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**Eighty - Second
Annual National Encampment**

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
AUGUST 18-22, 1963**

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



CHESTER S. SHRIVER
1962 - 1963

PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

Council of Administration Meeting August 18, 1963

The Council of Administration meeting was held at 2 P. M., Sunday, August 18, 1963 in the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

Those present were: Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey; Council of Administration Member Frank Woerner; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

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

(1) A Sub-Committee of the Council of Administration consisting of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey and Council of Administration Member Frank Woerner was appointed by Commander-in-Chief Shriver to examine the audit of the Certified Public Accountant, presented by National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert; and to prepare a budget for the coming year—to be submitted to the Encampment on the final day of business for action.

(2) The Council took action to authorize the Budget Committee to include in the budget \$250.00 from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund for the College scholarship—to be given to Gettysburg College.

(3) The matter of the award of the Silver Cup, given by Past Commander-in-Chief General U. S. Grant, 3rd, to be presented to the Department showing the greatest net increase in membership for the year was discussed.

National Secretary Lambert reported that two (2) Departments have a tie percentage-wise in increase in members:

(a) Indiana—

Total Members 6/30/62—70 Increase—5—Total 75

(b) Wisconsin—

Total Members 6/30/62—56 Increase—4—Total 60

Percentage-wise this is exactly the same.

On the basis of this information action was taken that this cup be presented to both of these Departments—on a six months basis for each—first to the Department of Wisconsin, then to the Department of Indiana.

(4) In the matter of the G.A.R. Building, located in Fort Angeles, Washington which the County in that area wishes to acquire, action was taken by the Council to refer the matter to the incoming administration for their action, if and when necessary.

(5) Relative to a letter from the National Conference on Citizenship inviting the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to attend a Conference on Citizenship in October, this matter was held over until the final meeting of the Council of Administration at the close of this Encampment.

(6) In the matter of transportation for the illuminated G.A.R. Badge to future Encampments, action was taken by the Council that, in the future, the G.A.R. illuminated Badge only be used when it can be transported conveniently and inexpensively to the Convention City; and when approved by the Council of Administration.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Napoleon Room — Deauville Hotel

Sunday, August 18, 1963 — 3:00 P. M.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

- Musical Prelude Mrs. Florence Parsons
- Processional
- Invocation Rev. Richard O. Partington
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans
- Scripture Rev. Richard O. Partington
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans
- Solo: "Going Home" Mrs. Martha Wilson
- Dedication of Candle Holder:
Busy Bea's—Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
- Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic:
Albert B. DeHaven, P.C.C.
- Tribute to the Memory of:
Sister Ida B. Lange, P.N.P., New York .. Edith M. Paulding, P.N.P.
- Tributes to the Memory of:
Past Commanders-in-Chiefs C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C.C.
Sons of Union Veterans, Officers and Members
Harold Arnold, P.C.C.
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Officers
and Members Wilma Combs, P.N.P.
- Solo: "Garden of Prayer" Mrs. Martha Wilson
- Placing of Floral Tributes .. Department Presidents and Commanders
- Benediction Mrs. Bessie Woerner
National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
- Moment of Silent Prayer
- Taps
- Song Audience
"Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground"
- Recessional

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

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

CAMP FIRE PROGRAM

Napoleon Room, Deauville Hotel — Miami Beach, Fla.

Sunday, August 18, 1963 — 7:30 P. M.

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Concert	The Vanguards (Sponsored by American Legion)
Sounding "To the Colors"	The Vanguards
Advance of Colors	Major Howard Dissinger
National Anthem	The Vanguards
Pledge of Allegiance	Audience
Invocation	Rev. Richard O. Partington National Chaplain
Welcome by Master of Ceremonies	Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd
Welcome by Mayor of Miami Beach	Hon. Melvin J. Richard
Address	Hon. Spessard L. Holland United States Senator, Florida
Patriotic Music	The Vanguards
Presentation of Guests and Greetings from Participating Organizations	Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd
Benediction	Rev. Richard O. Partington National Chaplain
Retirement of Colors	Major Howard Dissinger
Taps	Bugler, The Vanguards

JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

Monday, August 19, 1963 — 10:15 A. M.

The joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Napoleon Room of the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida; under the direction of National Chiefs of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt of the Sons; and Hilda Junge of the Auxiliary.

The colors escorted National Aides of the Auxiliary into the room, each carrying lighted palm fronds. The National Aides then formed an escort line, creating an arch with the palm fronds.

National President Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt of the Auxiliary and Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver of the Sons were escorted in.

The various Department Presidents of the Auxiliary then entered, each carrying red roses; and taking their places behind the National Aides.

The National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were then escorted in and presented by the Chiefs of Staff.

Fourteen Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary; and eight Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons were then brought in, and presented.

Mary Gordon the Auxiliary vocalist then sang "Wishing Will Make It So" for the National President of the Auxiliary; then did a parody on the "Massachusetts" song for Commander-in-Chief Shriver. She then sang "The One Rose" as the Department Presidents came forward and placed the roses in the arms of the National President.

National Chief of Staff, and Department President of New Jersey, Hilda Junge was then introduced by National Chief of Staff Stoudt.

A welcome was extended by National Chief of Staff Junge, together with wishes that this would be a wonderful Convention, with great accomplishments. She expressed the hope that the opening had pleased the National President, as it had been a pleasure to plan and present this opening ceremony; and that it would be the beginning of a Convention to be long remembered. She then discharged the National Aides and Department Presidents, who assisted in the ceremony, with thanks; after which she turned the gavel over to National President Anna I. Stoudt.

The National President expressed her appreciation to the National Chief of Staff, the Soloist and all those who participated to make this such an outstanding opening—the theme of which was "Wishing Won't Do It, Working Will."

Commander-in-Chief Shriver expressed his pleasure for the opportunity to join with the Auxiliary in this beautiful ceremony; and extended the best wishes of the Sons for a wonderful Convention to National President Stoudt.

(The Sons then retired to their meeting room, in order that they could begin their sessions.)

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

Headquarters: Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida

Sessions: Charlemagne Room, Deauville Hotel

MONDAY SESSION

August 19, 1963 — 11:00 A. M.

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

I wish to appoint the following:

Guide—Past Department Commander Charles A. Brady, Jr., Ill.

Guard—Past Department Commander John Yocum, Pennsylvania

Color Bearer—Delegate Robert Wagoner, New York

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

Roll call of officers showed all present except Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland; Council of Administration members Thomas A. Chadwick and James L. High; National Graves Registration Officer Maurice J. Warner and National Recorder Albert W. Lambert.

The Commander-in-Chief called for members who are oldest in service, resulting in the following:

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven—57 years

Delegate Hiram F. Nickel, Pennsylvania—66 years

Delegate Nickel was appointed by Commander-in-Chief Shriver to fill the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the Encampment.

COMMITTEES

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

Credentials

Arthur L. Ballou, Past Department Commander, Vermont, Chairman

Robert L. Gerke, Past Department Commander, New Jersey

Edward E. Biering, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin

DeVene F. Williamson, Past Department Commander, New York

Louis Story, Past Department Commander, California-Pacific

Resolutions

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maryland, Chairman

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania

William Earl Corbin, Past Department Commander, Ohio

James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois

Elmer Wohlgenuth, Past Department Commander, California-Pacific

Officers' Reports

Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman
 Willard Stephan, Past Department Commander, New York
 John Junge, Sr., Associate Member, New Jersey
 George A. Strait, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island
 Fred C. McGowan, Member at Large, Missouri

Constitutions and Regulations

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman
 William B. Wharton, Department Commander, New Jersey
 John H. Stark, Department Commander, Pennsylvania
 Harold P. Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts
 Howard H. Sprague, Department Commander, Ohio

Restoration of Rank

Charles W. Hooper, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts,
 Chairman
 Paul Selby, Delegate, Ohio
 Hiram F. Nickel, Delegate, Pennsylvania
 Harold P. Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts

Ritual and Ceremonies

Harold E. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief, Rhode Island, Chairman
 Kenneth T. Wheeler, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire
 Elwyn C. Heidenreich, Past Department Commander, New York
 John J. Mitcheson, Department Commander, Massachusetts
 Edwin K. Kramer, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania

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Fred E. Howe, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York
 C. Leroy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania
 Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer

Fraternal Relations

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

Press Committee

National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert

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

Past Department Commander, Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee presents a preliminary report. We have a total registration of 95.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, Brother Ballou. At this time, I would like to submit the report of the Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey assumed command as the Commander-in-Chief read the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
August 15, 1963

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Officers and Members
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
In session for the 82nd Annual Encampment

Officers and Brothers:

It is indeed a privilege and honor to submit to you this formal report of activity in service as your Commander-in-Chief during the administration for 1962-1963. Just one year ago at the close of the 81st Annual Encampment in Washington, D. C., General Grant offered our final words of inspiration and encouragement with a special request that those present for that long remembered Encampment "Return to your Departments and your Camps and strive to overcome ignorance and apathy that exist in our Organization." This has been our ultimate goal during the past year and upon your acceptance of this report, it is hoped that each of you will agree that our Organization has prospered in overcoming some weaknesses while we strengthen other tides of importance. This challenge we face must continue with our renewed efforts to promote our need for conservation, preservation and stimulation within our ranks.

My personal feeling of this challenge was accepted during the obligation of assuming Command with the other elective and appointive officers last August 24th in Washington. Perhaps the same feeling that President Abraham Lincoln spoke upon while serving as President when he said—"I can only say that I have acted upon my own convictions, without selfishness or malice, and that by the help of God, I shall continue to do so."

Confronting every Commander-in-Chief are many problems pertaining to Camp level, or those that pertain to a Department and many concerning decision by the National Organization. Each of these must be carefully examined with a final decision that is just and impartial for the preservation of our ideals, our purpose and our standing as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The greatest experience and education encountered during any administration of your Commander-in-Chief is meeting our membership personally. Whether it is the observance of their ritualistic work, initiation of new members or assisting with their problems, we find Brothers of all professions meeting to promote our Organization; and in nearly every Camp or Department, there is a key man who has that spark of interest and effort who can inspire others to keep the morale high. This condition was most evident in each official visitation. There is so much greatness in our Organization today that we too often make issues of jealousies when we should be doing a more serious job of selling our Order to new blood in dedicated American men. It is necessary that we accept the fact now that we must train future leadership in our membership for if we fail to do this then we must enact drastic changes in our table of organization.

It is most impressive and appreciative to arrange your itinerary of official visitation so that the proper recognition may be given where conflicting dates occur. This is very evident in planning the official visitation to the Western Departments and this year credit must be bestowed on each member of our Order and our Auxiliary in these Departments for arranging two weeks of meetings that covered over 6,000 miles by jet, automobile, bus and ambulance. Truly the hospitality accorded on arrival at each Camp or Department meeting was outstanding and truly patriotic. Here our membership is not large.

but the promotion of the G.A.R. Highway and the General U. S. Grant Highway receives excellent recognition. Here, too, is evidence of our Americanism and Education Committee proving that it is a necessary part of our program. Many people and places could be mentioned in this report where credit is due, but it is hard to cite one without citing all. However, the inspiration in visiting our newest Camp in San Diego, California was most memorable in seeing our pride at its highest. Commander McCoy has done an excellent job with complete publicity from TV, radio and newspapers. The officers of the Department of California and the Pacific can be justly proud of their assistance in the formation of McCoy Camp.

Recognition must be given to the Departments in the Central Regional Association. Here we have observances of the Civil War Centennial, promotion of interest for the Land of Lincoln and the preservation of historic landmarks. Here again a warm hand greets you as you officially represent our National Organization. The Departments of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Delaware-Maryland Departments constitute one-third of our membership. Rich in historic background, the participation of our membership or our Reserves in many Civil War observances is increasing. The close knitted Departments here lend their support to new Legislation by endorsements or personal attendance in support of proposed Laws that reflect our interest.

Those Departments that comprise the New England Regional Association have proved how essential it is to have joint meetings to discuss problems and present solutions. Here you find tradition at its finest, always remembering the Grand Army and espousing their cause in keeping our American Heritage—American. Patriotism is displayed in Camps and Departments, representation by our members on each State Civil War Centennial Commission is perfect. This again is a perfect example of having key men highly respected, given appointment on a State Level during the Centennial Years.

One of our greatest assets that is all too often taken for granted, is the functioning of the Committees who represent our National Organization. Here is vested the authority for which each is named. By equal geographic representation, the broad coverage of ideas must merit a fine report at each National Encampment. The cooperation of each Department Commander and his staff of officers are essential to carry the work of the committee. It is hoped that you will concur with each Committee's report at this Encampment as they represent a fine team of nearly 50 Brothers working together. Your 17 elective and appointive officers will submit fine activity reports and each one of the 21 Department Commanders accounted for this own Department's accomplishments at their recent Encampments. Therefore, we see where over one hundred of our members share in each year of our success as they serve in an official capacity to prove that teamwork is essential.

It is noted that annually our Calendar Year includes observances on many levels, including Lincoln's Birthday, Appomattox Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day, G.A.R. Remembrance Day and Dedication Day. Here is a golden opportunity for the participation of our Reserve Units and the success of this new channel for new membership will be accounted for in the report of the National Military Committee. Never before has there been more recognition or invitations for Centennial commemorations than during the past year. Our annual participation at the Lincoln Memorial on February 12 is to be noted with the presence of the Commandery-in-Chief's Colors and the placing of the wreath on behalf of the National Organization. Many Camps observe Appomattox Day with appropriate programs. Memorial

Day is rapidly becoming a National Holiday with greater emphasis than ever in our Nation's history in remembering our Nation's Dead with the Grand Army of the Republic ritualistic services as a pattern for the basis program. We should participate in Flag Day programs wherever possible and endorse present legislation to annually observe November 19th as Dedication Day.

Individually, we must give credit to the annual service at Lincoln's Tomb on April 15th, planned by the Department of Illinois, endorsed by the National Organization and assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. It is an awesome experience for your Commander-in-Chief to stand at the Tomb of Lincoln delivering a tribute to the Great Emancipator, concluding with the words of Lincoln's Farewell Address from Springfield on February 11, 1961, the placing of your wreath beside 65 other wreaths placed by fraternal, patriotic and veterans organizations. This is America 100 years later.

The annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day service held at the Woolson Statue in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield on the nearest Saturday to November 19th, has gained recognition as a major observance. Through the efforts and planning of Gettysburg Camp No. 112, Department of Pennsylvania, this service receives support by the ROTC Units of Gettysburg College, National Guard and other Veterans Organizations. Each of the National Heads of the Allied Orders join with those from the Pennsylvania Department in delivering tributes and placing of memorial wreaths.

One of the most memorable events of the 1962-1963 administration was the presentation of a 50-star flag to the Fort Monroe Casemate at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Through the efforts of Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt, the service was held in the Casemate on March 16, 1963 with a delegation from the Sons and Auxiliary. The Service was planned jointly with our Auxiliary and Sister Anna I. Stoudt. National President joined in the presentation of the new Flag to Dr. Bradley, the Curator of the Museum. The 50 star flags replace the 48 star flags presented in 1958. Following the presentation service, the Sons and Auxiliary Delegations were extended an excellent southern hospitality welcome by Mr. Robert W. Waitt, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee, who graciously hosted our group for a tour of Historic Richmond. Here is evidence that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Richmond are doing an excellent job in promoting the Civil War Centennial and they are to be complimented.

The merits of our Student Scholarship Fund contribution is of importance in that it gives good publicity and has been presented to a college student who is a lineal descendant of a Civil War Veteran and is in need of financial assistance. Dr. Charles A. Hanson, President of Gettysburg College, personally received the check last November 17th at the Dedication Day commemoration program in Gettysburg. The recipient last year was George A. Day, a student at Gettysburg College from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania and now a member of our Order. Other outstanding events are the presentation of good citizenship awards to outstanding citizens in certain Camps and Departments and the annual Sword presentation by the New England Regional Association to an outstanding serviceman at New London, Connecticut. Our participation in the annual Memorial Day Service at the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, New Hampshire must be endorsed as permanent for our support. Here in the beautiful mountains of southern New Hampshire, fields and slopes have been transformed into a sacred place of worship with the Altar of the Nations atop the mountain and the running waters of the river below. Here all religions may worship and many Patriotic Orders have their services.

The bronze marker of our Order is embedded in the Altar aside that of the G.A.R.

But amid the pomp and pageantry of your presence at Testimonials, patriotic observances, special meetings and Department Encampments, many serious problems arose since our last National Encampment. We are presently being tested to see exactly what rights and privileges we have as an Organization chartered by Congress and as legal heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic as deeded by Albert Woolson, last Veteran of The Grand Army of the Republic. Reference is made to the case of G.A.R. property in Port Angeles, Washington, located in Clallam County. On January 20, 1963, the Prosecuting Attorney for Clallam County, Mr. Doherty, requested your Commander-in-Chief to speak for the National Organization, to appear on behalf of the Organization at a court hearing and to defend our rights toward the sale of property originally owned by the G.A.R. Post in Port Angeles which surrendered its charter many years ago. Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Joseph S. Rippey, was immediately granted authority to represent your Commander-in-Chief and secure all facts relative to the case. Many months have passed with communications between Atty. Doherty, Brother Rippey and this Headquarters. No decision has yet been reached by the Courts to decide if we have any legal rights to this property, and if we do maintain certain rights, upon what legal authority would be granted us certain rights and ownership. Another case at this very time involves former G.A.R. property and camp meeting privileges being jeopardized in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Brother Dewey Mead is fighting to preserve our claim that we are to inherit this property as legal owners. There are many other notable incidents that have been received at this Headquarters during the year involving this same type of problem.

This, my Brothers, is a serious condition. We are now being tested by the Courts of Justice; they will render a decision on a case that should have been provided for by our own statutes in accord with our Congressional Charter and Constitution and Regulation, and in accord with the deed of Comrade Albert Woolson. Now is the time for us to designate what G.A.R. records, property and material items owned by a former G.A.R. Post we may claim ownership. Never before have we faced a more serious decision than now. It is urged that a firm stand be taken through the recommendation in this report to create a statute whereby we, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, may demand certain items in compliance with our Charter, for the preservation of our Civil War Heritage. This, I feel, is our duty, for if we become lax, we have failed our purpose.

Requests for endorsement of bills now before the United States Senate and House of Representatives were forwarded to Brother McConahay, the Chairman of the Committee on Legislation. These pertained to the preservation of historic shrines, for the annual proclamation of November 19th as Dedication Day and other patriotic establishments. A full report will be presented by Brother McConahay.

Special recognition was accorded many of our members for their personal contributions in securing five or more new members into our Order. Certificates of Merit and designation as a National Aide were bestowed to Ernest G. Wells, PDC of Massachusetts; O. G. MacPherson, PDC of Pennsylvania; Clarence E. Young, PDC of Rhode Island; Eugene R. McCoy, Camp Commander in San Diego, California; James B. McKee, PDC of Pennsylvania; John Gately, PDC of California and the Pacific; Daniel F. Clancy, PDC of Ohio; C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania; Harold M. Drown of Massachusetts and Edgar M. Post of Pennsylvania. Other special citations have been presented to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson

for his contribution to maintain world peace through the understanding of men of all nations; James I. Robertson, Jr., Executive Director of the United States Civil War Centennial Commission and to Robert W. Waitt, Jr., Executive Secretary for the Richmond, Virginia Civil War Centennial Committee for their outstanding efforts in the promotion of the Civil War Centennial.

As we take a survey of another problem that is prevalent in many Camps and Departments, and one that must be corrected, we find that present By-Laws that guide certain Camps and/or Departments that now exist, have not been reviewed or amended for as long as 25 years. If we work together as a team between National, Department and Camp—we must have all Laws conform. This fact has been called to the attention of many Departments during the past year and changes are now being made toward conformity.

One of the greatest assets we prize, is the assistance our Auxiliary gives us at all times. It was a personal pleasure and honor this past year, to share many programs with their gracious National President, Sister Anna I. Stoudt of Reading, Pennsylvania. Truly we teamed up many times traveling from one commitment to another. Sister Anna had a successful year in leading our Auxiliary and it means so much to have the Sons and the Auxiliary meet jointly for many official visits. We were greeted by Departments with a warm hand in temperatures of -24 degrees in Des Moines to nearly 100 degrees in some June Encampments. And so, Anna—may God grant you good health for many more years as you serve our Auxiliary, as your husband, LeRoy, has served our Order.

Equal recognition and praise must be accorded those who have served faithfully in service as National President of our Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Congratulations are conveyed to Sister Marian K. Leach, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; to Sister Gertrude L. Gilbert, National President of the National Womans Relief Corps and to Sister Dema E. Smith, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. My deepest appreciation for the courtesies extended during the past year.

