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**Eighty-third
Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War**



PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

AUGUST 16-20, 1964

NATIONAL OFFICERS 1963-1964

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



JOSEPH S. RIPPEY
1963 - 1964



PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

Council of Administration Meeting August 16, 1964

The Council of Administration meeting was held at 1:50 P.M. Sunday, August 16, 1964 in the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island.

Those present were: Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alton Sharp; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard O. Partington; Council of Administration Members James L. High and W. Earl Corbin; Former National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; National Counselor U. S. Grant, 3rd; National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver.

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

(1) In the matter of the G.A.R. Building, located in Port Angeles, Washington, the title to which is in the name of the County upon conditions and which the County in that area wishes to acquire absolute, and in the matter of possible other G.A.R. properties, a motion was made by Council member Corbin and seconded by Council member High that the present Commander-in-Chief, Joseph S. Rippey, draft an outline of proposed legislation to be acted upon by Congress regarding the title and method of disposition of former Grand Army of the Republic owned real property, and present it to a member of Congress.

(2) It was decided to leave the matter of the granite bench at the Woolson Monument in Gettysburg without change for the present.

(3) A Sub-committee of the Council of Administration consisting of Council members Corbin and High was appointed by Commander-in-Chief Rippey to examine the audit of the Certified Public Accountant presented by National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver. Those appointed to the Budget Committee to prepare a budget for the coming year and present it to the Encampment on the final day of business for action were Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alton Sharp and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard O. Partington.

(At this point in the meeting Commander-in-Chief Rippey and former National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert were called out of the meeting to a wreath-laying ceremony, and returned shortly thereafter.)

(4) The Council was advised of the appeal for an appropriation of funds for the commemoration of the centennial of Abraham Lincoln's death to be held in Illinois next year, which will be made to the Encampment by Council Member James High for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.

(5) The Council decided to hold over the matter of approval for Secretary-Treasurer Shriver to transfer the balances from the general fund and the G.A.R. Fund to a savings account, to its final meeting after the adjournment of the Encampment.

(6) Relative to future publications of "The Banner," the Council decided to hold the matter for the final meeting of the Council.

(7) The Council decided, on motion by Council Member Corbin, seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Partington, that \$100.00 be appropriated to the Ulysses S. Grant Association, following the reading of a letter, subject to consideration and approval of the Budget Committee and the entire Encampment.

(8) The matter of the scholarship fund and the college to which it will be appropriated was left to the judgment of the Budget Committee.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Ballroom, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel

Providence, Rhode Island

Sunday, August 16, 1964—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: "The Old Rugged Cross"
- Invocation William Phillips
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans
- Solo: "Crossing the Bar" Kathrin Coucher
- Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic:
Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey
National President of the Auxiliary Anita Selby
- Silent tribute to the memory of our late President of the United States,
John F. Kennedy, and our late General Douglas MacArthur
- Tributes to the Memory of:
Past Commander-in-Chief Frederick G. Bauer
Albert C. Lambert, P.C.C.
- Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary
Ellinore Konrad, P.N.P.
- Sons of Union Veterans, Officers and Members
Harold E. Arnold, P.C.C.
- Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Officers
and Members Anne O. Clayton, P.N.P.
- Roll Call and Placing of Floral Tributes Department Presidents
Department Commanders
- Solo: "The Lord's Prayer" Kathrin Coucher
- Benediction Kathleen Runkle
National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
- Taps
- Moment of Silent Prayer
- Recessional: "Abide With Me"

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

Ballroom, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel

Providence, Rhode Island

Sunday, August 16, 1964—8:00 P.M.

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Band Concert	The Lancers Drum Corps George Haskins, Director
Call to Order	Perley C. Wallace Commander, Rhode Island Department
Master of Ceremonies	Harold E. Arnold Past Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
Posting of Colors	Col. Clarence E. Young S.V.R. Comdg. 1st Military District
Invocation	Rev. Fred R. Tiffany
National Anthem	Assembly
Pledge to the Flag	Assembly
Greetings	Maj. Gen. Leonard Holland Adj. Gen. State of Rhode Island
Welcome	Jerry Lorenzo Acting Mayor, City of Providence
Response to Greetings	Joseph S. Rippey Commander-in-Chief SUVCW
Address	Raymond J. Pettine United States Attorney for Rhode Island
Retiring of Colors	Col. Clarence E. Young
Benediction	Rev. Fred R. Tiffany

JOINT OPENING—SONS AND AUXILIARY

Monday, August 17, 1964—10:00 A.M.

The joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Ballroom of the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island, under the direction of National Chiefs of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt of the Sons and Mrs. Emma Wheeler of the Auxiliary.

The colors escorted Department Presidents into the room, each carrying gladiolus blooms and carnation bouquets. The National Aides then formed an escort line, creating an arch with the gladiolus blooms.

National President Mrs. Anita Selby of the Auxiliary and Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey of the Sons were escorted in and presented.

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

The hymn "Faith of Our Fathers," a tribute carrying out the main theme, was sung.

Tributes were sung to Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey and National President Anita Selby: "Oh Joseph How I Love You," and "I'm in Love With You."

A welcome was extended by National Chief of Staff Emma Wheeler, wishing all a good Convention. She explained the theme of the opening "Faith of Our Fathers" to all and dismissed the National Aides and Department Presidents to file before National President Selby and Commander-in-Chief Rippey, placing their carnations in the form of the letters "F-A-I-T-H O-F O-U-R F-A-T-H-E-R-S."

National President Selby expressed her appreciation for all the efforts in the opening ceremony. Commander-in-Chief Rippey expressed his appreciation for the colorful ceremony and his hopes for a fine Convention to the Sons and the Auxiliary with great accomplishments.

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

PROCEEDINGS

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

Headquarters: Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel

Providence, Rhode Island

Sessions: State Room, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel

MONDAY SESSION

August 17, 1964—11:00 A.M.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: The Officers and Members of the Eighty-third 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 Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts

Guard—Past Department Commander Paul E. Grate, Ohio

Color Bearer—Past Department Commander Charles A. Brady, Illinois

Musician—Delegate James K. Cheney, Massachusetts

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

Roll Call of the officers showed all present.

COMMITTEES

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

Credentials

Elmore J. Houston, Delegate, Ohio, Chairman

Paul Selby, Delegate, Ohio

James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois

Harold P. Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts

Clarence E. Young, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island

Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer, Pennsylvania

Resolutions Committee

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

Henry S. Bowen, Jr., Past Department Commander, Massachusetts

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

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

John C. Yocum, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania

Officers' Reports

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

Allan B. Holland, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts

William B. Wharton, Department Commander, New Jersey

John E. Palsgrove, Department Commander, Maryland

Fred E. Howe, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York

Constitution and Regulations

William N. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman
 Arthur L. Ballou, Past Department Commander, Vermont
 Fred E. Howe, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York
 Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief, New York
 Chester S. Shriver, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania

Restoration of Rank

Cleon E. Heald, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Hampshire, Chairman
 Wilson L. Savage, Past Department Commander, Colorado & Wyoming
 Dexter Coombs, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island
 Eugene W. Estabrook, Department Commander, Maine
 John Junge, Sr., New Jersey
 James L. High, Past Department Commander, Illinois

Ritual and Ceremonies

Urien W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan, Chairman
 Louis A. Moushey, Delegate, Missouri
 Harry F. Grindl, Department Commander, Connecticut
 George A. Strait, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island
 DeVene F. Williamson, Past Department Commander, New York

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C. LeRoy Stouidt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman
 Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Jersey
 Charles A. Brady, Jr., Past Department Commander, Illinois
 Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer, Pennsylvania

Fraternal Relations

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

Press Committee

Harold E. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief, Rhode Island, Chairman
 Arthur Glennum, Past Department Commander, Maryland
 Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Jersey

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: May we at this time have a preliminary report from the Credentials Committee?

Delegate Elmore J. Houston, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee presents a preliminary report. We have a total number of 105 registered.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you, Brother Houston.

At this time, I would like to submit the report of the Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Sharp was asked to assume the chair as the Commander-in-Chief read the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Rochester, New York
August 17, 1964

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Officers and Members
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
In session for the 83rd Annual Encampment

Officers and Brothers:

I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the Commander-in-Chief for the year 1963-64.

In August of 1963 the present administration of elected and appointed officers assumed office and the several committees to carry out specific functions were appointed and entered upon their duties, the whole being selected with representation from the several Departments.

The observed functioning of the officers and of the committees during the year has been a stimulation, and a source of great satisfaction, and indicates truly dedicated service.

Upon my visitations to the Departments, the excellent morale and spirit of the membership has been everywhere evident.

With the equipment and background of our Order we have the potential to become a foremost influence for patriotism in our Nation.

In my travels on the business of the Order, which ranged from coast to coast and covered more than 23,000 miles, on business days, weekends and holidays, it appeared that we have among our members many up-and-coming young men who should be encouraged to take a part in Department and National Organization affairs as well as local civic and political and educational affairs, thus providing us with a continuity of young blood for responsible positions. I have talked with promising young men whom I have met and find that they are more than willing to undertake a specific assignment when given the opportunity.

The matter of membership is foremost in our thoughts. This revolves around interest and prestige. While our Order has been faced with the problem in the same manner as other organizations of men, due, it has been said, to the greater desire of the people to remain at home evenings and when not at work, the attitude of men is experiencing a change, for it is now sociability that is coming to the forefront, illustrated by the statement once heard that you cannot talk to a television set. This trend, together with the effect of the five years' publicity of the Civil War Centennial, presents a challenge and a golden opportunity to us to expand our membership immeasurably.

There is a growing interest among professional men and men of all walks of life predicated upon prestige of membership. To merit this in larger measure our entire outlook must approach a loftier plane. We have often heard the cliché that you get just what you pay for.

There has been much good publicity given our Order and its activities during the current administration, and moreover this has increased steadily in each of the last several years in which observation has been made. All credit is due to those of our members responsible in every community and Camp and Department. It is hoped that this will continue to increase greatly in the future until all events in which we participate will be given coverage in the public papers.

Among my many visits and conferences, certain of them deserve special mention.

The Central Regional Conference in October at Lafayette, Indiana, was in my opinion an outstanding success. It drew representatives from all sections of the area encompassed, and during the two day program those present were divided into groups for discussion of particular points, after which a general exchange of ideas took place. Much of a constructive nature came out of it. A highlight was the

unveiling of the handsome G.A.R. Monument on the grounds of the Indiana Soldiers Home.

In my home city of Rochester, I had the honor of delivering the principal address at the ceremony of the Transfer of Flags of the public schools of the City held on February 9th in the auditorium of the new East High School, in which ceremony the highest ranking boy in the graduating class of each school transferred the flag of his school to his successor in the next class, while the highest ranking girls of each school and class looked on. The auditorium was filled to capacity, and our Order was in the forefront of the entire program as well as our local Camp participating as a co-sponsor with the Board of Education.

The annual events at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in November, at Ziegler's Grove in the Military Park, the tour of points of interest, and the commemoration dinner at the hotel thereafter, will long be remembered for their significance and the finesse with which they were arranged and carried out and the men of national and local stature attracted. A check was on this occasion presented to Gettysburg College in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th were of special interest this year, as along with the wreath placed by your Commander-in-Chief in behalf of our Order and the wreaths placed by others, a wreath was placed by the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson in person, and another placed by the Prime Minister of Great Britain in person, following which an address was delivered by the President.

Our Lincoln Tomb ceremonies sponsored by our Order, in Springfield, Illinois, were most impressive and well attended, attesting to the fine preparation made by our capable committee. This event is gaining prestige each year and is one of the finest sponsored by us.

The summer New England Regional Conference in July at the Weirs Beach, Laconia, New Hampshire, was most impressive, and progressive, encompassing all of our New England Departments. The interchange of ideas and experiences during the sessions of the two days cannot but work to the advantage of all who attended this conference. The program was well arranged and carried out.

One of my memorable duties of the year was the occasion of my signing the charter for a new Camp at Sayre, Pennsylvania, which came into existence after long hard organizational work on the part of the Department Commander and his associates.

Our Veterans Uniformed Reserve is the showcase of our Order. It has made great strides this year in activity, occasions of ceremony, and in membership. This must remain a necessary adjunct to our Camps and Departments. It is under the command of the chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, a capable and devoted man. More of our members are urged to join and participate in the Reserve component's activity.

The nucleus for new Camps is in existence in all of our Departments. Where new Camps are involved, it is my thought and accordingly my suggestion that their prospective for rapid expansion is far greater when the initial membership is comprised of a specific age group, for then the interests of the men are more likely to be similar. We all know how our interests and our outlook on life and its objectives change as time goes on and we become older. Younger men's views do not coincide as a whole with those of their sires.

I have conferred the privilege of wearing the National Ribbon with the badge possessed, and have given the title of "National Aide," to all of our members who have gained for our Order five or more new members during my administration; whose names have been brought to my attention.

Our financial condition is very good, due to the expert handling of our National Secretary-Treasurer, and the watchful consideration of our officers and members, and with such attention in the future it can remain so, subject to the determinative factor with respect to the general funds that our membership be maintained and increased.

It is with regret that we note the retirement during the year of our Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert from the office of National Secretary-Treasurer, who for nearly sixteen years has guided the affairs of our Order in that responsible position. Although it is impossible to evaluate the contributions made by so able an administrator over so long a period, it would be less than fitting if the National Organization did not in some manner record its appreciation of the splendid service which has been rendered. Brother Lambert left a place which it was difficult to fill and leaves an influence in handling affairs which will continue for many years to come.

I venture to believe that the most beneficial experience for the functioning and progress of our Order is the meetings of the Commander-in-Chief personally with our members. Our Departments and groups look forward to this. Everywhere I was received with cordiality. I trust that everywhere I have added a measure to the betterment of our Order.

I am pleased to report that the year has passed smoothly and that there have been no insoluble circumstances. I am confident that the morale is very high, and I think that all will agree that we possess no greater asset than the devotion and intelligence of our members.

My thanks and appreciation are sincerely given to the officers of my staff and to the chairmen and members of my committees for the splendid work that they have done and the contributions they have made throughout the year to the success of our undertakings.

To Mrs. Anita Selby, National President of our Auxiliary, and the members of her Order goes my special gratitude for their excellent teamwork. It has been a joy working with them.

To the National Presidents of our Allied Orders: Mrs. Mollie Mercer, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Isabelle Smith, of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Mrs. Jessie Johnston, of the Woman's Relief Corps, my sincere appreciation for the many courtesies extended me.

And to our members, one and all, and my many friends, my humble appreciation for their encouragement and tireless efforts for the advancement of our beloved Order. I shall never forget the friendships that I have made.

I present the following recommendations:

1. That the committee for the selection of the Encampment city, if it is not prepared to make a recommendation at the Encampment, be continued as a standing committee and submit its ultimate recommendation to the National Council of Administration which shall then determine the Encampment site.
2. That the dues of all new Camps hereafter chartered shall be \$10.00 per year to include a subscription to *The Banner*, and that the initiation fee shall be \$15.00 to include the membership badge.
3. That all existing Camps be urged to increase their dues to \$10.00 per year or as near thereto as is feasible, and the same to include a subscription to *The Banner*, and to establish their initiation fee at \$15.00 to include the membership badge.
4. That it be urged that the Department authorized officials consult with the Commander-in-Chief as to their proposed Department Encampment dates, to avoid conflicts of dates and permit visitations by the Commander-in-Chief to all.

5. That the Departments be urged to create the office of Department Organizer or other appropriate title, to have the duties of active organizer of Camps, director of membership campaigns, and assistant to the Department Commander.

In closing this report let me say that I am proud to be a part of the finest, most forward looking patriotic and fraternal organization in America today.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Joseph S. Rippey
Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Rippey received the enthusiastic applause of the Encampment upon the completion of the reading of this Report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I move you, Sir, that the report of the Commander-in-Chief, together with all reports forthcoming, be submitted without debate to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, and carried; after which it was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

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

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Sharp read:

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Union City, New Jersey
August 14, 1964

To Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey
Officers and Members of the 83rd Annual National Encampment
Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

I was greatly honored last year at the National Encampment, at Miami Beach, Florida, to be elected to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I felt it an honor and a privilege, to serve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a National Officer this year.

The Commander-in-Chief, during the past year, has carried out the duties of his office in a very capable manner, and only had to call upon me once to represent him.

My activities during the past year have been confined to my own Department. I would have liked to have taken a more active part in the affairs that took place, but had to curtail my activities on my physician's orders.

In September, I attended a reception given in honor of our Department Commander, William Wharton, and Department President, Hilda Junge, at Washington's Crossing, Pennsylvania.

In November, I had the pleasure of the installing of the officers of Abraham Lincoln State Camp at a dinner meeting, held in Princeton, New Jersey.

The mid year meeting of the New Jersey Department was held in November, in Trenton, and a program was started to petition our Governor, to allow the school children and their teachers, one minute of silence during the opening exercises in all schools to pray if they wished to do so, until such time as the Supreme Court decision will be

resolved. This petition with 4000 signatures was presented to the Governor.

