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Seventy - sixth  
Annual National Encampment

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



DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
AUGUST 18 - 22  
1957

## NATIONAL OFFICERS — 1956-1957

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### Commander-in-Chief—

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### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—

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### Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—

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### National Secretary-Treasurer—

Albert C. Lambert ..... P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

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Ernest G. Wells ..... 11 Tufts St., Cambridge, Mass.

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### National Counselor—

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**FRED E. HOWE**  
Commander-in-Chief 1956-1957

## PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

August 18, 1957

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The Council of Administration met at 4 P. M., Sunday, August 18, 1957, in the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, with the following present: Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Louis T. Story; Council of Administration Member Fred H. Combs, Sr.; National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; and Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd, who attended by invitation of the Commander-in-Chief.

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

(1) A sub-Committee of the Council of Administration, consisting of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief DeHaven and Council of Administration Member Fred H. Combs, Sr. was appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to examine the report of the Certified Public Accountant, presented by the National Secretary-Treasurer. This Committee was also directed to prepare a budget for the coming year, and submit it to the Encampment.

The matter of the Lincoln Memorial University fund was turned over to the Committee for their consideration and further recommendations.

(2) On the matter of the Gold Medal, provided by Public Law 730—84th Congress, Chapter 631, H.J. Res. 569, to be given to the last surviving veterans of the Civil War, both Union and Confederate; it was explained by Past Commander-in-Chief Grant that Comrade Woolson died before his medal had been provided and, therefore, it is temporarily held in the Treasury, and cannot be given to anyone else without an amendment of the law, and will be melted up unless the law is amended authorizing some disposition of the medal.

Action was taken that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be instructed to communicate with the family of Comrade Woolson as to its disposition; asking their permission to let us secure legislation for it to be turned over to the Sons for safe keeping, or for custody and display in the Smithsonian Institution, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, or some other prominent place as the family desires—and that Past Commander-in-Chief Grant be authorized to communicate with the Treasury Department now, advising them of this action.

(3) As to special recognition for the members of the Mt. Vernon Fife and Drum Corps who attended the funeral of Comrade Woolson, action was taken that after ascertaining the names of those who attended, a special certificate of merit is to be awarded to each of the members present on that occasion.

(4) As to present investments, as well as the \$3200.00 in U. S. Savings Bonds which will expire in November, 1957; unanimous action was taken by the Council that the entire amount now invested in American Telephone & Telegraph Co. stock, Public Service Corporation stock, together with that of the U. S. Savings Bonds, at expiration date in November be combined and invested, at that time, in the Wellington Fund.

Resolutions for the sale of twenty-nine (29) shares of American Telephone & Telegraph common stock; and Sixty (60) shares of

Public Service Corp. of N. J. common stock were presented; and National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert was authorized to sell this stock.

(5) Authorization was granted to National Secretary Lambert to change the name of the Bank Account with the First Mechanics National Bank of Trenton, N. J. from Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer.

(6) Action was taken by the Council to transfer the amount of \$32.57 in the Legislative Committee Fund to the General Fund and, in the future, the copy of the Congressional Record for the Chairman of the Legislative Committee is to be provided from the General Fund.

(7) The Council acted to renew the contract for editing, publishing and printing The Banner, with an increase in cost of \$10.00 per issue, for the coming year.

(8) Relative to the communication from the Director of Public Relations of the United Railroad Operating Crafts asking for endorsement, in an advisory capacity, to their program to curb evils in fighting Communism in Union rackets; it was the consensus of opinion of the Council that any request for sponsorship or endorsement of any movements or projects be scrutinized very carefully; and that the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer be instructed not to lend official endorsement—rather, if indicated, express approval in principle but not wishing to be known as a sponsor unless represented on the Board of Directors or having a say in the movement in question.

(9) National Secretary Lambert presented several matters upon which action was taken during the year by the Council of Administration, as a matter of record:

(A) Approval, as heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, to Title to G.A.R. lots in cemetery in Myrtle Grove Memorial Cemetery—deeding these lots to the Cemetery, to be taken over by the city of Eureka, California; was given by the Council.

(B) In the matter of restoration of citizenship rites to Robert E. Lee, presented by Senator Capehart, the Council of Administration approved, and advised him that the Council went on record as unanimously endorsing this on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(C) On the proposed legislation, introduced by Senator Talmadge, to change Senate Rule XXII, relative to limitation of debate; a statement of position, unanimously approved by the Council of Administration, was submitted to Senator Talmadge. The statement was to the effect that: It is a matter entirely within the prerogatives of the Senate, that it is political and at least, to some extent partisan—and as such our participation as an organization is prohibited by our Constitution; and consequently we are constrained to refrain from comment as such.

On the basis of individual opinions of the Members of the Council of Administration and Officers, and in no wise a statement of the attitude of the Order as a whole; we have unanimously, as individual citizens concluded that some modification of the present rule XXII would be in the national interest, without making it too easy to shut off debate. Having confidence in the attendance of Senators conscientiously opposed to a motion to close debate at the meeting at which the vote is to be taken, we believe that amendment to permit two thirds of the Senators present and voting to decide the matter after the advance notice (12 or 15 days), but in no case less than a majority of all Senators.

## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE PROGRAM

Grand Ball Room — Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel

Sunday, August 18, 1957 — 2:30 P. M.

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

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- Organ Prelude ..... Mary Gordon  
 National Musician, Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W.
- The Lord's Prayer ..... Lem Stroud
- Processional ... Department Commanders and Department Presidents
- Invocation ..... Fred E. Colwell  
 National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground ..... Assembly  
 Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic
- Tribute to the Past Commanders-in-Chief ..... John H. Runkle  
 Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Tribute to Past National Presidents—Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W.—  
 Blanche Beverstock ..... P.N.P. Ethelyn Tucker  
 Ann Lockyer ..... P.N.P. Edith Nile  
 Lila Macey ..... P.N.P. Margaret Brady
- Tribute to Past National Presidents, Ladies of the G.A.R.—  
 P.N.P. Sarah J. Ehrman
- Scripture Reading ..... Mrs. Emma Warren  
 National Chaplain, Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Tribute to Past Department Commanders ..... Willard B. Stephan  
 Special Aide to Commander-in-Chief, S.U.V.C.W., Fred E. Howe
- Tribute to Past Department Presidents, Auxiliary ..... Maude Warren  
 Past National President, Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W.
- Tribute to Past Department Presidents, Ladies of the G.A.R.—
- Star Spangled Banner ..... Assembly
- Benediction ..... Luella Orr  
 National Chaplain, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

## GRAND ARMY CAMP FIRE PROGRAM

Sunday, August 18, 1957 — 7:00 P. M.

A revival of the "Camp Fire" (Grand Army of the Republic Tradition) with a joint meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; under the auspices of the three organizations and the General Encampment Committee was held in the Grand Ball Room of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, with the following program:

- Concert of Selected Military Music ..... Military Band
- Call to Order ..... Judge Carl M. Weldeman  
General Chairman, Encampment Committee
- Advance of Colors .... U. S. Military, Veterans and Patriotic Groups  
Directed by John H. Runkle, Past Commander-in-Chief, S.U.V.C.W.
- National Anthem ..... Military Band
- Pledge of Allegiance ..... Assembly  
Led by Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter,  
Michigan, S.U.V.C.W.
- Invocation ..... Rev. Albert O. Andrews  
Department Chaplain, Michigan, S.U.V.C.W.
- Welcome ..... John Dalzell  
Department Commander, Michigan, S.U.V.C.W.
- Greetings from the Mayor of Detroit ..... Louis C. Miriani  
Council President
- Welcome from the Governor of Michigan ... Judge Carl M. Weldeman
- A Tribute from The Detroit News
- Greetings from: Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans; National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.; United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Amvets.
- Civil War Songs ..... Assembly
- Address: "Some Incidents in the Civil War"—Hon. George A. Dondero  
Former Member of Congress
- Civil War Music ..... Fife and Drum Corps
- Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic—Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd  
U. S. A. Ret., Past Commander-in-Chief, S.U.V.C.W.
- Vocal Selection ..... "America the Beautiful"
- "Battle Hymn of the Republic" ..... Military Band
- Taps ..... Retirement of Colors ..... Adjournment



## JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

Monday, August 19, 1957 — 10:00 A. M.

The Joint Opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Grand Ball Room of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, in charge of National Chief of Staffs C. LeRoy Stoudt of the Sons and Beatrice Riggs of the Auxiliary.

The ceremony was very impressive, based on a musical theme—a great symphony orchestra with the National Officers as the respective musicians, each contributing their part to the resulting wonderful and melodic performance of the musical symphony, all through the year.

The National Aides and National Special Aides of the Auxiliary acted as escorts. Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe of the Sons and National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Margaret S. McKinney were the first to be presented; after which the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons and Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary were brought in and introduced, and then the National Officers of both organizations were escorted in and presented. Appropriate vocal selections during these presentations were given by Mary Gordon, National Musician of the Auxiliary.

The Pennsylvania delegation of the Auxiliary formed the letter "M," and presented red and yellow gladioli to National President McKinney, in a simple but very effective ceremony.

The Commander-in-Chief and National President were then escorted to the platform by the Department Commander and Department President of the Auxiliary of the New York Department.

National Chief of Staff Beatrice Riggs extended a hearty welcome to everyone, and thanked them for coming. She pointed out that the National Officers were like musicians in a great symphony orchestra, with each one adding something of value to the musical group—and that their work, cooperation and vital interest during the year had produced a wonderful and great musical masterpiece.

**National President Margaret McKinney:** Thank you so much, Sister Riggs. This is certainly a never to be forgotten opening and, at the moment, I am almost speechless. I can only express my heartfelt thanks to you for the effort you have put into this opening and commend you for the success you have had in making it so very impressive and wonderful. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe:** I can't help but offer congratulations to Sister Beatrice Riggs for the wonderful work she has done as Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary. She has worked hard all year and I am sure you will agree that she has accomplished much. With the cooperation and assistance of our National Chief of Staff of the Sons, Brother Stoudt, I feel this has been an outstanding opening. To both of you, sincere thanks—it couldn't have been better.

**National President McKinney:** May I just add a word before the Sons leave us to go to their own business sessions.

I don't think a National President of the Auxiliary, at any time, had any more cooperation from a Commander-in-Chief than I did this

past year—or enjoyed their year more than we did. Fred and his wife and I traveled through seventeen Departments together, and enjoyed every minute of it. He has been a wonderful co-worker, and a fine gentleman; and I thank you boys for giving him to me as my Commander-in-Chief. It has been a wonderful experience, and I thank you all very much.

(The Sons then left the ball room, to go to the business sessions of their 76th Annual Encampment.)

# PROCEEDINGS

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

Headquarters—Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel—Detroit, Michigan  
Sessions—Founders Room, 4th Floor  
August 18-22, 1957

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION August 19, 1957 — 11:15 A. M.

**Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe:** The Officers and members of the Seventy-Sixth Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order.

I will appoint as Guide, Delegate Clark Meller, Massachusetts; Color Bearer, Past Department Commander Millard F. Brown, Massachusetts; and Guard, Delegate Milo Newer, Jr., Michigan.

The Encampment then opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of officers showed all present except Council of Administration Members Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer, and Homer L. Young.

#### COMMITTEES

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I wish to appoint the following Committees:

##### Credentials

Bertram Isaacs, Delegate, New York, Chairman  
Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California  
Alton Sharp, Department Commander, New Jersey  
Harold P. Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts  
Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer.

##### Resolutions

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maryland, Chairman  
Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois  
Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine  
Dr. Levi J. Snow, Department Commander, California  
William O. Fuller, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts  
C. Leon Lewes, Delegate, Connecticut

##### Officers' Reports

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman  
Edward W. Carmichael, Delegate, California  
John A. Ruggles, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania  
Charles C. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine  
Willard B. Stephan, Past Department Commander, New York

### Constitution and Regulations

Chas. H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts, Chairman  
 Harold E. Arnold, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island  
 Charles L. Messer, Past Department Commander, New York  
 David E. Grindle, Department Commander, Maine  
 Milo C. Newer, Sr., Past Department Commander, Michigan

### Press

Charles F. Dexter, Past Department Commander, Michigan, Chairman  
 Hon. Carl M. Weideman, Encampment Committee General Chairman  
 Geo. R. Raub, Sr., Past Department Commander, Michigan  
 Charles H. Langletz, Past Department Commander, Maryland

### 1959 Encampment City

John H. Runkle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman  
 Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California  
 Russell H. Bogert, Past Department Commander, New Jersey

### Ritual and Ceremonies

C. Leroy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman  
 W. Earl Corbin, Past Department Commander, Ohio  
 Charles A. Brady, Delegate, Illinois  
 H. Dwight Bromley, Delegate, Rhode Island  
 John H. Berry, Delegate, New York

### Restoration of Rank

Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman  
 U. S. Grant, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maryland  
 C. Leroy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania  
 Dr. Levi J. Snow, Department Commander, California

### Fraternal Relations

To the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, with Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin, Ohio, Chairman.

### PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee wishes to make a preliminary report. There are a total of 98 registered.

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Thank you, Brother Isaacs.

We are now under reports of Officers and I should like to read my report.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief DeHaven presided, as the Commander-in-Chief read the following:

### REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

August 19, 1957

To the Officers and Members  
 76th National Encampment  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brothers:

I am pleased to render my report as your Commander-in-Chief for the past eleven months and five days. My predecessor made the statement that this is a full time job, and he surely spoke the

truth. If your Commander does as he really should, it will take the best part of his time. To properly handle this office the incumbent should be able to take time off from his business for the year, or else be a retired man with enough ambition and patriotic zeal to take this office seriously.

I did not walk into this blindly or take it merely for the honor it confers. I knew I would have a job on my hands if I wanted to succeed in bringing good will and renewed interest throughout our Departments and to do the very best possible for our patriotic order. Most of my traveling has been by plane due to pressure of time and conflicting dates of Encampments, and even then I had to miss six of our Departments. I would suggest that they be listed as a must on the itinerary of my successor for 1958. They are as follows: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

In each of the above cases I endeavored to have a National Officer or a Past National Officer represent me. Our Auxiliary National President, Margaret McKinney, did get to Kansas and Wisconsin and reported to me that she took the liberty of visiting the Sons and giving them a message from me; and from reports I received, she probably did a better job than I could have done. When I visited Indiana Department in the middle of June, I represented Sister Margaret at the Auxiliary at her request, while she visited Wisconsin. There were only about three times during our travels that we were not together. We tried to plan our visits to the Departments so we could visit them at the same time. It surely surprised both of us to see how happy they were that the National President and the Commander-in-Chief could both be with them. My itinerary took me approximately thirty thousand miles. During my visits, I installed the new officers in several Departments, and was made an Honorary Member of the Connecticut Department.

Before I was installed, I was told that there were three places for the Commander-in-Chief to consider as a must on his itinerary: Washington, D. C. on Lincoln's Birthday; Grant's Tomb Exercises the last Sunday in April in New York City; and Ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois, April 15th at Lincoln's Tomb. On February 9th I attended the Lincoln Dinner in Philadelphia, Pa. held by the Sons of Veterans Club of Philadelphia, and was made an Honorary Member of the Club. After the dinner, I had the honor and pleasure of pinning our National Ribbon on the following Brothers and publicly appointing them National Aides for their outstanding work in getting new members: Department Commander Chester S. Shriver of Gettysburg; National Chief of Staff, C. Leroy Stoudt of Reading; and James B. McKee, also of Reading and a member of Brother Roy's Camp.

I am pleased to report that the Sons, as guests of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, took part in the Ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th. I placed the Sons of Union Veterans Wreath at the entrance to the Lincoln Memorial at noon time, accompanied by our National Colors and uniformed color guard in charge of Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle. After the Ceremonies, we were guests of the Loyal Legion at a noon luncheon held at Hotel Raleigh.

I was invited by Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. U. S. Grant to be his guest at the Civil War Round Table Meeting and dinner at 6:30 P. M. at the National Press Club. I felt highly honored by this invitation. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Williams of the University of Pennsylvania, who spoke on the casualties and wounds incurred during the Civil War and the crude treatment of them as compared with the modern medical treatments of today.

On March 8th when visiting the west coast, I attended a dinner and reception in San Jose, California held by Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 12. I had the honor and pleasure of appointing Senior Vice Department Commander Dr. Levi J. Snow of Petaluma a National Aide, and pinned our National Ribbon on him for his fine work in getting new members. I might add that he has since been elected Department Commander at the California Encampment. The same evening I also made a presentation of a fifty year badge to the son of a fifty year member who was hospitalized and unable to be present.

Monday, April 15th I took part in Ceremonies at Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois at 10:30 A. M. Members of the Loyal Legion were our guests, with Commander-in-Chief Wm. C. Duval placing a wreath for the Loyal Legion and one for the Dames of the Loyal Legion. Other Loyal Legion members present were: James L. High, Commander of the Illinois Commandery; Howell Taylor, Commander of the Michigan Commandery; and Editor-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion Bulletin and Frank Huntington, Registrar-in-Chief. Members representing the Sons were: National Counselor, Richard F. Locke; Mattis Schesley, 3rd, Department Commander; Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin and Past Department Commander J. C. Beekman. May I add my congratulations to Brother Coffin, I have been informed that he has been elected to membership in the Loyal Legion. I placed the S.U.V. Wreath in the inner chamber of the Tomb and read Lincoln's farewell speech to the people of Springfield, made when he was leaving for Washington to assume the Presidency. Following a speech by Commander-in-Chief Duval, Mr. George L. Cashman, Custodian of the Tomb, described the history of its construction and rededication.

After the ceremony we adjourned to the St. Nicholas Hotel for a noon luncheon. Our speaker, Mr. William A. Steigher, a well known collector of Lincoln Prints and Autographs, gave a very interesting talk on Lincoln. Full credit for the successful arrangements of this entire affair goes to Brothers Locke and Schesley. Brother Duval was asked to act as chairman for both the ceremonies and the luncheon. This is the beginning of a new regime at Lincoln's Tomb, with the Sons taking the lead, and the Loyal Legion as our honored guests.

Sunday, April 28th I attended the Grant's Tomb exercises on Riverside Drive, New York City. Having been asked if I would take a part in this and to choose my own subject, I read an item which had been syndicated by Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd with the heading, I will always remember, "My Grandfather's final victory." I had previously read this in a Sunday Magazine Supplement last December, when on a train returning from a mid-winter meeting of the Sons and Auxiliary in Lafayette, Indiana. It made quite an impression on me. This same item was also printed on the front page of our March-April issue of The Banner.

Sunday, May 5th I went to Mount McGregor, N. Y. to ceremonies held in the Veteran's Auditorium, after which we all went to Lookout Point beyond Grant's Cottage for the flag raising. Past Department Commander Wm. F. Bruckel of New York City and I lowered the old flag and raised the new one. I would like to advise that the Veteran's Hospital has a new lease of life for another year at least, as I am informed that the New York State has made an appropriation that will keep things as is until July 1st, 1958. This will also leave Grant's Cottage and Lookout Point undisturbed until then. What will happen after that I am unable to predict.

Now, a report on recommendations adopted last year at Harrisburg.

That we make formal request of the Department of Internal Revenue to make gifts to our order deductible for tax purposes. Gen. Grant informed me on April 30th that application would have to be made thru the Director of Internal Revenue in New Jersey, where our Income Tax returns are filed, and that he had so advised our National Secretary-Treasurer.

That your Commander-in-Chief and Washington Representative render all possible assistance to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in getting favorable action on their Bill (H.R. 3056) for their incorporation. I have kept in close touch with Margaret Hopkins Worrell of the Ladies and have written members of the Judiciary on this matter. Also, General Grant and Colonel Bauer have tried to help, and I again wrote as late as July 9th and tried to put a special urge and get this Bill out of Committee and favorably passed, so that the Ladies could be notified while in session in Detroit. I know that Brother Fred Colwell has also done the best he could to help get this bill passed.

That we invite the Sons of Confederate Veterans to hold two joint encampments with the Sons of Union Veterans during the coming Civil War Centennial: one in 1961 in the south, one in 1963 in Gettysburg. I am pleased to report that I have had some fine correspondence with Hon. Martin J. Johnson, their Commander-in-Chief, and have extended our invitation. He is very much in favor of this and will take the matter up at their Annual Encampment in November. I have also invited C. in C. Johnson to be our guest at our National Encampment here in Detroit.

That necessary steps be taken for issuing a special commemorative coin of Comrade Albert Woolson, who was the last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic. I hereby report that the Treasury Department is unalterably opposed to issuing any more such coins. Gen. Grant, who was one of the advocates of this coin, now urges that it be dropped, after he received a letter from Mr. W. H. Brett, Director of the Mint; also on receipt of copies of President Eisenhower's vetoes of several like Bills. The letter to Gen. Grant, plus above mentioned vetoes are turned in supplementary to this report and will be available to any desiring to read them.

That the incoming Commander-in-Chief, for the benefit of members in the Departments and in the field, again repeat our resolution of the previous year in the "Banner" about the G.A.R. Property, to again bring out the fact that we are not planning to take anything that belongs to someone else, and to outline the procedure to Camps and Departments for their guidance. Gen. Grant personally took care of this in the Nov.-Dec. issue of the "Banner" on page two, thereby taking this item off my list.

That we invite the Hon. George A. Dondero of Royal Oak, Michigan, to our National Encampment in Detroit, in August. The Hon. Mr. Dondero is an Honorary Associate of the Sons. I invited him to come and get acquainted with the boys and have received word that he will be with us.

I submit herewith four recommendations for your approval.

1. In Constitution and Regulations, Page 22, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 3. After the words "Assistant Secretary," add the following: Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

This would now read as follows:

On assuming office, the Department Commander shall appoint all other Department Officers, and may appoint an Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and such Special Aides as he may deem necessary for such service as he may designate.

2. In Constitution and Regulations, Page 23, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 6, Strike out the word "Permanently" and in its place insert the following: "for the unexpired term." The word permanently is contrary to the intent in filling this office.

This would now read as follows:

Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Department shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank. Such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Department Council.

3. In Constitution and Regulations, Page 13, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 4, delete the following: "permanently by election" and in its place put: "shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Camp Council."

This section would now read as follows:

Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Camp shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank. Such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Camp Council.

4. In Constitution and Regulations, Page 29, Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 1, under the heading of officers.

