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### NATIONAL OFFICERS 1969-1970

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Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Norman F. Furman
Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver
Council of Administration Frank M. Heacock, Sr.
Council of Administration Ned L. Durkee
Council of Administration
National Counselor Albert C. Lambert
National Patriotic Instructor Edwin K. Kramer
National Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt
National Chaplain Robert J. Wolz
National Historian Elmore J. Houston, Sr.
National Graves Registration Officer Arthur R. Ballou
National G. A. R. Highway Officer Charles W. Hooper
District of Columbia Representative
Personal Aide Walter H. Williams

### **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**



FRED H. COMBS, JR. 1969 - 1970



### Council of Administration Meeting, Sunday, August 23, 1970

The Council of Administration meeting was held in the Headquarters Suite of The Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr., called the meeting to order at 1:20 P.M. Those present were as follows:

Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman
Council Member Allen B. Howland
National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S, Shriver
National Counselor Albert C. Lambert

The minutes of the Council of Administration meeting of August 21, 1969, in St. Louis, Missouri, were approved as read by the National Secretary.

Commander-in-Chief Combs then appointed the following committees:

Audit Committee

George L. Cashman, Chairman

Allen B. Howland

**Budget Committee** 

Norman R. Furman, Chairman

Albert C. Lambert

Commander-in-Chief Combs proceeded with the meeting by informing those present of the scholarship presentation to a Gettysburg College student. He related the fact that the officials at the college determined the criteria — financial need, interest in the Civil War, satisfactory or better academic grades — for the award. In addition, this year, the student who received the award was a descendant of a Civil War officer and has since become a member of the Order.

National Secretary Shriver informed the Council on the following transactions:

- 1. In regard to previous discussion and action by the Council, Camp 21, Beaufort, South Carolina, was dropped. Effort had been made to contact members there with no reply.
- 2. With regard to the status of the Kansas Department. After discussion on the lack of interest in the Department to continue, a motion by Council Member Howland was made that necessary action be taken to remove Kansas Department from the roll with an expression of thanks to Mrs. Sadie Dix, corresponding secretary, Newton, Kansas, for all she has done, and additionally to refer any members to the National Encampment as members-at-large. Motion seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Furman and carried.
- 3. A letter from officials of Port Angeles, Washington was read regarding G.A.R. plot in Ocean View Cemetery. After discussion, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Furman made a motion that the request of

that city be granted to legally take over the property, with the provision that the necessary papers be reviewed by Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey from a legal point of view. Motion seconded by Council Member Howland.

- 4. National Secretary Shriver also informed the Council of an invitation from the city of Los Angeles for the Commander-in-Chief-Elect to be parade marshal for November 11, 1970 Veterans Day parade.
- 5. Copies of the membership and financial report were distributed to all members. The following discussion and action ensued:
- a. On a motion by National Secretary Shriver and seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cashman, the terminology of future appropriations for the National Secretary read "expense" instead of "salary," such amounts to be determined by the annual encampments.
- b. Discussion was held on cutting down the proceedings printed each year due to cost. A motion by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Furman was made stating that stationery designations be limited to "Commander-in-Chief" and "National Secretary Treasurer." Motion seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cashman and carried.
- c. A motion was also made by National Secretary Shriver and seconded by Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Furman that the printing of the roster be discontinued and the information contained therein be printed in The Banner.
- 6. Report was given on results of voting on the proposed amendment change regarding adding the word "national" between the words "hold" and "elective" so that it shall read: "Said Associates shall not hold National elective office, etc..." Results of the election: 14 favored: 4 opposed.
- At this point the report of The Banner was given by the editor, National Counselor Albert C. Lambert. This report was accepted on a motion by National Secretary Shriver and seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cashman with sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done and that the appropriation for The Banner be \$2000.00 for next year.

A motion by National Secretary Shriver and seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cashman directed that the national organization authorize the payment of a \$144.00 deficit to the editor from the past fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 P.M.

Fred H. Combs, Jr. Commander-in-Chief

Chester S. Shriver National Secretary-Treasurer

### **PROCEEDINGS**

### Eighty-Ninth Annual National Encampment SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Headquarters: The Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida

Sessions: Cavalier Room

### MONDAY SESSION

August 24, 1970

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

(The Encampment opened with prayer by the National Chaplain, Robert J. Wolz.)