The New Jersey Department Encampment, was held in June in Asbury Park, and due to the pressure of business, our Commander-in-Chief was unable to attend and asked me to represent him. I welcomed this opportunity, and hope that my effort to represent him was fitting. I acted as Toastmaster, at the banquet for the Department Officers, at this Encampment, and also installed the newly elected Department Officers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I trust that my duties, during the past year meet with your approval, and I thank you for the honor of serving our beloved Order.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Alton Sharp

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Partington, are you ready to submit your report?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Partington presented the following:

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hall, Pa.
August 17, 1964

To the Officers and Members of the
83rd National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Brothers:

One year ago you honored me by electing me to the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

As you know, the responsibilities of this Office are limited both Constitutionally, and for practical reasons.

When traveling across the country as your representative one's activities, as a National Officer, are more easily defined than when one's activities are limited to that geographical area where one has, more or less, always been active. Because my activities, in many instances, seemed to overlap I will not attempt to separate them, nor will I burden you with such a list. I am sure, being active members yourselves, you have some idea of what these activities are. Sufficient to say, I am proud to be a member of this organization, and grateful for any opportunity to serve.

There is one thing which has caused me some concern. Under the C. & R. the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is "responsible for promoting membership and organization under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief." Under present circumstances I feel that this designation is superfluous.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Richard O. Partington

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

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

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver presented the following:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

P.O. Box 24
Gettysburg, Pa.
August 14, 1964

To Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief
83rd Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Officers and Delegates Assembled

Greetings:

1. It is with great pride and pleasure that I submit to you, this formal report of activity and progress that was credited to this administration under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief Rippey, his Staff of Officers and the members of our organization.
2. The books, records and financial standing have been audited by Clay W. Garrett, Certified Public Accountant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, copies of which have been approved by the Council of Administration of this Encampment and will be forwarded to the Congress of the United States to conform to our Act of Congressional Charter. A complete statistical report of the audit is attached to this report.
3. The excellent analysis of our membership standing, income from per capita and overall financial status as presented in the report of former Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, exactly one year ago at the 82nd Encampment, represents our present standing of today and his advice and recommendations must serve as our guideline in future years. Conservation of our resources are of great necessity. The understanding of the Officers and Committees in their appropriations and expenditures is important and I urge each of you to take survey of our statistical report to serve as a guide in the continuance of the greatest service we can serve our Nation with the resources available.
4. Our main course of reserve is the Permanent Fund which consists of increase from the accumulated dividends, Life Membership fees and donations to the Honor Roll Fund. The following is the breakdown of the income and expense for the Permanent Fund for the fiscal year June 30, 1963 to June 30, 1964:

PERMANENT FUND INCOME		PERMANENT FUND EXPENSE	
Dividends	\$1263.50	Interest on	
Honor Roll	50.00	Life Memberships	\$72.50
Life Memberships	200.00		
Donations	500.00		

5. The following have made contributions to the Permanent Honor Roll in memory of a Civil War Veteran descendant:

Tristram Edmunds	\$10.00
John Carpenter	10.00
Alonzo Grove Case	10.00
W. Earl Corbin	10.00
John E. Sautter	10.00
6. Life Memberships were conveyed to the following:

Benjamin Edge	\$100.00
Chester S. Shriver	100.00

7. Many outstanding events pertaining to the Civil War Centennial have been observed in all parts of our country with Brothers from our Camps, Departments, National Organization and the Sons of Veterans Reserve participating which has reflected credit to our Order. However, the observances at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th and the service at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois on April 15th merits your consideration for special emphasis on the 100th anniversary service planned for April 15, 1965.
8. The many activities and official visitations in representing your Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization were many. It is always with pride and pleasure to serve in these capacities in the rightful stand of representatives for any and all Patriotic observances. Although the membership of our ranks have decreased in the past years, today we have the finest in officers serving our camps, our Departments and our National Organization. I urge each and every member to accept that part of his obligation when he was initiated into membership—to actively and promote the objects and interest always and everywhere—so help you God.
9. Reports and correspondence arrive daily and number into the hundreds annually. All reports are forwarded to proper authority with the Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration receiving monthly reports of the financial standing and membership standing. Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Administration are recorded. A copy of the 1963 National Encampment proceedings and CPA Report have been forwarded to the Congress of the United States. A supply of items for use in our Organization is maintained at National Headquarters. For any assistance that is needed for our Order can always be available by request to National Headquarters.
10. This report is for the short period that followed nearly 16 years of dedicated and untiring service by former National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Albert C. Lambert who assumed his election at a time when records and assets were dangerously recorded. Through his years of this faithful service and upon the smooth transition of the property of the National Organization on April 1, 1964 to the undersigned, can only be appreciated by those who have directly served with Brother Lambert.
Therefore, I submit this report to this Encampment in tribute and credited to one of the finest dedicated brothers, Albert C. Lambert.
11. May I take this opportunity to convey to you Commander-in-Chief Rippey, my deepest appreciation for serving on your administration. You too have served untiringly and your presence and cooperation was sincere. Your staff of Officers was also a credit to your success.

To all brothers in our organization, my deepest thanks for your cooperation and support.

To the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, I pledge my cooperation at all times.

Respectfully submitted in F.C.&L.,

Chester S. Shriver

National Secretary-Treasurer

NATIONAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1963, to June 30, 1964

	General Fund	Natl. Patr. Instructor's G.A.R. Fund	Permanent Fund
Cash Balance June 30, 1963	\$ 4,557.83	\$2,506.40	\$ 479.60
RECEIPTS			
Per Capita Tax	4,135.25		
Registration Fee—1963	192.00		
Supplies Sold	581.90		
Banner Subscriptions	1,165.35		
Gift—Auxiliary	500.00		
National Patriotic Instructor 1962-1963 ..		323.02	
National Patriotic Instructor 1963-1964 ..		339.00	
Dividends			1,263.50
Donations—Honor Roll Fund			50.00
Life Membership Fees			200.00
Donations—Others			500.00
	\$ 6,574.50	\$ 662.02	\$2,013.50
	\$11,132.33	\$3,168.42	\$2,493.10
DISBURSEMENTS			
Supplies Purchased for Resale	\$ 550.32		
The Banner	1,800.00		
Commander-in-Chief's Expense	500.00		
National Secretary-Treasurer's Salary and Expense	1,150.00		
Encampment Expense, 1963	803.43		
Federal Insurance Contributions	65.25		
Rent for National Headquarters	400.00		
Proceedings, 1963	767.00		
Shipping Expense, Supplies, etc.	87.05		
Printing, Stationery, Postage	305.60		
C. P. A. Audit	100.00		
Insurance	30.00		
Shriver Testimonial	100.00		
Lock Box	2.00		
Repairs, Typewriter	6.00		
Contribution to 1963 Convention Committee		\$ 200.00	
Gettysburg College Scholarship		250.00	
American Coalition		25.00	
Lincoln Monument Expense		30.45	
Lincoln Tomb Expense		175.06	
Military Affairs Committee		100.00	
G. A. R. History Committee		50.00	
Purchase of Investments			\$1,615.00
Life Membership Interest Paid			72.50
	\$ 6,666.65	\$ 830.51	\$1,687.50
Cash Balance June 30, 1964	4,465.68	2,337.91	805.60
Total	\$11,132.33	\$3,168.42	\$2,493.10

Permanent Fund

Cash Balance June 30, 1964	\$ 805.60
Investments (at cost)	22,148.49
Market Value June 30, 1964—\$24,288.00	
	\$22,954.09

Comparative Balance Sheet

	June 30, 1963	June 30, 1964
CASH		
General Fund	\$ 4,557.83	\$ 4,465.68
Permanent Fund	479.60	805.60
Patriotic Instructor G. A. R. Fund	2,506.40	2,337.91
INVESTMENTS		
Permanent Fund	20,533.49	22,148.49
INVENTORY AT COST		
	2,125.86	2,183.82
	\$30,203.18	\$31,941.50

Stock and Supplies Account

Cost of Supplies on Hand	Received for Supplies	\$581.90
6-30-63	Cost of Sales	492.36
\$2,125.86		
Cost of Supplies Purchased ..	Profit on Supplies	\$ 89.54
550.32		
\$2,676.18		
Cost of Supplies on Hand		
6-30-64		
2,183.82		
\$ 492.36		

Recapitulation—Secretary's Report

	Camps	Members
In Good Standing June 30, 1963	268	4,174
GAIN	1	159
	269	4,333
LOSS	10	379
	259	3,954
In Good Standing June 30, 1964		

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1963-1964

Departments	Good Standing June 30, 1963		GAIN		LOSS		Good Standing June 30, 1964		Associates Included	Delegate Representation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Calif. & Pacific	14	213	0	9	1	34	13	188	0	5
Colo. & Wyo.	1	18	0	0	0	6	1	12	0	1
Connecticut	13	184	0	1	1	29	12	156	0	4
Illinois	9	115	0	16	0	11	9	120	6	3
Indiana	5	75	0	0	0	0	5	75	0	3
Iowa	6	60	0	0	0	0	6	60	0	2
Kansas	5	37	0	0	0	2	5	35	0	2
Maine	15	246	0	5	1	33	14	218	7	5
Maryland	4	63	0	0	0	3	4	60	0	2
Massachusetts	45	737	0	6	0	36	45	707	0	15
Michigan	8	119	0	6	0	12	8	113	0	3
Minnesota	3	23	0	0	1	1	2	22	0	1
New Hampshire	9	128	0	11	2	32	7	107	1	3
New Jersey	12	212	0	6	0	18	12	200	12	5
New York	31	486	0	20	1	31	30	475	0	10
Ohio	16	251	0	8	0	24	16	235	3	6
Oregon & Washington	3	46	0	7	0	6	3	47	2	2
Pennsylvania	42	767	1	57	2	77	41	747	5	16
Rhode Island	10	148	0	2	0	1	10	149	0	4
Vermont	10	161	0	0	1	15	9	146	0	4
Wisconsin	5	60	0	5	0	6	5	59	0	2
Camp 21, S. Carolina	1	14	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	1
Members at Large	1	11	0	0	0	2	1	9	0	1
	268	4,174	1	159	10	379	259	3,954	36	100

CAMPs GAINED: Sayre, Penn.

CAMPs LOST: California & Pacific—Santa Rosa; Connecticut—Bridgeport; Maine—Sherman Mills; Minnesota—Linwood; New Hampshire—Portsmouth, Hillsboro; New York—Ithaca; Pennsylvania—Philadelphia (Camp 40), Philadelphia (Camp 236); Vermont—Springfield.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very much for that excellent and detailed report. You are certainly starting off on the right foot and following after the good example of your fine predecessor.

May we have the report of the National Chaplain.

National Chaplain Phillips presented the following:

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Rochester, N. Y.

August 16, 1964

To: Commander-in-Chief Rippey
83rd National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

To the officers and members of the National Encampment, let me take this opportunity to thank our Commander-in-Chief Brother Rippey in having confidence in me by appointing me as your National Chaplain for the term just closed, and I am told that it was the first time that an associate member held that office.

This to me is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an associate member and I hope and pray that I was worthy of that trust.

My report is as follows:

On October 12, 1963, I attended a dinner and reception in honor of Mrs. Mildred Nistico, President of Auxiliary to S.U.V. of C.W., held at Powers Hotel in Rochester, N. Y. and gave the invocation and benediction as N.Y. Department Chaplain and was also recognized as National Chaplain.

On Nov. 9, 1963, I attended a dinner and reception in honor of Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief of S.U.V. of C.W. and his staff and Anita Selby, National President of Auxiliary to S.U.V. of C.W., held at Powers Hotel in Rochester, N. Y. and gave the invocation and benediction.

On February 9, 1964, the Commander-in-Chief and myself were participants in the ceremony of the transfer of flags held at East High School in Rochester, N. Y. in appreciation of the Patriotic Vision of the members of the George H. Thomas Post No. 4, Department of New York Grand Army of the Republic who gave and bequeathed this ceremony to Rochester on February 22, 1889, now under the auspices of Glidden Pierce Loub Camp No. 6 of Rochester, N. Y., S.U.V. of C.W. The greeting was given by our Commander-in-Chief who was a former Standard Bearer and the Charge to the Standard Bearers was given by me, also to the Guardians of the flag. I was recognized as the National Chaplain to the S.U.V. when I led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. This was an outstanding event.

On February 11, 1964, I attended the Abraham Lincoln Dinner sponsored by the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Association of Erie County held in Buffalo, N. Y. where I had the honor of representing our Commander-in-Chief Brother Rippey and the National Body of this great Order.

There were other invitations extended to me but due to circumstances beyond my control I could not attend them.

There is a saying "You cannot serve two Gods at once" but I tried with all my heart to serve my New York Department and the National Organization of the S.U.V. of C.W. as their Chaplain and I pray that neither regretted the appointment given me.

Hoping to serve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the future as I did in the past.

I remain yours in F.C. & L.
William Phillips
National Chaplain

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1963-1964

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Michigan	8	119	0	6	0	12	8	113	0	3
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(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you Brother Phillips. (The Encampment recessed at this point from 12:10 to 1:45 for a luncheon break.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Could we please have the report of the National Historian.

National Historian Spink reported as follows:

REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

388 Woodland Street
Hartford, Conn. 06112
Apt. B-2
August 15, 1964

To: Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War and
Members of the 83rd Annual Encampment

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers,

It was my privilege this year to have attended, with National Genealogist Brother Kenneth Wheeler and his good wife Sister Emma, National Chief of Staff of our Auxiliary, the Annual Encampment of the Ohio Department, acting as Guide at the Installation of Officers—the Pennsylvania Department Encampment—the New York Department Encampment—and the Vermont Department Encampment, where I was honored by being asked to Install the Officers. I also attended the Massachusetts Department Encampment, and acted as your official Representative at my own Connecticut Department Encampment. It was a pleasure to renew old friends and make new ones at all the Encampments and I sincerely thank all Officers and Brothers in each Department for all the courtesies extended to me. In your absence I extended Greetings from the Commandery-in-Chief as well as my own greetings.

One year ago we met in Annual Session at the beautiful Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, with the New Jersey Department acting as host; one of the few times that our Order has met in Annual Session below the Mason-Dixon Line.

I am quite sure that those who were privileged to attend were amply rewarded for their effort. We were graciously received by the City of Miami Beach—the Hotel and the citizens in general, and most royally entertained by the New Jersey Department. Many of us highly enjoyed the warm Florida sunshine, I, especially enjoyed the warm water and the air conditioned Hotel was superb.

There was a registration of 96 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 186 Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and 126 Ladies of the G.A.R., plus several non-delegates and friends of each Order.

A joint Memorial Service was held Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. under the leadership of Brother Rev. Richard O. Partington, National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Sister Bessie Warner, National Chaplain of our Auxiliary.

At 7:30 Sunday evening the Camp Fire of the Grand Army of the Republic revived by their descendants was held under the leadership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. A concert presented by The Vanguarders (sponsored by American Legion) preceded the Camp Fire. Major Howard Dessinger, SVR, advanced the Colors. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, as

Master of Ceremonies welcomed us as did the Hon. Melvin J. Richards, Mayor of Miami Beach. The address of the evening was given by the Hon. Spessard L. Holland, United States Senator from Florida.

The joint opening with our Auxiliary was held Monday morning. Our business sessions were started immediately afterwards and lasted through Thursday. There were no sessions of the Encampment on Wednesday which left the delegation free to enjoy a courtesy boat trip on the beautiful Biscayne Bay, go shopping or sightseeing or just enjoy the bathing. The morning sessions of the Encampment were not called to order until 11 A.M. which gave the delegates ample time for a morning plunge and play time in the water as well as a leisure "brunch."

It was at this Encampment that Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, tendered his resignation. His services to the National Body of this Order have been varied and many for a period of at least 25 years. He held a National Office for most of those years and served as Commander-in-Chief 1940-41 and National Secretary-Treasurer for the past 15 years. We are very happy that he is continuing in the work of our Order as Editor of the Banner. The resignation was effective March 31, 1964 and during election of officers Past Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver was elected to take over the duties of National Secretary-Treasurer on that date.

Our Encampment Stenographer, Mrs. Annamae Berhalter, better known as Sister Dolly, announced that this would be her last year as stenographer. Sister Dolly has served for the past 22 years, with the exception of one year, 1946, when as Pennsylvania Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War she had to attend that Convention. Dolly was never too busy to correct a report for an officer or do any favor within her power at all times during the Encampments. Our best wishes for her future happiness.

The Office of National Recorder was authorized for one year as an experiment and the name of this Office is to be changed to National Genealogist.

Elaborate and solemn homage in ceremonies commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania were held November 16, 1963, at the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove, on the Battlefield in the afternoon and at the Hotel Gettysburg in the evening. Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick presided at the afternoon ceremonies. Rev. Fr. Joseph S. Kealy, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church pronounced the opening prayer and Rev. John S. Bishop of St. James Lutheran Church, the closing prayer. Maj. Gen. Thomas A. White, Penn. National Guard, was the speaker. Music was furnished by the Gettysburg Senior High School Band and Company G 6th Infantry Battalion SVR providing the firing squad and bugler. An appropriate pageant was given by Gettysburg Camp 112 with G. Henry Roth narrating.