The National Graves Registration Officer is listed as a National Officer, and in my estimation is a National Officer as much as the National Patriotic Instructor or the National Historian. I recommend that this office be so listed on our new stationery and Commandery-in-Chief Rosters instead of as a Committee Chairman.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Auxiliary National President Margaret S. McKinney for her fine spirit of cooperation and fairness during the year. Working with her has surely been a great pleasure, and I feel we have accomplished a great deal during our visits.

To Gussie Laile Morin, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, it has also been a pleasure to associate with her the many times our paths have crossed, also in mapping out plans for our Annual Encampments.

Twice during our visits all four National Presidents and your Commander-in-Chief were in the same city. The first time was in Columbus, Ohio. We were not all able to get together there; but later, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. we did. The Ladies suggested that we five go in a group to each organization and extend our personal and National Greetings. I am given to understand this has never happened before and establishes a precedent.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven, National Patriotic Instructor Ernest G. Wells, and National Historian Allen F. Spink were in attendance at most of the New England Department Encampments as well as other places. This gave our National a very good representation. Our National Historian, Allen F. Spink represented me on May 30th at the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, New Hampshire and placed the S.U.V. wreath in memory of all our members who had made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country. After the Ceremonies, the participants were invited to be guests at a luncheon by the founder, Mr. Douglas Sloane.

I now extend my sincere thanks to my staff of Officers, Aides, and all others for their fine cooperation during my term of office. This has helped me immeasurably in putting across what I consider a successful administration. It's team work that counts and no one man can do it all.

To Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Louis T. Story and P.D.C. Earl F. Riggs and their wives, a great big thank you for the fine itinerary you worked out for the visitation of National President Margaret McKinney and myself to California, Washington, Oregon



and Colorado this last March. This gave us a chance to meet many of our western members. We took in meetings and receptions evenings, and went sight seeing in the daytime.

To National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; it surely has been a distinct pleasure to have been closely associated with you during my term as Commander-in-Chief. Knowing what a very busy man you are, I have tried not to bother you too often or make a nuisance of myself but have, however, endeavored to keep you advised regarding my visitation trips or anything special which came up during my travels.

In this way, you would know approximately where to contact me in a hurry if you found it necessary. You and I have seen eye to eye the few times I did seek your advice, and I want to express my thanks and appreciation for your prompt replies with help and cooperation.

To all the members in Departments which I was able to visit, I want to tell you how immensely I did enjoy my visitation with you, and want to thank each and every one for the many courtesies shown to Mrs. Howe and myself, and to all Sons of Union Veteran members, your friendship throughout this past year will always remain a precious memory to me.

A golden chain that time will forge,  
With each link a memory to hold us close together,  
Though our paths be near or far  
So let us be friends always,  
No matter where we are.

I want to thank you Brothers for electing me to the highest office within your power to confer on a brother member, and sincerely hope that I have fulfilled your hopes and expectations.

Respectfully submitted,

(Fred E. Howe)  
Commander-in-Chief.

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

**National Counselor Locke:** I move that this report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports; and that all other reports of officers automatically take the same course. (Seconded by National Chaplain Fred E. Colwell, and carried.)

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

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

## MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 19, 1957 — 1:40 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Howe: We are still under Reports of Officers, and will now hear the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief DeHaven:

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

Sanford, Maine  
August 1, 1957

To Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe  
and Members of the 76th Encampment:

Eleven months ago after being inducted into the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief I assumed the duties assigned the first time two years ago to my predecessor Fred E. Howe, then Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, now Commander-in-Chief. Commander Howe was very helpful in starting me off in my duties.

The Council of Administration at Cincinnati adopted the following Resolution: "Put a National Officer to work looking up through Departments and Camps the status of G.A.R. property and meeting places; and organize all efforts to a co-ordinated program. Work with other G.A.R. Affiliates as far as possible, whenever possible."

This is the second year in working out a program. This office can report progress but lots remains to be done. The main stumbling block is the inattention of Department Commanders to requests for information. Last November this office wrote to every Department Commander asking him to give any information he may have as to former G.A.R. property that had not been legally disposed of. Also to contact his Camps for further information and write to me about same. I further asked that he write me before going out of office. This request was also published in the November and January Banners. Notwithstanding these requests, only eight Commanders responded.

Last year, there was some misunderstanding as to the meaning of the Deed given by the late Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Albert Woolson, regarding G.A.R. property. This was or should have been cleared up by the excellent interpretation and exposition in the November Banner by Past Commander-in-Chief General Grant regarding the position of our organization in regard to the Deed.

This office has also made a drive for the collection of G.A.R. Charters, records, pictures and other paraphernalia and relics pertaining to the Civil War. To have them displayed in a Historical building that they may be available for Genealogical research and become a permanent Memorial. Many Camps are now gathering relics for display during the Civil War Centennial. These could be worked into a permanent Memorial.

Following is a result of Departments responding:

#### CALIFORNIA:

In Eureka there was brought to our attention a year ago that there were two sections in the Myrtle Grove Cemetery previously owned by the G.A.R. That the Myrtle Grove Cemetery Association

wished to have title to these and other veterans plots so they could clean the cemetery up, landscape and fence it, and put it in first class shape and then present it to the City; which has indicated they will accept it as a permanent Memorial. Title has been conveyed and there will be no worry as to the future proper maintenance of the graves.

#### CONNECTICUT:

P.D.C. George H. Schmidt has records, books, pictures, and minutes of meetings of the former Post in New Haven and is preparing them for display during the Civil War Centennial. Another Brother has turned the entire second floor of his home into a Civil War Memorial to the G.A.R. and the Veterans from Connecticut.

#### COLORADO and WYOMING:

Department Secretary reported that former Post 22 of Colorado Springs, at their last meeting voted to place all their belongings in the Pioneer Museum and the action was carried out by Camp 5.

#### ILLINOIS:

A letter was received from Department Commander Mattis Schesley saying that information regarding former G.A.R. property would be taken up at their mid-year meeting. This office has received nothing further.

#### MAINE:

There has been stored, for lack of room, in the attic of the State Capitol building many records, relics and other items of Historical value pertaining to the Civil War, its Veterans and the Department of Maine Grand Army of the Republic. Now, a large annex office building has been built which has relieved the Capitol of its crowded condition and a room has been assigned for the purpose of displaying these articles and any others that may be donated. The books and records pertaining to the Civil War and the Maine G.A.R. will be open to public inspection for Genealogical purposes. Maj. Dow, Past Commander of Shepley Camp of Portland, has charge of arranging the room. Recently Miller Camp of Sanford was asked to give up their Hall by the School Department, which owned the building. The Camp kept such paraphernalia as was needed to hold meetings in another Hall, and turned over to the Sanford Historical Committee all Civil War and G.A.R. relics. These were proudly accepted and put on prominent display by the Historical Committee in their rooms.

#### INDIANA:

P.D.C. Alva Reef of Muncie sent in an excellent report on what he and his wife have done in Indiana. This was received when this report was almost ready so is not included. However, he states he had made a similar report to a previous administration. His letter shows a lot of work on G.A.R. property.

#### MASSACHUSETTS:

The Past Commanders Association has adopted a program for the restoration and preservation of G.A.R. Halls, buildings, and monuments—in preparation for the 1861-1865 Centennial. Also to collect Civil War relics and Grand Army mementos and display same. Work has progressed to the extent that articles have already been placed in their new Headquarters in the Cadet Armory Building.

P.D.C. Parker Chandler collected many books, pictures, badges and other relics of the Civil War. These he has turned over to the

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society who will display them together with articles held by the G.A.R. Memorial Association in a new room known as the Grand Army of the Republic room which has been built onto the building of the Historical Society.

#### MINNESOTA:

Knows of no former G.A.R. property that has not been properly disposed of. Former G.A.R. Hall at Linwood is now the property of the Camp who, with their Auxiliary, have been keeping it up for years. There is talk of asking the Anoka County Historical Society to help with preserving it as a Historical Shrine.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Knows of no former G.A.R. property that has not been properly disposed of.

#### OHIO:

Comrade Grate, the last survivor in Ohio gave to a Committee of the Sons, Daughters and Auxiliary the job of closing out the affairs of the Grand Army in Ohio. In Alliance, Comrade Grate made a will leaving all belongings to the three organizations. Plans are being made to place a tablet to show the last meeting place of the Grand Army in Ohio.

#### OREGON and WASHINGTON:

The most diligent of our Department Commanders has been Spencer Leonard, now Past Department Commander. Commander Leonard was an archivist in his own right and had interested himself in looking up the status of former G.A.R. property previous to our entering into the matter. Through his diligence, a former G.A.R. building at Port Angeles, Washington is now a fine Memorial. This property was built by the local Post with the help of the Allied Bodies; and before the Post went out of existence was deeded to the County Commissioners. Two or more years ago, the state decided to build a truck route by the building, and did so. They cut through some of the property, leaving it in such a shape that through pressure of commercial interests the City was thinking of tearing the building down or moving it away. This is when Commander Leonard began real action. He procured from records all the information he needed, and then proceeded to confer with the County Commissioners. The result was that the property was fixed up; the State fixed the road and appurtenances in front of the Hall and the County Commissioners have conceded that it will be kept as a permanent G.A.R. Memorial, where Allied Bodies of the G.A.R. can meet free of hall rent.

The Department of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and National Woman's Relief Corps both sent official thanks to Commander Leonard for his fine accomplishment.

Commander Leonard has for some time, interested himself in former G.A.R. property at Hillsboro, Oregon. This is a little more complicated, and will take some time to clarify but I am in hopes that it will be amicably settled soon.

I understand there has been inquiries to another office regarding properties at Buffalo; Peoria; Marshall, Mich., and Indianapolis. Nothing regarding these properties has come to this office.

To sum up the program adopted by the National two years ago, I believe that there has been some progress. It is slow, to be sure, but when we take into consideration that our Camps are not too numerous and, therefore, the gathering of information is naturally hard to come by. I believe the program should be continued and,

in addition, inquiry be made to our Auxiliary and to Allied Bodies through their National Heads. This could possibly help to get better results.

I recommend:

That the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief continue the inventorying of former G.A.R. Halls, Buildings, and property that were not legally or properly disposed of and to urge the collection of all possible relics of the Civil War as a permanent Memorial to the Civil War Veteran.

My association with Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe has been very pleasaut. He kept me informed from time to time, as to his actions; and this was gratefully appreciated. National Secretary Lambert's assistance is well known. I have enjoyed my work this year, and trust it meets with your expectations. If I have helped the program to progress a little bit, I am satisfied.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

(Albert B. DeHaven)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Thank you, Brother DeHaven. Are you ready with your report, Brother Story?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Story:

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

Compton, California  
208 N. Rose Ave.  
July 29th, 1957

To Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe  
and the Officers and Members of the  
Seventy-Sixth National Encampment.

Having been honored with the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at Harrisburg, Pa., I wish to thank the Encampment for this great privilege of serving the order.

I returned to California in time to attend the meetings of District No. 2 in Long Beach, and the Past Camp Commanders Association meeting in Los Angeles.

I have attended meetings of all the active Camps of the California Department. It is over 500 miles between our Northern and Southern Camps and requires a great deal of time to visit all. In October, I attended the joint meeting of District No. 1 and No. 2 in Fresno. February 9th we held the Lincoln Banquet for all the Allied Orders; and February 10th our Department Mid-winter meeting in Inglewood.

In March, we were honored with a visit of Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe and Mrs. Howe. Mrs. Story and myself had the pleasure of entertaining them. National President Margaret S. McKinney made her official visit at the same time. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Riggs entertained her, and we all went, as one party, to all meetings and places of interest. The Department gave the National Officers a reception in Los Angeles, in which all Camps and Auxiliaries participated. We were very happy to be able to take our distinguished guest to San Francisco, and to banquets and meetings in Fresno and San Jose. California learned to love them very much for their good sportsmanship and devotion to the Order.

Being Department Commander this year, I held my Department Encampment in San Diego, April 28-May 1st. We had a very successful Encampment.

The Past Camp Commanders Association, for the last six months prior to Encampment, had received electrical appliances which were awarded at the close of the Encampment. We raised over \$800.00 this way, for the Grand Army of the Republic Monument, to be placed at the end of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Long Beach. We now have over \$1400.00 in the fund, and wish to double or triple it by the time Long Beach finish their improvements.

Upon returning from the Department Encampment, it was my privilege and honor to install the Officers of several Camps.

I am happy to report that all Camps and Auxiliaries are working in peace and harmony. Yes, we are losing members through death and old age, but we are also taking in new members; and hope to build our Camps to where we will show an increase instead of a loss in membership.

At the request of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven to appoint some one to locate and recover Grand Army property, I appointed P.D.C. Earl Riggs.

At the request of National Highway Chairman, Roy J. Bennett, I appointed three Brothers to serve on his Committee.

Memorial Sunday, I represented the Commandery-in-Chief in the Church Services. On Memorial Day, I represented the Commandery-in-Chief at the cemetery in the morning; and at the combined services of all Patriotic Orders in the afternoon in McArthur Park, Los Angeles.

I promptly replied to all correspondence and requests of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer. I have stressed Membership at all meetings I have attended; and upheld the dignity of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I wrote to all Department Commanders asking them to continue the good work on Membership; also requested the number of new members received this year. To date, I have not received any replies.

I wish to thank the National Encampment for the honor bestowed upon the Department of California and myself.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Commandery-in-Chief in the far west and I hope I have been faithful to the trust placed in me.

Respectfully submitted,

(Louis T. Story)

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Is the National Patriotic Instructor ready with his report at this time?

National Patriotic Instructor Wells:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Cambridge, Mass.

August 1, 1957

Fred E. Howe,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Having endeavoured to conduct my efforts in this office, under your administration, to advance the Sons of Union Veterans of the

Civil War, there is one tangible and visible evidence of accomplishment that I am very pleased to report.

As a result of our part in the "Get-Out-The-Vote" Campaign in the 1956 General Election, we have had presented to us a beautiful framed Certificate of Award by The American Heritage Foundation for Outstanding Public Service in the Annual Non-Partisan, "Register, Inform Yourself, and Vote" campaign of 1956. This award is on display at this station.

My thanks to those Brothers, Camps and Departments, who so effectively participated in this most worthwhile project.

This is, however, a continuing campaign and I recommend to my successor that he carry on the work "thus far so nobly advanced." A greater exercise of voting privilege will obviously result in more representative government.

Our "Councils for United Patriotic Action" has been further developed. All Departments have been urged to take part in this movement.

With the invaluable assistance of the then Department Commander John L. Day, and Past Commander-in-Chief Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, a Massachusetts Council for United Patriotic Action has been set up and has had three meetings, with representatives from a number of other patriotic groups.

A local community project, the Roxbury Council for United Patriotic Action, has been established, and will hold its first meeting October 1, 1957.

This movement can very well act also as a "liaison group" between the various local patriotic societies and our Civil War Centennial Committees (when established) and, thus, help to retain control of this latter activity in our hands.

There has been some confusion between this project of ours and the idea of local Allied Veteran Groups. Let us try to clear this up. We intend in no way to be competitors of veterans' posts in their community work, but rather to supplement and assist them by acting as a "clearing house" for the patriotic activities of all good local citizens, whether eligible to these various societies or not.

Eligibles to all our organizations are discovered in this manner.

Once again, Pennsylvania "rings the bell" with the most completely and effectively prepared Department Patriotic Instructor's Report. A Certificate of Merit has been forwarded to Brother Ivan E. Frantz of York, Pennsylvania; and our congratulations to the then Department Commander Chester S. Shriver for his good judgment in appointing this painstaking and diligent officer.

We are indebted to Mattis Schesley III, Illinois Dept. Commander, and Dr. Arthur W. Stillian, his then Department Patriotic Instructor, for evidence of their excellent patriotic activity.

Other commendable, although partial, patriotic reports came from Ohio Senior Vice Department Commander, Fred Pflester, Jr.; Connecticut Past Department Commander Geo. H. Schmidt; Ross C. Smith of Indiana Department; Patriotic Instructor Robert S. Valteau of Maryland; Department Patriotic Instructor Robert L. Wood of Massachusetts; Department Patriotic Instructor E. Waller Lewis of Rhode Island; and Department Patriotic Instructor Benjamin H. Rose of Connecticut.

Special mention is made of that excellent patriotic publication "The Camp 10 News," edited by New Hampshire Past Department Commander Leonard A. Wyman for his local Camp and Auxiliary.

An exceptional contribution has been made to our Civil Defense System by Patriotic Instructor Emerson Whitman of H. M. Warren

Camp No. 34, Wakefield, Mass., by his submission of complete working drawings of a telephone set-up to be used in smaller communities, in place of the Conelrad system used in large cities.

The past issues of "The Banner" are a treasure trove of inspiration and invaluable methods to improve our Order in every respect.

For instance, Connecticut Past Department Commander Bert DeForest, in his column "O'er The Ramparts" in the August 1939 issue, had a number of excellent and practical suggestions for the enhancement of interest in Camp meetings.

It is my contention that our Order has, and has ever had, every requisite necessary for success as an organization—everything that is, except the popular fancy. That, Brothers, is now in the process of becoming ours and, the closer we approach the 100th Anniversary of the Civil War, the more the popular fancy will be ours.

Among the activities that I have informed our Departments about are the Union Carbide free scholarships, the activities of the Citizens Committee for The Hoover Report, and those of the American Coalition.

Pursuant to the adopted recommendation of the then Commander-in-Chief Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, in his report at the 75th National Encampment, relative to the encouragement of closer relations with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, I have strived throughout my term of office to further this notable policy. It is a pleasure to report success. Our BANNER has published a number of instances of various efforts in conjunction with the Loyal Legion; as, for instance, a Joint Meeting of the Massachusetts Commandery and the Officers of our Greater Boston Camps.

My thanks to Maine Past Department Commander Maurice Warner for his thorough handling of information on our new forms for Patriotic Instructor's Reports in his last Department Orders. He has also promised us information relative to some very interesting "Flag-Burning Ceremonies" that he is presently sponsoring in his Department.

Apropos of our new Patriotic Instructor's Report forms, instruction was given at our last Encampment that this office devise these new forms. This assignment has been carried to fruition and we are grateful to our National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert for his efficient implementation. Details were published in THE BANNER and all Departments were further instructed by form letters and samples.

Incidentally, I am further and much more deeply indebted to Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert for his constructive criticism, creative encouragement, and generous allowance of space in the column allotted to this office in THE BANNER.

My visitations for the year were altogether too numerous to treat in detail; so I'm attaching a brief list to this report. At a number of these affairs I had the honor to be the guest speaker. One of the most enjoyable experiences was when our Commander-in-Chief Fred Howe installed the Rhode Island Department and gave me the privilege of serving as his Installing Guide.

Some progress was made in our sponsorship of The American Museum of Immigration. I know of three donors (I was one of them). However, the Illinois Department was responsible for some excellent radio publicity on their behalf and I have helped them to some fine newspaper publicity, as well as enlisting the RETREADS into their service.

We must call to your attention the outstanding promotion that the New England Regional Association is doing for our Order in their Departments, particularly in bringing The Grand Army of the



Republic in memoriam to the Coast Guard Academy's Commencement Exercises on June 1st, by presenting a suitably inscribed dress sword to the cadet with the highest military proficiency. Incidentally, it will be of interest to you to know that your National Historian, Allen Spink, was also Regional Commander at this great event.

It is also a pleasure to report that I was able to represent you with a radio address for this Association on Station WLNH, Laconia, N. H., on July 20th.

Stamp collecting services to hospitalized veterans were continued.

#### Recommendation No. 1

##### NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

It is recommended that this Encampment establish a standing Committee, to be known as "The National Civil War Centennial Committee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and to serve from now until the end of the Centennial in 1965.

Its purposes will be to facilitate and encourage planning on every level (national, departmental, and local), both within and outside our Order, in preparation for proper observances of the Centennial of the Civil War from 1961 to 1965.

The sitting Commander-in-Chief, each year, to make whatever appointments or changes he may consider necessary for the efficiency of this Committee.

It is, however, further recommended that one permanent officer be elected by this Encampment to this Committee, to preserve a continuity of purpose and planning and to avoid the periods of vacuum in effort and responsibility that are concomitant before and after each change of administration. The National Council of Administration is to be empowered to replace this permanent officer, by vote of two-thirds of their membership at a stated meeting, in the event of his resignation, death, or incapacitating illness, or other reasonable and sufficient cause plainly reported to the national body at the succeeding National Encampment.

To persuade those who think that three years is too long to prepare for our coming Civil War Centennial, let me suggest that, aside from the actual planning (and our studies alone will require all that time), the published news of the activities of our various Civil War Centennial Committees will take advantage of the currently growing public interest in the period of history we represent and will further enable us to seek out and win over "Eligibles."

As a point of information, the Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Committee has already held its first meeting and has its planning already well under way.

#### Recommendation No. 2

##### THE AMERICAN COALITION

It is recommended that we continue our association with The American Coalition, as a constant source of currently vital and reliable information on matters of national and international import.

#### Recommendation No. 3

##### THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION

It is recommended that we continue our support of The American Museum of Immigration along the same lines as we have this past year. It is most fitting that this Order be associated with the building of this National Shrine at the foot of The Statute of Liberty.

## Recommendation No. 4

## MISCELLANEOUS

The following suggestions may be approved or rejected all together or one at a time.

(a) A form letter to a Camp Brother before the beginning of the Camp year.

(b) A form letter to an eligible.

(c) A Poster for use on the Bulletin Boards of Veterans' Posts.

(d) The printing and dissemination of G.A.R. stamps (along the line of Christmas seals) as a means of raising funds and publicizing our Order at the same time.

(e) The purchase and dissemination of Congratulatory Cards for New Voters as a patriotic service and an excellent means of worthwhile publicity.

## VISITATIONS

## 1956

- Sept. 15—First Massachusetts Council for United Patriotic Action—Melrose, Mass.
- Sept. 22—Reception to Mrs. Kate Heiman, Department President of Massachusetts Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Westfield, Mass.
- Sept. 29—(Afternoon) Exemplification of Ritual by Auxiliary Past Presidents Association of Massachusetts—Boston, Mass.
- Sept. 29—(Evening) Reception to Mrs. Mildred Grainger, Department President of the Massachusetts Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic—Worcester, Mass.
- Oct. 7—Installation as Honorary Chaplain of Ensign Worth Bagley Camp No. 6, United Spanish War Veterans—Charlestown, Mass.
- Oct. 13—Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary Fair—Worcester, Mass.
- Oct. 20—Reception to John L. Day, Massachusetts Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans—Boston, Mass.
- Oct. 27, 28—New England Regional Conference—Augusta, Maine.
- Dec. 1—Massachusetts Friendly Relations Banquet of Allied Orders of G.A.R.—Malden, Mass.
- Dec. 7—Presided as Chairman of Second Massachusetts Council for United Patriotic Action—Melrose, Mass.
- Dec. 15—Massachusetts Past Commanders Association—Boston, Mass.