Roll call of Officers showed all present, except Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Past Department Commander Ned L. Durkee, National Historian Elmore J. Houston, Sr., and National Graves Registration Officer Arthur R. Ballou.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: At this time I would like to make the following Encampment appointments in addition to those named in the last issue of The Banner.

Guide .... Past Department Commander John C. Yocum, Pa.

Guard

Past Department Commander Kenneth Wheeler, N. H.

Color Bearer

Past Department Commander James Ledwith, Conn.

For this convention, since my personal aide, Walter H. Williams, cannot be present, I am appointing my father, Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr.

The following committees will serve this Encampment:

### CREDENTIALS

Charles A. Brady, Chairman Past Department
George Satterthwaite Past Department Commander, Ill.
George Satterthwaite Past Department Commander, III.  Fred McGowan Commander, N. J.
Fred McGowan  Past Department Commander, N. J.  Willard Stephan  Past Department Commander, N. J.  Member-at-Large
Willard Stephan Past Department Commander, N. J.  Were Bright Past Department Commander, N. Y.  Past Department Commander, N. Y.
George W. Long Past Department Commander, N. Y.  Past Department Commander, N. Y.  Commander, Pa.

### RESOLUTIONS

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Harold E. Arnold, Chairman Past Commande	r-in-Chief, R. I.
Harry Gibbons Past Department Con	nmander, N. Y.
Henry Bowen, Jr Past Department Cor	nmander, Mass.
Albert W. Lambert Past Department Co	mmander, N. J.
Louis A. Moushey	Delegate, N. J.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

C. Leroy Stoudt, Chairman Past Commander-in-Chief, Pa.
Percy Davenport Delegate, N. J.
Ivan E. Frantz Delegate, Pa.
Frank L. Clark Past Department Commander, N. J.
Alton Sharp Past Department Commander, N. J.

### CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman	Past Commander-in-Chief, N. Y.
Chester S. Shriver	Past Commander-in-Chief, Pa.
John H. Stark	Past Department Commander, Pa.
Clarence J. Riddell	Past Department Commander, Pa.
Allen F. Spink F	Past Department Commander, Conn.

### RITUAL AND CEREMONY

William W. Haskell, Chairman Past Commander-in-Chief,	Mass.
Herman Black Past Department Commander,	Wisc.
Robert L. Gerke Past Department Commander,	N. J.
Dexter Coombs Delegate,	R. I.
Wallace Macomber Department Commander	R. I.

### REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Lawrenceville, N. J. August 17, 1970

To the Officers and Members of the 89th National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Miami Beach, Florida

### Officers and Brothers:

It is an honor and privilege to submit to you this report of my

activity and service for the year 1969-70.

In August, 1969, in St. Louis, Missouri, you saw fit to elect me to the highest office our Organization can endow — that of Commander-in-Chief. I was honored and appreciative then; I remain so now. I am grateful for the confidence placed in me. Although it was not possible for me to do all that I would like to have done during the past twelve months, I sincerely trust that I have fulfilled, to an acceptable degree, what was expected of me and that I have justified your confidence.

The time and effort spent in traveling many miles to visit many places and attend numerous activities was extensive but rewarding and enjoyable, and, apparently, a worthwhile endeavor in the interest of the welfare of our Organization. I hope that my visitations have had a beneficial effect. I regret that a combination of circumstances, one of which was the problem of conflicting dates, prevented me from visiting all Departments and accepting all the cordial invitations that were extended to me. I will not bore you by reading a detailed list of all the functions, ceremonies, programs and meetings I attended. I wish to make particular mention of some, however.

The Remembrance Day Program held on November 22, 1969, at the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove on the Battlefield in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was an outstanding event to be remembered. The Commemoration Dinner held in the evening was a very fitting climax to a wonderful day of tribute in an atmosphere of appropriate remembrance of that historical day of dedication of the National Cemetery by President Lincoln. At this dinner a check in the amount of \$250 was presented to Gettysburg College to be awarded as a scholarship to a deserving student in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. The recipient, Richard Oliphant, attended the Dinner and proved to be most worthy and grateful and a most creditable choice for this year's award. Mr. Oliphant is a descendant of a Union soldier. Financial need, interest in the Civil War, as evidenced by the pursuance of a course on that subject, and satisfactory or better academic grades constitute the criteria used by the College in making its selection. The assistance of National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver in working with the College authorities in setting the perspective for selection of a recipient was most helpful.

