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Eightieth
Annual National Encampment

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

AUGUST 20-24, 1961

NATIONAL OFFICERS 1960-1961

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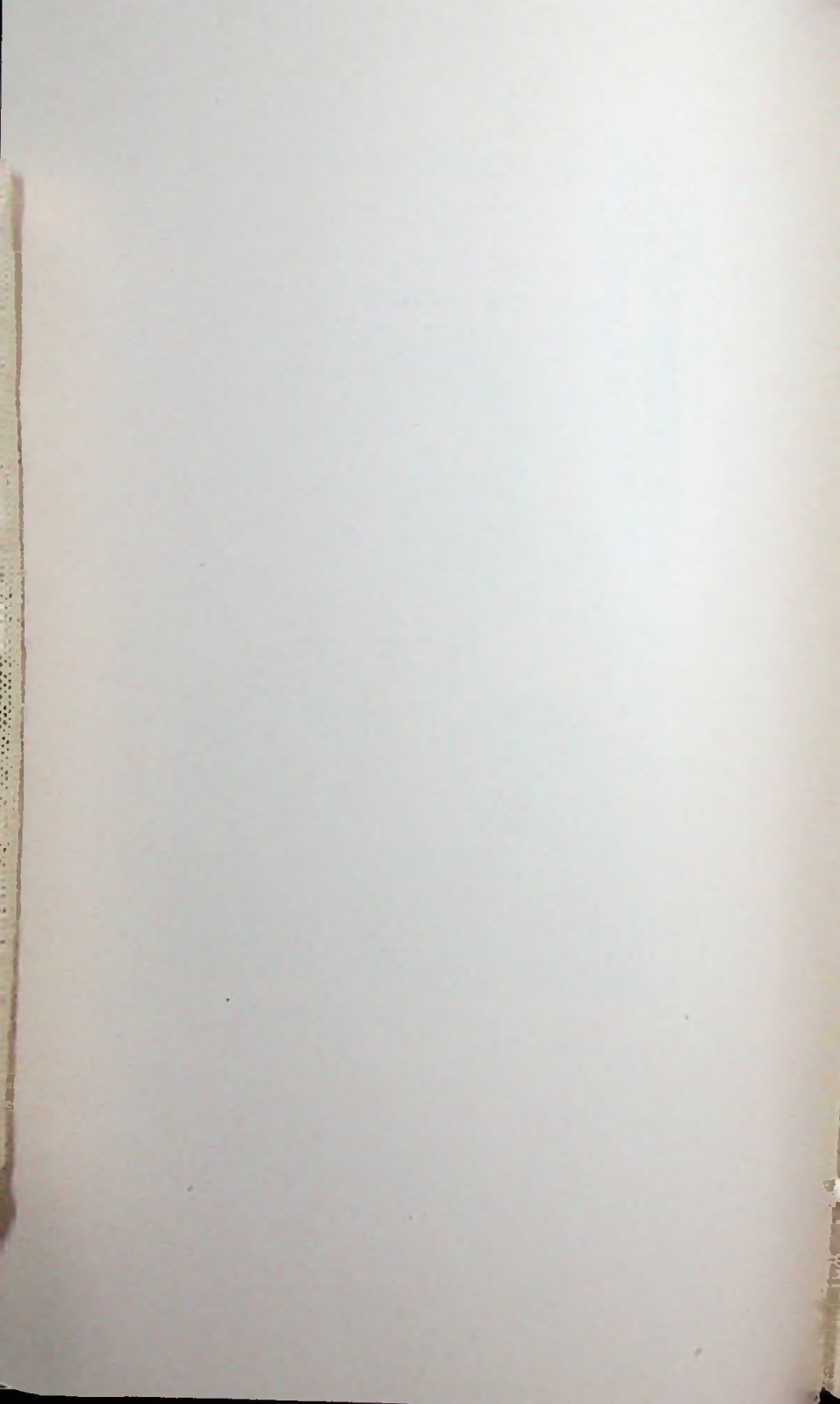
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 1960-1961



Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont



PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

Council of Administration Meeting

August 20, 1961

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held at 2:15 P. M., Sunday, August 20, 1961 in the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The following were present: Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay; Council of Administration Member Harold E. Arnold; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

These matters were considered by the Council, resulting in the following action:

(1) Commander-in-Chief Chadwick appointed a sub-committee of the Council of Administration, consisting of Council of Administration Member Harold E. Arnold and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer to examine the audit of the Certified Public Accountant, as presented by the National Secretary-Treasurer; and to prepare a budget for the coming year—to be presented to the Encampment for action.

(2) The personalized "Plaque of Honor" project, as displayed in the lobby of the hotel and explained in the descriptive pamphlet distributed to the delegates at the time of registration, was discussed. These plaques would sell for \$5.00, and the organization would realize 50¢ on each—with all advertising, promotion, mailing, etc. to be done by the Plaque of Honor organization; and all orders would be placed directly with the Plaque of Honor organization in New York. Action was taken by the Council to grant the National Secretary authorization to furnish a mailing list of Camps to the Plaque of Honor organization, so that the Camps may be circularized; and that the project be adopted by the Sons of Union Veterans, on the basis explained to the National Secretary by Mr. Morse of the Plaque of Honor organization.

(3) The National Secretary explained that, in the very near future, it will be necessary to get new Department Badge ribbons. The present supplier advises that the tri-color ribbon, in the width now used is not available, and suggests use of a wider ribbon; or solid color ribbon, in the present width—blue for a Member's badge, red for Department, and yellow for National.

Action was taken by the Council to authorize the National Secretary to use his judgment in the matter; taking whatever steps are necessary to assure a supply of this ribbon, when needed.

(4) The matter of the National Scholarship which, for a number of years has been given to Lincoln University in Harrogate, Tennessee was then considered.

It was suggested that this Scholarship be given to Gettysburg College, in Gettysburg, Pa.—from the standpoint that this would be an excellent time to make the presentation there—during the Centennial; and from the standpoint that it would be convenient for the Commander-in-Chief to present it at the time he is in Gettysburg attending the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in November, thus gaining publicity for the organization.

Action was taken by the Council that this Scholarship be presented to Gettysburg College, for this year, and that the presentation be made by the Commander-in-Chief, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE PROGRAM

Assembly Room — Claypool Hotel

Sunday, August 20, 1961 — 3:00 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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Musical Prelude Florence R. Parsons

Processional

Invocation Arthur Lewis Ballou
 National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans

Scripture Reading Hilda E. York
 National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

Solo, "The Lord's Prayer" Clara Montross
 Accompanist Myra Montross
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic—
 Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans, Thomas A. Chadwick
 National President, Ladies of the G.A.R., Winnona P. Kahl
 National President, Auxiliary to the Sons, Edith M. Paulding

Tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle—
 Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven

Tribute to Past National President Stella B. Owen, Auxiliary to Sons—
 Past National President Margaret Schroeder

Memorials:

To Past Commanders-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans—
 Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke
 To Past National Presidents, Ladies of the G.A.R.—
 Past National President Harriet E. Hughes
 To Past National Presidents, Auxiliary to Sons of Union
 Veterans—
 Past National President Mildred R. Webster

To Past Department Commanders and Members, Sons of Union Veterans—

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven

To Past Department Presidents and Members, Ladies of the G.A.R.

Past National President Twanette Paull

To Past Department Presidents and Members, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans—

Past National President Maud B. Warren

To Veterans of all Wars, Lighting of Memorial Candle—

Past Department Commander Chester S. Shriver, Penna.

Solo, "Abide With Me" Mary Brown
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

Floral Tributes Placed by Department Commanders and Department Presidents

Duet "In The Garden"

Past National President Lela B. Shugart and Mary Brown

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

Benediction Molly Mercer
National Chaplain, Ladies of the G.A.R.

Recessional "Beyond The Sunset"

Vocal Selection Mary Ellen Noonan

National Soloist, Ladies of the G.A.R.

Taps Florence R. Parsons

Past National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

ALLIED ORDERS OF THE IMMORTAL GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

CAMP FIRE PROGRAM

Memorial Plaza — Indianapolis, Indiana

Sunday, August 20, 1961 — 8:00 P. M.

Band Concert	Sahara Grotto Band Kirby Johnson, Bandleader
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Call to Order	Cecil McConahay Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans
Master of Ceremonies	Col. Roy L. Volstad Department Commander, Indiana, S.U.V.C.W., General Chairman, Encampment Committee
Posting of Colors	Rev. H. E. Vance National Color Bearer, S.U.V.C.W.
Invocation	Rev. H. E. Vance Department Chaplain, Indiana, S.U.V.C.W.
National Anthem	Assembly
Pledge of Allegiance	Assembly
Led by Ross Smith, Secretary, Benjamin Harrison Camp No. 356, S.U.V.C.W.	
Greetings	Hon. Matthew E. Welsh Governor of Indiana
Welcome	Hon. Charles H. Boswell Mayor of the City of Indianapolis
Introduction of National Officers	Col. Roy L. Vostad Department Commander, Indiana, S.U.V.C.W.
Greetings:	
National President, Ladies of the G.A.R. Winona P. Kahl	
National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans, Edith M. Paulding	
Response to Greetings and Welcome	Thomas A. Chadwick Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Introduction of Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd, Col. Volstad	
Remarks	Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd
Choral Selections by Choral Club of School No. 78	
Led by Mrs. Robert Baldwin	
Accompanied by Mrs. Marlon Montgomery	
Address (Subject—Iron Brigade)	Alan T. Nolan Author of "Iron Brigade"
Community Singing	Assembly
Led by the Choral Club of School No. 78	
Retiring of Colors	Rev. H. E. Vance National Color Bearer, S.U.V.C.W.
Benediction	Rev. Joseph Belcher Patriotic Instructor, Indiana Dept., S.U.V.C.W.
Sounding of Taps	

JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

Monday, August 21, 1961 — 10:00 A. M.

The Joint Opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Assembly Room of the Claypool Hotel, under the direction of National Chiefs of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt of the Sons and M. Gertrude Peterson of the Auxiliary.

The Colors escorted the National Aides into the room, and the Aides formed a Guard of Honor, each carrying a small bouquet of flowers, attached to yellow ribbon—creating a national "Honor Guard" for the Commander-in-Chief and National President.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, Thomas A. Chadwick; and National President of the Auxiliary Edith M. Paulding were escorted in, and presented, after which they took their places on the platform.

The National Officers of both the Sons and Auxiliary were brought in, and introduced; as were the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons, with seven (7) present; and the Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary, with seventeen (17) present.

A welcome was extended by National Chief of Staff M. Gertrude Peterson; after which she presented a bouquet of yellow roses to National President Edith M. Paulding of the Auxiliary.

The New York delegation of the Auxiliary then came in, and made a presentation of \$250.00, and an autograph book from the Department of New York to the National President, both of which were graciously accepted by National President Paulding.

The Convention Committee then came in, and Department President Hannah Kresher of Indiana presented a basket of flowers, on behalf of the Committee, and then introduced:

Lela Shugart, Past National President, Honorary Chairman
Hannah Kresher, General Chairman
Mary Brown, Past Department President, Indiana
Margaret Horn, Past Department President, Indiana
Cecil McConahay, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons.

National Chief of Staff Peterson: It is now my pleasure to present to you the National President of the Auxiliary, Edith M. Paulding.

National President Edith M. Paulding: Brothers, Sisters, National Officers, All: I wish to extend to you a most cordial welcome this morning; and tell you how much everything is appreciated.

Thank you for the flowers, for the gifts; and thank you for coming here and taking part in this joint opening.

I trust you will all enjoy our sessions and go home with inspired feelings; so that you may work harder than ever and bring in a better report—even a better one than we expect to receive from our present officers.

To each and everyone—good health; and thank you.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: At this time, it is my pleasure to introduce the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, who has a few words for you.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Roy.

Since I am speaking for the Sons, I will address the Officers and members of the Auxiliary.

Sister National President, I know that all the boys feel as I do; we certainly appreciate the honor of having had this joint opening with you. We all know of the support given us by our Auxiliary at all times, so we are grateful that you are not only here with us this morning but always; and we appreciate your co-operation given us in the past, that of the present; and hope we will continue to enjoy it in the future.

Your thoughtful encouragement and assistance has, in a large part, made possible our accomplishments in our patriotic work; and we all look forward to countless years of this most pleasant relationship between the Sons and the Auxiliary.

Thank you very much.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: The Sons will now retire to go to our meeting room, and begin the business of our Encampment.

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EIGHTIETH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Headquarters—Claypool Hotel; Indianapolis, Indiana

Sessions—"Sky Room"—Claypool Hotel

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

August 21, 1961 — 10:30 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: The Officers and Members of the Eightieth Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order. I wish to make the following appointments:

Guide—Delegate Walter H. Quist, Oregon & Washington,
Color Bearer—Delegate Rev. Howard E. Vance, Indiana,
Guard—Past Department Commander Edward E. Biering,
Wisconsin.

The Encampment opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except Council of Administration Member John H. Runkle; National Graves Registration Officer Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr.; and Personal Aide Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald.

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

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: I will appoint the following Committees for this Encampment:

Credentials

Herbert W. Bogue, Delegate, Massachusetts, Chairman
Edward L. Bresette, Department Commander, Massachusetts
Alton Sharp, Past Department Commander, New Jersey
Paul G. Selby, Delegate, Ohio
Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer

Resolutions

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman
U. S. Grant, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maryland
Joseph Rippey, Past Department Commander, New York
Col. Roy L. Volstad, Department Commander, Indiana
Charles A. Brady, Jr., Past Department Commander, Illinois

Constitution and Regulations

William O. Fuller, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts,
 Chairman
 Fred E. Howe, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York
 Russell Bogert, Past Department Commander, New Jersey
 O. G. McPherson, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania
 James L. High, Delegate, Illinois

Officers' Reports

Joseph Rippey, Past Department Commander, New York, Chairman
 Henry S. Bowen, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts
 Chester S. Shriver, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania
 Rev. Richard O. Partington, Delegate, Pennsylvania
 Charles H. Bournestine, Past Department Commander, Illinois

Ritual and Ceremonies

Earl F. Riggs, California, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman
 Harry T. Chapin, Delegate, Maryland
 Clark W. Mellor, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts
 Dexter H. Coombs, Department Commander, Rhode Island
 Arthur L. Ballou, Past Department Commander, Vermont

Restoration of Rank

Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman
 Eugene Patton, Sr., Department Commander, New Jersey
 J. E. Shields, Delegate, Oregon & Washington
 Walter B. James, Department Commander, Maine
 James Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois

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

Publicity

Ross C. Smith, Delegate, Indiana, Chairman
 Herbert W. Bogue, Delegate, Massachusetts
 Fred Pfeister, Jr., Past Department Commander, Ohio

Fraternal Greetings

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman; and entire
 Encampment

Additions to Local Encampment Committee

Elmer B. Johnson, Delegate, Indiana
 Raymond Hendricks, Indiana

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: May we now have a report from
 the Credentials Committee?

Delegate Herbert W. Bogue, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee presents a preliminary report. We now have a total of 87 registered.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Bogue.

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

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer presided, from his station, as Commander-in-Chief Chadwick read:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Chester, Vermont

August 12, 1961

To the Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Convened for the 80th Annual Encampment:

Officers and Brothers:

One short year ago I stood before you, in Springfield, Illinois, with mixed emotions. You had elected me, and I had been installed your new Commander-in-Chief. I felt encouragement and gratitude for your expressed confidence in me. I felt somewhat awed by the task I saw before me, since I felt that this would be an unusually significant year in the history of our Order. But above all, I think, I felt determination to do a good job, and a mixture of humility and gladness that I had been given this opportunity for greater service. Yet, I realized then, as I know now, that even as Commander-in-Chief I was only one member of a team. I had at my disposal a rich pool of talent and loyalty from which to choose the appointed members of my team. Events have now proved that I made fortunate choices. I shall not praise them individually here. I am sure that their respective reports will speak for themselves.

At the beginning of my stewardship I was convinced, (as I still am), that the real strength of our organization lies in our individual members. Each and every one of us is the representative, as an American and as a Son, of a Civil War Veteran; each of us is a living memorial to him, through our membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I have stressed these thoughts from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, from Maryland to California, in my talks before many hundreds of members, in my efforts to persuade each one that he should, and can, get at least one new member for the Order. Many have done so, and I am especially proud of the fourteen brothers to whom I awarded the National Ribbon and appointed as Special Aides for having enlisted five or more new members. Some of them signed up several times five new members. I am naming these fourteen Brothers here, with appreciation and pride: Clyde V. Neff and Col. Daniel F. Clancy, Ohio; Charles A. Brady, Charles H. Bournstine, Roscoe C. Mathis and J. Colby Beekman, Illinois; Grover C. Scott and Eugene J. Smith, New York; Alfred J. Durocher, George D. Butler and Everett M. Atwood, Massachusetts; O. G. McPherson, Pennsylvania; Archie C. Aldrich, Vermont; Spencer Leonard, Oregon. These outstanding Sons shared one common virtue—they tried. I suppose that I can claim the right to membership in this dedicated group, since I personally gained six new members for my own Camp.

During this term of office, I have represented the Commandery-in-Chief at 56 gatherings, including meetings, receptions, encampments, memorial services, etc., in 19 Departments. In doing so, I

have traveled more than 25,000 miles, all of it by automobile. It has all been a wonderful experience, enjoyable, but also educational and inspiring.

I have been told that I took too seriously my duties as Commander-in-Chief; but I know that you did not elect me to this office just to give me a good time. I have tried to represent you with dignity.

We are organized for patriotic service. We must keep alive not only the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and their great Patriotic accomplishments, but also to preserve and to disseminate the patriotic ideals that burned so fiercely in their breasts. Those principles which caused our fathers to oppose so bitterly any encroachment on their national or personal liberty, should today be our ideals and principles, and the ideals and principles of all Americans. Surely, in these times of disintegrating personal freedom and endangered national liberty, this is serious business. This is the spirit of the message I have carried wherever I have appeared. Yet, as the old saying is, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The bricks of serious duty would not alone make a strong wall. They must be bound together with the mortar of pleasure. The pleasures I have enjoyed as Commander-in-Chief are many, and of many kinds. I saw the Rose Parade, and many places of interest in Southern California, as the guest of Earl and Beatrice Riggs. I saw the beautiful Multnomah Falls and other unique attractions near Portland, Oregon with my friend and colleague Spencer Leonard. I toured the Gettysburg Battlefield as the guest of Chet Shriver. I have experienced similar pleasures throughout our Departments. But perhaps my greatest pleasure, certainly the most widespread and constant pleasure, has been of a more spiritual nature. It has been the heartening pleasure of meeting and being so royally treated by thousands of our members and the members of our Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic—East, West, North or South. They are wonderful people.

The accomplishments of our organization during the past year are impossible to catalog or assess. We have figures to show how many new members we have acquired, and how many members we have lost; we know how much money has been taken in, and how much has been paid out. But it is not possible to measure the increased awareness and interest in our organization by the general public. We cannot know how greatly we have revived historical interest in the Civil War, and appreciation of the sacrifices of our fathers, and what those sacrifices meant to our Country then, and to this day. Certainly we have made visible gains along these lines, through the incidence of the Centennial of the Great American Civil War and our connections with it and our participation in its activities. I am convinced that we have established a trend which will strengthen our Order, and thus make us capable of broader service.

It may seem to many that these gains are insignificant. This is because of the very enormity of the tasks that faced us. Indeed, tremendous tasks and vast opportunities still lie ahead. My contacts with people from coast to coast have convinced me that we have made a significant advance. The morale of our members, in general, has never been so high in my experience. Let us go forward with renewed confidence to even greater achievements in this tantalizing field of intangibles. Our rewards will be solid and visible.

Michigan meeting:

According to the plan set up at our 79th Annual Encampment, with the able help of National Secretary Lambert, I set up a special

Department meeting, in legal form, to take place on October 30th, 1960, at the Jack Tar Hotel in Lansing.

There was a large attendance of the Michigan Sons. With the help of Brother Lambert and National Counselor Locke, I presided. The meeting was orderly and harmonious. The Michigan members elected a full slate of officers, which I installed, and they then held a discussion of their finances, and plans for the future of their Department.

One of the proudest moments of my administration was, in the closing moments of this meeting, when I rescinded the two-year old order suspending their Charter, thus restoring Michigan to the status of an active Department. My belief that the Michigan Brothers were sufficiently loyal to our organization to meet, man to man, and compromise their difference was justified. This year, Michigan again elected a full slate of officers, and I am confident that they will again assume their historic role as one of our great Departments.

Past Commanders-in-Chief:

There are two wide-spread myths, concerning Past Commanders-in-Chief, which I would like to explode.

No. 1—A scattering of members, from several Departments, have expressed to me their belief that the Past Commanders-in-Chief run everything; that everything the Commandery-in-Chief does is "cut and dried" as they want it. This charge is obviously untrue. For instance, at last year's Encampment at Springfield, Illinois, among 115 voting members of the Commandery-in-Chief, there were only 10 Past Commanders-in-Chief. Had they sponsored, even unanimously, any action that would be detrimental to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, certainly that action would have been overwhelmingly defeated. I do feel, however, that it is only sensible that we recognize the facts that being Commander-in-Chief must give any Brother a broader understanding of the needs of the organization as a whole, and also a deeper concern for the welfare of the whole, than can be known and felt by anyone who has not held this responsible office. But it does not follow that any Past Commander-in-Chief is, or wants to be, dictatorial. I bring this matter up because I fear that such thoughts carelessly expressed by delegates to National Encampment among members who do not attend, could do our beloved Order a great deal of harm.