## 1957

- Jan. 9—Speaker at Joint Meeting of Greater Boston Camps with Massachusetts Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion—Boston, Mass.
- Feb. 9—Speaker at Lincoln Birthday Banquet of Rhode Island Grand Army of the Republic Association—Providence, R. I.
- Feb. 12—City of Boston Observance of Lincoln's Birthday at the Great Emancipator Statue—Boston, Mass.
- Feb. 12—Open House at Headquarters of Massachusetts Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion—Boston, Mass.
- Feb. 16—Lincoln-Washington Banquet by Massachusetts Past Commanders and Past Presidents Associations—Boston, Mass.
- Feb. 22—Governor's Reception, Hall of Flags, State House—Boston, Mass.
- Feb. 23—Lincoln-Washington Banquet, Plymouth Country Assoc.—Whitman, Mass.
- Feb. 24—Massachusetts Women's Patriotic Conference, Faneuil Hall—Boston, Mass.
- March 16, 17—New England Regional Conference—Bellows Falls, Vt.

- March 30—Dinner and Reception to Margaret S. McKinney, our Auxiliary National President—Philadelphia, Pa.  
 April 6—31st Annual Banquet, North Metropolitan District, Association—Malden, Mass.  
 April 12—New Hampshire Department Encampment—Concord, N. H.  
 April 13—Commander-in-Chief's Installing Guide at Rhode Island Department Encampment—Providence, R. I.  
 April 19—Committee Member—Roxbury's Patriot's Day Association Celebration—Ride of William Dawes—Roxbury, Mass.  
 May 3, 4, 5—Massachusetts Department Encampment—Boston, Mass.  
 May 18, 19—Speaker at Connecticut Department Encampment—New Haven, Conn.  
 May 24—Speaker at Annual Memorial Service of Bay State Camp No. 61, Hall of Flags, State House—Boston, Mass.  
 June 1—Presentation of Dress Sword by New England Regional Association at Coast Guard Academy Commencement Exercises—New London, Conn.  
 July 20—Radio Address at Station WLNH—Laconia, N. H.  
 July 20, 21—New England Regional Association Conference—The Weirs, Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H.

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL FUND

The following is a list of the outright donations to The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

Department of California and Pacific	Total
Earl F. Riggs, \$1.00; J. Val Loebel, \$1.00; Wm. R. Cohen \$1.00; Jas. Holmes, \$2.00; Stanton Camp, \$1.00; Stanton Auxiliary, \$1.00	\$7.00
<b>Department of Connecticut</b>	
Chester Hathaway, \$2.00; Camp 25, Ansonia, \$5.00; Allen F. Spiuk, \$1.00; G. Leon Lewis, \$2.00	10.00
<b>Department of Illinois</b>	
Paul Herschel, Jr., \$12.50; B. F. Fleming, \$1.00; Department of Illinois, \$60.00	73.50
<b>Department of Indiana</b>	
Raleigh Yingst, \$5.00	5.00
<b>Department of Iowa</b>	
Jacob Kirchner, \$10.00; Department of Iowa, \$10.00	20.00
<b>Department of Maine</b>	
Albert B. DeHaven, \$5.00; Maurice Warner, \$1.00	6.00
<b>Department of Maryland</b>	
U. S. Grant, 3rd, \$25.00	25.00
<b>Department of Massachusetts</b>	
Ernest G. Wells, \$50.00; Mary Sampson, \$1.00; Ira Buxton, \$2.00; Dana Lincoln, \$1.00; Camp 12, Oxford, \$5.00; Francis Hubbard, \$1.00; Minnie Medeiros, \$1.00; Parker Chandler, \$1.00; Camp 1, Lynn, \$2.00; Marilla Haskins, \$1.00; Maude Warren, \$1.00; Ralph Bickmore, \$1.00; Barbara Brown, \$1.00; John L. Day, \$2.00	70.00

Department of Michigan	
Guy Moshier, \$1.00; Camp 14, \$1.00 .....	2.00
Department of Missouri	
Ethelyn Gray, \$1.00 .....	1.00
Department of New Hampshire	
J. Kirkwood Craig, \$1.00; Ethelyn's Granite Chips, \$1.00 .....	2.00
Department of Kansas	
Camp 16, \$1.00; Charles Katterman, Jr., \$1.00 .....	2.00
Department of New Jersey	
Ella G. Reeger, \$5.00; Allen Temple, \$2.00; Jennie Pritchard, \$1.00; Morgan R. Seiffert, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Murphy, \$5.00; Albert C. Lambert, \$5.00; Jas. Steenwerth, \$3.00; John L. Votta, \$10.00; Fred H. Combs, Sr., \$5.00; Louise Epple, \$1.00; Department of New Jersey, \$25.00 .....	64.00
Department of New York	
DuPont-Eiseman Camp 2, \$5.00; Harmon Hershey, \$1.00; Fred E. Howe, \$5.00; S. Grove McClellan, \$10.00; Allied Orders, New York City, \$1.00; Charles F. Sherman, \$1.00; Alma Evans, \$1.00; Chas. L. Messer, \$5.00; Boys of Ward Island, \$1.00 .....	30.00
Department of Ohio	
Fred Pfister, Jr., \$5.00; H. J. Turner, \$1.00; Henry Shreader, \$1.00 .....	7.00
Department of Oregon and Washington	
Camp 17, Eugene, Ore., \$5.00; Frederick K. Davis, \$10.00; Department of Oregon and Washington, \$10.00 .....	25.00
Department of Pennsylvania	
Robert E. Swayne, \$2.00; Mary F. Maier, \$1.00; Frank Townsend, \$1.00; C. LeRoy Stoudt, \$5.00; Camp 16, Reading, \$5.00; E. A. Shoop, \$2.00; Charles Carman, \$1.00; Robert Arnold, \$1.00; Camp 31, \$2.00; Camp 149, \$2.00; John E. Sautter, \$5.00; Frank M. Heacock, \$1.00 .....	28.00
Department of Minnesota	
Camp S, \$5.00 .....	5.00
Department of Rhode Island	
Department of Rhode Island, \$25.00 .....	25.00
Department of Vermont	
James Lyford, \$1.00 .....	1.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED .....</b>	<b>\$408.50</b>

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
(Ernest G. Wells)  
National Patriotic Instructor.

(Applause followed by the Encampment, after which the Report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

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

National Secretary Lambert:

## REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Trenton, N. J.  
August 10, 1957

Mr. Fred E. Howe  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

1. It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you, and to the members of the 76th National Encampment, a report of the fiscal transactions of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer for the year ending July 1, 1957. The books, records, assets, etc., have been audited by the J. S. Tuenon & Co., Certified Public Accountants. Their audit and survey and certified copies of their report are furnished to the Council of Administration, and to the Congress of the United States. The statistical supplement to this report furnishes excerpts from their report.

2. Your attention is called to the fact that the balance in the General Fund has decreased during the past fiscal year, in spite of the increase in per capita tax. This trend will continue as long as the membership continues to decrease. We are rapidly approaching a crisis which must be faced before we can expect to really build numerically. Many Departments and Camps lack the imagination and initiative necessary to become an influence in their communities. This combined with petty differences has made them ineffective, and more losses can be expected because of their inertia.

3. The one bright feature of our financial structure is the Permanent Fund. The income from this source may well be the deciding factor in the crisis which is sure to come. An examination of this fund discloses an increase during the year in the amount of \$1,676.66. This is made up of revenue from interest and dividends; by donations to the Honor Roll Fund; by Life Membership fees; and by generous donations by loyal and interested members. One of the best ways to assure perpetuation of our Order is for more of our loyal members to support the Permanent Fund. Particular appreciation should be extended to Brother U. S. Grant, 3rd, for his generous contribution to the Permanent Fund.

4. During the year Quarterly Report blanks have been furnished to each Department; a National Roster has been issued; Banner subscriptions have been solicited and received; donations have been received for both the Patriotic Instructor's and Chief of Staff's funds; the Proceedings of the 1956 National Encampment were edited, published and distributed; ballots were distributed to Departments covering their action on Constitutional Amendments; the investments and income of the Permanent Fund were supervised; minutes and actions of the Council of Administration were edited and reported; a perpetual inventory of supplies has been kept and orders for supplies have been filled; daily correspondence on varied questions has been promptly answered.

5. The Banner has been published at modest cost. Camps are again reminded of the advisability of having every member receive The Banner. So often the non-attending member receives nothing throughout the year but a notice for dues. The member that does

not attend Camp meetings is the one that needs The Banner to be advised of what his organization is accomplishing.

6. During the year the following Brothers have paid the required fee, and have been elected to Life Membership:

Richard Wingate Bauer—Massachusetts Department  
 Albert C. Lambert—New Jersey Department  
 Fred E. Howe—New York Department

7. The following Constitutional Amendment was adopted at the 75th National Encampment held last year at Harrisburg, Pa.

Article 9—Amendments (Page 6)

On line four, following "approval by some Department"  
 add the following:  
 "or by the Council of Administration"

This amendment was submitted to the several Departments for their consideration at the 1957 Department Encampments with the following results:

Unanimously approved by the Departments of California and Pacific; Connecticut; Illinois; Iowa; Kansas; Maine; Maryland; Massachusetts; Minnesota; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New York; Rhode Island; Wisconsin.

No action on the Amendment was reported by the other Departments. As fourteen Departments have approved, which is more than 50% as required by the Constitution, this Amendment has been adopted in accordance with Article IX of the Constitution.

8. Again this year our Order was the guest of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion at the Lincoln Birthday exercises at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. on February 12th. Then on April 15, a tradition was established when we sponsored a wreath laying ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois with the members of the Loyal Legion as our guests. Both were outstanding examples of public spirited leadership in patriotic endeavor and it is to be hoped that each year will witness an increased participation on the part of our membership. Therefore, I offer the following

RECOMMENDATION—That the Budget Committee be instructed to include an appropriation in the sum of \$100.00 to defray expense incident to these two celebrations.

9. In a letter from the United States Treasury Department dated April 17, 1957, we are advised as follows:

Departments and Camps are exempted from paying Federal Income Tax under Section 101 (8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 which corresponds to Section 501 (c) (4) of the Code of 1954. However annual information returns must be filed (Form 990) on or before the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of the annual accounting period.

Contributions made to the National Organization, Departments, or Camps are deductible by donors in computing their taxable income in the manner and to the extent provided by Section 170 of the Code of 1954.

10. Social changes are inevitable. No business or organization could exist today and still use methods and procedures adopted in the nineteenth century, and yet that is exactly what we are attempting to do.

With the increase of communication and transportation, urban living is limited. Our Camp members now live upward of 50 miles

from the Camp headquarters instead of in the immediate neighborhood as they once did. Camps holding frequent meetings with little or no business to transact cannot expect these members to travel great distances.

Many Departments are under strength provided in the C. & R., both as to number of Camps and number of members. These Departments and many others no longer render a useful service to their Camps, but merely assess additional per capita tax without furnishing the leadership or incentive needed.

Attendance at some of these Department Encampments is less than would be expected at a Camp meeting. It would be far better for these Camps to be affiliated as Camps-at-large in the National Organization. When this occurs, we might well provide for Regions or Districts to replace the present inadequate and ineffective Department meeting.

11. It would be unfortunate and a dismal commentary if the meaning of the Civil War is forgotten in the distraction of our times. If the flag did not fly, and there were no thoughts of what the Grand Army of the Republic stood for—freedom, in all that the word in its best sense implies. It is well for the American people to know about them, and it is a challenge to us to inform them that the nation's history is bright with the record of those who have gladly sacrificed their all in order that it might continue, under God, in freedom.

A lot of American heroes and great and inspiring moments in U. S. history have been fading out of textbooks used in our public schools. Our children are being denied these true stories of American courage and love of country which did so much to keep American backbones stiff and chins up in times of national crisis such as the Civil War and World Wars I and II. We should stir up some thinking and talking about this nation's glorious story—and, more important, our youngsters will like them. We should tell the story of the lives of great Americans and great moments in American history which history rates as having been true to the principles on which this country was founded, and as having influenced large numbers of their fellow citizens to do their best to live up to those principles.

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

Sincerely in F.C. & L.

(Albert C. Lambert)  
National Secretary-Treasurer.

## NAT'L TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 1956 to JULY 1, 1957

	General Fund	Legis- lative Comm.	G.A.R. Fund	Chief of Staff Fund	Perm. Fund
Balance July 1, 1956 .....	\$3,102.67	42.77	1,335.56		242.77
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Per Capita Tax .....	5,768.05				
New Member Fees .....	14.00				
Supplies .....	1,111.20				
Banner Subscriptions .....	1,040.80				
Registration Fee—Harrisburg .....	294.00				
Gift—Auxiliary .....	500.00				
Charter Fee .....	15.00				
Detroit Convention Bureau—Adver. ....	100.00				
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor 1955-1956 ...			206.50		
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor 1956-1957 ...			239.50		
Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt .....				79.75	
Donation—U. S. Grant 3rd .....					750.00
Donation—R. G. Landis .....					10.00
Donation—A. Waller Lewis, Jr. ....					10.00
Donation—Frederic G. Bauer .....					5.00
Donation—Honor Roll Fund .....					200.00
Life Membership Fees .....					300.00
Interest on U. S. Bonds .....					80.00
Dividends on Common Stock .....					315.00
Member at Large Dues .....					20.00
	\$8,843.05		446.00	79.75	1,690.00
	11,945.72	42.77	1,781.56	79.75	1,932.77

### DISBURSEMENTS

Supplies .....	1,351.55				
The Banner .....	2,043.48				
The Banner—Special Woolson Issue ..	245.68				
Commander-in-Chief 1955-1956 .....	776.93				
Commander-in-Chief 1956-1957 .....	1,000.00				
Salaries .....	1,200.00				
F. I. C. A. ....	49.50				
Encampment Expense .....	529.39				
Rent .....	400.00				
P. C. in C. Badge .....	142.84				
Proceedings—1956 .....	662.00				
Office Expense—Postage—Tel.—Express	363.78				
C. P. A. Audit .....	100.00				
Surety Bonds .....	68.75				
Testimonial—C. in C. Bauer .....	140.00				
Miscellaneous—Flowers .....	30.39				
Lincoln Monument Expense .....	43.90				
Lincoln Tomb Expense .....	47.76				
Detroit Convention Bureau—Adver. ...	100.00				
Congressional Record .....		10.20			
Grave Marking Committee .....			25.00		
G. A. R. Highway Committee .....			50.00		
Flowers—Comrade Woolson .....			35.00		



	General Fund	Legis- lative Comm.	G.A.R. Fund	Chief of Staff Fund	Perm. Fund
Dewey Mead—Expense Com. Woolson . . . . .			150.00		
Frederic G. Bauer—Woolson Funeral . . . . .			162.62		
Lincoln University Scholarship . . . . .			300.00		
American Coalition . . . . .			40.00		
Blue Prints and Printing . . . . .			21.30		
Chief of Staff Printing . . . . .				23.40	
Six Shares Amer. Tel. & Tel. purchased . . . . .					857.79
Interest on Life Memberships . . . . .					13.34
	<u>9,295.95</u>	<u>10.20</u>	<u>783.92</u>	<u>23.40</u>	<u>871.13</u>
<i>Balance July 1, 1957</i> . . . . .	\$2,649.77	32.57	997.64	56.35	1,061.64

## JULY 1, 1957

## Permanent Fund

	Book Value
Series "G" United States Bonds (Expire Nov. 1957) . . . . .	\$3,200.00
29 Shares Amer. Telephone & Telegraph (Market val. \$5,038.75) . . . . .	4,884.30
60 Shares Public Service Corp. N. J. (Market val. \$1,770.00) . . . . .	1,739.59
Cash . . . . .	1,061.64
	<u>\$10,885.53</u>

## Stock and Supplies Account

Cost supplies on hand 7-1-56	\$2,472.95	Received for supplies . . . . .	\$1,111.20
Obsolete supplies discarded	253.52	Cost of supplies sold . . . . .	901.34
	<u>2,217.43</u>	Profit on supplies . . . . .	\$209.86
Cost of supplies purchased	1,351.55		
	<u>3,568.98</u>		
Cost supplies on hand 7-1-57	2,667.64		
Cost of supplies sold . . . . .	\$901.34		

## Comparative Balance Sheet

	June 30, 1957	June 30, 1956
<b>CASH</b>		
General Fund . . . . .	\$2,649.77	\$3,102.67
G. A. R. Fund . . . . .	997.64	1,335.56
Legislative Committee . . . . .	32.57	42.77
Chief of Staff Fund . . . . .	56.35	
Permanent Fund . . . . .	1,061.64	242.77
UNITED STATES BONDS . . . . .	3,200.00	3,200.00
COMMON STOCKS . . . . .	6,623.89	5,766.10
INVENTORY SUPPLIES AT COST . . . . .	2,667.64	2,472.95
	<u>\$17,289.50</u>	<u>\$16,162.82</u>

## NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1956-57

Departments	Good standing June 30, 1956		GAIN Camps Members	LOSS Camps Members		Good standing June 30, 1957		Associates Included	Delegate Representation
	Camps Members	377		Camps Members	114	Camps Members	301		
Calif. & Pac.	17	377	38	4	114	13	301	9	7
Colo. & Wyo.	4	68	4	1	18	3	54	1	2
Connecticut	20	397	1	1	52	19	346	..	8
Illinois	12	154	7	..	14	12	147	..	4
Indiana	10	127	3	..	13	10	117	..	3
Iowa	6	89	22	..	11	6	100	1	3
Kansas	7	73	..	1	16	6	57	..	2
Maine	20	403	5	1	63	19	345	..	8
Maryland	6	72	4	..	4	6	72	..	2
Massachusetts	79	1295	27	6	186	73	1130	..	24
Michigan	9	223	33	2	40	8	216	5	5
Minnesota	6	87	1	..	12	6	76	..	3
New Hampshire	12	197	1	..	9	12	189	..	5
New Jersey	16	340	12	..	29	16	323	4	7
New York	30	692	23	1	69	38	646	..	14
Ohio	31	462	2	4	115	29	376	..	9
Ore. & Wash	5	99	25	3	37	3	87	..	3
Pennsylvania	51	1066	83	2	251	51	898	12	19
Rhode Island	12	162	5	4	4	12	163	1	4
Vermont	14	218	1	1	19	13	200	1	5
Wisconsin	7	108	25	1	45	7	88	3	3
Camp 21, So. Carolina	1	16	..	..	..	1	16	..	1
Camp 4, Missouri	1	18	..	..	..	1	18	..	1
Camp 30, Missouri	1	5	..	..	..	1	5	..	1
Nat'l Camp at Large	..	..	1	3	..	1	3	..	1
	386	6748	8	28	1121	366	5979	36	144

## RECAPITULATION

	Camps	Members
Good Standing 6-30-1956	386	6748
Gain	8	352
	394	7100
Loss	28	1121
Good Standing 6-30-1957	366	5979

Camps Organized: Camp 2, Detroit, Mich.; Camp 1, Seattle, Wash.; Nat'l Camp at Large.  
 Camps Reinstated: Camp 466, Cleveland, Ohio (twice); Camp 37, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Camp 6, Allentown, Pa.; Camp 34, Mt. Carmel, Pa.  
 Camps Suspended, Dropped, Disbanded: Cal. & Pac.; Camps 5, Santa Cruz; 19, Modesto; 23, Riverside, Colo. & Wyo.; Camp 2, Ft. Collins, Conn.; Camp 54, Forestville, Kansas; Camp 13, Kansas City, Maine; Camp 19, Westbrook, Mass.; Camps 22, Middleboro; 36, E. Weymouth; 47, Norwood; 94, Marlboro; 108, Pittsfield; 125, Fiskdale, Mich.; Camp 12, Kalamazoo, New York; Camp 167, N. Y. Ohio; Camps 13, Zanesville; 340, Canton; 468 Cleveland (twice), Ore. & Wash.; Camps 6, Salem; 16, Grand Rapids, Mich.; 16, Yankton, S. Dak.; 16, Allentown, Pa.; 24, Mt.

(Applause by the Encampment followed, after which the Report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you, Brother Lambert. It has indeed been a pleasure to be associated with you during the past year; and I have enjoyed it a great deal.

Is the National Chaplain ready with his report?

**National Chaplain Fred E. Colwell:**

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Rochester, N. Y.  
August 12, 1957

Brother Fred E. Howe, Commander-in-Chief  
Officers and Delegates  
76th Annual National Encampment  
Detroit, Michigan  
August 18-22, 1957

Your appointment of me to the exalted Station of National Chaplain of our beloved Order came as a distinct surprise and a signal honor. In the years long past during which we have worked together in full accord and harmony I was reluctant to say "No" and yet I realized, as a layman, that so many of my predecessors had been goodly Brothers of the cloth, it would be difficult for me to measure up to their high standards of training and experience. The past year has been one of most pleasing work with you as it was with our ever faithful Sisters of our Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic who have been most loyal and cooperative. I salute you, one and all, in full appreciation of your patience and kindly consideration. In these days of so many competitive activities and time-saving devices, I am concerned over the growing tendency to neglect the former high standing of our Camp Chaplains and our all-too-often willingness to forego the functions of his Station.

For seventy-six years we have followed the example of our God-fearing Grand Army of the Republic with our earnest supplication to our Heavenly Father to give us the wisdom and foresight to follow His will in all our deliberations and to seek His all-wise Counsel at the very start of our meetings. In this we have set a most exemplary example for all to see; and to this practice we must faithfully adhere if we are to hope for His continued blessings.

I would respectfully recommend that each Department Commander insist that his Camp Chaplains commit our opening and closing ritual prayers to memory. If we become so pressed for time and in such a hurry to adjourn that we give ear to some well-meaning but ill-advised Brother who offers a motion to "open without form," then we are but hastening the day when we shall sing our song of requiem.

To say that I have enjoyed all the pleasant experiences of the past year is a gross understatement. Not because of any accomplishment of my own but because of my increasing respect for the high Station of our National Chaplain; not so much to the man as an individual as to the office which he holds which has been our bulwark of hope and faith in the past and must continue to be just



that in the years to come if we are to continue our regard for our future as an organization.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

(Fred E. Colwell)  
National Chaplain.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Brother Locke, are you ready with your report as National Counselor at this time?