To summarize our accomplishments during the past year would require much time and space in this report. You will be informed of these from the Officer Reports and the reports of your Committees. During the past year your Commander-in-Chief traveled over 20,000 miles by nearly every mode of transportation to answer the call of our membership or for other duties relative to this office. An estimated 2,500 letters of communication were received to which a reply was sent. Work days, weekends and holidays did not interfere with commitments for my presence at services, programs and official visits. An official visit was made to each Department except one, and this one omission I regret immeasurably. The sacrifices have been most rewarding.

Following much thought and consideration of our progress and accomplishments, and for the deep feeling in maintaining our highest standards, the following recommendations are presented for your consideration and approval at this Encampment.

1. The establishment of a Statute of Law for our Order to gain ownership of property of former G.A.R. Post in compliance with our Congressional Charter and the Deed of Comrade Woolson. This would include any property that would place value financially or materially for the purpose of preservation and ownership.

2. That every Department review its By-Laws, and if necessary make changes by amendments to conform to those of the Constitution and Regulations of our Order, and that a copy of each Department By-Laws be filed in the office of the National Secretary-Treasurer and the Commander-in-Chief prior to the 83rd Annual Encampment to be held in August 1964.
3. That a public record of information and files be established from each National Officer who has secured, during his service as a National Officer, all information relative to the accomplishments of his particular assignments. This would better qualify elective officers to continue with projects inherited from previous administrations.
4. That the National Organization continue the contribution to a student Scholarship at one of our leading colleges.
5. That the National Organization continue to endorse the annual services at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., the Lincoln Tomb service at Springfield, Illinois; the service at the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, New Hampshire; and the G.A.R. Remembrance Day service at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
6. That approval be granted for the continuance of the erection of a mahogany granite seat at the Woolson Statue in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield. Be it further recommended that the \$100.00 appropriated at the 81st Annual Encampment be added to another appropriation approved at this Encampment to purchase this seat to be presented to the National Park Service jointly with a seat provided by our Auxiliary at a formal dedication program suggested for November 16, 1963.
7. Consider the endorsement of electing a Commander-in-Chief to serve for a two-year term rather than for a one-year term. This would strengthen our Order's leadership and grant more time to carry programs to fulfillment.

Individual cases of exceptional hard work and a sincere dedicated spirit are many. However, there rests in one of our members this exceptional feeling as he has given 15 years in serving the most important office that could credit success or failure of any organization. Brother Albert C. Lambert has served faithfully as National Secretary-Treasurer; he served as advisor, sometimes counselling upon request for certain information. His maintenance of records has been excellent. We are greatly indebted to Brother Al for this service and no one is more appreciative of his service than I.

May I convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to the brothers of my own Camp No. 112 in Gettysburg and to the brothers of the Pennsylvania Department for their training in leadership, their confidence and their endorsement down through the years. To the New Jersey Department who is serving as our host this year in planning this Encampment here in Miami Beach, to each officer who served this administration, to the many friends made through the past year, and to Ruba and Donna whose sacrifice resulted in many lonesome hours—to each of you, Thank You.

To summarize this report, may I remind you that we are on the threshold of maintaining our highest standard as a patriotic organization. We have earned our privilege to join with veteran, fraternal and patriotic orders in supporting our Constitution and to defend it from all aggressor nations. Cooperation with these organizations is vitally important so that we may protect our American Heritage. We must pledge to continue teaching our youth the importance of

patriotism, the need of prayer and Bible reading to start each day of our life, and the importance of their Pledge to the Flag. It is your job and mine to see that we do not falter in doing this. Our pride is higher than in many years, our position is maintained, our need for new blood is of utmost importance. Our ranks today do not represent numerically what they did 25 years ago—but in today's membership we do represent the highest calibre of sound thinking men. We have been told we now live in a Golden Age or the New Frontier Age. We are facing adjustments, but we must face them. Unless we visualize our weaknesses in our Camps and our Departments, train today for our Commanders of tomorrow, we may be forced into drastic streamlined re-organization that will break away from the symbolism of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Be proud you represent by blood descent, a Union Soldier who paid with his supreme sacrifice 100 years ago, and be proud to say—**I AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.**

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty.

(Chester S. Shriver)
Commander-in-Chief

Applause of the Encampment followed the reading of this report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Brother Senior Vice Cammander-in-Chief, I move you, Sir, that the report of the Commander-in-Chief; and all other reports be referred, without debate, to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Clark W. Mellor, and carried); after which it was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

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

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey read:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Rochester, New York
August 17, 1963

To the Officers and Members of the
S2nd Annual Encampment of the
Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War.

I was highly honored one year ago to become an elected member of the present administration. Fully mindful of the distinguished work of my eminent predecessors in the office, I continued a program of advancement of our Order as each occasion presented, and assisted in specific missions where called upon. The whole has been a rewarding experience and one to be cherished.

In the course of my duties it has been my pleasure and privilege to assist the local and state department organizations of our own Order as well as of the allied Orders on a number of occasions and on a variety of subjects. My personal appearances at meetings and functions, at many of which I addressed the gathering, were too numerous to detail here. Those which brought attention of the public to our existence, activities and purposes are of special significance.

At a stated meeting of a Company of United States Naval Reserve Officers for the Rochester, New York, area I was given the opportunity

of arranging and presenting a program on the subject of the Civil War, and as a part thereof brought out the organization and activities of the former Grand Army of the Republic, and the Sons of Union Veterans and the allied orders and the present patriotic and fraternal interests. The great interest of the audience was strongly demonstrated by the lengthy question and answer period which followed.

Our local Memorial Day parade was the occasion for the Sons of Union Veterans groups to be singled out for special attention from the public along the line of march and from the reviewing officials thus pointing us out to many thousands of citizens who were present and giving us excellent coverage on television.

A gathering at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in the Thayer Hotel on the grounds provided the setting for a discussion of patriotic organizations in which our Order was brought to the attention of many who were seemingly previously unaware of it.

I had the privilege of being the guest speaker at the semi-annual meeting of the Genesee Valley Federation Women's Relief Corps, which includes a segment of the State of New York.

One of the outstanding events of the year in Rochester is the annual ceremony of the transfer of flags of the public schools in which the highest ranking boy of one graduating class presents the flag of his school to the highest ranking boy of the next class, while the highest ranking girls of the respective classes look on, the event this year being particularly impressive. It is sponsored jointly by the Board of Education and by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Several members of our Order participated in the program, and our Order was given wide publicity as it is each year. The public attendance was to the capacity of the auditorium.

There was referred to me for attention by the Commander-in-Chief the matter of the attempt by Clallam County in the State of Washington to determine the rights and interests of the County and of other organizations, if any, in the G.A.R. Hall in the City of Port Angeles. An action was brought in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Clallam County, in which Clallam County, a municipal corporation, was plaintiff, against Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an Illinois Corporation; Pacific Post No. 48, Department of Alaska and Washington of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Women's Relief Corps Auxiliary to said Alaska Post No. 48, as defendants, and against several other veteran and patriotic organizations as additional defendants, in which action a copy of the summons and complaint was reported to have been served on the Commander-in-Chief. After reviewing the situation and the documents and facts available to us, I wrote to the prosecuting attorney for Clallam County who was attorney for the plaintiff, that the existing and functioning organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War obtained its corporate charter by Public Law No. 605 of the 83rd Congress of the United States, with location in the District of Columbia, and stated among other things, that I was advised by the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois that there are no records in his office pertaining to the Illinois corporation named, that our Commander-in-Chief is not an officer of it, that the reported service of the summons on our Commander-in-Chief was ineffective to confer jurisdiction of the Court over the Illinois corporation as he has no status or relationship to such corporation, and that he cannot appear for it. I further stated in the letter that it is the desire of our present organization to work out the matter of title and rights referred to in the complaint to the mutual advantage

and satisfaction of all concerned, and that we would endeavor to have one of our members call upon the prosecuting attorney to discuss it in the near future, and that if he was planning a conference with the several organizations involved to advise the Commander-in-Chief or myself of the place, date and time. I mailed a photocopy of this letter to the Clerk of the Court, and photocopies to our Commander-in-Chief and our National Secretary-Treasurer. A reply letter was received which did not in any way change the situation, a copy of which reply letter is indicated on it to have been sent to the Commander-in-Chief. There is a deed of the property described in the complaint, from Pacific Post No. 48, Department of Alaska and Washington, Grand Army of the Republic, to Clallam County, State of Washington, dated March 4, 1919, which states that the conveyance is made upon the express condition subsequent "that said Clallam County shall pay all encumbrance or assessments on against said property or hereafter to accrue and shall hereafter maintain the building now on the said premises, or a building equally commodious, at the cost and expense of said county, for the use of and as a meeting place for said Pacific Post No. 48, Department of Alaska and Washington, of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps, the United Spanish War Veterans, and any organization of the veterans of the late war with Germany; said Pacific Post No. 48 to have full management and control of said building according to this condition, so long as said Post retains its charter from said Grand Army of the Republic." There is also a document reading as follows: "This Indenture made this 13th day of February, 1954 by and between the Grand Army of the Republic, a Corporation organized by an act of the Congress of the United States approved June 3, 1924, by Albert Woolson, sole surviving member of said Grand Army of the Republic, and the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a Corporation organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois; whereas, because of the age and infirmity of the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and being desirous of carrying out the objects and purposes for which said Grand Army of the Republic was organized and believing that the Sons of Union Veterans is the natural heir of the Grand Army of the Republic; Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Sections six and seven of said act incorporating the Grand Army of the Republic, I, Albert Woolson, as sole surviving member thereof do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to said Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War all property of any and every kind and nature owned by said Grand Army of the Republic, and wheresoever situate, and all the records and archives thereof; except such property and records as are specifically mentioned and described in a resolution adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic at its 83rd and final Encampment held at Indianapolis, Indiana August 28th to September 1st, 1949. The meaning and intent of this conveyance is to convey to said Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, all post and department records of the Grand Army of the Republic and it is my express wish and desire that said Grantee shall use its best endeavors to return said records to the Communities where Grand Army posts were located, so far as possible, for the use and benefit of the Communities where such posts were located. This conveyance shall become effective upon compliance with Section seven of the said act incorporating the Grand Army of the Republic. In Witness Whereof, I, the said Albert Woolson, as sole surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal at the City of Duluth in the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota the day and year first above written. Grand Army of the Republic By; Albert Woolson

(seal)." A formal answer to the complaint was purposefully not served or filed, nor was an appearance made.

The annual Encampment of the Department of New York was this year held in my home City of Rochester, arranged by a committee of which I was a member, and is one of the finest we have had.

My sincere thanks are expressed to all who have worked with me.

The opportunity to have served the National Organization once again, in this responsible position, is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Joseph S. Rippey)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: In the Absence of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I will ask Brother Charles W. Hooper to read this report.

Past Department Commander Hooper, Massachusetts gave the following:

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Elmwood, Massachusetts
August 1963

Chester Shriver—Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Sir:

It has been a pleasure to have served as Junior Vice Commander this year. Following is a report of my activities.

During many visits throughout New England I was graciously received and entertained by various units of our own and Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As chairman of the membership committee, I sent letters to each department commander requesting co-operation and offering to aid in any way possible.

I received a reply from one department, Massachusetts, in which I was invited to meet with the Department Membership committee. This I did and I believe some good was accomplished. What has been done in other departments will have to be judged by the secretary's report on membership.

S. V. R.

Having been actively interested in the formation of a reserve unit in Massachusetts this year, I believe much good can come of expanding this branch of our organization.

Many camps are unable, through age of its members, condition of uniforms, and lack of drill, to present a respectable color guard for public appearances.

An expansion of the reserve, with present older, military minded men as administrative personnel, younger men trained in youth leadership, military drill, or musical leadership as company officers and a marching unit of youths in neat civil war uniforms to represent the order would do much to improve our image in the public eye.

Therefore I recommend that an appropriation of one thousand dollars, to be spent under the direction of the National Military Affairs Committee for the purpose of recruiting, organizing, equipping, and

maintaining units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, be made by this encampment.

This money is to come from the current income from the permanent Fund investments.

Yours in F. C. & L.

(Allen B. Howland)
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

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

National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert presented:

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

August 15, 1963

To: Chester S. Shriver, Commander-in-Chief
82nd National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

My dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

1. For the fifteenth 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, 1963. 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 discloses a net loss for

1963 of 233 members	
1962 of 287 members	
1961 of 247 members	
1960 of 191 members	
1959 of 337 members	Total 1295

With a present membership of 4174, it is obvious that this trend must be stopped immediately, or our income from per capita tax will no longer be sufficient to balance our budget from current income. It has only been by expert financial manipulation that we have been able to maintain our standards of operations, but I can foresee the time when income will not be sufficient to meet expenses.

3. An analysis of our financial standing discloses a satisfactory condition, at present. In view of the continuing decrease in membership, this is a tribute to the cooperation of the Officers and Committee Chairmen for their careful management. I urge you to continue to conserve your assets, as the time is rapidly approaching when we shall face a serious financial crisis. Knowing this, we should prepare for it. The perpetuation of our Order will depend to a large degree upon sound fiscal policies.

The Permanent Fund has shown an increase from dividends, donations to the Honor Roll Fund and by Life Membership Fees as follows:

Permanent Fund Income		Permanent Fund Expense	
Dividends	\$1,260.00	Interest on Life Memberships	\$61.67
Honor Roll	70.00		
Life Memberships ...	200.00		
	\$1,530.00		

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

Charles E. Darling	\$10.00
G. Elliot Sanford	10.00
Massachusetts Department	50.00

Life Memberships were taken out by

Dr. Wm. F. Bruckel	\$100.00
Thos. L. Wilson	100.00

5. The seventh annual ceremony held at the Lincoln Tomb on April 15th in Springfield, Ill., was outstandingly successful and reflected great credit on the Order and upon those members of the Committee that were responsible for its execution. I urge annual sponsorship of this observance with particular emphasis being placed upon the 100th anniversary which will take place in 1965.
6. The Banner has again been published at small cost to the Order. Subscriptions continue to increase. The California Department has again subscribed for each of their members, and many Camps do likewise. Every member of the Order should receive the Banner, and we should continue to strive for this goal.
7. My activities and visitations during the year are far too numerous to itemize. Special mention might be made of the Remembrance Day observance at Gettysburg at which time the scholarship was presented to Gettysburg College. It was my pleasant privilege to act as Toastmaster at the Testimonial Dinner tendered to National President Marian K. Leach of the Ladies of the G.A.R. in Camden, N. J.
8. Correspondence has been received and answered daily on a variety of questions. Quarterly report blanks have been furnished each quarter to each Department; a National Roster has been issued; Banner subscriptions have been recorded; the 1962 Proceedings have been edited and published; the investments of the Permanent Fund have been supervised; minutes and actions of the Council of Administration have been reported; a perpetual inventory of supplies has been kept and orders for supplies have been filled. The Banner addressograph mailing list has been maintained and corrected.
9. With a membership of 4,000, we can only expect to receive \$4,000.00 during the coming year. Add to this the gift from the Auxiliary in the amount of \$500.00, and registration fees of \$200.00 brings a total income of about \$4,700.00 in the General Fund. This is less than the yearly wages of the average working man today, and yet we have managed to conduct a National

Organization with it. It is nothing short of miraculous that it has been possible to stay within our budget. I feel that the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer and National Officers should receive larger allowances, but the money is not available.

The Permanent Fund, of course, cannot be touched, but the income from the Permanent Fund will soon be needed to supplement our revenue in the General Fund. In the immediate future, it will be necessary to use it for this purpose.

The National Patriotic Instructor's G.A.R. Fund should be guarded very carefully. Last year at Washington, you authorized disbursements from the G.A.R. Fund in the amount of \$1,230.00. This is far in excess of the estimated receipts for this year, and will result in depleting the G.A.R. Fund. I notice a growing tendency to spend, without corresponding efforts to raise the money to cover the expenditures.

The Permanent Fund and the G.A.R. Fund must be preserved to prevent a raise in Per Capita Tax to Departments and Camps.

10. This is my 25th consecutive National Encampment, during which time I have held office most of the time, and I find that this is the most difficult part of any report that I have had to write. It is with mixed emotions that I hereby tender my resignation as National Secretary-Treasurer, effective March 31, 1964. Due to the pressure of other matters, it is imperative that I be relieved of these duties, and devote more time to my personal affairs. During the past 15 years that I have served as National Secretary-Treasurer, much has been accomplished to modernize our procedure. Taking over these duties at a time when the old age and illness of my predecessor had inevitably allowed our records and accounts to fall into some confusion and disorder, I can now say that they are in a sound financial condition, and I urge you to keep them that way.
11. I would like at this time to express appreciation to you, Commander-in-Chief Shriver, and to your officers for cooperation and courtesies rendered during the past year. Also, I would like to thank all of the Commanders-in-Chief under whom I have had the pleasure to serve, for their friendship and help. I cannot close without special mention of the invaluable assistance that I have received throughout the years from our convention stenographer, Mrs. Annamae Berhalter. Her efficiency and devotion has made my work very much easier.

To my successor, I offer cooperation and advice if needed.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

(Albert C. Lambert)
National Secretary-Treasurer

NATIONAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 1962 to JUNE 30, 1963

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Nat'l Patr. Instructor's G.A.R. Fund</i>	<i>Permanent Fund</i>
<i>Cash Balance July 1, 1962</i>	\$4,069.14	\$2,575.56	\$2,068.27
RECEIPTS			
Per Capita Tax	4,362.00		
Supplies	791.30		
Banner Subscriptions	1,375.10		
Registration Fees 1962	222.00		
Gift—Auxiliary	500.00		
Charter Fee	5.00		
Collection—Messer Testimonial	70.00		
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor 1961-1962		358.50	
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor 1962-1963		588.00	
Refund—Fort Monroe Presentation		7.90	
Dividends—Wellington Fund			1,260.00
Honor Roll			70.00
Life Membership Fees			200.00
	7,325.40	954.40	1,530.00
	\$11,394.54	\$3,529.96	\$3,598.27
DISBURSEMENTS			
Supplies	\$647.33		
The Banner	1,640.00		
Commander-in-Chief—Travel	1,000.00		
Nat'l Sec'y-Treas.—Salary & Expense	1,200.00		
F. I. C. A.	52.00		
Encampment Expense	414.66		
Rent	400.00		
1962 Proceedings & Roster	773.00		
Office Exp.—Postage—Telegraph—Express	483.81		
C. P. A. Audit	100.00		
Messer Testimonial	46.00		
Flowers—DeForest	11.16		
Fidelity Bonds	68.75		
1962 Convention—Camp Fire		200.00	
Grave Marking Committee		50.00	
Gettysburg College Scholarship		250.00	
American Coalition		25.00	
Lincoln Tomb Expense		171.83	
Lincoln Monument Expense		15.45	
Gettysburg Remembrance Day Wreath		15.60	
G. A. R. History Committee		135.00	
Military Affairs Committee		96.55	
Fort Monroe Flag		49.13	
Cathedral of the Pines Wreath		15.00	
Interest on Life Memberships			61.67
Purchase of 200 Shares Wellington Fund			3,057.00
	\$6,836.71	\$1,023.56	\$3,118.67
<i>Cash Balance July 1, 1963</i>	\$1,557.83	\$2,506.40	\$479.60

Permanent Fund

Cash Balance June 30, 1963	\$479.60
1500 Shares Wellington Fund (Our Cost)	20,533.49
(Market Value July 1, 1963—\$22,095.00)	
	<u>\$21,013.09</u>

Comparative Balance Sheet

CASH	June 30, 1962	June 30, 1963
General Fund	\$4,069.14	\$4,557.83
Patriotic Instructor G. A. R. Fund	2,575.56	2,506.40
Permanent Fund	2,068.27	479.60
INVESTMENTS		
Permanent Fund	17,476.49	20,533.49
INVENTORY at Cost	2,190.12	2,125.86
	<u>\$28,379.58</u>	<u>\$30,203.18</u>

Stock and Supplies Account

Cost of Supplies on Hand 7-1-62 ..	\$2,190.12	Received for Supplies ...	\$791.30
Cost of Supplies Purchased	647.33	Cost of Supplies Sold ...	711.59
	<u>\$2,837.45</u>	Profit on Supplies	\$79.71
Cost of Supplies on Hand 7-1-63 ..	2,125.86		
Cost of Supplies Sold	\$711.59		

Recapitulation—Secretary's Report

	Camps	Members
In Good Standing June 30, 1962	277	4407
GAIN	1	172
	<u>278</u>	<u>4579</u>
LOSS	9	405
In Good Standing June 30, 1963	269	4174

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1962-1963

Departments	Good Standing June 30, 1962		GAIN		LOSS		Good Standing June 30, 1963		Associates Included	Delegate Representation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Calif. & Pacific	13	210	1	25	0	22	14	213	0	5
Colo. & Wyo.	1	19	0	1	0	2	1	18	0	1
Connecticut	13	196	0	3	0	15	13	184	0	5
Illinois	10	137	0	3	1	25	9	115	4	3
Indiana	5	70	0	5	0	0	5	75	0	3
Iowa	6	70	0	0	0	10	6	60	0	2
Kansas	5	38	0	0	0	1	5	37	0	2
Maine	16	258	0	4	1	16	15	246	7	6
Maryland	4	63	0	0	0	4	4	63	0	2
Massachusetts	46	759	0	27	1	49	45	737	0	16
Michigan	8	144	0	1	0	26	8	119	0	3
Minnesota	3	28	0	0	0	5	3	23	0	1
New Hampshire	9	135	0	0	0	7	9	128	4	4
New Jersey	13	231	0	11	1	30	12	212	11	5
New York	31	503	0	19	0	36	31	486	0	11
Ohio	21	295	0	25	5	69	16	251	0	6
Ore. & Wash.	3	65	0	2	0	21	3	46	2	2
Pennsylvania	43	789	0	34	0	56	43	767	7	16
Rhode Island	10	148	0	2	0	2	10	148	0	4
Vermont	10	167	0	0	0	6	10	161	0	4
Wisconsin	5	56	0	10	0	6	5	60	3	2
Camp 21, So. Carolina	1	14	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	1
Members at Large	1	12	0	0	0	1	1	11	0	1
	277	4407	1	172	9	405	269	4174	38	103

CAMPS GAINED: San Diego, Calif.