No. 2—When I became a candidate for Commander-in-Chief, I was warned by several well meaning Brothers that if I were elected, one of my greatest troubles would be pressures brought to bear on me by Past Commanders-in-Chief, who would be trying to promote their own pet schemes. I can state without reservation that no such thing came to pass. In no instance has any Past Commander-in-Chief attempted to influence me in any way. When I have asked for advice, in every case advice was freely given, but never with any hint or thought that it must be followed. I feel that all this is just as it should be—the actions of all Past Commanders-in-Chief and those of the Commander-in-Chief himself, are subject to the approval or the disapproval of this body, the Commandery-in-Chief, which is the supreme authority in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

COMMITTEES:

All Committees set up and appointed by me have worked hard. As I said earlier in this report, their reports will speak for themselves. But Committee Chairmen have a way of being overly modest, and there are some that deserve an extra few words of praise for

the tremendous amount of time and effort they devoted to their work. I am sure that the report of Spencer Leonard will not fully reflect the zeal with which he took up his difficult task as Chairman of the Membership Committee, and carried it through. The same can be said of Chairmen Ernest G. Wells of the Civil War Centennial Committee, and Chester S. Shriver of the Military Affairs Committee. The fields these Committees covered required extra effort and outstanding leadership. They got it. Their success has been encouraging. I am highly optimistic about our future in these fields.

MEMORIAL SERVICES:

I attended the Memorial Services at the Woolson Statue in Gettysburg; at Fall River, Massachusetts, on the 100th Anniversary of Lincoln's 1st inauguration; at Philadelphia and Boston in honor of Lincoln's Birthday; at Springfield, Illinois, on April 15th at the Lincoln Tomb; at Grant's Tomb in New York City in remembrance of the great General's birthday; and on Memorial Day at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N. H., where I personally dedicated and laid the Commandery-in-Chief's wreath. All of these services were well organized and deeply impressive. I want to especially commend the Committee in charge of the service at Lincoln's Tomb. This annual service has grown so phenomenally that I am making a recommendation concerning it. Due to this rapid growth in public interest and in the interest of other patriotic organizations, I recommend:

1. That the Commandery-in-Chief assign to this project sufficient funds to maintain our leading position in it.

During the past year, I have had the honored duty of dedicating and laying wreaths at various memorial observances. To me, these are always solemn occasions. At these moments the heart is swelling with pride that my country, my people, produced this great man who is being so gratefully remembered.

At one of these memorial observances, as I stood holding the wreath which I was to place, I glanced downward to see how it was made. It was formed of artificial flowers and greenery, but I still thought it quite attractive until I noticed, attached to each flower a small tag. To my amazement and shock, on each tag was printed in tiny letters the phrase, "Made in Japan."

It is difficult to express my feelings at that moment. I was let down emotionally. I was shocked. This was the blast of an automobile horn in the midst of an orchestral masterpiece; it was a splash of mud on a beautiful picture. Whether anyone else would have reacted so deeply I do not know, but I determined then and there to do anything I could to prevent it from happening again.

Having given the matter much thought, I am convinced that such an incongruity can be prevented by action of this Encampment on the following recommendation:

(2) That by vote of this Encampment, any wreath purchased by a representative of the Commandery-in-Chief and paid for by funds of the Commandery-in-Chief, shall be made of genuine natural flowers and greenery.

Because of the growing interest in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, through the efforts of the Military Affairs Committee, I strongly recommend:

(3) That by vote of this Encampment, the incoming Commander-in-Chief be instructed to continue this important Committee on Military Affairs, the personnel of the Committee to be of his choosing.

I believe that the results justify the new Membership Committee, and I recommend:

(4) That this Committee be continued, the personnel being the responsibility of the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

I believe that the many official appearances of the Commander-in-Chief would be much more dramatic, much more impressive, if it were attended by a Commander-in-Chief's banner, made in a size and manner that would make it easily portable, yet large enough to be impressive. I, therefore, recommend:

(5) That such a banner be furnished for the office of Commander-in-Chief, to become the responsibility of each successive Commander-in-Chief with his installation in that office.

Again, I wish to commend all officers and committees for their outstanding services to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the past year.

I would also be remiss if I failed to express here my gratitude to the officers and members of our Allied Orders for their ready assistance and support where and when it was needed. Their cooperation has been whole-hearted and unselfish.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Thomas A. Chadwick),
Commander-in-Chief.

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

Delegate Stanley C. Barker, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief, I move that all reports of Officers be referred without debate, to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (Seconded by Department Commander Roy L. Volstad, Indiana: and carried.)

The Report of the Commander-in-Chief was then referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

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

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer then read:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Albany, New York
August 21, 1961

To the Officers and Members of the
80th National Encampment.
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Greetings:

A year ago, I was elected to the high office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and I sincerely hope that I have lived up to, and fulfilled all the duties of the office to which I was elected; and that I have merited the confidence of those who elected me to that office.

Brothers, this is a final report of my activities for the year:

September 16, 1960—Attended meeting of the Northern New York Club at Schenectady, N. Y.

October 15th—Attended reception of our Department Commander and Department President at Ovid, N. Y.

October 22nd—Attended meeting of Past Commanders Association of Western New York, at Niagara Falls.

- October 29th—Attended reception of our Department Officers, Auxiliary 45, Schenectady, N. Y.
- October 30th—Attended reception of our Department Officers at Albany by Auxiliaries 30 and 48.
- November 1st—Attended reception for Department Officers by Auxiliary 6, Albany, N. Y.
- November 5th—Attended reception for the Department Officers by Camp 42 and Auxiliary 15, Utica, N. Y.
- November 12th—Attended reception for our Commander-in-Chief at Brattleboro, Vermont.
- November 18th—Attended meeting of Auxiliary 30, Albany.
- November 19th—Attended Dedication Dinner of Jacob H. Ten Eyck Camp 154; and also the reception of Department Officers, at Albany, N. Y.
- February 12, 1961—Attended presentation of flag at the Baptist Temple at Rochester in the morning; and attended Lincoln Dinner at Buffalo that evening.
- April 6th and 7th—Attended the Convention of the Department of Rhode Island, at Providence.
- April 22nd and 23rd—Attended the Convention of the Department of Massachusetts, at Boston.
- April 29th—Attended reception of the Past Presidents of Greater New York.
- May 30th—Attended Memorial Services at the Grand Army Plot in the Rural Cemetery, Albany, N. Y.
- June 14-17th—Attended Convention, Department of New York, at Utica.
- June 22-24th—Attended Convention, Department of Vermont, where I represented our Commander-in-Chief, at Lake Dunmore.
- July 8th—Attended Dinner and Reception given National President of the Auxillary, Sister Edith M. Paulding, in New York.
- July 23rd—Attended Past Commander's Picnic of Western New York Association in Seneca Park, Rochester, N. Y.
- July 20th—Attended meeting of Camp at Fulton, N. Y.

I deeply regret that my activities from April 29th to May 25th were curtailed by illness, and confinement to a hospital. I wish to thank all those who were so kind as to send cards during my illness.

It has been an honor to serve you as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I have tried to live up to all the expectations of the office to which I had the privilege to be elected; namely, to increase the membership of our organization and to keep before the public the ideals and principles of our organization, and the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose Centennial is now in progress.

I shall always cherish the memories of the visitations I made, the friends I hold dear, and the many courtesies that were extended to me will never be forgotten.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Charles L. Messer),

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Messer. At this time, we will have the report of the Junior Vice Commander in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay then read:

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

August 18, 1961

To: Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick, and
Members of the 80th National Encampment,
Indianapolis, Indiana

First, I want to thank you for giving me an opportunity to work in my small way as your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It has been a pleasure serving you.

In this report, I will try to tell, briefly, the activities since our Convention in Springfield, Illinois, 1960.

Colonel Volstad, our Department Commander, Elmer Johnson, our Department Secretary-Treasurer and myself met with Brother Albert C. Lambert on a Sunday in October, at the Severin Hotel, Indianapolis and assisted Brother Lambert in canvassing the hotel facilities in Indianapolis. It was determined, at that time, that the Claypool Hotel would be the place of the 1961 Centennial Encampment.

In November, I traveled to Milwaukee to the mid-west fall Encampment to represent our Commander-in-Chief, Thomas A. Chadwick. I can report that the meeting was well attended, and I was royally entertained.

Just a few weeks later, I went to Frankfort, Indiana to the Indiana mid-winter meeting, which was another good gathering. As our Department Commander, Colonel Volstad, had recently lost his wife; Senior Vice Commander Walter Wellman of Frankfort, very ably arranged the meetings.

The coldest night of the winter was the date of the meeting between our Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick; the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Winona P. Kahl; and our Committee. (The National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons, Edith Paulding, was unable to attend, being snow-bound in New York). At that meeting we, of Indiana, outlined our provisional plans and hopes for the National Encampment.

The Indiana Department Encampment was held the second week of June at the Severin Hotel; and we spent most of our time discussing and laying out plans for the National Encampment. The 1960 Officers were all re-elected.

Later, in the month of June, I attended the Illinois Department Encampment at Chicago, having been advised that our Commander-in-Chief would be unable to attend; so I represented him. I now wish to compliment Department Commander Charles Brady, Jr., of Illinois for a fine meeting, and for being a fine host.

Since the first of the year, committees of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have been holding monthly meetings at the Claypool Hotel to confirm the committee work and dove-tail all our plans—to make the Centennial Encampment a memorable one. We have worked harmoniously throughout.

The greatest praise should be given to Colonel Roy L. Volstad, Department Commander of the State of Indiana for taking charge, and relentlessly pushing through the program for this Encampment.

I want to personally thank Ray Hendricks, co-chairman of the Marion County Centennial Commission and Captain of the 19th Indiana Volunteers of the North-South Skirmishers, who has spent not only his time, but his own funds to make this Encampment a success.

Brother Ross Smith, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ben Harrison Camp 356 has worked day and night for publicity, favors, chairs, and many other details.

Another good committee man is our Rev. H. C. Vance, Commander of the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 and Chaplain of the Indiana Department. He has spent most of his time in rounding out the details of this Convention.

Brother Robert Jack should be thanked for furnishing the delegates with Mineaux Balls which were molded from an original Civil War mold, at his own expense. Although he is comparatively new to our organization, he has had charge of the welcoming committee, and did a real job.

This National Centennial Encampment needed money, and there were not sufficient funds in our Indiana Department treasury. And, without Brother Elmer Johnson, Department Secretary-Treasurer, and his help to raise funds, we would not have been able to accomplish so much. It was Brother Elmer Johnson who was responsible for raising the money; and I am sure Elmer wants to thank Henry Ostrom, a public spirited citizen; and Allen Hunter, for their assistance in the solicitations.

J. Edward Wolford is our historian, and has helped the Committee immeasurably.

Brother Don Stanfield has been assisting us from the start, and we thank him for the buses for our tour; and also for flowers.

Brother Joe Wallace, who is President of the Indianapolis City Council arranged with the City Government for all the assistance they have given us.

Jerry Alderman, local automobile dealer, furnished automobiles for us. Verlin E. Bohannon furnished the public address system. Kenneth Mitchell has assisted us in publicity.

Brother William A. Dyer, son of a former Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, and General Manager of the Indianapolis Star and News, has given us his full cooperation in publicity. One outstanding bit of publicity was in the magazine section of the Indianapolis Sunday Star of August 13, 1961.

We thank the Knightstown Soldiers and Sailors orphan home of Knightstown, Indiana, for the loan of the Civil War cannon, which you have seen rehabilitated.

The Sons, Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are to be commended for their hearty cooperation; and much of the credit of the work of the Convention Committee is due the ladies.

I want to thank, at this time, all of the other members of the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, and each of the Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I also want to thank the Centennial Commission and the North-South Skirmishers for their assistance and cooperation; and others which I may have failed to mention.

Brother Argus Ogburn, Camp Commander at Richmond and his famous Color Guard and Uniform group and Degree Team helped us with our initiation work for new members.

Thanks, too, go to all the boys and the Auxiliary of Lafayette Camp for giving us their full cooperation.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Cecil McConahay),

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We will now hear the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer.
National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert:

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Trenton, N. J.
August 15, 1961

To: Thomas A. Chadwick, Commander-in-Chief,
80th Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

My Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

1. For the thirteenth consecutive year, it is my privilege and pleasure to report to you on the fiscal transactions of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. The books, records, assets, etc. have been audited by the J. S. Teunon Co., Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961. Their audit and survey, and certified copies of their report have been furnished to the Council of Administration, and to the Congress of the United States, as required by law. Attached to this report is a statistical condensation of their report.

2. An analysis of membership figures encourages cautious optimism. Again this year, the loss is negligible, and could easily be overcome with a determined effort. The net loss for the year was 247 members, of which 181 were lost by death. An encouraging sign is the fact that seven of the twenty-one Departments showed a net increase in membership. A large part of the loss is due to the fact that two Michigan Camps were suspended, following the reorganization of the Michigan Department.

I call your attention to the fact that ten Departments are under strength required to retain the status of a Department; and in one instance, there is one Camp that constitutes the entire Department. This is obviously unfair to the other Departments. I suggest that the incoming administration study this situation with the view of changing the regulations where necessary, and possibly establishing more Camps at Large where it is impossible to maintain a Department.

3. The perpetuation of our Order will depend to a large degree upon sound financial policy. In this respect, we have made remarkable progress during the past few years. Our net worth continues to increase, in spite of a decrease in membership. The Permanent Fund has shown a healthy increase. This is made up of revenue from dividends, by donations to the Honor Roll Fund, by Life Membership Fees, by Member at Large Fees, and by donations by loyal and interested members. It has increased during the past fiscal year by \$1,785.00 from the following sources:

Permanent Fund Income		Permanent Fund Expense	
Donations	\$520.00	Interest paid on Life	
Dividends	1,140.00	Memberships	\$70.00
Honor Roll	185.00		
Member at Large fees ..	10.00		
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	\$1,855.00		

4. The following have made donations to the Permanent Fund during the past year, by entering names on the Permanent Honor Roll:

Charles J. Murphy, New York	William Dougall, Illinois
Twanette Paull, Missouri	William Freck, New Jersey
R. Harvey Hulse, New Jersey	Neil D. Cranmer, New York
Bert. DeForest, Connecticut	Josephine Hayward, Minnesota
Harold R. Arnold, Rhode Island	New Jersey Department
Minnesota Department	Massachusetts Department
Harmon Hershey, New York	

Additional donations to the Permanent Fund were made by U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maj-Gen. U.S.A. Ret.; the California Department and Irene Mangel of Wisconsin.

5. The fifth annual ceremony held at the Lincoln Tomb on April 15th in Springfield, Ill., was the largest and best yet. We owe a debt of gratitude to Brothers Charles A. Brady, Jr. and James L. High, to the members of their committee, and to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion for the success in this fine program. As reported in The Banner, there were 46 wreaths presented, which was 18 more than the previous year. To assure continuance of the observance at Abraham Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, on the anniversary of the date of his death, I offer the following:

RECOMMENDATION—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to arrange for the observance in 1962, said committee to secure a wreath, arrange a program, and advise our membership of the event, to assure their participation.

6. The Banner has again been published at a modest cost to the Order. It is encouraging to note that the number of subscriptions are increasing. The California Department reports that they will subscribe for every member of their Department for the year 1962. Camps are reminded of the advisability of adding the cost of The Banner to Camp dues so that every member will receive it. Every member should receive The Banner, particularly the non-attending member who rarely hears from his Camp except for a due card.

7. Correspondence has been received and answered daily on a wide range of questions. Due to the Centennial, this correspondence has increased materially, showing the interest that the general public has in Civil War history. Quarterly report blanks have been furnished each quarter to each Department; a National Roster has been issued; Banner subscriptions have been recorded; the 1960 Proceedings have been edited and published; the investments of the Permanent Fund have been supervised; minutes and actions of the Council of Administration have been reported; a perpetual inventory of supplies has been kept; and orders for supplies have been filled; The Banner addressograph mailing list has been maintained and corrected.

8. In accordance with the directive of the 79th National Encampment, a special Department Encampment was held in Lansing, Michigan on October 30th, at which time the Department was re-organized and Department Officers were elected and installed. In company with Commander-in-Chief Chadwick and National Counselor Locke, it was my pleasure to attend this meeting, which proved to be harmonious and constructive.

9. Sad indeed is the state of any nation which forgets that present greatness has been born of past struggles. We are dedicated to the memory of those millions of men whom America must never forget; who left their families to fend for themselves, while they obeyed the

summons of war. Boys not yet grown, marched away to fall at Antietam, Gettysburg, and the Wilderness. Too many Americans have already forgotten, if they ever knew, the hero stories of the Civil War. The rows of dead fallen as if on parade before the stone wall at Fredericksburg; the high tide at Gettysburg; the pile of dead and living which formed the rampart at the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania—all these bore testimony to the reckless stubbornness of American courage.

While we no longer repeat the hero stories of our glorious past—and thereby permit our children to forget that we had such a glory and such a past, our enemies are making use of every trick known to psychology and propaganda in order to create in Communist youth a fanatic zeal to emulate those who have given their lives for "The Cause."

We have one of the greatest inferiority complexes the world has ever seen. This may seem to be a strange appraisal of a nation whose position of world leadership is well established in spite of the challenges of the Soviets. Why have so many Americans suddenly become convinced that everything Russia does is right, and everything we do is wrong? Have we become enamoured of the siren songs of the Red propagandists or succumbed to the boasts and threats of Khrushchev? Are we under compulsion to strive to keep up with the Soviets when actually the Soviets are trailing far behind, about 20 years behind, as a matter of fact?

Russia is a nation that cannot feed its own population even though 45 million people work on its farms. Seven million American farmers produce far more food than 180 million people can consume. Soviet economic growth is slowing down. Ours is accelerated. Russia has made impressive gains in technological strength, but even in the field of space we have gained more scientific information than Russia. The reunion of a divided country is one of the greatest accomplishments of our nation in the last century. Sad as were those war years of one hundred years ago, America was spared that climax and horror of blood letting and reprisal which has been the accompaniment of almost every other civil war in history. The American way of life is a way of freedom for the poor and oppressed of all nations. Yet by a strange twist of events those very qualities of brotherhood which we in America have not only assured for our citizens in war and in peace, but have tried to bring to all nations on earth—this brotherhood, this right of the individual to be a man before his God, is being desperately challenged. It will be destroyed unless America and the American way of life can be defended. This defense will not come alone by the weight of armament or might of armies. It must spring from the inner conviction and consciousness of all of us who call ourselves Americans. Do we value our heritage so much that we are willing to live for it, as well as to die for it? The hour of decision is upon us, and each day the lines of the struggle are drawn more clearly. We must be dedicated to the American way of life so that this nation, under God, shall rediscover in our day those truths for which our fathers lived and died.