Past Department Commander Edwin K. Kramer acted as toastmaster at the 33rd Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association held in the evening. The address was given by the Hon. Fred Schwengel, U.S. Congressman from Iowa. Among those present at both occasions were Commander-in-Chief Rippey; National President of our Auxiliary, Anita Selby; National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., Molly Mercer; National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Jessie Johnston; National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Isabelle Smith; Alexander Hartner, Penn. Jr.-Vice Commander Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States as well as the Department of Pennsylvania Presiding Officers of the Allied Bodies of the Grand Army of the Republic. During the program Commander-in-Chief Rippey

presented a check in the amount of \$250.00 to Dr. Charles H. Gladfelter, Dean of Gettysburg College.

Maj. Gen. Amos A. Fries, former chief of the Army's Chemical Warfare Service died in Washington, D. C. on December 20, 1963, at 90 years of age. He was a prominent and notable member of Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2. He graduated 7th in the West Point Class of 1898, and served with distinction under General Pershing in France.

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States arranged a splendid program on February 12, 1964 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. observing the 155th Birthday of Abraham Lincoln. In attendance were Lyndon Baines Johnson, President of the United States; British Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home who placed wreaths at the foot of the statue along with many others including our Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey. Music was furnished by the Air Force Band. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Color Guard participated in SVR uniform. The exercises were followed by a luncheon in the Diplomatic Reception Suite of the Department of State Building.

March 7, 1964 the Centennial of Gen. U. S. Grant's assumption of supreme command of the Federal Armies was marked with special Washington, D. C. ceremonies. The program began in the National Gallery of Art and concluded at the Grant Monument on the west side of the Capitol. Participating in the event were the U.S. Marine Band, the U.S. Army Chorus, and the Combined Color Guard. Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. U.S. Grant, 3rd, his sister Julia Grant Cantacuzene and her daughter Lady Ida Handbury Williams of England, were special guests. Robert Lincoln Beckwith, the great-grandson of Abraham Lincoln was also present. The Hon. Paul J. Sedgwick, Chairman of the District of Columbia Civil War Centennial Commission acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Several wreaths were placed at the Monument, including one placed on behalf of our Order by Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver, and one placed on behalf of U. S. Grant Camp No. 20 of New York by Franklin B. Horbelt.

Our Commander-in-Chief's colors were escorted by men of C and G Companies, 6th Infantry, Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veteran Reserve.

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur died in Washington, D. C. on April 5, 1964 at the age of 84. When we received our Congressional Charter in 1954, General MacArthur was one of the incorporators. His death was as his life, valiant and courageous. He was one of America's bona-fide heroes and now becomes one of her legends. It is truly said, "Old soldiers never die." Not the great ones.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frederic G. Bauer, died at his home in Ridgewood, N. J. on April 13, 1964 at age 83. A retired Boston attorney, Brother Bauer served our Order as Commander-in-Chief in 1955-56. In World War I, he was in the Judge Advocate General's Office in France. In 1920 he accepted a commission as Colonel in the Regular Army and returned to the reserve in 1923. To his wife, Mrs. Charlotte A. Bauer, his son, Richard Wingate Bauer, and to the Massachusetts Department, we extend sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

On April 15, 1964, to commemorate the 99th Anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln the 8th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was conducted in Oak Ridge Cemetery under the sponsorship of our National Organization, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. A total of 51 wreaths were offered as a solemn tribute to the memory of our 16th President.

A ritual team from the Veterans of Foreign Wars posted the colors

and the Memorial Salute was fired by a squad composed of members of the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A.

Two addresses were delivered at the Tomb. Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey of our Order included Mr. Lincoln's Springfield Farewell Address of February 11, 1861 with his timely remarks and was followed by Commander William C. Duval, U.S.N.R. (ret.) Past Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States who gave a memorable talk on the principles of patriotism.

After the service at the cemetery, Mr. Harry Page, Director of Public Relations for the Illinois Superintendent of Public Instruction, addressed a luncheon gathering of 90 guests at the Hotel Leland, his subject being "Abraham Lincoln." City Commissioner William Cellini of Springfield extended a warm welcome to those present. At the luncheon three of the five men who were principally responsible for originating the ceremony, in 1957, were present. They are Commander Duval, James L. High, Recorder of the Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion and a member of our Order, and Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin of Ohio. Each person at the luncheon received from the Loyal Legion an interesting booklet entitled "Little Known Facts about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War," edited by George L. Cashman.

Co-Chairman of the Committee in charge were P.D.C. Ill. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War George L. Cashman, Curator of the Lincoln Tomb, and Thomas L. W. Johnson, Commander of the Department of Wisconsin Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Other members of the Committee were James M. Blackman, Charles A. Brady, Jr., M. J. Burns and Department Commander Myron E. Goodermont, all of Illinois. James L. High, while not officially a member of the Committee also gave generously of his time and talents.

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven of Maine placed a wreath on the Altar of the Nations in the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire on Memorial Day, May 30, 1964. The wreath was placed on behalf of our Order in memory of our deceased members and the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Over 50 wreaths were laid on the Altar by representatives of Veteran and Patriotic Organizations. A large wreath was sent by President Lyndon B. Johnson and a white rose was placed for each of the Governors of the fifty states.

From various reports, the SVR is growing and becoming an asset and "Show Card" to our Organization. May they have our continued support. Their efforts should be, and are, I think, appreciated.

After discussion with your Commander-in-Chief I turned over to the Office of National Genealogist two volumes of "Adjutant Generals Report 1865. Register of R.I. Volunteers 1861-1865" and one volume "Register of New Hampshire Soldiers and Sailors, War of the Rebellion." I had asked for such books from each Department hoping some day to have a complete set in one location for reference purposes. When the Office of Genealogist was created we agreed that this was where these books belonged.

From the columns of the Banner we learn of the many worthwhile undertakings that are being carried out in each Department to keep before the public the name and deeds of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I wish time and space would permit the listing of each event giving the Brothers credit for their fine accomplishments. However, the Banners are kept and may be referred to for future reference.

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

Thank you Brother Rippey for appointing me as your National

Historian. May this report meet with your approval. My best wishes for a most prosperous Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F.C.&L.
Allen F. Spink
National Historian

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you Brother Spink for that fine report.

In the absence of our National Graves Registration Officer Maurice J. Warner I will ask our National Secretary to read the report.

National Secretary Shriver read the following:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

822 Middle St.
Bath, Maine
August 12, 1964

To: Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I hereby most respectfully submit my report as National Graves Registration Officer for the past year.

Various contacts were made personally; also by correspondence and through the Banner. It seems through these contacts that I made, that very few of the Departments have the office of Graves Registration Officer included in their list. I appreciate the few replies that I did receive, some reporting progress and others reporting that nothing had been done.

I have made every effort to carry out the duties of my office, and the results obtained, while small, are pleasing.

I will list briefly the reports sent to me, mostly from Department Commanders.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC: The Department Commander is now in the process of evaluating a Department wide questionnaire and survey just made. Gen. Daniel McCoy Camp, San Diego, is now making a registration drive.

CONNECTICUT: Over ninety cemeteries in Connecticut have been covered by the graves registration officer, and those in need of care have been referred to the various City or Town officials. Grave markers have been replaced and applications sent in for new head stones; P.D.C. Harold Scott, an efficient officer is retiring.

MAINE: The graves of all Veterans in Maine are now receiving fine attention and much work is being done in listing the names and other pertinent information concerning especially these of the Civil War due to Centennial activities. The Town of Newfield, Maine, through their Centennial Commission, has made a list of all Civil War Veterans from that community, his rank, regiment, etc., and where all but a half dozen are buried. I was furnished a lead about a Confederate veteran being buried at Poland Spring, Maine, a short time after the Civil War, and upon investigation found that the grave had been taken care of and kept in fine condition, but no one seemed to know by whom. There is a fine stone on the grave, with the necessary information on it. Just prior to last Memorial Day, a brief service was arranged by myself and the management of the Poland Spring House, and this service was held one week before Memorial Day, and was attended by the Hon. John H. Reed, Governor of Maine.

MICHIGAN: Does not have a graves registration officer, but is doing much work with the State Civil War Centennial Observance

Commission which has completed the field work on locating the Civil War Veterans' graves by counties with a list of every grave listed in alphabetical order. These are all being assembled in book form and will show where every Civil War Veteran is buried and in what cemetery.

MASSACHUSETTS: Does not have a graves registration officer, but each local Camp works with City or Town Officials on decorating graves, etc.

NEW JERSEY: Seventeen Grand Army of the Republic flag-holders have been placed on unmarked graves; three marble headstones have been placed; two are on order as replacements; fourteen granite markers have been placed. The markers in the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Plot in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, are in the process of being replaced, and the flagpole and cannon mounts or bases have been repaired completely. The Senior Class of the Plainfield High School have for the ninth consecutive year placed red geraniums on the graves located in this plot. The Civil War grave records of the Evergreen Cemetery in Elizabeth have been assembled and are in the process of being listed and typed. Each year a fine report is sent in from New Jersey by Brother Vanderhoof.

NEW YORK: Does not have a graves registration officer, but reports that Civil War graves are decorated and some Camps hold Memorial services in various parts of the State.

OHIO: The Department Commander knows of no records in the past two years on this matter, but sent a fine report on what had been done some years ago. Also he is appointing the Junior Vice Department Commander to take care of this work during this year, and hopes to have a fine report for next year. Replies of a progressive nature like these are received with much pleasure by this office.

RHODE ISLAND: Department Commander reports he has two graves registration officers in his Department. No recent progress has been made in the matter. The Department Commander noted that he had one case where a Civil War Veteran had never had a flag on his grave, and he had taken care of this matter.

WISCONSIN: Due to the size of the active membership, no graves registration officer has been appointed in this Department, but the Commander is having the Senior Vice Department Commander attend to the matter in his area. Camps are carrying out these duties locally as best they can. There are possibilities of a good report next year due to our correspondence this year.

While the activity has evidently not been heavy, I feel that my contacts with the various Departments have brought some encouraging replies, and that another year will bring larger and more complete reports.

I feel that there are great possibilities ahead for this office, but if our efforts are to be successful there will have to be much pertinent information forwarded to Department and local officers, that they may have a better understanding of what is expected of them. I hope that in some small way I have made a start on the right track this year.

In closing, may I extend my thanks for the opportunity of serving; also to thank those who were so interesting and encouraging in their replies to my correspondence.

I herobly pledge my most loyal support to my successor.

Respectfully submitted in F.C.&L.

Maurice J. Warner

National Graves Registration Officer

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Jesse H. Johnston (Wyoming) accompanied by Past National President Laura I. Smith (Rhode Island) were escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

National President Johnston: I feel that we have had a wonderful year. We have been together on four different occasions where all five heads have met together. We have had a very strong family feeling; it has been a great privilege to work with each head and associate. I have been very happy to make this trip here—I have had it on my mind that I was going to make this Convention. Because of our being together throughout the year I want you to have this emblem, Commander-in-Chief Rippey, one which has been very near to us to show how I appreciate our pleasant association together. I want to wish for you a wonderful convention. I also have a little Wyoming hat to wear as a souvenir from my state.

Chet, our association has been wonderful this year and you have been so nice to me I want you to have something to remember me by, with this little hat from my state too.

I have my past national president here with me and I'm proud to have her here.

Past Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold responded: It is indeed a pleasure for me at this 83rd Encampment to welcome you and for taking time to visit us. It is a rare occasion that the President of the Woman's Relief Corps takes time out to pay us a visit. I'd like to present you a Rhode Island rooster as an exchange for that Wyoming hat.

(Commander-in-Chief Rippey presented each with delegate's badges after which they were escorted out.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will now have the report of the National Genealogist Kenneth Wheeler
National Genealogist Wheeler read the following:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GENEALOGIST

Milford, New Hampshire
August 17, 1964

To the Officers and Members of the
83rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

Greetings:

I have the honor to submit the following report:

I have not had a busy year as far as requests for searching for records of Civil War Veterans. I had two inquiries and I successfully completed one. The other one was answered, giving the various places the records could be found. The information given me was not complete enough to be of much help. I asked for more information, but never received an answer to my request.

I realize this is a new office, created last year on a trial basis, and it seems to me that this work could be handled much more efficiently on a state-wide basis. State libraries have a complete record of all war veterans, and many of the camps and Departments also have these records. I would like to recommend that this office be tried on a Department level.

I had the pleasure of attending the reception for National President

Anita Selby and my own Commander-in-Chief Joe Rippey. Mrs. Wheeler and I were treated royally and we had a wonderful time.

I attended eight Department Encampments and several receptions.

Yours in F.C. & L.

Kenneth T. Wheeler, Sr.
National Genealogist

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you Brother Wheeler. We will have the report of the District of Columbia Representative.

National District of Columbia Representative Glennum presented the following:

REPORT OF NATIONAL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE

August 13, 1964

To: Mr. Joseph S. Rippey
Commander-in-Chief
165 Linden Street
Rochester, New York

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Words cannot express the pleasure and my appreciation in having the honor and privilege of serving you as Commander-in-Chief and the National Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this past year.

I earnestly hope we can unite in building our camps with new recruits in the future to carry on this heritage which is ours and that which came to us through the line of succession.

The only way this can be made possible is through your General Orders No. 3 in the April-June Banner.

I believe if we abide by these precepts we shall succeed.

The following are the reports and activities, meetings, and conclaves of the District of Columbia and the Department of Maryland, including visitations to Allied Bodies.

The fall meeting of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2, S.U.V.C.W was held at the Army-Navy Club on Saturday evening, November 23, 1963. As usual, General U. S. Grant was chairman and Master of Ceremonies. There were many members and guests: Commander-in-Chief Joseph Rippey, Past Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver and Mrs. Shriver, Col. and Mrs. McHarg, Col. and Mrs. Pyne of Loyal Legion, Mrs. Mollie Mercer, President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., and Auxiliary members were present. After the social hour and business meeting were conducted, the Camp Officers were unanimously elected for the 1963-64 year. The Oath of Office was administered by Past National Commander-in-Chief, Chester Shriver. General Grant then presented Past Commander Badge to John Palsgrove as a gift of the Camp for his service as Camp Commander. At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman General Grant introduced Mr. Francis J. McNamara, Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, who made a stirring and convincing speech apprising us of the need for greater security in our country. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 5:

The American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Inc. had their yearly conclave at the Mayflower Hotel with a banquet. They had good morning speakers and their main speaker was Senator Carl Curtis of Nebraska. His topic was the definition of a Conservative. He gave a very convincing appraisal which was well received and caused guests to show their greatest approval.

FEBRUARY 12: AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

This was one of the greatest years we ever had. The weather was cold and crisp, but clear. The attendance was the largest that we had in many years. The President attended and gave a very eloquent address on Lincoln, after which he placed the first wreath on the base of the statue, this was followed by Military Order of the Loyal Legion, British Prime Minister, the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War by their Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey, assisted by Past Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver, the Lincoln Cushing Camp by Robert McCarthy, Commander, and many others of the Allied Bodies. Music was furnished by the Air Force Band. The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of U.S. arranged the splendid program which was followed by a luncheon in the Diplomatic Reception Suite in the State Department Building.

MARCH 7:

The descendants of Lincoln and Grant attended ceremonies commemorating the 100th Anniversary of General Grant's taking supreme command of the Union Armies in the Civil War. The program started at 2:00 P.M. in the National Gallery of Art and concluded at the impressive Grant statue on the west side of the Capitol. In this event, the U.S. Marine Band, the U.S. Army Chorus, and the combined Color Guards were in attendance. General Grant, his sister, Julia Grant Cantacuzene and her daughter, Lady Ida Handbury Williams (who in 1922, unveiled the Grant Monument) were present, as was Robert Lincoln Beckwith, the great-grandson of Lincoln. Many wreaths were placed on the monument. Brig. General Charles M. Duke placed one for President Johnson. Wreaths were placed by Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver and by Franklin B. Horbett of U. S. Grant Camp No. 20, New York. The Hon. Paul J. Sedgwick, Chairman, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

MAY 2:

The 77th Annual Maryland Department Convention in Wilmington, Delaware, was very successful. John Palsgrove of Lincoln Cushing Camp No. 2 succeeded Richard Johnson as Department Commander. Robert J. McCarthy was also elected Sr. Vice-Commander along with the election of other Departmental Officers. My congratulations go to Appomatox Camp No. 2 of Wilmington in initiating three new members and their good work, to Col. R. C. Shaw Camp No. 6, to the Ladies Auxiliary, to the Ladies of G.A.R., and to their committees. Past Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer, Chester Shriver and Mrs. Shriver were in attendance. Mrs. Shriver graced the Head Table as other Officers did. Mr. Shriver acted as Master of Ceremonies, and his words of welcome were well received by the Department. The entertainment was in good accord, and the night was well spent through the efforts of the Pennsylvanians. The Commander-in-Chief, Joseph Rippey, was greatly missed, but owing to his other commitment, was unable to be present. Past Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver had to leave, also. The installation of Department Officers was superbly conducted by Col. Michael Casey.

MAY 11:

G.A.R. Memorial Day Corporation meetings to arrange for decorating graves in cemeteries in and around Washington. I expect to get recognition in the Memorial Day program in the future.