CAMPS LOST: Illinois—Belvidere; Maine—Rockland; Massachusetts—Lawrence; Ohio—Steubenville, Newark, Middletown, Xenia, Paris, Ky.; New Jersey—Paterson.

Following this report, all members of the Encampment rose to their feet and applauded this excellent report of National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert; and he, in turn, thanked them for this tribute to him and his work in this office for the past fifteen years.

National Counselor Grant: May I say one word. No one has profited more than I have by the helpful ability and loyalty of Brother Lambert. I think he kept me on the right road for a little bit longer than he has kept anybody else; and at this time he feels distressed, naturally, at breaking this long tour of duty that he has been doing so well.

There are many of us who have profited from his ability, his clear thinking and wisdom in the handling of our affairs in this office; and his dependability and loyalty to this organization is without question.

It brings to my mind an occasion on which President Lincoln made a visit to the Field Camp of General Sheridan. Lincoln inquired of my Grandfather as to the whereabouts of General Sheridan, and the reply was, "I do not know where he is today, but I find he is in the right place and always turns up at the right time" and I think that is the way it has been with Brother Lambert all through the years in which he served this organization.

Commander-in-Chief, I don't think that anyone can put into words, our feelings at this particular moment; but we thank him for this devotion and loyalty, and wish him continued good health and service in this organization.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We are now ready for the report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

National Patriotic Instructor Mellor presented:

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Worcester, Massachusetts
August 5, 1963

To: Chester S. Shriver, Commander-in-Chief
82nd Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander in Chief Shriver:

One year ago when I accepted the appointment to this office I fully realized the work it consisted of and I pledged myself to do the very best I knew how, upon submitting this report, I hope that I have fulfilled the duties in which I have been intrusted to do. I feel that I would not have been too successful if it had not been for the loyal support of each and every member of our great organization, my hearty thanks goes out to each of you. To my fellow National Officers I extend many thanks for the help and assistance that you have given to me thruout the past year. A special thanks must go to Albert C. Lambert for which without his help and knowledge of this work, I don't think that I would be able to carry on the work as well as I did, the many questions that he has answered for me has been a great help and inspiration of guidance in this office.

I will not take the time or space to list all the places I have been but I do believe that a few special ones should be mentioned and they are as follows: I attended the Testimonial Dinner in the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Reading, Pa., honoring the National President Anna I. Stoudt, the Dedication Day dinner and observance held in the War Memorial Building in Holyoke, Mass. also the 60th Anniversary of the

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CAMPS GAINED: San Diego, Calif.

CAMPS LOST: Illinois—Belvidere; Maine—Rockland; Massachusetts—Lawrence; Ohio—Steubenville, Newark, Middletown, Xenia, Paris, Ky.; New Jersey—Paterson.

Hanson Auxiliary held in North Plymouth, Massachusetts, several New England Regional Association meetings, and the Department Conventions in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Whenever I attended an affair I was extended all the courtesies of my office especially when I was extending the Greetings of the Commander-in-Chief or even when it was my own personal greetings the respect was always given to me as a National officer.

I have received but 2 official Department Patriotic Instructors reports Form No. 61 but there have been several reports sent to me on regular paper covering the activities of the respective Department and/or camps in their State. Special mention should be given to the hard working Department Patriotic Instructors who so unselfishly gave their time in promoting Patriotism in their State or wherever they have visited. The Patriotic Instructors of Connecticut, New York, Maryland, Indiana and Pennsylvania Departments show that they have had a very successful and fruitful year, their reports are concise and show that they have had the full co-operation of their Camp Patriotic Instructors, they also show that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were well represented in their State in the Memorial Day and other Patriotic days of remembrance. I realize there is a lot of work that is being done by the Patriotic Instructors that is never told in any report but should be; so if this encampment will permit me at this time I would like to express my sincere thanks to each and every Patriotic Instructor for their fine work that goes unmentioned most of the time. It has been brought to my attention that the Form No. 60 and 61 are very much wanted and a lot of the Camps and Departments want them back so therefore I suggest to this encampment that there should be some thought given to see what should be done about them.

I myself believe that form No. 61 is very easy to make up and it shows what is being done in the various Departments on a Patriotic level thruout the year, it also helps the National Patriotic Instructor compile his consolidated report of the activities of the Departments. All in all the reports that have been sent to me are very good and I wish at this time to thank each and every one of them for their outstanding work that was done.

To Chester S. Shriver, our Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I wish to thank you very much for the honor that you have bestowed upon me by appointing me to work on your staff of officers for this year; I deem it a great honor and a privilege to have been of service to you and this organization.

In conclusion I wish to personally thank each and every one who contributed to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund; the success of this Fund was done by the ones who did their part in it.

The detailed report of the Fund is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC	Amount	Total
Department of California and Pacific	\$10.00	
Marion L. Patrick	10.00	
Gury C. Stearns	3.00	
Camp No. 20	3.00	
Tom Holybee	2.00	
Camp No. 4	5.00	
Mrs. Bessie Z. Schlink	1.00	
Abraham Lincoln Circle No. 44, G.A.R.	5.00	
(In Memory of 7 Roger Brothers of Ohio)		
Frank Woerner	5.00	
Irene and Elmer Wohlgemuth	5.00	
Earl Riggs	2.00	51.00

	Amount	Total
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING		
Miss Louella V. Holmes	1.00	1.00
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT		
Department of Connecticut	10.00	
Camp No. 7	10.00	
Allen F. Spink	1.00	21.00
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS		
Department of Illinois	25.00	
J. Brooks Davis	3.00	
William H. Dougall	5.00	
James B. Downing	5.00	
DeWitt N. Eberhart	5.00	
Paul E. Herschel, Jr.	12.50	
W. Glen Davis	1.00	
Melvin L. Kurts	5.00	
James Watson	2.00	
Charles A. Brady	5.00	
Roderick Van Trump, Sr.	5.00	
Charles H. Bournstine	1.00	
Charles S. Bournstine	1.00	
A. Hyland Tresselt	1.50	
Minor T. Coburn	1.00	
Harold Teitelbaum	1.00	
In Memory of Richard F. Locke	5.00	
George W. Lovering	1.00	
J. Blackman	1.00	36.00
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA		
Camp No. 2S	10.00	
Robert Q. Jack	10.00	20.00
DEPARTMENT OF IOWA		
Lyle McFall	10.00	
Jacob Kirchner	10.00	20.00
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS—none		
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE		
Department of Maine	10.00	
Camp No. 1	5.00	
Albert B. DeHaven	5.00	20.00
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND		
Margaret Carter	3.01	
Dorothy Hilyard	2.10	
Mary Lucas	1.19	
William L. Irvin	1.00	
Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, III	25.00	
Norman K. Brown	5.00	
Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr.	5.00	
G. B. Ritchie	5.00	
Marion Townsend	3.00	50.30

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS		Amount	Total
Department of Massachusetts	25.00		
Allen Howland	1.00		
Perley Mellor	2.00		
Charles Hooper, Sr.	2.00		
Charles Hooper, Jr.	1.00		
Ann Hooper	1.00		
Louaine Hooper	1.02		
Mary Sampson	1.00		
Louis E. Winchell, Sr.	1.00		
William O. Fuller, Sr.	2.00		
Minnie Madeiros	2.00		
Henry Fowler	.30		
Henry Bowen	5.00		
Harold Drown	1.00		
Richard W. Bauer	10.00		
Massachusetts Past Commanders Association	5.00		
Edwin J. Lennon	1.00		
Edward L. Bresette	.50		
Maude Warren	1.00		
Ira Buxton	1.00		
Camp No. 15	2.00		
Lewis C. Adams	1.00		
Grace S. Merrill	3.00		
Camp No. 50	1.00		
Plymouth County Association	5.00		
Harry N. Andrews	1.00		
Edward Cushman	1.00		
Alfred M. Hall	1.00		
Howard E. Waite	1.00		
Camp No. 25	5.00		
Auxiliary No. 33	10.00		
George E. Foster	10.00		
Shep and Early Shepardson	7.01		
William C. Rule	1.00		
William Cohen	.25		
John J. Mitcheson	2.00		
John L. Day	1.00		
Josephine L. Bates	5.00		
Ernest G. Wells	2.00		
Betty E. Mellor	2.00		
Marle E. Mellor	2.00		
Supper put on by Plymouth County Association	47.00		
Card Party given by Auxiliary 33 Members	26.00		
Pillow Raffle	33.00		
Clark W. Mellor	10.00		
John C. Mellor	1.00		
Edward N. Loke	2.00		
Mary Gordon	1.00		
Flora D. Bates	5.00		
Herbut W. Bogue	1.00		
Mary Hooper	1.00		
Miscellaneous Donation	.14	251.22	

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

George E. Bailey	1.00		
Camp No. 8	5.00	6.00	

	Amount	Total
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI		
Department of Missouri Auxillary	25.00	
Ethelyn Gray	1.00	
Hattie Kesselring	1.00	
Louis and Hazel Moushey	2.00	29.00
DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
Mrs. Lois J. Alden	1.00	
Ethelyn C. Tucker	1.00	
Robert A. Lawrence	5.00	
Fletcher Griffin	1.00	
Kenneth Wheeler	1.00	9.00
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY		
Department of New Jersey	10.00	
Anne O. Clayton	5.00	
William W. Vanderhoof	1.00	
Camp No. 5	5.00	
Albert C. Lambert	5.00	
Edna S. Lambert	2.00	
Alton Sharp	5.00	
Andrew Richardson	2.00	
Edward Vay	5.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Lambert	5.00	
Ella G. Reeger	5.00	
John Junge	1.00	
Margaret Schroeder	1.00	52.00
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK		
Fred Howe	5.00	
Marshal Hope	2.00	
Allied Organization (In Memory of the G.A.R.)	5.00	
John H. Berry	2.00	
Camp No. 223	2.00	
Camp No. 6	5.00	
Charles J. Murphy	1.00	
Joseph S. Rippey	10.00	
Howard W. Bunker	1.00	
G. Eliot Samford	10.00	
Neil D. Cranmer	2.00	45.00
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO		
Earl B. Swisher	5.00	
Fred Pflester, Jr.	5.00	
William Coffin	5.50	15.50
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON		
Department of Oregon and Washington	10.00	
Camp No. 17	5.00	
Frederick K. Davis	10.00	
Roy E. Morse	2.00	
Past Department Presidents Club	5.00	
Auxiliary No. 11 (In Memory of Walter Quist)	4.00	
Mrs. L. L. Baker (In Memory of Dr. L. L. Baker)	5.00	41.00

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA	Amount	Total
Department of Pennsylvania	75.00	
Howard Dissinger	2.00	
Robert Arnold	2.00	
C. Leroy Stoudt	5.00	
A. Friend	1.00	
Camp No. 16	5.00	
Anna I. Stoudt	3.00	
Col. and Mrs. O. G. MacPherson	5.00	
Camp No. 40	5.00	
Robert E. Swayne	2.00	
Camp No. 149	2.00	
Frank Heacock, Sr.	2.00	
Frank Heacock, Jr.	2.00	
Leonard E. Sherman, Jr.	1.00	
John H. Stark	5.00	
John Erskine (In Memory of John Warren Erskine)	5.00	
Chester S. Shriver, Jr.	5.00	
Kathleen Runkle (In Memory of John Runkle P. C. in C.)	5.00	
Irene Murphy	5.00	
William C. Jones	5.00	142.00
 DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND		
Department of Rhode Island	10.00	
George Strait	2.00	
H. Dwight Bromly	1.00	
Margaret Bromly	1.00	
William Perry	1.00	
Col. Clarence Young	3.00	
Camp No. 6	5.00	
Harold E. Arnold	5.00	
Fred J. Arnold	1.00	
Dexter Coombs	1.00	
Earl Hinz	1.00	
Perley Wallace	1.00	32.00
 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT		
Department of Vermont	5.00	
Loomis F. Thebault, Sr. (a friend)	3.00	
Arthur L. Ballou	2.00	
Thomas A. Chadwick	5.00	15.00
 DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN		
Edward Blering	1.00	1.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$911.02

Yours in F. C. & L.

(Clark W. Mellor)
National Patriotic Instructor

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Is the National Chaplain ready to report at this time.

National Chaplain Rev. Partington read the following:

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

August 18-22, 1963

S2nd National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Miami Beach, Florida

Brothers:

One year ago, in the city of Washington, D. C., our Commander-in-Chief, Chester S. Shriver, honored me with the appointment to the Office of National Chaplain.

It is the responsibility of the Chaplain to remind the members of our organization that we can live and work effectively only as we seek the aid of Divine Guidance. I will not belabor you with my efforts in this respect, nor will I attempt to enumerate the number of public functions, banquets and other occasions where it has been my high privilege to invoke the blessing of the Almighty upon our efforts. It is enough, I believe, to say that I have always tried to make myself available whenever called upon to serve as your National Chaplain.

Respectfully submitted

(Richard O. Partington)
National Chaplain

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We would now like to have the report of the National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

National Counselor Grant: I think that my activities as National Counselor during the past year can easily be given in a verbal report.

Only three questions have come up and those have been answered, adjusted and are now "water over the dam."

I just want to thank you, Commander-in-Chief, for your confidence in letting me be the National Counselor.

We are now ready for the report of the National Historian.
National Historian Spink presented:

REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

388 Woodland St.
Apt. B-2
Hartford, Conn.
August 15, 1963

To: Chester S. Shriver, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
and Members of the S2nd Annual Encampment

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers,

Once again it is my pleasure and privilege to make my annual report to you as your National Historian.

1962 made the 5th time that Washington, D. C., was chosen as a meeting place for our National Encampment. The other times were 1902-1909-1915 and 1936.

The 1963 Encampment was one of the finest ever conducted and much credit goes to General Grant, 3rd, and his committee for their untiring efforts.

There were registered 111 Delegates of the SUVCW as well as 203 from our Auxiliary and 155 from the Ladies of the G.A.R.

On Sunday afternoon very fitting Joint Memorial Services were held by the three Organizations. An outstanding event of the Encampment was the Camp Fire Program at 7:30 p. m. A concert of Civil War Music by the U. S. Marine Band opened the program. Outstanding addresses were delivered by Congressman William H. Ayers of Ohio and Congressman William J. B. Dorn of South Carolina. Civil War songs were sung by the nationally famous "Singing Sergeants" of the U. S. Air Force. The colors were escorted in by the Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps and retired by the Field Music S.V.R.

There were no sessions of the Encampment on Wednesday afternoon at which time a four hour bus trip was planned for the delegates. After a tour of Washington proper, with a stop at the Lincoln Museum and the House where Lincoln died, the busses headed for Arlington Cemetery. Stops were made at the Curtis-Lee Mansion, then the Unknown Civil War Monument where wreaths were placed. They reached the Tomb of the Unknown just at the time of the changing of the Guard which was most impressive. Wreaths were also placed here. A brief stop was made at the Confederate Soldiers Monument where wreaths were placed.

On November 17, 1962 the Sixth Annual Remembrance Day Exercises were held in Gettysburg, Penn. The Exercises at the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove on the Battlefield were sponsored by the Gettysburg Camp No. 112 SUVCW, The Gettysburg Travel Council, and the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

The Exercises were held mostly indoors at the new Visitors Center Cyclorama but the weather did permit the placing of wreaths at the Monument by: Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver of the SUVCW; Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt, National President of our Auxiliary; Mrs. Marion K. Leach, National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.; Mrs. Gertrude L. Gilbert, National President of the W.R.C.; and Mrs. Dema Smith, National President DUVCW; a pageant by Camp 112 with Henry Roth as narrator; Firing of Volley by G Company, 6th Battalion, and music by 6th Infantry Battalion, Field Music SVR.

Past Commander-in-Chief Leroy Stoudt was Master of Ceremonies and introduced all five of the National and Department of Pennsylvania Presiding Officers of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., also, Major Gen. Henry K. Fluck, Commanding General of the 28th Division, Pennsylvania National Guard as principal speaker. Greetings were extended by Commodore R. N. Scott Baker, Commander of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and benediction was given by National Chaplain Rev. Richard O. Partington of the SUVCW.

In the evening the 32nd Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of Penna. commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery was held in the Hotel Gettysburg. All the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. were represented. The Toastmaster was Ivan E. Frantz and the principal speaker was Rev. Charles A. Hammond. At this Banquet Commander-in-Chief Shriver presented a \$250.00 check to Dr. C. A. Hanson, President of the college, from the SUVCW as part of a continuing scholarship "to be given to some worthy student in the field of history."

On February 9, 1963, National Graves Registration Officer Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., passed away at his home in Derby, Conn. Brother

DeForest was a Past Commander of Connecticut Department, Past New England Regional Commander, Past National Patriotic Instructor, and had held his present National Office for the past 17 years. He leaves a void in this Organization that will be hard to fill.

Brother Maurice J. Warner of Maine has been appointed National Graves Registration Officer by Commander-in-Chief Shriver.

On February 12, 1963, impressive ceremonies at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C., were sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, assisted by the SUVCW. These ceremonies marked the 154th Birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The program included the United States Marine Band, Wreath Laying as well as Color Guards. The principal Speaker was Dr. Frederic Shriver Klein of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penna. Our National Colors were carried by a Color Guard from G Company, 6th Infantry Battalion, SVR, from Harrisburg, Penna. Department Commander Arthur Glenum of Washington placed a wreath from our Organization.

Following the ceremony a luncheon was held in the Secretarial Suite Dining Room of the State Department overlooking the Memorial.

On March 15, 1963, Carder A. Perkins, Past Department Commander of Mass., Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, passed away at his home in Dorchester, Mass. In addition to his devotion to Our Order and all it stands for, we will remember "Tiny" for his unique ability to make people laugh. Yes, the many hours of pleasure and entertainment he gave to so many of our social gatherings will live long in our memories.

On March 16, 1963, the SUVCW and Auxiliary presented two new 50 Star United States Flags to the Fort Monroe Casement Museum, Fort Monroe, Va. in honor of President Abraham Lincoln. These Flags, presented by Commander-in-Chief Shriver and National President Stoudt, replaced two presented to the Museum in 1955. They were accepted by Dr. Chester D. Bradley, Co-Chairman and Curator of the Museum. Fort Monroe was a powerful Union base during the Civil War. Featured in the exercises were the Fort Monroe Band, a detachment from the Fort Monroe Honor Guard and speaking by Col. Roy F. Zinser, Commanding Officer, Commander-in-Chief Shriver, National President Stoudt and Dr. Bradley. Several members of our Organizations were in attendance. They were entertained after the ceremonies by the Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee by a cocktail party and a visit to the National Park and a tour of Richmond's points of Civil War interest.

On April 15, 1963, the 98th Anniversary of the Death of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Exercises were held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, for the 7th year, under the sponsorship of our National Organization assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Our Commander-in-Chief Colors were carried by the Color Guard of General George A. Custer, Camp No. 1 of the Illinois Department. The Memorial Salute was fired by a squad composed of two riflemen from the Custer Camp detail and two from the Department of Illinois Military Order of the Purple Heart. Commander-in-Chief Shriver recited Mr. Lincoln's February 11, 1861, Springfield Farewell; and was followed by Lieutenant Colonel Donald M. Liddell, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Sixty-two wreaths offered by forty-six separate patriotic Societies and Veteran's Organizations were placed.

After the ceremonies at a luncheon at the State House Inn, the out-of-townners were welcomed by Mayor Nelson O. Howarth of Springfield. A moment of silent prayer was held for Past Commander-in-

Chief Locke, SUVCW, and Loyal Legion Companion, Huntington, MOLLUS. Both of these gentlemen had taken an active part in the organization of the Tomb exercises in the earlier years. An address was given by General Grant entitled "A Unique Friendship—Lincoln and Grant."