The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., on February 12, 1970, was the scene of another in a long series of observances in honor of the birth of our great Civil War President. Your Commander-in-Chief was honored to place a wreath in behalf of our Organization. It was a privilege and an honor to be caught up in the atmosphere of humility and heritage that enshrouds that great historical shrine, and to pause for a brief period of personal meditation before the impressive figure

of President Lincoln contained therein. It was obvious to me on this of President Lincoln of increased cost of flowers, the amount set oscide in the budget for purchase of a wreath should be sufficient to aside in the case and ture of \$25.00. The same is true regarding the wreath placed at the Cathedral of the Pines on Memorial Day.

In Springfield, Illinois, on April 15, 1970, I, like Commanders-in-Chiefs before mc. was privileged to represent our Organization at the Annual Lincoln Tomb ceremonies. This event, held in beautiful Oakridge Cemetery on the anniversary of the death of Mr. Lincoln, is most impressive and very prestigious for the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It was particularly noteworthy that the Honorable Richard G. Ogilvie, Governor of the State of Illinois, was in attendance and delivered an inspiring message to the large assemblage. The beauty, simplicity and meaning of the Lincoln Tomb are impressive. Although several months have passed since my vist to Springfield, the memories kindled by my experiences there still remain vivid.

On April 26, 1970, I represented our National Organization and placed a wreath at the Tomb of General Ulysses S. Grant in New York City during very impressive ceremonies conducted by the Sons and Auxiliary of the Department of New York. The singing of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman was a highlight of this occasion. Again, the name of our Organization was nobly enhanced by this meaningful observance. The Sons and Auxiliary of the Department of New York are to be commended for breathing new life into this activity. It is my sincere hope that they continue to do so, so that this annual tribute to General Grant will not again go by the wayside.

Placement of a wreath at the Cathedral of the Pines in New Hampshire on Memorial Day in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic was another experience carried out on behalf of our Organiza-

tion which I considered an honor and privilege.

Meetings of the Central Regional Association in Milwaukee in October and of the New England Regional Association in March and July proved to be most interesting and impressive. It was obvious that the interchange of ideas and experiences during the sessions of these conferences was beneficial and valuable, and worked to the advantage of all the Departments and Camps there represented. The programs were productive and interesting to all who attended.

The honor and privilege that was mine to serve as your representative at the Department Encampments I was able to attend and at other numerous and varied activities and functions throughout the year will have a vivid place in my memory for a long time to come. My experiences proved to be a stimulating source of great satisfaction. During my visits, I witnessed devotion, zeal and dedicated service everywhere, Cordiality and warm fellowship were extended to me on every hand. Personal contact with many members of our Order seemed to be universally appreciated and appeared to be a most beneficial experience to all concerned.

It was gratifying to note that very favorable, constructive and helpful publicity about projects, activities, programs, meetings and presentations appeared in newspapers and periodicals in many places that I visited. This is to be encouraged. Worthwhile publicity will inform the general public of the objectives and principles upon which our Organization is based and of the fine work that is being done in so many cases. Well-planned and appropriate publicity could well be a contributing cause of persons becoming interested in sharing in the work we are doing and seeking membership and having the opportunity of joining our ranks,

Two Departments, the Department of New Hampshire and the Department of Pennsylvania, in their respective Department Encampments, adopted revised By-Laws and submitted them to the Commander-in-Chief for approval. Such approval was given in both cases. The Departments of New Hampshire and Pennsylvania are to be commended for their efforts in this regard.

I have been informed by the National Secretary-Treasurer that the reported voting by Departments on the proposed amendment of Article VII, Membership, Section 3 (adding the word "National" before elective office in the case of Associates) indicates that more than 50% of the Departments voted in favor of adoption of the Amendment. Therefore, I hereby declare that, since at least 50% of the Departments have acted favorably upon this proposed amendment, as required by the Constitution, it is and becomes a part of the Constitution of our National Organization. This amendment now permits Camps and Departments, that wish to do so, to elect Associate members to elective offices in the Camps or Departments. Other provisions in the Constitution pertaining to Associate members would have to be further amended to extend such rights and privileges of Associate members to the National Organization.