MAY 24:

Thirty-sixth annual massing of the colors by the Woman's Relief Corps at the Nuns Monument, opposite the St. Matthews Cathedral; the Sons were well represented. The Commander of the Lincoln-Cush-

ing Camp, Robert J. McCarthy placed a wreath on the Monument and Col. Michael Casey gave a speech: The Nuns of the Civil War.

MAY 30:

Memorial Day exercises in the National Amphitheater at the Arlington Cemetery, opened services about 8:20 with Memorial selections on the Carillon at 8:30 A.M. Robert F. Sutphin, President of G.A.R. Memorial Day Corporation, and Mrs. Myrtle Burke, who is in charge of flowers, placed a wreath on President Kennedy's grave in the name of G.A.R. After this service, Michael Casey, from Lincoln-Cushing Camp, placed a wreath in the name of Cushing Auxiliary No. 5 on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. At 8:20 they placed wreaths at the mast of the battleship Maine; 10:20 A.M. the services started in the amphitheater where the Marine Band and the United States Army Chorus rendered selections. At 10:50 there was a moment of silence while the wreath of President Johnson was placed on the tomb. Music at this time was by the Army Band. Robert F. Sutphin spoke regarding the cemetery, after one hundred years, also about the first soldiers buried there, in N.E. corner headstone No. 19, in plot No. 27, this marks the grave of William Christman, Private, Co. G, 67th Pennsylvania Infantry, who probably died of typhoid in one of Arlington's forts, buried on May 13, 1864. Services were over at 12:10. I presume there were more than 8,000 people present.

Our Battle Ground National Cemetery Exercises were held at 4:30 P.M., after the many exercises at Arlington Cemetery. This is the smallest U.S. Cemetery in the United States. With the finale of placing wreaths around the flagpole in the center of the Cemetery, and the flag raising, were a fitting climax to a day spent in honoring our departed heroes. A very small crowd was present.

JUNE 7:

Woman's Relief Corps met at the Watergate, on the Potomac. Flowers were thrown on the water, it was well attended by the Corps and Lincoln-Cushing Camp.

JUNE 14:

Flag Day exercises were sponsored by the Woman's Relief Corps and the G.A.R. at the East side of the United States Capitol, fanfare of drums and bugle—Massing of the Colors, led by the United States Marine Color Guard. National Guard of Honor was performed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Allied Bodies of the G.A.R. and All Veterans organizations were present with their Colors.

The main featured part, was the Flag Pageant, by the Marine Corps, narrated by Col. Sergeant L. E. Blank. They had several minor speakers. The main address, the Flag, by the Hon. Fred Shwengel, member of Congress from Iowa.

JUNE 21:

Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Flag Presentation Ceremony at their headquarters; Ellen Spencer Mussey Tent No. 1. Color bearer Flags were presented in memory of past Presidents by members of their families. A reception for the honored and guests followed in the Grand Army room.

JULY 30:

The Centennial of Battle of Fort Stevens, at 13th and Tuckerman Street, N.W. The Centennial Commission provided the exercises which was in charge of District of Columbia Civil War Commission.

Under the direction of Major General Phillip Wehle, U.S. Commander General of District of Columbia, there was a tableau of six Army Corps in Civil War costumes which was very interesting. Music was furnished by a military band and songs by the army chorus. Ten or

more wreaths were placed on a marker, the place where Lincoln stood as he viewed the battle. The President's wreath was placed by Major General Phillip Wehle, and one was placed by Robert J. McCarthy, Commander Lincoln-Cushing Post. All the Allied Bodies took part in the service. Many observers were present.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur R. Glennum
Dist. of Columbia Rep.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

COMMUNICATIONS—GREETINGS

National Secretary Shriver read the following telegrams and letters of best wishes for a fine Encampment together with inability to attend, from:

Past Department Commander William Rule, Mass.
Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pa.
John D. Erskine, Pa.

After the reading of a letter asking the support of the Encampment for the U.S. Grant Association, motion was made that the matter be referred to the Council of Administration that they might discuss the practicability of matching a \$500.00 proposal from Past Commander-in-Chief Grant with another \$500.00 from the national organization.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Is there any unfinished business? If not, we will hear from the Committee on Legislation.

Committee on Legislation Chairman Brady presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

August 17, 1964

To the Officers and Members of the
83rd National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

It was not without misgivings that I agreed to accept the position of Legislative Chairman at last year's encampment, for I have never served in any position which dealt with legislative matters, and frankly do not consider myself adequate for the challenge it presents. Nevertheless, I accepted the post because of my high regard for our Commander-in-Chief, and hope whatever small part I may have been able to contribute to his administration proves acceptable.

In order to bring before Congress our stand on legislative matters currently receiving their attention, I mailed copies of the resolutions passed by our 82nd National Encampment to the senators of each of our 50 states, along with a letter urging that they give consideration to our viewpoints. From the replies received, I can report to you that this action was favorably received by the majority of the Senate members, who expressed an interest in being kept aware of the thinking of their fellow Americans on vital national issues.

For some time now, it has been the duty of the Legislative Chairman to seek the adoption of a joint resolution by the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives designating November 19, which is the anniversary of the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as "Dedication Day"—and it had been suggested that I contact Senator Keating of New York in this regard, since he had been instrumental in obtaining adoption of such a resolution in past years. I did write Senator Keating about this, but failed to receive any reply from him. Whether he acted on my request or not, I am not in a position to report—but it seems of little consequence in light of the widespread national attention

given that day this past November, for this was the 100th anniversary of that famous address and it therefore received thorough coverage by the press and other news media. It will be important, though, that this date be marked by the usual joint resolution of Congress again this year and in subsequent years. It has been suggested by one of my committee members that we look to the senators from Pennsylvania for proposal of such a resolution in the future, inasmuch as it is their state in which the historic occasion being commemorated actually took place, and they may therefore be presumed to have a greater interest in the resolution's adoption. I pass this suggestion along for your consideration.

Being a neophyte in the field of legislation, I was at a loss to know what bills were up for passage, had been passed, etc., by the Congress, and knew this information would be required for compilation of the report I am bringing you today. I was advised that such information could be obtained by writing the Clerk of the House of Representatives and stating the types of legislation in which our organization has a special interest, which I did; the reply I received was that he had no such information and that I might try writing the Government Printing Office. This I also did, but have not received any reply to date. Perhaps there are those of you who are wise in the way such data is obtained, and I would urge those who are to communicate with the next Legislative Chairman so that he will not face the same dilemma I did.

Some Congressional legislation is common knowledge—such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the so-called "war on poverty" legislation. But bills dealing with Civil War widows, Civil War memorials, the Civil War Centennial, patriotism and American history are not as likely to be given press coverage, and thus seldom come before the general public. One subject in which we are interested as an organization is that of the right to have prayers recited in the public schools. This has been a highly controversial subject, and one which has received close attention by the press since the Supreme Court's decision banning such prayers. I recall that we passed a resolution on this subject at our 81st National Encampment, and I was notified during this past year of the New Jersey Department's drive for presentation of petitions to state governors regarding substitute action deemed necessary until the validity of the Supreme Court's decision can be tested. It will be of interest to you, therefore, to know that 147 proposed constitutional amendments to overturn the high court's decision are presently before the Congress. The House judiciary committee has completed hearings on these bills, but has no plans to act on them as yet. If we are interested in getting action on any of these bills, it would be wise for us to include this matter in the resolutions to come before this encampment.

In the area of veterans' benefits, the most noteworthy bill to have received Senate passage this year was H.R. 8009, which received unanimous approval of the Senate on August 5. This is the so-called "Nursing Care Bill," and will provide assistance for an estimated 10,000 aging veterans now occupying beds in Veterans Administration hospitals—who no longer need the technical and professional services of doctors but are bed-ridden and have no other place to go—by establishing and maintaining through the Veterans Administration 4000 beds set aside for nursing care, as an addition to the present ceiling of 125,000 V.A. hospital beds. The bill also authorizes a sum of \$5,000,000 for each of the next five fiscal years to assist states in the construction of new buildings or the expansion or alteration of existing structures in order to provide nursing-home beds in state homes.

While many bills have been proposed for payment of a pension to veterans of World War I similar to that being paid the Spanish-

American War Veterans, none has been adopted as yet. The representatives of all the major veterans organizations have appeared before Congressional committees in support of these, though their viewpoints do not always coincide. Pension figures released by the Veterans Administration in the spring of this year showed there were 2,201 Civil War widows and dependents still receiving pensions from the federal government.

It may be of interest to you to know that Veterans Administration figures on the number of flags issued to drape the caskets of deceased veterans show that 164,000 were issued during the past year. This is an increase of over 100 per cent in the number issued annually since the early 1950's, when the last of the Grand Army men were being taken from us to their eternal camping ground. A bill presently before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs is H.R. 10471, which would prescribe that the size for flags furnished for draping of deceased veterans caskets be 5 feet in width and 9½ feet in length. Another bill pending before the same committee is H.R. 10713, which would amend Chapter 1 of Title 38, United States Code, to authorize an enlargement of the current program for issuing to the next of kin in memory of deceased veterans of all wars a certificate bearing the President's signature, by granting that more than one memorial certificate may be issued for each deceased veteran so that each of the veteran's relatives may receive one if they so desire.

Through the cooperation of the clerks of the legislature in several states, I can report to you in some detail on certain state legislation recently passed which deals with matters of general interest to our organization.

The State of Colorado passed House Bill 1007, which received Governor Love's approval on March 31 of this year. This bill provides that the flags of both the United States and of the State of Colorado must be displayed hereafter at the entrance to, or on the principal administrative building or grounds, of any state institution supported in whole or in part by the state and under the state's control.

The State of Illinois approved on August 21, 1963, its Senate Bill 121, providing for the continuation of the state's Civil War Centennial Commission until the end of the centennial period, authorizing a sum of \$62,000 for the commission's use, and requiring the commission to submit a report on its activities to the state's 74th General Assembly prior to March 15, 1965. Also passed was Senate Bill 609, approved May 27, 1963, providing a supplemental appropriation of \$20,000 to the Illinois Veterans Commission for payment of claims for educational assistance on behalf of the children of deceased veterans, inasmuch as the number of children eligible under this program had exceeded original expectations and some claims remained unpaid. Of the numerous appropriations authorized in House Bill 1244, approved July 1, 1963, it was interesting to note that \$547,797 was allocated for the Illinois State Historical Library, which includes among its materials a very extensive collection of Lincolniana, a sum of \$2,486,639 to the Illinois Veterans Commission, and \$3,000 to a special Spanish-American War Veterans Commission.

The State of Michigan has been considering several bills dealing with veterans. House Bill 731 would increase the tax exemption on a veteran's homestead to \$3,000 and double it for veterans with a 50% disability; Senate Bill 1374 would provide the same exemption for veterans' widows; Senate Bill 1289 would raise veterans' homestead valuations from \$10,000 to \$15,000; and House Bill 152 would add to the group of veterans and widows enjoying homestead tax exemption those of the Civil War and Mexican Border campaigns. None of the foregoing bills had been reported out of committee by the close of the

state's 72nd Legislature on May 29 of this year. Other interesting legislation pending in the Michigan legislature includes Senate Bill 1307, which would adopt the song "Our Michigan Heritage" as the state song, and House Bill 638, which would provide for nonrecognition of the Communist Party as a political party in Michigan. House Bill 623, which was approved by the governor on June 3, permits students of teachers' institutes to attend 2 hours of off-property classes in religious instruction.

The State of Minnesota amended its 1961 statutes with an act, designated H.F. No. 697 (chapter 132 of 1963 session) which sets forth the duties of the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, charging him with, among other things, the preservation of a permanent registry of graves of all veterans buried in Minnesota, the administration of laws relating to burial of veterans and providing of headstones or markers for their graves, and the performance of all the present duties of the soldiers' welfare director. Minnesota also passed an act, designated as S.F. No. 1097 (Chapter 665 of 1963 Session) authorizing the repair, restoration and preservation of its large collection of regimental battle flags, standards and guidons from the Civil War and other wars of the United States of America, and appropriating a sum of \$15,000 for this purpose. Another act (Chapter 129 of 1963 Session) was approved March 29, 1963, and provides for appropriation of funds for cities, villages, boroughs or towns, payable to the historical society in their county for promotion of historical work and to aid in defraying the expenses of carrying on the historical work in said county, subject to the requirement that the historical society benefitting from these funds shall be affiliated with, and approved by, the Minnesota Historical Society.

Some states failed to respond to my inquiries for legislative data, possibly due to not having been in session this year, while others such as Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania reported that no legislation had been passed dealing with topics of interest to our organization.

Though I should like to have brought you a more complete report than this, I trust the information I have been able to assemble is of interest to you and provides some idea of the type of legislation currently receiving our lawmakers' attention.

Respectfully yours,

Charles A. Brady, Jr.

Chairman, Legislative Committee

Thank you Brother Brady for that excellent and detailed report.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Gentlemen, what is your pleasure to take action on the report?

On motion made by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert and seconded by Past Department Commander Glennum the report was accepted and appreciation extended to the Chairman for the excellent work throughout the year.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will now have the report of the Committee on Americanism & Education. In the absence of Chairman Woerner I will ask National Secretary Shriver to read it.

National Secretary Shriver reported the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANISM & EDUCATION

August 3, 1964

83rd Annual Encampment

Sons of Union Veterans

Members

When I accepted the appointment as Chairman of Americanism and Education, I did not realize the importance in the chairmanship

until the year was half gone. After some help from other members I was able to obtain:

Seven-hundred and fifty copies of a 35-page booklet (The War 1861-1865) as depicted in the prints by Currier and Ives, and distributed by the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, to all members of the California and Pacific Department Sons of Union Veterans, also to the War Memorial Commission, and 120 copies to three High Schools and others.

And with a tip from Brother Wells I wrote to the Civil War Centennial Commission and obtained 400 copies of a 65-page booklet titled "The Civil War," by James I. Robertson, Jr., and printed by the Civil War Centennial Commission, Washington, D. C., and distributed to three high schools and all members of the Department of California and Pacific.

And on request from the Department of Justice, I was able to obtain 500 copies of "What You Can Do to Fight Communism" colored in red, white, and blue, also 500 additional copies in black and white, and over 1,500 other pamphlets on Americanism, and all put to good use. Which all leads me to believe that the office of Americanism and Education can be one of the outstanding offices in the National Organization.

Yours in F.C. & L.

Frank Woerner
Chairman

Committee on Americanization & Education
(Adopted, as read)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will now have the report of the G.A.R. Highway Committee.

In the absence of Chairman Laurence K. Boutin, I will ask the National Secretary to read the report.

National Secretary Shriver read the following:

REPORT OF THE G.A.R. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

1434 Idaho
Des Moines, Ia.
August 17, 1964

Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

My dear Commander:

For the second year I am again able to report that some progress has been and is being attained by your committee for the betterment of conditions along—

THE GRAND ARMY HIGHWAY

This nationally known and historic route reaches from the Atlantic shores of Massachusetts across our great Republic to the handsome Sons of Union Veterans monument at the waters edge of the mighty Pacific in Long Beach, California.

Roadway changes are being reported in Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Iowa due to super-highway construction, to new routes that shorten mileage and to changes that detour business areas or in some cases the entire city or town.

The Highway in Indiana appears to be well cared for. They do have a number of rest spots and there are many markers along the route. Ohio has two fine stone monuments at the beginning and end of the Buckeye Road. They and the regular markers certainly add to the effectiveness of our promotion.

Com. Blakeley of Pennsylvania has done a fine job in petitioning the Legislature to change the name of U.S. Route 20 to U.S. Grant Highway 20. It has not been adopted yet but I am sure it will be because of his perseverance. He also reports excellent maintenance of the Grand Army Highway.

Thank you Commander, for the opportunity to serve this cause.

Sincerely,

Laurence K. Boutin
Chairman

Grand Army Highway Committee

(Adopted as read)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will now have the report of the Civil War Centennial and G.A.R. History Committee.

Chairman Ernest G. Wells read the following:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL AND GRAND ARMY HISTORY COMMITTEE

August 11, 1964

Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey
and the Officers and Brothers
of the 83rd Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

This committee has continued the work of the past few years of keeping our Order apprised of the various Civil War Centennial activities by the distribution of a series of newsletters and illustrated booklets. This committee has mailed this material not only to our members, department secretaries, department commanders, national officers, national committee chairmen, and past commanders-in-chief, but also to State Commissions, publications, similar organizations, and other interested officials, to keep them aware of our part in this effort.

This has been a full-time job, involving considerable correspondence not only with a participating membership, but the general public as well; many requests for information and literature have been received through the medium of various Centennial agencies.

In addition to this, we have made a great deal of progress in our second "full-time job" of compiling a "History of the Grand Army of the Republic." Anyone here present may have, upon request, a copy of our "progress report," which at least gives tangible evidence of the start we have made. These reports would have been considerably larger, if our funds had held out.

Actually, our "History" is well on the way. The material has been all compiled for our National Grand Army; has been transcribed into long-hand up to the year 1935; the first twenty chapters have been type-written, and a finished manuscript is ready for the first two chapters.