Co-Chairmen of the Committee in charge were Past Department Commander (Illinois SUVCW) George L. Cashman, Curator of the Lincoln Tomb and James L. High, Recorder of the Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

At the Annual Memorial Day Services, May 30, 1963, held at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N. H., Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald placed a wreath for our Organization.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were represented by Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, III, at the Vicksburg Centennial Ceremonies in July. General Grant was accompanied by General Pemberton's grandson, John C. Pemberton.

This past year has seen a revived interest in the Sons of Veterans Reserve. It is the writer's understanding that this group played a most important part in the recent 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1963. The writer has a program listing many names of our members and is in hopes of obtaining more detailed information possibly for a future report.

The Banner, as well as many of our National and Department Officers, reports good things for our Organization and many of them stress the Blue Uniform of the Reserves.

Brother Alva Reef of Muncy, Indiana Department sent this Office some 700 new names and records to be added to the Indiana Graves Registration Book of Civil War Veterans.

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

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief Shriver, for appointing me as your National Historian. I hope this report meets with your approval. May you enjoy a most prosperous Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Allen F. Spink)
National Historian

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We will hear the report of the National Recorder.

National Secretary Lambert read:

REPORT OF NATIONAL RECORDER

117 Palmer Lane
Trenton, New Jersey
August 9th, 1963

To: Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver
82nd Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander-in-Chief Shriver:

It is an honor to report to you and through you to the 82nd National Encampment on my activities during the past year. Before proceeding may I express to you my sincerest regrets on being unable to deliver this report in person, however unfortunately due to personal

reasons it was impossible for me to be present in person to read you this report.

I will not consume time and space here with a chronological listing of my various personal activities in my Camp, my Department or the National Organization. Throughout the year I have attempted to meet and fulfill what I have considered my obligations and my role in our Order and in its functions, and I have performed what duties have fallen to me to the very best of my ability.

Since this office is a new one, created as a result of a recommendation in your report to the 51st Encampment, the past year has been largely in the nature of an experiment. Hence this report will deal largely with an evaluation of this past year and an analysis of the function of this office as I now have come to interpret it after my experience and observations of twelve months.

There are two apparent avenues open for my successor to pursue, in order to be able to effectively render assistance to anyone unable to establish their forefather's war record. According to the wording of your recommendation which resulted in the creation of this office, this is to be its principal function.

The first way would be the establishment of a reference library large enough to enable any record to actually be looked up by the holder of this office. The space such a man would have to donate to this library, the extremely high costs to the Organization in obtaining the countless various types of reference sources, the almost full-time demands of assembling such a library would require of someone, and the very high costs that would be involved, in money and space, every time it had to be relocated all tend to make this suggestion impractical in view of our size, our needs and our abilities. Nor would such an undertaking be feasible unless the office holder was a man of great devotion who personally enjoyed the work of genealogical research.

The second way, and the method I most strongly suggest might be the only practical course, would be the assembling of a cross-referenced file of all of the known sources for this type of research. A file that would refer, by State primarily, any request to the source of records best able to answer it. Such a file would be invaluable, and would be sufficient to our needs. This office received only sixteen (16) individual requests for information during the past twelve months. Each was answered by reference of the writer to a source known to me but unknown to him, so that by furnishing intelligent direction I was able to guide him to the source from which his answer might be found—based upon my interpretation of the information the letter might have contained.

Such a file might be a simple 3 x 5 inch index card file, once properly assembled it would be absolutely a minimum of effort to answer each letter after first searching the letter to determine what references the circumstances seemed to indicate. Actually the sixteen inquiries received were no more, National Secretary Lambert has informed me, than the normal inquiries received by him each year and which he answered prior to the creation of this office. The majority were, in fact, addressed to him and referred to this office.

Serious consideration should be given to the question of the actual need for this office. The establishment of a library or permanent genealogical research center is neither practical nor justified for this organization. The establishment of a central file capable of revealing sources unknown to individuals when they decide to seek help, is by far a much more reasonable undertaking. However the question would still arise as to the need for a separate National Officer once this file was operative.

In any case, one possible explanation for the almost total lack of a response to this office, even after the publication in The Banner of its intended function, might be the misleading nature of the title "National Recorder." To the layman not particularly versed in the nature and intention of this office the title would appear more a recording secretary of some sort than an office for rendering assistance in genealogical research. Therefore I hereby offer the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION: That in the event the decision is made to continue this experimental function as a separate office for the coming year, then the name of this office shall be National Genealogist in order that it might be more descriptive of the true function of the office.

In closing may I express my appreciation to many Brothers throughout the country who have contributed to my as yet very incomplete reference file and have enabled me to answer inquiries as well as I have been able to do. Special appreciation should be expressed to Brother Spencer Leonard of Oregon for his most complete explanation of the workings of the various State reference sources and for his continued offer of assistance to me this year.

May I also thank you, Commander Shriver, for the opportunity to fill this experimental office during its first year. I have very much enjoyed the analysis and evaluation of this proposed function which is summarized above and I sincerely hope this report will prove of value to you and to your successor in determining the question of such an office. While I regret that I have no personal inclination toward this type of work, the opportunity to come to grips with the concept and possibilities of the office has proven enjoyable as I hope it may prove useful, both to you and to my successor should this office be continued.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Albert W. Lambert, P.D.C.)
National Recorder

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: The fine work of Brother Bertrand O. DeForest, which he has carried on for many years, was brought to an end by his call to Camp Eternal. Brother Maurice Warner was appointed to fill this office; and since he is not present, I will ask Brother DeHaven to read this report.

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven read:

REPORT OF NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

822 Middle St.
Bath, Maine
August 12, 1963

To: Chester S. Shriver
Commander-in-Chief

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

At this time it becomes my duty as well as an honor to make the annual report to you, and through you to our National organization, of the activities of this office during my partial year of service. For

reasons known to all, this report must be less than adequate, as I myself know that in the short period of time I have had, it would be impossible for me to achieve the very high standards of my efficient and beloved predecessor. I believe that this office has been on a national basis about thirty-eight years, and Brother DeForest was serving approximately his eighteenth successive year.

I know that more work is being done along these lines than has been reported to me, and I have held off until the last minute in making out my report to give all a chance to be included, but it seems to be the same few each year who are interested in making a report to this office. Also through my contacts with the Chairman of various State and Local Civil War Centennial Commissions, I learn of much activity concerning the care of graves of Civil War Veterans as well as those of other wars.

I have had copies of the State of Maine laws relating to the care of Veterans' graves printed and mailed to the five hundred communities in this State, along with a friendly letter to each suggesting that they look into the matter locally and see how they compare with others. I feel this was very successful, and I have also had requests from other States for copies of our laws.

I will list briefly some of the reports that I have received during my part of this term in office:

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC: The Department Secretary, Frank Woerner, forwarded me a copy of their Department Orders, in which he offered to register the names and other pertinent information relating to the Civil War record and graves of all their veterans, if such information were forwarded to him.

CONNECTICUT: Department Graves Registration Officer Harold L. Scott, P.D.C., reports that he has looked into broken or otherwise damaged headstones of Civil War Veterans, and is to have them replaced where necessary. He is also making a check on conditions in the various cemeteries.

INDIANA: Department Graves Registration Officer Alva Reef, P.D.C., reports much still being done in his Department, and mentioned some of the things he had reported some of the years previous. Brother Reef is not too healthy, but he should be complimented again on what he has done in his office since 1953.

MAINE: A large amount of work has been done throughout the Maine Department, and much more will be done in registering and caring for the graves of our Veterans. Our local Camps in Bath, Sanford and Waterville have done exceptionally fine work during the past year in their cemeteries. In Bath, new maps and blueprints have been made of all our cemeteries, with the name of each Veteran, the number of his grave, etc., written in the proper square on the drawing. These are all marked by section and range number, etc. In Maine we also work hand in hand with the Maine Cemetery Association as well as the Adjutant General.

NEW JERSEY: A very fine report was received from Department Graves Registration Officer W. W. Vanderhoof, containing listings of Civil War Veterans buried in six cemeteries in Union County, New Jersey. This is a very complete and informative list, showing much effort on behalf of this efficient officer. Not only is the listing complete as far as names, etc., but also included is the veteran's rank, Company, Regiment, whether he served in his own State or some other, the date he died, type of headstone, section, lot and grave number,

and the branch of service he was in. There is also much more information enclosed in his report, plus copies of reports he made last year, which might be of assistance to me.

These are the only reports I have received, and I wish to thank the brothers who put their best foot forward to assist me in my efforts to have a report at this time. If any other reports have been made out and forwarded, I have not received them, therefore I can only report what has been reported to me.

In closing, may I express my thanks for the confidence placed in me, and pledge my support and my best efforts to my successor.

When I accepted this office for the remaining few months of your term it was understood that due to previous commitments I would be unable to attend the National meeting this year, therefore at this time I wish you a very harmonious and successful encampment. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Maurice J. Warner)
National Graves Registration Officer

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We will now have the report of the National Military Aide.

National Military Aide Dissinger presented:

REPORT OF NATIONAL MILITARY AIDE

30 East Lemon Street
Lititz, Pennsylvania
August 14, 1963

To: Chester S. Shriver, Commander-in-Chief
82nd Annual Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander-in-Chief & Brothers:

In August of last year at the National Encampment, held in Washington, D. C., I was appointed to the office of Military Aide to the Commander-in-Chief. In accepting this appointment I pledged to perform to the best of my ability the duties of said office in a military manner as a Major in the military division of our order, namely the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and that of the military service of the United States.

My activities for the year were as follows; August 1962 accompanied the Commander-in-Chief to Arlington National Cemetery, for the placing of a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier; September to Maryland to take part in the re-enactment of the Battle of Antietam for two days. Then in October, I accompanied him to Chambersburg and Cashtown to take part in re-enactments of Jeb Stuart raid on those two towns during the Civil War. November 19th Gettysburg for the 99th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, also the annual remembrance day program held by the Sons and the Auxiliary.

January, I had the honor of being the guest of Major and Mrs. William J. Bruckle, of New York, at the 137th Anniversary Military Ball of the Old Guard of the City of New York, at which time I represented the Commander-in-Chief and the Sons of Veterans Reserve. February, attended several Lincoln banquets throughout the Depart-

ment of Pennsylvania. March the 16th, I accompanied the Commander-in-Chief to Fort Monroe, Virginia, for the presentation of a fifty star flag to the fort on Saturday and on Sunday a tour of the City of Richmond as guests of the Civil War Commission of that City. April, Appomattox banquet at Reading, Pa. May, busy at home taking part in local Memorial Day programs and other centennial parades, celebrations, etc. June, Pennsylvania State Encampment, also several centennial parades. July being the biggest month of all, Gettysburg on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the re-enactment of those three important days in our history of the Civil War, at which time I had the honor of being second in command of all Union troops on the field. During those three days which brought back many memories of the past when the Sons of Veterans Reserve put as many as 500 men on the field or in parades at our National Encampments as there were about 400 men of the S.V.R. on the field from the following states: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin with Pennsylvania furnishing approximately 150 men, Ohio, 200, and the rest from the other states supplemented by about 300 men from the N.S.S.A, making a total of about 700 men representing the Grand Army of the Republic. It is an experience I will never forget as it proved to me that the S.V.R. has had a new birth in membership and will continue to grow in the future. As a climax, I had the privilege of attending the Summer Regional Meeting of the New England States Sons and Auxiliary at the Weirs, in New Hampshire, where again I saw the reserve in action when Col. Young held a review of the men of the 1st military district before our departure home.

In closing I wish to thank you for this appointment as it gave me the pleasure of learning more about our wonderful organization; the work that is being done and the work remaining to be done in the future, besides meeting a host of wonderful friends and members. This appointment and experience I have gained will never be forgotten. Thanking you again.

Respectively Submitted in F. C. & L.

(Howard Dissinger, P.D.C.)

Major, S.V.R.
Military Aide

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

COMMUNICATIONS — GREETINGS

National Secretary Lambert read the following telegrams and letters of greetings and good wishes for a successful Encampment, together with regrets at their inability to attend from:

Congressman William Jennings Bryan Dorn, South Carolina
 Congressman George A. Goodling, Pennsylvania
 Governor William W. Scranton, Pennsylvania
 Mayor W. G. Weaver, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
 Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, New York
 Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts
 James L. High, Member-Council of Administration, Illinois
 Cecil McConahay, Chairman-National Legislative Committee, Indiana
 Richard Cuyler, Department Commander, New York
 George W. Lovering, Past Department Commander, Illinois

William C. Rule, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts
 Dewey B. Mead, Past Department Commander, Minnesota
 Edward C. Sturdivant, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans
 H. Durston Saylor, II, Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S.
 James I. Robertson, Jr., Executive Director, U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission
 E. A. Blackmore, National Adjutant, The American Legion
 Don Spagnolo, National Commander, Amvets
 Julian Dickensen, Adjutant General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S.

RESOLUTIONS

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

(1) From the Department of Ohio—proposing certain amendments in the Constitution to explain or clarify certain expressions occurring in Article III, and in Section 3 of Article VII of the present Constitution—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(2) From the Department of Illinois—relative to honorary awards by Departments to R.O.T.C. cadets—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(3) From the Department of Wisconsin opposing the use of the American Flag as an altar cloth—(Referred to the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.)

(4) From the Department of Pennsylvania—that Department Council should be Department Council of Administration, coinciding in title and responsibilities with the National Council of Administration—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(5) From the Department of Ohio—relative to November 19th being proclaimed as Dedication Day—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(6) From the Department of Indiana—similar resolution to No. 5—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(7) From the Department of Indiana—relative to rights of certain citizens and voicing their opposition to segregation—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver then called a recess of fifteen minutes; after which the Encampment went back into session at 2 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Is there any unfinished business? If not, we will proceed to the Reports of Committees. In the absence of Brother James L. High, I will ask Brother Charles A. Brady to read the report of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.

Past Department Commander Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois presented:

REPORT ON LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

August 19, 1963

To: Commander-in-Chief,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. For complete details of the April 15, 1963 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, attention is invited to the July-September 1963 issue of The Banner.

2. For the seventh consecutive year, the anniversary of Mr. Lincoln's death was commemorated under the sponsorship of the

National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with the assistance of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. 96 letters of invitation were mailed to the national heads of various patriotic societies, veterans organizations and similar groups and 58 additional invitations went to the state or local heads of certain of these units, the result being the presentation of 62 wreaths by 46 separate organizations and an attendance of 94 at the luncheon which followed the ceremony. With the exception of the last, each of these figures represents a new high over prior years. The decline in the number of luncheon guests from last year's 112 was due to the fact that April 15th fell on a working day (Monday) in 1963, which forced many of the local people to return to their places of business; this condition will prevail for the next few years.

3. Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver ably represented our Order, his presence involving the loss of a night's sleep because of a heavy travelling schedule in line of duty. Due to his foresight, the national colors of the S.U.V.C.W. were on hand for the first time, being carried by the uniformed guard of Illinois' Custer Camp No. 1.

RECOMMENDATION: I urge that Brother Shriver's successor in office again provide the colors next year.

4. Much of the success of the occasion was attributable to Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd, who placed a wreath at the Tomb, spoke at the luncheon and addressed an evening meeting of the Sangamon County Historical Society.

5. The excellence of the arrangements at the site resulted from the hard work, diligence and high administrative ability of the other Co-Chairman, Past Illinois Department Commander George L. Cashman, Curator of the Tomb.

6. The expenses, paid by the National Treasurer of the Sons, totaled about the same as last year: \$165.48 as against \$168.35.

RECOMMENDATION: I suggest that the 1964 budget contain an appropriation of \$170.

Respectfully submitted,

(James L. High, Co-Chairman)
1963 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

National Secretary Lambert: I move you that where there is no objection to Reports of Committees, as submitted, they be adopted as read. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven, and carried.) (Above report adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you Brother Brady. We will now have the report of the Committee on Legislation.

National Secretary Lambert Read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Legislation Chairman
401 Peoples Bank Building
Indianapolis 4, Indiana
August 14, 1963

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

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I regret very much that I will be unable to attend the national encampment in Miami.

The only recommendation that I have is that the Legislation Committee Chairman should be a person closer to Washington, as generally the information one gets is fragmentary.

Hoping you a good and grand encampment.

Very truly yours in F. C. & L.,

(Cecil McConahay)
Chairman—Legislation

(Adopted, as read.)

Past National President Lura Frye of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was escorted into the Encampment, and introduced. She spoke about the project of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for which they have been working since 1959 for the erection of a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic in Springfield, Illinois; and she reported that the National Council authorized the award of the contract for this memorial at their meeting held the previous day.

She appealed to the Sons for their support in this project; asking for relics which might be placed in this building, as well as for any other assistance which they might be able to give.

She was assured of the support of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; after which she was escorted from the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We will now continue with reports of Committees. In the absence of the Chairman of this Committee, I will ask Brother Mellor to read the Report of the Civil War Centennial and G.A.R. History.

National Patriotic Instructor Mellor read:

REPORT OF CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL AND
G.A.R. HISTORY COMMITTEE

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

August 10, 1963

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

I feel privileged at having had a part to play in developing the Sons of Veterans Reserve in Massachusetts with Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland—as the adjutant to his commanding officer of the 10th Battalion, Light Artillery.

We are proud that in a comparatively short time, we were able to be well represented at the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettys-

burg with a disciplined, uniformed body of men, carrying our national and new State colors.

I am grateful for the honor of having been assigned to take the part of Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing in the reenactment of Pickett's Charge—and placed in command of his famous 4 gun battery right at the "High Water Mark."

I must state my opinion that the Reserve is the most important phase of our Order's present activities—it holds the greatest promise for future expansion.

However, in my more or less accepted place in our Order as a more or less competent analyzer and commentator, I must give the Reserve more than a passing mention—for it does have an important part in our Centennial effort—and it does represent the military part of our Grand Army heritage.

Having taken part in a number of discussions within our Order about the Reserve—it's promises and it's dangers, the consensus of opinion seems to be that our Order can be divided into three parts: (1) those of us who, through ignorance or prejudice or both, are either against the military aspects of our Order or are completely apathetic to them; (2) those of our Reserve who, through almost complete absorption in the military, have a minimum of interest in our parent civilian body; and (3) finally, the small but growing number of us who are aware that the part is not greater than the whole—but that neither must be neglected, overlooked, or undervalued.

Therefore, the following is this Committee's

RECOMMENDATION

In order to profit by the experience of the United States of America in its relationship with its military services, and to thus insure the proper control of the civilian body at all times, all future policy decisions and changes in procedure by the National Military Affairs Committee and the Sons of Veterans Reserve shall henceforth be submitted for approval or disapproval by the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and the National Council of Administration. Such decisions or changes will then be put into effect—or denied—according to the conclusions of the aforesaid national officers, until the final ratification (or non-ratification) by our national encampment.

As a permanent contribution to the records of this national Order, this Committee submits the following:

HISTORY OF THE GRAND ARMY BUTTON

Symbolism

The Grand Army (recognition) Button, worn in the civilian lapel, was a bronze, star-rimmed circle originally made from cannon captured in decisive battles of the Civil War and procured from Congress. In the center of this circle is the symbol of Liberty. On one side stands a Union Soldier and on the other side a Union sailor, signifying the principle of Loyalty—by standing guard over the rights of all. These two veterans are clasping hands to represent that Fraternity which would bind the men who fought for the Union upon the land in closer ties with their comrades upon the sea.

Two little children kneeling before Liberty are receiving benediction and assurance of protection by the veterans. This stands for that Charity which would protect and care for the needy ones—the widows and orphans.

On each side of the central group is the National Flag. Under one Flag is the far-soaring eagle of Freedom and under the other is

the axe and bundle of rods, ancient Roman republican symbol of the strength of Union through Justice. The stars in the rim represent the States of the Union and the Departments comprising the Grand Army of the Republic.

History

By action of the 18th National Encampment in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 23-25, 1884, a design was asked for a small pin or button, that could be worn and acknowledged as a mark of membership. It was proposed that, after approval and promulgation in orders, it become a recognized badge under proper regulations.

In accordance therewith the National Council of Administration adopted the design for the button as described above, to be worn in the upper left lapel button-hole of the coat.

By action of this same Encampment, this button was recognized as a miniature membership badge and the same regulations applied to it as to the regular badges.

Originally, the reverse of the Grand Army Button was blank. However, by action of the 19th National Encampment in Portland, Maine, June 24, 25, 1885, a change was directed on the reverse of the regular membership badge (or Grand Army Button). Added to the rear of the clasp of the badge was the device of a camp-kettle and fire, and on the star by adding the corps marks for Sheridan's Cavalry, Wilson's Cavalry and Hancock's Veteran Corps. Only the camp-kettle and fire was added to the rear of the "little bronze button."

These were formally adopted by the 20th National Encampment in San Francisco, California, August 4-6, 1886.

