjourned.



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**POST - 111<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**  
**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

**AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL**  
**PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1992**

The post-111th National Encampment Meeting of the Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), was called to order at 10:50 A.M. by Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. Atkinson. An opening prayer was offered by Past Commander-in-Chief Rev. Richard O. Partington.

**Members Present:**

Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. Atkinson, PA  
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, MI  
Council Member Joseph S. Rippey, NY  
Council Member Peter A. Dixon, MD  
Council Member Lowell V. Hammer, MD  
National Secretary James T. Lyons, MI  
National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PA

**Others Present:**

Others present included Past Commanders-in-Chief Richard Schlenker, Clark Mellor, Richard Partington, Eugene Russell and Charles Corfman, BANNER Editor James Lee, and guest Douglas Park.

**Old and New Business**

1. The problems in the Florida Camp at Large were discussed. It was agreed that a survey should be made of the situation with the results dictating the action to be taken. The Council will take follow up action as the situation develops.
2. It was agreed to review the various forms currently in use as well as the recruiting brochure. National Secretary Lyons moved that bids should be obtained from several sources for the production of 1000 copies of the forms and brochure. It was seconded by Treasurer Orr and passed.
3. The final report of the 1991-92 Patriotic Instructor showed that \$3,377 were raised. The bumper stickers that had been sold were donated. It was moved by Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer and seconded by Treasurer Orr that the Patriotic Instructor's goal for 1992- 1993 be set at \$2,500. The motion passed.
5. Treasurer Orr moved that the Life Member remittance for 1992-93 be set at \$10.00.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Rippey and passed.

5. In discussing the appointment of a BANNER Editor for 1992-93, a bid was made by Michigan brothers for appointing an editor from Michigan and producing the BANNER there. After some discussion, a motion was made to reappoint Brother James Lee as BANNER Editor. Brothers Hammer and Rippey voted in favor while Brothers Harrison, Orr, Dixon, and Lyons voted against. After further discussion a motion was made to reconsider which was seconded by Brother Orr and passed. A motion was then made by Brother Harrison and seconded by Brother Orr to reappoint Brother Lee as Editor and that the Commander-in-Chief should be encouraged to appoint Brother Richard Williams as Membership Coordinator with the mailing of the BANNER from the Holmsville, Ohio Post Office at \$1,000 plus mailing costs per issue. The motion carried. Deadlines for material to the Editor were set for 1 Sept., 1 Dec., 1 March, and 1 June.

6. A motion was made by Brother Orr and seconded by Brother Harrison to name Brother Douglas Park as the Member-at-Large Coordinator. The motion was carried.

7. It was agreed that Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore would conduct the installation ceremony in Indiana.

8. After further consultations, a date will be set for the reorganization of the Department of Illinois by Brothers Atkinson, Orr, and Lyons.

9. It was agreed that Civil War Times, ACW, and NRA membership publications should be among the publications used to advertise the SUVCW membership drive.

10. Brother Richard Orr suggested that Harold Drake, Phd would be a good prospect to serve on the '99 Committee.

11. Commander-in-Chief Atkinson agreed to serve again as Assistant to the Treasurer in addition to his other duties.

12. A discussion ensued regarding the location of hotels with respect to shopping and other activities in the next Encampment site.

13. The next meeting of the National Council of Administration was set for 15 November 1992 at 10:00 A.M. in Gettysburg, PA at the Ramada Inn.

14. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

## APPENDICES



**Appendix 1. Council of Administration Meeting Minutes for  
August 14, 1991 and November 17, 1991**



**Council of Administration Meeting  
Wednesday, 14 August, 1991  
Adam's Mark Hotel  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer called the meeting to order at 1:20 P.M.  
P-in-C Richard Schlenker offered the opening prayer.  
Those present were:

Commander-in-Chief	Lowell V. Hammer, MD
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Elmer F. Atkinson, PA
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Roger A. Wheeler, Sr., IA
Council Member	George Long, PA
Council Member	Joseph S. Rippey, NY
Council Member	Peter A. Dixon, MD
National Secretary	James T. Lyons, MI
National Treasurer	Richard D. Orr, PA

Others present included PC-in-Cs Richard Greenwalt, Richard Schlenker, and Charles Corfman, and BANNER Editor James Lee.

The following matters were presented, discussed and acted upon:

Commander-in-Chief Hammer asked the Secretary if there were any items remaining from the previous Council meeting.

1. The National Membership at Large Coordinator's report had been presented and accepted on the floor of the Encampment. Copies were provided for the Council members.

The other item was a letter from Ralph Shadel of McLaughlin Camp #12, Department of Ohio, requesting a ruling on a matter concerning a Camp member. There was some discussion, and PC-in-C Corfman indicated that there had been a meeting of several members and that Council Member Rippey will respond in writing to Brother Shadel.

2. The goal for the National Patriotic Instructor was set at \$2,500.00.
3. Life member reimbursement was set at \$6.00.
4. Membership at Large dues were set at \$15.00.
5. James O. Lee was elected Editor of THE BANNER.
6. Keith G. Harrison was elected MAL Coordinator.
7. The National Secretary and Council Member Rippey will complete the update of the C&R for presentation at the 1992 National Encampment.
8. The National Treasurer reported that designated officers have been bonded. There was discussion on bonding those on the signature list for the checking account. Treasurer Orr will review and report at the November Meeting.

9. The National Secretary provided a review of the various National Encampment proceedings with regard to their readiness for publication.
10. Holders of National Property do have riders on their homeowner's policies.
11. There was a brief discussion on micro-filming of records by the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints.
12. Brother Schlenker continues his review of proceedings in the preparation of a history of the Order.
13. The position of Registrar was discussed. This function is performed in Camps by the Camp Secretaries. The job description of the National Historian includes gathering and maintaining such records. Application copies are being sent to the National Secretary. It is projected that information from these applications will become part of a computerized data base for easy retrieval.
14. The cost and method of replacing the flag of the Commandery-in-Chief was discussed.
15. There was some discussion of "advertising" in THE BANNER. It was reiterated that "in house" or organizational advertising was acceptable and should be handled with restraint. The Editor will review proposed ads with the Commander-in-Chief. Editor Lee displayed a sheet of 20 labels, with logo that he will make available at \$3.00 per sheet.
16. Support for Association for Preservation of Civil War Sites was urged. An item on this will be placed in THE BANNER.

The next meeting will be Sunday, 17 November 1991 at 9:00 at Gettysburg, PA.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
In F., C., & L.,  
James T. Lyons  
National Secretary

**Council of Administration Meeting  
Sunday, 17 November 1991  
Ramada Inn  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The opening prayer was offered by PCIC Richard Schlenker.

The roll of the officers was called and the following were present:

Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer, MD  
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief - Elmer F. Atkinson, PA  
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief - Roger A. Wheeler, Sr., IA  
Council Member - George W. Long, PA  
Council Member - Peter A. Dixon, MD  
National Secretary - James T. Lyons, MI  
National Treasurer - Richard D. Orr, PA

Others present included PCinCs Richard Greenwalt, Charles Corfman and Richard Schlenker.

The following matters were presented, discussed and acted upon:

1. The minutes of the meetings of 11 August and 14 August 1991 were approved with the following correction to the 14 August minutes - The labels shown by Brother Lee are a fund raiser for the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund.
2. A copy of the Commander-in-Chief's report is attached to these minutes.
3. A brief report was presented by the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.
4. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief reported that he had been the representative of the Commander-in-Chief at the Central Region Conference.
5. The National Secretary introduced his new monthly report (copy attached). There was some discussion of the revised Form 27-28 and it was decided to delete the three fold report panel on the back of the form. The situation in Maine was discussed. It was moved, seconded and passed that communication should continue with a target of getting the Department in good standing by 12/31/91, or the Commander-in-Chief may suspend the Charter.
6. The National Treasurer reported that the financial condition of the Order was improving and that a number of Departments were starting to get caught up on back payments. He reported that the funds of the Camp in Peoria, Illinois had been sent to him due to the length of inactivity on the account. He also indicated that the IRS is requesting an update of the listing of all Camps. Information needed includes their EINs and the address of the Camp. It has been many years since the last update. Those not responding will be dropped from the list. A notice will be sent with the per capita notices. It was also noted that the Life Member report form should be sent out with the second Quarter forms. There was some discussion of a transfer of funds to the Ohio Department permanent fund.
7. There was a brief discussion of continuing problems with the timely distribution of the BANNER.

8. A report on the Department of Illinois shows that they are making a good effort to get caught up. Some additional work and follow up will be needed.
9. There was some discussion on the exchange of mailing lists with the Battlefield Preservation group. It was moved and seconded to exchange the list one time. Motion passed. Their list will go the Roger Wheeler for follow up. Roger Wheeler will notify Jim Lee of the need for our list.
10. Richard Orr presented a report on the National Encampment, noting that pre-registration is a must. The Council of Administration meeting has been set for 7:30 P.M. on Thursday 13 August 1992. Discussion followed on other scheduling.
11. There was discussion of the replacement of the Commandery-in-Chief flag. PCIC Corfman will follow up with the Ohio flag maker. Price has been quoted at \$450.00. It was moved and seconded to amend the operating budget to accommodate this purchase. Motion carried.
12. The National Secretary was directed to respond to the letter from Thomas Johnson of the Department of Wisconsin regarding the details of tax exemptions and related questions. He is to send copies of this response to all Departments for their information.
13. There was some discussion on the quality of the tri-color certificate based on a complaint from a New York Camp.
14. The Commander-in-Chief reviewed the schedule of events for Lincoln's Birthday.
15. Communications were referred for follow up.
16. The need to develop an up to date list of Camps and their locations is needed. The use of Form 22 should accomplish this when coupled with a direct request to Departments for this information.
17. The Commander-in-Chief stressed the need to respond promptly to our mail.
18. Three Brothers from Camp #85, Boston, Department of Massachusetts were present to provide further information on the situation in their Camp. Those present were Commander Les Covey, David Bernner, and James Marley. The Commander-in-Chief noted that he had received written communication from Brother Frank Tucker as well.