10. To you, Commander-in-Chief Chadwick, I extend sincere commendation for your knowledge of, and devotion to our Order. You have been wise, loyal, and dedicated to the many problems associated with your office, and I have enjoyed working with you. To my associate officers, I extend appreciation for their many courtesies and their cooperation.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,
(Albert C. Lambert),
National Secretary-Treasurer.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 1960 to JUNE 30, 1961

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Nat'l Patr. Instructor's G.A.R. Fund</i>	<i>Permanent Fund</i>
<i>Cash Balance July 1, 1960</i>	\$4,681.88	1,685.80	1,148.10
RECEIPTS			
Per Capita Tax	4,805.95		
Supplies	983.60		
Charter Fee	25.00		
Banner subscriptions	1,198.00		
Registration Fee 1960	242.00		
Gift—Auxiliary	500.00		
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor 1959-60 ..		267.00	
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor 1960-61 ..		685.50	
Donations			520.00
Dividend—Wellington Fund			1,140.00
Honor Roll			185.00
Member at Large Fees			10.00
	7,754.55	952.50	1,855.00
	12,436.43	2,038.30	3,003.10
DISBURSEMENTS			
Insurance	36.72		
Supplies	389.02		
The Banner	2,130.00		
Commander-in-Chief	1,000.00		
National Secretary-Treasurer	1,200.00		
F. I. C. A.	48.00		
Contribution to Encamp. Comm.	200.00		
Encampment Expense	850.12		
Rent	400.00		
P. C. in C. Badge	93.00		
1960 Proceedings and Roster	745.50		
Office Exp. (Postage, stationery, Telephone and Telegraph)	273.96		
C. P. A. Audit	100.00		
Michigan Special Encampment	308.72		
Flowers—Fred Colwell	11.50		
Flowers—Henry Towle	13.16		
Typewriter Repair	42.50		
Promotion work	55.00		
Grave Marking Committee		50.00	
Lincoln University Scholarship		300.00	
American Coalition		25.00	
Lincoln Monument Expense		74.96	
Lincoln Tomb Expense		111.66	
Gettysburg Remembrance Day Wreath		10.40	
G. A. R. Highway Committee		37.40	
Interest on Life Memberships			70.00
67 shs. of Wellington Fund purchased			1,037.83
	7,897.20	609.42	1,107.83
<i>Cash Balance June 30, 1961</i>	\$4,539.23	2,028.88	1,895.27

Permanent Fund

Cash Balance June 30, 1961	\$1,895.27
1200 shares Wellington Fund (Market value \$18,156.00)	15,791.49
	<u>\$17,686.76</u>

Comparative Balance Sheet

CASH	June 30, 1960	June 30, 1961
General Fund	\$4,681.88	\$4,539.23
Patriotic Instructor G. A. R. Fund	1,685.80	2,028.88
Permanent Fund	1,148.10	1,895.27
INVESTMENTS		
Permanent Fund	14,753.66	15,791.49
INVENTORY at Cost	2,347.52	1,917.33
	<u>\$24,616.96</u>	<u>\$26,172.20</u>

Stock and Supplies Account

Cost of supplies on hand 7-1-60 \$2,347.52	Received for supplies	\$968.75	
Cost of supplies purchased	389.02	Cost of supplies sold	\$19.21
	<u>2,736.54</u>	Profit on supplies	\$149.54
Cost of supplies on hand 7-1-61	1,917.33		
Cost of supplies sold	\$819.21		

Recapitulation—Secretary's Report

	Camps	Members
In Good standing 6-30-60	317	4941
GAIN	4	321
	<u>321</u>	<u>5262</u>
LOSS	23	568
	<u>298</u>	<u>4694</u>
In good standing 6-30-61		

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Departments	Good standing June 30, 1960		GAIN		LOSS		Good Standing June 30, 1961		Associates Included	Delegate Representation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Calif. & Pacific	13	242	0	8	0	28	13	222	10	5
Colo. & Wyo.	2	26	0	2	1	9	1	19	0	1
Connecticut	17	245	0	2	0	10	17	237	0	6
Illinois	12	127	1	46	2	31	11	142	0	4
Indiana	5	81	0	11	0	0	5	92	0	3
Iowa	6	70	0	5	0	1	6	74	1	2
Kansas	5	43	0	2	0	1	5	44	0	2
Maine	17	278	0	10	1	35	16	253	6	6
Maryland	5	57	1	15	2	18	4	54	0	2
Massachusetts	54	820	1	37	5	77	50	780	0	17
Michigan	10	243	1	33	3	95	8	181	1	5
Minnesota	5	60	0	2	0	5	5	57	0	2
New Hampshire	10	151	0	0	1	14	9	137	2	4
New Jersey	14	260	0	10	0	19	14	251	8	6
New York	35	539	0	51	3	66	32	524	0	11
Ohio	23	302	0	19	2	38	21	283	0	7
Ore. & Wash.	3	71	0	15	0	11	3	75	3	3
Pennsylvania	49	887	0	28	3	86	46	829	9	17
Rhode Island	11	152	0	10	0	5	11	157	0	4
Vermont	12	176	0	13	0	7	12	182	0	5
Wisconsin	5	63	0	1	0	6	5	58	1	2
Camp 21, So. Carolina	1	14	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	1
Camp 4, Missouri	1	14	0	0	0	1	1	13	0	1
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 Washington, D. C., Camp 30 Washington, D. C.; Massachusetts, Newtonville, Charlestown, Athol, Pembroke, Lexington;
 Michigan, Marysville, Camp 2 Detroit, Camp 5 Detroit; New Hampshire, Concord; Ohio, Friendship, Postoria; Pennsylv-
 vania, Sharpsburg, Somerset, Camp 198 Pittsburgh; New York, Newburg, Waverly, Camp 2 Brooklyn.

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

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Lambert for that splendid report; and for your cooperation all during this past year. If the National Patriotic Instructor is ready, we will hear his report at this time:

National Patriotic Instructor Howland presented:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

August 21, 1961

To: Thomas A. Chadwick, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

One year ago, I accepted the appointment to this office with some uncertainty as to the magnitude and scope of the work. I have done what I could to fulfill the duties of that office, and submit the following report:

On arriving home from Springfield, I found a message waiting asking aid in preparing an exhibit of Civil War items by the Abington Historical Society, and my work had started.

I cooperated with the Tri-town Centennial Committee of Rockland-Abington and Whitman, which entered two floats in the Veterans' Day parade—winning first prize with "Lincoln Freeing the Slaves."

I assisted the Abington Historical Society with their exhibition. A detail from the local camp, in Civil War uniform, acted as escorts. Net results—much interest, and six new members.

I am an active member of the East Bridgewater Centennial Committee which conducted essay contests in the schools, covering six grades (7-12) with close to 1,000 students participating.

Again assisted the Abington group, in a repeat performance, at the request of the Boy Scout Council, over 700 boys were taken on a tour of historic sites and Civil War monuments. I believe these events, in which so many of our youth participate, are among the most important things we do.

I presented a flag to the Elmwood Cemetery Association to replace one used on the Grand Army lot since 1912, when given by the local Post. This flag was purchased by the Plymouth County Association, SUVCW.

I took part in a Centennial observance in Brockton, in Civil War uniform; spoke at commemoration exercises at New Bedford at G.A.R. Highway marker; and also took part in Flag Day exercises in New Bedford.

My own Camp presented a \$100 scholarship to a graduate of Rockland High School, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have also attended many of the activities of our Order in the New England area. I have been well received, and thank all concerned for their courtesies.

I note these activities of a personal nature because I believe from reports, news items, programs, and from talking with Brothers from widely scattered sections of the country that they are typical of the work of Brothers, Camps and Centennial Committees everywhere.

The reports received from Department Patriotic Instructors of Pennsylvania and Maryland enclosed clippings and programs showing wonderful progress. The Department Patriotic Instructor of New York sent an interesting report on his activity in the Niagara Falls

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 ania, Sharpsburg, Somerset, Camp 108 Pittsburgh; New York, Newburg, Waverly, Camp 2 Brooklyn.

area. This report has an International interest, as he cooperated several times with Canadian organizations in planning patriotic events.

The opportunities are here and, in some instances, being seized. Let us not forget that whenever the Sons of Union Veterans are sponsors or participants in Civil War Centennial programs to make sure the proper recognition and publicity are received. As advertising is the life blood of business, so publicity can mean growth to us.

RECOMMENDATION—I recommend that Forms 60 & 61, Camp and Department Patriotic Instructor's reports, be abolished, and, in lieu thereof, a copy of each Department Patriotic Instructor's report, as submitted to his Department, be sent to the National Patriotic Instructor. I found the reports so received, much more useful than statistics representing about twenty-five per cent of our membership.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for the privilege of serving the organization for the past year. Following is a list of the contributions to the National G.A.R. Fund. I personally thank each one for the help in raising this substantial amount for our patriotic work.

**Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund
1960-1961**

Department of California & Pacific	Amount	Total
Department of California & Pacific	\$10.00	
Camp No. 20	6.00	
Camp No. 15	5.00	
Earl F. Riggs	2.00	
Dora Chalfont	5.00	
Bessie Schlink	2.00	
Helen Spaulding	1.00	
Dr. L. J. Snow	1.00	
		32.00
Department of Colorado & Wyoming		
Department of Colorado & Wyoming	5.00	
Camp No. 5	5.00	
		10.00
Department of Connecticut		
Camp No. 7	10.00	
Camp No. 17	5.00	
Camp No. 22	5.00	
Allen F. Spink	1.00	
C. Brown Newton	1.00	
James Y. Ledwith	1.00	
		23.00
Department of Illinois		
Department of Illinois	25.00	
Camp No. 1	5.00	
James Watson	2.00	
Rodney Brandon	5.00	
Charles Bournestine	3.00	
A. L. Bering	25.00	
James L. High	15.00	
Arthur Sherman	10.00	
Rolla Cowger	5.00	
Charles A. Brady, Jr.	5.00	
George W. Lovering	1.00	
		101.00

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Department of Indiana		
Camp No. 28	10.00	
Dan White	5.00	
R. B. Yingst	5.00	
Irvin Morse	1.00	
		21.00
Department of Iowa		
Simon Wareham	5.00	
Jacob Kirchner	20.00	
Lyle McFall	5.00	
		30.00
Department of Maine		
Department of Maine	10.00	
Camp No. 1	5.00	
Camp No. 69	1.00	
Robert Hunt	1.00	
Arthur Hunt	1.00	
Albert B. DeHaven	5.00	
Maurice Warner	5.00	
Charles York	1.00	
Walter Smith	1.00	
Walter James	3.00	
		33.00
Department of Maryland		
General U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A., Ret.	50.00	
Camp No. 2	2.00	
M. F. Calnan	10.00	
Dorothy Hilliard	1.00	
Margaret Carter	1.00	
		64.00
Department of Massachusetts		
Department of Massachusetts	50.00	
Plymouth County Association	20.00	
Plymouth County Auxilliary (Supper)	60.00	
Camp No. 11	2.00	
Camp No. 17	3.25	
Camp No. 26	2.50	
Camp No. 35	1.00	
Camp No. 50	5.00	
Camp No. 60	2.00	
Camp No. 67	2.00	
Camp No. 79	5.00	
Camp No. 81	5.00	
Camp No. 104	5.00	
Camp No. 116	2.00	
Auxilliary No. 50	2.00	
Edith Emery	1.00	
Mary Freeman	1.00	
Wm. Haskell	1.00	
Robert Rich	3.00	
Flora Bates	5.00	
Josephine Bates	5.00	
Parker Chandler	1.00	
Viola Brunet	1.00	
Bessie Drown	1.00	
Charles Thompson	2.00	
Kate Heiman	1.00	
John Little	1.00	

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Charles H. E. Moran	5.00	
Herbert Bogue	1.00	
Frank Smith	1.00	
Jack Rogers	1.00	
Minnie Maderos	5.00	
Clark Mellor	2.50	
Chester Ahead	2.00	
Dorothy Newell	1.00	
Blanche Crocker	1.00	
Gilman Harrington	1.00	
Herbert Greene	3.00	
Harold Drown	5.00	
John Day	1.00	
William O. Fuller	1.00	
Henry Weiler	1.00	
Addison Quinn	1.00	
Ernest G. Wells	1.00	
Larry Jones	1.00	
Miles Harrington	1.00	
Grace Merrill	5.00	
Millard Brown	1.00	
Ira Buxton	13.00	
Henry Bowen	2.00	
Wm. Rule	1.00	
Natalie Brown	1.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Blanchard	1.00	
Shep & Early Shepardson	10.00	
Edward Loke	3.00	
In Memory—Peter Rourke—11th Mass.	1.00	
Sylvio Rochette	1.00	
Allen B. Howland	15.00	
Edward Bresette	1.70	
Charles Hooper	2.00	
Department of Michigan		282.95
Camp No. 9	3.00	
Auxiliary No. 19	2.00	
Nellie Smith	1.00	
Department of Minnesota		6.00
Camp No. 8	5.00	
C. L. Hayward	2.00	
Department of New Hampshire		7.00
Department of New Hampshire	6.00	
Camp No. 1	2.00	
Camp No. 10	1.00	
Cleon E. Heald	5.00	
Camp No. 5	5.00	
Department of New Jersey		19.00
Department of New Jersey	10.00	
Camp No. 5	5.00	
Alton Sharp	5.00	
Albert C. Lambert	5.00	
Edna S. Lambert	3.00	
Eugene Patten	2.00	
		30.00

	Amount	Total
Department of New York		
Camp No. 60	5.00	
Camp No. 77	2.00	
Allied Organizations	1.00	
George Ricker	1.00	
Mrs. Tom Bogardus	2.00	
Charles L. Messer	5.00	
Perley Palmer	5.00	
Fred E. Howe	5.00	
Harmon Hershey	5.00	
C. Williamson	2.00	
Robert Wagoner	1.00	
	<hr/>	34.00
Department of Ohio		
Fred Pfeister, Jr.	5.00	
	<hr/>	5.00
Department of Oregon & Washington		
Department of Oregon & Washington	10.00	
Camp No. 17	5.00	
Mary Baker	2.00	
Frederick K. Davis	5.00	
Dr. E. T. Helms	5.00	
	<hr/>	27.00
Department of Pennsylvania		
Department of Pennsylvania	25.00	
Camp No. 16	5.00	
Camp No. 31	2.00	
Camp No. 34	2.00	
Camp No. 40	5.00	
Camp No. 112	3.00	
Camp No. 160	10.00	
Camp No. 132	10.00	
Davis Star Camp	5.00	
William C. Jones	1.00	
J. Missinger	1.00	
John Stark	6.00	
C. Leroy Stoudt	5.00	
John H. Runkle	5.00	
Chester S. Shriver	5.00	
Frank M. Heacock	2.00	
William Hosmer	2.00	
Walter Newhall	5.00	
Herman A. Poehler	1.00	
Rev. Richard O. Partington	1.00	
Clarence E. Riddell	1.00	
	<hr/>	102.00
Department of Rhode Island		
Department of Rhode Island	10.00	
Camp No. 4	5.00	
Camp No. 6	5.00	
Camp No. 7	5.00	
Camp No. 9	1.00	
Leo Burrows	2.00	
Fred J. Arnold	1.00	
Dexter Combs	1.00	
George Strait	2.00	
Harold E. Arnold	8.00	
Clarence Young	2.00	
Dwight Bromley	5.00	

	Amount	Total
Margaret Bromley	1.00	
Gertrude Peterson	1.00	
Joseph Randall	1.00	
James Parker	1.00	
Vincent Bonner	1.00	
		52.00
Department of Vermont		
Department of Vermont	5.00	
Camp No. 28	2.00	
Camp No. 91	5.00	
Thomas A. Chadwick	5.00	
Arthur L. Ballou	2.00	
		19.00
Miscellaneous		
Runkle's Boys	10.00	
Mrs. Kirlin, Prov. Aux. No. 4, Nebraska	2.00	
Marion Schultz, Florida	5.00	
Ethelyn Gray, Missouri	1.00	
Hattie Kesselring, Missouri	1.00	
Tee-Pe Gang & Friends—Collections at various places	16.30	35.30
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$933.25

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(Alan Howland),
National Patriotic Instructor.

(The applause of the Encampment was given National Patriotic Instructor Howland for his splendid report; after which it was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: If the Chaplain is ready, we will now have his report.

National Chaplain Arthur L. Ballou gave:

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Bellows Falls, Vermont
August 16, 1961

To the Officers and Members of the
Eightieth Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

I have the honor to submit my report, as follows:

First, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the organization, in the many places I have been privileged to visit this past year, in carrying out the duties of the office of National Chaplain. I could not possibly enumerate the many courtesies and kindnesses shown me.

The honor conferred upon me by Commander-in-Chief Chadwick, by appointing me to the highest office I have ever held, is deeply appreciated by me. I trust that in my humble way I have been able to do some lasting good.

The feeling of reverence in presenting the devotional aspect of so noble an organization as the National body of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is beyond my poor powers to describe.

I have written more fully my feeling for this Order in the Chaplain's Corner, printed in The Banner, reprints of which are available to members of this Encampment.

I have had the pleasure of accompanying the Commander-in-Chief on many journeys, as I have in other years. To him I owe a great deal, and I hope our work together and our continuing friendship will last many years more.

In November, I had charge of the Reception to the Commander-in-Chief at Brattleboro, Vermont, which was well attended and enjoyable to all.

Later that month, I attended, with Tom, the Lincoln Fellowship Dinner and observance of the 97th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, at Gettysburg, Pa., where we were guests of Brother Chester S. Shriver and his delightful family. The memories of that wonderful occasion will last always.

During the winter, I attended numerous patriotic gatherings, being received mostly as National Chaplain; though I also held the office of Vermont Department Commander, for a second term.

I had the pleasure and the honor of presenting and dedicating several new 50-star flags to various organizations, during the year, and truly "Old Glory" seems more beautiful than ever in its new form. Surely the heart of every patriotic American must experience a renewed and deeper pride as he sees our own glorious banner rippling in Heaven's breeze.

As Spring finally came, after a very severe winter, which restricted and sometimes forced us to cancel some activities, we were happy to get busy, and I believe we made up for lost time. April 30th was a delightful warm, springlike day and we enjoyed a trip to General Grant's Tomb in New York City, to take part in the ceremonies in observance of his birthday. The Commander-in-Chief was one of the speakers.

In May, I was busy with cemetery work, and on Memorial Day acted as Master of Ceremonies in the town of Chester, Vermont, where I am the Camp Commander.

I have attended all the meetings of the New England Regional Association, and at the annual meeting held at the Weirs, New Hampshire, I was elected Regional Vice-Commander. I was pleased to attend all the New England Encampments except Massachusetts.

I had the honor of representing the Commander-in-Chief at the Connecticut Encampment where I received all the honors and, in the absence of the Department Chaplain, acted as Chaplain during the Encampment. The Brothers of Connecticut afforded me a great deal of pleasure when they made me an Honorary Member of their Department.

Tom's busy schedule made it impossible for him to be present at the New Jersey Department Encampment, and he asked me to represent him there. I was a stranger to most of the Brothers there, but not for long, for they took me in, and welcomed me as true Brothers; now I am no more a stranger. I received the key to the city from the Mayor, and was made an Honorary Member of the New Jersey Department. I enjoyed a time of fellowship and inspiration.

On July 8th, we attended a Reception to the National President of our Auxiliary in New York City. This was a hurried trip, and we came home in the wee small hours. This was nevertheless a very enjoyable occasion.

It has been a busy year for me. The work I have tried to do has borne much fruit, for it has enriched my life greatly, through contact with the members of the Grand Army Family.

In closing I feel that I would have done more if I could, for there is so much more remaining to be done.

I pledge myself to continue to do all I can in carrying on as my father would wish, for I am proud to be an own Son of a Civil War Veteran. The foes of our Country are many and strong; we live in perilous times. Our God shall be the source of our strength; He will not fail us, nor dare we fail Him.

Again, I thank you all for the privilege of serving as your Chaplain, and may God bless and keep us all.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Arthur Lewis Ballou),
National Chaplain.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

National Chaplain Ballou: I would like to add a verbal supplement to my report. One of the most important ceremonies, in connection with this National Encampment, is the Memorial Service; which was held yesterday afternoon.

I owe a great deal to my co-worker, Hilda York, the National Chaplain of the Auxilliary whose assistance contributed a great deal to that service, and the success of it. She was a great help, and inspiration; and I enjoyed working with her very much.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Ballou for that fine report.

We will now have the report of the National Counselor.

National Counselor Locke: I am not ready at this time. I will give my report later.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Very well. If the National Historian is ready, may we have his report?

National Historian Allen F. Spink:

REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

175 Ridgewood Road,
West Hartford 7, Conn.
August 18, 1961

To: Thomas A. Chadwick,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
and Members of the 80th Annual Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

Again I have the privilege to submit a brief history for the year 1960-1961.

A very successful Encampment was held last year in Springfield, Illinois, the "Heart of Lincoln Land" where we trod the streets Abraham Lincoln trod, saw many spots he loved, and visited the only home he ever owned. On Wednesday, of Encampment week, the delegates were entertained by a motor trip to New Salem Village. Enroute we stopped at the Lincoln Tomb, a most sacred and beautiful spot. We then proceeded to the final resting place of Major B. J. Stephenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois. Very appropriate exer-

cises were held there, after which we proceeded to New Salem Village. New Salem Village has been re-constructed over old cellar holes. Here we were able to see many cabins, the store, Post Office, etc., rebuilt to resemble the buildings that stood there at the time when Abraham Lincoln spent his youth there. The inspiration received from this trip and its memory will live a long time in the hearts of those who availed themselves of the privilege of going.

During the Encampment, Brother Alva Reef of the Indiana Department presented the Order with a Grave Registration Book, containing over 20,000 names. These were taken, lot by lot, from the stones in each and every cemetery listed. There are 461 cemeteries listed in 60 counties in the State of Indiana.

On November 11, 1960, Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle passed away, in Portland, Maine. Brother Towle joined Shepley Camp in 1893. He served as Camp Commander; Maine Department Commander, Secretary, Maine Department, Grand Army of the Republic; Secretary and clerk of the corporation of Bosworth Post, G.A.R.; Treasurer of the Bosworth Memorial Association; Secretary of the G.A.R. Memorial Commission, Portland; and Commander, New England Regional Association, S.U.V.C.W. He was elected Commander-in-Chief in 1942 at Indianapolis. He was also active in many other civic affairs. He will be remembered kindly by his many friends.

An estimated 1200 people saw the very colorful parade and heard Murray Snyder, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C. give the Dedication Day Address at the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on November 19, 1960. This group then paraded to Ziegler's Grove for a beautiful Remembrance Day Program, at the Monument to Comrade Albert Woolson. There, Lt. Gen. Edward J. Stackpole, U.S.A., Ret., spoke in a touching tribute to the G.A.R. The National Presidents of the Allied Family spoke briefly and along with their Department Presidents of Pennsylvania, presented wreaths. At noon, the Lincoln Fellowship Luncheon was held with Lt. Gov. John Morgan Davis of Pennsylvania as speaker. Mr. Karl S. Betts, Executive Director of the Civil War Centennial Commission, was principal speaker at the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association dinner in the evening. (The Parade was held in the afternoon.)

On February 12, 1961, Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle placed a wreath, from our National Organization, during a memorial ceremony held at the Lincoln Monument, Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. A detail of Reserves accompanied Brother Runkle.