CIVIL RIGHTS

By all means, let us declare ourselves for God, for Country—and for Civil Rights! But, after that, let us try to be a reasonable people who believe that improvement can be had without fanning the flames of hatred and prejudice on either side.

Granted that the Negro citizen has many injustices to rectify—and that there has been a lot of "heel-dragging" in the process—but they are well on their way now—and the time is ripe for the exercise of intelligent compassion on both sides.

Let us remember that it was the unreasoning "hot-heads" on both sides that caused the holocaust of blood and suffering called "The Civil War." We want no more of that—even on the small scale of broken heads, bombed homes, and assassinations.

Recognizing that the true American tradition—and the cause for which our fathers fought—is best expressed by "equal opportunities for all men, regardless of race, color, or creed," we also recognize the dangers inherent in becoming panicked by pressure groups into over-compensating by a failure to set up "safeguards" for "civil rights." There is neither sense nor justice in turning an under-privileged group into an over-privileged one.

Therefore, this Committee recommends that this Order resolves to promote continuing discussions on "Civil Rights" with the purpose of removing inequities. Not by replacing them with new ones, but by assuring fair and reasonable opportunities for everyone.

To put it plainly, while we do not believe that all inequities against the Negro have yet been remedied, we also see there is a present danger that panic or guilt may allow, deliberately or inadvertently, privileges to a minority group that none of us should have.

In short, and to quote from a Grand Army National Encampment on this same subject: "Let each man stand under his own hat!"

CENTENNIAL INFORMATION

A dignified program, topped off by the return to Washington after 98 years of the original draft of the Emancipation Proclamation, drew 3,000 persons to Lincoln Memorial on the banks of the Potomac September 22, the centennial of the date on which the historic document first was issued.

The hour-long program supported by a sunshiny day of moderate temperature, included a 10-minute talk by United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson and a recorded message from President Kennedy. The last half of the ceremony was telecast to the nation.

In a symbolic presentation, the Emancipation Proclamation was returned to the national capital by Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York, where it has been preserved since 1864. It remained on exhibit at the Library of Congress for one month.

Called to order by Dr. Allan Nevins, chairman of the National Commission and led off by an invocation by the U. S. Senate, the program included two original compositions—a poem written especially for the occasion by Archibald MacLeish, world renowned poet, and a musical score by Ulysses Kay, Negro composer from Arizona. Music was supplied by the U. S. Marine Band.

Other features included songs by Miss Mahalia Jackson, nationally known gospel singer, and a talk by Judge Thurmond Marshall of the United States Court of Appeals.

In his message, the President urged the nation to move further toward the goal of individual freedom. He also praised the Negro for having "never stopped working for his own salvation," and for retaining his loyalty to the United States and to democratic institutions.

The same note was voiced by Ambassador Stevenson, who added: "Today—just a century later—freedom is again at stake. This time the whole world-wide society of men is perilously divided on the issue. National independence has swept the earth like wildfire, but individual freedom is still the great unfinished business of the world today. Once more we feel, as men did in Lincoln's day, that the future of mankind itself depends upon the outcome of the struggle in which we are engaged."

He recalled that Lincoln, in his day, was bitterly attacked for his unwillingness to take the straight partisan line to claim all virtue for the North and all evil for the South.

"His sense that issues might be relative and ambiguous," the ambassador said, "roused men of rougher certitude to furies of denunciation, and Lincoln was accused of weakness, even of treachery, because he could not go along with the single-minded jingoism of much of the propaganda of his day. So today, there is a danger that those who do not see things in the stark contrasts of black and white will be denounced as feeble and even treacherous."

A Tip for our National Recorder:—

An official Records Broker has now appeared on the scene. Col. John R. Hood, Jr., United States Air Force, 436 E. St., Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, has volunteered to serve in that capacity gratuitously in order to bring together those who want to sell sets or parts of sets of the Official Records. He recently wrote: "I am acting as a sort of 'clearing house' for those who are collecting the Official Records, both Army and Navy, at no profit to me." It's a hobby with him.

July, 1963, will rank as one of the most active periods in the five-year commemoration of the Civil War. Highlighting the many centennial observances of this past month were large-scale programs held simultaneously at Gettysburg and Vicksburg.

The elaborate ceremonies at Gettysburg received nationwide attention and praise. The Union forces were under the command of Col. O. G. MacPherson, Chairman of our own National Military Affairs Committee. The large numbers of Sons of Veterans Reserves from many areas showed clearly the growing importance of this movement within our Order.

On July 1, 8 governors and 13 official representatives of state executives joined Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania in placing wreaths at the Eternal Light Peace Memorial. Also on the program was the then Postmaster General J. Edward Day, who officially issued the Gettysburg "Civil War Centennial" commemorative stamp. Assistant Secretary of the Interior John A. Carver, Jr., accepted deeds to tracts of land which such patriotic groups as the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association had obtained in their efforts to protect the entire battlefield site.

On the following day some 35,000 persons lined the streets of Gettysburg to view a gigantic parade. The theme of the three-hour display was "Strength through Unity." After violent thunder showers, the boys felt like real veterans at the end of the route, soaked to the skin.

The climax of the Gettysburg program came on July 3, when 600 "Confederate soldiers" and 500 "Federal troops" recreated Pickett's Charge. Noted actor Walter Abel was narrator for the event.

The South Carolina Commission dedicated a new monument near the site of Kershaw's attack on July 2, and rededication services took place at the Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey, and other monuments. Throughout the three-day program, groups of actors performed "Vignettes of History" at various locales on the battlefield.

Vicksburg's commemoration staged June 30-July 4, was a program of such well-planned variety as to have appeal to Civil War enthusiasts of all ages. Memorial services in local churches and on the battlefield officially opened the observance. On July 1 special ceremonies paid tribute to Confederate women. The Illinois Commission sponsored a brief but impressive service the following day at its state monument. Performances of the pageant, "Gold in the Hills," were staged on two evenings aboard the showboat Sprague. A gala Confederate ball and floor show on the evening of July 3 climaxed that day's activities. July 4 was marked by a Centennial Parade, military air show and, in the evening, by a giant fireworks re-enactment of the river battle of Vicksburg.

Gettysburg's centennial also brought together two names familiar to the Civil War; George Gordon Meade, III and Robert E. Lee, IV, the great-grandsons of the opposing commanders at Gettysburg, who received special medallions from former President Eisenhower on the 100th Anniversary of the battle.

At Vicksburg, Gen. U. S. Grant, III and John C. Pemberton, III, met on the spot where a century ago Gen. Pemberton surrendered Vicksburg and 30,000 defenders to Gen. Grant.

The Tennessee Commission will shortly begin distribution of a "Directory of Civil War Memorials and Monuments in Tennessee." The booklet will include half-tones and short descriptions of the 70 extant monuments, Federal and Confederate, in the Volunteer State.

Eleven Original 1-Act Play Scripts relative to the Civil War are available to the Little Theatre and other non-commercial drama groups. The scripts are the best of scores of plays submitted in a nationwide Centennial contest organized in 1960 by Maude Howell Smith of Washington, D. C.

Requests for further information, or for copies of the plays, should be addressed to City-Wide Division, District of Columbia Recreation Department, 3149 16th St., N.W., Washington 10, D. C.

A last minute opportunity allowed us to present a genuine "little bronze button" that was placed in a box and cemented into the cornerstone of the building recently erected and dedicated in Springfield, Illinois, as a living memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic by the National Woman's Relief Corps.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Ernest G. Wells, Chairman),
Civil War Centennial & G.A.R.
History Committee

(After considerable discussion by the members of the Encampment, the first recommendation in this report relative to the National Military Affairs Committee was held in abeyance until the Report of the National Military Affairs Committee was presented; and the second recommendation referring to "Civil Rights" was held in abeyance until presentation of the Resolutions Committee Report, these matters were covered by the reports of these respective Committees.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We will now hear the Report of the Committee on Badges.

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold presented:

REPORT OF BADGE COMMITTEE

Coventry, R. I.
August 12, 1963

To: Chester S. Shriver, Commander-in-Chief
S2nd Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander Shriver:

At our National Encampment held in Washington, D. C., August 1962 you appointed me as chairman of a special badge committee; the following is my report of that committee's activities.

The other members of this committee were contacted by mail and each was asked to express his thoughts on the matter of the badges of our order and if any changes were needed at this time and their reply was in the negative. Several aspects had to be considered in the final analysis of our thoughts in order to give a just report at this encampment.

1. The C. & R. of our order defines what the badge of the order shall and must be, therefore this would have to be changed.
2. The supply that the National Secretary-Treasurer now has on hand would be obsolete and have to be discarded.
3. What would the members do who already have badges, in order to be up to date and conform to regulations they would have to purchase new ones.
4. Also we had to consider the expense of the changeover, both for the new design and the loss in obsolete badges.

Therefore it is the recommendation of this committee after due consideration that there be no change in badge or badges of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this time. However we believe

that if any changes are made at a later date it should be taken care of by the (standing committee) C. & R.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(Harold E. Arnold, Chairman)
(Fred E. Howe)
(Albert B. DeHaven)
Badge Committee

(Adopted, as read.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: I want to call attention to the small flags on the presiding table which come from all of our Departments; also to the seal in the front of the rostrum, designed and presented to me by a man in Gettysburg. I think they add a great deal to the appearance of this room—they seem to give it just that little touch which brightens it up and makes it "just right."

At this time, we should like to welcome into our Encampment the Executive Secretary of the Richmond Civil War Centennial Commission, Mr. Robert W. Waitt, Jr.

Mr. Waitt was escorted into the encampment, introduced, and extended greetings on behalf of the Richmond Civil War Centennial Commission, as well as the greetings of the Mayor of Richmond; and gave some high-lights on the history of the city of Richmond.

National Counselor Grant: Commander-in-Chief, if we have a minute it seems to me it might be advisable to adopt a policy which would limit the length of the reports of Committees and Officers. Sometimes they let themselves go, without thought as to the cost involved in printing. When you are faced with from \$14 to \$16 per page, you have to take that into consideration—we haven't got the Government printing office to do this printing. I would suggest, not as a formal amendment to the Constitution, but just as a matter of policy that the Officers and Committees be asked to limit their reports to 5 pages 8½" x 11" (single spaced), or 10 pages 8½" x 11" (double spaced); and I so move you that this be adopted, as a matter of policy. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Clark W. Mellor, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Are there any other reports of Committees?

Past Department Commander W. Earl Corbin, Ohio read:

REPORT OF THE G.A.R. HIGHWAY

Grand Army Highway
Lawrence K. Boutin, Chairman
1434 Idaho St.
Des Moines 16, Iowa

Chester S. Shriver,
Commander-in-Chief

My dear Commander,

It is gratifying to be able to report progress in the matter of improvement of that great cross-country Grand Army Highway.

Some examples:—The Iowa Department Encampment voted another Roadside Park, to be installed as soon as site for same is confirmed by the state highway commission.

Commander Tom Lock of Indiana reports the signs along the Highway are well cared for and that there are plenty of roadside

tables and a goodly number of well equipped rest parks. A busy man Lock; he is Captain of a 72 person parading Sons Reserve unit.

Ohio Highway Chairman Earl Corbin reports some new markers have been obtained; also a unique and fine idea. They have erected small monuments where the Grand Army Highway enters on the east and where it leaves the state on the west. On each is a plaque telling who put it there and that it is a Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. Very fine indeed.

Chairman William J. Blakeley reports the 403 miles of the G.A.R. Highway in Pennsylvania are in good shape and getting better thru repairing, resurfacing and the repainting of the Grand Army signs. He states that six counties have good clean roadside rests and that picnic tables have been placed at various places along the route. He has excellent relations with the Secretary of Highways.

Chairman Blakeley presented and had adopted by the Pennsylvania Department a resolution naming U. S. Highway 20, the U. S. Grant Highway. This resolution, within the past fortnight, has been presented to the State Legislature by Representative Esler of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Illinois and several of the other states have done work in promoting Highway 20 as the U. S. Grant Highway and we believe that soon added recognition of this project will be achieved. No doubt other states also improved these highways but we do not have firm reports from them.

Letters were received from interested Brothers in two states that the grand Army Highway does not enter.

Commander Shriver, I believe the above named committee members have made progress in bettering the Grand Army Highway and it is for them this report is offered. As part of this report you have already received letters sent to the Committee Members.

Your appointing me as National Chairman of this Committee was greatly appreciated.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Lawrence K. Boutin, Chairman)
Grand Army of the Republic
Highway Committee

(Adopted, as read.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We will now recess until 11 A. M. tomorrow morning.

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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 20, 1963 — 11:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in Ritualistic form with prayer by National Chaplain Rev. Partington.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: I would like to make a notation at this time that, as a symbol of fraternal relations, a telegram extending our greetings and best wishes has been forwarded to the Sons of Confederate Veterans who are meeting, at this time in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

We will now proceed with our regular order of business. We are under the reports of Committees, and I will now ask for the report of the Military Affairs Committee.

Colonel O. G. MacPherson, Chairman presented:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Col. O. G. MacPherson, Chairman
National Military Affairs Committee
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325
August 15, 1963

To the Officers and Brothers of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
in the 82nd Annual National Encampment assembled
in the City of Miami, Florida.

Greetings:

I. The National Military Affairs Committee appointed and/or continued by the Commandery-in-Chief in Washington, D. C. herewith submit the following detailed report.

II. Your Committee started or continued to work for the rebuilding of the National Reserve organization September 1, 1962. The details as outlined in the report of the 81st Encampment and adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief were made effective that date. Your Committee held four meetings during the year, i.e., November 18, 1962, February 18, 1963, July 1, 1963 on the field at Gettysburg and the 18th of August 1963. All the meetings were well attended and all members worked for the advancement of the order and the Reserve. All members attending the meetings traveled many miles at their own expense.

III. The National Military Department was created as of September 1, 1962, on an experimental basis for the period of one year. As per the approved mandate the Chairman of the Committee Col. O. G. MacPherson assumed command of the Department. Major Lester A. Kern of Carlisle, Pa. was named Adjutant General. Also two N.C.O.S. were appointed as recorder and clerk. Three military districts were created. District One or Eastern, comprising all the New England states, Commanded by Colonel Clarence E. Young, Providence 8, Rhode Island.

District Two or Central, comprising all the South Central States Commanded by Colonel E. M. Post, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

District Three or Western, comprising the states west of Pennsylvania Commanded by Colonel Daniel F. Clancy, Columbus 24, Ohio. Colonel Edgar M. Post resigned as commander of the second Military District January 29, 1963. Major Howard L. Dissinger, Lititz, Penna. was named to command the District until September 1, 1963.

IV. The response to the Reserve movement throughout the order and from distant states is wonderful and very encouraging. The credit for this must go to the District Commanders and their officers. They are the ones who spent their time and money to get new units organized, to get dormant units functioning and name efficient and qualified officers. In this they are to be congratulated.

V. The National Military Department is now composed of active units (large or small) from the states of Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin. Interest in the Reserve movement is evident in the states of Illinois, Michigan and Oregon-Washington.

VI. It is not the intent of this Committee to give you a vivid description of the wonderful parade in a rain storm, two hours long, in which the Reserve had the right of line, thru the courtesy of General Fluck, the Commanding Officer of the 28th Division Pennsylvania Army National Guard or a description of the re-enactment of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. But we are proud of the showing made by our Reserve, in the field and the efficient manner in staging of Pickett's Charge. The Union army was to have 500 men; we had 682 officers and men. Of this number 361 were Sons of Veterans Reserves, 321 were N.S.S. Association.

These men were quartered under canvas furnished and erected by the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Each man was furnished 6 meals. This was all under the direction of Major Charles J. Keister of the PANG. Other than this the officers and men had to pay all their own expense, including traveling. Reserve personnel who participated were from the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin. This paragraph is inserted so the Commandery-in-Chief will know just what the Reserve can do. In the opinion of most people the "Charge" was a success, very beautifully executed at the exact time and place where 100 years ago the actual fight or charge occurred. Had it not been for the Reserve, the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans would not have been represented at Gettysburg.

The following officers were named to play the part and take the place of the officers on the Union Army who fought in this sector of the "Angle."

Assignment of Officers

Union Troops

Gen. George G. Meade, Com. Army of the Potomac
 Col. O. G. MacPherson, Gettysburg, Pa.
 Major Gen. W. S. Hancock, Com. Second Corps
 Col. C. E. Young, Providence, Rhode Island
 Brig. Gen. John Gibbon, Com. Second Division
 Col. D. F. Clancy, Columbus, Ohio
 Brig. Gen. William Harrow, Com. First Brigade
 Major T. A. Chadwick, Chester, Vermont
 Col. N. J. Hall, Com. Third Brigade
 Lt. Col. T. W. Hamlin, Sr., Alliance, Ohio
 Brig. Gen. A. S. Webb, Com. Second Brigade
 Major H. L. Dissinger, Lititz, Pa.
 Brig. Gen. H. J. Hunt, Chief of Artillery, A of P
 Major J. G. Hudkins, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
 Captain Andrew Cowan, Com. First N.Y.L. Art.
 Lt. J. H. Stark, Long Island, N. Y.
 Lt. A. H. Cushing, Com. A/4 U.S. Art.

Lt. E. G. Wells, Dorchester, Mass.
 Lt. F. A. Haskell, Aide-de-Camp to Gen. Gibbon
 Lt. D. B. Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa.

VII. This past year in the opinion of your Committee has been most successful, for the Reserve and for the organization. If it has not already shown an increase in membership we are sure it will be noted in our order.

VIII. Your Committee wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the following persons who assisted so ably in making this year one to be long remembered.

Mr. Kitteridge A. Wing, Superintendent Gettysburg National Military Park, Major Charles J. Keister, Pennsylvania Army National Guard. The Major and his detail had charge of the erection and striking the camp and the general field mess. General Milton D. Baker, (Ret.) Valley Forge, Pa. Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. General Edward J. Stackpole (Ret.) Assistant to the Chairman, Mr. Louis M. Simons, Executive Secretary and, last but certainly not least, Mrs. Adele Gutman Nathan, Coordinator. We wish to thank all the above people for their splendid cooperation and the very efficient manner in which they performed their several duties. We have quite a few letters on file complimenting us on the showing made by the SVR. Lastly, my sincere thanks to all the officers and men of the Reserve for the efficient manner in which they performed their assigned duties.

IX. Your attention is directed to the report of last year, the total strength of officers and men was 289. This report will show a slight gain, i.e.

Department Headquarters	4	Officers and men
First Military District	213	Officers and men
Second Military District	270	Officers and men
Third Military District	389	Officers and men
Total	876	Officers and men

The above includes two units of WAC-SVR.

The Third District owns 34 horses and 5 pieces of Artillery.

X. The report of the Adjutant General attached hereto will contain the financial statement of the N.M.D. You will note the amount of funds received and expended. The hard and fast fact is if this Department is to run it must have additional money. Several amounts have been suggested by letter and in person. I know from experience all the officers and lots of the men have dug deep into their pockets to keep things running in their District. Postage and Stationery are large items. We shall have to rely on our brothers of the Encampment. It is our hope that they will be generous. There will be less commission fees next year, and less commissions issued.

Recommendations:

(a) It is recommended that the National Military Affairs Committee be made a standing Committee for a period of five years. That the Commanding Officer and the three District Commanders be named for the five year period.

(b) That the strength of the Committee be increased to 7 members. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint 3 additional qualified members. These members to serve for a period of one year, but may be reappointed at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief. With the proviso that any or all members of the Committee may be removed for cause.

(c) That the Committee request the Commandery-in-Chief to authorize the payment of the necessary expense thereof, not less than \$500.00 and not to exceed the sum of \$1,000.00. All monies to be accounted for in the annual report to the Commandery-in-Chief.

(d) I as Chairman of the Committee wish to convey my sincere thanks to all members of the Committee for their efficient cooperation as members of this Committee. Also to my Adjutant Major Kern and to SFC Ivan E. Frantz, Recorder.

XI. The Committee extends its sincere thanks to the Commander-in-Chief for his tolerance and many favors. To all brothers thank you.

Fraternally,

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

Official:

(D. F. Clancy, Col. S.V.R.)
(C. E. Young, Col. S.V.R.)
(H. L. Dissinger, Maj. S.V.R.)
(W. F. Bruckel, Maj. S.V.R.)
(J. L. Ledwith, Member)

FINANCIAL REPORT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT

August 1, 1963

Receipts:

National Headquarters	\$96.55	
Commissions	75.00	
Col. Young (Stationery)	7.00	
Col. Young (Officers' dues)	51.00	\$229.55

Expenses:

Postage	20.62	
Phone Calls	3.89	
Official Seal	18.35	
Printing	62.46	
Notarial Seals	2.36	
Rubber stamps	11.50	119.18
		<u>\$110.37*</u>

* Balance includes \$51.00 officers' dues which may be returned to First Military District.