Following a lengthy discussion, the following was set up to resolve the question of an audit of the Camp books in order to move forward on the actions taken at the National Encampment in August: A five member committee, composed of three members of the Council of Administration and one member from each faction will meet in Boston to do

the audit. The three Council members appointed were Orr, Lyons and Rippey with Atkinson as an alternate. A letter will be sent by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department Commander outlining this program. Expenses are to be borne by the escrow account of Camp #85 or the Department of Massachusetts.

The next meeting will be Thursday, 13 August 1992 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,  
James T. Lyons, National Secretary



**Appendix 2. General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief  
1991-1992**



## **GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1**

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### **“WITH FIRMNESS IN THE RIGHT”**

1. The confidence that the Brothers of this Order have placed in me by elevating me to our highest office is truly valued. I will do my best to justify that confidence and trust. We must keep in mind, however, that the Commander-in-Chief and National Officers are not the most important elements of our Order with respect to carrying out our objectives and assuring the future of the SUVCW. For this, we must look to the officers and members of each Camp and Department. The Commander-in-Chief can provide the administrative structure for the Organization, set policy within the provisions of the C&R, and provide guidance to Camps and Departments, but it is really the latter elements upon which the future of our organization depends.

2. Although we honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, we do not wish to follow that revered group into extinction. However, the SUVCW along with many other hereditary and patriotic societies face that possibility in our rapidly changing world unless we can reverse the trend of declining membership. To do this, we must be truly innovative in order to compete for the interest, time, and resources of prospective members of all ages who have many demands placed on them by their careers, families, and communities.

3. I urge the Brothers of all Camps to consider ways to acquire new members which are most likely to achieve success in their local communities. One way, of course, is to keep the SUVCW in the public eye by sponsoring and participating in ceremonies and activities in which it is appropriate for the SUVCW to participate. Many Camps are doing this now and have been successful in attracting new members. For those Camps which have neglected to carry on this type of activity, I highly recommend that renewed efforts be exerted in that direction.

4. Any organization which fails to pursue the objectives for which it was founded will soon find itself on the decline. Fortunately, the SUVCW has continued to keep its objectives in sight. Although the traditional luncheon and dinner meetings of our Camps and Departments have a valid role in our activities, we can scarcely satisfy our responsibility by simply holding a few lunches and dinners each year. If we are truly to honor the memory of the G.A.R. and those who fought to preserve the unity and indivisibility of our Republic as well as perpetuating the ideals of their wartime leader, President Abraham Lincoln, we must engage in a variety of activities. Programs on the G.A.R.; the preservation of G.A.R. and other Civil War artifacts, records and memorabilia; the marking of the graves sites of Civil War veterans; the holding of wreath

holding of wreath laying and memorial ceremonies; the erection, restoration, and maintenance of Civil War markers and monuments; and the support of battlefield preservation efforts are some ways in which we can carry out our objectives.

5. Hand in hand with the need to acquire new members is the equally pressing need to generate the revenue needed to carry on the work of the SUVCW. As costs rise, so do our expenses. This has led to an increase in the per capita fee paid to the National Organization by each Department as well as the addition of an application fee, both of which have, understandably, led to unhappiness in Camps and Departments. Because of the desire to keep fees at a minimum, no increase was made earlier when it should have been enacted. Consequently, by delaying any increase until the more recent change, the amount of the increase had to be higher to cover deficits and the financial requirements of the Order. Can budget cuts be made to avoid an increase in fees? Of course, they can. However, with every cut, we must sacrifice something! Do we wish to sacrifice our communications with the membership by further cutting back on the number of issues of THE BANNER or the manner of distribution? Do we wish to cut the funds expended on G.A.R. Remembrance Day and other ceremonies which respond directly to the fulfillment of our objectives? Or the small scholarship fund used to encourage the study of the Civil War and related topics by young people? We can cut the funds budgeted for travel and expenses of the Commander-in-Chief, but cannot expect every Commander-in-Chief to defray these expenses from his own pocket resulting in the curtailment of Commander-in-Chief visitation and support to Camps and Departments. These are difficult decisions. The real question is - do we wish to pay the price to remain an active and vibrant organization, or do we wish to reduce the SUVCW to a paper organization?

6. The Department of Indiana is commended for the splendid effort of all those Brothers who worked to make the National Encampment in Indianapolis a truly memorable event. I wish to congratulate and extend my best wishes to those who were elected to office for the coming year. Elected and appointed National Officers as well as Committee assignments are listed elsewhere in THE BANNER. Appreciation is extended to all current and past officers and committee members.

7. Procedures for the payment of the per capita fees, quarterly reports, and ordering of supplies remain in effect. Per capita fees and quarterly reports should be sent to the National Secretary within ten days of the close of each quarter. Requests for supplies should be sent to Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. Atkinson.

8. Departments wishing the Commander-in-Chief to attend their Department Encampments or other activities are requested to provide early notice of the dates of such activities. I will do my best to attend as many of these events as possible or arrange for Commander-in-Chief representation in instances where I cannot personally attend.

9. We will continue to appoint members as National Aides for securing 3 or 4 new members. Those securing 5 or more will receive a Certificate of Merit. Camp Secretaries should forward the names of such members to this office.

10. I urge everyone to contribute something during the coming year to the G.A.R. Memorial fund administered by the National Patriotic Instructor and to the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund so that we can continue the important projects made possible by these funds.

11. I hope that all of the questions concerning the shortened 1992 National Encampment were answered or clarified at the immediate past National Encampment in Indianapolis. It is important for everyone to understand that the SUVCW was not being purposely insensitive to the views of the Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in planning for the 1992 Encampment. Any lapses in coordination were truly inadvertent. Our purpose in shortening the duration of the National Encampment and moving to a weekend period is to (1) minimize the every mounting cost of attending the National Encampment so that we might attract a greater attendance, and (2) reduce the number of days required and utilize the weekend to provide those who cannot absent themselves from work responsibilities for a longer period with an opportunity to attend the Encampment. Although some of the traditional events of the Encampment will have to be combined, we will still have three days for our business meetings. Even so, those organizations desiring additional time may begin earlier and end later if they wish since the conference rate at the hotel will be in effect for Thursday and Sunday nights.

12. This year marked the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. For those Departments and Camps that have not yet held some activity or sponsored some program to commemorate the occasion, I hope that you will take some action before the end of the year. Your participation in the G.A.R. Remembrance Day activities is especially important during this 125th anniversary year. All Brothers are encouraged to attend this event which will take place in Gettysburg on 16 November.

13. All members of the National Council of Administration are advised that there will be a meeting of the Council at 0900 on Sunday, 17 November in Gettysburg at the Headquarters hotel.

14. Camps and Departments are urged to submit items and photographs pertaining to their activities to THE BANNER Editor for publication. You may be engaging in some very worthwhile programs and projects, but if we don't know about them, the impression is received that you aren't doing anything. Although space limitations may prohibit the publication of all photographs received, the Editor will, hopefully, be able to publish the articles covering your activities. Four issues of THE BANNER are planned this year.

15. I extend my best wishes for a fruitful and memorable year to all members of the Allied Orders and in particular to the following new heads of these organizations: Mrs. Ethel Carver, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Bonnie Weld, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Irene Berg, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Mrs. Anne L. Gerlt, National President of the Women's Relief Corps.

16. I ask all of the National Officers and Committee Chairmen and members to dedicate themselves to their responsibilities and the task ahead of us. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln on the occasion of his departure from Springfield for Washington, "Without the assistance of that Divine Being,....., we cannot succeed. With that assistance we cannot fail."

By Order of  
Lowell Varner Hammer  
Commander-in-Chief

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1. It was especially gratifying to participate in the Remembrance Day events in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania during the weekend of 15-17 November. Blessed with beautifully mild weather and an excellent attendance at all events, this was truly a weekend to remember. Following the SVR breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, briefings were held for commanders of units participating in the parade. Stepping off precisely at 2:00 p.m., I had the honor of marching at the head of the parade with SVR Commander B/G Charles Corfman. An estimated 5,000 Union and Confederate troops paraded through Gettysburg to the Woolson monument on the National Park grounds. The wreath laying ceremony at the monument proceeded with Past Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker serving as Master of Ceremonies. The cyclorama program was well attended by an enthusiastic audience which heard from speaker Ed Bears of the National Park Service and of the Ken Burns Civil War series fame. The banquet in the evening was attended by approximately 150 persons and an unprecedented 800 participants at the Blue Gray Ball. I extend a hearty "thanks" to all those who worked hard to make the 1991 Remembrance Day a spectacular success.

2. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Lincoln-Cushing Camp, especially to Past Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker, Past National Auxiliary President Dorris Schlenker, and National Personal Aide Peter Dixon, for the beautifully organized testimonial dinner held in my honor on 9 November. I also wish to thank all those who came to honor me on that occasion.

3. All Camps and Departments are reminded of the need to commemorate in some way the anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln on 12 February 1992. For all those who can do so, I encourage you to attend the traditional Lincoln Birthday activities which take place in Washington, D.C. On Sunday, 9 February at 2:00 p.m. the annual Lincoln Day Observance will be held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church (The Lincoln Church) located at 1313 New York Avenue, N.W.

The traditional Lincoln Birthday Dinner sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Officers' Club of the Washington Navy Yard on the evening of 11 February. The next morning, 12 February at 11:45 a.m. the annual wreath laying ceremony and program will be held at the Lincoln Memorial. Immediately after the program, the luncheon sponsored by the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee will take place at the Channel Inn, Pier 7 Restaurant on 650 Water Street, S.W. For further information on any of these events, please contact the Commander-in-Chief.

4. The traditional Lincoln Death Day ceremony will be held as usual at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois on Wednesday, 15 April 1992. I plan to attend and place the wreath of the National Organization, SUVCW and look forward to seeing as many brothers and sisters of the Auxiliary who can possibly attend this always impressive ceremony. For further details on the ceremony or for reservations to the luncheon following the ceremony, you may contact Brother Robert Graham, 1320 North Osborne Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702.

5. "I hear you knocking, but you can't come in" was the title or at least the refrain of an old tune of the 1940's period. I think of this refrain when I hear about men who are interested in joining the SUVCW but are unable to do so because of a lack of response on our part. In short, they are knocking on our door and we are not answering. Recently, a number of such cases have come to my attention. There is absolutely no excuse for such inaction. If you are unable, for some reason, to assist an interested individual, at least turn the request over to a Camp, Department, or National officer who can help the prospective member.