Judging by personal and written contacts, except for a decided increase in organized "buffs" (Round Tables and re-activated military units), the Civil War Centennial has been a disappointment to most of us, probably largely because of developments which none of us could have foreseen or controlled. While there has been and continues to be scattered observances all over, public interest and participation has been very much less than originally anticipated. Much of this has been due to the controversial "Civil Rights" problems, which is and will remain very much with us. The direct link of "Civil Rights" with "Emancipation" and "Civil War" is obvious. It would appear that the great American public considers itself as in this thing deep enough

now, without getting in any deeper. Of course, there is always the argument that, if they did get in a little deeper, they might understand the problems better—but that brings up an angle we haven't time for in this report.

Some Centennial activity does continue—and will until April of 1965 (next April). However, observances and re-enactments will only be sporadic and on a minor scale—mostly in the South. Important efforts will be primarily academic; a tremendous amount of literature is accumulating. It is noteworthy, however, that our striving in this direction is completely different from any of the rest. Our "G.A.R. History" takes those who "won" the war through the years to show how splendidly they "maintained" the peace. Our "History" has the further merits that it fills a void; is needed for a full understanding of the reasons for our progress as a people; and is peculiarly our responsibility as an Order.

There is, as yet, no entire History of the monumental accomplishments of the Grand Army—especially one that will be readable, instructive, and inspiring to present and future generations.

This committee suggests to our Order's membership that it continue to assist in promoting the Civil War Centennial wherever possible—but that we now begin to concentrate our main commemorative effort on the project that has the best chance of producing a very real and substantial contribution to the social record of our people—a complete and up-to-date "History of the Grand Army of the Republic."

As to the funds necessary to carry on this work, this committee will make no recommendation; we are aware of the poverty of our resources. We prefer to leave it up to the National Council of Administration; they are better equipped to balance the funds at their disposal with the value of our work. We would like to point out however, that this year we were severely restricted by an appropriation one-third of the amount we had two years before. If we had more, our "progress reports" would have been larger and our newsletters more frequent.

CENTENNIAL REPORT

As July of 1863 saw the "high-tide" of the Confederacy at Gettysburg, so July of 1963 saw the "high-tide" of the visual part of the Centennial at Gettysburg and Vicksburg.

These events have already been reported to you, so we will not repeat them. However, since that time there has been a decided lessening of public participation and, also, of large-scale reenactments. Most of such observances that have been held, of any size, have been in the South. The accent now is on the "literary" in the North and elsewhere.

Perhaps the best summation of the national attitude toward this Centennial was given in his last participation in it, by President John Fitzgerald Kennedy to those assembled at Gettysburg for the 100th Anniversary of Lincoln's historic address:

"From the past man obtains the insights, wisdom and hope to face with confidence the uncertainties of the future. Abraham Lincoln was keenly aware of this when, a century ago, he journeyed to Gettysburg to make a few appropriate remarks.

"Today, as we honor Lincoln's immortal eulogy to the dead on Cemetery Ridge, let us remember as well those thousands of American patriots whose graves at home, beneath the sea and in distant lands are silent sentries of our heritage.

"Lincoln and others did indeed give us 'a new birth of freedom,' but the goals of liberty and freedom, the obligations of keeping ours a government of and by the people, are never-ending.

"On this solemn occasion let us all re-dedicate ourselves to the perpetuation of those ideals of which Lincoln spoke so luminously.

"As Americans, we can do no less."

For your information, the headquarters of the United States Civil War Centennial Commission has been moved to the Federal Bar Building, 18115 H St., N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

It should be of interest to many that copies of their monthly newsletter, "100 Years After," will be sent free to those interested enough to request them.

The Ulysses S. Grant Association, whose address is the Ohio State Museum, Columbus 10, issues a periodical "Newsletter" also. They will be happy to send future issues to any member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who cares to ask for them. At the moment they are looking for any kind of Grant manuscripts, including letters addressed to Grant as well as anything in his own hand. Their immediate purpose is an edition of all the writings of General Grant.

THE FLAG AND THE BIBLE

As one who has been accorded a certain responsibility for the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, the chairman of this committee (and almost everyone with whom he has had contact on the matter) was saddened by the removal of yet another of our Grand Army traditions—"The Flag" as our altar-cloth.

At the 55th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Indianapolis, Ind., on September of 1921, the following resolution was adopted.

"Whereas it has come to our knowledge that our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, in its zeal to preserve the sacrosanct character of our national emblem, "Old Glory," has caused it to be removed from its altars and substituted therefore a strip of meaningless tri-color upon which to place the Holy Bible, under the untenable theory that even the Scriptures placed on the flag detracts from its symbolical significance, and

"Whereas embodied in our National Anthem and engraved on all the minted coins of the United States is our motto "In God we trust," and firmly believing that the Holy Bible and the Star-Spangled Banner are equally symbolic of our faith, love, devotion, and veneration, and that they coordinate our patriotic impulses in a marked degree: Therefore

Resolved, That we respectfully request our esteemed auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, to restore to the proper place on its altars the national flag, and place thereon the Holy Bible as the two most sacred symbols of our national life."

Well, we see that the Grand Army, in a nice way, asked the Corps not to do this thing in 1921. It has been claimed that the spirit of the Grand Army is in you today—its sons and heirs—its present-day representatives. What does that spirit tell you in 1964? What does it tell you about this meddling with sacred symbols? Does it suggest a similarity with the circumscribing of our children's prayers in the public schools? Does it tell us we have taken a symbolical step at separating "one nation under God?" by removing the symbol of the nation from under the symbol of "His Word?"

The development of idolatry through the ages has been because of the tendency of the simple undeveloped mind to confuse the symbol with the reality. But the Grand Army was an organization of mature men. They loved the Flag, yet knew it was but a symbol of the nation itself. They worshipped God, yet knew that the material book, The Bible, was but a symbol of "His Word." And they were equally clearheaded about maintaining the symbolical dependence of the one upon the other—the Flag under the Bible, as the nation was (and, we affirm, still is) under God.

When there was a departure from this in their official family, they didn't get excited about it; they simply made a courteous request.

Once you start shuffling your symbols, without a clear understanding of what you are doing (and a satisfactory reason for doing it), you are encouraging confusion even as to our basic realities. If we will deal in symbols, let us at least be consistent about them—and not foul them up with glaring contradictions.

This space era of ours is involved enough with conflicting theories, without our deliberately—and of our own free will—taking yet another step away from our traditional and time-honored symbolical acknowledgment of our dependence upon the Grace of God.

And, yet, we have. Perhaps it is necessary. Perhaps this is the way to bring out into the open the forces that are steadily nibbling away at our sacred symbols; seeking to destroy by confusing.

Their argument is based upon that part of the Flag Code that deals with using the Flag on commercial advertising and is obviously a false and labored interpretation. Even if it was correct (which it isn't), still here again would we be faced with the continuing (and, perhaps, eternal) difference between the timid minds that seek shelter in the "letter of the law" and the free souls who ever seek to uphold the soaring "spirit."

In conclusion, it is fitting that I quote to you the words of our own late Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter to the 67th National Encampment of the Grand Army:

"... we come to you especially, . . . comrades, with a feeling of pride, proud of the fact that we are your sons and that we are privileged to represent the only male organization affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

"... and whether we be weak or strong in numerical strength as an organization, no one can take from us that which is our heritage, that we are your sons.

"And with the help of God, the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, the memory of your services, the memory of the services of the comrades who have passed to the Great Beyond, will in the years to come be transmitted to the generations of the future, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

For assistance this past year, we give particular thanks to the following members of (and supporters of) this committee's work in the sequence in which they contributed:

Willard B. Stephan of Buffalo, N. Y.; Frank Woerner, Dept. Secy. of Calif.; Major General U. S. Grant; Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer; National Patriotic Instructor Arthur L. Ballou; Auxiliary Past National President Maude B. Warren; "Banner" Editor Albert C. Lambert; Col. O. G. MacPherson, Chairman of our National Military Affairs Committee; and Past Commander-in-Chief William N. Coffin.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

By the time our next National Encampment is convened, the Civil War Centennial will have been over for several months. It is recommended that we leave most of what's left of the Centennial to those expressly organized for it—and there are a countless number, national, state, and local. Let us concentrate most of our commemorative efforts from now on to the more appropriate One-Hundredth Birthday of the G.A.R.—The Centennial Anniversary of the Founding of the Grand Army of the Republic—April 6, 1866. We should help and encourage our Camps and Departments, with suggestions and relative data, to celebrate this date in suitable observance. They deserve at least a year to prepare for this momentous event.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

If the first recommendation is approved, we should change the

name of this committee to "The Grand Army Centennial and History Committee." While continuing our tremendously worthwhile project of the "Grand Army History," anything that comes up of value to us during the remainder of the Civil War Centennial can very well be handled as having a relationship with "The Grand Army Centennial."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Ernest G. Wells, Chairman
National Civil War Centennial and
Grand Army History Committee

(His recommendation to change the name of his committee to Grand Army Centennial and History Committee was accepted upon the motion of Past Department Commander Willard Stephan and seconded by Past Department Commander Clarence E. Young.)
(Adopted as read)

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, I move that where there is no objection to the recommendation of any committee it be accepted as presented. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will now have the report of the Military Affairs Committee.

Chairman Col. O. G. MacPherson presented the following:

REPORT OF NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

R. D. No. 1
Gettysburg, Pa.
August 10, 1964

To the Officers and Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
83rd Annual Encampment

Greetings:

1. The National Military Affairs Committee reappointed and continued by the Commandery-in-Chief at the 82nd Annual Encampment in Miami Beach, Florida, herewith submit the following detailed report.

2. The following additional members were appointed to this Committee by the Commander-in-Chief, Lt. Col. H. E. Arnold, Rhode Island, Maj. T. A. Chadwick, Vermont, and Maj. E. A. von Frankenberg, Wisconsin. This increased the Committee from 6 to 9 members. This Committee has worked untiringly in the interest of the Reserve and through the Reserve increase the membership in the parent organization, the Sons of Union Veterans. This Committee held two meetings this year: Gettysburg 17 November, 1963, and Providence, R. I. 16 August 1964.

3. The response to the Reserve movement throughout the states where Camps of the Sons are located is very encouraging. The credit for this must go to the District Commanders and their officers. They are the ones who spend their time and money for the benefit of the parent organization and the Reserve. They are to be commended for their interest and hard work.

4. The National Military Department is now composed of units, or units in the process of organization, in the states of Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin. Interest is being shown in the Reserve movement in California, Illinois, and Michigan.

5. The units of all states have worked in harmony with the National Military Department, with the exception of Ohio. Colonel D. L. Clancy resigned as the District Commander (3rd District of which Ohio is a part) 10 September 1963, account of not having the support of the officers and men of Ohio. Also friction between the various Camps of the order and the units of Ohio, who were and are about 65% members of the N.S.S.A. and not members of the order. (This we learned later.) These units refused to obey the orders of the National Military Department and the Department Commander of Ohio. These men later joined the so-called Union Army of the Centennial. Major James G. Hudkins of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was placed in temporary command of the District. By action of the N.M.A.C. 17 November 1963 Department Commander H. N. Sprague of Ohio was appointed to command the Third Military District with the grade of Colonel. He received no co-operation and resigned his commission 9 December 1963. Major James G. Hudkins was appointed to command of the Third District 20 December 1963. He had the support of the N.S.S.A. but not the Reserve. He was named a General in the U.A. of the Centennial and resigned his Reserve commission 7 February 1964.

It was necessary to revoke the commissions of 28 officers and we lost about 150 enlisted men, most all members of the N.S.S.A. and not the Sons of Union Veterans. Captain R. H. Barton of Springfield, Ohio was appointed to command this District 15 June 1964, in the grade of Lt. Colonel.

6. The Reserve regulations always have provided (since 1903) that an officer to be commissioned in the Reserve must be a member of the S.U.V.C.W. in good standing. He must furnish with his application for commission form 21 from his Camp under seal stating he is a member of that Camp. This also applies to the WAC/SVR composed of members of the Auxiliary, the Daughters and the Ladies of the G.A.R.

7. A sub-committee of 3 members were appointed to draft regulations for the National Military Department. Patterned to a large extent from the regulations of the Pennsylvania Brigade. The Committee was composed of Colonel C. E. Young, Chm. Colonel H. L. Dissinger and Lt. Col. T. A. Chadwick. The regulations submitted were approved by the N.M.A.C., and will govern the Reserve in all states. They will however cause no drastic changes in present armament, equipment and uniforms. However when new uniforms are secured they should conform to the regulations. Colonel Young and the members of his committee are to be congratulated for a job well done. A copy of the regulations attached as part of this report.

8. The WAC/SVR composed of the members of the Auxiliary to the Sons, the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the G.A.R. are increasing nicely and functioning according to the regulations. These girls are to be commended for the fine work they are doing and the interest manifested in their organizations and the Reserve.

9. Various units of the Reserve have and are participating in a number of Centennial events. They are a credit to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Reserve. They also deserve credit for keeping the order before the public. The Sons of Union Veterans needs publicity. The members of the Reserve feel the Reserve is the show window.

10. It will be noted in the regulations that the National Military Department is divided into six (6) Military Districts instead of three (3) as indicated below:

1st District: States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

2nd District: States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

3rd District: States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

4th District: States of Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

5th District: States of Colorado, Kansas and Wyoming.

6th District: States of California, Oregon and Washington.

This division of and creation of new Districts will save excessive traveling and the District Commander can be in closer contact with his various units.

11. Following is the numerical strength of the Department as of 1 August 1964:

	Officers	E.M.
Department Headquarters	5	2
First District	32	208
Second District	23	288
Third District	7	211
Total	67	709

The above includes 3 companies of WAC/SVR; 2 in First District and 1 in the Second District.

It will be noted the net loss in the Department is 100 officers and men. This loss was all in Ohio as was mentioned in paragraph 5 this report. With this loss of 100 personnel the Reserve is better organized and in better condition than in 1963.

12. The financial report of the Department is included in the report of the Adjutant General, Lt. Col. L. A. Kern, and is made part of this report. You will note the amount of money received and expended. The balance on hand will be used for mimeographing the regulations and other essential forms. The committee is hoping the Commandery-in-Chief will again include the Committee in the budget for at least \$100.00. Again we must rely on the generosity of our Brothers of the Encampment.

13. I as the Chairman of the Committee wish to convey my sincere thanks to all members of the Committee for their splendid cooperation. As the Commanding Officer of the National Military Department my thanks and appreciation to the District Commanders and the members of my staff for their loyal support. Special mention to Col. Young, Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Kern, the Adjutant General, and SFC Frantz the efficient Recorder.

14. The Committee extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Commander-in-Chief for his tolerance and many favors. To all Brothers, thank you.

Fraternally,

The National Military Affairs Committee

O. G. MacPherson

Colonel, S.V.R.

Chairman

C. E. Young, Colonel S.V.R.

D. F. Clancy, Colonel S.V.R.

H. L. Dissinger, Colonel S.V.R.

H. E. Arnold, Lt. Colonel S.V.R.

T. A. Chadwick, Lt. Colonel S.V.R.

W. F. Bruckel, Maj. S.V.R.

E. A. von Frankenberg, Maj.

S.V.R.

J. Y. Ledwith, 1st. Lt.

S.V.R.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT, S. V. R. — 1 AUGUST 1964

Balance 1 September 1963	\$110.37
Receipts:	
Commissions Issued	\$ 31.00
Donations: National Encampment—Miami	80.00
Gen. U. S. Grant, III	100.00
National Treasurer	100.00
Total Receipts	\$311.00
	\$421.37
Expenses:	
Printing	\$ 62.71
Return of Off. Dues to Col. Young	51.00
Postage	27.80
Office Expense	2.70
Total Expenses	\$144.21
BALANCE, 1 August 1964	\$277.16

L. A. KERN
Lt. Col, S.V.R.
The Adjutant General

Recommendations:

(a) It is recommended that the National Military Affairs Committee be continued and that the appointment of the Chairman and the three District Commanders be continued for the ensuing year.

(b) That the Committee remain at the same strength of nine (9) members, with the proviso that any or all members be removed for cause.

(c) That the Commandery-in-Chief reserve the amount of \$100.00 for use of the National Military Affairs Committee if needed. All monies will be accounted for in the annual report to the Commandery-in-Chief.

(Chairman MacPherson's first two recommendations were accepted without opposition in accordance with the previous motion; the third recommendation was referred to the Council of Administration in regard to the amount to be considered.) (Adopted, as read)

(The Encampment was recessed until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday.)

Tuesday Session—August 18, 1964—10:15 a.m.

The Encampment opened in ritualistic form with prayer by National Chaplain Phillips.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will continue with Committee reports. May we hear from the Committee on the 1964 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.

Chairman High presented:

REPORT ON LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

August 18, 1964

To Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. For a complete account of the April 15, 1964 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, attention is invited to the July-September 1964 issue of THE BANNER. A typed copy of the article to be used in THE BANNER is attached.