Memorial services commemorating the death of Abraham Lincoln 96 years ago were held April 15, 1961 at Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois; under the auspices of our National Organization, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Commander-in-Chief Chadwick delivered an address on "Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield," and Frank B. Huntington, official representative of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States gave an address, "Lincoln's Return to Springfield." Some 46 wreaths were laid (in 1957 there were 3 wreaths), 112 persons attended a luncheon following the ceremonies (in 1957 the luncheon attendance was 11 persons). It is interesting to note the increasing interest of this most worthwhile ceremony.

A wreath was laid by Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick at the altar of the Nations at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire on May 30, 1961. Tradition of having a member of

the New England Regional Association lay the wreath was not broken, as Brother Chadwick is a Past Commander of this Association.

Too much cannot be said, or too much credit given, to various National, Department, District and Local Chairmen and their Committees for the splendid ceremonies, programs and plans in connection with the Centennial of the Civil War. From the Banner we learn of many of these undertakings. With the apparent fine start we have gotten off to, let us all continue with the same zeal for the entire period 1961-1965. My thanks to the Brothers who have sent this office programs, etc. This office would welcome more pictures, programs, and newspaper items.

The Banner also acquaints us with the many other activities within our organization. Christmas parties, Installations, presentations of flags, scholarships, student awards, campaigns to raise funds for improvement of Civil War Monuments, to help preserve the Gettysburg Battlefield, or for a Memorial clock. Most of these projects are carried on, in the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. May all these like programs continue and increase.

The allotment of \$25.00 was not needed this year; but I recommend that an allotment of \$25.00 for the office of the National Historian be granted for the next year.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick, I want to thank you for appointing me as your National Historian. I have enjoyed being a member of your official family. May your Encampment be a prosperous, harmonious and happy one.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L..

(Allen F. Spink),
National Historian.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Brothers, we will now recess until 1:30 P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**August 21, 1961 — 1:35 P. M.**

At the opening of this session, the members of the Encampment stood in a moment of silent prayer for the recovery of Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle, who was seriously ill in a Harrisburg, Penna. hospital.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We are under Reports of Officers, and the next one is the report of the National Graves Registration Officer. In the absence of Brother DeForest, I will ask Brother Spink to read it.

National Historian Spink read:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

July 31, 1961

Commander-in-Chief
Thomas A. Chadwick,
Chester, Vermont

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Again it becomes my duty and my privilege to make the annual report, thru you, to our National organization, of the activities of this office during the term now ending. For the record, this marks the 36th annual report since the conception of this project on a national basis, and the 16th consecutive annual report to be submitted by me during the tenure of my service in this office.

It is hardly necessary for me to point out to our membership, as I have each succeeding year, the importance of this project and its objective toward preservation for all time of the records of military service and location of the final resting places of our late heroes of the great Civil War of 1861 to 1865.

In every local territory covered by the Camps of our Order, this work has been progressing over the years long before it became a specialized project in our National organization set-up. Many of our members throughout the land are doing a most excellent job along the lines of recording and marking veterans' graves in every hamlet, village, town and city where our late veterans lie buried. But, there are still hundreds of unmarked graves in cemeteries across the nation; and our work shall not be finished until headstones grace every known Civil War hero's grave, and every name and location shall have been duly recorded for posterity.

The conduct of this office is much the same as any business office, and there is always a certain volume of mail to be attended to. Requests are received for various information, and these are given immediate attention. They include orders for application forms for Federal veterans' headstones or bronze markers, questions regarding same, requests for information concerning location of ancestral graves, assistance in tracing military records of veterans, in some cases by genealogists, writers and historians; requests to use the influence of this National office to petition officials of communities to correct controversial matters with regard to Civil War memorials, such as vandalism and desecration of same, and requests to assist in protests of various official proposals concerning improper disposition

of Civil War memorials and relics, also improper treatment of veterans' graves, markers, and headstones.

Assistance is frequently given Departmental Grave Registration officers in their problems relative to their work.

The past term has been a busy one with progress reported in many sections indicating that the work is being enthusiastically carried on by faithful and loyal Brothers in our Camps. To these Brothers we owe our appreciation and our hearty commendation of their untiring efforts.

Our Order suffered a great loss in the passing on December 2, 1960 of one of its most efficient and loyal workers, Benjamin H. Rose, Department Graves Registration Officer of Connecticut Department. Brother Rose gave freely of his time and energy, traveling many miles throughout the state in the interests of the grave marking work and the preservation of the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Brother Ben Rose enjoyed the fruition of his long and tireless efforts in his greatest triumph, when he officiated at the dedication of the headstone he had caused to have erected at the grave of the last survivor of the U. S. Ironclad "MONITOR" in Putnam, Connecticut. (THE BANNER of Jan.-Feb. 1961.) His last official act was to fill in his annual report to this office which he did from his hospital bed just a week before his demise. Faithful to the very end, Ben Rose is greatly missed in this all important work.

Special commendation of loyal efforts in this field is also given to the following Brothers:

Harold L. Scott, P.D.C., Connecticut Department
 Albert N. Stewart, California & Pacific Department
 Alva Reef, P.D.C., Indiana Department
 Charles H. Langlet, Maryland Department
 Robert E. Delcamp, P.D.C., Pennsylvania Department
 Sam Guynn, P.D.C., Iowa Department
 Charles C. Webster, P.D.C., Maine Department

Following is a summary of some of the accomplishments of this office and its field workers during the past term:

CONNECTICUT: Matter of reported vandalism committed to General John Sedgwick monument, Town of Cornwall, taken up with Governor Abraham Ribicoff and First Selectman of Town, and corrected.

Matter of relocation of Civil War monument at Ansonia appealed personally to the Mayor, and with members of Camp No. 22 of Ansonia-Derby, stopped the proposal.

At the request of the Mayor and Civil War Centennial Committee, of Derby I wrote a manuscript of history of the old town in the Civil War, and a biography of its outstanding heroes, to be used in their Centennial ceremonies.

At the invitation of the Ansonia Civil War Centennial Committee, I gave the address as speaker of the day at the rededication of the Civil War memorial in that city. The occasion was the 85th anniversary of the erection and original dedication of the memorial and the program was based on the original program of exercises. This was one of the features being arranged by the City of Ansonia for the observance of the Civil War Centennial, and our Camp there is taking a leading part in the plans, under the direction of Commander David I. Hazard and his officers. With Mrs. DeForest, I was

accorded a prominent place in the Ansonia Memorial Day parade, in a car following the City Officials.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC: Brother Albert N. Stewart has submitted a list of veterans' graves in and around the Santa Cruz area and has done a splendid job of recording the graves. Brother Frank Woerner and his associates are commencing a project which will ultimately result in the registering of veterans' graves throughout the entire state of California, the names to be alphabetically arranged in a volume of books. A most worthwhile work which deserves commendation.

INDIANA: As usual, Brother Alva Reef is doing a fine job in this State. Several new headstones have been erected and Brother Reef is attempting to have cemetery sextons arrange to have the cemetery associations bear the cost of erecting others. Brother Reef's books of registration of veterans' graves, containing upward of 21,000 names has been presented by him to National headquarters directly.

IOWA: Brother Sam Guynn, who is also Graves Registration Officer of the American Legion in his state, has been busy replacing grave markers, and has submitted a list of Union Generals buried in Iowa.

MARYLAND: Headstones have been erected in 25 cemeteries throughout the state according to the report of Brother Charles H. Langletz who has charge of the work in Maryland.

PENNSYLVANIA: Applications for Federal headstones have been sent at the request of Brother Robert E. Delcamp indicating further progress along these lines by this faithful worker, and his associates, who have caused to have erected more headstones in the past few years than any other Department reporting.

Considerable time was spent by this office in attempting to locate the graves of veterans for their descendants, among these one who was killed in action at the battle of Marye's Heights in Fredericksburg, Va. A close friend living there was contacted by this office and he made a visit to the National cemetery there, and obtained access to the list of those buried there. Unfortunately, in this instance, we failed to provide the answer, but the example is given here to indicate some of the methods we use to accommodate those who seek information from this office.

In closing this report, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to you, Commander-in-Chief Chadwick, for the confidence you placed in me in re-appointing me to this office. It has been a pleasure to have served our beloved Order in this capacity on your official staff. This year marks my 43rd as a member of the SUVCW and it was even a few years before I became initiated, that I entered upon the work of grave registration, when I accompanied my honored grandsire, Lieutenant S. O. Dwinell of the 6th Vermont Volunteer Infantry, who had charge of the grave marking project for his Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Visiting the cemeteries with him led to the work becoming my hobby since, and a project in which I am convinced that our Order is receiving prestige in many quarters throughout the nation.

I respectfully recommend that the budget for the next term contain the same allocation of \$50.00 for the furtherance of this all important project.

Expenditures for office supplies, postage, printing and copying, and the usual expenses in connection with the conduct of any busi-

ness office, have been partially compensated by the \$50.00 allocation made to this office for the term just ending.

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

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We will now have the report of the District of Columbia Representative, General Grant.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:

REPORT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE

College Hill
Clinton, New York
6 August, 1961

My dear Commander-in-Chief Chadwick:

I regret that, as Representative of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the District of Columbia, I have very little to report.

Not being able to attend any hearings on the subject, I wrote to the House Committee on the Judiciary recommending favorable action on the Bill of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for a Veterans' Memorial in the Nation's Capital.

I have assisted in the revival of Lincoln and Cushing Camps and in reorganizing their merger as Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2, and securing the approval of the Maryland Department.

My congratulations to you on the happy settlement of the trouble in the Michigan Department, in which I had long been interested as a friend of both parties.

At many meetings in connection with the observance of the Civil War Centennial, I have been careful to mention the interest of our Order.

Respectfully submitted,
(U. S. Grant, 3rd),
District of Columbia Representative.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We will now hear the communications.

COMMUNICATIONS — GREETINGS

The National Secretary read the following telegrams and letters of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment; and regrets at their inability to attend the Encampment from:

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, New York
Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, New York
Past Commander-in-Chief Frederic G. Bauer, Massachusetts
Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Hoald, New Hampshire
Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster, Maine
Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania
Rose Linne, Department President, Woman's Relief Corps, Ohio

also:

Communication from the Pennsylvania Department, under date of June 21, signed by O. G. McPherson, Department Commander announcing endorsement of Chester S. Shriver for Commander-in-Chief in 1962.

RESOLUTIONS

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

(1) From the Department of Oregon & Washington—relative to amendment to the American Creed, in the present Ritual. (Referred to the Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies.)

(2) From the Department of Vermont — requesting change in the C. R. & R. so as to enable the Departments to elect Patriotic Instructors from the floor of the Encampment, if they so choose. (Referred to the Committee on Constitution & Regulations.)

(3) From Gen. S. G. Griffin Camp No. 10, Keene, N. H.—That election of Officers at National Encampment be held on the second day of the Encampment at 10 A. M. (Referred to the Committee on Constitution & Regulations.)

(4) From Lafayette Camp No. 140, New York City—That a Committee be appointed to establish a rosette, to be worn on the civilian clothes of all members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Referred to the Committee on Constitution & Regulations.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We are now ready for reports of Committees. I will ask Brother Earl Riggs to read the report of the G.A.R. Highway Committee, in the absence of the Chairman Brother Woerner.

Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs read:

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

August 18, 1961

To the Officers and Members,
80th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

As Chairman of the National Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, I submit my report as follows:

Many letters have been written, but few replies have been received. At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brothers William J. Blakely of Pennsylvania, Spencer Leonard of Oregon, and Argus E. Ogborn of Indiana for their kindness and consideration in answering my letters.

In condensing my report, I find that the status of most States on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway is the same as that of last year, with the exception of Nevada and Utah. At the present time, I am in touch with the traffic manager in Carson City, Nevada, to see if he can replace the markers that are missing on the 307 miles across his State. I am also in touch with the Traffic Engineer of the State Road Commission, in Salt Lake City asking him to replace the signs that are missing on the 276 miles of road in Utah. I expect to hear from these men in the very near future.

I can also report, with pride, that all signs are intact in the State of California; and that, in the next year, our 8 lane G.A.R. freeway will be completed and marked with the Grand Army of the Republic signs, making it the largest and most beautiful roadway on the G.A.R. Highway.

I received a very nice letter from Brother William J. Blakely of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and I would like to include a part of it,

as my report from Pennsylvania—"In last year's report to you on U. S. Grant Highway No. 20, I took this matter up with our Secretary of Highways, requesting that he so name this highway but, at this writing, he has failed to give me a final answer. I now learn that the House of Representatives may adopt such a resolution designating U. S. Route 20, in Pennsylvania, General U. S. Grant Highway. If adopted and sent to Governor Lawrence and Highways Secretary Park H. Martin, it is left to the State Officials to decide whether it should be adopted. Our Legislature is now in session, but will soon adjourn until late in the fall. This year, the beginning of our Anniversary, seems an appropriate time to urge the passage of this Resolution. I will continue my efforts to have a resolution prepared; and formally adopted and affirmed by the Governor and State Officials."

The General U. S. Grant Highway No. 20 project, as reported by Brother Spencer Leonard of Portland, Oregon informs me that the necessary legislation for the U. S. Grant Highway is now in the hands of the State Legislature. Brother Leonard has the help of the Chamber of Commerce of Newport, Oregon to help him have the necessary legislation passed to name U. S. 20 the U. S. Grant Highway No. 20.

Respectfully yours in F. C. & L.,

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

Past Department Commander Clarence E. Young, Rhode Island: I move you, Commander-in-Chief that the report of the G.A.R. Highway Committee be adopted, as read. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Russel H. Bogert, N. J., and Past Department Commander Wm. Jerry Johnson, Jr., Maryland; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you. We will now have the report of the Legislative Committee.

National Chairman Joseph S. Rippey, N. Y., read:

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

August 21, 1961

To the Officers and Members of the
80th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It has been a privilege and an enjoyable experience to have served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the National Organization this past year.

The work of the Committee has been territorily extensive and locally intensive, and may necessarily have overlapped the functions of other Committees and divisions of the National organization.

The composition of the committee was such that its members were expected to be, and were, prominent in local patriotic and civic affairs, taking the leadership in matters involving our Organization.

Your Chairman has followed the legislative processes and promoted legislation nationally, in the states and locally, of interest to and enhancement of our Order; and for the promotion of the memory of the deeds of our forefathers 100 years ago.

The following is a summary of legislation of interest to our Order—both proposed, and that enacted, during the past twelve months:

There was introduced in the Congress of the United States, Senate Joint Resolution 40, and House of Representatives Joint Resolution 396, that November 19, the anniversary of the delivery of the Gettysburg Address, be designated in the calendar of special days as Dedication Day, and that the President of the United States be requested to proclaim November 19 as Dedication Day, and to suggest that the address be read on that day in schools and public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions, on our ships at sea, and wherever the American flag flies.

A bill known as Senate Bill 243 was passed by the Legislature of the State of Illinois for the creation of a Civil War Centennial Commission for that State for the next biennium.

At a joint session of the legislature of the State of Missouri, one of the members of the Civil War Centennial Commission of Missouri delivered a scholarly and comprehensive address on that State's part in the War. There was also enacted by that State, and approved by the Governor, an Act creating a "Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park Commission," and a companion Act making an appropriation therefor.

In Connecticut a Senate Joint Resolution was enacted urging the Civil War Centennial Commission of that State to withdraw from participation in the Fort Sumter ceremonies, and from any others in localities in which denial of public accommodations may be imposed on any member of any commission, or any participant in centennial ceremonies. Legislation was enacted concerning the use of the insignia and badges of Italian American War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated, correcting the name of that organization in statutory references, making an appropriation to the Franco-American War Veterans, Incorporated, for convention purposes, and making an appropriation to the Yankee Division Veterans Association National Convention.

Florida enacted House Bill 1440 which was signed by the Governor, creating the Florida Civil War Centennial Commission, defining its powers and making an appropriation therefor.

The State of Wisconsin legislature passed Bill 443,S. which appropriated funds to the State Civil War Centennial Commission to carry out its functions.

By Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11, the Legislature of the State of California commended the appointment of the executive committee responsible for the preparation for California's participation in the national observance of the centennial of the Civil War, and strongly urged the support and cooperation in this endeavor by all of the people of the State.

Mississippi passed and approved House Bill No. 193 creating the Mississippi Commission on the War between the States.

Louisiana legislated an appropriation for the expenses of the Centennial Commission of that State.

The State of Nevada, which was admitted to statehood during the Civil War, enacted Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 and Senate Bill No. 3 which provide for the appointment of a Centennial Commission for her forthcoming Centennial celebration, and the issuance of a commemorative coin or stamp thereof.

The Legislature of the State of Georgia passed a resolution that every citizen and every local community in the State is urged and requested to commemorate the valor and courage, both on the battle-

field and at home, of their forebears, and honor their heroic memory in true reverence and respect during the Centennial years 1961-1965, and that the date January 19, 1961 marked the official state wide observance of the Civil War Centennial to commemorate the War between the States.

There was introduced in the Senate of Arizona, but not received by the House, a Bill to make an appropriation to the use of the state Civil War Centennial Commission.

Maine made an appropriation for the functions of its Civil War Centennial Commission.

In the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, concurrent resolutions were adopted declaring April 12, 1961 as Fort Sumter Day; commending the Charleston Centennial Commission for the outstanding Centennial celebration which they planned and directed; and expressing sadness and regret because of alleged disunity caused by another state's Commission, before and during the Fourth National Civil War Assembly at Charleston, and urging that the commemoration of the Centennial of the War Between the States be continued in a manner tending to strengthen our national unity and common historical heritage, and to recognize that the South is in 1961-65 entitled to respectful consideration of Southern viewpoints by the Nation.

Two Maryland Acts of 1961 respectively empower the County Commissioners of Frederick County to appropriate sums of money annually, through 1964, for the use of the Frederick County Civil War Centennial Commission, Inc., and establishing the Charles County Civil War Centennial Commission, and appropriating a sum of money for its use during the lifetime of the commission.

By Legislative Resolution, Nebraska established its own Civil War Centennial Commission.

The State of Rhode Island passed a resolution requesting its Centennial Commission to mark, with distinctive plaques or monuments, the historic sites in Providence and Woonsocket where Abraham Lincoln made two addresses during his election campaign. A House Bill 1561 of the January 1961 Session did not pass. It is said that the defeat of this measure, carrying an appropriation, curtails the work of the Centennial Commission, and that the future life of the Commission is, therefore, in question.

Legislation relating to the commemoration of the Civil War in West Virginia was the adoption of a House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 requesting that there be submitted to the Legislature an amendment and supplement to the Budget Bill, providing for a fund to be used in connection with the Centennial celebration, which appropriation was thereafter made.

Michigan passed an appropriation for the work of the State Civil War Centennial Commission.

In Minnesota, County appropriations were made for the Civil War and Sioux Uprising Centennial, and establishing the commission.

Iowa also made an appropriation to the Iowa Civil War Centennial Commission to conduct appropriate programs in connection with the centennial of the many important events of the Civil War.

The State of Massachusetts passed Resolutions, respectively, increasing the membership of the special commission to prepare plans and programs for the centennial of the Civil War; providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the erection of a memorial to Colonel Thomas Cass and the Officers and Men of the Ninth Regiment of Infantry; and requesting the Governor

to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of the centennial of the organization and mustering into service of the Ninth Massachusetts Infantry.

An appropriation for the Civil War Centennial Commission was made by the State of New Hampshire.

The State of Delaware appropriated a sum of money to Appomattox Camp No. 2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the year ending June 30, 1961, for the observance of Memorial Day, in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic.

New York enacted legislation making an appropriation to be used for the restoration and preservation of New York State's Civil War regimental battle flags; and providing for eligibility to admission to the New York State Woman's Relief Corps Home at Oxford, New York.

New Jersey enacted a Joint Resolution increasing the membership of its Centennial Commission; an Act providing that all historic battle and other flags of the State displayed in the State House shall be maintained and preserved by the State authority in whose custody they are, but that removal for display elsewhere may be authorized; and resolutions approving a resolution of the New Jersey Civil War Centennial Commission that it cannot, in good conscience, participate in the Fourth National Assembly; and urging members of other states' commissions to call upon their respective Congressional delegations to demand that the Fourth National Assembly as then conceived, be cancelled forthwith as an act of responsible national statesmanship; and scheduled for a later date, in a location which will respect the fundamental constitutional rights, of persons of all races and creeds.

In Pennsylvania, there was a Senate Resolution of thanks of the Senate extended to the descendants of citizens of Pennsylvania who fought in the Civil War.

It is recommended that, in view of the proportionately greater amount of legislation passed by the several states of interest to our Order during the past year, and that which may be desired to be enacted by the States or the Congress of the United States, the membership of the Legislative Committee of the National Organization be increased for the duration of the Centennial of the American Civil War, to include at least one member from each of the Departments.

I trust that the performance of the duties of the Committee meets with your approval, and I thank you for the honor of serving our Order in this responsible position, and the members of the committee for their diligent service.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

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

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

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: I move that the report be accepted, with thanks; and together with its recommendation be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Wallace J. Macomber, Rhode Island; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We will now hear the Report of the Civil War Centennial Committee.