6. As of this writing (25 November), I have accepted invitations to encampments of the Departments of Maryland (25 April), Michigan (12-14 June), Ohio (19-28 June), and Pennsylvania (26-28 June). I have since learned that a number of other Departments hold their encampments on some of the above dates. Obviously, in these cases, I will be unable to attend all of the encampments. In an effort to be impartial, I have simply accepted the earliest invitation received. In any event, I will try to accept as many invitations as possible to attend the various department encampments. Please give me as much advance notification as possible if you would like me to attend your encampment.

7. In any organization there will always be opposing views among the membership regarding programs, management of finances, meeting schedules, and other matters. This is quite normal and not without its positive side. However, when these differences become so pronounced that deep seated animosities are created and the conflicts supersede all other activity of the organization, the very life of that organization is at risk. I, therefore, urge the brothers of all Camps and Departments to put forth a genuine effort to resolve such differences in a reasonable manner before serious damage is done to the Camp, Department, and National Organization.

8. I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Past Department Commander James Y. Ledwith of New Haven, Connecticut. Jimmy was a faithful attendee at the National Encampments and took pride in serving as Guide during the last several Encampments which he attended. All Charters are to be draped in his honor for one month.

9. Our deepest sympathy is extended to THE BANNER Editor, James O. Lee over the recent loss of his father. Sympathy is also extended to all those brothers and sisters of the Auxiliary who have lost loved ones in recent months.

10. Although THE BANNER is now being published on a regular basis, we continue to experience problems with mailing and distribution. Using the third class mail, we find that bags of THE BANNER often languish in Post Offices for long periods before the are ultimately delivered. For example, about 800 of the Spring 1991 BANNERS were discovered in November 1991 still at the Des Moines Post Office. Also, when BANNER returns reach the percentage when they must be sent in bulk to Department Secretaries, we find that the latter sometimes fail in the onward distribution to the membership. Although the above problems are by now an all too familiar refrain, we continue to search for solutions such as the use of second class mailing.

11. Your Commander-in-Chief and other National officers welcome ideas from the membership on how we can improve our service to the organization or ideas regarding programs that the SUVCW should be conducting in furtherance of our objectives. Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts with us. If we can reasonably do so within the bounds of available manpower, finances, and other resources, we will attempt to implement worthy suggestions.

12. We wish a speedy recovery to all those brothers, and sisters of the Auxiliary, who are suffering from illness.

By Order of  
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Commander-in-Chief

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3**

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1. **Life Support Systems and the SUVCW:** We all know of cases where seriously or terminally ill people are kept alive solely through life support systems. Ultimately, the question usually arises as to how long the patient must continue to suffer before the use of the life support system is discontinued. In addition to the medical questions, there are also the moral issues that arise at such times.

I am afraid that we have some Camps and even Departments in the SUVCW that are on life support systems. These are Camps and Departments where there is little evidence of life. Meetings are not held, there are no elections, no activity takes place toward accomplishing the objectives of the Order, and no efforts are made to recruit new members. In these cases, the life support system is usually one dedicated, often older, member who keeps the Camp or Department alive (at least on paper) by submitting the necessary reports to National and paying the per capita dues of a few members out of his own pocket. Thus, when the member keeping the Camp or Department alive passes on or is no longer able to continue his life support role, the Camp or Department finally expires. As with the demise of family members and friends, it is always painful to see these Camps and Departments come to an end.

I am certainly not prepared to make a judgment on how long a non-functioning Camp or Department should be kept on a life support system. Rather, I would advocate making every effort to resuscitate the ailing Camp or Department. If efforts are made to cure the illness before it reaches a critical stage, the decline can often be arrested or reversed. In some cases, the recruitment of one individual who is sufficiently motivated can turn things around. I have seen cases where one prime mover can recruit a few similarly motivated people and like a "miracle healer" revive a dying organization. Let's revive our ailing Camps and Departments so that the life support systems are no longer required!

2. **THE BANNER:** In my last General Orders, I discussed some of the problems that we have experienced with the publication and distribution of THE BANNER. The major reason for the delays in delivering THE BANNER have been the use of the third class mailing rate. I described some of the "horror stories" regarding the handling of THE BANNER by the Postal Service. We hope to solve the problem by mailing THE BANNER by first class mail even if we must reduce the number of editions published in order to pay the increased postage costs. I personally believe that it is preferable to receive two or three editions of THE BANNER a year by first class than never to receive four editions sent by third class. However, there are other problems that cause delays or non-delivery of your BANNERS. If THE BANNER Editor is not provided with an up to date mailing list for your Department and returns for wrong addresses reach the 10% level of the list, THE BANNERS are sent in bulk to the Department Secretary who is responsible for sending them on to the membership. There are instances where the Department Secretary cannot or does not mail them on to the members. Additionally, delays in publication are experienced when those responsible for submitting material to the Editor do not meet his deadline. The successful publication and delivery of THE BANNER is not solely up to the Editor and the Council of Administration - it requires teamwork and the cooperation of all Camps and Department officers and members.

3. **Awards an Commendations:** On the positive side, I was truly pleased to present ribbons and Certificates of Merit to the following brothers of the George Armstrong Custer Camp #1 of the Department of Illinois: Nicholas Kaup (18), Timothy Frake (7), Thomas Hauff (3), Harvey Hull (3), and David Bailey (3). A letter of commendation and Certificate of Merit was also presented to Brother George Nuoffer of

the Department of Wisconsin for his dedicated service as the SUVCW representative on the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Hospital Advisory Committee at the Tomah Wisconsin Medical Center. The Department of New York is also to be commended for its fine work in publishing a book on G.A.R. and Union monuments in New York, its support to The Grant Cottage preservation effort, and other fine programs. Commendation also must be accorded the Ohio Department for the very active programs of the Department and its Camps as well as for the excellence of its communications with the membership. Other Departments and Camps may be engaging in outstanding activities and we are always pleased to hear about them.

4. **Department Encampments:** As of this writing (27 February 1992), I have accepted invitations to attend the Department Encampments of Massachusetts (10-12 April), Maryland (25-26 April), Michigan (12-14 June), Ohio (19-21), and Pennsylvania (26-28 June). I regret having had to decline invitations to Iowa, New York, and California and Pacific because I had earlier accepted invitations from Departments having Encampments on the same dates. As indicated earlier, I will do my best to attend Department Encampments where my presence is requested.

5. **Memorial Day:** While other societies and organizations often play the major role in sponsoring and organizing activities on the 4th of July, Veterans Day and some of the other special days, Memorial Day is **our day**. As the successor organization to the Grand Army of the Republic, it is our responsibility to carry out General John Logan's General Order #11 to the G.A.R. by sponsoring or participating in Memorial Day ceremonies. If your Camp is not strong enough to organize and sponsor such events, at least participate in a memorial day event in your locality.

6. **National Encampment:** The 1992 National Encampment in Pittsburgh, PA will be our first experience with the condensed schedule and weekend format. Our objectives in this was to attract greater attendance at the National Encampments by (1) reducing costs by shortening the number of days required and taking advantage of hotel weekend rates, and (2) making it possible for those who cannot absent themselves from their employment during the week to attend the Encampment on a weekend. Perhaps these modifications will make very little difference in the attendance at the National Encampment and we will wish to return to the old format. However, if we are unwilling to experiment, we will never know if the changes offer improvements or not. To make this experiment successful, we will need the cooperation of everyone in keeping on schedule in our business sessions and organizing our other activities in the most efficient manner possible.

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## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4

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1. The Banner: Hopefully, the problems encountered in the publication and distribution of The Banner have been solved or are on the way to resolution. As explained earlier, the use of 3rd class mail for distribution of The Banner has resulted in unacceptable delays in delivery or apparent total non-delivery in many cases. For example, many did not receive the Spring 1991 edition until December 1991 and many apparently never received the Fall 1991 issue which was mailed early in the Fall. To remedy this situation, it has been decided to use first class mail for The Banner to the extent that our financial situation permits even though it may result in the publication of fewer editions of The Banner. Thus, you should have received by now the combined Winter/Spring 1992 edition by 1st class mail. Of course, if your Department is one of those where The Banner is sent in bulk to the Secretary, it is up to the Secretary to assure onward delivery. This edition, Summer 1992, should be in your hands sometime in July 1992.

2. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT: The information and reservation forms for the National Encampment in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania were published in the Winter/Spring issue of THE BANNER so that everyone would have this information well in advance of the Encampment. Early registration will facilitate the difficult task of the Host Committee. Pittsburgh received the most livable city in the U.S. award not long ago, so we can look forward to a pleasant stay. All brothers and sisters of the Auxiliary are encouraged to attend this National Encampment which should be a most interesting and enjoyable event.

3. ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES: As Commander-in-Chief, it is my responsibility to appoint several committees to function at the National Encampment. The following are the committees and the brothers appointed to serve on them: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Ivan Frantz, Sr., Chairman, Forrest F. Altland, Joseph Long, Jr., Danny L. Wheeler, Gary Gibson. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Richard C. Schlenker, Chairman, Charles A. Rogers, Jr., Allen W. Moore, Keith G. Harrison. OFFICERS REPORTS: Charles W. Corfman, Chairman, Keith D. Ashley, Ivan Frantz, Jr., Alan Loomis. CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS: (Same as the standing committee) Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman, Clark W. Mellor, George W. Long, Edgar A. Prince, Sr., Harry E. Gibbons. RITUAL AND CEREMONIES: Richard Greenwalt, Chairman, Frank A. Foight, III, Richard Smyser, Alan C. Peterson. FRATERNAL RELATIONS: (Same as the standing committee) Allen W. Moore, Chairman, E. Ray Niffenegger, Floyd I. Blodgett, Sr., Richard Lufkin. PRESS: David N. Reed, Chairman, J.D. Jenkins, James O. Lee.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS: The reports of officers and committee chairmen should be typewritten on 8 ½" x 11" paper and submitted to the National Secretary by 1 August 1992. Oral reports presented on the floor of the Encampment should be limited to no more than 5 minutes and should simply highlight the important points of the written report.