2. For the eighth 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. This year 163 letters of invitation were sent to patriotic and veterans' organizations; 98 letters to officials of national organizations and 65 to their state and local affiliates, particularly in Illinois. This resulted in the presentation of 51 wreaths at the ceremony, a reduction by 11 from 1963. At the luncheon following the ceremony 90 people were present. This represented a drop of four from the previous year.

3. Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey ably represented our Order at the ceremony and was a source of inspiration to everyone present. The MOLLUS was well represented by Post Commander-in-Chief William C. Duval, one of the originators of the ceremony and an alert spokesman for the cause of patriotism. The heads of two of the other members of the G.A.R. family were also present: National President Anita Selby of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Molly Mercer National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

4. The expenses, paid by the National Treasurer of the Sons, were comparable with those of the past two years as shown in the following table:

1964 —	\$168.71
1963 —	\$165.48
1962 —	\$168.35

5. RECOMMENDATIONS for 1965—Because April 15, 1965 will represent the 100th anniversary of the death of our 16th President, and because of the identification of our Order with the commemorative ceremonies together with the fact that it will nearly coincide with the termination of the Civil War Centennial, it is recommended that the co-chairmen, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, give special attention to the nature of next year's ceremony by making provision for the following:

- (1) Assure the presence of a nationally recognized speaker, preferably the President of the United States, for the occasion.
- (2) Provide for the services of a band at the Tomb ceremony.
- (3) Assure the presence of an SUVCVW color guard at the Tomb.
- (4) Make a special effort to have as many as possible of the Departments of our Order and their Auxiliaries represented at the event.
- (6) Recognizing that these plans cannot be realized without adequate financial support and recognizing that this opportunity will not arise again during the lifetime of anyone now living, it is further recommended that the appropriation for the ceremony be increased from \$200 00 to \$750 00 with the understanding that this increase will apply only to the centennial year of 1965.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. Cashman
 Thomas L. W. Johnson
 Co-Chairman
 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

(Motion was made to accept this report with the recommendations to be acted upon by the incoming Administration.)

At this point in the meeting the Credentials Committee reported that there were 110 currently registered.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will now hear from the Committee for the Encampment City.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt reported that the committee had met with three invitations before them for the 1966 Encampment. They decided unanimously to accept the invitation of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: What is the pleasure of the Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver: In view of the detail involved in trying to encourage these cities, and with all due consideration, I move you that we accept the invitation of the Department of Michigan and advise all other organizations so concerned that we have selected Grand Rapids.

(Seconded by several and the motion was carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brother Mackey, do you have the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonials?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I have no report from the Committee but I wish to extend a most cordial invitation to our Convention and we in Grand Rapids will do our best that you may have a good time in 1966.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you, Brother Mackey, for that kind invitation.

May we have the report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

National Patriotic Instructor Arthur L. Ballou presented the following:

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

Bellows Falls, Vt.

August 10, 1964

To: Joseph S. Rippey
Commander-in-Chief
Members of the 83rd Annual Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

A year ago at the request of Commander-in-Chief Rippey, I rather reluctantly accepted the office of National Patriotic Instructor. I say reluctantly, not because I did not wish to serve; but I was not at all certain my abilities were equal to the tasks required by the office. Finances and politics are much in the public mind today, but neither of these interest me personally, more than necessary to average good citizenship.

I have always maintained that the best memorial to our ancestors of the Grand Army of the Republic is active, loyal, participation in the work of the Sons of Union Veterans at any level, from membership in the smallest camp to whatever office we may be called upon to fill. Not any man is perfect; all are talented in different ways. We can only give of the best that is within ourselves.

Perhaps I repeat myself in the above statements but I feel strongly that the original Sons of Civil War Veterans have a unique obligation to the Order.

I have honestly tried to fulfill the duties of the Office, and I sincerely trust I have not failed my fellow members.

The year just past has been rich in personal contact with our membership far and near; also the many letters received indicate a great love for this Order, for our Country, and for our Flag. These letters have been an additional education to me, for I have learned much from them.

Any success achieved by this office has been due to the loyal support of those who contributed in large or small measure; sometimes at personal sacrifice, I feel sure. Many contributors enclosed a note which I greatly enjoyed.

During the year I wrote a number of articles on patriotic subjects, and I also spoke on many occasions. I attended as many functions as I possibly could, but the illness of my wife made it impossible in many instances for her to accompany me. I attended most of the meetings in my Department. I am active in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, with offices of Adjutant and Chaplain, with rank of Captain. I attended all the New England Regional meetings. In my Department I hold the office of Chaplain, and am also a Council member. I was able to attend several meetings in New Hampshire, and the annual Dedication Day Supper and Observance in Holyoke, Massachusetts on November 2nd, where I represented the Commander-in-Chief. On November 8th I had the honor to be present at the reception to Commander-in-Chief Rippey at Rochester, N. Y. May 30th I was active in Memorial Day duties in Chester, Vermont, where my home Camp is, having missed but one Memorial Day there in forty-four years. June 2nd I represented the Vermont Department at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

July 2nd through 6th I was at Gettysburg, Pa., and Frederick, Md., where a unit of the SVR men from Vermont took part in the ceremonies and reenactment of the Battle of Monocacy. Past Commander-in-Chief Chadwick represented Governor Hoff of Vermont. The 10th Vermont Infantry was in the battle in 1864. Vermonters will take part in the re-enactment of the Raid at St. Albans, Vt., on August 28th and 29th.

I received but few Department reports from Patriotic Instructors. Nearly all letters that spoke of that line of work complained that the National did not furnish blanks for that purpose, as they thought they should, and most verbal reports agreed. Many said that if National did not want to print report blanks they would not make written reports. I believe that if some forms were available, more reports would be sent in from Department Patriotic Instructors, and we would know more just what is being done in the Departments. It would also make the work of the National Patriotic Instructor much easier.

Two of the reports I did receive deserve special mention; one from the Rhode Island Department—Perley C. Wallace, Department Patriotic Instructor. This report showed a great deal of varied activity throughout the year. The report was well written and very comprehensive. The New York Department report covered three pages in detail. Their Department Patriotic Instructor is also the Department Historian. I. Richard Reed feels strongly that Honor Rolls of Civil War Veterans should be made in every community and county. It is sometimes amazing to find the number of men and boys who enlisted from small hamlets. I talked with Brother Reed about this at Rochester. I regret he is not present here. This is a project that deserves attention from every Department.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the many who helped me during the year. To my Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey, thank you for the honor given to me, to serve on your Staff, and for your understanding. To Albert C. Lambert, Chester S. Shriver, and the other Officers, thanks for all courtesies and a year of happy memories of our associations. Special thanks also to Clark Mellor for help in my work this year.

I think the Patriotic Instructor's office is of more importance than is usually realized, in the Camps and the Departments. It is too often passed over lightly. It can be built up to be a great attraction in making Camp meetings interesting.

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL FUND
1963-1964**

Following is a list, by Departments, of donations received for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund:

	Amount	Total
CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC		
John A. Logan Camp No. 20	\$ 3.00	
Captain M. L. Patrick	10.00	
Earl Riggs	2.00	
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COLORADO AND WYOMING		
Wilson Lange	\$ 1.00	
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CONNECTICUT		
Department of Connecticut	\$ 10.00	
Charles L. Upham Camp No. 7	10.00	
Edward and Mary Buchanan	2.00	
Robert Daniels	1.00	
C. Brown Newton	1.00	
A Friend	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 25.00
ILLINOIS		
Department of Illinois	\$ 25.00	
General George A. Custer Camp No. 1	20.50	
Contributed by 7 members:		
Roderick Van Trump, Sr.	\$5.00	
Roderick Van Trump, Jr.	5.00	
Richard John Van Trump	5.00	
John Brooks Davis	2.50	
Earl F. Bartholomew	1.00	
Miner F. Coburn	1.00	
Louis W. Martin	1.00)	
George S. Pfeiffer	5.00	
Charles A. Brady, Jr.	5.00	
James B. Downing	5.00	
DeWitt N. Eberhart	3.00	
James L. High	25.00	
Ethel A. Rasmussen	5.00	
Richard John Van Trump	10.00	
Roderick Van Trump, Jr.	10.00	
Roderick Van Trump, Sr.	10.00	
James L. High	20.00	
James L. High	20.00	
Charles A. Brady, Jr.	5.00	
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INDIANA		
General William P. Benton Camp No. 28	\$ 10.00	
Sylvia Moore	1.00	
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IOWA		
Jacob Kirchner	\$ 10.00	
Lyle McFall	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 20.00

KANSAS	Amount	Total
	\$ 0.00	
		\$ 0.00
MAINE		
Department of Maine	\$ 10.00	
Garfield Camp No. 1	5.00	
Daniel Chaplin Auxiliary No. 5	2.00	
Albert B. HeHaven	2.00	
Lester D. Nadeau	5.00	
Elizabeth B. Vinal	5.00	
Sumner Field	1.00	
Eugene Estabrook	1.00	
Joseph Hurley	1.00	
Elton Koch	1.00	
		\$ 33.00
MARYLAND		
U. S. Grant, 3rd	\$ 25.00	
William L. Irvin	1.00	
		\$ 26.00
MASSACHUSETTS		
Department of Massachusetts	\$ 25.00	
A. G. Gage Camp No. 134	25.00	
Julius W. Monroe Camp No. 116	2.00	
George E. Foster	20.00	
Allen Howland	2.00	
Gilman W. Harrington	1.00	
Moses and Kate Heiman	4.00	
James E. Jones	5.00	
William C. Rule	1.00	
Frank D. Smith	1.00	
Lewis C. Adams	1.00	
Herbert Bogue	1.00	
Flora Bates	2.00	
Chester W. Adshead	5.00	
John Micheson	2.00	
Alfred Bowen	1.00	
Clark Mellor	2.00	
Harold Shepardson	2.00	
Harold Waite	2.00	
Moses Heiman	1.00	
Eugene Russell	1.00	
Millard Brown	1.00	
Anonymous	1.00	
		\$108.00
MICHIGAN		
Camp No. 9, Port Huron	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
MINNESOTA		
Minneapolis Camp No. 8	\$ 5.00	
George E. Bailey	1.00	
Charles L. Hayward	2.00	
		\$ 8.00
MISSOURI		
Missouri Department Auxiliary	\$ 10.00	
Ethelyn Gray	1.00	
		\$ 11.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE	Amount	Total
W. W. Brown Camp No. 1	\$ 2.00	
Camp No. 7	2.00	
Cleon E. Heald	5.00	
Robert Heald	2.00	
Robert A. Lawrence	5.00	
Ethelyn C. Tucker	1.00	
Kenneth Wheeler	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 18.00
NEW JERSEY		
Department of New Jersey	\$ 10.00	
Fred V. Dayton Camp No. 5	5.00	
John J. H. Love Camp No. 12	5.00	
Anne O. Clayton	5.00	
Tena Jacobus	1.00	
Andrew Richardson	2.00	
Alton N. Sharp	5.00	
Albert C. Lambert	5.00	
Edna S. Lambert	2.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Lambert	5.00	
Edith Rice	1.00	
Margaret D. Schroeder	1.00	
Alton N. Sharp	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 48.00
NEW YORK		
New York Allied Organization in Memory of Union Veterans of the Civil War	\$ 5.00	
Jacob H. Ten Eyck Camp, in Memory of Thomas J. Doyle	10.00	
Glidden-Pierce-Lamb Camp No. 6	5.00	
Joseph S. Rippey	25.00	
George W. V. Rieper	1.00	
Fred E. Howe	5.00	
DeVene F. Williamson	2.00	
Howard W. Bunker	1.00	
Raymond Barber	1.00	
William F. Bruckel	5.00	
William Phillips	1.00	
John Barry	1.00	
W. B. Stephens	1.00	
Barry Gibbons	1.00	
Fred Leat	1.00	
Charles Clark	1.00	
Elwyn Heidenreich	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 67.00
OHIO		
McLaughlin Camp No. 12	\$ 5.00	
Fred Pfeister, Jr.	5.00	
Paul G. Selby	5.00	
Romayne B. Tussey	5.00	
William M. Coffin	5.00	
W. E. Corbin	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 35.00
OREGON AND WASHINGTON		
Department of Oregon and Washington	\$ 10.00	
Eugene, Oregon Camp No. 17	10.00	
Frederick K. Davis	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 30.00

PENNSYLVANIA	Amount	Total
Department of Pennsylvania	\$ 25.00	
Captain O. A. Luckenbach Camp No. 182	12.00	
Bradbury Camp No. 148	2.00	
Robert W. Arnold	2.00	
Phaon H. Snyder	3.00	
Howard Dissinger	2.00	
John D. Erskine (in memory of John Warren Erskine)	5.00	
Ivan E. Frantz	1.00	
Colonel O. G. MacPherson	2.00	
Mrs. Mary F. Maier	1.00	
Chester S. Shriver	5.00	
Robert E. Swayne	2.00	
Arthur L. Yokum	2.00	
In Memory of John Runkle	5.00	
Arthur L. Yokum	2.00	
Leroy Stoudt	5.00	
Jack Yokum	5.00	
Rev. Richard Partington	20.00	
Phaon H. Snyder	1.00	
Edwin Kramer	1.00	
Howard Dissinger	1.00	
John H. Stark	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$109.00
RHODE ISLAND		
Department of Rhode Island	\$ 10.00	
Camp No. 6	5.00	
Harold E. Arnold	10.00	
Perley C. Wallace	2.00	
Fred J. Arnold	3.00	
Earl Hinz	2.00	
Joseph G. Randall	1.00	
Ellery Linnell	1.00	
Clarence E. Young	1.00	
George A. Strait	1.00	
William Perry	1.00	
W. J. Spencer	1.00	
James Parker	1.00	
Dexter Coombs	1.00	
William Perry	1.00	
James Ledwith	1.00	
Clarence E. Young	2.00	
George A. Strait	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 45.00
VERMONT		
Department of Vermont	\$ 5.00	
Alfred E. Ballou	6.00	
Arthur L. Ballou	5.00	
Glendeen L. Ballou	2.00	
Beryl Day	1.00	
Beryl Day	2.00	
Thomas A. Chadwick	5.00	
Camp No. 91, Bellows Falls	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 31.00
ADDITIONAL		
No names given—no Department given	\$ 4.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4.00

TOTALS	
CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC	\$ 15.00
COLORADO AND WYOMING	1.00
CONNECTICUT	25.00
ILLINOIS	168.50
INDIANA	11.00
IOWA	20.00
KANSAS	0.00
MAINE	33.00
MARYLAND	26.00
MASSACHUSETTS	108.00
MICHIGAN	10.00
MINNESOTA	8.00
MISSOURI	11.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE	18.00
NEW JERSEY	48.00
NEW YORK	67.00
OHIO	35.00
OREGON AND WASHINGTON	30.00
PENNSYLVANIA	109.00
RHODE ISLAND	45.00
VERMONT	31.00
WISCONSIN	0.00
ADDITIONAL—no names, no Department	4.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$823.50

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Ballou
National Patriotic Instructor

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Very fine, Brother Ballou. In accordance with the motion made yesterday, that will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Gentlemen, I wish to declare a 15-minute recess.

The Encampment reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

(A final report of \$823.50 was given by the Patriotic Instructor.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will now have the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Chairman DeHaven presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

(as read by Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven)

Report of Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Rippey has proven his worth as head of our organization. He, in addition to visitations to various Departments, has taken an active part in many observances of various Patriotic and Civic activities, and this has brought to the public attention, many times, the organization he was proud to represent. His prestige has proved of great value to us.

As to his recommendations:

(1) That the committee for the selection of the Encampment city, if it is not prepared to make a recommendation at the Encampment, be continued as a standing committee and submit its ultimate recommendation to the National Council of Administration which shall then determine the Encampment site.

Your committee concurs. (Adopted)

(2) That the dues of all new Camps hereafter chartered shall be \$10.00 per year to include a subscription to "The Banner," and that the initiation fee shall be \$15.00 to include the membership badge.

The Committee recommends referral to the various Departments as this is not a mandatory action. (Adopted)

(3) That all existing Camps be urged to increase their dues to \$10.00 per year or as near thereto as is feasible, and the same to include a subscription to "The Banner," and to establish their initiation fee at \$15.00 to include the membership badge.

The Committee refers this too to the individual Departments. (Adopted)

(4) That it be urged that the Department authorized officials consult with the Commander-in-Chief as to their proposed Department Encampment dates, to avoid conflicts of dates and permit visitations by the Commander-in-Chief to all.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted)

(5) That the Departments be urged to create the office of Department Organizer or other appropriate title, to have the duties of active organizer of Camps, director of membership campaigns, and assistant to the Department Commander.

The committee recommends this to the Departments that do not have an organizer at this time. (Adopted)

Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This report shows a lot of activity on behalf of our organization. We would say this work was well done.

No recommendations. (Adopted)

Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Partington shows many visitations and activities on behalf of our organization.

No recommendations. (Adopted)

Report of National Secretary-Treasurer

The very complete report of National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver of almost five months in this office that he has held shows that the National was fortunate in putting Chester S. Shriver in this office as he has proved a worthy successor to Albert Lambert whom we all knew as a very efficient official.