National Counselor Grant: I think that this Committee has done a swell job and we ought to be very proud, and grateful to them. I do think there are some questions that should be considered.

We did have a Reserve unit, at one time, set up on a National scale. After a number of years, that was abandoned, and the Reserve matter was referred back to the Departments. I wonder whether it is wise to set up a War Department, so to speak, in our organization, as a separate unit—and it should certainly not be for a five year period.

As to the matter of the expense referred to in this report, of not less than \$500.00 and not to exceed \$1,000.00, that has to go through the Budget Committee. I feel we should make a very limited

appropriation, for the present; and depend upon voluntary contributions from our membership to further the work of this Committee.

I would move you, Commonder-in-Chief, that we thank the Committee for their splendid report and for their fine effort in the field of Military Affairs; and that we thank the members of the uniformed Reserve for their fine work during the Centennial observance; that the Committee be continued for one (1) year; that the Committee be increased to 7 members; that the amount of money to be allocated for this Committee come from the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration; and that the matter of our Reserves be brought to the attention of the Order and its members, as a large part of the expenses for this work will have to be paid from contributed funds—which, in a large measure, we hope to obtain from voluntary contributions of our members, given for that purpose. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Charles W. Hooper, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, Brother MacPherson for that splendid report. You and your Committee have been doing a fine job.

We will now have the report of the Committee on Americanism and Education.

Past Department Commander Kenneth T. Wheeler, New Hampshire gave:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANISM AND EDUCATION

August 20, 1963

To the Officers and Members of the
82nd Encampment Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

Due to the death of Brother Quist, Chairman of the Committee, this report will of necessity be incomplete.

The New England Departments have done considerable work in the field of education, particularly in matters pertaining to the study of the Civil War History in the schools. Camps have assisted in preparing Memorial Day exercises.

The West Coast Departments are doing a great deal of work in helping aliens to become good citizens and assisting them in getting their naturalization papers.

Other Departments have reported that they are carrying on this work and making satisfactory progress.

To Commander-in-Chief Shriver we wish for you a most successful and harmonious Encampment.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(Kenneth T. Wheeler)

(Edward E. Biering)

Committee on Americanism & Education

(Adopted as read.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Are there any other Committee reports, held over from yesterday, to report at this time?

If not, I will now recognize Brother Fred Howe, to report for the 1965 Encampment Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe presented:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR ENCAMPMENT CITY FOR 1965

August 20, 1963

Miami Beach, Florida

To: Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver,
Officers and members of the 82nd annual
encampment of the National Organization,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Gentlemen:

Your committee for the picking of the city for our 1965 National Encampment wishes to submit the following report:

There had been two invitations received, one for our 1965 encampment in Wisconsin and one from Michigan. A short time later both of the above were rescinded, which then left us at the end of July without any invitation whatever. In the meantime, Brother Lambert asked Brother Rippey of Rochester if he thought Rochester would care to extend an invitation for 1965.

Brother Joe did get us an invitation from the City of Rochester, New York, and in the meantime an invitation was received from the City of Richmond, Virginia. Your committee completely analyzed both invitations, finding both almost identical. We feel that the one from Richmond, Virginia should be our meeting place for 1965, and we so recommend that our National plan on going to Richmond, Virginia for our 1965 Annual Encampment.

The brochure from Richmond, Virginia, has invitations from the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, The Governor of Virginia, the City of Richmond, the Virginia Civil War Commission, Richmond Civil War Centennial Commission, signed by Brother Bob Waitt who addressed us yesterday at our session, one from the Retail Merchants Association, the Inter-Club Council which represents thirty eight business, civic and professional organizations, and one from the John Marshall Hotel. This hotel can accommodate up to 5,000 for meeting facilities, can dine 2,000 and have a drive-in parking entrance for inside parking at a nominal charge, and plenty of free outside parking.

There will be a complimentary suite for the presiding officer and secretary-treasurer of each of our three organizations, no charge for meeting rooms, and they will place a \$100.00 advertisement in our Banner. They have 500 rooms and quote the following rates: Single \$8.00 to \$15.00, Double \$12.00 to \$19.00 and twins \$13.00 to \$19.00. There are other hotels nearby for any who wish cheaper rates. Your committee feels this would be a very fitting place and a climax to our Civil War Centennial ending in 1965. Richmond, Virginia is very rich in Civil War History and again we urge and recommend the acceptance of this invitation.

Respectfully submitted,

(Fred E. Howe, Chairman)

(C. L. Stoudt)

(Albert C. Lambert)

1965 Encampment City Committee

National Patriotic Instructor Mellor: I move that we concur with the Committee in their recommendation, and accept the invitation to meet in Richmond, Virginia in 1965. (Seconded by Delegate Herman A. Poehler, Pennsylvania; and carried.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: May I just add that we invite our Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to join with us.

Also, the Chairman of the Committee neglected to tell you that Pennsylvania will be the host Department in Richmond. Last night, at our Pennsylvania party, it was discussed and decided that we would be the hosts so we invite you to come to Richmond in 1965.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: I didn't want to take that on my shoulders, and felt that this announcement should come from Brother Stoudt.

Council of Administration Member Woerner: The Department of California would like to extend the following invitation to you:

August 19, 1963

To the Eighty-Second Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Miami Beach, Florida

By action of the California-Pacific Department Encampment held in Long Beach, California, in April 1963; the California-Pacific Department extends to you an invitation for the National Encampment to meet in Long Beach, California in 1967.

We plan, at that time, to dedicate the Monument at the end of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway; as well as have the opening of the World's Fair—and feel it would be an excellent time for the Encampment to be held there.

Sincerely,

(Frank Woerner)
Department Secretary
California-Pacific Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We are now ready to approach one of the most important reports of the Encampment.

I would like to call to this station, General Grant, to report for the Committee on Resolutions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Grant: Commander-in-Chief, I might explain that the number of problems were so many, and the issues so confusing on matters dealing with general principles that we felt these should be covered and presented by the Resolutions Committee. We therefore present:

(1) A hundred and two years ago Fort Sumter had been fired on. President Lincoln had called for 75,000 volunteers and President Jefferson Davis had asked his Congress for 100,000 and authorization for another 100,000. The Civil War had begun and the country was threatened with dissolution, but the question each American had to ask himself and answer according to his best judgment and conscience was clear cut and simple enough: He had the choice of enlisting to save the Union, or to fight for the States that had seceded because they believed the new Lincoln administration would do away with slavery, an institution they thought essential to their economy.

Today we find our country threatened with enemies abroad who boldly propose to "bury us" and do away with the form of government we inherited from our forefathers, and at home we are threatened with creeping changes in our own institutions which are upsetting

our economy and the rights of individuals heretofore guaranteed by the Constitution, too many to enumerate here, but the subject of so much public discussion as to be well known to all thoughtful citizens.

Evidently your Committee on Resolutions cannot and is not so bold as to offer solutions to all these problems.

However, it does recommend the following Resolutions dealing with general principles:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

(A) That we urge the continued appropriation of the funds necessary for the National Defense and Security;

(B) That we urge the balancing of the National Budget by eliminating as rapidly as possible expenditures for Foreign Aid and other Federal Aid projects which are the means of encroachment by the central Government on the responsibilities and prerogatives reserved to the states by the constitution because "he who pays the piper calls tune." This will eliminate much wasteful extravagance and unnecessary government employment.

(C) That, as a means to return the functions of the Federal Government to those prescribed by the Constitution, we urge the adoption of the Liberty Amendment.

(D) That we believe our national safety requires the elimination, as rapidly as possible, of the Communist base in Cuba and firm insistence upon the carrying out of obligations assumed in the past by the Soviet Government.

(E) In conclusion we emphasize that the abolition of slavery was achieved by our ancestors in the Civil War together with the protection guaranteed the non-white citizens by the Constitutional Amendments adopted immediately afterwards. We have noted with interest the great advances in education, prosperity and civilization made by American negroes during the intervening years, and we favor their full enjoyment of the rights of citizenship, but not of special privileges that encroach on the rights of their fellow citizens of other races."

As a footnote to the above and without presuming to express any opinion on the legal merits, we believe our members will find the following quotation from President Lincoln's first Inaugural Address of interest and pertinent:

"I do not forget," said President Lincoln, "the position, assumed by some, that constitutional questions are to be decided by the Supreme Court; nor do I deny that such decisions must be binding, in any case, upon the parties to a suit, as to the object of that suit, while they are entitled also to very high respect and consideration in all parallel cases by all other departments of the Government. And while it is obviously possible that such decision may still the evil effect following it, being limited to that particular case, be erroneous in any given case, with the chance that it may be overruled, and never become a precedent for other cases, can better be borne than could the evils of a different practice. At the same time, the candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the government, upon vital questions affecting the whole people, is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made, in ordinary litigation between parties in personal actions, the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their government into the hands of that eminent tribunal. Nor is there in this view any assault upon the court or the judges. It is a duty from which they may not shrink to decide cases properly brought before them, and it is no fault of theirs if others seek to turn their decisions to political purposes."

The Committee recommends adoption of these Resolutions. (Adopted.)

(2) From the Department of Indiana—relative to rights of certain citizens, matter of segregation, etc.

This Committee felt this matter has been handled sufficiently in Resolution presented in Section E of our Resolution No. 1. (No objection.)

(3) From the Departments of Ohio and Indiana, that November 19th be proclaimed by the President as "Dedication Day," this being the anniversary of the date on which President Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg Address.

The Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted.)

(4) From the Department of Pennsylvania—that we urge passage by Congress, of the Bill now before the Judiciary Committee to restore posthumously full rights of citizenship to General Robert E. Lee.

The Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted.)

(5) The following, presented by your Chairman of the Resolutions Committee—That we endorse H.R. 1101, to provide for the establishment of the Fort Delaware National Historic Site at Delaware City, Delaware.

The Committee recommends endorsement of this project. (Committee sustained.)

(6) The Committee presents the following Resolutions of thanks to:

(A) The New Jersey delegation, under the able chairmanship of Brother Albert C. Lambert for providing such an outstanding, interesting and agreeable Encampment.

(B) Hon. Melvin J. Richard, Mayor of Miami Beach—for his attendance and address of welcome at the Campfire on Sunday, August 18th.

(C) Col. Henry B. Hohman, Base Commander, Homestead Air Force Base—for contributing the Colors and Color Guard for our Campfire, which brought the desired patriotic note to the occasion and added immeasurably to the colorfulness and dignity of the ceremony.

(D) Thomas F. Smith, Executive Director, Miami Beach Convention Bureau—for their cooperation and assistance in making our Encampment here a great success.

(E) Don Coplin, Convention Co-ordinator, Hotel Deauville—for the unfailing cooperation and effective assistance given by the staff of the hotel in providing for our needs during our Encampment here.

(F) Mr. Rolfe R. Holbrook—for his attendance at the Campfire and for providing the display of a part of his collection of Civil War Fire Arms and mementoes.

Respectfully submitted,

(U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maryland, Chairman)
 (Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania)
 (W. Earl Corbin, Ohio)
 (James M. Blackman, Illinois)
 (Elmer Wohlgenuth, California & Pacific)
 Committee on Resolutions

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you for this splendid report, and for the fine work of the Committee.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I rise to make a motion. At this time, in the city of Cleveland, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are meeting in National Convention. I move you that the Na-

tional Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to send to their national organization our best wishes for a successful Convention, (Seconded by several, and carried).

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

Past Department Commander Arthur Ballou, Vermont: Commander-in-Chief, we now have a total registration of 96.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, Brother Ballou. Brothers, we will now have a fifteen minute recess.

Following this recess, the Commander-in-Chief called the Encampment to order.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We are still under the heading of Reports of Committees, and we will now have a report from the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS**

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment, there are two resolutions which have been considered by the Committee, on which we are ready to report.

The third matter is a sort of a joint Committee report from material offered for consideration by the standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations, and also by the Convention Committee, on which we will report at a later session. We, therefore, present this partial report:

(1) From the Department of Illinois—"that the National Encampment authorize the adoption of a medal to be known as the "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Award" to be made available for purchase by individual Departments, for award to R.O.T.C. cadets in their states, at such schools as they may select.

The committee recommends disapproval of this Resolution as the cost of dies, etc. makes it prohibitive. If the Department of Illinois wants to do it, let them—but the proposition is too costly for the Commandery-in-Chief to provide these medals.

(Committee sustained.)

(2) From the Department of Pennsylvania—"that Department Council should be Department Council of Administration, coinciding in title and responsibilities with the National Council of Administration.

The Committee presented a report on this Resolution; after which there was lengthy discussion, and confusion on the entire matter. A roll call vote was called for which resulted in the following:

Not to concur with the Committee, and adopt the Resolution as presented by the Department of Pennsylvania	22
To concur with the Committee	22

(After the above action, the Committee withdrew the Resolution, for the present, with the understanding that a further report would be made at a later session of the Encampment.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We just have time for another report, if it is not too lengthy, before we recess to go and pay our official visit to the Auxiliary.

Brother Hooper are you ready with the report of your Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

Past Department Commander Charles W. Hooper, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment, may I offer a verbal report, on behalf of our Committee.

Nothing has been presented to us for consideration—therefore, we offer no report.

The other members of the Committee, consisting of:

Paul Selby, Delegate, Ohio
 Hiram F. Nickel, Delegate, Pennsylvania,
 Harold P. Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts,
 join me in thanking you for appointing us to this Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, Brother Hooper.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary consisting of:

Past National President Katherine L. Joyce, Pennsylvania, Chairman,

Department President Mary Centini,

Past Department President Kathleen Runkle,

and members of the Pennsylvania delegation

were escorted into the Encampment and introduced.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We are very grateful that you have taken time out from your sessions to come over to visit us; and we are proud to welcome such a fine delegation.

I am especially pleased that so many of our Sisters from the Auxiliary joined with us in coming down to Miami Beach for this Encampment. Like the members of the Sons, we know that you want to take advantage of the many pleasures that Miami Beach has to offer, as well as conduct the business of your National Convention; so we doubly appreciate your coming to call upon us.

I am very happy, at this time, to call on a Past National President from Pennsylvania—who is a very sincere and dedicated worker, not only for the Auxiliary but for the Sons too, and I present Sister Katherine Joyce.

Past National President Katherine Joyce: Brother Commander-in-Chief, all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am very proud to come with this Committee from Pennsylvania to bring our greetings to you.

This is my 30th National Convention, without missing one, and I think it is one of the best. I am enjoying every minute of it, and I am sure that everyone else is doing the same.

We, of the Auxiliary have always gone along with anything the Sons of Union Veterans wanted us to do. We are back of you, 100% on anything you plan and anything you undertake—that is the way it always has been, and I am sure it always will be. I like to think that the relationship between the Sons and Auxiliary is one for all, and all for one; and I am sure that we will continue in this perfect relationship always.

I just want to call attention to the fact that one of our members from Pennsylvania, Sister Kathleen Runkle, was elected to the office of National Chaplain just about ten minutes ago. I am sure that you are just as delighted, in this news as the girls from Pennsylvania. We have just elected as National President, Sister Anita Selby of Ohio.

Our National President, Sister Anna is having a fine Convention, and she wishes for you the best of everything. She has enjoyed every minute of her association with you, including the accident, during your respective terms as the leaders of our organizations. She sends her love and best wishes to the Sons of Union Veterans, and asked me to give you this little gift as a token of her affection for you. (Presents gift from National President Anna I. Stoudt of the Auxiliary.)

Personally, and on behalf of our Committee, I wish for you, Chet, and you gentlemen here a wonderful Convention; and all the members of the Auxiliary join me in that wish.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We are happy to have the Department President of the Auxiliary here with us, and I now call upon Sister Mary Centini.

Department President Mary Centini: Brother Shriver, all National Officers and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be here today.

I am especially pleased because I think this is my first official act, in extending greetings, as Department President; and on behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania, we wish for you a most successful and harmonious Encampment.

(Commander-in-Chief Shriver was then presented with a chest of Sterling Silver from the Department of Pennsylvania; as the Sons delegation joined with the delegation from the Auxiliary to make the presentation.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you so much for this wonderful gift—it is appreciated more than I can tell you, at the moment.

And now, last but not least, may I introduce to you a very fine person—one who is very active, very dedicated to the work of our organizations and one who has been attending National Conventions for many years—and the newly elected National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, Kathleen Runkle.

Past Department President Kathleen Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Brothers, it is my happy privilege to be here and to wish you the very best not only for this Encampment, but always—and good luck to you.

(Response was by Past Commander-in-Chief Grant.)

GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

National Vice Commander Pascal C. Reese of the American Legion was then escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

He extended the Greetings and best wishes for an enjoyable Encampment, on behalf of the National body of the American Legion. (Response was by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt.)

(A short recess was then declared, so that the Committee on Fraternal Relations, headed by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin as Chairman, together with all members of the Encampment could go to the Auxiliary to pay their official visit to them.)

Upon their return from the Auxiliary, the Encampment was called to order at 3:30 P. M. by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We are going to conclude our sessions this afternoon with two special events: (1) The presentation of the

Silver Loving Cup to the Department showing the largest increase in membership for the past year, and (2) the presentation of Hon. George A. Wells, of Massachusetts.

As to the first item, this Loving Cup was made available through the generosity of General Grant. It is a very beautiful Cup and inasmuch as this was his idea, I feel that he, personally, should make the presentation of this Membership Cup.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief, can we call the representatives of the States of Indiana and Wisconsin up here in front of your station.

(Department Secretary-Treasurer Edward A. Biering of Wisconsin was present, and presented himself at the front of the room. There was no one present from the Department of Indiana.)

General Grant: It so happens that two Departments tied exactly in percentage in increase in membership. This Cup is to be awarded to the Department having the greatest increase, percentage wise.

The Council of Administration considered this matter and made the decision that the only way we could take care of this situation, since there was an exact tie between Indiana and Wisconsin, would be to give it to one Department for six months, and then to the other—to hold it until our next National Encampment.

Brother Biering, as you are here from Wisconsin; and since there is no one here from Indiana, I am happy to give this Cup into your keeping for the first six months of the year—then it is to be turned over to the Indiana Department.

Department Secretary-Treasurer Edward A. Biering, Wisconsin: This is a great pleasure and I consider it a great honor, on behalf of the Department of Wisconsin, to accept it and take it back to Wisconsin for six months.

General Grant: We congratulate you on winning it. Good luck, and go out and get some more recruits.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, General Grant, for providing this very fine cup. I hope that the competition for this Cup will continue to stimulate our efforts in getting new members.

VISIT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE AUXILIARY

National President Anna I. Stoudt, together with:

National Personal Aide Irene K. Murphy,

Mrs. Ruba Shriver, Wife of the Commander-in-Chief,

Donna Shriver, Daughter of the Commander-in-Chief,

were escorted into the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: This is a great pleasure for me—to have Sister Anna visit us this afternoon.

During this past year, we have traveled to many Departments together. It has been a privilege to work with her; to share in many programs, dinners and Conventions, from one coast to the other. Through our association of the past year, she has been most gracious; and I feel very fortunate in having had a co-worker as fine as Sister Anna.

It is, therefore, with great pride and pleasure that I present to you our lovely National President of the Auxiliary, Anna Stoudt.

National President Anna I. Stoudt: Thank you, Chet. Brothers of this Encampment, I won't be formal—and since I did speak to you just recently, when you visited our Convention, I will make this brief.

My visit, this time, means money. Commander-in-Chief, I would like to present our Love Gift from the Auxiliary to the Sons—a check for \$500.00, with our love and best wishes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sons for the many courtesies extended to me in the various Departments I visited during the past year. I do appreciate it.

To you, Chet, I can't thank you enough for all the courtesies during this past year. We have traveled many miles together, shared many experiences, even that of an accident—and your kindness and understanding will always be appreciated, and remembered. I would like to present this personal gift to you. Please accept this check, and buy something for yourself, and your home—and with it comes my love and deep appreciation.

I hope you are all having a most enjoyable time in Miami Beach, and that your Encampment is a very successful one.

Brothers, thank you for everything; and thank you, most of all, for the privilege given me to serve with a fine man like Chester S. Shriver, during this past year.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We do know your words come from your heart, and we thank you.

I will now introduce Sister Irene K. Murphy, National Personal Aide.

National Personal Aide Irene K. Murphy: It is a privilege to visit you here in your Encampment today. I hope your sessions are going along fine; and wish the best for you.

(Presented personal gift to Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: And now, it is my pleasure to introduce my wife. She is the one who, many times, during this past year stayed at home and kept things going there while I was traveling all over the country. She says she hasn't seen nearly enough of me this year; and I am sure that peace will return to our home after this week, when I go back home.

She has been wonderful, through it all and I will be very happy to be home again.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you my wife, Ruba.

Mrs. Shriver: I don't have a great deal to say—other than it is going to be nice to see your face around the house a little more.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: And now, someone you all know, by this time, our daughter, Donna.

(Applause of the Encampment followed the introduction of the wife and daughter of the Commander-in-Chief.)