5. I wish to express my personal appreciation and that of the National Organization to the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee for its outstanding work in arranging, organizing, and presenting this most impressive ceremony and program. Each year the national Organization participates in a wreath laying ceremony on 13 April at the Jefferson memorial in Washington, D.C. this year in the absence of our Washington Representative and because of my travel schedule for the Massachusetts Department Encampment and the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, National Council Member Peter A. Dixon placed the wreath of the National Organization at the Jefferson Memorial.

6. It was my pleasure to represent the National Organization at the 3rd Annual Congress of the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations held in Washington, D.C. on 4 April 1992. The SUVCW and the Auxiliary are Founding Member Organizations of this body which now has 26 organization members and 91 individual Founding or Charter fellows. Thanks go to Brothers Frank A. Foight, III, and Peter A. Dixon for assisting at the Congress. The new insignia medal of the NCPO has 24 stars around the edge of the medal, one for each of the founding organizations. As founding organizations, the SUVCW and the Auxiliary are each represented by one of these stars. I am honored to serve as one of the three Regents of the NCPO. Although individual membership as a Founding Fellow is now closed, membership as a Charter Fellow remains open at an annual dues fee of \$10.00. Brothers or Sisters of the Auxiliary who are serving or have served as officers at the Camp, Department, or National level and who are interested in becoming Charter Fellows may request applications from the NCPO Registrar, Raymond N. Zimmerman, 4615 Gov. Kent Court, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

7. As a member of the Advisory Board of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, I was privileged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association which was held on 1 - 3 May 1992 in Richmond, Virginia and which included tours of Beaver Dam Creek, Gaines' Mill, Savage's Station, White Oak Swamp, Frayser's Farm, Malvern Hill, Weldon Railroad, Reams Station, Peeble's Farm, Hatcher's Run, White Oak Road, Five Forks and Fort Gregg where my great uncle lost his arm. The APCWS is doing a fantastic job and I urge all brothers who are not already members of the APCWS to join this organization whose goals coincide with our purpose and objects.

8. On 11 and 12 July 1992, the National Park Service with the assistance and cooperation of Civil War oriented organizations will present a program and ceremonies to commemorate the 128th anniversary of Fort Stevens in Washington, D.C. It will be recalled that Fort Stevens was one of the forts surrounding Washington where Jubal Early attacked in an effort to penetrate the defenses of the Capital City. The SUVCW is working with the National Park Service on this program and all brothers who can possibly do so are urged to attend.

9. COMMENDATIONS: I wish to commend the brothers of the New York Department for the excellence of their projects and programs this year. Special recognition is extended to Department Commander Danny L. Wheeler for his leadership in promoting these projects and programs. Particularly noteworthy is the publication of a book by the New York Department on Grand Army of the Republic monuments in the State of New York. This is an excellent work which should motivate other Departments to undertake similar projects. Brother Jerry Orton and Sister Lorraine Orton deserve much credit for their special efforts on this project. Special recognition is also due the Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 of New York City and its Commander, Robert J. Eck, for the Grant Tomb ceremony which it has sponsored and conducted for over fifty years. This year's ceremony was the subject of a special article in the 18 May edition of the internationally famous NEW YORKER magazine. Additionally, the J.H. Ten Eyck Camp No. 154 of Albany deserves much credit for the day long program conceived and conducted by Past Camp Commander and Department Patriotic Instructor Douglas E. Smith to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R. in New York. The program consisted of a ceremony in the morning at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Washington Park followed by a program of speakers and living history presentations at the Military Heritage Museum in the afternoon, and a ceremony in the Hall of Flags at the State Capital in the late afternoon.

Commendations are also in order for the National G.A.R. Highway Officer, Alan Peterson, and the Department of Rhode Island for organizing and presenting the ceremony rededicating the G.A.R. Highway in Rhode Island which was held on 30 May 1992 in Johnston, Rhode Island. The Ohio Department under the command of Commander David R. Medert is to be commended for its recruitment efforts as well as an effective program of meetings and events. Brother C.A. "Chip" Rogers, Hr., Commander of the Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp No. 125 is singled out for special recognition for the excellence of his communications to the membership and the institution of the Camp Commander's Communiqué. By conducting these programs we are fulfilling our mission to honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union. At the same time, the favorable publicity received gains recognition for the SUVCW nationally which in turn attracts the interest of prospective members. I wish also to commend Brother J.D. Jenkins, Chairman of the Publications Committee and his committee members for their excellent work in encouraging and assisting Camps and Departments to publish newsletters in an effort to improve communications with the membership.

10. For those brothers who have not already done so, I urge you to make a contribution, regardless of the amount, to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund and to the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund. These funds provide us with the wherewithal to carry on the truly important educational and commemorative activities of the Order. contributions to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund should be sent to the National Patriotic Instructor, Brother James O. Lee, 1609 S.W. Leland Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50315-4946. contributions for the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund should be sent to Brother Elmer F. Atkinson, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116.

11. We mourn the loss of Brother Wendell W. Moriarty who was the incumbent Camp commander of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp No. 75 of the Iowa Department at the time of his death. Condolences are extended to the family and friends of Brother Moriarty. All Camp Charters are to be draped for a period of thirty days in memory of Brother Moriarty. Condolences are also extended to all those who have recently suffered the loss of loved ones.

12. As my term of office draws to a close, I wish to express my appreciation to our Departments for the many courtesies extended to me during visits to Department Encampments and other events. Special thanks is extended to the Departments of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, Maryland, New York, Michigan, and Ohio. I regret that it was not possible to accept every invitation extended to me because of conflicts with other Department events. I also wish to thank the National Presidents of the Auxiliary and Allied Orders for all of their kind assistance and cooperation during the year. Finally, I wish to thank all of the National Officers and Committee Chairmen and Members for the outstanding support which I received during the past year.

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**Appendix #3. Addresses of Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer  
at the Lincoln Tomb Observance in Springfield, Illinois on 15 April 1992  
and at the program in Albany, New York on 16 May 1992  
commemorating the 125th anniversary of the founding of the  
Grand Army of the Republic in the state of New York**



**ADDRESS BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LOWELL V. HAMMER  
AT THE LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
15 APRIL 1992**

**THE PRESENCE OF LINCOLN**

There are some prominent figures in the history of our nation whose presence one can feel when walking in places where they have walked and when in places identified with them. Abraham Lincoln is, of course, one of those figures. Although I go frequently to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., I never cease to feel the presence of Lincoln when I am there. The stately statue by Daniel Chester French and Lincoln's addresses etched in stone on the walls serve as a visual reminder of the man. However, beyond that, I always feel the spiritual presence there of Mr. Lincoln. Similarly, when at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church where Mr. Lincoln worshiped, particularly when seated in the Lincoln pew, I can feel his presence and I imagine him standing there in prayer as he was wont to do. His presence can also be felt when visiting the Anderson cottage on the grounds of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home which served as the Summer White House during Lincoln's years in Washington. Or when at Ford's Theater where his life was taken, one can feel his presence in the flag draped presidential box above the stage.

Since Lincoln spent only four years in Washington compared to his twenty-five years in Springfield, the citizens of Springfield are literally surrounded by the memory of Lincoln and some perhaps have come to take this for granted. However, I am certain that there are many of you who continue to feel Mr. Lincoln's presence when visiting the offices where he practiced law, in the chamber of the Old State Capitol, in the rooms of his home, and here at his final resting place. I am certain that the people of Springfield can never forget Abraham Lincoln just as he never forgot them. His deep affection for Springfield and its citizens are embodied in his now famous farewell address given when he embarked at the Great Western Depot for his journey to Washington and his inauguration.

It was my honor as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion to represent that Order here at the 1990 and 1991 ceremonies. I was always envious of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans because it was traditional for him to read Lincoln's farewell address to the people of Springfield. Today, as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I now have the opportunity to read what I consider to be one of Lincoln's most poignant messages. We can feel his presence at the depot as he said:

“My friends, no one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feelings of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have 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 me 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."

**ADDRESS BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LOWELL V. HAMMER AT THE CEREMONY  
COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
ALBANY, NEW YORK, 16 MAY 1992**

Even before the end of the Civil War, there were officers and men in the Union forces who began thinking about the formation of a veterans organization that could be channeled into public usefulness after the war, Two of these men were an army surgeon, Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, and a Chaplain, William J. Rutledge. Acting upon this dream, Dr. Stephenson organized the first post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Decatur, Illinois on 6 April 1866. At the time of founding, Dr. Stephenson envisioned the G.A.R. as a great brotherhood of former soldiers bonded together by mutual affection and memories. Other posts soon were formed across the nation until in 1890, the G.A.R. had a membership of 408,489.

It is only proper and fitting that this commemoration of the founding of the G.A.R. in the state of New York should be held here in Albany. For it was in Albany on 3 April 1867 where the convention was held to organize the New York Department of the G.A.R. Even before the organization of the G.A.R. in New York, a strong political association of veterans was formed in the fall of 1865 under the title of Soldiers' and Sailors' Union. A state organization of that group was formed in April 1866 in Troy. On 19 September 1866, a meeting was held in Syracuse where representatives of 60 subordinate unions were present.

The President of the New York Soldiers' and Sailors' Union, Col. James B. McKean and a delegation attended the Pittsburgh Convention of 24 September 1866 where several delegates were initiated into the G.A.R. Col. McKean then attended the Indianapolis Encampment of the G.A.R. where he was elected Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. He was also appointed Provisional Commander of New York. He and his officers set about organizing G.A.R. posts which then absorbed the Soldiers' and Sailors' Union. A post in Rochester and one in Buffalo had been organized earlier under authority of the Department of Illinois, but the exact dates are unknown because the records have been lost. Col. McKean was elected Grand Commander at the 3 April 1867 organizing convention. He was succeeded as Grand Commander of New York by General Daniel E. Sickles in 1868 until he was appointed Ambassador to Spain in 1869.

Although not intended to be a political organization at its founding, the G.A.R. became a potent force during its golden years and was a balance of power in national politics for more than a quarter of a century. It became a citadel of orthodox Americanism. For a period of time, the G.A.R. was one of the principal instruments for keeping the Republican Party in power and obtaining pensions and government job preference for Union veterans.