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I really have no report to make. The Commander-in-Chief, during the past year, has carried on the affairs of his office in such a capable and completely able manner that he has not had to call on me very much. So, my job has been very easy.

I have been mostly concerned and intensely interested in one of the most important projects of this organization—the acquisition of the G.A.R. property conveyed to us by Comrade Woolson. There is a vast amount of property, in this country of ours, owned by G.A.R. Posts; and that property should belong to the people where those Posts were located—and it is one of our greatest problems and projects to see that it remains there in the community where it belongs, for the benefit of the people of that community.

Another part of the G.A.R. property which I feel is quite valuable are the minutes of the Post meetings, and, particularly, the Rosters of each Post. Some of those minutes, rosters, and other information pertaining to the Posts has been placed in Libraries and other public buildings in the various communities where the Posts existed. The value of these records is not a monetary one—but is of important historical and genealogical value to the community where it belongs, and we feel that is where those records should go, and be preserved. A great deal has not been accomplished in that direction, up to the present, but we hope by another year, to give a more favorable report on this part of the program.

It has been a privilege to serve you in the capacity of National Counselor, Brother Howe; and I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Thank you, Brother Locke. It was a pleasure to have had you as my Counselor.

I might say that I had quite a lot of correspondence with Brother Locke on the observance held at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, on April 15—which was a very fine ceremony; and I want to make mention of the excellent co-operation we had from the Loyal Legion in connection with this event. We feel this is the beginning of a new regime—with the Sons taking the lead and inviting the Loyal Legion to participate. I think it is an excellent thing for us to do.

Brother Stoudt, are you ready with the report of the National Chief of Staff?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, the greater part of that report is devoted to the listing of contributions; and since I am still receiving money for that fund, I would like to delay my report until such time as I can give one which is complete.

Commander-in-Chief Howe: That is perfectly all right. If the National Historian is ready, we will now hear his report.

National Historian Spink:

## REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

175 Ridgewood Road,  
West Hartford 7, Conn.  
August 4, 1957

To: Commander-in-Chief Howe, and the  
Members of the 76th Annual Encampment  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## Brothers:

I have received, from the members of our Order and members of our Auxiliary, clippings, programs, pictures, etc., that are on file in a two drawer steel transfer file case (personal property) in the office of your National Historian until such time as a more suitable place can be provided. All of this material is greatly appreciated and sincerely acknowledged.

Copies of The Banner, our national publication, have been properly filed.

Your Historian was presented, at the Department of Rhode Island Encampment April 13, 1957, held in Providence, a set of books entitled "Adjutant General's Report 1865—Register of Rhode Island Volunteers 1861-1865." Would it not be a splendid idea to have in his office such a list of men who served in the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865 from each State?

There are possibly laying around in the archives of Camps or Department Headquarters, the attics of some ones homes, or extra copies in the State Capitol Buildings. If such a set could be obtained, by some of our brothers, and sent to the National Historian, it would be in one central location within our Order. Brothers could get information of men who served in the Armed Forces in 1861-1865. (The necessary information to fill out applications for membership in our Order.) To this collection could be added any books of Civil War History—Grand Army History—and any book pertaining to the Civil War period.

Again I ask each Department Commander to send in to the Office of the National Historian the name and address of his Department Historian. The Office of Department Historian was approved by the approval of a recommendation passed at the National Encampment last year. Possibly some of the data received by me has come from such an Officer, but in very few cases have I received a Department Historian's name and address.

At the request of Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, I make his report of the Ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb at Springfield, Illinois a part of this report. (Action of the Encampment on this matter, and report of Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin follow this report.)

I have had the pleasure, this year, to assist our Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe in representing our national body at each of the six New England States Department Encampments. It was also my pleasure to serve as Commander of the New England Regional Association this year.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE, CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES  
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

On May 30th I was delegated by Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe to represent him at a Memorial Observance at the Altar of the Nation at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire.

On behalf of Brother Howe and the Members of our Order, it was an extreme pleasure to lay a Wreath at the Altar in memory of those of our Order whose lives were sacrificed in war service.

These exercises were of a solemn nature with tributes from the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Governor of each State and Territory and National Patriotic and Fraternal Organizations.

Congressman Perkins Bass represented President Eisenhower and was the principal orator.

The purchase of the wreath was handled by our Commander-in-Chief and our National Secretary-Treasurer.

Brother Howe: Thank you for the pleasure and privilege of serving you as your National Historian, and the privilege of officially representing you at the Cathedral of the Pines. May you have a successful and profitable Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

(Allen F. Spink)  
National Historian.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

#### CEREMONY AT THE LINCOLN TOMB AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

April 15, 1957

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin read the following report of this ceremony:

##### THE BIRTH OF A TRADITION

In a history making occasion on Monday, April 15, 1957, the 92nd anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln was observed in a simple ceremony at the cenotaph within his tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

This was in accordance with a resolution adopted at our 75th National Encampment at Harrisburg, Pa. to the effect that our Order, at the national level, initiate and sponsor annually such a ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, on or near the anniversary date of his death; and that we invite the Military Order of the Loyal Legion to participate therein, even as we have, in previous years, been invited to participate with the Loyal Legion in a similar wreath-laying ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on the birth-date anniversary.

##### The Ceremony:

In placing the wreath for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe repeated the words of Lincoln's farewell to his friends in Springfield. This famous farewell address, together with the story of its delivery is given following this narrative.

In placing wreaths on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and their "Dames," Commander-in-Chief William C. Duval spoke appropriately as follows:

"Ninety-two years ago today Abraham Lincoln, at whose tomb we are humbly assembled, joined the legion of the Immortals. As Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, I am proud and deeply honored for the privilege of representing the Companions and Dames of our noble Order; and in company with my Comrades and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in remembrance of those gallant heroes of the Grand Army of the Republic, I say: May this nation of ONE people endure forever.

In the shadows of this sacred tomb, let us not forget we are but the shadows of a once great Army, whose Commander-in-Chief was Abraham Lincoln; and may this ceremony which we now conclude be the beginning of a new era of understanding and friendship between our two great organizations, who have but a single heritage and a single mission—To make these United States the stronghold of free men. In God we Trust."

The ceremony concluded when a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons remarked: "His mortal remains have returned to his beloved Springfield; but, in the words of Edwin M. Stanton, spoken at the hour of his death, "Now he belongs to the Ages."

Thus begun, though late in time, an observance which should be perpetuated through the generations to become a tradition of our Order.

After the formal ceremony, Mr. George L. Cashman, Custodian of the Lincoln Tomb, gave the group assembled within the crypt, or burial chamber of the tomb, a most interesting informal talk on the history of the interment and the present tomb. Asked if he could reduce it to writing, he courteously agreed, and it is reproduced following this narrative. Incidentally, Mr. Cashman is an eligible Son and will be a member of a new Camp being formed in Springfield. On the spot, he was given an honorary membership in the Loyal Legion by the Illinois Commander.

At the invitation of Commander-in-Chief Howe, a luncheon at the St. Nicholas Hotel followed, for those who participated in the pilgrimage to the tomb. Asked to preside at the business session following the luncheon, Commander-in-Chief Duval reminded those present that the Military Order of the Loyal Legion was originally formed on the day of Lincoln's death by those officers who constituted the funeral guard of the martyred President. At this session the principal speaker was William S. Steiger, Sr., a retired postmaster of Springfield, a student of Lincolniana, collector of autographs and finger marks. He exhibited two photos of thumb prints of Lincoln, made long before the idea of finger printing was developed into a science; and he entertained with many local Lincoln stories.

Those present in Springfield for the ceremony were: For the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe and Mrs. Howe of Niagara Falls, N. Y., Past Commander-in-Chief and National Counselor Richard F. Locke of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin, Cincinnati, Ohio; Illinois Department Commander Mattis Schesley III of Champaign, Ill.; and J. Colby Beekman, Past Department Commander, Petersburg, Ill. For the Military Order of the Loyal Legion: William C. Duval, Commander-in-Chief of Cincinnati; Frank Huntington, Registrar-in-Chief, Milwaukee, Wis., Howell Taylor, Editor-in-Chief National Bulletin, Ann Arbor, Mich., and James L. High, Commander, Illinois Commandery, Evanston, Ill.

#### LINCOLN'S FAREWELL

To his friends and neighbors at Springfield, Illinois, who had come to bid him adieu at the railroad station, as he was leaving for Washington, to assume the Presidency.

(It was spoken from the rear platform of the train, as it was about to leave, shortly before eight o'clock in the morning of a dark winter day with the rain falling—February 11, 1861.)

This address, given extemporaneously and under pressure, as the train conductor was fretting to get his train in motion, was as



eloquent in its brevity, its expression, its fitness to the occasion, as was the Gettysburg Address; and it deserves an equal place in our American literature. For, where the latter was the epitome of Lincoln's political philosophy, this farewell reveals his personal philosophy,—the heart and soul of the man:

"MY FRIENDS: No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I 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 us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

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Talk Given at the Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Ill.

April 15, 1957

by George L. Cashman, Custodian

At the time of Lincoln's death, April 15, 1865, the Governor of Illinois was Richard Oglesby, a personal friend of Lincoln's. When Governor Oglesby was informed of the death, he requested the people of Springfield to form an association for the purpose of building a memorial. The association was formed almost immediately by fifteen of the prominent citizens of the town and with Governor Oglesby as the chairman, it was named the National Lincoln Monument Association. Their purpose was to raise funds for the building of the monument. To that end, they appealed to the people of the country and the response to the appeal made possible the building of the shrine.

Their financial goal was \$240,000 and when they had received approximately \$135,000, they advertised to the artists of America asking them to submit designs. They offered a prize of \$1,000 for the design that they would deem suitable. They received thirty-seven designs submitted by thirty-one artists. The one chosen for the building of the Tomb was made by a sculptor, Larkin G. Mead, of Brattleboro, Vermont.

The ground was broken in 1869, four years after Lincoln's death. It took five years to build the Tomb; it was completed and dedicated in 1874. The Association maintained the Tomb until 1895 and, at that time due to the fact that they had no source of income and also to the fact that the Tomb had deteriorated to such an extent that it was then in an unsafe condition, Richard Oglesby, the last surviving member of the Association, transferred the ownership of the property to the State of Illinois, by an agreement.

Four years later, in 1899, the Tomb was taken down and a new foundation was constructed. The Tomb was rebuilt and rededicated two years later, in 1901, at which time fifteen feet was added to the height of the shaft to conform to the original design. Again in 1930, due to some poor workmanship, the Tomb was partly taken down. It was rebuilt and rededicated the following year, 1931, with President Hoover officiating at the dedication ceremony. In that reconstruction the interior of the Tomb was remodeled. Everything that you see in the interior today is of the 1930-31 reconstruction. The material on the outside is mostly of the original construction.

The large monument or cenotaph which stands in the center of the Burial Chamber is a seven-ton, solid block of marble from the State of Arkansas. Surrounding the cenotaph are nine flags. The first flag on the left is that of the State of Massachusetts. The first Lincoln in America came from England in the year 1637. He settled in the then little town of Hingham; he was Samuel Lincoln. Beginning with the third generation of Lincolns in America, we have what we call the Lincoln migration. Some of the families left Massachusetts, and moved to New Jersey, the second flag; from there they migrated to Pennsylvania—the third flag; and finally settled in Virginia. So you see, we have those four flags to represent the states of the first six generations of Lincolns in America. Then we have the National Colors; and the next flag is that of Kentucky, where Lincoln was born and where he lived until he was seven years old. Then Indiana, where he lived from age seven to twenty-one. The next flag is that of Illinois where Lincoln lived from age twenty-one to fifty-two. The last or ninth flag is the President's flag.

When Mr. Lincoln's body was brought from Washington to Springfield, it arrived at this cemetery on May 4, 1865, and was placed in the cemetery's receiving vault. It remained there until December 21 of that same year, when it was moved to a temporary vault which was constructed for that purpose. On September 19, 1871, the body was taken from the vault and placed in a crypt of the uncompleted Tomb. When the Tomb was finally dedicated, the body was taken from the crypt and placed in a white marble sarcophagus on the floor where the cenotaph now stands. Two years later, in 1876, there was an unsuccessful attempt made to steal the body. At that time, Robert Todd Lincoln, the first of the four sons, requested that a different or a safer type of burial be provided for his father's body. While a number of suggestions were made, no direct action was taken until the Tomb was reconstructed in 1901. At that time, under the supervision of Robert Lincoln, the body was placed in a specially constructed steel and concrete vault. This is considered the final burial as it is not expected that the body will ever again be moved. That vault is located exactly thirty inches behind the cenotaph. The body lies ten feet below the surface of the floor and parallel East and West with the head to the West.

The South wall of the Chamber contains the crypts. In these crypts are the bodies of Mrs. Lincoln, Eddie, Willie and Tad, the second, third and fourth sons. Robert Lincoln, the first son died in 1926 at the age of 82. His body was placed in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, at the request of his own family. He is the only one of the family not here.

On the outside, the Tomb is one hundred and seventeen feet high and constructed of Massachusetts granite. Above the terrace are four statuary groups, one on each corner of the die. These represent the Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry and Navy; the four branches of the military power during the Civil War. Directly under them is a cordon of shields each bearing the name of a state. There are thirty-seven of them representing the states that made up the Union at the time of the original construction of the Tomb. These are linked together to illustrate the perpetual bond of Union.

On the front of the obelisk is a ten foot statue of Lincoln and directly under is an old doorway that has been closed with stone. In sealing this doorway a brown stone bearing a Latin inscription has been placed. The translation is directly under it. This stone was sent to Mr. Lincoln by the people of Rome. It is a fragment of the ancient Servian Wall that was built around the seven hills of Rome in the year 578 B. C. by the sixth legendary King of Rome.

Servius Tullius, who was born a serf and on becoming the ruler of Rome, freed all the people and made them citizens. Early in 1865, the people of Rome, feeling that there was a great parallel in the lives of the two men, both of whom were dedicated to the freedom of mankind, sent the stone to Mr. Lincoln as a memento. At that time, the people of Rome had no idea of how complete the parallel would become—both men were assassinated. The stone remained in the White House for a number of years and then by joint resolution of Congress, it was sent here and in 1936, with appropriate ceremony, was placed there in the old doorway. It is not a very handsome stone, but it is interesting from its age and associations.

**National Counselor Locke:** I move you that the entire report, as read by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, be printed in the proceedings. (Seconded by National Chaplain Colwell.)

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** I feel that this report should be printed, in order that we have a permanent record of this ceremony which, in my mind, is the beginning of a new era for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—and it certainly is an excellent way of paying tribute to our great President. In taking the lead at the ceremony, and inviting and co-operating with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, we are doing something quite worth-while; and it should become a matter of record for our organization. Motion carried.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Are there any other Reports of Officers to be given at this time?

**National Personal Aide Messer:** Commander-in-Chief, I am ready with my report.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

August 1, 1957

To the Officers and Members of the 76th  
National Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Commander-in-Chief and Brothers here assembled:

Greetings:

A year ago, when I was appointed your Personal Aide, I was highly honored by your appointment; and stated that I would do all in my power to make your administration a success. I have made quite a few visitations which I enjoyed very much.

Hoping that I have lived up to your expectations and that I have been of help to you and the organization as a whole, I remain, your servant

Fraternally yours in F.C. & L.

(Charles L. Messer)  
Personal Aide.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Brother Stephan, are you ready with your report as National Special Aide?

**National Special Aide Stephan:** Brother Commander-in-Chief, I do not have a written report; and it won't be necessary for me to take up much of your time with my report. The lowly office of National Special Aide did not demand very much; although I have assisted you wherever and whenever I could. Whatever I have done was for your interest, and for the interest of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you, Brother Stephan. You have been a great help to me, in many ways. Are there any other reports to be given at this time?

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** I have the report of the Registered Agent in D. C.

#### REPORT OF THE REGISTERED AGENT IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

College Hill,  
Clinton, New York,  
8 July, 1957.

To: Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
1345 Michigan Avenue,  
Niagara Falls, New York.

1. The position of "Registered Agent in D. C.," so designated on our official stationery, is a new one. In Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1. of our Regulations the last national officer named is "a Washington Representative." No where are his duties prescribed, beyond the requirement in our Organic Act of Congress that there shall be a representative in Washington upon whom papers can be served. Whether he is to submit to arrest or other penalty for such misdemeanors of the Commander-in-Chief or the Council of Administration is not clear, but may be under emergency conditions considered as implied.

2. Therefore, I have had no way of judging whether I have performed the duties of my office, beyond compliance with such directions as I have received from time to time from the Commander-in-Chief; nor have you, as Commander-in-Chief, any criterion by which to judge of my performance of duty. Obviously, it has been incumbent upon me to use my own judgment in the matter and to perform such duties as seemed to me desirable and practicable for the good of the Order.

3. In doing so, I have found it necessary to keep my ear to the ground, my eye on the ball, my nose on the grindstone, and my hands on the typewriter. The position is physically somewhat constrained and at times uncomfortable, even if the duties are not burdensome. In order to clarify the situation for my successor, I recommend the following amendment to our Regulations be adopted: Chapter III, Article V, renumber Section 11 "Section 12" and add a new "Section 11" as follows:

Section 11. The Washington Representative shall have a residence in the District of Columbia or its suburbs; he shall accept on behalf of the Order service of legal papers or summons and promptly transmit their import to the Commander-in-Chief, or other appropriate officer for action; he shall represent our Order on appropriate occasions and at memorial ceremonies and patriotic functions at the Capital; he shall keep himself informed about legislation pending before Congress, which is pertinent to the purposes or activities of our Order, and he shall state the views of our Order at hearings thereon; he shall promptly inform the Commander-in-Chief of any such legislation on which the Order should take action and has not already done so, and shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Legislation (Article VII, Section 3).

NOTE: The report to Congress, being required by our Organic Law should be the responsibility of some one. The following amendment is therefore recommended: Chapter III, Article V, Section 4,

insert a new additional second sentence: "He shall prepare the annual report required by Sec. of Public Law 605, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, and shall see that it is approved by the Commander-in-Chief and dispatched at the proper time."

4. More or less ex-officio I have presumed to represent the Sons of Union Veterans at various meetings of hereditary and patriotic organizations, at which I considered our Order should be recognized. With Col. Bauer, Past Commander-in-Chief, I participated in the discussion as to how the Sons and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion could better coordinate their activities and establish closer relations. This discussion terminated at the annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion last autumn. As far as I know, the Loyal Legion has taken no definite action in the matter. As its next annual meeting does not take place until October 10th and 11th this year, I suggest that, if our Order has any proposal to make in regard to the matter, it decide upon it now, so that it can be formally presented to the Loyal Legion at its annual meeting.

5. By appointment of the Commander-in-Chief I have acted as representative of our Order on the Joint Committee of Civil War Round Tables to draft legislation for the suitable celebration of the Centennial of the Civil War in 1961-'65. Identical bills for a Federal Commission to guide and supervise the celebration are before Congress, S. J. Res. 33 and H. J. Res. 253. At this writing the House Committee on the Judiciary has made a favorable report on the House bill, the Senate Committee has held hearings but taken no action. There is every reason to believe that the legislation will pass.

6. I have had the honor of representing our Order on the Executive Committee and at the annual meeting of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies.

7. On behalf of the Order I have indicated to the proper Committees of Congress our support of the bill to give Congressional incorporation to the Ladies of the G.A.R. and of the bill to authorize a Veterans' Memorial Building in the National Capital. No hearings have yet been held on these bills. I have discussed the situation with the National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. As a last effort to get action at this session, I shall consult with our friend, Congressman Keating, on my next visit to Washington.

8. Our opposition to the construction of a utilitarian bridge across the Potomac at Constitution Avenue in Washington, because of its intrusion into the composition of great National Memorials at the end of the Mall, and its discordant effect on the Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington Memorial Bridge has been clearly stated on appropriate occasions. Both the House and the Senate Committees have recommended the construction of a tunnel instead of the bridge, but the bridge proponents are mightily represented and financed, and it is not at all sure how the two houses of Congress will act on the matter. A resolution from this Encampment on the subject should be helpful (draft attached).

9. Recently Senator Talmadge asked the views of our Order on the proposed modification of Senate Rule XXII, which provides the procedure for limiting debate in the Senate. I tried to be helpful by suggesting a draft for our reply, which was adopted by our Council of Administration.

10. As a member of the Secretary of the Interior's Advisory Board on National Parks, National Monuments, and Historic Sites and Buildings, I have been able to urge the hastening of preparation of the National Battlefield Parks for the Civil War Centennial, and the elimination of the designation "War Between the States." It is not yet clear how effective this urging may prove.

11. In conformity with the purposes of our Order, Article II of our Constitution. I have made various speeches, written papers, and answered questions intended to give a truthful picture of the Civil War and those who participated on the Union side.

12. Finally, the matter of issuing a special commemorative coin in Memory of Comrade Woolson, was taken up with the Treasury Department. It was found that the Department's policy was strongly opposed to any such issue, and that in the cases where an act of Congress has authorized it the President has vetoed the bill. While we might have got a measure through Congress, the bill would certainly be vetoed, without the possibility of getting it passed over the President's veto. When I found on investigation that but very little money had been raised on the sale of the last two commemorative coins, most of them having been returned to be melted up, it seemed best to drop the subject. If our teeming negro population could not raise a sizable sum with the Booker T. Washington and Carver coins, our few thousand members would not be able to raise enough on a Woolson coin to pay for the cost of the effort.

Respectfully submitted,

U. S. Grant, 3rd,  
Registered Agent in D. C.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Are there any further reports?

National Secretary Lambert read:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

1381 Dartmouth Street,  
Baldwin, L. I., New York  
July 22, 1957.

Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe  
and members of the  
76th Annual National Encampment  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brothers:

When, at the 44th annual encampment, held in Michigan, the Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin made the following statement. "This activity (grave marking) should be encouraged to the utmost, and the resolution has my endorsement."

And when Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, reporting for the committee on resolutions, moved approval of the Illinois Department resolution which was to inaugurate the grave marking project, said, "we do but honor ourselves when we see that the final resting places of our Union Veterans are properly and suitably marked."

And when at the appointment in June 1926 of the first National grave marking Committee by Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Ireland . . .

A project was begun on a nation-wide scope, which has continued down thru the intervening 31 years, with a wonderful progress report, with a tremendous forward achievement, and yet with much left to do until it can be said, it is completed!