National Chairman Wells prefaced his report with preliminary remarks, then read a portion of a recent issue of the American Heritage magazine, relative to the Civil War; after which he read:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL
COMMITTEE

August 14, 1961

To the Officers and Members,
80th Annual Encampment,
Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brothers:

Any detailed report of Centennial dates and events in which Sons of Union Veterans participated would not only be repetitive of the files of "THE BANNER" for the past year, but would also require more time for its reading than we have at our disposal—not to mention the cost of reproduction in our eventual Proceedings.

We have had our share of life's defeats and frustrations, but the satisfaction gained from this Civil War Centennial are more than making up for them.

Our personal identification with the Sons of Union Veterans is as close as it is possible to get. Wife, children and family life are inextricably interwoven into the fabric of the Order. Our closest friends are members of the Allied Orders. The tenets of our Faith have to do with the potentialities for public patriotic service inherent in our noble organization. The mantle of our Fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic, has fallen upon our shoulders. In these times of the greatest dangers that have ever been known, the laws of compensation give us the greatest opportunities ever known.

At every step along the way, the attitudes of my Brothers and Sisters have impressed upon me that ours is a "way of life"—a greater family. But, now and then, I've met prophets of gloom, doom and disaster. They tell us that there is too much against us, that our young people can't be reached, that we will gradually die out. One wonders why, if they have so little belief in the value of our principles and purposes, they ever bothered to join us—or, having joined, why they continue to waste their time. To most of us, these people (few and ineffectual, thank Heaven) are so "mixed up" as to be beyond reach. They either refuse to see the increasing evidences of Hope and improving fortunes, or they minimize their importance.

Enthusiastic interest in the Civil War is not only still growing in this country, but is spreading throughout the world. What peculiar blindness is it that cannot see that even a small percentage of the eligibles that are certain to become actively interested (primarily because of the very fact of their eligibility) will swell our numbers immeasurably.

That our young people cannot be reached? But they most definitely are being reached. We would be more aware of this fact if more of our Camps and Auxiliaries would send in news to "THE BANNER" about our young people. I'll give you two instances of the sort of news that should be sent in—and, too often, isn't.

George Porter is a member of Julius N. Munroe Camp 116 of South Hanson, Mass., and is in his "teens." He has, through his own efforts, built up a Civil War Museum in his home that would be a credit to a municipality. He is also a member of the reactivated Mass. 9th Battery (of Civil War fame) and travels all over with them and their captured Confederate cannon. This artillery unit is the military arm of the Mass. Civil War Centennial Commission

and, among many other events, they represented their state in the recent exciting re-enactment of the First Bull Run (or the First Mannassas, as it is called in the South).

Charles and George Nichols and Robert Smith are members of Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9 of Boston. George and Bob are both "teen-agers." Recently, Louis Winchell, one of our Mass. Past Department Commanders, had a very serious intestinal operation. Brother Louis is almost eighty years old, and we became very concerned for him. Charles, George and Bob gave of their own life's blood to bring Brother Louis back and keep him with us as long as possible.

Oh yes! We are reaching our young people, thank God!

Once again, I remind you that this is not, and will not be, a dry-as-dust statistical report of past dates and by-gone events. These details you can find, for the most part, in your back copies of "THE BANNER", and if you don't have back copies of THE BANNER, I'm sorry for you. You have separated yourself from the "spirit of our Order," and from its creative thinking and striving.

This past year, this Committee has issued a "News Letter" on Centennial affairs whenever it could.

Requests have been received for advice and suggestions from Department Centennial Committees, Camps, Auxiliaries, and individual Brothers and Sisters. We hope we have helped.

Now for the summation.

Some of our friends are disappointed that the Civil War Centennial did not suddenly explode into an hysteria of fanatical participation. That would have been a consummation devoutly to be deplored. Let us be very grateful that it didn't happen just that way. If it had happened, we would not have had time to prepare ourselves, nor time to take advantage of opportunities.

As it is, the Centennial is, generally, following the same course as did the War itself. The beginning has been, largely, comparatively slow. There have, to date, been only a very few really outstanding events on a national scale. So far, cities, towns and even states have, for the most part, been just "feeling their way." In short, the best is yet to come.

We can expect the growth and activity of this Centennial to be gradual, but certain, and we are happy that this is so, because it gives us time to rally our thoughts and our resources toward our various spheres of activity.

We cannot tell you specifically what to do in your community, because each community is different from the other, and the programs must also necessarily be different. But we can help to point you in the right direction.

The national media of communication—newspapers, radio, television, etc.—report many kinds of Centennial observances. They will suggest to you adaptations to the needs of your community.

More specifically, the columns of THE BANNER will give you the Centennial from the viewpoint of the Sons of Union Veterans.

May we take this opportunity to suggest a step that will be certain to put you in the way of knowing how to be more active in the Centennial? Put your hand in your pocket, withdraw a one dollar bill, and immediately give it or mail it to Albert C. Lambert, Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

If you will take this first step, as either a new subscription or a renewal, we personally guarantee that you will be constantly barraged with Centennial information that will inspire you.

One final affirmation!

At the Second New England Conference of Civil War Centennial Commissions in Augusta, Maine, a public relations expert made the profound observation: "If the public is not informed, the presentation of the greatest historical or cultural event will be valueless." We do most heartily concur. Therefore, we strongly urge you to make your every Centennial action two-fold. First: Plan it or do it! Second: Notify your press, the radio, and THE BANNER.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War must make a contribution to the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Civil War on the same level of values as the origin and purposes of the Order.

The Story of the Winning of the Civil War by the Veterans of the Union has been well, and often told. The Story of the part these same Veterans played after the War in making the United States of America a great and united nation, a hope and an inspiration to free men everywhere, and the focal point of a still developing world social consciousness has never yet been properly presented.

It was logical that the most intelligent, the most vigorous of these Veterans found their best opportunity for effective action in the organized efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We know that Grand Army men, for a great many years, led the development of our people on every level—in Washington, D. C., state capitols, and local city and town governments.

This Committee visualizes "A History of the Grand Army of the Republic" as more than a mere growth of local posts, departments, and the Commandery-in-Chief. This "History" must be selective. It must choose from the vast mass of organizational details and point out the Grand Army men and actions that made permanent impressions of our communities, our states, and our nation—and, ultimately, on the world as a whole.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of this Committee that this Order sponsor, promote, and actively work for the achievement of a "History of the Grand Army of the Republic" as our particular project to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Civil War.

The Centennial Committee has its hands full with the dissemination of news and advice pertaining to the Centennial in general. The National Historian has a tremendous task before him in gathering and correlating the history of our own organization.

This specific project is too big and too important to be merely one of a number of other duties. It warrants an independent entity that will tend to guarantee it independent and concentrated action.

It is still further recommended that \$100.00 be appropriated for the initial expenses of this committee; and that the National Council of Administration be instructed to reasonably increase this appropriation should, in their considered opinion, an unusual opportunity arise to advance the success of this project.

The accumulated data on Centennial preparations this past year is tremendous. A reasonably fair report on them would have taken a couple of hours to read, at least. I've avoided that, and I hope you are properly grateful.

Instead, we have tried to give you the "spirit," the "essence," of the Sons of Union Veterans in the Civil War Centennial. We hope we have given you a "feeling" for over-all purposes, and a firmer conviction that this Civil War Centennial is our finest means

to a richer, fuller destiny. We have the heritage! We have the material! Now, we have the opportunity! We can become the apotheosis of Patriotic America!

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

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

(The applause of the Encampment followed the reading of this report.)

Department Commander DeVene Williamson, New York: I move that the report of Brother Wells, together with its recommendations, be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Millard F. Brown, Massachusetts.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I am just wondering, and concerned with the future of such a project. Brother Wells pointed out the necessity of gathering this information for this history which, in itself, is a big job—and that it then be published. Publishing a history is quite an extensive project, to say nothing of the cost. Are we going to have millions of copies printed, and hand them out to everybody; are we going to sell them, or what will happen after it is published? This is an expensive proposition; and we should definitely know what we are doing before we adopt such a project.

National Chairman Ernest G. Wells: Those are details which must be met, as we go along with the project. I would estimate that it would take from one to three years to assemble this information and, in the meantime, suggestions and methods will be proposed as to how we can raise the necessary funds to do it. Not only our own Brothers, but others who are interested in Civil War history will support it.

I think it is quite reasonable to assume that we should take action on collecting this material which would be used in this history; and the matter of necessary funds can be taken care of by future Encampments, if this project catches on, and I am sure it will.

National Secretary Lambert: I am not objecting, but I do think this would be a tremendous project. I believe this recommendation, included in this report, is merely for a survey, for which there is to be a limited amount appropriated, and then, upon the results of that survey will depend the future of this project in future years.

(Report, and recommendations contained in report adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: As the Chairman of the Membership Committee is not here, I will ask the National Secretary to read Brother Leonard's report: National Secretary Lambert read:

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

July 7, 1961

Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l Sec'y-Treas.,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
P. O. Box 457,
Trenton 3, N. J.

Dear Brother Lambert:

Herewith is a brief report as Membership Chairman, brevity to allow each regional or district chairman to give a more detailed report for conditions existing in his respective district.

My report is as follows:

I wish to express my appreciation to our Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick for the honor in appointing me your Membership Chairman; and to thank the four regional chairmen for their efforts in behalf of our Order.

I especially commend Brother Charles H. Bournstine, Chairman Central District, and his chosen staff for the outstanding net gains made in the Department of Illinois. His efforts furnish ample evidence that we can gain in members if we but try. However, death losses oftentimes appear to offset gains, statistically. I view the overall picture with much optimism.

I have two recommendations to make—both pertaining to Life Members:

1st—That the National Secretary-Treasurer discontinue collection of per capita tax from Camps and Departments for life members, and either credit or reimburse such Camps or Departments for loss of annual revenue; not to exceed amount member would normally have paid his Camp in annual dues. To provide on future printed forms, a space for Secretaries to note number of life members.

2nd—Due to age differential, a set fee of \$100.00 for life membership does not appear to me to be equitable. I recommend serious consideration of changing the fee according to at least two, and possibly three age groups. As a starting point, for consideration, I suggest those born prior to January 1, 1900 be granted Life Membership upon the payment of \$50.00. Those born after January 1, 1900 and prior to January 1, 1922 be granted Life Membership upon payment of \$75.00; and those born after January 1, 1922 pay the present fee of \$100.00.

I believe this would offer a greater inducement for our senior members to consider the benefits, not only for themselves but for our Order, of a Life Membership.

I remain, respectfully in F. C. & L.,

(Spencer Leonard),
Chairman, Membership Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: There are two recommendations contained in that report. What is your pleasure?

National Secretary Lambert: As far as recommendation No. 1—"that the National Secretary-Treasurer discontinue collection of per capita tax from Camps and Departments for life members and reimburse such Camps or Departments in an amount, not to exceed annual dues of the member to his Camp"—evidently the Chairman of the Committee does not know the present procedure in connection with Life Members. Let me explain it. To the Camp of those members who have purchased Life Memberships, we send \$5.00 per year, a dividend to the Camp to pay for that member's Camp dues. The Life Member doesn't pay his own dues and, in turn, the Camp reports him to the Department, and pays per capita tax; the Department reports him, and pays per capita tax to National. I think that what he means is that we should not charge the Departments and Camps per capita tax; but reimburse the Camp for his dues.

Delegate Walter N. Quist, Oregon: Brother Leonard is from my Department. Within the last three weeks, I had a conversation with him, and we discussed this matter.

He was under the impression that the National Secretary-Treasurer was not complying with the rules and regulations, in making the returns to the Camps.

Our Department has one life member—Fred C. Davis. His Camp, at Eugene, does not collect any money from Brother Davis; and Brother Leonard was under the impression that the Camp was getting no return on this life member.

National Secretary-Lambert: He is working under a misapprehension; as the Camp gets \$5.00 every year.

I move that we non-concur with the recommendation of Brother Leonard. (Seconded by Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Recommendation No. 2, in the report is for a sliding scale of dues for Life Memberships, based on date of birth.

Past Department Commander Fred Pflester, Jr., Ohio: The second recommendation would conflict with the first one. I move that we non-concur with this recommendation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think the confusion is that you don't understand the way in which Life Memberships are set up. The amount is \$100.00 for a Life Membership, which is deposited in the Permanent Fund. We cannot reduce that to \$50.00, or any other figure. It is necessary that the \$100.00 stay in the Permanent Fund. We must leave it there—we cannot disturb it.

For that reason, the proper motion is that the recommendation be placed on the table. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin; and tabled.)

The National Secretary then read a report of the Eastern District Chairman of the Membership Committee, Cecil M. Baer, Sunnyside, L. I., New York listing gains and losses in membership in the Eastern District from July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961; containing the following recommendations:

(1) That the Departments be instructed to send, each quarter, copies of their quarterly reports to the District Membership Chairman.

(2) That the Districts be made smaller so that personal contact can be made.

(3) If the above is adopted—that each District Chairman make at least one visit during the year, to each of his Departments.

(4) In line with the above, that the Council of Administration allot some funds for the use of the National Membership Committee; this to include transportation for the above visits.

(5) In answer to requests from Brothers who wish to join active Camps, and because of various reasons cannot obtain Transfer Cards from their Camps (neither disbanded nor suspended)—recommend that their Departments be authorized to issue said Transfer Card upon receipt of sworn statement (of their good standing and unanswered request) to said member.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: This is a matter for the National Membership Committee, not for this Encampment. I move that this entire report, from the Eastern District Chairman be referred to the Incoming National Membership Committee. (Seconded by Department Commander Roy L. Volstad, and carried.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Reporting for the Resolutions Committee, I have the "first day" resolution; and we present:

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Coffin: As you perhaps know it is the custom, in recent years, to have what we call "First Day Resolutions" expressing our attitudes on outstanding national issues; on which all the allied

organizations, meeting in the city, take action and adopt, for publicity purposes.

Up to this time, Past Commander-in-Chief Grant has been Chairman of this Committee, and has prepared the material. What I have here now was prepared by him, and we present: (1) WHEREAS, We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual National Encampment assembled, convinced that WE INHERITED FROM OUR FOREFATHERS the Constitution and institutions best fitted to secure the national welfare and to preserve the individual rights and initiative of our citizens, and cognizant that under these institutions our country achieved prosperity and became the leader of the Free World, feel deep concern over the threat to our national economy by the continual increases in the public debt; by our loss of prestige abroad; and by the constant step by step increased domination, both at home and abroad, of Soviet Communism, by which term we mean the viciously and cunningly distorted and deliberately false ideas of the American concept of popular, representative government, first propounded as an entirely new system to the whole world by our forefathers, and defended by our fathers and grandfathers on the fields of battle in our own tragic Civil War, and now challenged by an oligarchy in the Soviet Union (having its tentacles throughout the world, even our own land), through the medium of such distorted and false political, economic and social philosophies, giving lip service to such words as democracy, freedom, liberty, and equality and other cliches, and then proceeding by their acts and deceptive arguments to demonstrate a purpose and intention precisely opposite, namely the autocratic domination of the world, including the United States of America:

THEREFORE, WE HEREBY RESOLVE:

1. That we favor adequate appropriations for the National Defense and for Civil Defense, providing the necessary funds therefor by reductions in foreign aid (so-called) and in appropriations for welfare projects of doubtful need or value.
2. That we urge balancing the National Budget, and the gradual reduction in the Income Tax, which has harmfully reduced the base for state and local taxation, because our present fiscal situation demonstrates a near approach to attainment of the second of Karl Marx's measures for achieving world communism.
3. That we urge that a strong stand be taken to eliminate the Castro Rule in Cuba, as an intolerable Soviet Communist threat to the Western Hemisphere.
4. That we recommend and urge that immediate steps be initiated for the reunification of Germany, in connection with, and as the only conclusive method of finally settling the Berlin issue, because such reunification (of which the Berlin question is but a part) does but carry into effect the solemn agreements made by the allies, including the Soviets, at the conclusion of World War II.
5. That we oppose any steps towards World Government, such as rescission of the Connally reservation, which preserves our national right to decide what questions affecting the national welfare may properly be tried by the World Court.
6. That we oppose Federal Aid to Education, as an encroachment upon the prerogatives guaranteed the States by the Constitution, knowing full well that "he who pays the piper calls the tune," and that the U. S. Office of Education has assumed control over the program of expenditures in many cases in which it has handed out money, whether for teachers, classrooms, or equipment.

7. WHEREAS, it is our information that Soviet Russians are now buying American hard red wheat for 62 cents less per bushel than American customers for the same wheat; and that, meanwhile, the Russian Premier is reported as planning an announcement of free bread for his people as proof of the superiority of the Soviet Communistic system; AND WHEREAS, This situation gives rise to a question in the minds of many of our people, and they are asking "Why can't we buy a bushel of American wheat at the same price a Russian pays for the same wheat,"

THEREFORE, We earnestly recommend and urge the early consideration and passage by the Congress of the United States of H.R. 7985, or similar legislation, which would declare the policy of the Congress, as a directive to the appropriate officials of the United States Government, in such situations as here described.

Chairman Coffin: Before I read the last section of our Resolution, I would like to recall to your memory that twelve years ago, in this city, and in this hotel, we said good-bye to the Grand Army of the Republic.

We often say that "we hitch our wagon to a star," and we did that, as our star was the G.A.R. in years gone by, but we have them with us no longer. Our star is gone. The most we can do now to memorialize the deeds and accomplishments of the G.A.R. is to devote our efforts to seeing the principles and wisdom of Abraham Lincoln, toward the preservation of our Constitutional Union, shall be preserved.

Brothers, I wonder how many of you have noticed, on the Washington street side of this hotel, the plaque commemorating a speech of Abraham Lincoln made in this city, as he was on his way to Washington to assume the Presidency, on February 11, 1861. I would like to give you the quotation, from that speech, made to the Legislature in the State House, "I appeal to you to constantly bear in mind that not with politicians, not with Presidents, not with office seekers, but with You is the question—shall the Union, and shall the liberties of this country be preserved to the next generation."

Our Committee lastly presents:

8. BE IT RESOLVED: That we recommend and urge each and every one of our members, as individuals, and indeed every patriotic American citizen:

First—To TAKE TIME to inform themselves; to study the background and the reasons for the foregoing resolutions; the backgrounds or political and social philosophies on which our American system rests, guaranteeing, as it does, to every State and to every citizen a republican form of government, and the blessings which we too glibly call "the American way of life," as though automatically secured to us without effort on our part, forgetting that ancient maxim: "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom;"

Secondly, To TAKE TIME to write their views to their Representatives in the Congress, and to the President for that matter, remembering the oft repeated admonition in the first Hoover report—"No king ever wielded a scepter more powerful than a 5¢ pencil in the hands of an American citizen when he sits down to write his Congressman or Senator."

Chairman Coffin: I move the adoption of this Resolution. (Seconded by National Counselor Locke, and carried.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I suppose you couldn't help but notice that Past Commander-in-Chief John Runkle is not with us this year. He is seriously ill in the hospital, after having had a heart attack. No one can question the loyalty, the interest, and

devotion he has for this organization; and I am sure that we all wish him well.

I move you, Commander-in-Chief that the National Secretary be directed to send a wire to him, expressing our good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

(After the session, the following telegram was sent by the National Secretary; to Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: "The 80th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War unanimously extend their best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.")

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: I will now declare a recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION**August 22, 1961 — 9:30 A. M.**

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

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We are now under reports of Committees, and I will ask Brother Shriver to give the report of his Committee.

Past Department Commander Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania gave:

REPORT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Gettysburg, Penna.
August 15, 1961

To: Thomas A. Chadwick, Commander-in-Chief
And the Officers and Delegates
80th Annual Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is with great pleasure I submit to you the report of the newly created National Military Affairs Committee.

Following much discussion at the 79th Annual Encampment, held last August, 1960, in Springfield, Illinois pertaining to the promotion of the Sons of Veterans Reserve within our Order for the purpose of encouraging membership and to further the observance of Memorial Day, Dedication Day, observances and re-enactments of the Civil War Centennial and other patriotic events, this Committee was created for the following purposes.

1. To investigate the uniforms and operation of all units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve now operating under the authority of several Departments, in accordance with Chapter IV of the Constitution and Regulations; and to determine if any further standardization is needed than those now prescribed in our C. & R.

2. To investigate all avenues of usefulness of our Reserve Units in connection with the forthcoming Centennial observances and to determine and recommend any desirable augmentation of such units and any needed changes in Uniforms, operations and Regulations thereof, and all means of financing the same.

Your Military Affairs Committee immediately conducted a survey of all Departments by submitting to each Commander, an explanatory letter of the purpose of the Committee survey—and requested each to complete the accompanying Questionnaire which, if completed and returned, would list all equipment that they now have in regards to uniforms, rifles and other equipment. Also listed were questions regarding the question if they now have a Military Affairs Committee, and if they would be interested in more information regarding cost of Uniforms, benefits to the Camp and Departments, and who would serve as the liaison officer for this Reserve promotion.

Following this series of letters dated November 1st, 1960, several other letters, in mimeographed form, were mailed from time to time to each Department Commander or his appointed Committee offering thoughts in organizing units of a 4 man Color Guard to a 20 Man Company. Helpful hints for publicity for new uniformed groups were listed as were price listing of several uniform companies. The U. S. Department of the Army made available to this Committee, for distribution, prescribed regulation in ordering ceremonial rifles and ammunition for firing squads who do not have available rifles of the Civil War period. With all information printed, your Military Affairs Committee reminds all that Uniformity in Dress and Drill is a must to have the Sons of Veterans Reserve a credit to your Camp, your Department and the National Organization.