It is with pride that I make special note of the tireless and unselfish efforts of Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert as editor of The Banner. Brother Lambert has again, during this past year, served our Organization meritoriously by producing a publication which enlightens, informs and interests all who read it, and which puts the name, purposes and work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War before the eyes of many persons throughout the Nation. The Banner is sent to many libraries and other key places throughout the Country. It has aroused the interest of numerous non-members and has led to frequent inquiries about our Order and to subsequent applications for membership. We can be proud of this purposeful and meaningful periodical, and we should remain grateful for the role it plays in helping to keep alive interest in our Organization.

It appears that the membership statistics for the year just completed that will be reported by the National Secretary-Treasurer, although reflecting a loss in membership nationally, will portray a brighter picture than has been possible for many years. This brighter report, in my opinion, has been made possible by the efforts of a limited number of members who have toiled diligently to increase membership and to interest others in joining our Organization. If we are to be successful in reversing the tide completely so that the record another year will show a gain instead of a loss, as has been the case for so many years, it will require that many more shoulders be put to the wheel than have been applied to date. In these days of turmoil and confusion, the minds of many persons are turning again to the need for stress on patriotism and appreciation of heritage. It is, therefore, a golden opportunity for our Organization to capitalize on this resurgence of interest by making a concerted effort in all Camps and Departments to increase membership and to do all that is required to hold new members when they are acquired. To accomplish this, it

will be necessary for Camps to plan their meetings and activities wisely. Meaningful meetings, purposeful activities and meritorious projects that will captivate the interest of members, old and new, will be a necessity. Resting on sentimentality and past accomplishments, as important as these things are, will, in my opinion, no longer suffice.

It is suggested that Camps might find it profitable and conducive to the creation of higher level of interest to expend more effort on matters concerning (a) the history of the Civil War, (b) current events and problems. (c) public celebrations, and (d) social activities designed to bring members to meetings and to attract new members. Keeping emphasis on ritualistic procedures within a moderate perspective so that attendance at meetings will be encouraged might also be helpful.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve has in several instances been responsible for attracting new members to our Order. Colonel Shriver, the Commanding Officer of the Reserves; Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold. the chairman of the Military Affairs Committee; and many officers and members of our National Organization and the Uniformed Reserves have exerted diligent effort in this regard. They are to be commended for the work they have done and complimented for the effect their efforts have had in acquiring new members for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, thereby helping to enlarge our ranks.

During the past year, it was my honor to confer the title of "National Aide," with the privilege of wearing the National ribbon, upon four members whose names were brought to my attention — three from the Department of Illinois and one from the Department of Michigan. Each of these men gained for our Organization five or more new members during my administration.

Our financial condition is in need of betterment. The slight increase in the per capita tax approved at the 1969 National Encampment has helped, but it has been insufficient to provide the sound financial basis that is needed. The expertise and conscientious and diligent service on the part of our National Secretary-Treasurer have been most helpful. He is to be commended for his efficient handling of the business and financial affairs of our National Organization. Watchful consideration and awareness of the need for cautious spending on the part of the Council of Administration, Committee Chairmen, Officers and Members have also been helpful and have prevented our problem of finances from becoming more acute than it is. However, it appears apparent to me that such expertise, diligence, conscientious effort and efficiency will not suffice to offset our plight of shrinking funds. In these times of rapidly rising costs and increased expenses, priorities must be reassessed and steps taken to strengthen our financial structure.

A very serious problem is caused by the constant increase in the cost of printing. Unless we wish to find additional income to cover this increase, it is essential, in my opinion, that any unnecessary or duplication of printing be eliminated. I suggest the following possible methods of reducing printing costs:

a. Discontinue the printing of a separate Roster and include this information in The Banner. Not only would this reduce costs, but it would also make the information available to all members, which has not been the case in the past.

b. Reduce the size of the Proceedings of the Encampment by including much of the information in The Banner, such as reports of:

Pre-Encampment Activities
Memorial Service
Camp Fire Service
Remembrance Day Observance
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony
List of Previous Encampments

List of all Past Commanders-in-Chief

and by printing only those resolutions which are adopted and summarizing and consolidating whenever feasible and possible.