No recommendations. (Adopted)

Report of National Patriotic Instructor

Brother Ballou has been a tireless worker in the duties of his office.

and should be congratulated on his fund raising for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund.

He has a recommendation:

(1) That the National Encampment provide for the printing of report blanks for the individual Department Patriotic Instructors to make their reports.

This is something that has come up year after year and many times it has been decided that they didn't prove their worth. We don't have any of these blanks on hand and it would be an expensive proposition to have them printed up and after next year not use them any more. We recommend non-concurrence.

On motion by Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert and seconded by Past Department Commander Williamson, the matter was referred to the resolutions committee.

Report of National Chaplain

This report shows a lot of activity, and at the same time, he brought to the office the attitude that should be assumed by those who approach the Throne of God. (Adopted)

Report of National Historian

We are very fortunate in having Allen Spink in this office. His report shows a very complete record of the activities of our National organization during the last year. Many thanks to him for his fine work.

The Committee has referred his recommendation to the Budget Committee. (Adopted)

Report of National Civil War Centennial and Grand Army History Committee

Brother Wells has put in a lot of work the past year as Chairman of this committee. He has obtained and sent out very much material. Congratulations are due him for his hard work.

His recommendation has been referred to the proper standing committee. (Adopted)

Report of National Graves Registration Officer

Brother Warner has been diligent in trying to obtain information from the various Departments regarding this work. Some Departments are not showing much activity along this line. And we would suggest that these Departments show more activity. (Adopted)

Report of National Genealogist

Brother Wheeler tried to do what he could along this line with nothing much to work with. He suggests that this could be handled better on a State basis where there are libraries with information on Civil War matters. We recommend dropping this office. (Adopted)

Report of Committee on Legislation

Praises cannot be too high on Chairman Brady's most efficient and complete report on legislative activities the past year. His action on legislative activities the past year has been most thorough and we commend him for his fine work. (Adopted)

Respectfully submitted,

Albert B. DeHaven, Maine
Chairman

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very much, Brother DeHaven, for that fine report.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brother Coffin, do you have a report for the Committee on Constitution and Regulations at this time? Chairman Coffin presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

August 18, 1964

To the Commander-in-Chief and
Members of the 83rd National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

At the opening of this Encampment the National Secretary referred to this Committee for instructions the question of how to proceed in the following situation, which had developed with respect to three certain constitutional amendments or additions which had been proposed and voted upon at the 82nd National Encampment at Miami Beach last year. They were:

1st. An amendment to Article III, "Eligibility to Membership," which merely inserted one word in the first line of this article.

2nd. An amendment to Section 3, of Article VII, concerning "Associate Members."

3rd. An additional section (numbered 4) in Article VII, establishing "Honorary Members."

The report of that Encampment, set forth in the Oct.-Dec., 1963 issue of the "Banner", informed the membership that—"Constitutional Amendments approved at the Miami Beach Encampment will be submitted to the various Departments for consideration at their 1964 Department Encampments." The National Secretary sent to all Departments a form upon which to report their action on these proposed amendments (setting them forth in detail), with this instruction to the Department Secretary: "Complete and send this form to National Secretary Chester S. Shriver, P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa., immediately following 1964 Department Encampment." Up to the time of this Encampment two-thirds of the Departments had reported action upon these amendments.

Article IX of the constitution provides that proposed constitutional amendments "shall become effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than 50% of the Departments, and proclaimed in general orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution."

The National Secretary reports that the first two proposed amendments have not been favorably acted upon and ratified by 50% of the Departments. This Committee, therefore, has no alternative but to recommend:

(1) That these two proposed amendments be withdrawn from further consideration of the Departments.

(2) Since the proposals originally submitted in the required form last year by the Ohio Department were materially changed by the committee, and again on the floor of the Encampment, we recommend that the basic questions apparently involved here be referred back to the Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations for re-study and "clarification" as indicated and intended in the 1961 Encampment.

(Ed. note: A "clarifying" memorandum, prepared by the Standing Committee on C. & R., was attached to the report of the committee on C. & R. in the 1963 Encampment, and is included in the proceedings of that Encampment.)

(3) As to the third proposal: The addition of a new section (No. 4) to Article VII, concerning "Honorary Members," the National Secretary reports that this item was favorably acted upon and ratified by more than 50% of the Departments—indeed, almost unanimously.

Therefore, nothing more remains here to be done but to proclaim the fact in general orders, as required by Article IX of the Constitution.

Nothing further has come to this Committee for action at this time; and so this concludes our report.

William M. Coffin, Chairman.
Arthur L. Ballou
Fred E. Howe
Chester S. Shriver
Joseph S. Rippey

(After much discussion the recommendations stated in the preceding report were accepted as read.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: General Grant, are you prepared to give the report on Resolutions at this time?

Chairman Grant presented the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Grant: Commander-in-Chief, first of all, the Resolutions Committee are particularly interested in the fact that we have during the past year a very distinguished member of our Order who has rendered efficient and devoted and loyal service with good judgment for many years, who has retired from the position of National Secretary-Treasurer and having taken over that position when the Order was in real difficulty and records confused, we feel a special recommendation should be given to him for those years of service in the form of a resolution to be written up by a suitable committee and embossed and prepared for framing so that it will be something that he and his children and grandchildren will be proud of and know that Albert C. Lambert did a good job as National Secretary-Treasurer of this organization. We feel that since he was Past Commander-in-Chief, we would ask you (Commander-in-Chief Rippey) to be so gracious as to be Chairman of that Committee and perhaps assisted by our present Secretary-Treasurer on it. We didn't have certain facts, exact dates and so forth about when he took over. I would be very happy to serve on that Committee if you feel it would be appropriate. We hope it will have your approval, special consideration of the wording and your signature on it.

It was moved that such a Committee be formed, to consist of Commander-in-Chief Rippey, National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver and General Grant.

Past Department Commander Glennum: I would like to second that motion, Sir. (Carried)

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Chairman Grant: May I continue, Sir?

In the past years we have had frequently some general resolutions on what you might call the situation on national affairs. We have several suggestions for such a resolution and we thought it would be just as well to combine them in one group. I will read the suggestions we have. They have been approved in substance by the Committee on Resolutions but the wording has not been read by the members of the Committee.

"Whereas the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War in their National Encampment assembled have viewed with much concern the apparent disintegration or modification of procedures and, in our opinion, basic principles on which our Government was founded, and mindful of President George Washington's warning that one way of subverting the Government would be by modifying minor features of the Constitution so as to weaken it and undermine what cannot be de-

stroyed' by open attack, we venture the following comments and resolutions:

(1)

"We favor adequate appropriations for National Defense based on the considered advice of our Army, Naval and Air authorities, believing that this offers the best assurance of the maintenance of peace and doubt the value of economic facts to measure the military efficacy of new inventions and devices. As our deceased member, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, so often said 'There is no substitute for victory.'

(2)

"Some armament has been discontinued which in the opinion of those handling airplanes and the adequate weapons and so forth is needed. We feel that the judgment of the military authorities who are experienced in the matter should be given more consideration than they are now receiving.

(3)

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, August 16-20, 1964, in Providence, Rhode Island.

"WHEREAS, The United States has a valid title to the Panama Canal Zone by the terms of the 1903 treaty and has an investment in it supplied by the American taxpayers at more than \$1,500 million; and

"WHEREAS, the erosion of our rights and authority in the Canal Zone, is evidenced by increased Panamanian sovereignty at the expense of United States sovereignty; and

"WHEREAS, United States' vital interests are, (1) control of the maritime approaches to the Canal, Atlantic and Pacific; (2) maintenance of free and open transit for vessels of commerce and war of all nations; (3) civil protection from disorders and pestilence; (4) safeguarding the water supply for locks and channel depths; and (5) military and naval defense of the Canal from aggression, therefore be it

"RESOLVED (A) That the Monroe Doctrine be restated and enforced as applying to intervention through infiltration and subversion in any part of the Americas and (B) That a restatement be urged of our historic policies for control in perpetuity over the Canal Zone and the strategic Panama Canal; and that the problem of Cuba be treated in a suitable manner on the same principles."

(4)

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, August 16-20, 1964 in Providence, Rhode Island.

"WHEREAS, It is part of the American heritage to open official public meetings with prayer and to invoke the Deity at times of decision which is the strength and greatness of our Nation and differentiates us from the unhappy lands now suffering under Marxist atheism; and

"WHEREAS, Concerted attempts are being made to eliminate and obliterate these religious influences, and

"WHEREAS, Children are now denied the privilege of prayer in public schools; and

"WHEREAS, Crime and delinquency increase in proportion as prayer and religious influences are withdrawn.

"BE IT RESOLVED that we urge all our citizens to persuade public officials to restore religious influences in all phases of American life."

(At this point there was an hour and a half recess for lunch, reconvening at 1:30.)

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, August 16-20, 1964 in Providence, Rhode Island.

"WHEREAS, This Nation has expended over 100 billion dollars for foreign economic and military aid to allied, neutral, and adversary nations, including those which have confiscated American investments, and

"WHEREAS, The preponderant part of our foreign aid effort and expenditures is rapidly becoming ineffectual or prejudicial toward our national interests, and

"WHEREAS, Foreign aid handouts to affluent nations are, at best, wasteful, and help these nations increasingly in their competition with United States industries, and their reliability as allies is not augmented by our giveaways, and

"WHEREAS, Our leaders' persistent faith in the efficacy of foreign aid, despite the dismal record, apparently rests upon the fallacy that reliable allies can be bought with money and goods, and that faltering allies and West-oriented neutrals can be kept friendly with larger gifts, and

"WHEREAS, Our foreign aid expenditures are an un-Constitutional burden upon the American taxpayers, cause Federal deficits, depress our economy and currency, and aggravate our balance of payments deficits and gold drain.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Congress be urged to withhold aid to those countries which have confiscated American investments and to audit, reduce and finally terminate foreign aid."

(6)

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, August 16-20, 1964 in Providence, Rhode Island.

"That we favor for our colored fellow citizens 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."

(The above resolutions were accepted and adopted, without controversy.)

Upon the request of Chairman Grant, Commander-in-Chief Rippey appointed Past Department Commanders Stoudt and Howe to present the above resolutions to the Conventions of the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army, respectively.

Chairman Grant: There was some discussion on a resolution on the size of the flag that is put on the casket at military funerals. It is suggested the size be cut from 5 x 9½' to 4½ x 8'. Our Committee felt that the reduction of the size might be a good thing because it would cover the casket substantially and the smaller flags would be easier to put to use in schools, on buildings, etc., than the bigger ones because the bigger one is too big for average flag poles. We recommend no action by the National Encampment on the following resolution submitted to us:

"WHEREAS, We of the Pennsylvania Department of Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War believe in the honored tradition of the flag-draped casket for military burial services for a person who has served his or her country honorably in any of the several branches of the armed forces or militia.

"WHEREAS, Recently the size of the regulation burial flag was reduced from 5 x 9½' to 4½ x 8' by the government agency responsible for procuring and issuing said flags for veterans' burials, and this new size flag in most instances is too small to sufficiently cover the casket in a fitting manner, also no logical reason was given for their

decision on reducing the size of the regulation casket flag for veteran burial, therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That we oppose the reduction of the size of the U.S. Regulation Casket Flag at this time, also that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Encampment to be held at Providence, Rhode Island, August 16-20, 1964."

(Adopted by the 84th Annual Department Encampment at Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 24th, 1964.)

The Encampment was informed also that this bill is presently in Congress; therefore, no action was taken on this resolution, with the concurrence of Chief of Staff Stoudt.

After much discussion, resulting in a motion by Past Commander-in-Chief Heald and seconded by Delegate Moses Heiman, no action was taken on the matter of the practicality of forms by the Patriotic Instructor to Departments and Camps.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Gentlemen, under the order of new business, we will have the presentation of the fine loving cup in front of me, which was originated by General Grant. I will myself yield to General Grant now in regard to the disposition this year of that cup.

General Grant: I am very glad, having been born in Chicago, to give this cup this year to the Illinois delegation.

(The cup was accepted by Past Department Commander Charles A. Brady, Jr., and Delegate James L. High of the Illinois Department.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Be proud of it, Gentlemen, and do equally as well next year.

We have just now received from Brother Blackman a very nice invitation from the Conrad Hilton in Chicago for our National Encampment in 1967. Naturally we will take no action on it at this time and we will give this to Brother Brady in hopes of hearing more on it later.

At this point a collection was taken by the Military Affairs Committee, Col. O. G. MacPherson, Chairman. (Collection amounted to \$55.00.)

GREETINGS BY THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION

Six members of the Sons of Union Veterans represented the Military Order of the Loyal Legion in expressing their greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, and "the hope that this year will be one in which both organizations will be able to face the nation's critical problems in unison and do their part to help solve them sensibly and to the good of the country." (Past Commanders-in-Chief, William N. Coffin, Chester S. Shriver, General U. S. Grant, 3rd; Past Department Commanders Charles A. Brady, Jr., Howard L. Dissinger, James L. High.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We are highly honored not only by your presence here but are grateful for your warm felicitations. Thank you for appearing here.

Past Department Commander Henry S. Bowen, speaking for the Massachusetts delegation, pledged \$50.00 to the General Grant Association.

At this point Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps Laura I. Smith, and the President of the Rhode Island Department Grace Mayor, and President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, May Tillman, Rhode Island, were escorted in and presented. Mrs. Smith expressed her wishes for a successful convention and presented Commander-in-Chief Rippey with a personal gift. Grace Mayor presented Commander-in-Chief Rippey with a gift from the

Rhode Island Department of the Woman's Relief Corps. May Tillman also expressed her best wishes to the Sons' Convention on behalf of the Daughters.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey presented each with an honorary delegates' badge and expressed his appreciation for their taking the time to come and visit the Sons' Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven responded to the greetings; the ladies were escorted from the Convention floor.

The Sons then were visited by Past National President Mary Stapleton and the entire delegation from the New York Department of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (22 members).

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We are deeply honored and particularly overwhelmed to see so many of you ladies here from my home state.

Past National President Mary Stapleton: We are very happy to be here and have the pleasure of seeing you serve this organization. We feel you have done everything in your power to carry on the dignity of this organization. We are proud to come with greetings from our National organization and pray to God that He will carry each one of you safely home. Joe, here is a small personal gift from me to you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Leroy Stoudt responded to the greetings after which Mrs. Stapleton and Department President Virginia Cuyler were presented honorary delegates' badges and all were escorted from the Encampment floor.

At this point, all past presidents of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, with their present President, Molly Mercer, were escorted in and presented. (10 members)

President Mercer expressed her best wishes to the Sons for a successful Convention and presented Commander-in-Chief Rippey with a gift from the past presidents.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe responded to the ladies' greetings after which Mrs. Mercer was presented an honorary delegates' badge and all were escorted from the Encampment floor.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey called all his present officers forward and presented them each with a gift.

"Gentlemen, I want you to know how much I appreciate all the assistance and courtesies you have given me throughout the year. There has never been an occasion when you have turned me down. As a small token of my appreciation I want to give you these gifts."

Officers, in unison: WE THANK YOU.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Gentlemen, we have only one more task ahead of us this afternoon, and that is visiting the Conventions of the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I therefore declare a recess until 10:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY SESSION**August 20, 1964—10:20 A.M.**

The Encampment opened in regular ritualistic form.

A telegram was read from George L. Cashman, Co-Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony regarding having the President of the United States next year speak at the ceremony, mentioning a reply from one of the candidates in the general election this year.

"My regards to all.

"George L. Cashman
"Lincoln Tomb"

There was much discussion regarding a central depository for accumulated historical items which should be kept by the organization, such as fifes and drums, paper documents and other literature. The delegates were advised to think it over, and it would be brought up next year.

**VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AUXILIARY
AND HER PERSONAL AIDE**

The National President of the Auxiliary Anita Selby and Olive Boren were escorted in and presented by all the Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Mrs. Selby this is indeed a pleasure to have your personal visit this morning. I know you are quite busy—with installation of officers, and so forth, and for bringing your personal aide.

National President Selby: My Commander-in-Chief and Past Commanders-in-Chief and National officers and brothers all—I consider this a great privilege to come into your meeting here and to have all these Past Commanders-in-Chief usher me in. I am indeed pleased to extend to you the greetings of your Auxiliary. Throughout my travels this year it was my privilege to meet a lot of the Sons. They all were always waiting to show me around and extend to me many courtesies. Thank you sincerely. To my Commander-in-Chief Brother Joe it has been a pleasure to work with you this year. Please accept this personal gift for the brightest future for you.

Sister Olive Boren: To you all—it is a very great pleasure for me to come with my President to fill in for her regular aide because of illness. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you. It is indeed a pleasure to have you both here. I don't know what we'd do without the Auxiliary. For those of you who weren't at the banquet we were presented \$500.00 by the Ladies there. Thank you again for coming to us.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey presented National President Selby with an honorary delegates' badge after which she was escorted from the Encampment floor.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey gave opportunity for remarks for the good of the Order.