The G.A.R. was always generous with its own funds in aiding the needy and crippled veterans. Although there are many different versions of the origin of Memorial Day, the G.A.R. can be credited with giving it national status through the issuance of General Order No. 11 by General John A. Logan, the Commander, on 5 May 1868.

G.A.R. posts sprang up in every city, town, and village across the nation where members met frequently in their G.A.R. halls which played an important role in the civic, social, and political life of the community. G.A.R. members wore the blue uniform coat and slouch hat of the G.A.R. in parades and in their other activity. The G.A.R. held National Encampments each year in cities across the country to elect national officers and to transact their business. In 1913, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, the G.A.R. met with Confederate veterans in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. That reunion attracted 53,407 veterans. When the veterans of both sides met together for the last time in 1938 in Gettysburg, only 1,845 were able to attend. The last National Encampment of the G.A.R. was held in August 1949 at Indianapolis, Indiana where six members attending voted to disband the G.A.R.

The final death knell for the G.A.R. came on 2 August 1956 with the passing of the last survivor, 109 year old Albert Woolson, in Deluth, Minnesota. He was the sole officially listed survivor of more than 2,675,000 men of the Union forces. However, before it went out of existence, the G.A.R. filed its last will and testament in the probate court of the District of Columbia naming as its heir the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



**Appendix 4: Membership Statistical Data for 1991-1992**



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War														
Report of Membership Standing 1991-1992														
Good Standing			GAIN			LOSS			Good Standing			Assoc.	Life	Delegates
June 30,1991									June 30,1992			Incl.	Members	Reporting
Departments	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members				
California & Pacific	2	65	0	3	0	23	2	45	2	1	3			
Colorado & Wyoming	1	17	0	5	0	4	1	18	0	1	2			
Connecticut	4	34	0	23	1	9	3	48	3	2	0			
Illinois*	4	54	0	21	0	22	4	53	?	3	3			
Indiana	6	108	0	23	0	23	6	108	5	6	5			
Iowa	3	57	0	8	0	1	3	64	0	9	4			
Maine	6	53	0	0	3	24	3	29	1	0	2			
Maryland	2	120	0	38	0	13	3	145	10	13	7			
Massachusetts	15	238	2	8	3	27	14	219	?	9	10			
Michigan	7	145	1	39	0	16	8	168	10	12	8			
New Hampshire	5	68	0	0	0	11	5	57	2	5	3			
New Jersey	8	153	1	22	2	24	7	149	12	15	7			
New York	13	224	0	48	0	20	13	252	14	25	11			
Ohio	9	170	0	43	1	9	8	204	7	22	9			
Pennsylvania	25	672	1	124	1	150	24	646	56	25	27			
Rhode Island	5	36	0	6	0	12	5	30	2	1	2			
Vermont	1	10	0	0	1	0	1	10	0	0	2			
Wisconsin	4	75	0	64	0	17	4	122	14	4	6			
Membership at Large	1	281	0	26	0	50	1	257	0	36	11			
Camps at Large														
Camp #65 MO	1	34	1	10	0	0	1	40	0	1	1			
Camp #1 FL	1	41	No Reports Filed					1	41	?	?	0		
Camp #77 LA	0	0	0	7	0	1	1	10	0	0	1			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>124</b>			
<b>Total National Membership Increase: 63 Members</b>														

\* The Department of Illinois filed only one report for 1991-199

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP STANDING 1991-1992

**Departments Reporting Membership Decreases:**

Colorado & Wyoming	1
Connecticut	14
Iowa	7
Maryland	25
Michigan	23
New York	28
Ohio	34
Wisconsin	47
CAL #65 MO	6
CAL #77 LA	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	195

**Departments Reporting Membership Decreases:**

California & Pacific	20
Illinois	1
Maine	24
Massachusetts	19
New Hampshire	11
New Jersey	4
Pennsylvania	26
Rhode Island	6
National Membership-at-Large	<u>24</u>
TOTAL	135

**Camps Gained During Fiscal Year 1991-92**

Mass. - C. R. Lowell Camp #99 Boston (Reinstated)	15 Members
Mass. - Lt. N. Bowditch Camp #30p Boston (Reinstated)	16 Members
Michigan - Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #229 Marshall	18 Members (New)
New Jersey- Cole L, R, Francine Camp #79, Hammonton	16 Members (New)
Louisiana - James P. Martin Camp #77, Shreveport	10 Members (New)
CAL	

**Camps Lost During Fiscal Year 1991-92**

Conn. - Alden Shinner Camp East Hampton	6 Members
Maine - Three Camps, names and numbers not given.	? Members
Mass, -Camp #60, Holyoak	11 Members
Mass, -Camp #24	4 Members
Mass, - Lowell-Bowditch Camp #85, Boston	? Members
New Jersey - Lone Camp #12, Bloomfield	1 Member
New Jersey - Ward Camp #18, Newark	3 Members
Ohio -Vienna Camp #26, Portsmouth	1 Member
Penn.-Maj. Henry Madill Camp #141, Sayre (Ulster)	10 Members

**Membership Awards**

Howland Award to Pennsylvania - 124 new Members  
 Grant Cup to Wisconsin - 61% new Members  
 Under 40 years recruiting award - Pennsylvania 39 Members

Responses to Advertisement

Alabama	0	Montana	0
Alaska	5	Nebraska	7
Arizona	5	Nevada	0
Arkansas	5	New Hampshire	7
California	40	New Jersey	29
Colorado	7	New Mexico	0
Connecticut	8	New York	33
Delaware	2	North Carolina	13
Florida	27	North Dakota	1
Georgia	16	Ohio	31
Hawaii	2	Oklahoma	4
Idaho	0	Oregon	11
Kansas	9	Pennsylvania	47
Kentucky	7	Rhode Island	2
Louisiana	1	South Carolina	1
Maine	6	South Dakota	0
Maryland	13	Tennessee	16
Massachusetts	14	Texas	18
Michigan	35	Utah	1
Minnesota	10	Vermont	4
Mississippi	6	Virginia	12
Missouri	20	Washington	8
Illinois	26	West Virginia	9
Indiana	17	Wisconsin	11
Iowa	9	Wyoming	0
MAL- FPO & APO	3		
Canada	1		
Other	2		
		TOTAL	<hr/> 579

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## **Appendix 5. Financial Statistical Data for 1991-92**



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, INCORPORATED**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

As of June 30, 1992

	GeneralG.A.R. Fund	Permanent Fund	Sr. Vice Total Fund	C-in-C Fund	
Cash					
Checking Acct.	\$ 4,860.15	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,659.72	\$ 2,797.00	\$ 9,316.87
Certificates of Deposit		\$11,500.00	\$36,000.00		\$47,500.00
Savings Acct.	\$16,113.98	\$ 3,959.32	\$ 8,284.25		\$28,357.55
Total cash	\$20,974.13	\$15,459.32	\$45,943.97	\$ 2,797.00	\$85,174.42
Inv. at Cost	\$11,266.16				\$11,266.16
Accounts Rec. ME, NH, MA, NY, MD, WI, IL, CA, FL	\$ 1,385.00				\$ 1,385.00
Total Assets	\$33,625.29	\$15,459.32	\$45,943.97	\$ 2,797.00	\$97,825.58
Liabilities					
Audit 1990 & 1991	\$ 1,600.00				
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,600.00				
Net Assets	\$32,025.29	\$15,459.32	\$45,943.97	\$ 2,797.00	\$96,225.58

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, INCORPORATED  
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF ASSETS**

**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1992**

**ASSETS**

Cash:

Checking Account - Pittsburgh National Bank				
4160027829		\$ 9,316.87		
Certificates of Deposit - Gettysburg National Bank				
7602373	Permanent Fund	5,000.00	11/04/93	8.25%
106685	Permanent Fund	5,000.00	03/13/94	5.15%
10106747	Permanent Fund	22,000.00	03/39/96	5.50%
Certificates of Deposit - Pittsburgh National Bank				
6410030007068	G.A.R. Fund	9,000.00	08/31/93	8.30%
6410030007067	G.A.R. Fund	2,500.00	08/22/92	4.00%
6410030007091	Permanent Fund	4,000.00	09/14/93	8.30%
Savings Accounts - Pittsburgh National Bank				
41-69-5345	Permanent Fund	8,284.25		
41-69-6346	G.A.R. Fund	4,695.86		
42-9707336	General Fund	15,377.44		
Inventory:		<u>11,266.16</u>		
<b>TOTAL CASH:</b>		<b>\$ 96,440.58</b>		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		\$ 1,385.00		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>		
<b><u>NET VALUE - June 30, 1992:</u></b>		<b>\$ 96,225.58</b>		

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, INCORPORATED**  
**SUMMARY OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENSES PAID AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

AS OF JUNE 30, 1992

	GeneralG.A.R. Fund	Permanent Fund	Sr. Vice Total Fund	C-in-C Fund	
Fund Balance June 30, 1991	\$ 6,281.65	\$14,521.52	\$41,934.05	\$ 990.00	\$63,727.22
Revenues Collected	\$36,501.29	\$ 4,123.19	\$ 5,029.92	\$2,691.00	\$48,345.40
Expenses Paid	(\$21,808.81)	(\$ 3,185.39)	(\$ 1,020.00)	(\$ 884.00)	(\$26,898.20)
Fund Balance June 30, 1992	\$20,974.13	\$15,459.32	\$45,943.97	\$2,797.00	\$85,174.42