The past year we have had some most encouraging reports from several Departments, showing that the work of setting headstones at the graves of our veterans has been rapidly progressing. This office has been busy sending out a quantity of applications for head-

stones at unmarked graves and we have been advised that the majority of these stones have been erected.

There has been a noticeable increase in interest in our work too from some sources where the work has not been previously reported, and we have been lending our advice and our support to these quarters.

From Pennsylvania comes a splendid report that Mt. Carmel Camp's grave marking committee led by Brother Robert E. Delcamp has completed the erection of headstones at 63 veterans' graves, and flag standards repainted to make a striking appearance. This ambitious and loyal committee has kept this office busy with correspondence and furnishing applications at various times. They deserve the hearty commendation of our Order for their fine efforts.

From Connecticut we learn of New London Camp's Brother Benjamin F. Rose, who is vice-chairman of grave marking for Connecticut Department, calling upon State officials to force a cemetery superintendent to set out state provided veteran headstones which had been received by the cemetery and stored in the tool house. Brother Rose arranged a meeting of cemetery trustees and representatives of all veteran organizations in his city to demand that graves of veterans be given proper care. No member of our Order works more ardently for the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic's departed, or for our Order than does Brother Ben Rose. He deserves our profound thanks and appreciation for his tireless efforts in our behalf.

From Massachusetts we learn of the deplorable condition of small hamlet cemeteries located in the great Bay State from the Department Chairman of Grave Marking, Bro. Howard E. Waite. He estimates that there are at least 5,000 unmarked veteran graves in his state. Certainly here is a challenge to the Massachusetts committee for a job which our Order can and should do there.

From Indiana we are advised of the appointment of a new Department chairman of grave marking in the person of Brother William Shannon. Indiana Department has inaugurated a new office in their Department of Department Graves Registration Officer and at the request of the Commander we have supplied Brother Shannon with detailed procedure as to his new job.

From Oregon and Washington Department's Commander comes the suggestion that a roster be compiled of the Grave Registration officers of the various departments and printed in The Banner for the reference of the membership who may seek information relative to the burial of veterans in other states—a good suggestion.

Beyond the regular duties of this office, it has been called upon many times during the year to furnish information for genealogy research. Many letters reach this desk asking for assistance in locating ancestors' last resting places. And all have been attended to, many times with satisfactory results which have given the seekers a good impression of our Order.

That this office has been active is manifest by the many communications which have been received and replied to. The work progresses thereby and of that we are certain. However, much of the work accomplished is never reported to us. But the fact remains that it is an all-important job and that it is being attended to daily throught the year.

There are a host of Brothers whose names are unknown to this office, who should be mentioned in this report each year as having done a wonderful piece of work in marking graves for our Order. These Brothers have done this job for their Camps year after year, are still doing a tremendous job, but they go about it as a matter

of course and without thought of praise or of commendation. To these brothers wherever they are I extend the thanks and appreciation of our Order and the commendation of this office.

To Samuel W. Morrell of Stamford, Connecticut, past 70 in years but young in heart, who underwent a serious operation early this year and upon his recuperation set out again to cover 72 cemeteries in the Stamford area on his bicycle, marking, locating, registering graves of veterans of all wars, our hearty thanks and commendation. Our younger members might take his example to follow.

It seems apparent to me that despite detailed reports which have been made concerning the operation of this office, that there are some members who are not acquainted with the method. The report of the committee on officers' reports at the 75th encampment has convinced me of this fact. May I, therefore, be privileged to explain:

The office of National Graves Registration Officer operates as a central business office from which, thru the benefit of many years experience in this work, advice and instruction is given to the various department and camp committees and even individuals who request it, concerning the procedure for marking, registering and obtaining and setting headstones at veteran's graves.

Correspondence is handled in each instance carefully and with planning, and requests such as for applications for headstones and the requirements to obtain same, for procedure under cemetery laws and regulations, and so on, are given prompt attention and reply.

Questionnaires are sent out periodically for report on the progress of the work. Letters are written to officials under the letterhead of this office and Order to assist local workers who request "official" sanction, or persuasion when their efforts go unheeded. There are many requests made of this office on numerous phases of this work too numerous to set down here.

All of this business is handled by this office operating just as any business office would. It is not a committee operation, and practically everything must be done at once, and not permitting time to contact committeemen over the nation.

The officers' reports committee last year "expressed the feeling that perhaps it would be better if this officer appointed or created a committee, selecting people in various Departments and Camps."

This would be infringing upon the rights of Camps and Departments who already have graves marking committees and some have even created the office of Camp or Department Graves Registration Officer, notably Indiana and Connecticut Departments.

We have the men in the field. They were appointed years ago and have done the job for their Camp and Department ever since. It would be a mistake to attempt appointment by this officer even if it were possible for him to know every member of every Camp who does this work regularly.

This office has been faithfully fulfilled since its inception, first by Brother Charles R. Hale and since his death by the present incumbent. Not in all of the 31 years of its progress has it ever been operating as a so-called "committee," and I feel sure that it has been successful as manifested by 31 annual reports.

Therefore, I wish to repeat my recommendation made last year:

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the office of National Graves Registration Officer be included among the appointive officers of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

I trust that I have conducted this office to the complete satisfaction of the membership and that the steady wave of progress in this work will continue under my successor.



The budgeted sum of \$25.00 allocated to the use of this office has been used as partial reimbursement for the postage, supplies and regular expenditures for the maintenance of a business office.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS — GREETINGS

National Secretary Lambert read the following communication from Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter:

August 12, 1957

Mr. Albert C. Lambert  
National Secretary-Treasurer  
P. O. Box 457  
Trenton 3, New Jersey

Dear Albert:

For the fourth time since 1913, I will be absent from the Encampment for reasons known to most. This year there is double regret inasmuch as I presided at the last Encampment held in Detroit in 1914—43 years ago. Much has occurred in our Order in the intervening period but perhaps the most important at this time is the continued decrease in membership. For many years, all too many, we have reported a loss in members at the close of each year. I have sometimes thought that we did not give this important question the consideration it required. In fact, it has occurred to me at times as though we took it for granted as something that must happen. Certain it is that we have never made a determined effort to lick it. We have finally overcome the financial question, the primary cause of which was the continued decrease in membership. We have done many things that ought to have borne on that question but without success. I feel that we must make a determined effort to meet this problem. We have recently assumed and properly so, obligations that cannot be met without a stronger membership and one which gives us assurance of continued existence. I have a couple of suggestions to make:

1. One of the sessions of this Encampment or as much of one as possible, be devoted to an open forum. Those who are present show an interest by their presence and probably are the ones whom we must depend upon largely for the future. Encourage them to give their opinions. From them you may be able to get helpful ideas.
2. That a systematic effort be made to learn the actual cause of the continued decrease in membership. This would require contacting the members of five or ten years standing who, say within the last two years, have permitted their membership to lapse. Learning what caused them to leave it lapse and what, if it had been in force, would have retained them as members. This should apply to camps in all Departments and be conducted with the fixed purpose of having it meet one of our problems, and to my mind the most important problem that faces us today.

My regrets that I cannot be with you in person. Kindest regards to all present.

Fraternally yours,

(John E. Sautter).

(This letter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

Other communications, telegrams of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, and regrets at being unable to attend were also read by the National Secretary, from the following:

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, New York  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, New York  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett, Iowa  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis, Oregon  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Massachusetts  
 Martin J. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Mobile, Alabama  
 Cora E. Gillis, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans, New York  
 Department Commander Carl Fischer, Colorado & Wyoming  
 Past Department Commander Maurice J. Warner, Maine  
 Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota  
 Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota  
 Past Department Commander Robert W. Doughty, New York  
 Past Department Commander Leslie W. More & Past Department President Myrtle More, New York  
 Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania  
 Past Department Commander Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania  
 Past Department Commander A. Waller Lewis, Jr., Rhode Island  
 Stanley C. Barker, Commander, Camp No. 4, Detroit, Michigan  
 A. C. Marvin, Member Austin Blair Camp No. 7, Jackson, Michigan  
 Members of Auxiliary No. 8, Buffalo, New York

#### RESOLUTIONS

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

(1) From the Department of Pennsylvania—recommended change in Regulations, Chapter II, Departments, Article IV, Officers, Page 23 relative to vacancy to an elective office of the Department—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(2) From the Department of Pennsylvania—Proposed amendment to the Constitution, objecting to the wordage in the Constitution regarding Associates.  
 (Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(3) From the Department of Pennsylvania—Proposed change in C. & R., Regulations, Chapter III, National Organization, Article II, page 28, Membership, new section 4 relative to restoration of rank.  
 (Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(4) From the Department of Pennsylvania—recommended change in Chapter II, Departments, Article IV, Officers, Page 22, Section 3. After the word "Secretary" in line 3, add: "and/or Secretary-Treasurer."  
 (Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(5) From Ernest G. Wells, National Patriotic Instructor, and submitted to the Massachusetts Department Encampment—amendment to the Constitution and Regulations to provide for a Committee at each National Encampment to prepare for succeeding National Encampments two years in advance of the Encampment.  
 (Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(6) From Thomas A. Chadwick, Secretary of the Vermont Department—relative to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and restoration of harmony among the orders of the Grand Army family.  
 (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(7) From Eugene Camp No. 17, Eugene, Oregon—that the practice may be adopted by a Camp or Department, if desired, of placing an 8 x 12 inch flag, attached to a staff, on the altar at the head of the Bible.

(Referred to the Committee on Ritual.)

(8) From the Department of New York—relative to an attempt to obtain publicity through a national TV figure, asking him to put on a Civil War Program on his TV show.

(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(9) Submitted by Bert Sack, Commander, Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, Department of New York, and approved by the New York Department—that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recognize and support the drive for the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Riverside Drive in New York City.

(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(10) From O'Rorke Camp No. 60, Department of New York; and approved by the New York Department—relative to some form of a general re-organization of the Order.

(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(11) From the Department of New York—relative to improvement of Past Camp Commander's Badge with a ribbon, and a safety catch.

(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(12) From the Department of Iowa—relative to objection by this organization to the proposed change in date of Memorial Day.

(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

National Counselor Locke: May I refer back to communications for just a minute? I think that a telegram of greetings, and our regrets at his inability to be present here with us today should be sent to Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter; and I move you that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to send this telegram. (Seconded by several, and carried.) (Similar messages also sent Past Commanders-in-Chief Sherman and Cranmer.)

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

National Secretary Lambert read the following:

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

To: Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe,  
and Members of the 76th National  
Encampment:

Brothers:

One year ago, I accepted (for the second year) the Chairmanship of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway Committee, hoping to rectify some of my mistakes and also hoping that I might have more cooperation from my Brothers.

For over 18 years we fought to get this Memorial honoring our Fathers and now we are letting it slip through our fingers for lack of interest in our Order. Contact by letter has proved a failure and our Order does not provide adequate funds for traveling.

I have traveled on this Highway thru some of my neighboring States and worked in my own State of Iowa with my State Chairman in choosing prospective sights for our project of wayside tables.

At the suggestion of the Commander-in-Chief, when in Colorado, I was asked as Highway Chairman to give my opinion as to the disposal of the cannon which was damaged in the explosion. I

did so, and settled the controversy by suggesting that the cannon be sold and the money used for highway improvements. This they accepted.

I tender my report from the Departments who have reported to me as follows:

The following reports have been filed from the Departments listed—in most cases it is the only report received.

California and Pacific—No reply and no report.

Colorado and Wyoming—Brother A. G. Myers reports that Colorado has eleven markers across the state and the Monument controversy is settled; and hopes to sell the cannon and buy more markers.

Connecticut—No reply—no report.

Illinois—No reply—no report.

Indiana—Brother Kenworthy reports he has traveled No. 6 thru Indiana and the Highway is in good condition. Parts are resurfaced, roadside tables, and wells of water at several places and 39 markers across the State. Thank you.

Iowa—Brother Laurence K. Boutin reports he has traveled No. 6 thru out the State and reports several markers missing. This is due to changes in re-routing of No. 6—by-passing of towns. Originally, there were 58 markers. We have the promise of replacements as soon as the work is completed. Also, we are sponsoring the placing of roadside tables as fast as the Highway Commission makes plots available. We have five more tables pledged.

Massachusetts—No reply—no report.

New York—Past Department Commander Hope failed to name a Committee until June and Bro. More refused to serve; so Department Commander Truman Vincent reports that during the administration of Thomas E. Dewey metal signs were placed at each end of the Highway and are in good shape. Thank you, Brother Vincent.

Ohio—No reply—no report.

Pennsylvania—William J. Blakely reports the Penna. Highway Commission maintains all G.A.R. Highway markers; and that the Federal interstate System of U. S. Highway program has ear-marked \$26,000,000 for the necessary improvements of G.A.R. No. 6 Highway. Thank you.

Rhode Island—No Committee named, and no reply.

No reference from any Department in regard to the request mailed to each Department Commander in regards to the naming of Route No. 20 as U. S. Grant Highway, which Illinois has sponsored and is now a project of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway Committee, by action of our Order.

In closing, I wish to thank the Brothers who have cooperated with me—may they work as faithfully with my successor.

Fraternally yours,

(Roy J. Bennett), National Chairman  
Grand Army of the Republic Memorial  
Highway Committee.

Past Department Commander Chas. H. Langletz, Maryland: I move you, Commander-in-Chief that this report be adopted as read. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan; and carried.)

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee wishes to present a supplemental report. We now have a total registration of 101.

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

## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 20, 1957 — 9:40 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Is the Chairman of the Legislative Committee ready with his report?

Chairman Colwell presented:

### REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

August 14, 1957

Brother Fred E. Howe, Commander-in-Chief,  
Officers and Delegates,  
76th Annual National Encampment  
Detroit, Michigan  
August 18-22, 1957.

From the standpoint of desirable legislation favorable to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the first session of the 85th Congress cannot be considered a record breaker. As of August 14th, the status of some of the bills of interest to us, as contained in the following data received from Washington this date, is as follows: (and please note date of introduction of some of these bills:)

H.R. Res. 49 (Representative Keating, Jan. 5) Designating Nov. 19 of each year, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day. Still with the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2194 (Rep. Talle, Jan. 7) A bill making the 17th day of September in each year a legal holiday, to be known as Constitution Day. Still with the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3056 (Rep. Jenkins, Jan. 16) A bill for the incorporation of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Still with the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4016 (Rep. Robison, Jan. 29) A bill for the incorporation of the Woman's Relief Corps. Still with the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 7971 (Rep. Celler, June 4) A bill making June 14 of each year a legal holiday. Still with the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following bills have come out of the Committee on the Judiciary, but not as yet reported:

H.J. Res. 180 (Rep. Smith of Mississippi, Jan. 22) A bill to establish a commission for the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Civil War.

H.J. Res. 252 (Rep. Schwengel, May 20) A bill to establish a Civil War Centennial Commission.

H.R. Res. 358 (Rep. Allen, June 11) A bill to establish a sesqui-centennial Commission for the 150th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

All these bills are purely patriotic in content, especially that of Representative Kenneth B. Keating whose H.J. Res. 49, Dedication Day, heads the list in that regard. Patriotism these days receives little, if any, real consideration where politics are involved, and from the above statistics our duty in the immediate future is clearly defined.

With further reference to Dedication Day, I would call your attention to the following program of U. S. Grant Camp at the Lincoln Statue in Lytle Park, Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1956:

**"To the Colors."** All salute. Scouts present colors. At the last note of "To the Colors," the Scouts give the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chairman:** We are gathered here at the foot of this image of him, who 95 years ago today, uttered these memorable words—"It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated—to the great task remaining before us."

And what is our task today but to bring home to our youth the truth that love of Freedom—and its handmaiden, the Spirit of Sacrifice must be born anew in each succeeding generation, if it is to live. So we are met here this Dedication Day to renew the sacred pledge which he gave us, and to dedicate our lives to its fulfillment.

**Camp Commander:** After brief remarks on Gettysburg, places wreath at base of statue and leads in "high resolve" with these words, "I place here this wreath in memory of those who gave their lives that this nation might live" and as a symbol of our pledge that (all join in) "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

**Prayer of Dedication:**

"Taps" (Announcement—This ceremony to be included in newscast at 7 P. M. over WLK TV Channel 5).

Luncheon to follow.

"Retreat"—Scouts retire Colors.

This program is submitted for your attention and guidance, in the hope it may be of use to you and your camp come Nov. 19, 1957. The dignified simplicity of it must be appealing since there is not one feature of it that could not be duplicated by any Camp with the possible exception of the TV news cast, and a very good substitute for that is your local newspaper.

if you are asked sometime in the future to write YOUR OWN Representative to give favorable consideration of ANY BILL before Congress don't forget the weight of your letter as one of his valued constituents is much more than you may estimate. These letters from his own supporters are his source of knowing what YOU want, and what you want is reflected in your vote. The number and frequency of your letters determine our sincerity in desiring this "worthwhile legislation." Next time let's make it an avalanche.

Sincerely yours in F.C. & L.

(Fred E. Colwell), Chairman  
National Legislative Committee.

**Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California & Pacific:** I move that this report be adopted, as read. (Seconded by Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Brother Waite, are you ready with your report?

**Chairman Waite:** I wish to present the following:

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN ON AMERICANISM  
AND EDUCATION

August 19, 1957

To the 76th National Encampment of the  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Upon receiving notice of my appointment, and not being fully aware of the duties of this Committee, I contacted the former Chairman, Bro. A. Waller Lewis and did receive from him very complete information regarding the Committee's work.

I received several communications from Camps and some from individuals, and sent along to them the information they asked for.

On July 31st, I received a very important letter from the American Coalition which requires action (reads American Coalition letter of July 31, and explained in detail the Immigration and National Origin Act). Therefore, I submit the following four (4) propositions for consideration at this Encampment.

No. 1—To instruct the National Secretary to send a letter to Senator James O. Eastland, Chairman, Comm. on Immigration, Senate Office Bldg., Washington 25, D. C.; and to Honorable Francis E. Walter, Chairman, Comm. on Immigration, House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C., stating that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at its 76th National Encampment, voted to request that you give every consideration to defeating,

Senate Bills S 1006

S 2410

S 2369

S 2550

also House Bill H. R. 3364; as they would destroy our present Immigration laws and do severe impairment to the United States.

No. 2—To instruct the National Secretary to notify the Secretary of each Department in the Commandery-in-Chief: "that by vote of the 76th Encampment they are hereby requested to send a letter to Senator Eastland and Rep. Walter" as prescribed in proposition No. 1.

No. 3—To ask the National Secretary to put into the next issue of The Banner, a request for every member of the Order to write to Senator Eastland (give address) and Rep. Walter, or to any of the following:

Senator Samuel J. Ervin, Senate Bldg., Washington 25

Senator John L. McClellan, (same as above)

Senator Everett M. Dirksen, (same as above)

Senator Arthur V. Watkins, (same as above)

Senator John M. Butler, (same as above)

Honorable Michael A. Feighan, House Bldg., Washington 25

Hon. Frank Chelf, (same as above)

Hon. DeWitt S. Hyde, (same as above)

Hon. Patrick J. Hillings, (same as above)

and also to their own Senator and Representative, sending a letter similar to the one prescribed in proposition No. 1. (Secretary to give brief form of letter in Banner notice.)

No. 4—To ask the National Secretary to place in an early copy of the Banner the following:

Inasmuch as it is our agreement and obligation to carry on the work and ideas of the G.A.R. and because it was one of the very choice operations of the G.A.R., every member of our Order is urged to secure an American flag, and display same, prominently, on all Holidays and other proper occasions. We can do no less in honoring our fathers ideals.

I have traveled thru all six new England States during my term and have been on the lookout for indications of "carrying on" the work of the G.A.R., and I want to credit New Hampshire and Maine as outstanding in this endeavour.

Thanking you for the privilege of serving.

Yours in F.C. & L.  
(Howard E. Waite)

**Past Department Commander Chas. H. Langletz, Maryland:** I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that the report only be accepted as read; and that separate action of the Encampment be taken on the recommendations individually. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Millard F. Brown, Massachusetts; and carried—report only adopted.)

Action on the recommendations resulted in the following:

**No. 1—**Motion by Past Department Commander Willard B. Stephan, New York; seconded by National Chaplain Colwell, and carried, that this recommendation be adopted.

**No. 2—**Past Department Commander Chas. H. Langletz, Maryland: I move that the Committee report be adopted, but that it be re-worded that the incoming Chairman of the Committee do it, as the National Secretary has plenty to do to carry on the regular duties of his office. He is a very busy man, and this should not be added to the work he now has to do.

**Chairman Waite:** I would be willing to amend that to read: "To instruct the National Secretary, or Chairman of the Americanism Committee to notify the Secretary of each Department that, by vote of the 76th Encampment, they are hereby requested to send a letter to Senator Eastland and Rep. Walter as prescribed in proposition No. 1."

(Past Department Commander Langletz moved that it be accepted; it was seconded by Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and adopted, as amended.)

**No. 3—**Past Department Commander Chas. H. Langletz, Maryland: I move the adoption of recommendation No. 3, but would suggest that the Chairman of the Committee include this in his space in The Banner.

**Chairman Waite:** Again, it is agreeable to me—and I would amend it to read, "To ask the National Secretary or incoming Chairman of the Americanism Committee, in his space allotted in The Banner, to request every member of the Order to write to those listed in proposition No. 3."

(Past Department Commander Langletz moved that it be adopted, as amended. It was seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Story; and adopted, as amended.)

**No. 4—**Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California & Pacific: I move that recommendation No. 4 be adopted, as I think it is our duty and our obligation to prominently display the American flag. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Milo C. Newer, Sr., Michigan, and carried.)

**National Patriotic Instructor Wells:** I would like to add a word about this report. Brother Waite has shown evidence of a great deal of effort and painstaking research in his work this year, and I think some expression of our appreciation for his efforts should be made by this Encampment. I sincerely hope that the Brothers will realize the importance of the issues at stake and will do, individually, everything within their power to further the goal he has set for us in these various projects.



**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I think we should give him a round of applause; and thank Brother Waite for the fine job he has done. (Applause of the Encampment followed.)

Is the Press Committee ready with a report?

#### REPORT OF PRESS COMMITTEE

**Past Department Commander Chas. H. Langletz, Maryland:** Commander-in-Chief, up to now Brother Dexter, your Press Chairman, who is so busy with various arrangements for this Encampment, has given me what he put in the newspapers here before the strike. This material was published in the Sunday issue of the Detroit Free Press, published before the strike. At the present time, there is no newspaper being published here in Detroit.