Ten Departments acknowledged with their completed questionnaires which showed a total of 289 men in uniform, plus forty more in the property of Camps but unfilled at the present time. Three Hundred Sixty Rifles were reported as were three cannon, and some Field Equipment. Two units of Field Music, plus many Color Guards were also reported. This total constitutes units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and not affiliated with the North-South Skirmish Association. These units form the foundation of many Camps within our Order today.

The Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve must be acknowledged with an excellent rating in having a staff of Eleven Officers and One Hundred Eighty Seven Enlisted Men, under the command of Lt. Col. O. G. MacPherson. Rich in tradition and history, this Brigade, once numbering over 1200 Officers and men, formerly camped for a full week during the Department Encampments in Pennsylvania. They also provided escorts for Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; and for former Presidents of the United States. The modified McClellan uniform is regulation, and the training program and participation in Centennial observances and Department events to date is excellent.

The First Infantry Regiment of Rhode Island reports a total of 65 Officers and Men, under the command of Col. Clarence Young. Under date of June 13, 1961, Col. Young notified this Committee that the Reserve Units reported 13 new members initiated into Camps because of the Reserve activity.

Also recognized is the First Ohio Regiment, commanded by Col. Daniel F. Clancy.

Other Departments now in process of organizing units are Illinois, Indiana, New York and Vermont.

Many details and problems face these units today, whether a 4 man Color Guard or a 20 Man Company. The major factor is the cost of Uniforms. To date, only two Uniform Companies have quoted prices in the full dress uniform, McClellan style uniform, or the modified uniform in any order lots. Many units today are considering the modified uniform to reduce the cost of equipping their men. Your Military Committee does stress to the fullest extent, that all uniforms should be of the same shade of Blue, and all accessories standardized to conform with the proposed Regulations that govern them. The regulation should specify that all units be identified with proper identification so that we are distinguished as Sons of Veterans Reserve.

In view of the fact that this is the first National Military Affairs Committee to ever report at an Encampment, we feel the following recommendations must be offered to better clarify and promote this important element of our Order.

Recommendations:

1. That the Military Affairs Committee be named by each incoming Commander-in-Chief and be established as an Annual Committee for the purpose of promoting interest, and increase membership.
2. That the Military Affairs Committee be granted authority to adopt standardized regulations, subject to the acceptance of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Chief of Staff, to guide newly formed Reserve Units in Uniformity of Dress, Training and Drill.
3. That the National Organization consider the adoption of an amendment to Chapter IV of the Constitution and Regulations to recognize Uniformed Units of Auxiliary, attached to Reserve Units—and that they meet prescribed Regulations in uniformity in dress, etc.
4. That each Department Commander be instructed to name Department Military Affairs Committees who will work under the authorization of the Department Commander, with the National Committee.
5. That the Sons of Veterans Reserve be invited to participate in the opening programs of all future National Encampments; and especially for a well trained Color Guard to carry the Commandery-in-Chief's Colors.

Your Military Affairs Committee is confident that the ground work has been laid for the building of the Reserve. However, it is necessary that we stress that no matter how much research has been done, or what information can be given—it must take the desire and efforts and hard work to put it over. This has been proven in the Pennsylvania Brigade for many years, as an example. It is started in Rhode Island, and other certain Departments. The file of information and surveys of this year are always available for helpful guidance. The response was most encouraging. The future is what you and I can make it.

To you Commander-in-Chief Chadwick, your Military Affairs Committee has been proven successful in your duty assigned, and the members are appreciative in your naming them to this task. You have been kept informed of all developments, and your assistance and cooperation was inspiring.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Chester S. Shriver).
Major, SVR, Chairman,
Military Affairs Committee.

(The applause of the Encampment followed the presentation of this report.)

National Patriotic Instructor Howland: I think that report is one of the best prepared and best presented reports given at this Encampment. I move you that the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, together with the recommendations contained within, be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We will now have the report of the Publicity Committee. As the Chairman of the Committee is not present, I will ask National Patriotic Instructor Howland, who is from his Department, to read it.

National Patriotic Instructor Howland read:

REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Stoughton, Mass.
August 21, 1961

To the Officers and Members of the
80th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Indianapolis, Ind., August 20-24th

Greetings:

Most of my year has been consumed with Centennial obligations, being a member of several town and city groups—in addition to Advisory Council, Comm. of Mass. Commission, appointed by Col. Charles W. Hedges, Chairman.

It has been a welcomed opportunity to declare, on printed page, what the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have been doing most of the years since the Civil War to promote the lessons learned from the same, rather than recounting what happened 100 years ago. This is sadly needed, lest we slumber in shadow—while others bask in the sunlight.

A policy has been to utilize large town and smaller city publications, to say nothing of small towns. Big city newspapers give us nothing, on a comparable basis, though loaded with Civil War history, as are even top magazines and outstanding T.V. programs. These are all O.K. in my book, but far from enough. Happily my contention has appeared, countless times, in print, even through news items and as often, or more so, in forum letters, on controversial opinion. Eventually, I'll have proof, through a composite in photostat.

It was my pleasure to represent Commander-in-Chief Chadwick at the Soldiers' Monument, Boston Common, on the occasion of the official opening of the Civil War Centennial by the Massachusetts State Commission; and at the same spot on Memorial Sunday, May 27th by placing a wreath, in memory of the G.A.R. Also, at Hall of Flags, State Capitol, at traditional Governor's Reception, February 22nd. Twice in Brockton, honor was mine—for 70th and 68th Anniversaries, respectively, of Grover Camp and Auxiliary, and on Lincoln's Birthday—when I dedicated a portrait of the "Great Emancipator" at "Rainbow Terrace Club" (Senior Citizen's Group).

Attended many functions, with Commander-in-Chief Chadwick and, or other National Officers, including his reception at Brattleboro, Vermont; Feb. 12th, Lincoln Statute, Park Sq., Boston; and March 4th at New Bedford for 100th Anniversary of Lincoln's first inaugural, giving "Gettysburg Address" at both places; April 19th, at Brockton on city's official opening of C.W.C.; and again at New Bedford on May 7th, when G.A.R. Highway Memorial plaque was re-dedicated.

Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick has given a dignified and efficient administration to our Order, and I have taken pride in being a part of the program schedule. Thank you, Brother Tom for the appointment. It is my desire to acknowledge splendid co-operation of National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert, Editor of "The Banner," and Massachusetts Past Department Commander Henry S. Bowen, Jr., in favors received.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Harold M. Drown),
National Publicist.

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: I move that this report be adopted, as read. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Howe, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: May we have a report from the Credential Committee?

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Delegate Herbert W. Bogue, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee now reports a total registration of 103.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Bogue. We are now ready for Encampment Committee reports. Are any of these Committees ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Department Commander Joseph Rippey, New York: Your Committee on Officers' Reports has gone over every report in great detail, and we wish to commend each and everyone of the Officers for the diligent work performed, and for the thought and effort which has gone into the preparation of these various reports. We have taken up the recommendations in the reports, one by one, and we will present them to you, in that order, at this time.

Report of Commander-in-Chief

This report is quite voluminous and deals with the activities of our Commander-in-Chief during this past year—with his many experiences, his extensive travels, the territory covered, etc. His report reflects excellent accomplishments for this Order. He has done a wonderful job, and we commend him for his zealous work, in our behalf.

He has made several recommendations:

(1) That the Commandery-in-Chief assign sufficient funds for the service at the Lincoln Tomb, to maintain our leading position in this ceremony.

It is the opinion of the Committee that they should take no action on this recommendation, because it is indefinite. There is usually an amount specified, or a limit suggested for appropriation of funds; but nothing has been suggested in this report. The Committee feels that this matter could be considered later, if something more definite was presented to us.

National Secretary Lambert: I move you that, in the report of this, and other Committees that where there are no objections, the recommendation of the Committee be sustained. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Howland, and carried.) (No objections—committee sustained.)

(2) That, by vote of this Encampment, any wreaths purchased by a representative of the Commandery-in-Chief and paid for by funds of the Commandery-in-Chief, shall be made of genuine natural flowers and greenery.

We are quite cognizant of the fact that live wreaths are not always in use these days, and that live ones are a product of the United States. However, most wreaths presented these days appear to be artificial; or even if made of natural flowers, parts of it are artificial.

Your Committee concurs to this extent—that whenever possible natural wreaths be used, if available. Local purchasers can be

contacted to specify natural flowers and to use them, if obtainable. (Adopted.)

(3) That, by vote of this Encampment, the incoming Commander-in-Chief be instructed to continue the Committee on Military Affairs, the personnel of the Committee to be of his choosing.

Your Committee concurs on this recommendation. (Adopted.)

(4) That the Membership Committee be continued, the personnel being the responsibility of the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

(5) That a Commander-in-Chief's banner, in a size and manner that would make it easily portable be furnished for the office of Commander-in-Chief, to become the responsibility of each successive Commander-in-Chief with his installation to that office.

Your Committee concurs.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I am afraid that I couldn't go along with that thought because I do not feel we should "tie down" the Commander-in-Chief to carry something around with him that is not necessary. I am at a loss to know where or how it would be displayed. Would it be taken with him everywhere he went? Would he, for example, display it at a banquet? A number of problems present themselves in connection with this, and I think we should give it more thought before adopting something which is not practical.

It isn't always convenient to take such a banner with him. Maybe he is traveling by plane—so, it would be necessary to consider the size and weight. And even if he is traveling by train or car, it might not be too convenient to handle, depending upon the size.

I am wondering what you hope to gain by it. It doesn't seem at all practical to me.

National Secretary Lambert: Also, I would like a clarification on the type of banner, the size of it, what it is to be made of, how it is to be ordered, by whom it is to be ordered, and just what is intended.

Chairman Rippey: The banner would be something like that of the President of the United States—to be placed in front of the rostrum. The size could be determined by the National Secretary, or someone appointed to take care of the matter. It would probably be of flag material, with the details up to the person chosen to handle it.

Delegate J. E. Shields, Washington & Oregon: I think that when this body selects a Commander-in-Chief they choose a man of intelligence and integrity; and I think that man will try to do a good job for the organization. I believe it should be up to him to decide where and when to use it, and I think it is a fine idea.

Department Commander DeVene Williamson, New York: We have here a recommendation that is a direct advertisement for our organization.

As I understand it, in the Army the various Generals have a flag or banner which denotes which Army it is, and identifies him. We have a man here representing the greatest Order in the United States, and I can see no reason why this recommendation should not be adopted. I am heartily in favor of a banner. It could be of such size that it can be carried in an attache case—to be used for display on a table at a banquet, or on a staff. There is no reason why we could not have a banner which would indicate the leader of our organization is present.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: If the Commander-in-Chief is using this banner, when seated as a guest at a banquet table, I wonder if it will not cause resentment. If he is present at an

affair of our own, he doesn't need it—we know who he is. If he is attending a banquet sponsored by an outside military or civic organization and displays this banner, it might be resented by that organization. I am sure that I would resent it, and I think others will also.

Department Commander Elton P. Koch, Pennsylvania: I move you that we do not concur with the recommendation of the Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: If the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will assume control, I will say a few words as to why I made this recommendation. (Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer presided, and the Commander-in-Chief continued):

The reason for it was not particularly to display it outside of our Order. I was in many places, in our own Order, where the members expressed the wish that the Commander-in-Chief have a banner with which to identify himself on his official appearances. I think it would be impressive and a fine thing; and I feel that it would add dramatic interest wherever the Commander-in-Chief felt it proper to use it.

Department Commander Roy L. Volstad, Indiana: In the Army, all the Generals have red flags with stars on them; which identify what he is. Wherever the General goes, the flag goes. I have never heard of any resentment because of his having his flag with him, which tells he is there. If the Commander-in-Chief visits the local Camps or Departments in the various States the banner should go with him—not to designate the individual primarily, but to honor the office. The Commander-in-Chief should have his banner with him, and I am sure the local Departments would be proud to have it there.

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: It appears that we have two different points of view, the civilian on one side and the military on the other; and both are right. We have a Military Affairs Committee and I think we should agree with the military viewpoint, as well as the civilian viewpoint. I would like to see the Commander-in-Chief have an emblem to carry with him wherever he goes, and I am sure the man we select to fill that office can determine where and when it is to be used.

National Secretary Lambert: I move you, Commander-in-Chief that we refer this matter to the Council of Administration to determine the size of the Banner. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, and carried.)

Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Chairman Rippey: The next is the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This was a report essentially, in great detail on Brother Messer's activities during the year.

It shows diligent and constructive work in his Department, and others; and he has made quite a number of visits during the term of office. He is a sincere and hard worker for this organization. He is to be congratulated on his fine work in this office.

He makes no recommendations in his report.

Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay gives a voluminous and impressive report. He is to be congratulated on all his work in that office, and he has fulfilled his duties with distinction.

He, likewise, makes no recommendations.

Report of National Patriotic Instructor

The report of National Patriotic Instructor Howland shows, as usual, his fine work. He has done an excellent job, has raised an outstanding amount for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund, and we are grateful to him. Both his work, and his report are very fine, and the Committee congratulates him.

There is one recommendation in his report—That Forms 60 and 61, Camp and Department Patriotic Instructor's Reports be abolished; and in lieu thereof a copy of each Department Patriotic Instructor's report, as submitted to his Department, be sent to the National Patriotic Instructor.

The Committee has interpreted that it amounts to a carbon copy of the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor would be sent to the National Patriotic Instructor, instead of these forms—which are detailed forms. Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

Report of National Secretary-Treasurer

The report of National Secretary Lambert is so well written, and was so well read yesterday that it hardly needs anything further added to it. It is in the usual good form and very clear and concise—although of necessity, lengthy; and shows the facts and figures in clear fashion. We recommend that everyone read it thoroughly.

We commend Brother Lambert not only for this fine report, but for his continued devoted service, through the years, to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

There is one recommendation:

(1) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to arrange for the observance at the Lincoln Tomb in 1962, said committee to secure a wreath, arrange a program, and advise our membership of the event, to assure their participation.

Your Committee on Officers' Reports concurs. (Adopted.)

Report of National Chaplain

It appears from this report of National Chaplain Ballou that he has been very active in the work of this office during the year. He has done a wonderful job, and we congratulate him on it.

There were no recommendations in this report.

Report of National Historian

As usual, this is a fine report from our National Historian, Brother Spink. There were no recommendations by him this year, but we commend him for his great interest in the history of our organization, and we are grateful to him for it.

He suggests that the usual allotment of \$25.00 be granted for next year to this office; and the Committee concurs on that suggestion. (Adopted.)

Report of National Graves Registration Officer

The report of National Graves Registration Officer DeForest indicates that a great deal of work was done on this project, throughout the year. We know from past experience and personal experience that his work, in this field took a good deal of time and effort. We commend him on his fine work, and his devoted effort for our organization.

He makes one recommendation—

(1) That the allocation of \$50.00 be included in the budget for the next term for the furtherance of this all important project.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

Report of District of Columbia Representative

We are always anxious to hear from Past Commander-in-Chief Grant and anxious to have him at all of our sessions.

His work is, of course, time consuming, his responsibilities in Washington are great and the work he has done for this organization has been, and is, of great benefit to us.

He makes no recommendations in his report.

His report is brief and right to the point, as always; and we commend him for his work, and for this fine report to us.

Chairman Rippey: I think that concludes the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. We trust our work was satisfactory, and we were happy to be of service to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Rippey, New York, Chairman,
Henry Bowen, Massachusetts,
Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania,
Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania,
Charles H. Bournestine, Illinois,
Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Rippey. You, and your Committee have done an excellent job.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief, I have something of a special nature to present, at this time; and would like to speak particularly to our stenographer.

Some of your Past Commanders-in-Chief have felt great appreciation and gratitude to the lady who has, for twenty years, been taking the notes of our meetings. Out of the confusion and chaos of those meetings, such as we had just a few minutes ago, she brings order—and presents to us, each year, a proceedings which makes sense and which is quite understandable—a dignified, accurate record of our meetings just as we desire it.

As a personal matter, we Past Commanders-in-Chief want to express our appreciation of what Mrs. Berhalter has done for the Order these past twenty years; and we want to give her a little keep-sake as a souvenir of our affection and appreciation to her.

Mrs. Berhalter: Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, and all the Past Commanders-in-Chief, I sincerely wish to thank you for this gift and the thoughts that go with it. I appreciate it very much; and want you to know it has been a pleasure working with you during the past twenty years.

Commander-in-Chief: May we now have a report from the 1963 Encampment Committee.

Report of 1963 Encampment Committee

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: The 1963 Encampment Committee, composed of Brothers Arnold, Lambert and myself, had an easy job—primarily because we have only one invitation, which is a "honey," so we had no trouble at all in making up our minds.

These are the invitations we had:

- (1) From the Hotel Penn Harris, Harrisburg, Pa.—from the hotel only.
- (2) Hotel Muhlbach, Kansas City, Mo.—from the hotel only.
- (3) From the Norfolk, Va. Convention Bureau—from the Convention Bureau only.
- (4) A very fine invitation from the Department of New Jersey (both the Sons and Auxiliary) to be their guests in Miami Beach, Florida, in 1963. Also, an invitation from the Deauville Hotel, the second largest in Miami Beach, offering excellent facilities: with tours, shopping trips, etc. for the ladies—with details on what they offer.

Your Committee is, therefore, very much in favor of accepting the Miami Beach invitation.

Personally, I am in favor of it—for this reason. I have never been to Florida, but intend to go there some day. With my attendance at Department and National Encampments each year, at which time I take my vacation, it would be a long, long time until I could see my way clear to go to Florida. So, if I were to take a vacation in Florida, I would have to sacrifice my Department and National Encampments that year in order to do it. So, with the Encampment in Miami Beach, I could go to Florida and attend the Encampment, at the same time.

Some of you may object because of the distance. You will recall, when we went to California it was the opinion of some that we would only have a few people present at the Encampment. At that Encampment in California, we were pleasantly surprised by the good attendance; and I feel that it would be the same in this case.

Your Committee is unanimous in recommending that we accept the invitation from the Department of New Jersey to be their guests in Miami Beach, in 1963.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Leroy Stoudt, Chairman, Pennsylvania,
Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island,
Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey,
1963 Encampment City Committee.

(Adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Is there any other Committee ready with their report at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: I think this is the first time, since I have been working on the various Committees at Encampments, that we had 100% of the Committee in attendance at all meetings of the Committee. We had little, or no difficulty in the matters which were given to us for consideration; and we wish to present the following:

(1) From Lafayette Camp No. 140, New York City—"That a Committee be appointed to establish a rosette to be worn on the civilian clothes of all members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence, believing that the little bronze button is all that we need. (Adopted.)

(2) From the Department of Vermont—asking for such changes as are necessary in the C.R. & R. so as to enable the Departments to elect the Patriotic Instructor from the floor of the Encampment, if they so choose.

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence, believing that the Department Commander can always be approached by the right people to have the right appointment made. (Adopted.)

(3) From the New Hampshire Department—"That the Commandery-in-Chief, in National Encampment assembled, shall, on the second day of said National Encampment, as a Special Order of Business at 10:00 A. M., elect officers for the ensuing year or term."

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence, believing there are more opposed to having a set time for Election of Officers at National Encampment than there would be as it is, at the present time. (Committee sustained.)

That concludes our report; and I wish to thank the members of the Committee for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

William O. Fuller, Chairman, Massachusetts,
 Fred E. Howe, New York,
 Russell Bogert, New Jersey,
 O. G. MacPherson, Pennsylvania,
 James L. High, Illinois.

Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Fuller, and thanks to your Committee for its fine work. Is the Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs: I wish to make the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies. The following matters have been presented to us for our consideration:

(1) From the Department of Oregon—That the American's Creed, page 9 of the Ritual and Ceremonies, be amended by adding after the word "Enemies" the words, "Foreign and Domestic."

Your Committee does not concur, as we feel it would be quite a large proposition to make any such change.

Delegate Walter H. Quist, Oregon & Washington: This question was brought in by our Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies at our Department Encampment, held in Portland, Oregon. There was quite a lengthy discussion on it, and the Committee maintained that this addition would tend to emphasize the danger of domestic enemies, which many of us recognize as a greater menace than Foreign enemies. There was no objection to it, and the Encampment approved the proposed amendment. The Department of Oregon does not want to stir up any dissension, but we want to point out the growing danger of our enemies, here at home particularly. That was why this Resolution was presented. We see much of it, on the West Coast, and feel that some action should be taken on it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs: The Committee felt that the FBI can meet this situation, much as they did in taking care of the Japanese during the Pearl Harbor period.

Past Department Commander L. J. Snow, California & Pacific: We cannot change the American's Creed. We have no authority to add anything to it, or to change it in any way.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief, I think this is a matter of jurisprudence.

The American's Creed was written, in 1917, by William Tyler Page, Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives. It was presented in the House of Representatives and accepted by the House, on behalf of the American people on April 3, 1918; but it has never been put into law.