Frank Hobart and Past Department Commander Arthur Glennum called to the attention of the Sons the grave immigration problem confronting our country today. They called to their attention also that there were pamphlets available to them for those who wished to acquaint themselves with the problem. National Chaplain Phillips spoke on the controversial issue of prayer in schools. Two form letters being

circulated in the United States were read—one from Madalyn Murray, President, and one from Gary D. Young, Vice President, of the Free Thought Society of America, Inc. It was decided upon the reading of these letters that a petition to be presented to Congress would be made available for all to sign in an effort to stop these acts of atheism in America. The Sons were informed that this particular petition protests the deletion of "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt expressed a desire to the Encampment to recognize the closing of the Civil War Centennial with observances planned in Reading, Pennsylvania next April, 1965. The Encampment then adopted the ceremonies, upon motion by Brother Stoudt and seconded by Ernest Wells, as the Official observance in the North, with provision for the National Secretary to inform the National Centennial Commission.

Action taken after much discussion at the Thursday morning session regarding the immigration situation:

General U. S. Grant, 3rd: I would like to move that we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are against any change in the present immigration laws. (A delegate from New York wanted to amend the present Nationality and Immigration Act to make it more restrictive.) I'm sorry we left that out of the four or five resolutions that we presented, but personally I would like this Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to oppose any change in the present immigration laws. We've got to be realistic; there's a drive on to open the gates much wider. We are opposed to that.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark Mellor)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: A resolution will be drawn up in final form by General Grant.

(Motion carried)

Regarding the preceding problem, Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold read a letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense in Washington in answer to the New England Association's letter inquiring about it.

Mention was made of the annual meeting of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies on February 4, 1965 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. General Grant spoke briefly on the present status of the Coalition.

The Patriotic Instructor gave his final report of \$823.50.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brother Howe and Brother Stoudt, who are taking copies of our resolutions to the Conventions of the Auxiliary and Ladies of Grand Army of Republic, is there anything further?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Sir, I have nothing further to report except that the said resolutions were delivered to the Convention of the Auxiliary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: I've spoken with the President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and am confident the resolutions will be presented to their Convention.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Are there any further reports from any committees except the budget committee? If not, I will ask for the report from the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration.

Past Department Commander Partington presented the following:

**REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

(Proposed Budget 1964-1965)

RECEIPTS:

Per Capita Tax—3800 Members at \$1.00	\$3,800.00
Registration Fees—110 Members at \$2.00	220.00
Sale of Supplies	800.00
Banner Subscriptions	1,200.00
Auxiliary Gift	500.00
Total Receipts	\$6,520.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

The Banner	\$1,800.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expense	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer (Salary and Expense)	1,200.00
Supplies	300.00
Encampment Expense	400.00
Shipping Expense—Supplies, etc.	100.00
Rental of National Headquarters	400.00
Miscellaneous (including P.C. in C. Badge)	220.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	200.00
Proceedings — 1964	800.00
C.P.A. Audit	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$6,520.00

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriations from the National Patriotic Instructor's G.A.R. Memorial Fund:	
For Committee on Grave Markings	25.00
For National Historian's Expense	25.00
For Expense of G.A.R. Highway Committee	25.00
For U. S. Grant Association (\$100 credited to Reserves)	300.00
For American Coalition	25.00
For Lincoln Tomb Expense	750.00
For Lincoln Memorial Exercises	31.00
For Weaths at Gettysburg and Cathedral of the Pines	40.00
For G.A.R. History and Centennial Comm.	20.00
For G.A.R. Camp Fire Expense at National Encampment	200.00
Total	\$1,441.00

Respectfully submitted,

Richard O. Partington
Alton Sharp
Budget Committee

(Adopted as read)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We pass at this time to the subject of nominations and election of officers. Preliminary to that we will have the final report of the Committee on Credentials. Chairman Elmore J. Houston's final report showed 114 delegates registered, of which 7 were not present. The voting strength of the Encampment was therefore 107.

(Report adopted as read)

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Nominations are now in order for the office of Commander-in-Chief. We will call the roll of Departments. The National Secretary called the roll to the New Hampshire Department which passed to the New York Department.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: Commander-in-Chief, may I approach your station, please?

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I would like to ask that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief preside in the election of Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: I stand before you this morning to nominate one of our good men from the City of Rochester. He is a very promising attorney; a man who gave us a good administration this year. He was very well liked throughout his travels. You know we are going to the South next year. I feel we should have a very good appearance. Brother Joe does make a good appearance. I therefore have the pleasure to nominate for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, Brother Joe Rippey for the office. (Applause of the Encampment.)

(Seconded by Departments of Ohio, Vermont and others)

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move you that the election of Brother Rippey whom we term as our Commander-in-Chief be adopted and that the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment. (Seconded by several and carried)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Sharp: Do you accept the election, Brother Rippey?

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I do. Thank you very much.

The National Secretary cast 107 votes (actual voting strength) for Joseph S. Rippey as Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald: I move you that where there is only one name on the ballot the Secretary cast one ballot for the office. (Seconded by several and carried.)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to Connecticut which passed to Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: It gives me a great deal of pleasure at this time to place in nomination for the office a man who has long been in the association of this Order. He can give his whole time and attention to the work of this Commandery. For quite a number of years he had filled the dual offices of Department Patriotic Instructor and Department Chief-of-Staff. Therefore it is with a great deal of pleasure, Sir, that I present for consideration the name of W. Earl Corbin of Ohio. I should also say he is now a member of our Council of Administration.

(Seconded by Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Gentlemen, there being no other nominations, I will declare Brother Earl Corbin as elected in accord-

ance with the motion previously made and ask Brother Corbin if he will accept.

Past Department Commander Corbin: I will.

The National Secretary cast 107 votes for W. Earl Corbin as Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Maine which yielded to Rhode Island.

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Gentlemen, this is my first opportunity in a great many years to take the floor of the Encampment to nominate a man from Rhode Island, a man who has devoted a great deal of his life and time to the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is a true son. His father served the regiment of Rhode Island. This gentleman, no matter what time of day or night you could call on him. As the old saying goes, "Let George do it." It gives me great pleasure to place the name of George A. Strait in nomination for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I declare Brother George A. Strait elected in accordance with the past motion. Do you accept, Brother Strait?

Past Department Commander Strait: I will accept.

The National Secretary cast 107 votes for George A. Strait for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Members of Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Nominations for Council of Administration members are now in order. We have one to be elected for two years and two to be elected for one year each.

Two Year Term Member:

The National Secretary called the roll to California which passed to New Jersey.

Department Commander Wharton: Commander in Chief, I would like to nominate Albert W. Lambert. At 16 years of age he was initiated in Camp 5 in Trenton. The son of Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, he is a veteran in his own right. He has served as Department Commander and presently is Department Secretary-Treasurer of New Jersey. He served you with distinction as National Patriotic Instructor and as National Genealogist, and I am confident has all the qualifications to fulfill the important duties as a Council Member. (Seconded by several Departments.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: There being no other nomination, then Brother Albert W. Lambert is elected. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Lambert: I do.

Two Members Council (1 Year Terms):

The National Secretary called the roll to California and Pacific which passed to New Hampshire.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: It is very fortunate that we have qualified men for any office in the Commandery. However, the man

I'm about to nominate for one year term of the Council of Administration has attended many of our National Encampments. He's Past Department Commander, held several offices in the Department, and I know of no man in the Department more interested than he. I'm proud to place Robert Lawrence in nomination as member of Council of Administration.

Past Department Commander Brady: The Department of Illinois feels fortunate to have as a member a gentleman who has served this organization as a National officer in the past and has shown interest and loyalty to this organization. He has been active in the conducting of the annual service of the Lincoln Tomb. It gives me great pleasure to nominate Brother James L. High.

(Both seconded by Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brothers Robert Lawrence and James High are declared elected, each for the term of office for one year. Brother Lawrence, do you accept?

Past Department Commander Robert A. Lawrence: I do.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brother High, do you accept?

Delegate James L. High: I do.

The National Secretary cast 107 votes for Robert Lawrence and James High as members of Council of Administration for 1-year terms.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: As to the office of National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Shriver is filling the unexpired term of Brother Lambert which will expire next year. Therefore no election is in order.

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in me for re-electing me. I deeply appreciate the honor and hope to think I merit your confidence. Last year I told you my door would always be open to anyone—member of our Order, friends and anyone who had anything to say for the betterment of our Order. Of course, this applies this year. I have not had many requests for information or advice this past year, so it would lead me to the conclusion that you do not have any problems. If any do arise in the future, please call on me. I have made many long distance phone calls. I was distinctly grateful for the election of Anita Shelby as National President of our Auxiliary as you know. She has done excellent work as the Auxiliary always does. Without them our morale would have to be boosted in some other way. I pledge this year to do the very best I can for each and every one of us. These calls and visitations will be continued this year. I trust that we will now, and in the next Encampment, show improvement in every way. Thank you again for your confidence in me.

(Applause of the Encampment)

I will choose Brother Heald as my installing officer, assisted by Brother Partington as Chaplain. At this time I would like to call a recess for 10 minutes.

The Convention reconvened at 12:15.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers followed, with Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald as Installing Officer; Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, as Installing Guide; and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rev. Richard O. Partington as Installing Chaplain.

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

National Patriotic Instructor—Henry S. Bowen, Jr., Massachusetts.
 National Chaplain—John C. Yocum, Pennsylvania.
 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—Elmore J. Houston, Ohio.
 Personal Aide—Fred E. Howe, New York.
 Registered Agent—Arthur R. Glennum, Maryland.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald then asked the National Secretary to call the names of the newly elected and appointed officers (compiled with) and

Commander-in-Chief—Joseph S. Rippey, New York.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—W. Earl Corbin, Ohio.
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—George A. Strait, Rhode Island.
 Council of Administration Members—
 Albert W. Lambert, New Jersey
 James L. High, Illinois
 Robert A. Lawrence, New Hampshire.

National Patriotic Instructor—Henry S. Bowen, Jr., Massachusetts.
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 National Graves Registration Officer—Elmore J. Houston, Ohio.
 Personal Aide—Fred E. Howe, New York.
 Registered Agent—Arthur R. Glennum, Maryland, were installed in Ritualistic form.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: That was a splendid and eloquent installation ceremony. And the officers of my staff. I wish to congratulate each and everyone of you. No finer people could we have than those persons here. I expect we will be in contact with each other throughout the year. I would like to appoint at this time certain committee chairmen:

Legislation—Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois.
 Membership—George A. Strait, Rhode Island.
 Americanism and Education—Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania.
 Constitution and Regulations—William N. Coffin, Ohio.
 G.A.R. Highway—Millard F. Brown, Massachusetts.
 G.A.R. Centennial and History—Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts.
 Military Affairs—Col. O. G. MacPherson, Pennsylvania.
 1965 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony—George L. Cashman, Illinois, and Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin.
 1965 National Encampment—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver: I have been assigned a very privileged task. We have seen you in operation, Brother Joe, in the past year. We realize you have spent a lot of extra time—he burns the midnight oil, Brothers—on completing your term and Administration to which you were elected one year ago and presiding at this Encampment. So it is my pride to present to you the Past Commander-

in-Chief badge due from our organization. We realize that during the next year you will be reigning in office of Commander-in-Chief but you are still entitled to this badge.

Now that you have fulfilled one year in the office you are doing such a fine job in, I would like to present you with this lapel pin. This pin was originally started by a National Secretary-Treasurer, Horace Hammer. We hope you will wear it for our organization during the coming year. Congratulations.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very kindly for representing the organization in presenting me this very fine and expensive Past Commander-in-Chief badge. I will wear it with pride on all appropriate occasions of ceremony.

Thank you for this very nice lapel button. It is a distinctive pin, and I will take pride in wearing it also.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move you, sir, that the notes taken by our stenographer on the proceedings of this Encampment, after transcription and approval by the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer, be the official proceedings of this Encampment.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Clark W. Mellor and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I want to thank all my committee chairmen, especially Brother Arnold—alias "Duke"—for a job well done.

Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Partington: I would like to move you, Sir, that this Encampment go on record as thanking Miss Joyce Schwartz for taking time out from her vacation to come to us and also for adding beauty to a drab convention. A vote of thanks for Miss Schwartz for all she has meant to us.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Mellor and carried.)

Miss Schwartz: It was indeed my pleasure to be here and serve you in the capacity as stenographer. It has been a grand and unique experience for me. You've all been so kind and I shall never be able to express my thanks adequately enough, for this wonderful week is surely one that I shall never forget. Thank you.

At this time the newly-elected President of the Auxiliary, Emma Wheeler, was escorted in and presented.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: It is very nice of you stop in here, and I assume your Convention is over. It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate you as the new President of the Auxiliary. We would like to hear a word or two from you.

President Emma Wheeler: Thank you. I just dropped in on my way from our Convention. I would like to pledge to you and to your officers as new New Auxiliary President the continued support of your Auxiliary. I see Brother Joe will be traveling with me next year. Congratulations to you in your position. Thank you.

Following her exit from the Convention floor, the Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Eighty-Third National Encampment.

Joseph S. Rippey
(Commander-in-Chief)

Attest:

Chester S. Shriver
(National Secretary-Treasurer)
Joyce S. Schwartz
(Official Stenographer)

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING AUGUST 20, 1964

The Council of Administration meeting, following the close of the 83rd Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held at 2:05 p.m. Thursday, August 20, 1964, in the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island.

Those present were: Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey; Senior Commander-in-Chief W. Earl Corbin; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief George A. Strait; National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver; Council of Administration members, James L. High and Robert Lawrence; National Counselor General U. S. Grant, 3rd; and Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert.

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

(1) In the matter of the publication and distribution of The Banner, the Council decided to have The Banner published on the same basis as during the past year, to be handled by Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert.

(2) In the matter of the scholarship grant, it will be discontinued for one year only, in view of the contribution made by the Encampment to the U. S. Grant Association.

(3) Approval was given to transfer some funds to a savings account out of the G.A.R. fund, the amount to be transferred to be left to the discretion of National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver.

(4) On the matter of the concern of Ernest G. Wells as Chairman of the Civil War Centennial and G.A.R. History Committee because of diminution of funds appropriated to the use of that committee, special commendation was given to Brother Wells for his good work and explanation was made that the smaller amount was due to other added appropriations. A motion was made and carried that he be given \$100.00 from the Patriotic Instructor's Fund.

(5) There was some discussion of the practicability of having a Congressman on the Legislation Committee. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Earl Corbin volunteered to talk with a local member of Congress.

(6) Special commendation was given to former National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert by National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver for the smooth transition of the business and effects of the office.

(7) A motion was made and carried to invite Stenographer Joyce S. Schwartz to perform the same duties at the next National Encampment.

EIGHTY-THIRD ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Providence, Rhode Island August 16-20, 1964

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Delegates—Robert Lawrence	Boscawen, N. H.

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PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

<i>Elected</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Address</i>
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	51 Woodridge Circle, Trumbull 19, Conn.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	
1917	*Fred T. J. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Ireland	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	
1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pacific	
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	

<i>Elected</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Address</i>
1930	*Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	
1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana	
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Purk 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	
1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California	
1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig, D.D.	New Hampshire	
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
1942	*Henry Towle	Maine	
1943	C. LeRoy Stoudt	Pennsylvania	2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa.
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan	417 Ardmore St., S.E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.
1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts	
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York	568 Robinson St., Elmira, N. Y.
1947	*Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts	
1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan	
1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire	21 High St., Keene, N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa	924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines 15, Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Ore. & Wash.	416 Fair Oaks Drive, Eugene, Oregon
1953	U. S. Grant, 3rd	Maryland	1135 21st St., N.W.
1954	Maj.-Gen., U.S.A., Ret.		Washington 6, D. C.
1955	*Frederic Gilbert Bauer	Massachusetts	123 Heights Road, Ridgewood, N. J.
1950	Fred E. Howe	New York	1345 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine	35 Berwick St., Sanford, Me.
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California & Pacific	403 N. Fern Ave., Ontario, California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island	P. O. Box 41, Coventry, R. I.
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont	R.F.D. No. 1, Box 81, Chester, Vt.
1961	*Charles L. Messer	New York	
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa.
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York	165 Linden Street, Rochester, New York

Sons of Veterans

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

The Post System

1889-90	†George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1890	†George T. Brown	New York	

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

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

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

E. Howard Gilkey Ohio

* Deceased

† Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 20-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota
74th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	Ohio
75th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
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
83rd	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	Rhode Island

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, 1964 Membership	Delegates
California and Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	188	5
Colorado and Wyoming	23	March 22, 1929	12	1
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	156	4
Illinois	10	July, 1883	120	3
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	75	3
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	60	2
Kansas	9	June, 1883	35	2
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	218	5
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	60	2
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	707	15
Michigan			114	3
Minnesota	17	January 1, 1885	22	1
New Hampshire	1	August, 1883	107	3
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	200	5
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	475	10
Ohio	3	August 1, 1882	235	6
Oregon and Washington	22	June 8, 1923	47	2
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	747	16
Rhode Island	14	February 14, 1884	149	4
Vermont	12	October, 1883	146	4
Wisconsin	21	September, 1887	59	2
Camp 21, Beaufort, S. C.			14	1
Nat'l Members at Large			9	1
			3954	100

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