However, I have contacted radio station, WJR, Detroit, and have given them some information on our activities, and they are going to give us spot broadcasts. The Mt. Clements Leader, located thirty miles from here said they will take what we have for them; and they have taken everything we have given them. The Detroit News, and the Windsor Star took everything we gave them. The Associated Press and U. P. will not take anything other than that of national importance and will only take it over date-line of the Detroit News—otherwise, they cannot accept it.

There isn't a great deal that we can do as far as publicity is concerned, but we are trying to get some publicity through the radio station, and whatever other means possible.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you Brother Langletz. I know that you are doing everything in your power to get us publicity.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** In connection with a statement of policy on several matters, I met with a representative of the Auxiliary and a representative of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and we are going to introduce, in each of our organizations, certain identical resolutions which will be of national news importance, and we will be sure to get them into the papers. These Resolutions will be prepared and presented at a later session of this Encampment.

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

#### TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE FOR 1959

**Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle:** Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, your Committee just finished our meeting of the Committee outside the meeting room. We considered the invitations which have been received by the National Secretary-Treasurer; and on behalf of the Committee, I would like to report where they came from and what they contain:

(1) A letter from the Syracuse Convention Publicity Bureau, supported by the Mayor of the City—but not by the Department of New York of the Sons, Auxiliary or Ladies of the G.A.R. Your Committee feels that this invitation cannot be considered, as it must be backed by the Department.

(2) An invitation from the Convention Bureau of Chicago—not supported by the Department of Illinois or any of the three organizations. This invitation again, cannot be considered as it lacks the backing of the Department.

(3) An invitation which is complete, in every detail and supported by the Convention Bureau, the Department of the Sons and Auxiliary, by the Mayor, the City Manager and the hotel; comes from Long

Beach, California. They offer everything extended by other cities, plus a complimentary boat trip on the Pacific.

It did not contain a letter of invitation, or support, or comments from the California Department of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Therefore, I felt it advisable to interview the Department President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., which I did yesterday, and she felt that they would be only too happy to join the Sons and Auxiliary.

Therefore, this being the best invitation we have offered to us, this Committee recommends that we meet in Long Beach, California in 1959.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Runkle, Chairman, Pennsylvania  
Earl F. Riggs, California  
Russell H. Bogert, New Jersey  
1959 Encampment City Committee.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** Commander-in-Chief, I move that the report of the Committee be accepted; and the recommendation that we meet in 1959 in Long Beach, California adopted. (Seconded by Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

**Past Department Commander Willard B. Stephan:** Brothers, you have just heard this recommendation of the Committee that we meet in Long Beach in 1959. It seems to me that inasmuch as the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans are going to meet in Buffalo next week, that they should be notified of the action taken here and an invitation extended to them, either by mail or in person, asking them to join with us in Long Beach. I also believe that we should notify the Ladies of the G.A.R. and ask them to join with us in California. I think we should bend over backwards to invite them all. You have heard several recommendations about joint meetings during the period of 1961-1965; and I believe we can make a start now to get the good will and good feeling of all the organizations, as it was several years ago. I think that is very important to us, and I think we should do it now.

**National Counselor Locke:** I want to say only one word in answer to Brother Stephan, and that is "Amen."

**National Patriotic Instructor Wells:** May I add a word. These women of our other organizations are American women who are free, white and most of them over 21, and they are also American citizens deeply conscious of their rights and privileges. They will not, and we should not expect them to, submit to any arbitrary or dictatorial methods. They should all be treated fairly, and with a great deal of consideration.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I might say that when I read my report yesterday, I pointed out that I have had very cordial relations, during the year, with all the organizations; and I have done my utmost to cement our relations with them. I hope that we have accomplished something of value, in this respect in co-operation with all the other organizations.

I am going to Buffalo next week, and will be glad to extend the personal invitations on behalf of our organization.

**Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts:** I believe it would be well to do both—send a letter, and extend a personal invitation on behalf of the Sons.

**Past Department Commander Milo C. Newer, Sr., Michigan:** I would like to suggest that communications be sent to the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters, and signed by all three organizations—not only for next year, but also for two years ahead.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle:** We have already spoken to the Department President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. from California and I have reported on the reaction we had. Now, I would like to suggest that this Committee be designated to go visit the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Auxiliary, in their Conventions—to convey to them the action of this Encampment, and invite them to join us.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I think that would be a splendid idea; and I will direct that it be done.

(After further discussion on this matter, the following action was taken):

**Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle:** Over a period of years, we have invited all the organizations to meet with us and, in many cases, we have not even had the courtesy of a reply. Since we plan to meet in Boston next year, and in Long Beach in 1959, I move you that we so notify them; and if, at any time in the future, they would want to join with us, we will be pleased to have them. (Seconded by National Historian Spink, and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Is the Committee on Constitution and Regulations ready to report?

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

**Past Commander-in-Chief Moran:** Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, your Committee on Constitution and Regulations wishes to report on the following recommendations which have been submitted to us; and I would move you that where there are no objections to the recommendations of the Committee, they be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Chas. H. Langlet, Maryland, and carried):

(1)a—Amendments to Regulations recommended by Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:

That Chapter III, Article V, Section 11, page 32, be renumbered as Section 12; and a new Section 11 added, as follows: Section 11—The Washington Representative shall have a residence in the District of Columbia or its suburbs; he shall accept on behalf of the Order service of legal papers or summons and promptly transmit their import to the Commander-in-Chief, or other appropriate officer for action; he shall represent our Order on appropriate occasions and at memorial ceremonies and patriotic functions at the Capital; he shall keep himself informed about legislation pending before Congress, which is pertinent to the purposes or activities of our Order, and he shall state the views of our Order at hearings thereon; he shall promptly inform the Commander-in-Chief of any such legislation on which the Order should take action and has not already done so, and shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Legislation (Article VII, Sec. 3).

(1)b—That the following be added in Chapter III, Article V, Section 4, page 31—new second sentence: "He shall prepare the annual report required by Sec. of Public Law 605, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, and shall see that it be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and despatched at the proper time."

Your Committee approves these recommendations. (Adopted.)

(2) From the Department of Pennsylvania—Recommended change in Regulations, Chapter II, Departments, Article IV, Officers, Page 23—Section 6 (to replace the present section 6): "Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the Department shall be filled by a majority vote of the Department Council for the period until the next regular meeting of the Department, when an election is

held. In the event the term of office is normally for a period longer than one (1) year, the person elected by the Department Encampment shall serve the unexpired term.

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted.)

(3) From the Department of Pennsylvania—Regulations, Chapter II, Departments, Article IV, Officers, page 22, Section 3. After the word "Secretary" in line 3, add . . . "and/or Secretary-Treasurer," whichever is in keeping with the office within the Departments, causing the entire section to read:

"On assuming office, the Department Commander shall appoint all other Department Officers; and may appoint an Assistant Secretary and/or Secretary-Treasurer, whichever is in keeping with the office within the individual Departments."

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted.)

(4) From the Department of New York—that the Past Camp Commander's badge be improved, for proper identification, as follows:

(A) That the ribbon be suspended from a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War bar (same as now on membership badge),

(B) That a safety catch be added to all badges issued by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Your Committee disagrees to the first part of this recommendation as we can't see any improvement to the badge by adding this bar. (Committee sustained.)

Your Committee recommends adoption of the second part. (Adopted, and National Secretary-Treasurer directed to order badges with safety clasp, in the future.)

(5) From the Department of Pennsylvania—Proposed change in C. & R. Regulations, Chapter III, National Organization, Article II, page 28, Membership—new section 4.

Section 4—To obtain restoration of rank of Past Department Commander and/or Past Commander-in-Chief, the member shall make request in writing to the Camp of which he is a member. If acted upon favorably by the Camp, in regular session, said request shall be forwarded to the Department Commander, setting forth the cause or causes of loss of rank and reason or reasons for request of restoration, and shall be signed by the Camp Commander, approved by the Camp Secretary (Secretary-Treasurer) with the seal of the Camp attached.

The Department Commander shall present same to the Department Encampment under the order of new business, where, if acted upon favorably shall, by the Department Secretary (Department Secretary-Treasurer) be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, and shall be signed by the Department Commander, approved by the Department Secretary (Department Secretary-Treasurer) with the seal of the Department attached.

The National Secretary (National Secretary-Treasurer) shall notify the Brother (s) as to the decision of the National Encampment.

Old Section 4 to become Section 5.

Your Committee has deleted the second to last paragraph of the original recommendation from the Department of Pennsylvania; and recommend adoption in this form. (Adopted.)

(6) From the Department of Pennsylvania—Proposed Amendment to the Constitution objecting to the wordage in the Constitution regarding Associates, and the possibilities for said Associates to fill certain positions within the Camp, and higher branches of our organization.

Your Committee cannot act upon this amendment, at the present time, as it is not in proper order. (Committee sustained.)

(7) Recommendation No. 3 in the Report of the Commander-in-Chief—In Constitution & Regulations, Page 13, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 4, delete the following, "permanently by election" and in its place put, "shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Camp Council." The section would then read: "Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Camp shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank. Such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Camp Council."

Your Committee approves this recommendation. (Adopted.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: This report is incomplete, as there was another matter referred to us on which we are not ready as yet to report. However, we will be ready to complete it at the afternoon session.

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Thank you, Brother Moran.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Your 1959 Encampment City Committee went over to the Ladies of the G.A.R. as directed by you earlier, and extended the invitation to join with us in Long Beach. They received us very cordially with a nice song to the Sons, were very gracious to us; and they are 100% in accord with going to Long Beach in 1959.

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Thank you, and we are glad that they have accepted our invitation. Is there anything else to come before us before we recess for lunch?

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Credentials wishes to report a total registration of 104.

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

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION****August 20, 1957 — 1:30 P. M.**

The Encampment opened in regular form.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report?

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** Commander-in-Chief and members of this Encampment, your Committee on Resolutions present the following:

**No. 1 (A)**—From the letter of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: That one of the sessions of this Encampment or as much of one as possible be devoted to an open forum; by encouraging those present at the Encampment to give their opinions on various matters, and perhaps gain helpful ideas from them.

Your Committee reports as follows: Whether a session of this Encampment can be devoted wholly to the subject of our decreasing membership is a question your Committee feels must be left to the Commander-in-Chief to decide as a practical question. (Committee sustained.)

**No. 1 (B)**—From the letter of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: That a systematic effort be made to learn the actual cause of the continued decrease in membership. This would require contacting the members of five or ten years standing who, say within the last two years have permitted their membership to lapse. Learning what caused them to leave it lapse and what, if it had been in force, would have retained them as members. This would apply to Camps in all Departments and be conducted with the purpose of having it meet one of the most important problems facing us today.

Your Committee concurs with Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter that this question of our dwindling membership merits thorough study and investigation; but being aware of the time and labor involved in establishing contact with Brothers who have resigned and getting their reasons, your Committee feels that the study of the whole subject is properly the duty of the incoming administration and recommends it be referred to the new Commander-in-Chief for further consideration. (Adopted.)

**No. 2**—Your Committee recommends that telegrams be sent containing the following proposed resolution to:

Hon. Matthew M. Neely, Chairman of the Committee on the D. C.  
Hon. John A. McMillan, U. S. House of Representatives

“The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled in Detroit, Michigan, express their opposition to a bridge crossing the Potomac at Constitution Avenue, which can only be an intolerable and damaging encroachment on this our area of great National Memorials—the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington National Cemetery, the Memorial Bridge joining them, the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial, the Marine Memorial, the proposed Freedom Shrine; which all together constitute a national shrine and America's greatest example of municipal art and patriotic expression.

We, therefore, urge legislative action to prevent the construction of such bridge and to substitute therefor a tunnel.” (Adopted.)

No. 3—From the Department of Iowa—that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, memorialize all of our members of Congress to in no wise change the time of commemoration of Memorial Day from May 30th.

Your Committee recommends the following resolution:

WHEREAS, ninety years ago the Grand Army of the Republic established May 30th as Memorial Day, for the decoration of the graves of the Nation's heroic dead; and

WHEREAS, May 30th has been so observed with suitable ceremonies by patriotic organizations and citizens and has so become a unique part of American life and commemoration.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this 76th Annual National Encampment, that we strongly oppose any change in the date of Memorial Day, and hereby call on all our Departments and Camps to do their utmost locally and in their States to prevent any such change of date; and further,

That we invite the cooperation of other patriotic organizations to participate in this effort. (Adopted).

No. 4—From O'Rourke Camp No. 60, Department of New York—That some form of general reorganization of our Order is necessary; and it is submitted with the hope that the Council of Administration will give this Resolution careful consideration and earnest judgment, with report of their findings to be made to the 1958 National Encampment; keeping in mind that this proposed reorganization in no instance be contrary to, or in any manner jeopardize our present Congressional Charter.

Your Committee notes that this Resolution asks for the consideration of the Council of Administration, and recommends that it be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for sympathetic consideration with the Council of Administration. (Committee recommendation adopted.)

No. 5—A resolution submitted by Bert Sack, Commander, Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, Department of New York—That the Sons of Union Veterans, in National Encampment, recognize and support the National Public Fund raising campaign, for the purpose of restoring the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Riverside Drive in New York City; and that all Departments be urged to support this drive.

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted.)

No. 6—From the Department of New York—In order to obtain suitable publicity to aid the organization, the National Organization shall attempt to obtain such publicity through the Ed Sullivan or Steve Allen show, or some similar national television figure; asking them to put on a Civil War Program on their T.V. show.

While your Committee heartily concurs in the purpose of the Resolution proposed by the New York Department, we doubt the ability of our Order to secure the Television publicity so much needed and, therefore, recommend that this resolution be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, with the request that he make the said recommendation to the Civil War Centennial Commission as soon as it is appointed, with the hearty endorsement of this Encampment; and recommend to them the reproduction, with our advice and assistance, of various events of the Civil War—especially at the start of programs. (Adopted.)

No. 7—With the concurrence of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and our Auxiliary, we would ask the Encampment to pass this Resolution presented by the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, 1961-1965 will mark the centennial of the Civil War and will be duly celebrated,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in their seventy-sixth annual National Encampment, that we hope and recommend that arrangements be made for the five organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic family to meet together in 1960, in the same city, and initiate the Centennial of the Civil War with a united front. (Unanimously adopted by the Encampment; also by the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.)

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** This is a partial report. A further report, covering courtesy resolutions, and other matters turned over to us, will be given tomorrow.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you, Brother Grant. Are there any other Committees prepared to report at this time?

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL & CEREMONIES

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, there has only been one matter presented to this Committee, and we wish to present our report:

(1) From Eugene Camp No. 17, Eugene, Oregon—If a Camp or Department may so order by vote of its members, the practice may be adopted of placing an 8 x 12 inch flag, attached to a staff, on the altar at the head of the Bible, the staff being held vertically by a suitable base or holder. When so arranged, this flag shall replace the flag lying flat on the altar beneath the Bible.

The Committee is unanimous in its decision that the Camp be permitted to use it as it sees fit as long as the flag is displayed at some place on the altar and, therefore, your Committee recommends adoption of this, with the change that the flag be permitted at any place on the altar. (Adopted.)

Respectfully submitted,

C. Leroy Stoudt, Chairman, Pennsylvania  
W. Earl Corbin, Ohio  
Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois  
H. Dwight Bromley, Rhode Island  
John H. Berry, New York  
Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Brother Coffin, are you ready with your report?

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the 76th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we present the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

We have gone over the reports of all the Officers submitted to us. We have worked hard and long, and are now ready to present our findings to you.

#### Report of Commander-in-Chief

On this report we find ourselves at a loss for adequate words to portray the feeling of appreciation we have for the work and effort Commander-in-Chief Howe has put into the office he has held this year. We applaud, in the utmost terms, his intense loyalty and devotion, and the expenditure of effort he has put into this high office; and we commend him most heartily.



His report contains four (4) recommendations. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 concern amendments to the regulations, and have been referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. (No objection.)

No. 4—That the National Graves Registration Officer be listed on the new stationery and Commandery-in-Chief Rosters as a National Officer instead of a Committee Chairman.

Your Committee refers this recommendation to the incoming Council of Administration for proper attention as it is an administrative matter in the printing of the Roster, letterheads, etc. (No objection.)

The report of the Comamnder-in-Chief also contains a report of his actions with respect to six recommendations adopted at the Harrisburg Encampment, and referred to him. We hereby applaud his effective accomplishment of these matters. This included concurrence in the recommendation of General Grant, our Washington Representative, with respect to the commemorative coin of Comrade Woolson; which was attached as a supplement to the report of Commander-in-Chief Howe; and we heartily approve the action of your Commander-in-Chief in this, and all the other matters referred to him by the Encampment last year. As was indicated in the report of the Commander-in-Chief, he had attached thereto all the correspondence which General Grant had with the Treasury Department on this coin project, and that correspondence is here and available to anyone desiring to read it. This correspondence is very interesting—especially with reference to the attitude of the last several administrations in Washington with the matter of commemorative coins.

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

The report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief shows that he has been most zealous in carrying out the matters which were committed to his care, with particular reference to carrying on the project of locating the G.A.R. property which was willed to the Sons of Union Veterans.

He includes in his report, as an explanation, the program that has been carried on in the past two years, and he recommends:

That the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief continue the inventorying of former G.A.R. Halls, Buildings and property that was not legally or properly disposed of; and to urge the collection of all possible relics of the Civil War as a permanent Memorial to the Civil War Veteran.

Your Committee approves of this recommendation. (Adopted.)

Again, we commend, most highly, our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief not only for his efforts this year, but for the past fifty years in behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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

Brother Story, our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief has given yeoman service in his own locale. He has been quite active in his own local Camp, and in his own immediate area. He has also been Department Commander, and is active in his own Department.

In his report he describes the many meetings and social functions, in connection with our Order, which he has attended in California. His initiative, and his devotion to our Order is very evident; and for his work we commend him most highly. His report contains no recommendations, and we bid him "God Speed."

#### Report of National Patriotic Instructor

The report of the National Patriotic Instructor is voluminous and we will not attempt to discuss it in detail here, as it will be printed

In the proceedings. We urge you to read this, and other reports thoroughly. This report contains a number of recommendations:

(1) That this Encampment establish a standing Committee, to be known as "The National Civil War Centennial Committee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and to serve from now until the end of the Centennial in 1965.

Your Committee approves this recommendation as to the establishment of such a Committee. As to the details, we feel it should be a permanent Committee of perhaps not less than three, and not more than five; and we recommend that it be left in the hands of the Council of Administration to take care of the details in connection with it; and to give supervision to this Committee for the next eight (8) years. (Adopted.)

(2) That we continue our association with The American Coalition, as a constant source of currently vital and reliable information on matters of national and international import.

Your Committee approves this recommendation. (Adopted.)

(3) That we continue our support of The American Museum of Immigration along the same lines as we have this past year.

Your Committee approves this recommendation. (Adopted.)

(4) Suggestions contained in the Report of the National Patriotic Instructor—

(a) A form letter to a Camp Brother before the beginning of the Camp year.

(b) A form letter to an eligible.

(c) A Poster for use on the Bulletin Boards of Veterans' Posts.

Your Committee approves, as these will be available to those desiring them, as these suggestions will appear in the proceedings; and those who have a mind to avail themselves of them can do so. (Committee sustained.)

(d) The printing and dissemination of G.A.R. stamps along the lines of Christmas seals, as a means of raising funds and publicizing our Order at the same time.

Your Committee approve, and refer this matter to the incoming Council of Administration for their consideration. (Adopted.)

(e) The purchase and dissemination of Congratulatory Cards for new voters as a patriotic service and worthwhile publicity.

Your Committee can't accept or reject that. I think that in the body of his report there was some reference made to his activity along the line of "Get Out the Vote." It is a patriotic duty, I think, to urge all citizens to exercise their Constitutional right to vote. His suggestion is not clear exactly as to how or where these cards are to be purchased. However, your Committee has no objection to it, and commend it to the notice of the respective Camps in the Departments to do so if they choose. (Adopted.)

That concludes the specific recommendations made in the report of the National Patriotic Instructor. Again this year, as last, we feel that we should express our great commendation of the enthusiasm, initiative and the worthwhile effort which Brother Wells has put into the job of National Patriotic Instructor. He has changed a foolish, nonsensical, statistical report to something interesting and valuable—which is evidence of great accomplishment by Brother Wells. For this, we express our thanks and commendation; and we feel that such a man should be continued in his worthwhile work.

#### Report of National Secretary-Treasurer

Again this year, as in so many years past, we have before us the report—not long, but meaty of National Secretary Treasurer

Albert C. Lambert. You heard it read yesterday, it will be in the proceedings—and we urge you to read it and consider it carefully. It proposes many questions which we must keep before us this next year. He has one recommendation:

(1) That the Budget Committee be instructed to include an appropriation in the sum of \$100.00 to defray expense incident to the Lincoln Birthday exercises at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. on February 12; and the ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois on April 15th.

Your Committee approves this recommendation. (Adopted.)

Paragraph 9 of the National Secretary's report simply is a quotation from a letter from the Treasury Department, in culmination of a proposition which was submitted to his care at the last Encampment. I think it worthwhile to read this decision because your Committee has a comment to make on the latter part of it. (reads paragraph 9 of report) "contributions made to the National organization, Departments or Camps are deductible by donors in computing their taxable income," etc. I feel, Commander-in-Chief, that it might be well that our National Secretary-Treasurer not only bring this matter to the attention of our members; but also the fact that the donations for life membership be considered as such. I see here, from this report, that all of these life memberships are shown as Permanent Fund, and are listed as membership fees. I urge you to change your language. Do not call it a membership fee, but a donation. They make a donation and, in return for that donation, you give them a life membership.

Secondly, the matter of expenses to the Council of Administration when they attend any meeting of the Council should be called to our attention. They are entitled to deduct any such expenses, as business expenses or a donation to the order. If any part of that is refunded to them, it must, of course, be deducted. Expenses incurred by Council Members for Council meetings prior to and subsequent to National Encampment are tax deductible for expenses not reimbursed, to the same extent as Directors of a Corporation. I think it should be called to your attention so that you can take advantage of it.

In the 10th and 11th paragraphs of the Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer, these thoughts have already been presented in a previous report; but your Committee on Officers' Reports feel it well worthwhile that these paragraphs be reread to you (reads paragraphs 10 and 11 of report), and then be referred to the incoming Council of Administration for further and continuing study in the coming year. Commander-in-Chief, your Committee felt so strongly on these matters that we wanted to bring them to you to again emphasize them; and that if appropriate resolutions have not been prepared covering these matters, we suggest that it not be overlooked.