You could put it in (in brackets) in our Ritual, but it would not be the same as the one generally accepted and used in schools, or at patriotic gatherings, etc. We have no authority to change the American's Creed—because it was adopted in 1918 and has been generally accepted and used as such since that time.

Delegate J. E. Shields, Oregon & Washington: I would like to say a few words in support of our contention that it be changed. Oregon & Washington felt simply that something should be done, and done now, about this Communistic infiltration into our American society. We see what goes on, out on the west coast; and are fearful of what will happen in the future. We feel that Communism is taking a big step out on the West Coast, and will get a foot-hold if we don't do something about it. We want you to know that we are very much alert to the situation—and we want to go on record that we strongly feel that something should be done about it.

(The Committee recommendation of non-concurrence was sustained; on motion of National Patriotic Instructor Howland, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, and carried.

(2) That Paragraph 5, page 3 of the General Instructions in the Ritual be amended by deleting any reference to the National Flag.

This Committee feels that this Resolution should be brought up in the National Body for discussion, and a decision.

This Committee feels it should be presented by Brother Harry Chapin, as this is from the Maryland Department; and whereas it was passed by the Maryland Department. Brother Chapin is a member of this Committee, and will present it to you.

Delegate Harry T. Chapin, Maryland: This should have been presented through regular channels, to the National body but, for some reason, it was not. I presented this resolution so that it might be brought to the floor of the national body for a decision. This is the resolution—"That Paragraph 5, page 3 of the Ritual—General Instructions, be amended by deleting any reference to the National Flag. This paragraph would then read, 5. The Altar will be placed in the center of the room. The Color Bearer will arrange the Altar, and Station Banners."

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: May I ask a point of information? In 1958 this recommendation came in, as it had at previous Encampments many times before. It was defeated and, at that time, Past Commander-in-Chief Grant made a motion that we do not consider it in the future at our Encampments, except by certain conditions—I believe that it be submitted in the form of a petition, signed by no less than ten members. Is that not correct? (The reply was "Yes.")

National Counselor Locke: The Bible is the rule and word of Our Father. The flag is the emblem of our country. The Bible needs the flag, and the flag needs the Bible—they should not be separated; and I will always contend that, in our organization, the Bible belongs upon the flag.

Delegate Harry T. Chapin: I understand that every delegate has a right to speak at the National Encampment. I rise, as a personal privilege, to present my side of the question.

Brother Commander-in-Chief, I am a Christian and I believe in a Supreme Being—and I believe the Bible is the exponent of our religion. I uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, and its laws. If you do not obey these laws, as laid down to us, you are not living up to your oath of obligation. You are the only organization that has not adopted this, and conformed to the laws of the land.

To my way of thinking, it is all right to have the flag on the altar, but it should not be covered by the Bible, or anything else. It is a violation of the law, and the rules of our country when we disobey the regulations of the U. S. Government. We cannot live up to our obligation in this Order and, at the same time, disregard the laws of the land.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: For the sake of the record, I should like to say that this matter was referred to the Committee on Ritual. The Committee made no recommendation on this matter; and there is no motion before the house on it. This matter of the question of the flag and the Bible have been before us many times, at past Encampments, in one way or another. I respect both views of thought on the matter.

However, there is no action before us; so I move that we revert to the regular order—and go on to the next order of business. (Seconded by several, and carried.)

Chairman Riggs: Commander-in-Chief, that concludes our report; and I wish to thank the Committee for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl F. Riggs, Chairman, California,
Harry T. Chapin, Maryland,
Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts,
Dexter Coombs, Rhode Island,
Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont,
Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: May we have a report from the Committee on Restoration of Rank?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: As has been the case for the most part, year after year, no material was presented to it.

For that reason, our task was an easy one; and there is no report.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert B. DeHaven, Chairman, Maine,
Eugene Patton, Sr., New Jersey
J. E. Shields, Oregon & Washington,
Walter B. James, Maine,
James M. Blackman, Illinois.
Committee on Restoration of Rank.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother DeHaven. At this time, I will ask Brother Wells to tell you something about the TV program last night.

(Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts, spoke briefly about the taped interview on the Frank Edwards show, from an Indianapolis station. He was interviewed as Chairman of the Civil War Centennial Committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and was accompanied by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay, and a member of a local Camp.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: May I say a word at this time?

I am now speaking as Chairman of the Civil War Centennial Commission, extending the appreciation of the Commission to this body for its cooperation and its efforts, in behalf of the Civil War Centennial; also our heartfelt thanks for the interest shown by the members of this organization. We particularly extend appreciation to Brother Wells, who is doing such a splendid job as the Chairman of the Centennial Committee of the Sons. I think that Brother Wells has done a great deal to promote proper understanding of the Centennial and what it means to the American people. I hope that, perhaps, a condensation of Brother Wells' report, given yesterday, can be published in the Banner so that we can get an idea of what is being done, and the results which are being accomplished. As Chairman of the Commission, I wanted to make recognition of what has been done by this organization, and its members; and tell you that it is very much appreciated.

The Civil War Centennial is a historical observance which is not only for us as Sons of Union Veterans, but for all Americans. It is not to establish the deeds, or biography of one man but, more important, to recognize what was done for the country, by being re-united, following that war; when those men who fought in that struggle accepted the terms of the peace, went back to their homes and their own vocations—and made the great country that we now have today. That is primarily the lesson of the Civil War—the heroic action of our forefathers, which resulted in a re-united and great nation.

There never was a war fought with so much determination between those in combat which was concluded so peacefully and with so little vengeance than this war of our forefathers—where the sons, of both sides in the Civil War, have fought, shoulder to shoulder, in four wars since that time—that is the miracle of the Civil War.

We do not want to emphasize the bravery of individuals in the Civil War, but the historical importance of that war, in relation to our present day America. We want to emphasize this as a commemoration, not a celebration—calling attention to the re-uniting of this country, and the results of the Civil War which were obtained by the forefathers of this group here assembled—the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Grant. We are proud to be a part of the work of the Civil War Centennial Commission, and are glad that our efforts are meeting with some degree of success.

Past Department Commander George R. Raub, Sr., Michigan: I would call to your attention an Associate Member of this Order, whom I am sure many of you remember. I am referring to Thomas I. Starr, who will be observing a birthday tomorrow. I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that a birthday card be sent to him from this Encampment, expressing our good wishes and congratulations. (Seconded by Past Comamnder-in-Chief Grant, and carried.)

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

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**August 22, 1961 — 1:35 P. M.**

The Encampment opened in the usual form; after which there was a general discussion period. The various delegates spoke about such matters as membership efforts by Camps and Departments; Civil War Centennial Commission activities, Civil War Museums, and other subjects of general interest.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: I have two announcements: First, Brother Arthur Ballou has been appointed an Encampment Assistant. Second, I want you to know that credit is due Brother Alva Reef of Indiana for the station banners, which you see at the various stations. I think it is a fine idea, and adds a great deal to the appearance of the Encampment.

I would like to ask Brother Jim High for a verbal report of the observance at the Lincoln Tomb this year. (Delegate James L. High, Illinois, gave a brief, but interesting report on the ceremony held at the Lincoln Tomb on April 15th, 1961.)

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The following Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was escorted into the Encampment and introduced:

Lula C. Cox, representing National President Mabel R. Ginder,
Margaret Lennen, Corps No. 44, Indiana,
Ruth Dettbrenner, Department President, Indiana,
Bertha Crafton, Department of Indiana,
Marie Morgan, Past Department President, Indiana

They extended greetings on behalf of the National President and the National and Department organizations; as well as personal greetings; and Mrs. Cox presented a gift to Commander-in-Chief Chadwick from National President Ginder.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin responded; after which they were escorted from the Encampment.

VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT**AND****GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY**

National President Edith M. Paulding, together with the Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary, consisting of: Past National President Mildred Webster, Maine, Chairman, and the Vermont and New England delegation, were brought into the Encampment and presented.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Sister Chairman, do you have a message for us.

Past National President Mildred Webster: Commander-in-Chief, I am very happy to bring the greetings of the National Auxiliary to you, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans.

We hope you are having a fine Convention, and that everything is going as you wish.

To those who are elected as Officers for the coming year, I wish for you a very successful year and a safe journey home to all of you Brothers.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Sister Webster. It is now my pleasure to present to you the National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Edith M. Paulding.

National President Edith M. Paulding: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers; it is indeed a pleasure and a happy privilege for me to visit your National Encampment as the National President of the Auxiliary, and I hope that, like us, you are having a wonderful Convention.

Now, I have a pleasant task to perform. The National Auxiliary wishes me to give to you its gift to the National organization of the Sons—a check for \$500.00, our "love gift" which comes with our best wishes; and then, from me to you, a little gift in appreciation of the happy hours we have spent together in the service of our organizations during this past year—with warm wishes, and good luck for the future.

The other members of the Committee extended greetings and good wishes, on behalf of their various Departments.

Response was by Delegate Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania; after which the delegation was escorted out. (A 10 minute recess was declared, during which Commander-in-Chief Chadwick was interviewed by a reporter from the press.)

The Encampment was again called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: The Committee on Resolutions has a matter which we would like to present, at this time; in order that we can get your consent to continue with work we feel necessary so that we can include it in our report.

This is a suggested resolution, quite informally drawn, coming from Camp 200, Philadelphia, through the Department Headquarters.

It was considered by the Resolutions Committee and discussed with Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, who is the one most closely concerned with the subject matter. We are, of course, in sympathy with the purpose and intent of this resolution; but would suggest that it be drawn in simple language, in such a way as to clearly present the intended purpose of the resolution. What they present is this:

"In view of the repeated attacks made upon the Civil War Centennial Commission we, the Officers of Camp 200 wish this National Encampment to pass the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that we endorse the work done so far by the Civil War Centennial Commission. Its patriotic work and effort has made America conscious of the great task that confronted Lincoln and the Union Army, and is to be highly commended. We back the Centennial Commission 100%."

Chairman Coffin: The Committee does not want to take the defensive. We think it better to comment and give commendation to the Commission for its work.

Therefore, I move the adoption of the principal of this Resolution; and that the Resolutions Committee be given authority to re-draft it, in proper form. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, and carried.)

VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, GREETINGS COMMITTEE
FROM THE LADIES; AND REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

The National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Winnona P. Kahl; accompanied by the Greetings Committee consisting of:

Frances M. Kuhns, Past National President, Chairman,
Gussie Laile Morin, Past National President,
Pearl C. Cook, Past National President,
Twanette Paull, Past National President,
Harriet Eaton Hughes, Past National President,
Mabel S. Taylor, Past National President,
Lura B. Frye, Past National President, representing Ruth Miller
Hayes, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

were escorted in and introduced to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Sisters of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the representative of the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, I know I express the sentiments of all the Sons when we warmly welcome you on your visit to us this afternoon; and we thank you for coming over to see us. First, I will present to you the National President, Sister Kahl.

National President Winnona P. Kahl: I am happy to be in this room this afternoon to extend greetings of the National organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as my own personal greetings; and I hope you will have a very successful Convention, as we are. The folks here in Indianapolis have gone "all out" to make this a successful and enjoyable Convention; and I am sure we are all having a fine time here.

To you, Commander-in-Chief Chadwick goes my best wishes for a successful and harmonious Convention. Traveling with you, and the other National heads this past year has been most enjoyable. We have gotten to know each other better, and I have enjoyed the company of all those with whom I have been privileged to be associated. I thank you.

Past National President Frances M. Kuhns, Chairman of the Greetings Committee extended greetings and best wishes; after which she recited a poem, "Tribute to Abraham Lincoln," and presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief from the National President.

Lura B. Frye, Past National President, extended greetings and good wishes on behalf of the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Ruth Miller Hayes, who expressed regrets at not being present because of the opening of her National Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, on August 27th. She presented a gift from the National President.

The other members of the Committee gave personal greetings, and best wishes for a successful Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt responded; after which they were escorted from the Encampment.

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 23, 1961 — 9:45 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like, at this time, to bring before the Convention a matter of Grand Army of the Republic business.

We have in Washington a Temporary Home for Veterans of All Wars, established by the G.A.R. as a Soldiers and Sailors Temporary Home. District of Columbia authorities are trying to do away with it and I thought you would like to adopt a resolution in favor of the preservation of this home.

It was established in 1888 by the Grand Army of the Republic to provide temporary shelter for men coming to Washington to get their pensions processed, to be admitted to a hospital or domiciliary and were without funds to maintain themselves. It provided meals, beds and lodging for these men.

The authorities in the District of Columbia are trying to do away with this home because they are trying to cut down on appropriations. I thought we would bring it up on the floor for action, as I am sure you are interested in it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Is this being presented to all the other organizations, appealing to them for their support? (The reply was, "Yes.")

Delegate Harry T. Chapin, Maryland: I can corroborate what has been said by General Grant. I move that this Encampment go on record as protesting against doing away with this Temporary Home for Veterans of all Wars, which was founded by the G.A.R. (Seconded by Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: May I make a suggestion regarding the resolution just adopted. That is simply to request the Brothers to write their Congressmen individually—and that a blanket resolution be prepared by this National Body, to be referred to by members when they write to their Congressmen of their particular area.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay: We not only want the Resolution passed, but want some positive action. You get action only through reaching all the members of this organization so they can write to their legislators. I would move that this Resolution be published in The Banner so that each member of our organization can get it; and can write their Congressman. (Seconded by Department Commander DeVene Williamson, New York; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We will now interrupt our business to go on visitations to the other organizations—first to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and then to the Auxiliary. We hope to return by 11 A. M., when we will continue with our business. We hope to complete most of the business of this Encampment before lunch, with the exception of Nomination and Election of Officers, which will be held tomorrow morning.

We will now recess until 11 A. M., so that all the members of this Encampment can accompany us on our visits to the ladies; with Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin as Chairman of the Greetings Committee.

(Recess until 11:15 A. M. when the Commander-in-Chief and the Greetings Committee returned to the Encampment.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Yesterday afternoon, we O.K'd a Resolution, in substance, upon which the Resolutions Committee had been working. Brother Coffin is ready to present it to you now.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, the substance of this was adopted yesterday and the Committee on Resolutions was directed to place it in proper form for your consideration. The Committee, therefore, presents the following Resolution: (2) WHEREAS, We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled in Annual National Encampment, taking notice of the fact that this is the first year of the Centennial of the Civil War, and realizing the truth of the oft-quoted adage that:

"A nation which forgets its past will be forced to relive it"; and recognizing the program of the National Civil War Centennial Commission to make this a centennial for all Americans for the purpose—not of pageantry, not for glorification, but that we may commemorate—that is, recall to mind, a tragic epoch in the life of our Nation, to the end that all may achieve a better knowledge and understanding of what the Civil War meant to this country—tragedy though it was—in setting the re-united country on its way to prosperity until it became the leader of the Free World;

RESOLVED: That we applaud the purpose of this commemoration as announced by the National Civil War Centennial Commission; and we do hereby heartily commend its officers, and especially its Chairman and its Executive Director for their dedicated efforts toward keeping the observance in its appointed channel.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies hereof be sent to the Commission. (Adopted.)

Chairman Coffin: We probably will not have the "thank you" Resolutions until tomorrow morning, but another member of our Committee who also was your Legislative Committee Chairman, has a Resolution which he wanted considered by the Encampment, concerning Dedication Day. I will ask Brother Rippey to present it to you.

Past Department Commander Joseph Rippey, New York: There were no recommendations in my report, although I included this in my report.

There was introduced in the Congress Senate Joint Resolution 41, and House of Representatives Joint Resolution 396—promoted, as in the past by the Hon. Kenneth Keating; and recently by Hon. Gordon H. Scherer, that November 19 be designated in the calendar of special days as Dedication Day.

The purpose of this Resolution is evident, and we are asking the support of the Encampment and this organization on it. We present:

(3) WHEREAS, the Battle of Gettysburg was one of the most significant events of the American Civil War and had far reaching influence in the progress of that conflict, and

WHEREAS, portions of that battleground have been designated and set apart as a National Military Park, and

WHEREAS, the address of President Abraham Lincoln, delivered at the dedication of a portion of that battleground as a National Cemetery, on November 19, 1863, is one of the outstanding classics of American literature, and

WHEREAS, National recognition should be given to the anniversary of that day,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled that the Congress of the United States be asked to designate November 19th in the calendar of special days as Dedication Day; and to request the President of the United States to proclaim November 19th as Dedication Day—and to suggest that the address be read on that day in schools and public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions, on our ships at sea, and wherever the American flag flies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be sent to the National Civil War Centennial Commission, the Clerk of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; Hon. Kenneth B. Keating, United States Senator from New York; and Hon. Gordon H. Scherer, Representative in Congress from Ohio. (Adopted.)

Chairman Coffin: To follow up, may I present these Resolutions:

(4) RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual National Encampment assembled:

THAT, recognizing the dedicated efforts of Hon. Kenneth Keating, in keeping ever before us those epochal events in the history of our nation which look to the preservation of our Constitutional Union,

WE DO HEREBY APPLAUD AND COMMEND Him upon his introduction and sponsorship of Senate Joint Resolution (S.J. Res. 41) "Designating November 19, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day" (Adopted.)

(5) RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual National Encampment assembled:

THAT, recognizing the dedicated efforts of Hon. Gordon H. Scherer, in keeping ever before us those epochal events in the history of our Nation which look to the preservation of our Constitutional Union,—

WE DO HEREBY APPLAUD AND COMMEND him upon his introduction and sponsorship of House of Representatives Joint Resolution (H.J. Res.396) "Designating November 19, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day." (Adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Now, I think we should have the report of the Budget Committee, which is a Sub-Committee of the Council of Administration.

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We present the following:

Your Sub-Committee of the Council of Administration has met and reviewed the audit of the Certified Public Accountant of the books, records, and assets of this organization, and we find them in exemplary condition.

We wish to present the proposed budget for the coming year:

Proposed Budget—1961-1962

RECEIPTS:

Per Capita Tax—4500 members @ \$1.00	\$4,500.00
Registration Fees—125 members @ \$2.00	250.00
Sale of Supplies	1,000.00
Banner subscriptions	1,300.00
Gift from Auxillary	500.00

Total Receipts \$7,550.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

The Banner	\$2,190.00	
Commander-in-Chief's Expense	1,000.00	
Contribution to 1961 Convention Committee ...	200.00	
National Secretary-Treasurer	1,200.00	
Supplies	500.00	
Encampment Expense (1961)	800.00	
Shipping Expense (Supplies, etc.)	100.00	
Rent of National Headquarters	400.00	
Miscellaneous (Incl. P.C. in C. Badge)	170.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	190.00	
Proceedings—1961	700.00	
C.P.A. Audit	100.00	
Total Disbursements		\$7,550.00

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

- \$50.00 for Committee on Grave Marking
- \$25.00 for National Historian Expense
- \$100.00 for G.A.R. Highway Committee
- \$300.00 for Scholarship
- \$25.00 for American Coalition
- \$150.00 for Lincoln Tomb Exercises
- \$75.00 for Lincoln Monument Exercises
- \$30.00 for Wreaths at Gettysburg and Cathedral of the Pines
- \$50.00 for Centennial Committee Expense
- \$100.00 for G.A.R. History Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island,
Charles L. Messer, New York,
Budget Committee,
Council of Administration.

(Adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: May we have a report of the Credential Committee.

Delegate Herbert W. Bogue, Massachusetts: The Credential Committee reports a total of 107 registered at this time.

Comamnder-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Bogue. We will now recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow morning; and I hope that, in the meantime, you all go on the tour this afternoon and enjoy it.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

August 24, 1961 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in the usual form.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, you will recall that on Tuesday, at the suggestion of Brother Raab, a card was signed by many of you and sent to Tom Starr. He received that card yesterday—and was so pleased that he called on the telephone last night to express his appreciation, and asked to be remembered to everyone in the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you, Brother Albert. I wonder if the Committee on Resolutions has anything further to report at this time.

FINAL REPORT — COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, I am sure that I express the profound sentiment of every member of this Encampment in saying it is difficult to find words to express our appreciation—not only to the local Committee, but to all the Brothers and Sisters of Indianapolis who have gone to such great length to make this Encampment the success it has been.

As far as the presentation of a formal resolution of thanks is concerned, I delegated this to a local member who has furnished me with a list of those to whom thanks should be extended. Your Committee, therefore, presents:

- (6) That resolutions of thanks be extended to—
 - (a) Honorable Matthew E. Welsh, Governor of Indiana, for his warm and sincere greetings at the Camp Fire.
 - (b) To the Honorable Charles H. Boswell, Mayor of Indianapolis for his hearty welcome and full cooperation. His splendid assistance with the parade and police escorts to the participation of the City's National Championship Motorcycle Drill Team.
 - (c) To Inspector Audrey Jacobs and Brother Joseph Wallace, President of the City Council who handled the clearance and permits of the splendid Indianapolis Police Department.
 - (d) To the Indianapolis Park Board who furnished Rostrums and floral decorations.
 - (e) To the Indianapolis Power and Light Company, which furnished lights, electric camp fire and flood lights.
 - (f) To Verlin E. Bohannon and William Rodeback who jointly furnished the public address system at the Camp Fire.
 - (g) To the Indianapolis Speedway for the loan of 1200 chairs and special permission to take the delegation around the Indianapolis 500 mile Speedway race track.
 - (h) To Allison Engineering, Division of General Motors Corporation, for the guided tour of their powerama.
 - (i) To the Marion County Centennial Commission in connection with the North-South Skirmishers for furnishing a Civil War cannon, fully rehabilitated and manned with full gun crew, in authentic uniforms—who fired the cannon during the Camp Fire.