### POTENTIAL INFLUENCE OF OUR ORGANIZATION

Relatively small membership notwithstanding, I hold the firm belief that our Organization has strong potential for being a constructive and wholesome influence for the greater development of patriotism, loyalty to Constitution and respect for Flag, nationally and in the respective communities in which Camps exist. We as Sons of Union Veterans have, in my opinion, a responsibility to make known the precepts and principles of our Order and to take positive steps in our local Camps to demonstrate that we do love this Country, that we do support its Constitution and that we are loyal to its Flag. It behooves us to take active part in the affairs of our respective communities. I am sure that none of us wants to see any individual deprived of any of his Constitutional rights, but I am equally sure that all of us expect that making a mockery of the Constitution, making a shambles of all authority and casting disrespect upon the Country and its Flag, as a minority are prone to do, cannot be tolerated. On the other hand, those who seek to improve, strengthen, and bring about constructive change within the framework of the Law and the Constitution should have this right and should be encouraged. The very liberties and freedoms we enjoy today as Americans had their birth many years ago in the early days of this great Democracy as a result of similar efforts of many who lived in those times. The foundation of our Nation is laid on those efforts and resulting accomplishments.

Then, too, may I add what I have previously stated this year: Abraham Lincoln, in his day, questioned, protested certain things, saw need for improvement and was bent on a purpose — that of the maintenance of the unity of this Nation. His entire term of office was dedicated to winning the Civil War and maintaining that unity. However, all that he thought, all that he planned, and all that he did was in conformity with, and with respect for, law and the precepts and principles of our Constitution.

May the example of his life and deeds be deeply imbedded in our minds and in the minds of all Americans, and may we, as did he, have the firm conviction that with God's help and guidance the problems that face the Nation may, too, although massive, weighty, and overbearing, be solved effectively and in the interest of all the people and that this democratic Union of States will truly be a government of the people, by the people and for the people as Mr. Lincoln envisioned it.

To Mrs. Florence Jansson, National President of our Auxiliary, and the members of her Organization, I extend my sincere appreciation for outstanding cooperation and ready and willing assistance. Working with them in the fulfillment of our mutual goals and interests has been a genuine pleasure and a gratifying experience.

To the National Presidents of our Allied Orders:

Mrs. Josie Kracht, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic;

Mrs. Faette Bell, of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Mrs. Ruby Bragdon, of the National Woman's Relief Corps; go my gratitude for their excellent teamwork, fellowship and thoughtfulness during the past year.

And to all the members of our Organization, my sincere thanks for diligent and loyal effort and service. It is with humility that I say that I shall never forget the friendships that I have made this year, and the kindness, generosity, and cooperation that were extended to me by so many individuals, Camps, Auxiliaries, and Departments.

My sincere gratitude and appreciation are extended to all the officers and chairmen and members of committees who served with me during this year and assisted me so ably, effectively and loyally. I shall remain most appreciative of their dedicated service and competent assistance in the performance of their respective tasks. Our mutual effort to enhance the name of the Organization, which we will all so proudly serve, and to fulfill the objectives and principles which we so willingly support, has been given valuable aid and assistance by the manner in which all responsibilities were carried out. I am, therefore, pleased to report that the year passed smoothly indeed, and, I would hope, beneficially for our Order, because of the willing contributions of effort and service given by so many.

I submit for your consideration the following recommendations:

- 1. That Department-authorized officials be urged to consult with the in-coming Commander-in-Chief regarding proposed Department Encampment dates for the purpose of attempting to avoid, whenever possible, conflicts in dates, thus making it possible for the Commander-in-Chief to visit more Departments.
- 2. That the National Organization continue to present to Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the annual award of \$250, such award to be given to a deserving student as determined by the College officials on the basis of criteria used in the selection of the recipient of the 1969-70 award and after consultation with the representative of this Organization authorized by the Commander-in-Chief.
- 3. That, in the interest of economy and financial saving, the Council of Administration be instructed to reduce the size of the Proceedings of this and subsequent Encampments to a minimum and that the Proceedings plus the issues of The Banner become the official record of the National Organization.
- 4. That, also in the interest of economy, the printing of a roster be discontinued and that the information heretofore contained therein be printed in The Banner.
- 5. That the amount of \$25.00 per wreath be provided for in the budget to pay for the wreaths to be placed at the Lincoln Memorial and Cathedral of the Pines.