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, INCORPORATED  
PROPOSED 1991-92 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>G.A.R. Fund</u>	<u>Permnt. Fund</u>	<u>Sr. Vice Fund</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Per Capita Tax 2200 @ \$10.00	\$ 22,000.00			
National Encampment Reg. Fee	\$ 300.00			
Sale of Supplies	\$ 5,500.00			
Auxiliary Gift	\$ 500.00			
Transfer of Int. from Perm. Fund	\$ 800.00			
New Camp Application Fee	\$ 100.00			
Interest Income	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
New Member Reg. Fee 100@\$5.00				\$ 500.00
National Patriotic Instructor	\$2,500.00			
Life Membership Payments			\$ 1,000.00	
Honor Roll Contributions			\$ 100.00	
Uncommitted Funds MAL	\$ 250.00			
Allocated from GAR Fund	\$ 3,355.00			
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$ 50.00</u>			<u>\$ 250.00</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 33,155.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	\$ 2,500.00			
National Secretary's Expenses	\$ 1,000.00			
National Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 1,000.00			
Purchase of Supplies	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 375.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage				
Telephone & Office Supplies	\$ 2,300.00		\$ 25.00	
Printing of Proceedings **	\$ 6,430.00			
National Encampment Expenses	\$ 300.00			
Transcribing of Proceedings **	\$ 2,000.00			
THE BANNER 3 issues	\$ 8,500.00			
Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel	\$ 450.00			
Audit 1989, 1990	\$ 3,500.00			
Printing C&R	\$ 475.00			
Membership Drive				\$1,000.00
Student Scholarship		\$ 500.00		
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony		\$ 75.00		
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony		\$ 400.00		
G.A.R. Remembrance Day		\$ 400.00		
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines		\$ 25.00		
Sons of Veterans Reserve		\$ 500.00		
G.A.R. Campfire Program		\$ 400.00		
Fraternal Relations Committee		\$ 50.00		
Patriotic Instructor Appeal Forms		\$ 200.00		
National Historian Expenses		\$ 50.00		
Life Member Payments			\$1,400.00	
Allocated to General Fund		\$3,355.00	\$ 800.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$33,155.00</b>	<b>\$6,105.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,700.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>(\$2,605.00)</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>	<b>(\$ 250.00)</b>
<b>Total decrease in assets = \$ 1,405.00</b>				

\*\* The number of proceedings actually printed and transcribed will depend on availability of funds.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, INCORPORATED  
PROPOSED 1992-93 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

<u>Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>G.A.R. Fund</u>	<u>Permnt. Fund</u>	<u>Sr. Vice</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Per Capita Tax 2500 @ \$10.00	\$ 25,000.00			
National Encampment Reg. Fee	\$ 300.00			
Sale of Supplies	\$ 7,000.00			
Auxiliary Gift	\$ 500.00			
New Camp Application Fee	\$ 100.00			
Interest Income	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
New Member Reg. Fee 200@\$5.00				\$1,000.00
National Patriotic Instructor		\$2,500.00		
Life Membership Payments			\$ 1,000.00	
Honor Roll Contributions			\$ 100.00	
Uncommitted Funds MAL	\$ 100.00			
Reserve Funds	\$ 375.00			\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
<b>Total Revenues Collected</b>	<b>\$ 33,725.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,100.00</b>	<b>\$1,550.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	\$ 2,500.00			
National Sect. & Treas. Expenses	\$ 2,000.00			
Purchase of Supplies	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 375.00	
Office expenses (printing etc.)	\$ 2,300.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00
Printing of Proceedings 82-85,87-92	\$ 6,430.00			
National Encampment Expenses	\$ 400.00			
Transcribing of Proceedings '82-'92	\$ 2,000.00			
THE BANNER 3 issues	\$ 8,500.00			
Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel	\$ 450.00			
Audit 1989, 1990	\$ 3,500.00			
Printing C&R	\$ 250.00			
Membership Drive				\$1,250.00
Student Scholarship		\$ 500.00		
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony		\$ 75.00		
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony		\$ 400.00		
G.A.R. Remembrance Day		\$ 400.00		
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines		\$ 25.00		
Tomb of Civil War Unknown Soldier		\$ 50.00		
Jefferson Memorial		\$ 50.00		
Congress of Patriotic Orgs.		\$ 25.00		
Sons of Veterans Reserve		\$ 500.00		
G.A.R. Campfire Program		\$ 400.00		
Fraternal Relations Committee		\$ 50.00		
Military Affairs Committee		\$ 25.00		
Patriotic Instructor Appeal Forms		\$ 200.00		
National Historian Expenses		\$ 50.00		
Life Member Payments			\$1,400.00	
National Officers Bond	\$ 375.00			
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total Expenses Paid</b>	<b>\$33,725.00</b>	<b>\$2,775.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,850.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 725.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1992  
GENERAL FUND

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues Collected			
Per Capita Tax	\$ 22,000.00	\$24,425.86	\$ 2,425.96
National Encampment Reg. Fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00
Sale of Supplies	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 8,346.20	\$ 2,846.20
Auxiliary Gift	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
Transfer of Int. from Perm. Fund	\$ 800.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 800.00)
New Camp Application Fee	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
Interest Income	\$ 300.00	\$ 578.82	\$ 278.82
National Patriotic Instructor MAL Applications Life Membership Payments Honor Roll Contributions			
Uncommitted Funds MAL	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00
Allocated from GAR Fund	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 3,355.00)
New Member Registration Fee			
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,050.41</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.41</u>
Total Revenues Collected	\$ 33,155.00	\$36,501.29	\$ 3,346.29
Expenses Paid			
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00
National Sect. & Treas. Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
Purchase of Supplies	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,516.74	(\$ 16.74)
Office expenses (printing, etc).	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,614.92	\$ 685.08
Printing of Proceedings 82-85,87&88	\$ 6,430.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,430.00
National Encampment Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 180.00
Transcribing of Proceedings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00
THE BANNER	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,322.97	(\$ 822.97)
Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel	\$ 450.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 15.00
Audit	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00
Printing C&R	\$ 475.00	\$ 286.00	
Student Scholarship Lincoln Memorial Ceremony Lincoln Tomb Ceremony G.A.R. Remembrance Day Memorial Cathedral of the Pines Jefferson Memorial Ceremony Tomb Unknown Civil War Soldier Congress of Patriotic Orgs. Military Affairs Committee Sons of Veterans Reserve G.A.R. Campfire Program Fraternal Relations Committee Patriotic Instructor Appeal Forms Life Member Payments Allocated to General Fund			
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,013.18</u>	<u>(\$ 813.18)</u>
Total Expenses	\$31,655.00	\$21,808.81	\$9,846.19

STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
 Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1992  
 G.A.R. FUND

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues Collected			
Per Capita Tax			
National Encampment Reg. Fee			
Transfer of Int. from Perm. Fund			
New Camp Application Fee			
Interest Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,135.36	\$ 135.36
National Patriotic Instructor	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,987.83	\$ 487.83
MAL Applications			
Life Membership Payments			
Honor Roll Contributions			
Uncommitted Funds MAL			
Allocated from GAR Fund			
New Member Registration Fee			
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Total Revenues Collected	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,123.19</u>	<u>\$ 623.19</u>
Expenses Paid			
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses			
National Sect. & Treas. Expenses			
Purchase of Supplies			
Office expenses (printing, etc.)			
Printing of Proceedings 82-85,87&88			
National Encampment Expenses			
Transcribing of Proceedings			
THE BANNER			
Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel			
Audit			
Printing of C&R			
Student Scholarship	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony	\$ 75.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 5.00
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day	\$ 400.00	\$ 494.39	(\$ 94.39)
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Jefferson Memorial Ceremony	\$ 0.00	\$ 45.00	(\$ 45.00)
Tomb Unknown Civil War Soldier	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Congress of Patriotic Orgs.	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	(\$ 25.00)
Military Affairs Committee	\$ 0.00	\$ 26.00	(\$ 26.00)
National Org. Flag	\$ 0.00	\$ 450.00	(\$ 450.00)
Sons of Veterans Reserve	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
G.A.R. Campfire Program	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00
Fraternal Relations Committee	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00
Patriotic Instructor Appeal Forms	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
National Historian Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00
Life Member Payments			
Allocated to General Fund	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,355.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 6,105.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,185.39</u>	<u>\$ 2,919.61</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1992

PERMANENT FUND

Revenues Collected	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Per Capita Tax			
National Encampment Reg. Fee			
Transfer of Int. from Perm. Fund			
New Camp Application Fee			
Interest Income	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,439.92	\$ 439.92
National Patriotic Instructor MAL Applications			
Life Membership Payments	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,525.00	\$ 525.00
Honor Roll Contributions	\$ 100.00	\$ 65.00	(\$ 35.00)
Uncommitted Funds MAL Allocated from GAR Fund			
New Member Registration Fee			
Miscellaneous Revenue			
<b>Total Revenues Collected</b>	<u>\$ 4,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,029.92</u>	<u>\$ 929.92</u>
<b>Expenses Paid</b>			
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses			
National Sect. & Treas. Expenses			
Purchase of Supplies	\$ 375.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 375.00
Office expenses (printing, etc.)	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00
Printing of Proceedings 82-85,87&88			
National Encampment Expenses			
Transcribing of Proceedings			
THE BANNER			
Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel			
Audit			
Printing of C&R			
Membership Drive			
Student Scholarship			
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony			
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony			
G.A.R. Remembrance Day			
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines			
Jefferson Memorial Ceremony			
Tomb Unknown Civil War Soldier			
Congress of Patriotic Orgs.			
Military Affairs Committee			
National Org. Flag			
Sons of Veterans Reserve			
G.A.R. Campfire Program			
Fraternal Relations Committee			
Patriotic Instructor Appeal Forms			
National Historian Expenses			
Life Member Payments	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 870.00	\$ 530.00
Allocated to General Fund	\$ 800.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>(\$ 50.00)</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 2,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,020.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,680.00</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1992

SR. VICE C-IN-FUND

Revenues Collected	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Per Capita Tax			
National Encampment Reg. Fee			
Transfer of Int. from Perm. Fund			
New Camp Application Fee			
Interest Income			
National Patriotic Instructor			
MAL Applications			
Life Membership Payments			
Honor Roll Contributions			
Uncommitted Funds MAL			
Allocated from GAR Fund			
New Member Registration Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 1,330.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 250.00	\$ 861.00	\$ 611.00
<b>Total Revenues Collected</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,691.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,941.00</b>
<b>Expenses Paid</b>			
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses			
National Sect. & Treas. Expenses			
Purchase of Supplies			
Office expenses (printing, etc.)			
Printing of Proceedings 82-85,87&88			
National Encampment Expenses			
Transcribing of Proceedings			
THE BANNER			
Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel			
Audit			
Printing of C&R			
Membership Drive	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 884.00	\$ 116.00
Student Scholarship			
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony			
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony			
G.A.R. Remembrance Day			
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines			
Jefferson Memorial Ceremony			
Tomb Unknown Civil War Soldier			
Congress of Patriotic Orgs.			
Military Affairs Committee			
National Org. Flag			
Sons of Veterans Reserve			
G.A.R. Campfire Program			
Fraternal Relations Committee			
Patriotic Instructor Appeal Forms			
National Historian Expenses			
Life Member Payments			
Allocated to General Fund			
Miscellaneous Expenses			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 884.00</b>	<b>\$ 116.00</b>