**GREETINGS FROM DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
AND MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATION**

Honorable George A. Wells, National Executive Member of the Disabled American Veterans was escorted into the Encampment by Past National President Ursula Shepardson; together with the Massachusetts delegation from the Sons and Auxiliary.

Brother Wells extended greetings on behalf of the National organization of the Disabled American Veterans, together with best wishes for a fine encampment.

(Response was by National Patriotic Instructor Clark W. Mellor.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We will now recess until 11 A. M. Thursday.

THURSDAY SESSION

August 22, 1963 — 11 A. M.

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

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: This morning we are under the heading of Committee reports; and I will now ask for the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, your Committee on Officers' Reports hereby render our report to you. It is in two sections—the first section contains remarks about the various officers' reports; and the second is action upon recommendations contained in these reports:

Report of Commander-in-Chief

The report of Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver is one of the finest, and is a most complete account of his activities during the past year. His dedicated activities in the duties of his office have been such that wherever he went, his influence, in behalf of our organization has been felt. His accomplishments on his many travels throughout the country were of great value to our organization in many ways.

We know of no Commander-in-Chief who has given more of his time and obtained more respect for the ideals which we represent. We truly thank him for such unselfish devotion.

Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey's report shows his great ability to work for our organization. He has been truly valuable to us the past year, and his wisdom in legal affairs has been most valuable, and we commend him highly for his work in this office during the past year.

Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland shows a great amount of activity by him on membership, and particularly in the formation of Reserves. This work has been well done.

Report of National Secretary-Treasurer

National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert's report again shows the efficiency he has always rendered in the activities of his office as Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the Banner.

We should surely heed his warning as to the conservation of our finances.

We are truly sorry that his health is such that he cannot continue his exceptional work in this office. He always could be depended upon to give advice when called upon. Year after year, Commanders-in-Chief have used many laudable words in describing the value he has been to each one of them.

We really cannot produce suitable words to describe the value he has been to this organization. He spent fifteen years in this office bringing the financial affairs, which were in a very bad state, to a

most efficient condition, of which we know he is very proud; and we are more than proud of his accomplishments. We are truly thankful for his many services.

It is with deep regret that we recommend the acceptance of the resignation of Albert C. Lambert as National Secretary-Treasurer of this organization, as of March 31st, 1964.

We recommend that this convention elect a Brother as National Secretary-Treasurer, said officer to assume the duties of the office as of April 1, 1964, to complete the unexpired term of National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

We recommend that the handling of the Banner be referred to the Council of Administration.

Report of the National Patriotic Instructor

The report of National Patriotic Instructor Clark W. Mellor shows that he has been very active during the past year, the results of which will prove of value to our organization.

We are grateful to him for his efforts; and commend him for his fine job on raising money for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

Report of National Chaplain

National Chaplain Rev. Richard O. Partington brought to the office of Chaplain an attitude that should be observed by all who approach the Throne of God.

Report of National Historian

National Historian Allen F. Spink's report is most complete in showing the activities of our organization during the past year.

We wish to commend him for the work he has put in compiling the records.

Report of National Graves Registration Officer

During the past year, our organization sustained a great loss in the passing of Bertrand O. DeForest, who has held this office for many years. His activities in this office are well known.

Past Department Commander Maurice J. Warner of Maine was appointed to fill the office. Brother Warner proved equal to being able to assume the duties of this office, and his report for the time he filled the office is most complete.

Report of National Recorder

A year ago, there was established, as an experiment, the office of National Recorder. Past Department Commander Albert W. Lambert of New Jersey was appointed to this office.

Brother Lambert brought to the office a clear thinking that was needed in the establishing of the office.

We highly commend him for his work in this office.

Report of Military Aide

The Military Aide to the Commander-in-Chief Howard Disinger, Major in the Sons of Veterans Reserve has shown great activity in behalf of our organization during the past year, and we sincerely thank him for his efforts.

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Part 2—Recommendations contained in the various reports of the Officers are as follows:

Report of the Commander-in-Chief

(1) Establishment of a Statute of Law for our Order to gain ownership of property of former G.A.R. Post, in compliance with our Congressional Charter and the Deed of Comrade Woolson.

The Committee recommends referral of this matter to the Council of Administration, for further study. (Adopted.)

(2) That every Department review its By-Laws and, if necessary, make changes, by amendments, to conform to those of the Constitution and Regulations of our Order; and that a copy of each Department By-Laws be filed in the office of the National Secretary-Treasurer and the Commander-in-Chief prior to the 83rd Annual Encampment to be held in August 1964.

The Committee Concur. (Adopted.)

(3) That a public record of information and files be established from each National Officer who has secured, during his service as a National Officer, all information relative to the accomplishments of his particular assignments.

Your Committee recommends concurrence. (Adopted.)

(4) That the National organization continue the contribution to a student scholarship at one of our leading colleges.

The Committee concurs, but as this is a financial matter, we refer it to the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration. (Committee sustained.)

(5) That the National organization continue to endorse the annual services at the Lincoln Memorial, the Lincoln Tomb, the service at the Cathedral of the Pines, and the G.A.R. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

(6) That approval be granted for the continuance of the erection of a mahogany granite seat at the Woolson Statue on the Gettysburg Battlefield; and that the \$100.00 appropriated at the 81st Annual Encampment be added to another appropriation approved at this Encampment to purchase this seat to be presented, jointly, with a seat provided by our Auxiliary at a dedication program suggested for November 16, 1963.

The Committee feels that we would like to go along with whatever our Auxiliary intends to do. As to the appropriation from this Encampment, we concur, provided the amount is available and is appropriated by the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration. We, therefore, refer this matter to them. (Committee sustained.)

(7) Consider the endorsement of electing a Commander-in-Chief to serve for a two year term rather than a one year term.

The Committee has sympathy for the idea but wonder whether, every two years, we could get a man who has the ability to fill that office and who could give two years of his time and money in the office. The Committee feels this might be quite difficult and, therefore, does not concur. (Committee sustained.)

Report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

That an appropriation of \$1,000.00, to be spent under the direction of the National Military Affairs Committee—for the purpose of recruiting, organizing, equipping and maintaining units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve be made by this Encampment.

The Committee does not concur. However, we feel that if our finances can afford it, something might be appropriated to further the work of the Veterans Reserve; and we refer this matter to the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration. (Adopted.)

Report of National Secretary-Treasurer

National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert makes no definite recommendations, but stresses the fact that we must conserve our finances, and calls attention to the fact that our income is not as it should be to save the depletion of our various funds.

As to his resignation, effective March 31, 1964, the Committee recommends:

(A) The acceptance, with regret, of his resignation as of that date.

(B) That this Encampment elect a Brother as National Secretary-Treasurer—said officer to assume the duties of the office as of April 1, 1964, to complete the unexpired term of National Secretary Lambert.

(C) That the handling of the publication and distribution of The Banner be referred to the Council of Administration. (All of the above adopted.)

Report of National Patriotic Instructor

The National Patriotic Instructor makes no recommendation, but suggests that some thought should be given to again using Forms No. 60 and 61, as some of the Camps and Departments have expressed the desire to have these reports.

The Committee makes no recommendation on this matter, but refers it to the incoming administration for their consideration. (Committee sustained.)

Report of National Historian

That an allotment of \$25.00 for the office of the National Historian be granted for the next year.

The Committee refers this to the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration. (Committee sustained.)

Report of National Recorder

That in the event this experimental function as a separate office be continued for the coming year, then the name of this office shall be National Genealogist in order that it might be more descriptive of the true function of the office.

The Committee recommends that this office be continued for one year, as an experimental office, to be known as National Genealogist; and that it be referred to the incoming administration. (Committee sustained.)

Chairman DeHaven: This completes the report of our Committee; and we hope our work has been satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert B. DeHaven, Maine, Chairman,
Willard B. Stephan, New York,
John Junge, Sr., New Jersey,
George A. Strait, Rhode Island,
Fred C. McGowan, Missouri.

Committee on Officers' Reports

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, Brother DeHaven. You and your Committee have done a wonderful job.

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

The National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Marian K. Leach; accompanied by the Greetings Committee consisting of:

Pearl C. Cook, Past National President, Illinois,
Harriet Eaton Hughes, Past National President, New York,
Mabel S. Taylor, Past National President, Rhode Island,
Gussie Laile Morin, Past National President, New York,
Elizabeth Koch, National Chaplain, Pennsylvania representing
Past National President Frances M. Kuhns, Pennsylvania,
Winona P. Kahl, Past National President, West Virginia,
Lura B. Frye, Past National President, Illinois,
Twanette Paull, Past National President, Missouri
were escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We are very proud and happy to have this fine delegation from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic come in to visit us this morning. We welcome you, and thank you for coming to us; and I would ask that you please escort Sister Marian and the other Sisters right up here in front of the Commander-in-Chief's station.

It is a great privilege and honor for me to introduce to you the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sister Marian K. Leach.

National President Marian K. Leach: Brother Shriver, Officers and Members of this Encampment, we are most happy to bring greetings of the National Organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We are pleased to be meeting here with you in Miami Beach, and hope that we can continue to meet with you for many years to come. When Brother LeRoy came into our Convention and extended the invitation to join with you to meet in Richmond in 1965, it gave us a feeling that, indeed, we are wanted—and we appreciate it. We are very enthusiastic about the invitation, and hope that definite arrangements can be completed, and that we will meet in Richmond in 1965.

My Greetings Committee which came with me this morning delegated me to do the speaking. I would like to repeat here what I have already said to the members of my own Convention—that men and women of patriotic organizations such as ours are as needed today as they were in 1861; and I called attention to the tremendous task before us. I ask you, as I did them, to continue to work with purpose and courage in carrying on our great work.

Thank you for receiving us so graciously this morning.

I want to tell you that Commander-in-Chief Shriver has been very gracious, courteous and cooperative; and I want to thank you Brother Shriver. It has been a pleasure to be associated with you during the past year.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, Sister Marian. We of the Sons appreciate the cooperation given us by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic down through the years. We are honored to have so many Past National Presidents here—most of whom are very familiar to me, as nearly all of you have attended the G.A.R. Remembrance Day observance in Gettysburg at one time or another, since the origin of that observance.

National President Marian K. Leach: I just want to add that we took action to appropriate \$150.00 for Remembrance Day; and this action was taken without a dissenting vote.

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

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey responded; after which they were escorted from the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Is the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Your Committee had only one change submitted to us for consideration, from the Department of Wisconsin—"that in lieu of the flag being used on the Altar, an official Altar Cloth be prescribed, and that the Ritual be changed to provide for such Altar Cloth."

Personally, I am a little tired of having this brought up, year after year. You all know that it comes up every year, and we spend a lot of time discussing it; so your Committee felt it was time to do something about it.

Your Committee recommends that General Instruction 5, Page 3 of the Ritual be changed to read:

"The Altar will be placed in the center of the room. It will be covered with an Altar Cloth of solid blue color for Camps, red for Departments, and gold for National, and resting thereon will be a bible. The Color Bearer will arrange the Altar, and Station Banner."

That is the recommendation of your Committee; and we hope you will see fit to endorse this and end this argument once and for all.

The usual lengthy discussion followed, for and against the use of the flag on the Altar—after which a rising vote was taken with these results:

Non-Concurrence with the recommendation of the Committee (which meant keeping the flag on the altar)	15
Concurrence with the recommendation of the Committee (which meant adopting the Altar cloth for Camps, Departments and National)	21

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania; and carried.)

Chairman Arnold: That concludes our report, and I wish to thank the Committee for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold E. Arnold, Chairman, Rhode Island,
 Kenneth T. Wheeler, New Hampshire,
 Elwyn C. Heidenreich, New York,
 John J. Mitcheson, Massachusetts,
 Edwin K. Kramer, Pennsylvania.
 Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies

National Counselor Grant: I have a short statement to make. There is before Congress a bill introduced by Senator Kefauver which would make Memorial Day the nearest Friday to May 30th, and would create a long Memorial Day weekend.

I think you will all be interested in expressing our disapproval of this bill; and I move you Commander-in-Chief that we go on record expressing our disapproval of this bill. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried.)

National Counselor Grant: Commander-in-Chief, one other thing. Some years ago, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic began efforts to secure passage of their bill for a National Shrine to the Memory of the participants in the Civil War in Washington, D. C.

This legislation, for this National Shrine, calls for the creation of a Commission to choose a site, set up a plan to design a building and get the money for this project; so it only goes as far as having a Commission appointed.

You have heard the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are establishing a Memorial in Springfield, Illinois; and they think this will not cause any competition with this proposed Memorial in Washington.

The legislation for this National Shrine in Washington has passed the Senate, but not the House. However, I think we owe it to the Ladies to back up this legislation in whatever way possible.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, Brother Grant. Is the Committee on Constitution and Regulations ready now to give a further report?

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment, we have before us again the subject which was attempted to be disposed of on Tuesday, and was cast back into the lap of the Committee. We, therefore, continue with our report, and present:

(2) From the Department of Pennsylvania—"that Department Council should be Department Council of Administration, coinciding in title and responsibilities with the National Council of Administration,"—and proposing amendments to the Regulations in order to accomplish this.

The Committee rejects this Resolution, but suggests that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations, to be kept in mind when, and if, changes are made in the C. & R., or if a new C. & R. is presented by that Committee. (Committee sustained.)

(3) This Committee has before it a Resolution, adopted by the Ohio Department and published in due form, proposing certain amendments in the Constitution which, manifestly, were intended to explain or clarify certain expressions occurring in Article III and in Sec. 3 of Article VII of the present Constitution.

It happens that this general subject has been under consideration by the Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations during the past year, having been referred to it for "clarification" at the 80th Encampment in 1961. An explanatory Memorandum, prepared for the use of the Committee and the information of the membership, is hereby attached to and made a part of this report. (Pages 119A, B, C, D and 119E attached.)

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION
AND REGULATIONS**

A Memorandum

On questions involving interpretations of Article III,
and Section 3 in Article VII of the present Constitution.

Questions brought up on the floor in the closing moments of the 80th National Encampment (1961) at Indianapolis, resulted in a free-for-all discussion which really caused the creation of this committee, and the reference to it of these questions for clarification by the then Commander-in-Chief, Thomas A. Chadwick.

The discussion began with this question, addressed to the National Counselor, Richard F. Locke, by Department Commander Williamson, of New York: "I would like your opinion as to whether Associate members can legally be appointed to act as Delegates." The answer given was: "No, they cannot—in accordance with our C. & R., Article VII, Section 3, page 5." Past Department Commander L. J. Snow, of California and Pacific then asked: "As to our eligibility in this organization, it is my understanding that you must be a lineal descendant."

P.C.C. Coffin then observed: As always, Commander-in-Chief, there is some confusion on that particular issue. When we obtained our Federal charter, it was changed to "blood relatives." It doesn't say anything about uncles, aunts, or even lineal descendants,—but "blood relatives." (P.C.C. Howe then read Article III, page 2, "Eligibility to Membership," in the C. & R.)

After some further discordant comments, Brother Snow (who asked the second question) said: "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." And, after some further comments, the National Counselor, Brother Dick Locke observed:

"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." He then made the motion for the appointment of this committee, which was seconded and adopted; and it is set forth in detail in the report of this committee last year (pp. 80-81, Proceed. 81st Encampment—1962).

The existing confusion stems from a general misunderstanding of Article III of the present constitution and a manifest conflict between it and the unfortunate, inadequate and inappropriate language as presently used in the second sentence of Section 3 of Article VII of this Constitution.

Article III, "Eligibility to Membership."

The present language of this section is precisely what it has been for over fifty years (to my personal knowledge), except for the addition of the words "that are blood relatives," which were inserted in the 1956 printing of the Constitution, in deference to the requirement of the Federal charter granted to us in 1954, and confirmed and accepted by us in 1955, which says: "Eligibility for membership in the corporation shall be limited to male blood relatives of persons who served * * *" etc. Note, in this, that even the word "descendant"

is not used; but only "blood relatives,"—no reference to "direct" or "lineal" descendants.

The opening phrase in the present, as in our ancient constitution, is: "All male descendants, whether thru the paternal or maternal line,—” Now, while it is probable that in earlier days there may have been a tacit understanding among our brotherhood that this included only sons and grandsons, yet we know of no recorded official interpretation or decision to that effect. And the fact remains that the words "All descendants" would necessarily include both direct and collateral descendants.

Since all of these words have received very definite meanings thru the ancient laws governing descents and inheritances, let us look at their definition in a current standard legal work—American Jurisprudence:

"Descents (descendants) are either lineal or collateral, mediate or immediate."

"A lineal descent is one in the direct line of the intestate, as from father or grandfather to son or grandson."

"Collateral descent is to collateral relatives, as from brothers to brothers, cousin to cousin," etc. (Secs. 36-37, Am. Juris.)

"The following persons have (under the statutes of descent and distribution) been held to be included within the term 'relative:' brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, cousins, and a child of a first cousin of testator." (Sec. 1442—Am. Juris.)

"The term 'relatives' means persons related by affinity or consanguinity within the third degree as determined by the common law and shall include the spouse." (Sec. 592.)

"In a broad sense there are relations by consanguinity and by affinity.

"Affinity is a connection formed by marriage. It may be dissolved. It is no real kinship.

"Consanguinity: This word imports a blood relationship, thru some common ancestor, irrespective of amount. It may be either lineal or collateral. Relationship by consanguinity is in its nature incapable of dissolution. (Secs. 52, 53, 54 Am. Juris.)

We therefore conclude that a proper interpretation of Article III of the constitution in "plain and understandable language, would be this:

The phrase "All male descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, * * * that are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors or marines, * * *" as used in Article III of this constitution, is understood and defined to mean all male descendants of a Union Veteran of the Civil War who have a common ancestor, and includes the sons, grand-sons and great-grandsons of such veteran or of a brother or sister of such veteran.

Article VII, "Membership."

Article VII of the present Constitution is headed "Membership," and contains various provisions relating to matters of membership in general. Section 1 reads: "Regulations for the admission of members, not conflicting with Article III hereof, shall be as prescribed by the National Organization." Section 2 governs the issuance of "transfer cards" and "Honorable Discharges." These two sections have been a part of our constitution, at least since the revision of 1939.

Section 3 of Article VII, which establishes "Associates," was inserted in the Constitution by action of the 1953 encampment at Buffalo. The first two sentences of this section read: "Departments and Camps may establish Associates. Said Associates must be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal descent from a Union Veteran of

the Civil War." This last sentence implies the previous existence of degrees of membership and uses words, supposedly descriptive of eligibility, which had never before appeared in the Constitution, and which are at variance with Article III as it now appears in that Constitution. In other words, it declares a negative prohibition by implying a positive requirement and that positive implication is in fact ill-founded.

To correct this unfortunate situation we suggest that this portion of said Section 3 be re-phrased to read simply as follows:

Departments and Camps may admit as Associate members those collateral male descendants who are not blood relatives of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, and those other citizens of the United States who, though not known to be eligible for membership, have demonstrated their loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, their devotion to carrying on the principles and purposes of this Order, and their desire to aid and assist in so doing.

(Conclusion of Memorandum)

We believe the indicated purpose of the proposed resolution will be better accomplished by the following changes, which we now propose:

(A) In lieu of the entire first paragraph in said resolution, which proposes a new section to be numbered 3 in Article VII of the Constitution in order to explain or define the words "All male descendants * * * that are blood relatives of soldiers, etc." in Article III of the present Constitution, we propose that said Article III be amended simply by adding thereto another sentence (to accomplish this purpose) in these words:

Such descendants shall be limited to lineal descendants of a Union Veteran of the Civil War or of a brother or sister of such veteran. (The Committee was not sustained.)

National Secretary Lambert: I offer the following substitute amendment to cover this matter:
Article III—Eligibility to Membership—

After the word "male" in the first sentence, insert the word "Lineal" so that the Article will read as follows:

"All male lineal descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than sixteen years of age, that are blood relatives of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from the Army or Navy of the United States of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime, or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America." (This substitute amendment adopted by the Encampment.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: In lieu of the balance of said proposed resolution, we propose the following:

(B) Strike out Section 3 of Article VII of the present Constitution, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

Section 3. Associate Membership.

(1) Departments and Camps may admit as Associate members male persons who are not eligible for full membership.

(Committee sustained.)

(2) An Associate member shall not hold elective office, but he may serve as an appointive Officer or as a member of a Committee. He shall be entitled to vote, except upon the election of officers. The

wearing of the membership badge is prohibited, except with some distinguishing mark, to be prescribed in Regulations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move you, Commander-in-Chief that we do not concur with the Committee. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania; and carried.)

(3) No Camp shall, at any time, elect Associates when the number of Associates will exceed one half the number of regular members at the time of such election.

(No objection—as this is now in the C. & R., page 5.)

(C) Add an additional section to said Article VII, as follows:

Section 4. Honorary Members. The Commandery-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary membership to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same, and are known not to be eligible for membership in the Order.