6. That every Department review its By-Laws, and, if necessary, amend them to conform to the provisions of the Constitution and

Regulations of our Order.

In closing this report, may I add that I, like all of you, am proud to be associated with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to labor in its behalf, knowing that it is an Organization with genuine purpose and substance and sound principles. I, like all of you, would like nothing better than to have sincere and diligent endeavor result in full realization of goals and gratifying fulfillment of the objectives for which we are organized. As Abraham Lincoln said, may we say of our Order with the same self-assurance:

"LET US ALL CONFIDENTLY HOPE THAT ALL WILL YET BE WELL."

> Sincerely in F. C. and L., Fred H. Combs, Jr. Commander-in-Chief

(Applause was extended by the members for Commander-in-Chief Combs. Report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert: I move you that the report of the Commander-in-Chief and all subsequent reports of national officers be referred, without debate, to the Committee on Officers Reports. Seconded, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman. Carried.

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

Springfield, Illinois August 24, 1970

To the Officers and Members of the 89th National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### Greetings:

One year ago, in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, at the 88th National Encampment, I was honored by election to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, an honor for which I am truly grateful. Whenever time and opportunity have presented themselves, I have endeavored to actively promote the welfare of our Order, and to help

justify your confidence.

At the time that I assumed office, my Camp, General John A. McClernand #4, Springfield, Illinois, and for a number of years, had only two members. No meetings were held. Recognizing that such a condition should not be allowed to continue, I immediately began a personal campaign to enlist new members. With the aid of two new members the Camp has progressed. We now hold regular monthly meetings and have twenty-two active members. We do not, by any means, intend to rest on our laurels, but have set a goal of fifty members, and have every expectation of reaching that figure.

My "out-of-town" activities this past year have not been numerous, but I am sure that those that I have made, and those locally have helped to publicize the fact that there is a "Sons of Union Veteraus

of the Civil War."

In October, 1969, I attended the annual convention of the Central Regional Conference held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where I was elected Commander. The Conference was honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief Fred Combs, Jr., and Mrs. Florence Jansson, National President of the Auxiliary.

Also, in October, I attended the annual convention of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion held in Philadelphia, where my wife and I presented our illustrated Lincoln lecture at the banquet.

As an invited guest I participated in the annual Veterans Day ceremony and parade held in Springfield on November 11, 1969.

On February 12, 1970, as a member of the Committee on Arrangements, I took part in the Lincoln Birthday celebration held at the Lincoln Tomb, Springfield.

Also in February I attended the annual Lincoln Day Luncheon sponsored by the Sons and Auxiliary held in Chicago. Here I brought greetings from the National Organization and from Commander-in-Chief. Fred Combs. Jr.

On April 3, 1970, at their request, I attended a meeting of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc., and extended greetings from Commander-in-Chief, Fred Combs, Jr. This meeting resulted in permission to use their headquarters as a meeting place for the local Camp, and without charge.

The fourteenth annual ceremony sponsored by this Order and commemorating the 105th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln, was held at the Lincoln Tomb on April 15, 1970. As co-chairman of this event, I am happy to report the success which attended it. In point of numbers in attendance, it was the largest we have held, and by concensus, the best. We were honored by the presence of our Commander-in-Chief, who made a brief, but most impressive, address. We were also honored by the visit of our National Counselor, Al Lambert, who was the first to suggest this annual tribute to the martyred President. I ask your indulgence while I attempt to pay a sincere and over-due personal tribute to co-chairman PDC Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin. Over the years Tom and I have worked together in perfect harmony and in the closest cooperation for the success of this event. I am sure that it would be most difficult to find anyone who would be more energetic, more efficient, and more dedicated to this ceremony. Without his devotion and untiring efforts this annual tribute would not be the outstanding success that it is. Any future Commander-in-Chief would do well to continue Tom Johnson in his capacity as co-chairman.