**Appendix 6. Registered Delegates and Alternates to the  
One Hundred Eleventh National Encampment**



REGISTERED DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE  
ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

1. Ashley, Keith D.
2. Atkinson, Elmer F.
3. Altland, Forest
4. Bateman, Robert J.
5. Black, Herman
6. Blair, Jack
7. Brennan, William A.
8. Bury, Gordon R. II
9. Colligan, Michael J.
10. Corfman, Charles
11. Derby, Daniel W.
12. Dixon, Peter A.
13. Dolph, Gary
14. Drake, Harold
15. Essenwein, Richard
16. Foight, Frank
17. Frake, Timothy P.
18. Frantz, Ivan E., Sr.
19. Frantz, Ivan E., Jr.
20. Furman, Norman
21. Gauthier, Joseph
22. Gibson, Gary
23. Gill, Ronald B.
24. Greenwalt, Richard
25. Guiot, Brian
26. Hammer, Lowell V.
27. Harrison, Keith G.
28. Hershberger, Kenneth D.
29. Hayner, Clyde H., Sr.
30. Horn, William R.
31. Houchin, Joseph
32. Ihrig, Bryan
33. Jenkins, John D.
34. Johnson, Andrew M.
35. Johnson, Thomas L.W.
36. Kaithern, John R.
37. Krecota, Jason
38. Krieser, Edward J.
39. Krieser, Kenneth S.
40. Lee, James O.
41. Long, George W.
42. Long, Joseph, Jr.
43. Loomis, Alan R.
44. Lufkin, Richard
45. Lyons, James T.
46. Macomber, Wallace
47. Madart, John H. III
48. Mayhew, Jonathan T.
49. McMaster, William J.
50. Medert, David R.
51. Mellor, Clark
52. Mierka, Gregg A.
53. Moll, Nathan E.
54. Moore, Allen
55. Mueting, James A.
56. Niffenegger, E. Ray
57. Oakley, Kenneth
58. Orr, Richard D.
59. Orr, Albert E.
60. Orton, Jerome L.
61. Park, J. Douglas
62. Parks, Edward W.
63. Partington, Richard O.
64. Peterson, Alan
65. Plante, Aram A.
66. Powell, George
67. Reed, David
68. Rippey, Joseph S.
69. Rogers, Charles A., Jr.
70. Russell, Eugene
71. Russell, James
72. Schlenker, Richard C.
73. Simpson, William L.
74. Smyser, Richard H.
75. Stone, Lee D.
76. Townsend, Marion C.T.
77. Townsend, Franklin R.
78. Townsend, Robert E.
79. Tucker, Frank J.
80. Weld, Tim
81. Wheeler, Roger A., Sr.
82. Wheeler, Danny L.
83. Wheeler, Norman F.
84. Wheeler, Kenneth
85. Williams, Richard A.



## **Appendix 7. Registration Statistics**



REGISTRATION STATISTICS  
 111<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT  
 August 13-16, 1992

Departments	C-in-C & Pc-in-C	PDC	Dept. Cdrs.	Delegates	Delegates Not Present	Total
<u>CA &amp; Pacific</u>						
<u>CO &amp; WY</u>						
<u>CT</u>						
IL				2		2
IN		2	1	3		6
IA		1	1	1		3
<u>ME</u>						
MD	2	7	1	5	3	15
MA	2	3	1	1		7
MI		3		3		6
NH	1					1
NJ			1			1
NY	2	2	1			5
OH	3	2	1	4	1	10
PA	3	5	1	11	2	20
RI		2	1	4	4	7
<u>VT</u>						
WI		1	1		1	2
<u>FL Camp #1</u>						
<u>LA Camp #77</u>				1		1
<u>MO Camp #65</u>						
<u>MAL</u>						
TOTALS	12	28	10	35	11	85



**Appendix 8. Attachments to the Report of the Committee  
on Military Affairs**



**GENERAL  
HEADQUARTERS  
NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS RESERVE  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
9057 STATE ROUTE #83  
HOLMESVILLE, OHIO 44633**

Richard C. Schlenker, Chairman  
National Military Affairs Committee  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1991-92 has been another year of rebuilding. Adjutant General, Col Foight, has performed many good works, but the type of persons who make good reenactors are not prone to paperwork. We have lost some members in protest of lack of the "Banner". Our total membership is down slightly. Col Foight will give the exact figures in his report.

Some of our District Commanders are due for retirement. Replacements are being trained to take over when the time comes. Hopefully, this will be in another year or so. Present leadership is excellent. Health is the problem.

The 1991 National SVR Reenactment was held at Shepardstown, WV, in 100 degree weather. 1992's SVR National Encampment will be held Sept 25-27 at Harrisburg, PA. We hope for cooler weather at that time. This is on city property, and the City of Harrisburg is being very cooperative.

Remembrance Day 1991 was a great success. 4000 to 5000 troops marched in the parade and attended the ceremonies at the Wolfson Monument. This was followed by an indoor program in the Cyclorama building. The Past Commanders And Past Presidents Banquet was followed by a Military Ball. 734 people attended the Military Ball. The weather was perfect. It was a financial success also.

I want to thank the officers and members of the SVR and SUV for their fine help and support, particularly BG Schlenker, Col Foight, Col Atkinson, and Capt Smyser. This spirit is the F. C. & L, that keeps our order going.

Personally, I attended:

Aug. Reenactment at Jackson, MI.

Oct. Reenactment at Malica Hill, NJ Reenactment at Atwood Lake, OH.

Nov. Reception for Commander-in-Chief, Lowell V Hammer Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA.

Feb. Military Ball at Burr Oak Lodge, OH, MOLLUS Dinner, Lincoln Birthday Presentation and Luncheon, Washington, DC.

Mar. Meeting of Dennison Camp 125, Jackson, OH.

Apr. Meeting of McClelland Camp, Mansfield, OH. Lincoln Death Day Ceremonies, Springfield, IL.

May National Civil War Artillery Assn. Training School at Old Fort Niagara, NY. (I'm one of their inspectors). Memorial Day Parade, Canton, OH. Fired cannon at McKinley Monument.

Jun. Reenactment at Canfield, OH. Ohio Dept Encampment at Alliance, OH. Pennsylvania Dept Encampment, Scranton, PA.

Jul. Reenactment at McConnellsville, OH

Sep. Participated in reenactment of McKinley Funeral as part of Honor Guard.

There were also meetings and work with Given Camp #50, and 16th OVI.

The six Military Districts remain as varied as their members.

First Military District, containing the New England states, remains inactive. Interest was shown, and we were ready to re- activate the district when health problems with one of the new leaders halted progress. Others have shown interest.

Second Military District, under Col Atkinson, still reports the most active units. Co C, 28th Pa, and 148th NY, have done an outstanding job. It is hoped that Col Atkinson will still remain active as District Commander, as time permits, during his year as Commander-in- Chief.

Third Military District, under Lt Col Greenwalt, has a problem. On Aug 7, Lt Col Greenwalt fell and shattered his elbow. He cannot walk. We are hopeful for a speedy recovery. The First Ohio Light Artillery, (Jackson, Ohio) continues it's excellent growth. The 19th Ohio and 16th OVI continue to be quite active.

Fourth Military District, commanded by Col Ernst von Frankenberg, continues quite active. Col von Frankenberg is working with units in Oregon and California which will allow us to re- activate the Sixth Military District.

Fifth Military District, remains in limbo, under control of the Adjutant General. With the continued growth of present units, there is a distinct possibility of returning district leadership, but not in time for this report.

Sixth Military District, while still under the leadership of the Adjutant General, shows promise of going on it's own in the near future. Capt William R Fuzia, commanding Co A, First US Cavalry, has the reenactment group, but not enough members with lineage to form an SUV Camp. Secretary Lyons is working with him on this.

The Commander of the SVR is pleased to report that he finds the Reserve in good condition, with good growth potential, excellent leadership, and above all, a most valuable adjunct to it's parent order, SUVCW.

All brothers of the Order are encouraged to become supportive of the Reserve and it's activities, and perhaps even affiliate, as we have found the uniform of our ancestors to be one of the best recruiting tools available.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

BG Charles W. Corfman,  
SVR Commanding

**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE**

31 July 1992

SUBJECT: The Sons of Veterans Reserve Annual Report

THROUGH: The National Treasurer, S.U.V.C.W.

TO: The Commander-in-Chief, S.U.V.C.W.

1. On behalf of The Sons of Veterans Reserve, the following Annual Report is submitted for the Fiscal Year 1991-1992, to cover business from 1 July 1991 through 30 June 1992.

2. The Sons of Veterans Reserve consisted, on 30 June 1992, of 470 men and 38 Officers, and a Cadre of 7 Officers and 1 Enlisted man, a total of 516 members, 38 less than last year.

3. The financial summary of business transacted in fiscal 1992 is as follows:

Balance on hand from Fiscal 1991:	\$ 110.46
Income for the year:	
From Dues and Fees	\$ 1089.00
From Sons of Union Veterans, Grant	500.00
From National Muster	254.00
From SVR Breakfast at Gettysburg	257.00
From Grand Ball, Remembrance Day	3588.70
From Printing, reimbursement	8.10

From Advertising, The Guidon	8.00
From Postage reimbursed	<u>5.51</u>
Total Income	\$ 5710.31

Expenses for the year:

For Postage	\$ 207.11
For Office Supplies	472.43
For National Muster	400.78
For SVR Breakfast at Gettysburg	245.02
For Remembrance Day 1991	1 846.47
For Remembrance Day 1992	130.00
For Printing	<u>425.40</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 3727.21

End Balance, 30 June 1992, \$2093.56

For the Commanding General  
 Frank A. Foight III, COL  
 Adjutant General



**Appendix 9. Campfire Program  
Friday, August 14, 1992**



**CAMPFIRE PROGRAM**

Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel  
Friday, August 14, 1999

7:00 P.M.....Fife & Drums

Civil War songs, marches,  
and calls to the troops.  
Paul Abernathy & John Pushcar  
(Davis \* Camp)

Jason Kresota, April McFee,  
& Tiffany Boartz  
(John T. Crawford Camp & Auxiliary #43)

7:30 P.M.....Processional

Advancing of the Colors.....S.V.R. 78<sup>th</sup> PA Vol. Inf.