This is precisely the same as in the proposed resolution, except for a change in the number of the section. (Committee sustained.)

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Coffin, Chairman, Ohio,
William B. Wharton, New Jersey,
John H. Stark, Pennsylvania,
Harold P. Shepardson, Massachusetts,
Howard H. Sprague, Ohio,

Committee on Constitution & Regulations

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: I will now declare a short recess. The Encampment re-convened at 2 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We will now have the report of the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration.

**REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey: The Budget Committee of the Council of Administration wish to present the proposed budget for the coming year:

PROPOSED BUDGET 1963-1964

RECEIPTS:

Per Capita Tax—4000 members at \$1.00	\$4,000.00
Registration Fees—120 members at \$2.00	240.00
Sale of Supplies	900.00
Banner Subscriptions	1,300.00
Auxiliary Gift	500.00
Total Receipts	\$6,940.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

The Banner	1,800.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expense	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer (Salary & Exp.)	1,200.00
Supplies	700.00
Encampment Expense	500.00
Shipping Expense—Supplies, etc.	100.00
Rent of National Headquarters	400.00
Miscellaneous (Incl. P. C. in C. Badge)	140.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	200.00
Proceedings—1963	800.00
C.P.A. Audit	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$6,940.00

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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

- \$ 25.00 for Committee on Grave Marking.
- 25.00 for National Historian's Expense.
- 25.00 for expense of G.A.R. Highway Committee.
- 250.00 for Scholarship.
- 25.00 for American Coalition.
- 200.00 for Lincoln Tomb exercises.
- 25.00 for Lincoln Monument expense.
- 30.00 for wreaths at Gettysburg and Cathedral of the Pines.
- 50.00 for G.A.R. History and Centennial Committee.
- 200.00 for G.A.R. Camp Fire expense at National Encampment.
- 100.00 for Military Affairs Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Rippey, New York,
Frank Woerner,
Budget Committee, Council of Administration

(Adopted, as presented.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I just want to take a minute to point out that, as you well know, we have difficulty in keeping up with the cost of living; and that our Permanent Fund is a most valuable asset to this organization. I think we all ought to make contributions to it each year. We now get \$1,200.00 per year income from that fund which will take care of some of our expenses; but if we could double that fund within the next couple of years we would be much safer in carrying out our projected programs. I hope there will be some of the Brothers who will help out—and I want to call it to your attention and ask that you make contributions to the Permanent Fund.

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, General Grant for this reminder, and for all that you have done for this organization. It is very much appreciated.

At this time, I would like the members of the New Jersey Department to rise. These Brothers have been your hosts here in Miami Beach for this Encampment, and it is because of them that this has been such an enjoyable Encampment. We appreciate all that you have done, and I think we should express our thanks to them for their entertaining us here with a rising vote of thanks from the entire Encampment. (Rising vote of thanks, and applause given by all members of the Encampment.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I would like to call your attention to the fact that twenty-two years ago, or thereabouts, we were fortunate in acquiring the services of a young lady to record our proceedings. Every year since that time, with the exception of one year, when she was serving as Department President of the Daughters, this young lady has given of her time, and talents, and in quite a number of instances has given up her vacation with her husband, Rudy, to be with us. All through the years she has, indeed, done a splendid job.

I wish that I had the vocabulary and eloquence of Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman that I might properly express our appreciation to Annamae Berhalter for her many years of loyal service with this organization.

For reasons of health, business commitments, and in order that, in the future, she will be able to share her vacations with her good husband, she will terminate her service to us; so I think it only fitting that we express to her our thanks for her loyal service to us, and wish her well in the future.

(Rising vote, and applause of the Encampment was accorded Mrs. Berhalter.)

Mrs. Berhalter: It has been a pleasure to work with you gentlemen of the Sons during all these years, and I thank you for all the courtesies extended to me. I have formed many pleasant friendships with members of the Sons, and shall always remember your kindness to me.

My special thanks to National Secretary Lambert, with whom I have been privileged to work for the past fifteen years. It has been a pleasure to be associated with him, and I express my deep appreciation to him for his constant cooperation and many courtesies.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like to add to that expression of thanks, another for a member who has done a very outstanding job for the Sons of Union Veterans. Of course you know that I am talking about National Secretary Lambert. Fifteen years ago, he assumed this job, following the death of his predecessor and

he has given distinguished service to this organization. I think that a rising vote of thanks should be given him here, and a Resolution of thanks presented to him at a later date. (A rising vote of thanks to National Secretary Lambert, with applause of the Encampment followed—after which General Grant agreed to write both the Resolution for National Secretary Lambert and for Mrs. Berhalter and furnish it, at a later date.)

Past Department Commander O. G. MacPherson, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, may I just add a word about the finances of the Reserves. As a result of the motion yesterday, and through the generosity of several of the Brothers, we have received three checks so far toward the Reserve movement.

It has been suggested that if you will permit it, at this time, we will pass a hat for contributions from the members present here today. We need the money badly and will appreciate anything you might care to give. (Contributions totalling \$80.00 resulted.)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey: You noted that in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer he called attention to the fact that the G.A.R. Fund should be guarded very carefully. He pointed out that last year, in Washington, disbursements in the amount of \$1,230.00 were authorized from the G.A.R. Fund, which is in excess of the estimated receipts for this year. If this practice is continued, it will deplete the G.A.R. Fund.

I move you, Commander-in-Chief that, in the future, no expenditure be made from the G. A. R. Fund, except upon special request and upon a detailed tabulation. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We will now have the report of the Credential Committee.

FINAL REPORT—CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Past Department Commander Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont: The Credential Committee wishes to present our final report.

Total number of members enrolled, 98, as follows:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	9
Past Department Commanders	37
*Past Department Commanders (registered, not present)	6
Department Commanders	7
Delegates	33
*Delegates (registered, not present)	2
*Associate Members	3
Members at Large	1
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Total Registration	98
(Total voting strength 87)	

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Ballou, Chairman, Vermont,
 Robert L. Gerke, New Jersey,
 Edward A. Blering, Wisconsin,
 DeVene F. Williamson, New York,
 Louis Story, California & Pacific.
 Credentials Committee

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: I think this completes the reports of the Committees for this Encampment. Your work has been excellent; and all Committees are now discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment.

Is there any new business to come before this Encampment at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move you that we go into Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: I will appoint as Tellers:
Howard L. Dissinger, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania,
Dexter Combs, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island,
Harold P. Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to California & Pacific, when Past Department Commander Frank Woerner passed to New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: Brother Commander-in-Chief and members of this organization here assembled, New York Department has a very capable candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

He has served in different offices in his Camp in Rochester, also in the Department of New York where he served two terms as Department Commander. He is a very energetic person, and well liked in the Department of New York.

He has been very active in civic affairs in Rochester. He has served in a number of offices in the Abraham Lincoln Association of the Allied Orders. He has been Counselor to the Auxiliaries in Rochester and in the New York Department, and Judge Advocate to the New York Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

He has been active in the National organization for a number of years, serving on Committees and Chairman of a number of them and, at present, is serving this body as the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

You know him, you know his capabilities and I know that he will make an excellent Commander-in-Chief.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I nominate Brother Joseph S. Rippey of Rochester, the flower city, to be your next Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Departments of Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin.)

Past Department Commander Elton Koch, Pennsylvania: I move you, Commander-in-Chief that, in this case, and all others in which there is only one nomination, the nomination be declared closed; and that the National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank Woerner, California & Pacific; and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast 87 (actual voting strength) votes for Joseph S. Rippey for Commander-in-Chief.)

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

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I do; and thank you for the confidence placed in me.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to New Jersey.

Department Commander William B. Wharton, New Jersey: The Department of New Jersey would like to place in nomination for this office a man held in high esteem in the Department. He is a member of Ellsworth Camp No. 32, and joined the order in 1926. He served as Camp Commander in 1933, as a member of Department Council in 1952, and Department Commander in 1957. He has been Camp Secretary-Treasurer of his Camp for the past fifteen years, and is a very capable person.

I take pleasure in placing in nomination the name of Brother Alton Sharp for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

(The National Secretary cast 87 ballots for Alton Sharp as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

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

Past Department Commander Alton Sharp, New Jersey: I do.

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

The National Secretary called the roll to New Jersey, when Department Commander William B. Wharton gave way to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I want to present for this office a man known to all of you. He is a Past Department Commander of our Department, and is currently serving you as the National Chaplain.

I could say much to you about his accomplishments and his qualifications; but I think his service to you, up to this time, proves that he is very capable. I know he will do a good job as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and I am happy to present for your consideration Richard O. Partington for this office.

(Seconded by Rhode Island and Vermont.)

(The National Secretary cast 87 ballots for Richard O. Partington for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

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

Past Department Commander Richard O. Partington: I do.

Member of Council of Administration (2 Year Term)

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

The National Secretary called the roll to Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration for a two year term to the Council of Administration a Brother from my own Department.

I could say many things about his qualifications, but I am sure that most of you know him and are aware of them. He has served in many offices in his Camp and in the Department of Ohio. He was Department Commander, and very active in the arrangements for your comfort and entertainment when you met in Cincinnati in 1955.

It is a pleasure to offer the name of W. Earl Corbin for this office. (The National Secretary cast 87 ballots for W. Earl Corbin.)

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

Past Department Commander W. Earl Corbin, Ohio: Yes, I do.

National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: A vacancy in the office of National Secretary-Treasurer will exist as of April 1, 1964—and nominations are now open for the selection of someone to complete the unexpired term of Brother Lambert—to serve until August, 1965.

The National Secretary called the roll to Maine; when Department Commander Lester D. Nadeau yielded to Pennsylvania.

Department Commander John H. Stark, Pennsylvania: It is an honor and a privilege for me to nominate for the office of National Secretary-Treasurer a Brother from our Department whom we all know and admire. It is indeed a pleasure for me to nominate Chester S. Shriver to complete the unexpired term of Brother Albert C. Lambert.

(Seconded by the Departments of Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin.)

(The National Secretary cast 87 ballots for Chester S. Shriver.)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rippey: You have been elected, Brother Shriver, as of April 1, 1964 to complete the unexpired term of Brother Lambert as National Secretary, to August, 1965. Do you accept?

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: I do.

That concludes the nomination and election of officers. I would like to discharge the Tellers, with thanks, for the fine job they performed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move you that the proceedings of this Encampment, as recorded here by the Encampment Stenographer, after transcription and approval by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer, be the official proceedings of this Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: I think we are just about ready for Installation of Officers. There are some special guests who would like to come in for the Installation, and I would ask that they be brought in at this time.

(Mrs. Anita M. Selby, National President of the Auxiliary; from Ohio—and Mrs. Hazel Moushey, National Vice President, from Missouri were escorted into the Encampment, and to the platform.)

Commander-in-Chief Shriver: We are very happy that you could come in for the Installation, as we are always pleased to have the National President of the Auxiliary, as well as any members of the Auxiliary with us at all times.

If there is no further business to come before this Encampment, we will proceed with the Installation of Officers. Brother Rippey, you will designate your Installing Officer, and proceed with that order of business.

Commander-in-Chief elect Rippey: 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 National Chaplain Rev. Richard O. Partington as Installing Chaplain.

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

National Patriotic Instructor—Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont,
 National Chaplain—William Phillips, New York,
 National Counselor—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A., Ret., Maryland,
 National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut,
 National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania,
 National Graves Registration Officer—Maurice J. Warner, Maine,
 National Genealogist—Kenneth Wheeler, New Hampshire,
 Personal Aide—Fred E. Howe, New York,
 District of Columbia Representative—Arthur R. Glenum, Maryland,

Committee Chairmen:

G.A.R. Highway Committee—Laurence K. Boutin, Iowa,
 Legislation—Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois,
 Americanism & Education—Frank Woerner, California & Pacific,
 Civil War Centennial & G.A.R. History—Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts,
 Membership—Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania,
 Military Affairs—Col. O. G. MacPherson, Pennsylvania,
 Standing Constitution & Regulations Committee—Wm. M. Coffin, Ohio,
 1964 National Encampment Committee—Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island.

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

Commander-in-Chief—Joseph S. Rippey, New York,
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Alton Sharp, New Jersey,
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania,
 Council of Administration Members—
 Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania,
 W. Earl Corbin, Ohio,

National Patriotic Instructor—Arthur L. Ballou, Vermont,
National Chaplain—William Phillips, New York,
National Counselor—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maryland,
National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut,
National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania,
National Genealogist—Kenneth T. Wheeler, New Hampshire,
National Personal Aide—Fred E. Howe, New York,
District of Columbia Representative—Arthur R. Glenum, Maryland
were installed in Ritualistic form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: Congratulations, Brother Rippey. I have had ambitions for you for a long time, and today they are being realized.

We have given you a chance to see what you can do in the New York Department and you have fulfilled our expectations 100%, and we are looking forward to your doing the same with this job. There is no doubt in our minds that you will do a fine job; and we of the New York Department are mighty proud to have you as the head of our National organization.

May your administration be a very successful one, and all of us from the New York Department wish you well.

I have here a small gift from your Brothers of the New York Department; and it comes to you with the best personal wishes from all of use.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very much for this very fine gift, and for the confidence you have in me.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Brother Commander-in-Chief, it is indeed a great privilege and honor, as my first act as a Past Commander-in-Chief, to present to you the badge of the Commander-in-Chief of our Order.

In the last few minutes of this Encampment, you have just passed into a great world of new challenges. I know that you will meet them with dignity and honor—and that you will proudly wear this badge of the highest office in our Order.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to pin upon you the badge of the Commander-in-Chief. May God bless you, and may you have a great year.

National Counselor Grant: Commander-in-Chief, may I ask Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver to come up here a moment.

You were given the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge last year, I believe; and in order that you don't have to wear two badges of the same kind, the Council of Administration has decided to give you a Life Membership, and a pin goes on your Past Commander-in-Chief badge showing that you are a Life Member. Let me again welcome you into the noble order of Past Commanders-in-Chief of this organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Thank you, General Grant—and to all you Brothers, thank you very much.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: This is a moment to which I have looked forward for quite a few years.

I was very happy to have had Brother Fred Howe as the Installing Officer. He has been active in our Department and has worked with me as long as I have been in this Order. He is a good friend, and one for whom I have the greatest respect and admiration. He is well

loved by the members in the Department of New York and it is an honor to have had him install me into this office today.

I want to thank all the members of my Department here for the fine gift—it is very much appreciated, and I want to thank the ladies for coming in to witness our installation. And, thanks to all you Brothers for electing me to this high position in the organization—I hope that I will live up to your expectations in this office.

I realize fully that we have great tasks before us—primarily to increase the membership of our organization, increase our finances, and increase our influence as an organization. I have thought about a program for the coming year, to accomplish these things and I intend wasting no time in putting my program into effect.

My Officers will be asked to do many things during this administration, as I need the help of every one of you in order that we may do the things which are planned for this year. I am sure that I can depend upon you for 100% cooperation in the future, as I have in the past.

My door will always be open to you, and I will welcome visits from anyone in our organization, from our Auxiliary, or the Allied organizations. If you have any suggestions, any criticism, or any ideas which may be of value to our organization, do not hesitate to call them to my attention. It is my desire to work closely with you, and I shall welcome your suggestions and assistance.

I expect that my travels this year will take me to every Department, and I will welcome the opportunity to become better acquainted with you.

For me, it is a great honor to assume the office of Commander-in-Chief of this organization. In the beginning of my membership in this Order, I had no idea that this would ever be possible; and I thank you all for making it possible.

I hope to have one of the best administrations there has been so far; but this cannot be accomplished without your help. Together, let us go forward to a fine year for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Thank you for the confidence placed in me, and I trust that it will be merited.

At this time, I would like to call upon the newly elected National President of the Auxiliary, Anita Selby of Ohio.

National President Anita M. Selby: Brother Rippey, I want to congratulate you upon your election to this office, and hope that you will have a wonderful year as Commander-in-Chief.

I was very happy to be able to come over for your installation, and hope that the Sons have a most successful year.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to meet many of you Brothers and become better acquainted during this year, and I wish you success in everything you do.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you, Mrs. Selby. I am sure we will do many things together this year, and I am sure we will find the association a most pleasant one.

(National Vice President Hazel Moushey also extended greetings, and best wishes for the coming year.)

(Greetings from the New York Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War were extended to Commander-in-Chief Rippey; and gifts presented to him.)

Congratulations, best wishes for a successful administration and pledges of cooperation were extended by the other newly installed officers.

**GREETINGS FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF
THE LOYAL LEGION**

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I didn't do this earlier, as I should have; but want to do it before the close of the Encampment. There are five members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion present:

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief,

Wm. M. Coffin, Ohio,

Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania,

Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois,

Howard L. Dissinger, Pennsylvania.

We extend the greetings and best wishes of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, not only to this Encampment; but to the Sons of Union Veterans for the year that is to come.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Is there anything else to come before this Encampment. If not, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts: I move that we now adjourn—to meet next August in Providence, Rhode Island. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania; and carried.)

The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.

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Certified as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Eighty-Second Annual Encampment.

Chester S. Shriver
(Commander-in-Chief)

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert
(National Secretary)

Annamae D. Berhalter
(Official Stenographer)

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 22, 1963

The Council of Administration meeting, following the close of the 82nd Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held at 4 P. M., Thursday August 22, 1963 in the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

Those present were: Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alton Sharp; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rev. Richard O. Partington; Council of Administration Member W. Earl Corbin, Past Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver; National Counselor U. S. Grant, III; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

The following matters were considered, and action taken as indicated:

(1) On the establishment of a Statute of Law for our Order to gain ownership of property of former G.A.R. Post, in compliance with our Congressional Charter, and deed of Comrade Woolson—from the report of Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver, and referred to the Council by the Committee on Officers' Reports—

Action was taken by the Council that this matter be referred to Commander-in-Chief Rippey for further study; with authority to act in cases, if and when necessary, as he sees fit; and incorporate such recommendations necessary to cover this matter to the Encampment next year.

(2) On the matter that approval be granted for the continuance of the granite seat at the Woolson Statue on the Gettysburg Battlefield, action was taken by the Council that we thoroughly agree, in principal, with the plan—but will wait and see what action is taken by the Auxiliary, relative to the flagstone project, etc.; and that we will do our share when we know exactly what is required.

(3) From the report of the National Patriotic Instructor—the suggestion that we return to forms No. 60 and 61.

Action taken by the Council not to have these forms, as they did not serve the intended purpose when they were in use.

(4) In the matter of the publication and distribution of The Banner; the Council took action to have The Banner published on the same basis as during the past year, to be handled by National Secretary, A. C. Lambert.

(5) After discussion relative to the authorization to transfer funds, open a bank account, and give authority to sign checks and handle finances of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as of April 1, 1964, at which time this is to be changed to the National Bank of Gettysburg, with authorization granted to National Secretary-Treasurer elect Chester S. Shriver, action was taken that the necessary Resolution covering this matter be drawn up.

(6) The matter of the safe, now in the possession of National Secretary Lambert, which weighs one ton, or more, was discussed. Authorization was granted to National Secretary Lambert to dispose of this safe, by whatever means is possible—as the size and weight of this piece of equipment makes it prohibitive to move it; and it is not necessary to conduct the office of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

(7) The invitation from the National Conference on Citizenship relative to the conference to be held in Washington, in October, was considered and the National Secretary was instructed to advise that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do not have anyone to send this year.

REPRESENTATION

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations; "one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof."

Department	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1962 Membership	Delegates
California and Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	213	5
Colorado and Wyoming	23	March 22, 1929	18	1
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	184	5
Illinois	10	July, 1883	115	3
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	75	3
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	60	2
Kansas	9	June, 1883	37	2
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	246	6
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	63	2
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	737	16
Michigan			119	3
Minnesota	17	January 1, 1885	23	1
New Hampshire	11	August 1883	128	4
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	212	5
New York	13	November 6, 1883	486	11
Ohio	3	August 1, 1882	251	6
Oregon and Washington	22	June 8, 1923	46	2
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	767	16
Rhode Island	14	February 14, 1884	148	4
Vermont	12	October, 1883	161	4
Wisconsin	21	September, 1887	60	2
Camp 21, Beaufort, S. C.			14	1
Nat'l Members at Large			11	1
			4174	105

EIGHTY-SECOND ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Miami Beach, Florida

August 18-22, 1963

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

NATIONAL OFFICERS

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*Chester S. Shriver P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,

*Joseph S. Rippey 165 Linden St., Rochester, N. Y.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief,

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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	
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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
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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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1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana	
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois	
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	*Wm. L. Anderson	Massachusetts	
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1883	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
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1884	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1885	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
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1889-90	†George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
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1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania
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<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota

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53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota
74th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	Ohio
75th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
77th	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	Massachusetts
78th	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	California
79th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	Illinois
80th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
81st	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	D. C.
82nd	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	Florida

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