On May 1, my wife and I were guests of Eli Lilly and the Indiana Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion at Indianapolis, Indiana. Here I assumed the liberty of extending best wishes to them from our Commander-in-Chief Fred Combs, Jr.

On May 30, I attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic Mound in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, where I delivered General John A. Logan's Order #11 and the benediction. Later in the day I was present at the ceremonies held at Camp Butler National Cemetery, near Springfield.

The annual Encampment of the Sons, Department of Illinois, was held in Springfield on June 6. Representing our Commander-in-Chief,

I brought his greetings and those of the National Organization to the Sons, Auxiliary, Ladies of the G.A.R. and to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who were holding their State Convention at the same time. At each of the banquets held, June 5-6, I participated as a speaker, using patriotism as my subject.

On June 25, I attended the opening meeting of the Illinois State Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and brought greetings of the National Organization.

On July 4, I participated in the annual Independence Day parade and other activities in Springfield as a member of the Committee on Arrangements and as a representative of the Sons of Union Veterans, and delivered a short address.

Over the years one of the aspirations of the co-chairman of the April 15 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, is and has been, to welcome the Governors of the three Lincoln states: Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, at this event. On July 24, Dr. Wayne C. Temple, a member of the Springfield camp, and I, had a short conference on this subject with Governor Richard B. Ogilvie of Illinois. The Governor concurs with us that it would be most desirable to have Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois represented at the event by the Chief Executives of these states. He has agreed to issue formal invitations to the Governor of Kentucky, Louis Nunn and to Governor Whitcomb of Indiana. While it is, of course, much too early to predict success in this matter, we are encouraged to feel that we are well on our way to the accomplishment of our objective.

On August 10, at the annual convention of the National Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc., held in Springfield, my wife and I were guests of the National President, Mrs. Faetta Bell. I brought greetings of the National Organization and from our Commander-in-Chief. In the evening, at the banquet, I made a few remarks.

During the year there have been numerous opportunities for association with each of the Orders of the Grand Army Family. I have found each of these occasions to have been conducted in a climate of harmony and each has afforded me much pleasure and satisfaction.

The honor which you have accorded me in naming me to the post of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is greatly appreciated. It is one in which I shall always recall with pride. It has been a happy privilege to have served you and one in which I have derived pleasure and satisfaction.

To Commander-in-Chief Fred, whose dedication in service to the promotion of the ideals and welfare of our Order, is most commendable, may I say, it has been my reward to have known and worked with you. I would also say, Fred, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, George L. Cashman Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

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

To: Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr.
Officers and Members of the 89th Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

One year ago, in St. Louis, I was greatly honored by being elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their confidence in my ability to fulfill the duties of this office.

During the past year I have attended as many functions of the organizations as I could, and have enjoyed very much my association with other National Officers and members of other Departments. On several occasions I have represented the Commander-in-Chief, when he was unable to attend. At our Department Encampment we were honored by having both our Commander-in-Chief and National President of our Auxiliary present.

As Chairman of our National Membership Committee, I have had very little cooperation, and received reports from only TWO Departments — the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, and a partial report from my own New York Department, this due to the fact that our Junior Vice Department Commander had to enter the hospital for surgery just before our Department Encampment. Even so, he arrived for our final session, and election and installation of officers, with the help of a cane, and against his doctor's advice.

Our Department of Colorado and Wyoming is happy to report that their membership once more includes a member in Wyoming, and they expect more members before the end of the year. Due to the efforts of Brother Al Lambert, my own Camp has just taken in a new member — David C. Laing, of Eden, N.Y. His brother, who is the local postmaster, also wants to join the Sons. Thank you, Brother Lambert.

In closing, I want to thank you again, Comamnder-in-Chief Combs. for the honor of serving as one of your National Officers.

I have one recommendation: In the future, if possible, I recommend that the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be furnished with the addresses of all members of his membership committee, so he can contact them directly.

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Norman R. Furman Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT - 1969-1970

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# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT-Cont'd from Preceding Page

CAMPS GAIN: Camp No. 54-Conklin-Seller, E. Hampton, Conn. 14 members-Re-instated.