I think that this report, in itself, speaks louder than any words I can conjure up now in commendation of the devoted and efficient service of our National Secretary-Treasurer. (Report interrupted for visit of the New York delegation of the Auxiliary.)

#### VISIT OF NEW YORK DELEGATION OF THE AUXILIARY

Mrs. Anita Stephan, Department President (who was escorted in and presented to the Commander-in-Chief by her husband, National Special Aide, Willard B. Stephan) and the New York delegation of the Auxiliary were escorted in, and presented to the Encampment. They presented greetings, and good wishes for a suc-

cessful Encampment; and a personal gift was presented to Commander-in-Chief Howe. The Commander-in-Chief responded to them; after which they were escorted from the Encampment.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS (Cont'd):

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** Commander-in-Chief, we will now continue with our report.

##### Report of Registered Agent in D. C.

You heard this report read yesterday; and it contained the following:

Recommendation that the Regulations be amended, relative to the Washington Representative—That recommendation has been referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations and has been passed by you.

It also included a suggested Resolution about the bridge over the Potomac River in Washington. That was referred to the Committee on Resolutions, was included in their report, and passed on this afternoon.

It also reported a great deal with respect to the efforts of our Washington Representative in connection with public relations with other hereditary and patriotic organizations, and describes our relations with our compatriots—the Loyal Legion. It suggested that if our Order has any recommendations or Resolutions to make in regard to the matter, that it be decided now so that such action can be formally presented to the Loyal Legion at its annual meeting in October. Your Committee had been laboring under the impression that our relationships were now, and have been for the past several years, most cordial and cooperative—at least, with respect to the February 12th observance. If there is other action on our part necessary to demonstrate our relationships and cordial cooperation with the Loyal Legion, your Committee feels it should be referred to the Washington Representative for such further action as he deems necessary. (No objection.)

The final paragraph (No. 12) offered in the report of General Grant, with respect to the minting of a commemorative coin, has already been taken care of; and so your Committee passes over that.

In conclusion, your Committee can only reiterate what, perhaps, it said in other years: and that is our deepest appreciation of all that General Grant has meant to the Order in the manifold things he has done, not only as Commander-in-Chief, but at all times. This report demonstrates that the job of Commander-in-Chief really begins after he goes out of office; and we cannot use words appropriately eloquent to express our deep appreciation to General Grant for what he has meant to our Order, and all that he has accomplished for it. I would like to suggest a rising vote of thanks be given to him for his splendid work. (Rising vote of thanks and applause of the Encampment given Past Commander-in-Chief Grant.)

##### Report of Personal Aide

The report of Personal Aide Brother Messer is very brief, and contains no recommendations.

We express our appreciation for his services to the Commander-in-Chief and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

##### Report of National Chaplain

Brother Colwell has submitted his report, characteristic of the fine, devoted and earnest Son of a Union Veteran that he is. There is one recommendation in his report:

(1) That each Department Commander insist that his Camp Chaplains commit the opening and closing ritual prayers to memory.

Your Committee feels that it should extend not only to the Departments, but to the Camp. I cannot think of anything worse than the ritualistic ceremony being read from a book, especially the prayers. We highly commend Brother Colwell and suggest that at least the prayers be recited from memory.

We approve, in principle, this recommendation and hope that it will not only come to the attention of the Department Commanders, but also the Camp Commanders. (Adopted.)

#### Report of National Historian

Brother Spink has done an excellent job in this office. Your Committee approves his report and wish to express our appreciation for his fine work; and we hope that it will continue, in the future. The report contained no recommendations.

#### Report of National Graves Registration Officer

This report was read to you yesterday and describes, in detail, the continuing activity in that most necessary work. It contains four pages of activities and concludes with a recommendation which has already been passed upon in a previous report.

We want to express our great appreciation for the work Brother DeForest has done in this most important project, and hope he may be continued in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Coffin, Chairman, Ohio  
Edward W. Carmichael, California  
John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania  
Charles C. Webster, Maine  
Willard B. Stephan, New York  
Committee on Officers' Reports.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** This completes the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, and we would now like to be discharged.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you, Brother Coffin. The Committee on Officers' Reports is hereby discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment.

**National Secretary Lambert:** Commander-in-Chief, I move that we refer back to the receipt of communications so that I can read this request. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, and carried.)

The National Secretary then read a communication from the Department of Pennsylvania requesting restoration of Past Department Commander privileges and rank to: Maynard Huber, Camp 295, Hellertown; and Richard S. Widdoes, Camp 149, Media.

**National Secretary Lambert:** I move that the communication be received, and referred to the Committee on Restoration of Rank. (Seconded by National Counselor Locke, and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Does the Credentials Committee have any further report?

**Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York:** Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee wish to report a total of 105 registered.

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

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island: Commander-in-Chief, there was one matter on which this Committee still had to report; and as it was presented by the Department of Massachusetts, Brother Moran has asked me to make the report, which is as follows:

(8) From the Department of Massachusetts—Amendment to Chapter 3, Article VII, Section 4, page 34 of the Constitution and Regulations—to provide for a Committee at each National Encampment, to prepare for succeeding National Encampments two (2) years ahead of time.

Your Committee recommends concurrence with this recommendation.

(After lengthy discussion, on motion made by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, seconded by Past Department Commander Chas. H. Langletz, Maryland, and carried, the matter was tabled.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: That completes the report of our Committee on matters which were submitted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. H. E. Moran, Chairman, Massachusetts  
Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island  
Charles L. Messer, New York  
David E. Grindle, Maine  
Milo C. Newer, Sr., Michigan  
Committee on Constitution & Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Thank you, Brother Moran and members of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. You are now discharged, with the grateful appreciation of the Encampment for your work.

National Counselor Locke: For something over sixty-six years, I have been a member of this organization. Let us call that a trial membership. Having been with you as long as I have, and having gotten all the honors to be bestowed upon me, I now desire to become a permanent and active member, and make application for life membership, which I expect and hope to enjoy for the next 100 years; and I now turn over to the National Secretary my check for \$100.00 for that membership.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to announce that I have received checks for life membership from Charles P. Weldin, Maryland; and Edward N. Barnard, Michigan.

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

Mrs. Mildred Cliff, Department President of Michigan of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Mary Gayer, Department President of Michigan, of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, were escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

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

The following Committee from the Ladies of the G.A.R. was escorted into the Encampment, and introduced:

### GREETINGS FROM THE LADIES OF THE G.A.R.

Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, Past National President, Pennsylvania,  
 Mrs. Edwina P. Trigg, Past National President, Missouri,  
 Mrs. Margaret Anderson, Past Department President, Colorado.  
 Mrs. Kuhns extended the greetings of her National President,  
 Mrs. Gussie L. Morin; together with her personal wishes for a  
 wonderful Encampment, and presented a gift to Commander-in-Chief  
 Howe.

Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd, responded to all of  
 these ladies; after which they were escorted from the Encampment.

### INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

The National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans  
 of the Civil War, Margaret S. McKinney; and the Greetings Com-  
 mittee from the Auxiliary, consisting of the following were escorted  
 in and presented:

Mrs. Maude Warren, Past National President, Massachusetts,  
 Mrs. Ethelyn Tucker, Past National President, New Hampshire,  
 Miss Celeste Gentieu, Past National President, Maryland.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** We are happy to have this visit from  
 our National President and the Greetings Committee from the  
 Auxiliary. It is my pleasure to call upon my co-worker in the  
 Auxiliary, during this past year, Mrs. Margaret S. McKinney, National  
 President of the Auxiliary.

**National President Margaret S. McKinney:** My traveling com-  
 panion, Fred, officers, delegates and members of the Sons of Union  
 Veterans, it is indeed a pleasure to come here today to visit you.  
 I have a very enjoyable mission to perform, and I brought you some-  
 thing from me to you also.

Our organization wants to present a personal gift to you. I  
 happened to know that you are very desirous of a certain kind of  
 clock; and I thought it would be nice if we would have the privilege  
 of buying that clock for you—so I take pleasure in giving you this  
 check of \$60.00 for that clock.

Now, I have a love token from our organization to your organiza-  
 tion—a check for \$500.00, to be spent wisely, for the Sons of  
 Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I want to tell you all that I have had a wonderful year. Your  
 Commander-in-Chief is a fine person, and has been a gentleman at  
 all times. We had the pleasure of being traveling companions in  
 our visits to seventeen (17) Departments. Fred, his wife and I  
 have formed a very close friendship; and I know that we shall  
 always continue to be good friends; and I pray God that our or-  
 ganizations will stay as close as the three of us will always be.  
 Thank you for the wonderful Commander-in-Chief you have given  
 me, and thank you for all the courtesies extended to me.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you, Margaret. I will turn  
 the \$500.00 check over to the National Secretary-Treasurer; and  
 you can be assured that it will be spent wisely.

I should now like to call upon Past National President Maude  
 Warren.

**Past National President Maude Warren:** Commander-in-Chief, and  
 Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans, we just came in as an  
 escort to our National President, but I want to say that it is a  
 pleasure to come and visit you, and have a part in this presentation.

You seem to have a good gathering here today, and we hope that you are having a fine meeting; and that the rest of your Encampment will be very pleasant.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you very much. Now we have Past National President Ethelyn Tucker.

**Past National President Ethelyn Tucker:** Brother Commander-in-Chief and members of this wonderful organization, it is always a thrilling experience for me to be included as a member of this Committee to come in and greet you. I am personally very glad that I could come.

My warmest greetings to you all and I know you are having a wonderful Encampment, and that you will continue to do so. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** And now I call upon another Past National President of the Auxiliary, Celeste Gentieu.

**Past National President Celeste Gentieu:** Commander-in-Chief, it is indeed a pleasure to extend greetings to you from my own Maryland-Delaware Department.

As you all know, I had the pleasure of unveiling the Albert Woolson monument at Gettysburg last year; and I want to thank the Sons for their co-operation and participation on that occasion. We are all very proud of that memorial, and I am happy that the Sons played an important part in that ceremony.

I hope your Encampment will be very pleasant, and that we will all meet again next year in Boston. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I will now ask Past Commander-in-Chief and National Counselor Locke to respond.

**National Counselor Locke:** National President, and members of the Greetings Committee from our Auxiliary, we expected you here today, and you said exactly what we expected you to say; and we thank you because we know that you mean it.

Do you know this? We wouldn't have any Sons of Union Veterans if it wasn't for our Auxiliary. How do you like that? We know that it is true, and are grateful to you for your splendid work and co-operation with us.

We knew that you were coming over to extend your greetings, and pledges of support this year in our Encampment; and we will expect you next year, and the year after, and for all the years to come; and we appreciate your coming and being so good to us. We know where you stand with us; and we hope to see you for many years to come. As for me, I have just purchased a life membership in this organization, good for the next 100 years; and I expect to be around for that length of time, and expect you to be with us too. Good-bye girls, and God Bless You.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** To you Margaret, my traveling mate during the past year, I just want to add that my wife and I have enjoyed every minute of being with you. I feel that she did a much better job, in the Departments which I could not visit and in which she represented me, than I could have done. I substituted for her, in Departments she could not visit; and I thank the Lord that we could help each other out as we did. During our visits, we worked for peace and harmony and feel that we have achieved something worthwhile in that direction; and I hope that it continues that way.

We are very glad to have had you here today; and we thank you for coming.

(The National President and the Committee were escorted out; and the Commander-in-Chief went with them. In his absence, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief DeHaven presided.)



Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: Are there any further reports to be given at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I am now ready to present the report of the National Chief of Staff.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Detroit, Michigan.  
August 22nd, 1957

Fred E. Howe, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It has been my pleasure to serve you and our order, as Chief of Staff, during the past year.

Knowing the treasury could use some additional funds, I requested, and was granted, permission to again start a Chief of Staff Fund. I then obtained 25 cent Holiday cards, which when filled contained \$4.00 worth of quarters, and mailed one to each member who attended the Encampment in Harrisburg last year. The following is a list of those Brothers who responded.

<b>California and Pacific</b>		
Mrs. Beatrice Riggs .....	\$5.00	
William A. Webster .....	4.00	
Edward W. Carmichael .....	4.00	
Louis T. Story .....	4.00	
Earl F. Riggs .....	4.25	
Dr. L. J. Snow .....	3.75	
Melvin Riggs .....	4.00	
George A. Ruple .....	4.00	
		\$33.00
<b>Connecticut</b>		
James Y. Ledwith .....	4.00	
Allen F. Spink .....	4.00	
G. Leon Lewis .....	4.00	
		12.00
<b>Illinois</b>		
Geo. Lovering .....	1.00	1.00
<b>Iowa</b>		
Roy J. Bennett .....	4.00	4.00
<b>Kansas</b>		
Chas. E. Katterman, Jr. ....	3.00	3.00
<b>Maine</b>		
Maurice Warner .....	5.00	
Albert B. DeHaven .....	5.00	
Charles C. Webster .....	4.00	
		14.00
<b>Maryland</b>		
U. S. Grant, 3rd .....	25.00	
Department of Maryland .....	15.00	
		40.00
<b>Massachusetts</b>		
Ernest G. Wells .....	5.00	
Everett M. Atwood .....	5.00	

Henry S. Bowen .....	4.00	
Harold Shepardon .....	4.00	
Herbert W. Bogue .....	5.00	
Frank D. Smith .....	4.25	
Chas. H. E. Moran .....	4.00	
William C. Rule .....	2.00	
George W. Cutting .....	4.00	
Louis E. Winchell .....	5.00	
Ira Buxton .....	5.00	
John L. Day .....	4.00	
Roy Call .....	3.00	
Alfred Cooper .....	4.00	
		58.25
<b>Michigan</b>		
Donald F. Peacock .....	5.00	
Urion Mackey .....	10.00	
		15.00
<b>New Hampshire</b>		
Cleon E. Heald .....	5.00	
Robt. A. Lawrence .....	5.00	
		10.00
<b>New Jersey</b>		
Fred H. Combs, Sr. ....	4.00	
Albert C. Lambert .....	4.00	
Richard Kucker .....	5.00	
James C. Steenwerth .....	5.00	
Frank Daubert .....	5.00	
Wm. Simpson .....	1.00	
		24.00
<b>New York</b>		
Fred E. Howe .....	5.00	
Willard Stephan .....	4.00	
Robert Doughty .....	4.00	
Truman Vincent .....	2.00	
Charles L. Messer .....	5.00	
Robert Wagoner .....	4.00	
		24.00
<b>Ohio</b>		
Fred Pfister, Jr. ....	4.00	
C. Edward Wetzell .....	5.00	
Louis Blair .....	4.00	
Wm. M. Coffin .....	5.00	
		18.00
<b>Pennsylvania</b>		
Camp 182, Bethlehem .....	5.00	
Camp 160, Sunbury .....	10.00	
R. G. Landis .....	4.00	
Chester S. Shriver .....	4.00	
James B. McKee .....	4.00	
Frank Dern .....	4.00	
Arthur Yocum .....	4.00	
Kenneth Reber .....	4.00	
Lester A. Donmoyer, Sr. ....	4.00	
Robert Arnold .....	8.00	
John E. Sautter .....	4.00	
A. Bruce Hemminger .....	4.00	
E. A. Shoop .....	4.00	
Geo. W. F. Hohe .....	2.00	

Frank M. Heacock .....	2.00	
Geo. W. Leasure .....	4.00	
		71.00
<b>Rhode Island</b>		
H. Dwight Bromley .....	4.00	
Harold Arnold .....	4.00	
		8.00
<b>Wisconsin</b>		
Herman Black .....	4.00	4.00
Total Receipts .....		\$339.25
Holiday Cards .....		23.40
Profit .....		\$315.85

This money is to be used to help defray the expenses of the Order, incident to the Encampment to be held in California in 1959.

I assisted the Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary wherever possible, and performed such other duties as directed by the Commander-in-Chief, whom it has been a pleasure to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Leroy Stoudt,  
National Chief of Staff.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Story:** I move that the Report of the National Chief of Staff be adopted, as presented, with our thanks for his work in that office. (Seconded by Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and adopted.)

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief DeHaven:** Are there any other reports?

(At this time, the Commander-in-Chief returned, and presided.)

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** The Chairman of the Committee is out of the room, and I will report for him.

The Committee acted unanimously on the two requests presented for restoration of rank and privileges of Past Department Commander to:

Maynard Huber, Camp 295, Hellertown, Pennsylvania

Richard S. Widdoes, Camp 149, Media, Pennsylvania

and recommend that the requests be granted, and the above rank be restored to these Brothers. (Adopted.)

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Locke, Illinois, Chairman,

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maryland,

C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania,

Dr. Levi J. Snow, California.

Committee on Restoration of Rank.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you, Brother Stoudt. I will now discharge this Committee, with our appreciation for their work.

(An open forum on subjects of general interest followed, in which many of the delegates spoke about the activities in the various Departments.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** If there is no further business to come before us at this time, we will recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 21, 1957 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Brothers, we have a recommendation that was brought in from the Auxiliary on which they have taken action—the petition to the Sons of Union Veterans to allow the Commander-in-Chief, and National Presidents of the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. to meet together in the Convention city to make their own plans for their Encampments. (Adopted, on motion of Delegate J. Franklin Dawson, Pennsylvania; seconded by Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

(Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief DeHaven presided as the Commander-in-Chief went with the Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary and Ladies of the G.A.R.)

### INITIATION OF CANDIDATE BY DEGREE TEAM FROM MASSACHUSETTS

At this time Kenneth Theodore Wheeler, Jr., of Milford, New Hampshire was initiated; with the Ritualistic Team from the Department of Massachusetts, supervised by Past Department Commander William O. Fuller initiating the candidate. The degree team consisted of:

Commander .....	Everett Atwood
Sr. Vice Commander .....	Howard E. Waite
Jr. Vice Commander .....	Charles Hooper
Patriotic Instructor .....	Charles H. E. Moran
Chaplain .....	Louis Winchell, Sr.
Guide .....	Millard F. Brown
Color Bearer .....	Clark W. Mellor
Secretary .....	John Day, Sr.
Ass't. Secretary .....	Harold P. Shepardson
Treasurer .....	Ernest G. Wells
Ass't Treasurer .....	Roy C. Call
Council Members .....	Ira Buxton
	Lester W. Eldridge
	Herbert W. Bogue
Guard .....	George W. Cutting
all of Massachusetts,	
Musician .....	Charles C. Webster, of Maine

Congratulations, and general discussion on the work of the degree team then followed.

(At this time, the Commander-in-Chief returned, and assumed his station.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I had the pleasure of going with the Past Commanders-in-Chief to bring greetings to our Auxiliary; and to the Ladies of the G.A.R. We thought it advisable that we do it this morning.

**Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts:** From the report of the National Historian and from his activities during this past year, it is quite evident that there are some expenses connected to this office, very much the same as those incurred by the National Graves

Registration Officer. Therefore, I move that the amount of \$25.00 be appropriated from the G.A.R. Fund, for the use of the National Historian, to be used in his work. (Seconded by Department Commander Carl P. Gutekunst, Pennsylvania, and carried.)

**National Counselor Locke:** Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a question of personal privilege. (He approached the Encampment Stenographer, and presented a check for \$100.00 as a testimonial to her from the National body of the Sons of Union Veterans; also a personal gift from the Past Commanders-in-Chief—which were accepted by Mrs. Berhalter with sincere and heartfelt gratitude.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** At this time, I want to speak, personally to you, Brother Stoudt. In your case, I figured I was 100% right in my selection of you for the office of Chief of Staff. I know you worked hard with Beatrice Riggs on the wonderful banquet we held last night, and the other social activities connected with this Encampment; and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. All of the comments I heard about the banquet last night were good ones; and I want to sincerely thank you.

Thank you, Brother Runkle, for your part in the arrangements for the Campfire on Sunday night—it was a memorable ceremony.

**Brother Dexter,** I also want to recognize you; and thank you for all that you have done in connection with this Encampment. You, and your Committee, have done a fine job; and I am grateful to you.

**Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan:** It was a great pleasure to be able to serve you, in a small way; and we were very happy to have had you meet here in Detroit this year. We had the 100% co-operation of the entire Convention Committee in the arrangements for this Encampment, and I am happy to have had a part in it.

(On motion of Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; seconded by several, and carried; a rising vote of thanks was given by the Encampment to Brother Dexter and his Committee, and the Michigan Department for their splendid work in arranging for the Encampment.)

Mary Gordon, the National Musician of the Auxiliary was then escorted in and was presented with a personal gift (\$10.00) from the members of the Encampment; and a rising vote of thanks was given her, by the Encampment, for musical entertainment provided by her at the banquet; and at other times during the course of the Encampment. She expressed her sincere thanks, after which she was escorted out.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Is the Committee on Resolutions ready with a final report?

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** Your Committee on Resolutions suggests the following Resolutions:

(8)(A)—That thanks of the Encampment be extended to Hon. George A. Dondero for his and Mrs. Dondero's gracious presence at our Camp Fire Sunday evening, and to him for his address on Incidents of the Civil War. (Adopted.)

(B) That the greetings of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be extended to Honorary Associate Thomas I. Starr, and heartfelt regrets that illness has prevented his attendance at our National Encampment. (Adopted.)

(C) That the thanks of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are extended to Hon. G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan, for his message of welcome extended by Judge Carl M. Weideman; and to Hon. Louis C. Miriana, President of the City Council for his presence at the Camp Fire, and for his cordial message of welcome. (Adopted.)

(D) That thanks be extended to the Detroit Convention Bureau for their welcome and assistance to our Encampment Committee in the arrangements for the Encampment; also appreciation extended to the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit News and the Detroit Times. (Adopted.)

(E) That the thanks of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be extended to Brother Charles F. Dexter, Chairman; Edward N. Barnard, Treasurer; Milo Newer, Secretary; Judge Carl M. Weideman and the other members of the Encampment Committee for their excellent arrangements which has contributed much to making the National Encampment such an outstanding success. (Adopted.)

(F) That the thanks of the Sons of Union Veterans be extended to the Michigan Department of the Sons, of the Auxiliary, and to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for their part in the arrangements for this Encampment; and to U. S. Grant Auxiliary No. 16 for their generous financial contribution. (Adopted.)

(G) That hearty thanks be extended to the management of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel for their excellent arrangements to facilitate our transaction of business and for our comfort; and for the courteous and efficient service we have enjoyed. (Adopted.)