(j) To the Indiana National Guard for their hearty cooperation in furnishing three large transportation buses, the parade marshal, as well as other equipment.

(k) The Sahara Grotto Band, who gave a splendid hour long band concert immediately before the Camp Fire ceremonies.

(l) The 125 piece Boy Scout band and the 50 flag color guard (1 flag for each state). The Boy Scout Band played during the Camp Fire and their guard massed the colors in a beautiful array on each side of the Rostrum.

(m) To Allen Nolan, author of the "Iron Brigade" for his splendid address at the Camp Fire.

(n) To Jerry Alderman for furnishing the Camp Fire programs and the six new cars for the VIP's in the parade; as well as the trucks for the public address system, and one antique car.

(o) To the Southport Lumber Company for furnishing four new large flat bed trucks for floats in the parade.

(p) To the P.T.A. Choral Group of School number 78 for 20 choral singers in old time costumes, who sang at the Camp Fire, participated in the parade and led the community singing at the Camp Fire, and also in the lobby at the Claypool Hotel.

(q) To the Indiana Knightstown Soldiers and Sailors Orphanage for furnishing a Kiddies Float in the Parade, and for the loan of the Civil War cannon.

(r) To Ray Hendricks who furnished two new Convertible Thunderbird Automobiles for the Queen and Junior Queen to ride in the parade.

(s) To the St. Mark's Catholic Church for the loan of their School Bus.

(t) To the many owners who furnished antique cars to participate in the parade.

(u) To the Sons of the American Legion for their participation in the parade.

(v) To the Tippicanoe Sesquicentennial Committee for their participation in the parade and the participation of the Scout in Black Buckskin, representing General William Henry Harrison's personal Scout at the Battle of Tippicanoe, Indiana.

(w) To the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the G.A.R. who furnished many ladies in old time dresses, in the parade.

(x) To the public spirited gentlemen, Henry Ostrum and Allen Hunter for their assistance in raising funds needed by the Committee.

(y) To Robert Jacks for furnishing the delegates with replicas of Civil War Mineaux Balls, "made from an original mold."

(z) To the Newspapers of Indianapolis—especially the Indianapolis Star and News for their full coverage of the Encampment.

(a-1) To Kenneth Mitchell for his assistance to Ross Smith, our National publicity Chairman, in the pre-encampment publicity.

(b-1) To the members of the Sons of Union Veterans Encampment Committee for their outstanding pre-convention planning, arrangements, Camp Fire, and the tour.

(c-1) To the Claypool Hotel for its many courtesies extended.

(d-1) To all three TV Broadcasting stations WTTV, Channel 4; WISH, Channel 8; and WIRE, Channel 6 who gave much space to publicize our Encampment.

(e-1) To all who assisted in so many helpful ways too numerous to mention in detail.

(f-1) And, lastly and particularly—to Roy Volstad, Department Commander and Cecil McConahay, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and General Chairman of the Encampment Committee for an outstanding job done.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Coffin, Ohio, Chairman,
U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maryland,
Jos. Rippey, New York
Roy L. Volstad, Indiana,
Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois,
Committee on Resolutions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move you, Commander-in-Chief that this Resolution be adopted; and that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Encampment Committee. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt; and carried—and rising vote given the Committee by the Encampment.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Is there any other business from any of the Committees? If not, we will now have the final report of the Credential Committee.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT

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

Total number of members enrolled, 109, as follows:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	9
Past Commanders-in-Chief (registered, not present) ..	1
Past Department Commanders	41
Past Department Commanders (registered, not present)	7
Department Commanders	10
Delegates	32
Alternate Delegates	9
Total	109

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert W. Bogue, Massachusetts, Chairman,
Edward L. Bresette, Massachusetts,
Alton Sharp, New Jersey,
Paul G. Selby, Ohio,
Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey,
Credentials Committee.

(Adopted.)

National Secretary Lambert: I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that all Committees now be discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: I will now discharge all Committees both with the thanks of the Encampment, and my personal thanks for the fine work you have done.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I just want to report that on our visits to the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R., our invitation to join with us in Miami Beach in 1963 was very well received—they are enthusiastic about it.

Department Commander DeVene Williamson, New York: I would like a point of information from Brother Locke concerning Associate members. I would like your opinion as to whether Associate members can legally be appointed to act as Delegates.

National Counselor Locke: No, they cannot—in accordance with our C. & R.; Article VII, Section 3, page 5.

Past Department Commander L. J. Snow, California & Pacific: As to our eligibility in this organization, it is my understanding that you must be a lineal descendant.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: As always, Commander-in-Chief, there is some confusion on that particular issue. When we obtained our Federal Charter, it was changed to blood relative. It doesn't say anything about uncles, aunts, or even lineal descendants—but blood relatives.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Howe then read Article III, Page 2, "Eligibility to Membership" in the C. & R.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Is a nephew of direct lineage?

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: The word does not appear; and you are not a descendant of an uncle.

Past Department Commander L. J. Snow, California & Pacific: I want to thank the Brothers for the information; and now I am really confused. I don't know any more than I did before.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Must we go to the Government and get permission from Congress to clarify this matter of eligibility—I don't know what we are to do, but I do think it should be clarified.

National Patriotic Instructor Howland: I move that the Council-in-Chief investigate this matter and advise us of their findings.

National Secretary Lambert: Perhaps there is a simpler way to solve this matter. We can get a ruling on it from the Commander-in-Chief, who is the head of this organization; and I would ask him to rule that lineal descendant is proper.

National Counselor Locke: There is some difference of opinion on this matter, and I think it should be cleared up. I know what is intended in the present Constitution; but I think it would be well to look into it further. I think the range of eligibility and requirements for membership in this organization could be improved by writing it in language that is understandable—so that there can be no question as to what is intended.

I want to make a motion, at this time, that a Committee be appointed to consider the idea of re-writing the C.R. & R. so that it is understandable, up to date and applicable to present conditions; and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of five (5) to make this study, and report back to the next Encampment with reference to the desirability of making complete changes in the C.R. & R. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts.)

National Secretary Lambert: Even if you adopt this motion, it is not going to be much of a guide for the Camps during the next year as to whether they can accept nephews or not. This is the supreme body of the Order and, in session, it can decide the intent and content of the Preamble to the Constitution. If the Commander-in-Chief made a ruling, you could then accept or over-ride it.

National Counselor Locke: We have a motion before us. My motion is that a committee be appointed to consider necessary and desirable changes to the C.R. & R., and I can't see how anyone can

vote against it. Commander-in-Chief, please call for the vote on the matter before you. (Motion carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: In line with what Brother Lambert has said, I will make a ruling on this matter. I am convinced that the C.R. & R. is not clear—in its present form, it could be interpreted that a nephew is eligible, but I know that is not the intent of those who wrote it. Therefore, I will rule that only direct descendants are to be taken into our organization, except as Associate Members, until the C.R. & R. is clarified.

(There was no objection to this ruling; and motion to sustain such ruling by the Commander-in-Chief is not necessary.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Is there any new business to come before us. If not, we are ready to go into Election of Officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: I move you, Commander-in-Chief that we go into Nomination and Election of Officers. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: I will appoint as Tellers:

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven, Judge, Maine,

Rev. Richard O. Partington, Delegate, Pennsylvania,

Past Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs, California & Pacific.

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: I move that where there is but one nominee for any office that the National Secretary cast the vote of the Encampment. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold, and carried.)

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Nominations are now open for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific, who gave way to New York.

Department Commander DeVene Williamson, New York, asked Past Commander-in-Chief Howe to speak.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: Commander-in-Chief, and members of this National Encampment, the New York Department has a member who is very well qualified for the highest office in this organization.

He joined the Order in 1906, and has been a working member of the Sons ever since—and a hard working one, at that. Much of his time and efforts are spent in working for this organization; and he is one of the finest men in this Order. To my knowledge, he has attended about forty National Encampments—and has only missed once, when he was in the Armed service.

He attends all of our Department Encampments. He is a Past Department Commander of New York, having served in 1949. He has served all the offices in the New York Department except Department Secretary. In the National body he served as Special Aide during my year as Commander-in-Chief, and he has served as Junior and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is a Past Commander of the American Legion, the V.F.W., and the Army and Navy Union.

He is devoted to the work of the Sons of Union Veterans and we feel he is well qualified to be Commander-in-Chief of this organization. He is retired, and has the time to give to this organization in the capacity of Commander-in-Chief.

We feel he will do a fine job, and it is with great pleasure that we ask your consideration in selecting Past Department Commander Charles L. Messer of New York for Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Joseph Rippey, New York: I am indeed, happy to second that nomination. You all know him—he is a friend to each and everyone of us; and he will be a fine Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Departments of Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon & Washington, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.)

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

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Brother Messer, you have been elected Commander-in-Chief of this organization. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Charles L. Messer, New York: I do.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Maine, when Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven yielded to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, we are nominating a man for a high office in this organization. I could give a long talk on his qualifications and why you should elect him to this office; but I don't think it is necessary to deliver a long, flowery build-up for the candidate we are presenting. Rather, we are going to let his record speak for itself and, next year, you can decide if he is, without a doubt, the man for this office.

I, therefore, present the name of Past Department Commander Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Departments of New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.)

(The National Secretary cast 92 ballots for Chester S. Shriver for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

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

Past Department Commander Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania: Yes, I do.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to Indiana.

Department Commander Roy L. Volstad, Indiana: I wish to place in nomination for this office the name of a man who is very active in his Camp, and his Department. He has served two terms as Department Commander; and has served you well as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief this past year.

He is well known to all of you, and is a diligent worker for this organization; and I know that he will continue to work hard in the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans.

It is with pleasure that I place in nomination the name of your present Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the coming year.

(Seconded by Departments of Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon & Washington, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.)

(The National Secretary cast 92 ballots for Cecil McConahay for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Brother McConahay, you have been elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I accept—and I want you to notice very carefully that, this year, I didn't say "Your Honor."

Council of Administration (2 Year Term)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We are now ready to nominate one member to the Council of Administration.

The National Secretary called the roll to Illinois.

Department Commander George L. Cashman, Illinois: I would like to place in nomination for this office the name of one of the stalwarts of this organization—a man who has given many years of his life to this organization.

Much could be said about him and his work, past and present in this organization; and of his devotion to the Sons of Union Veterans—but, you all know him well, and know that he is one of the pillars of this Order.

I refer, of course, to Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke; and I am pleased to nominate him as a member of the Council of Administration.

(Seconded by Departments of Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Vermont.)

(The National Secretary cast 92 ballots for Richard F. Locke, as a member of the Council of Administration, for a 2 year period.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Brother Locke, you have been elected to a 2 year term on the Council of Administration. Do you accept?

National Counselor Locke: I do.

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: That concludes the nomination of Officers; and I will now discharge the tellers, with thanks.

National Secretary Lambert: I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that the minutes, as taken by the Encampment stenographer, when approved by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer, become the official proceedings of this Encampment; and that copies be mailed to all the delegates at the proper time. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: We have some visitors waiting to come into the Encampment, who came to see the candidate from New York installed as Commander-in-Chief.

(Mrs. Lillian Messer, wife of the Commander-in-Chief elect, together with a delegation from the Department of New York of the Auxillary were escorted in, and seated on the platform.)

Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: The business of this Encampment has been concluded, with the exception of Installation of Officers. Brother Messer, you will name your Installing Officer, and proceed with that order of business.

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers followed, with Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe as Installing Officer; Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, as Installing Guide; and 1960-1961 National Chaplain Arthur L. Ballou as Installing Chaplain.

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

- National Patriotic Instructor—Albert W. Lambert, New Jersey,
- National Chaplain—Maurice J. Warner, Maine,
- National Counselor—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A., Ret.,
- National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut,
- National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania,
- National Graves Registration Officer — Bertrand O. DeForest, Connecticut,
- Personal Aide—John G. Kernan, New York,
- District of Columbia Representative—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A., Ret.

Committee Chairmen:

- G.A.R. Highway Committee—Earl F. Riggs, California,
- Legislative Committee—Joseph S. Rippey, New York,
- Americanism & Education Committee—Henry S. Bowen, Massachusetts,
- Membership Committee—Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont,
- Military Affairs—O. G. MacPherson, Pennsylvania,
- G.A.R. History Committee—Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts.

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

- Commander-in-Chief—Charles L. Messer, New York,
- Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania,
- Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Cecil McConahay, Indiana,
- Council of Administration Members—
- Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont,
- Richard F. Locke, Illinois,

- National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut,
- National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania,
- Personal Aide—John G. Kernan, New York,

were installed in Ritualistic form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: It is a great pleasure to greet you as the Commander-in-Chief of this Order, Charlie. We are looking for you to do a good job, and I know you will do it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: I want to heartily congratulate you, Brother Messer; and it is a pleasure for me to pin upon you the badge signifying that you are the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I feel sure you will wear it proudly, and with dignity. At times, you will find the duties of this office heavy; but you will also find many things about it which are most rewarding. I know you will do your best; and I stand ready to assist you at any time, during your administration.

National Secretary Lambert: May I have a word with the outgoing Commander-in-Chief.

Tom, it is a great pleasure for me, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief to present you with this insignia that you have, in my opinion, justly earned and deserve.

I can well recall a year ago, when you accepted this office, with great expectations. Perhaps all of them have not worked out just as you hoped, but we have had a very successful administration during this past year. I believe that I speak for the entire membership of this organization, and I extend our appreciation and admiration for your good judgment, and for your impressive work in this office.

I didn't know you very well before last year but, during the year we have become well acquainted; and I admire you for the manner in which you carried out the duties of this office, as Commander-in-Chief of our Order.

The badge which I present to you signifies that you have been the occupant of the highest office this organization can bestow upon you—and that you are now a Past Commander-in-Chief. However, this is not the end of the trail for you. Rather, it is just one more milestone along the way. You are now in a position to guide, to assist and continue to go steadily forward in the work of this Order in the coming years, as have your predecessors.

On behalf of this organization, it is a great pleasure to present you with this badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief, to welcome you into the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief; and to look forward to many years of continued effort in the work of the Sons of Union Veterans with you.

From me, personally, the lapel button of a Past Commander-in-Chief—a tradition started by the late Horace H. Hammer. Please accept it with my best wishes and wear it in good health.

Past Commander-in-Chief Chadwick: Thank you very much, Brother Albert. I appreciate it very much. It has been a pleasure working with you; and I shall continue to work for the good of this organization always.

I would again like to thank everyone who has done so much this year for the organization. It seems to me that everyone gave a good deal of time and effort for the good of the Order; and I thank you very much.

Commander-in-Chief Messer: Brothers, I want to say that I appreciate your electing me as Commander-in-Chief of this organization; and I pledge to you all my efforts in the work of this Order.

I am going to work as your Commander-in-Chief, but I cannot do it alone—you are all needed to help, and I am sure that I can count on you. I think we are going to have a banner year. Already, we have promises of two or three Camps, and quite a few new members—so, let's all get busy and bring in new members.

We don't advertise this organization enough—it is not known well enough. Our children say to us when we talk about the G.A.R., "What is the G.A.R. and what did they do?" As Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I think we should put forth more effort to tell them about the G.A.R. so that all will know.

Let's go home and get to work. Let's advertise the Sons of Union Veterans, let's tell the story of the G.A.R., and let's get in new members. In the twelve months between now, and the Encampment next year in Washington, let's put on a membership drive with

everyone working to bring in new members—so that when we meet again, in Washington, we will show a nice increase in membership.

I want you Brothers to know that I am at your beck and call; and I want you to take back to your Departments my thanks and appreciation for electing me to this office. My appreciation, too, to my Department of the Auxiliary for coming over with this large delegation for the Installation.

Thanks to each and every one of you; and I will do all in my power to be a credit to this office.

Now, I would like to present my wife.

Past Department President Lillian Messer, New York: I suppose I should now address you as the Commander-in-Chief, but you are still Charlie to me. I am not going to say too much, because I am happy today—and I cry when I am happy.

I wish you good health; and wish for you that all of your members will be in back of you to help you make this year a successful one.

Brothers I, in turn, will do all that I can to keep your Commander-in-Chief well and happy so that he can work, and perform the duties of his office well. Nothing makes him happier than working for the Sons of Union Veterans—and most important of all, bringing in new members.

Thank you for electing him to this high office; and I know that today he is as happy as I am.

(The other members of the delegation extended their best wishes for a successful administration, together with personal wishes to the Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief Messer: Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, may we have a few words from you.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Commander-in-Chief, this is the climax to another National Encampment. When this session closes, we go to our homes, across the miles—and remember the work, and the good times we have here; and we begin to plan for another year, with its work and pleasure.

To the Encampment Committee here in Indianapolis goes a great deal of credit for a wonderful time here in their city this week; and I feel sure that we will remember it as one of the finest Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I pledge my support to you 100% Commander-in-Chief, and to this organization and look forward, with anticipation, to the time when we will meet again next year in Washington.

My sincere thanks for electing me to this office; and I will do my best to fulfill it to your expectations.

Commander-in-Chief Messer: We should now like to hear from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay: Commander-in-Chief, first I want to pledge to you my utmost loyalty; and you may be assured that I will obey your commands, and do my best to assist in making your administration a great success.

And, while we are all here, I want to thank all of you for coming to Indianapolis—and I hope that we have taken care of all the obligations of an Encampment Committee. It was not a one man job, but was done by the entire Committee, and the other organizations and we hope you are satisfied with our efforts. We will always do our best to entertain you in fine style in Indianapolis.

Commander-in-Chief Messer: Brother Cecil, I think there is no question about our being satisfied. Everything was just fine, and the Encampment couldn't have been better; and I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves here in Indianapolis. I want to personally thank you and the Committee for your fine work.

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that we now adjourn, to meet in Washington, D. C. next August. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, and carried.)

The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.

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Certified as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Eightieth Annual Encampment.

Thomas A. Chadwick,
(Commander-in-Chief).

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert,
(National Secretary).

Annamae D. Berhalter,
(Official Stenographer).

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING**August 24, 1961 — 2 P. M.**

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held at 2 P. M. in headquarters at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, with the following present: Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cecil McConahay; Council of Administration Members Thomas A. Chadwick and Richard F. Locke; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

These matters were considered, resulting in the following:

(1) The matter of a portable banner to be carried by the Commander-in-Chief while on official visits was discussed thoroughly; and on motion of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief McConahay, seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Shriver, and carried; no action was taken by the Council.

(2) A general discussion was held regarding The Cathedral of the Pines, eligibility at age 14, The Springfield Tomb ceremony, and committee appointments.

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Due to the untimely death of Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle on August 26, 1961, a vacancy was created on the Council of Administration.

A mail vote was conducted which resulted in the election of Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts; to the unexpired term ending August, 1962.

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, 1961 Membership	Delegates
California and Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	222	5
Colorado and Wyoming	23	March 22, 1929	19	1
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	237	6
Illinois	10	July, 1883	142	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	92	3
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	74	2
Kansas	9	June, 1883	44	2
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	253	6
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	54	2
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	780	17
Michigan			181	5
Minnesota	17	January 1, 1885	57	2
New Hampshire	11	August, 1883	137	4
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	251	6
New York	13	November 6, 1883	524	11
Ohio	3	August 1, 1882	283	7
Oregon and Washington	22	June 8, 1923	75	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	829	17
Rhode Island	14	February 14, 1884	157	4
Vermont	12	October, 1883	182	5
Wisconsin	21	September, 1887	58	2
Camp 21, So. Carolina			14	1
Camp 4, Missouri			13	1
Camp 30, Missouri			4	1
Nat'l Camp at Large			12	1

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August 20-24, 1961

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<i>Elected</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Address</i>
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	51 Woodridge Circle, Trumbull 19, Conn.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	
1917	*Fred T. J. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Ireland	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	
1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pacific	
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	

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1930	*Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	
1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana	
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	526 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	*Wm. L. Anderson	Massachusetts	
1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California	
1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig, D.D.	New Hampshire	
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
1942	*Henry Towle	Maine	
1943	C. LeRoy Stouidt	Pennsylvania	2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa.
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan	417 Ardmore St., S.E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.
1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts	
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York	568 Robinson St., Elmira, N. Y.
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts	38 Dartmouth St., So. Hadley Falls, Mass.
1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan	
1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire	21 High St., Keene, N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa	924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines 15, Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Ore. & Wash.	-16 Fair Oaks Drive, Eugene, Oregon
1953	U. S. Grant, 3rd	Maryland	1135 21st St., 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.		1345 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
1957	Fred E. Howe	New York	35 Berwick St., Sanford, Me.
1958	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine	
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California & Pacific	403 N. Fern Ave., Ontario, California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island	P. O. Box 41, Coventry, R. I.
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont	R.F.D. No. 1, Box 81, Chester, Vt.

Sons of Veterans

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

The Post System

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

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

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

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
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* Deceased

† Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

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

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota
74th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	Ohio
75th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
77th	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	Massachusetts
78th	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	California
79th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	Illinois
80th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	Indiana

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