March of Civil War Soldiers.....Reenactors

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation.....Esther Stuart  
National Chaplain, Ladies of the G.A.R.

**GREETINGS**

**RESPONSE TO GREETINGS**

Jack Blair, Commander,  
John T. Crawford Camp #43

“IMPRESSIONS OF THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER”  
presented by Scott Mehaffey

Introduction & Presentation of Guests  
Master of Ceremonies, William M. Mahaffey

**CAMPFIRE PROGRAM**

Lowell V. Hammer.....Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War

Ethel V, Carver.....National President  
Auxiliary to  
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War

Bonnie P. Weld.....National President  
Ladies of the  
Grand Army of the Republic

ADDRESS....."Flags and Liberty"  
presented by Mr. George F. Cahill

Benediction.....Martha Wilson National Chaplain  
Auxiliary to  
Sons of Union Veteran  
of the Civil War

ENTERTAINMENT.....the "Stray Shots"

## **Appendix 10. Joint Program and Remarks by Commander-in-Chief**



**BANQUET PROGRAM**

Welcome.....Florence Spring  
Auxiliary to the Sons of  
Union Veterans of the Civil War

Toastmaster.....Norman R. Furman  
National Chief of Staff  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Invocation.....Martha Wilson  
National Chaplain  
Auxiliary to the Sons of  
Union Veterans of the Civil War

Star Spangled Banner.....Assembly

Pledge of Allegiance.....James O. Lee  
National Patriotic Instructor  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**D I N N E R**

Greetings.....Lowell V. Hammer  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings.....Ethel Carver  
National President  
Auxiliary to the Sons of  
Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings.....Bonnie Weld  
National President  
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

**BANQUET PROGRAM**

Tribute to Fathers.....Dolores Hubbard  
National Senior Vice President  
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Tribute to Mothers.....Phyllis Houston  
National Junior Vice President  
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Introductions.....Florence Spring  
National Chief of Staff  
Auxiliary to the Sons of  
Union Veterans of the Civil War

and

Norman R. Furman  
National Chief of Staff  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Benediction.....Frank A. Foight  
National Chaplain  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Receiving Line.....National Officers

Courtesy Hour.....Auxiliary Meeting Room

Open House.....Hospitality Room

**Remarks of Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer at National Encampment Banquet**

Having been born about 50 miles east of here in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, I was very pleased when Pittsburgh was selected as the site of this year's National Encampment. It is really like coming home. Of course, Pittsburgh has changed vastly from the days of my childhood and youth. Back then, it was known as the Smoggy City because of the smoke from the iron and steel mills and other industries which mixed with the fog in the valleys and rarely permitted the sun to penetrate. Even so, it was always fun to come here. Much has changed since then. The smog has disappeared along with some of the industrial giants and many improvements have been made. And it's still fun to come here.

Although things could still fall apart, I wish to congratulate and thank the Host Committee for having arranged a most effectively organized and enjoyable National Encampment. Would the Committee members please stand.

I approach the end of my term with mixed emotions. Many aspects of this position have been most pleasant and enjoyable. New friends have been made and old friendships have been strengthened. I wish to thank in particular all those Departments which welcomed me so royally at their Department Encampments and other events to which I was invited. However, the year was not without its difficult or unpleasant moments. As Abraham Lincoln himself once said, "the presidency is no bed of roses." or as Woodrow Wilson put it, "the presidential office is not a rose water affair." in any case, I hope that we were able to solve the problems that arose in a just and reasonable fashion. At least, I have not been hung in effigy, tarred and feathered, or run out of town on a rail. As Herbert Hoover once said, "a few hair shirts are part of the mental wardrobe of every man. The President differs only from other men in that he has a more extensive wardrobe."

Being a firm believer in consensual decision making, I tried to share responsibility with the National Council of Administration and my other officers, knowing all the while that if I were to come under fire, they would find themselves in the same foxhole with me. Having said that, this is an appropriate time to recognize my officers of this past year and while doing so to express my appreciation for all of their support and assistance. (Read list)

I would also like to introduce at this time some family members who were able to be here this evening. First, my wife Betsy who most of you know. Then my daughter Sarah from College Station, Texas who has with her my two lovely granddaughters Michelle and Betsy. Also here this evening is my son Christopher who is a pilot with USAIR which was, of course, the official airline of the Commander-in- Chief this year. Since they live right here in Pittsburgh, a nephew of mine and his wife were to be with us this evening, but illness prevented them from joining us. I must express my sincere gratitude to my good wife Betsy for her patience, tolerance, and understanding while I neglected the household chores and family responsibilities to play Commander-in-Chief.

It would be inappropriate to conclude without expressing my gratitude for their support to the gracious ladies who served along with me this year as National President of their organizations. Auxiliary National President Ethel Carver, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Bonnie Weld and I were frequently on the trail together during this past year. We were joined by National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans Irene Berg and National President of the Women's Relief Corps Anne Gerlt at a number of the ceremonies and events.

As Commander-in-Chief of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion for two years and as Commander-in-chief of the SUVCW during this past year, I often liked to conclude my remarks with words of Abraham Lincoln. Although nothing particularly profound, it might be interesting to recall the words of President elect Lincoln as he passed through Pittsburgh on 14 February 1861 on his way to Washington for his inauguration.

Addressing citizens of Pittsburgh at the Monongahela House, Lincoln said, "we had an accident upon the road today, and were delayed till this late hour. I am sorry for this, inasmuch as it was my desire and intention to address the citizens of Pennsylvania briefly, this evening, on what is properly styled their peculiar interest. And I still hope that some arrangement may be made tomorrow morning which will afford me the pleasure of talking to a larger number of my friends than can assemble in this hall. I have a great regard for Allegheny County. It is "the banner county of the union," and rolled up an immense majority for what I, at least, consider a good cause. By a mere accident, and not through any merit of mine, it happened that I was the representative of that cause, and I acknowledge with all sincerity the high honor you have conferred on me. I could not help thinking, my friends, as I traveled in the rain through your crowded streets, on my way here, that if all those people were in favor of the union, it can certainly be in no great danger - it will be preserved. But I am talking too long, longer than I ought. You know that it has not been my custom since I started on the route to Washington to make long speeches; I am rather inclined to silence, and whether that be wise or not, it is at least unusual now-a-days to find a man who can hold his tongue than to find one who cannot. I thank you, sincerely, for the warm reception I have received, and in the morning, if an arrangement can be made, of which I am not yet certain, I may have something to say to you of that "peculiar interest of Pennsylvania" before mentioned.

**Appendix 11. Joint Memorial Service  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans**



**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
AND  
AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS  
Sunday, August 16, 1992**

PROCESSIONAL	Emma Wheeler
LIGHTING OF CANDLES	Lowell V. Hammer Commander-in-Chief Ethel Carver National President
REMARKS AND PRAYER	COL. Frank A. Foight National Chaplain, SUVCW
HYMN "The Way of the Cross Leads Home"	
REMARKS	COL. Frank A. Foight
TRIBUTE TO PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF	
REMARKS	Martha A. Wilson National Chaplain, Auxiliary
TRIBUTE TO PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS	
SOLO "Because He Lives"	Margaret Atkinson
TRIBUTE TO ALL OFFICERS AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS	
TRIBUTE TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF SUVCW	
ROLL CALL AND PLACING OF FLOWERS	Department Commanders Department Presidents
HYMN "Near The Cross"	
EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES	Lowell V. Hammer Commander-in-Chief Ethel Carver National President
RECESSIONAL	
POSTLUDE	Emma Wheeler



**Appendix 12. Listing of Dates and Locations  
of National Encampments**



## DATES AND LOCATIONS OF 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
47th	1928	September 18 - 20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10 - 12	Portland, Maine

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
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
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

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
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



## **Appendix 13. Listing of Past Commanders-in-Chief**



ELECTED NAME	DEPARTMENT	ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT	
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Penn	1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Penn	1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1883	*Frank F. Merrill	Maine	1941	*Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Penn	1942	*Henry Towle	Maine
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1943	*C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1944	*Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1946	*Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1889	*Charles L. Griffin	Indiana	1947	*Charles H.E. Moran	Massachusetts
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	1950	*Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Mass	1951	*Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	1952	*Frederick K. Davis	Wash & Oregon
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	1953	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1896	*James L. Rake	Penn	1954	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Mass	1955	*Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	1956	*Fred E. Howe	New York
1899	*A.W. Jones	Ohio	1957	*Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Penn	1958	*Earl F. Riggs	California
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	1959	*Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Is	1961	*Charles L. Messer	New York
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	1962	*Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1905	*Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio	1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Penn	1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	1965	*W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1908	*Edgar Allen, Jr.	Maryland	1966	*Frank Woerner	California
1909	*George W. Pollit	New Jersey	1967	*William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Mass	1968	*Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Conn	1970	*George L. Cashman	Illinois
1913	*John E. Sautter	Penn	1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	1972	*John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1915	*A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio	1973	*Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1917	*Fred T.J. Johnson	Penn	1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1918	*Francis Callahan	Penn	1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Mass	1977	*Harold T. Bielby	New York
1920	*Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska	1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	1979	*Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1922	*Frank Shelhouse	Indiana	1980	*Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Penn	1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1924	*William M. Coffin	Ohio	1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Masss	1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Penns	1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1928	*Delevan B. Bowley	California	1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1929	*Theodroe C. Cazeau	New York	1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1930	*Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois	1988	Clark C. Mellor	Mass
1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Penn	1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts			
1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois			
1936	*William A. Dyer	New York			
1937	*William A. Dyer	New York			
1938	*William L. Anderson	Massachusetts			

## 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

## PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS (Continued)

*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