(9) The following Resolutions on statement of policy, have already been adopted by the ladies organizations; and your Committee recommend adoption of the following:

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in their seventy-sixth annual National Encampment assembled hereby resolve and declare their attitude on certain public questions as follows:

(A) We recommend and urge the earlier and more comprehensive teaching of American history in our schools and colleges. Many American heroes and great and inspiring moments in our history have been fading out of text books used in our public schools and colleges. Our children are being denied the inspiration of these true stories of American courage and love of Country which did so much to keep American backbones stiff and chins up in time of national crisis. The Centennial of the Civil War offers a special opportunity to emphasize its lessons. It would be unfortunate and a dismal commentary if the meaning and achievements of the Civil War are forgotten, if the flag no longer flew from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans, if there were no appreciation of what the Grand Army of the Republic did and stood for namely, Union and Freedom, in all that the word means in its best sense. (Adopted.)

(B) That we oppose any amendment or alterations in the McCarran-Walter Act that would violate the quota system or weaken the provisions against admission of subversive or otherwise undesirable immigrants. (Adopted.)

(C) We endorse and commend the efforts of the President to secure international agreement with necessary guarantees for the limitation and control of atomic and nuclear tests and weapons. (Adopted.)

(D) We oppose any change in the date of Memorial Day, which has been May 30th for nearly ninety years, and we invite the co-operation of all patriotic organizations to prevent such change. (Adopted.)

Respectfully submitted,

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maryland, Chairman,  
Richard F. Locke, Illinois,  
Henry Towle, Maine,  
Dr. L. J. Snow, California,  
William O. Fuller, Massachusetts,  
G. Leon Lewis, Connecticut,  
Committee on Resolutions.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** That concludes our report, and we would now ask to be discharged.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you, Brother Grant; and the Committee on Resolutions is now discharged, with our thanks.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle:** Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I would like to present something to you which the Department of Pennsylvania, by action at their Department Convention this past June adopted; and we would ask that the National organization join with us in this observance.

As you all know, last year at the National Encampment in Harrisburg, we joined with the Auxilliary in the dedication of the Albert Woolson Memorial to the G.A.R. at Gettysburg.

It has been decided that we should annually have an observance in memory of the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic. We decided that the best time would be in November, and we are combining it with the observance of Dedication Day which, this year, will be on November 16th.

In the afternoon, we plan to have a program at the Woolson monument, preceded by a parade, with a well known speaker; and it is our thought that wreaths be placed by each of the National organizations, as well as by the Department of Pennsylvania organizations and we propose to invite all the national organizations. I would like to ask the Sons of Union Veterans to adopt this as part of our program, and participate in that ceremony. I would, therefore, move that the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War present a wreath at the Woolson Monument in Gettysburg on November 16th, in conjunction with the parade and ceremonies, sponsored by the Department of Pennsylvania. (Seconded by Department Commander Carl P. Gutekunst, Pennsylvania; and carried.)

**Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle:** I would like to suggest, Commander-in-Chief that the proceedings of this, and future Encampments be made available to anyone not present at the Encampment, providing they pay the sum of \$2.00 for these proceedings; and I will so move. (Seconded by Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Is there a report from the Credentials Committee?

**Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York:** We now report a total of 109 registered.

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

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 21, 1957 — 1:30 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Howe: I believe we are now ready for the report of the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration.

### REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Council of Administration Member Combs: Your Budget Committee of the Council of Administration wish to present the proposed budget for the coming year.

#### Proposed Budget — 1957-1958

Receipts:	
Per Capita Tax—5500 members at \$1.00 .....	\$5,500.00
Registration Fees—150 Members at \$2.00 .....	300.00
Sale of Supplies .....	600.00
Banner Subscriptions .....	1,000.00
Gift from Auxilliary .....	500.00
Total .....	\$7,900.00

Disbursements:	
The Banner .....	\$2,000.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expense .....	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer Salary .....	1,200.00
Supplies .....	500.00
Encampment Expense (1958) .....	900.00
Shipping Expense, Supplies, etc. ....	100.00
Rent of National Headquarters .....	400.00
Miscellaneous (Incl. P.C. in C. Badge) .....	300.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	300.00
Proceedings—1957 .....	700.00
C.P.A. Audit .....	100.00
Lincoln Tomb and Lincoln Monument Expense .....	100.00
Testimonial—Annamae Berhalter .....	100.00
Total .....	\$7,700.00

#### Recommendations:

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

- \$25.00 for Committee on Grave Marking
- \$300.00 for Lincoln University
- \$100.00 for G.A.R. Highway Committee
- \$25.00 for National Historian

Respectfully submitted,

Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey,  
Albert B. DeHaven, Maine,  
Budget Committee,  
Council of Administration.

(Adopted.)



General discussion on the unique design for the arrangement of 50 stars in our American flag, as suggested by members of Redwood Empire Camp of California followed; and it was moved by National Patriotic Instructor Wells that the Encampment go on record as endorsing the design, as submitted by Redwood Empire Camp. (Seconded by Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Is there any other business to come before the Encampment before the Nomination and Election of Officers?

Is the Credential Committee ready with a final report?

#### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE — FINAL REPORT

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

Number of members enrolled, 113, composed of:	
Past Commanders-in-Chief .....	8
Past Department Commanders .....	43
Past Department Commanders (Registered, not present) .....	1
Department Commanders .....	13
Delegates .....	42
Alternate Delegates .....	6
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>113</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Bertram Isaacs, Chairman, New York,  
Earl F. Riggs, California,  
Alton Sharp, New Jersey,  
Harold P. Shepardson, Massachusetts,  
Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey,  
Credentials Committee.

(Report adopted on motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Moran, and carried.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you, Brother Isaacs. The Committee on Credentials and any other Committees which have not been discharged, are now discharged; with the sincere appreciation of this Encampment.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Locke:** I move that we now go into Nomination and Election of Officers. (Seconded by several, and carried.)

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

##### Commander-in-Chief

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** National Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific, and Department Commander Dr. Levi J. Snow yielded to Maine.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Towle:** Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I wish to put into nomination for the office of Commander-in-Chief a fifty year member of this organization. At our last Department Encampment, it was unanimously voted that he be proposed for this office.

He has served in various offices in this organization, both in the Department and National body, for nearly fifty years; and I know that his work has always been satisfactory to his superior officers and

to this organization, as a whole. Therefore, I wish to place into nomination the name of Albert B. DeHaven of Maine, for Commander-in-Chief.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Locke:** Commander-in-Chief, the nomination just made of Albert DeHaven, for the highest office this organization can offer, seems to me to be a logical and good-sense thing to do. I have known him for many years; and I have never known the time he was asked to do anything for the interest of the Sons of Union Veterans that it wasn't done—and well.

It is a pleasure for me, an old friend of his for many years, on behalf of the Illinois Department, to second the nomination.

(Also seconded by the Departments of Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Rhode Island.)

**National Secretary Lambert:** Inasmuch as there is only one candidate, I move that the ballot of the Encampment be cast for Albert B. DeHaven. (Seconded by Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California, and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast 113 votes for Albert B. DeHaven for Commander-in-Chief.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Brother DeHaven, you have been elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief DeHaven:** I do, Brother Howe, and will serve to the best of my ability.

#### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called California and Pacific.

**Department Commander Dr. Levi J. Snow, California:** Commander-in-Chief, at this moment I think of the story of two little boys who were busy playing in the house and, accidentally, broke a valuable vase. There was a question as to which one would tell the Mother about the accident. The older one said, "You tell Mother," and the younger one replied, "No, you tell her." The older one asked, "Why should I tell her?" and the younger one replied, "I think you should be the one to tell her—you know her longer."

I am comparatively new in California and like the young boy in the story, feel that someone older in the Department should do this; and so I am going to turn it over to Past Department Commander Coursey—because he has known our candidate longer, and can tell you more about him.

**Past Department Commander J. Wilbur Coursey, California:** Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Delegates and Members of this National body, I am not going to make a long speech because everything I have to say can be said in a few words.

It is my pleasure to bring to you the name of a candidate for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief from California who has belonged to the Sons for twenty-eight years; and who has been in California most of that time. He has served in various offices, among which have been Camp Commander and Department Commander in 1929-1930.

In my work in this organization in California, I have become acquainted with the personnel of the Department and with the workers, many of whom have passed on, and I have watched many of them in their advancement in the Order. I have watched this man in particular, with a great deal of interest.

I am going to name as a candidate for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief a man whom I have known for many years. In the work of this organization he has been very efficient and accommodating,

and he has been on the Council for the last five or six years. He is a man whom everyone likes, a fine, patriotic citizen, of whom we are proud.

He has worked his way up through the chairs of his local Camp, the Department, and today he sits in the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief chair in this Encampment. I am sure you have all met him, and know him.

I wish to present for your consideration as a candidate for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Louis T. Story of California.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** I would like, if I may, to add a word. During the time I served this organization as Commander-in-Chief, Brother Story was one of my Officers. I would like to endorse this nomination because I know he is a hard worker, a man you can rely upon—one with good judgment, a perfect gentleman, a God fearing citizen and a son of a veteran.

(Seconded by Departments of Iowa, Michigan, Maine and Rhode Island.)

**Past Commander-in-Chief Moran:** Since there is only one candidate, I move you that the National Secretary be empowered to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment. (Seconded by Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast 113 votes for Louis T. Story for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Brother Story, you have been elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Story:** I do, and will do all in my power to serve you well.

#### Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to Maryland, when they yielded to Michigan.

**Delegate Edward N. Barnhard:** We of the Encampment Committee, and the State of Michigan have been very proud to have had your Encampment in this city this year.

You are now about to nominate and elect a Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Without any egotism to myself, I want to ask you for the support of our candidate, whom I am about to present to you.

For upwards of twenty-five years, I have represented the Republican party in this state at National Conventions; and in one of those Conventions, I had the distinct honor and pleasure to nominate my cousin, Frank Knox, for the office of Vice President of the United States. During all that period of time, I had by my side a man I regard as one of the finest organizers I have ever met. That man is Charles Dexter.

In the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of this organization you must have a man of great integrity, a man not afraid to work—and that man is Charles Dexter.

I joined this organization because of him. I made my donation for a life membership in this organization, at his request.

You must have a man of great ability, of integrity and a man who stands above his fellow man, and is not afraid to go out and do things to fill this office. My friends and brothers, it is a privilege and an honor, because he possesses those qualifications, to now bring into nomination for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief my friend, a man that the state of Michigan loves—our own Charles Dexter.

(The National Secretary called the roll to Rhode Island.)

Department Commander George A. Strait, Rhode Island: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I would like to present the name of a man to the National Encampment for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He has served his Camp, his Department, and has been a national officer at two different times; and I feel sure that you will not make a mistake by electing him to this office. I, therefore, wish to present the name of Harold E. Arnold for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(10 Minute Recess declared for delegations to hold a caucus.)

Commander-in-Chief Howe: The Encampment will again come to order; and I will appoint the following:

Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin as Judge.

Department Commander John Dalzell, Michigan, as a Teller.

Department Commander George A. Strait, Rhode Island, as a Teller.

The voting then proceeded, and after a number of Departments had been called and had voted, the following motion was made:

Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan: Thank you, Brothers for your support. I wish to withdraw as a candidate for this office and I would like to make a motion that the unanimous vote of the Encampment be cast for Harold Arnold for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Chas. H. Langlet, Maryland; and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast the Encampment ballot.)

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Brother Arnold, you have been elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island: I do.

#### Member—Council of Administration (2 Year Term)

Commander-in-Chief Howe: Nominations are now open for a two year term to the Council of Administration.

The National Secretary called the roll, when Department Commander Dr. L. J. Snow of California passed to Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: A large majority present at this Encampment heard me do a great deal of talking about the long time membership I hold in this Order. In all the years of my membership, I have not had a more pleasant or more satisfactory assignment than this one.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present, as a candidate for a two year term on the Council of Administration, a man whom I am sure you will all want to vote for.

He has presided over this organization for two terms, he has done much for this organization and you all know and highly respect him. It is none other than our good friend and Past Commander-in-Chief General U. S. Grant, 3rd, whose name I present to you for the office of Member of the Council of Administration for a two year term. (Applause of the Encampment followed this nomination.)

(The nomination was seconded by the Departments of Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I move you that the National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Past Commander-in-Chief Grant for a two year term to the Council of Administration. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Towle, and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast 113 votes for Past Commander-in-Chief Grant.)

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I hereby declare you elected to a two year term to the Council of Administration. Do you accept?

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** I do.

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

**Commander-in-Chief elect DeHaven:** The Installing Officer will be Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin.

Mrs. Bertha Howe, Mrs. Nellie DeHaven, and the Maine delegation from the Auxiliary were escorted into the Encampment for the Installation.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers followed, with Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin as Installing Officer, and Delegate Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts as Installing Guide.

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

National Patriotic Instructor—Earl F. Riggs, California.

National Chaplain—Charles C. Webster, Maine.

National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois.

National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut.

National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania.

Registered Agent in D. C.—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Ret., Maryland.

National Graves Registration Officer—Bertrand O. DeForest, Connecticut.

Personal Aide—Maurice J. Warner, Maine.

Committee Chairmen:

G.A.R. Highway Committee—Deferred.

Legislative Committee—Fred E. Colwell, New York.

Americanism & Education—Deferred.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected Officers, (compiled with) and:

Commander-in-Chief—Albert B. DeHaven, Maine.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Louis T. Story, California.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island.

Council of Administration:

Fred E. Howe—New York (1 Year).

Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey (1 Year).

Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A., Ret., Maryland (2 Years).

National Secretary-Treasurer—Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey (3 Years).

National Patriotic Instructor—Earl F. Riggs, California.

National Chaplain—Charles C. Webster, Maine.

National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois.

National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut.

National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania.

Registered Agent in D. C.—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U. S. A., Ret.

Personal Aide—Maurice J. Warner, Maine.

were installed in Ritualistic form.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** It has been a pleasure and a privilege to officiate as your Installing Officer, Brother DeHaven; and may I offer my congratulations and good wishes to you for a very successful year.

**Commander-in-Chief DeHaven:** Thank you, Brother Coffin.

As my first official act, Brothers, I want to introduce you to my wife; and I want to tell you that when it comes to wives, they don't make them any better.

**Mrs. Nellie DeHaven:** Brother Commander-in-Chief, and members of the Sons of Union Veterans, it is a thrill for me to stand here on the platform and see my husband installed as the highest officer in your organization. To you, Albert, may I just extend my sincere congratulations—and wish for you, your Officers and Members a most successful year. Thank you.

(The Commander-in-Chief then introduced Mrs. Ida Kline, Past National President Mildred Webster, and Department President Mrs. Golda Hall; all of Maine—who extended greetings and good wishes for an enjoyable and successful administration.)

**Past Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I want to be one of the first to extend the hand of congratulations and good wishes to you, Brother DeHaven. May God give you health and strength to carry out the duties of this office, in line with our objects and purposes.

I have a very happy duty to perform—that of turning over to you the emblem of the Commander-in-Chief which you, at the end of your term, will turn over to your successor as Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer did to me. Wear it proudly, for it is the emblem of the highest honor in this organization; and I feel sure that you will do an excellent job as Commander-in-Chief this year.

**Commander-in-Chief DeHaven:** Thank you, Fred. I just hope that, at the end of my term, I will have had an administration as successful as was yours; and with the help of God, and the Brothers, I pray it will be so.

**Mrs. Bertha Howe:** Albert, may I just say a word to you. I traveled with Fred all during this past year, and we had a wonderful time. I hope that you and Nellie will do the same thing because it is something you will never forget, and will never regret as you meet and get to know so many wonderful people all over this nation as you travel about. I wish the best of everything to you, and hope that you will have a wonderful year.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Locke:** Commander-in-Chief, I would like a word with Brother Howe.

I suppose you now consider yourself as having had all the honors this organization can give you and that your work is now through.

The truth is that you have just completed your course of instruction in service with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and you now join the very exclusive and distinctive group of men who have served in the capacity of Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

As yet, you have nothing to designate your newly gained station; and it is my pleasure to present you with that designation—the gold cross of a Past Commander-in-Chief in the Sons of Union Veterans. Wear it proudly, all your life—and may God be good and grant you a long life in which to enjoy it.

Speaking for the Past Commanders-in-Chief, I am proud and happy to admit you into that branch of our Order whose duty it will be to continue in the work of this organization just as long as there is life.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you very much, Dick. I have been very happy to be closely associated with you this past year—I shall always remember that association.

**National Secretary Lambert:** Past Commander-in-Chief Howe, many years ago a practice was instituted of presenting the outgoing Commander-in-Chief with a lapel button, in gold, which is a miniature of the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge. I was one of the Past Commanders-in-Chief who received one from the hands of Brother Hammer who originated the custom; and it has been my privilege

to carry it on and, therefore, I would like you to accept this lapel button as a personal gift from me.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Howe:** There is no man from whom I would have rather received this than you, Brother Lambert. I have certainly enjoyed my association, and friendship with you this year, Albert; and I hope that association will continue for many, many years. I appreciate this lapel button; and thank you very much.

(The Maine delegation of the Auxiliary was then escorted from the Encampment.)

**Past Commander-in-Chief Locke:** I move you that the minutes of this Encampment as taken by the Encampment Stenographer be the official proceedings, when approved by the retiring Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary; and that this Encampment now adjourn. (Seconded by Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California, and carried.)

(The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.)

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

Fred E. Howe  
(Commander-in-Chief).

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert  
(National Secretary).  
Annamae D. Berhalter  
(Official Stenographer).

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING****August 21, 1957 — 4 P. M.**

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held in the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, at the close of the 76th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven presided; with the following present: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Louis T. Story; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold; Members of the Council of Administration Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Commanders-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd, and Fred E. Howe; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

The following matters were taken into consideration with these results:

(1) The Resolution from O'Rorke Camp No. 60, Department of New York, relative to some form of a general reorganization of the Order which was referred to the Council of Administration on recommendation of the Resolutions Committee—

The Council considered the matter, and took action that any such suggested reorganization should be proposed in proper form—as amendments to the Constitution and Regulations.

(2) On the suggestions contained in the letter of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter:

(A) That one of the sessions of the Encampment, or as much time as possible be devoted to an open forum—to cover discussions on loss of membership, etc., this matter, by action of the Encampment, was left in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief, to be decided as a practical question. However, there was not enough time to devote a session to this matter and thus, no action was taken.

(B) That a systematic effort be made to learn the actual cause of the continued decrease in membership, as outlined by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter in his letter. Action was taken by the Encampment to write Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter to thank him for the letter and for the interest still evidenced by him in the Order; and to express appreciation for the suggestions. Also, to advise him that it was not possible to devote an entire session to the subject discussed in his letter; but that we intend to devote as much time as possible, in the year to come, to this matter—and tell him he was very much missed at the Encampment, and that best and warmest wishes of all are with him.

(3) From the Report of the National Patriotic Instructor—and referred to the Council of Administration to work out the details; on the establishment of a standing committee to be known as "The National Civil War Centennial Committee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"—to serve from now until the end of the Centennial in 1965.

Action was taken by the Council that a Committee of three (3) be appointed, consisting of the National Historian, National Patriotic Instructor and Washington Representative.

(4) As to the listing of the Graves Administration Officer as an Officer rather than a Committee Chairman, action was taken by the council that this be automatically carried out by the National Secretary-Treasurer.

(5) From the Report of the National Patriotic Instructor—as to the printing and dissemination of G.A.R. stamps (along the lines



of Christmas seals) as a means of raising funds and publicizing the Order—action was taken by the Council that the matter of issuing such seals be referred to the incoming National Patriotic Instructor; and if he desires to carry out this suggestion—the design of such seal, number to be ordered, and cost estimate be submitted to the Council of Administration for approval before proceeding with the project.

(6) At the suggestion of Past Commander-in-Chief Grant action was taken that a personal letter go out from the Commander-in-Chief to the forty-eight (48) Civil War Round Tables, with self-addressed stamped reply envelopes; in an effort to get names of persons who had ancestors in the Civil War and who would be eligible to membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(7) On the matter of the possibility of using personalized stationery for National Officers, action was taken that it be left in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary to check into the matter—and that it rest with them if they are to be used or not.

(8) A discussion followed on dead Camps and vanishing Departments and it was suggested by the Council that the Departments continue to carry on and the Camps be dropped.

## REPRESENTATION

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

Department	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1957 Membership	Delegates
California and Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	301	7
Colorado and Wyoming	23	March 22, 1929	54	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	346	8
Illinois	10	July, 1883	147	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	117	3
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	100	3
Kansas	9	June, 1883	57	2
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	345	8
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	72	2
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	1136	24
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	216	5
Minnesota	17	January 1, 1885	76	3
New Hampshire	11	August, 1883	189	5
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	323	7
New York	13	November 6, 1883	646	14
Ohio	3	August 1, 1882	376	9
Oregon and Washington	22	June 8, 1923	87	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	898	19
Rhode Island	14	February 14, 1884	163	4
Vermont	12	October, 1883	200	5
Wisconsin	21	September, 1887	88	3
Camp 21, So. Carolina			16	1
Camp 4, Missouri			18	1
Camp 30, Missouri			5	1
Nat'l Camp at Large			3	1

## SEVENTY-SIXTH ENCAMPMENT ROLL

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<i>Elected</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Address</i>
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	1012 Mark Drive, Clearwater, Fla. 51 Woodridge Circle, Trumbull 19, Conn.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	
1917	*Fred T. J. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	



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1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pacific	
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	
1930	*Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1071 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	526 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	*Wm. L. Anderson	Massachusetts	
1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California	
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig, D.D.	New Hampshire	P. O. Box 1074, Manchester, N. H.
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
1942	Henry Towle	Maine	13 Free St., So. Portland 7, Me.
1943	C. LeRoy Stoudt	Pennsylvania	2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn; Reading Pa.
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1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts	
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York	516 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, N. Y.
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1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan	
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	814 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.
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1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa	924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines 15, Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Ore. & Wash.	1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Oregon
1953	U. S. Grant, 3rd	Maryland	1135 21st, N.W.
1954	Maj.-Gen., U.S.A., Ret.		Washington 6, D. C.
1955	Frederic Gilbert Bauer	Massachusetts	123 Heights Road, Ridgewood, N. J.
1956	Colonel, A.U.S., Ret.		
	Fred E. Howe	New York	1345 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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

## The Post System

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

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**Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief**

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

**PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER**

E. Howard Gilkey      Ohio

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\* Deceased

† Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

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

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

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