CAMPS LOST: Camp 52, Staples, Maine — 4 Members Disbanded Camp 58, Cobb, Hyde Park, Mass. — 5 Members — Dropped

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Camp 148, Droper, Medford, Mass. - 8 Members - Dropped

## Camp 21, R. M. Smith, Beaufort, S. C. - 14 Members - Dropped

## DEPARTMENTS SHOWING MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

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### NATIONAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement — Cash Receipts and Disbursements: Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1970

	Total	General Fund	G.A.R. Momorial Fund	Perma- nent Fund
Cash Balance, June 30, 1969	\$ 4,287.55	\$ 473.79	\$3,249.89	\$1,511.45
RECEIPTS:				
Per Capita Tax Registration Fees Supplies Sold Donation Gift From Auxiliary National Patriotic	3,518.55 170.00 750.81 100.00 500.00	3,518.55 170.00 750.81 100.00 500.00		
Instructor 1968-69	426.35		426.35	
National Patriotic Instructor 1969-70 Dividends Donations—Honor Roll Fund Bequest—U. S. Grant III	752.50 1,798.25 140.00 1,000.00	6.00	752.50	1,798.25 140.00 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	6.00	6.00		
Total Receipts	\$ 9,162.46	\$5,045.36	\$1,178.85	\$2,938.25
Total	\$13,450.51	\$4,571.57	\$4,428.74	\$4,449.70
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Supplies Purchased for				
Resale The Banner Commander-in-Chief		\$ 978.34	\$	\$ 1,800.00
Expense 1969-70	1,000.00	1,000.00		
(Salary & Exp.) 1969-70 Nat'l Secretary-Treas.	500.00	500.00		
(Salary & Exp.) 1970-71		500.00	000.00	
Encampment Expenses 1969 Rent for National	253.87	53.87	200.00	
Headquarters 1969-70	200.00	200.00		
Rent for National Headquarters 1970-71	200.00	200.00		
Proceedings 1969		816.00		
Printing, Postage & Stationery C.P.A. Audit Stenographer	250.00	356.89 250.00 100.00		
Testimonial for		4=0.00		
Commander-in-Chief Lock Box		152.99 3.00		

Scholarship Fund	250.00		250.00	
Remembrance Day Expense	134.60		134.60	
Lincoln Tomb Expense	320.41		320.41	
Cathedral of The Pines				
Wreath	66.99		66,99	
National Mil. Dept S.V.R	100.00		100.00	
Memorial Fund Flyers	40.69		40.69	
Life Membership Int. Paid	\$7.50			87.50
Purchase of Investments	1,950,00			1.950,00
Total Disbursements	\$10,061.28	\$5,111.09	\$1,112,69	\$3,837.50
Cash Balance June 30, 1970	3,388,73	539.52	3,316.05	612.20
Total	\$13,450.01	\$4,571.57	\$4,428.74	\$4,449.70
	Balance		Expendi-	Balance
	6/30/69	Revenue	tures	6/30/70
General Fund	\$ 2,266.12	\$5,045.36	\$4,883.56	\$ 2,427.92
G.A.R. Memorial Fund	3.249.89	1,178.85	1,112.69	3,316.05
Permanent Fund				
Unrestricted Surplus		2,798.25	1,887.50	27,629.64
Honor Roll Fund	2,925.00	140.00		3,065.00
	\$35,159.90	\$9,162.46	\$1,883.75	\$36,438.61

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Box 24 — Federal Building Gettysburg, Pa. 17325 16 August 1970

To: Fred H. Combs, Jr.—Commander-in-Chief 89th Annual National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Officers and Delegates Assembled: Greetings:

- 1. It is with deep humility and pride that I submit to you this formal report of activity and progress that has been credited to this Administration under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr., his Staff of Officers and the brothers of our beloved Organization.
- 2. The Headquarters records and financial standing have been audited by Clay W. Garrett, Certified Public Accountant, Hanover, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1970, and copies of the summarization of the C.P.A. report have been distributed to the delegates registered at this Encampment. The CPA Audit was examined and subject to corrections of the National Counselor and Auditing Committee, was approved by the Council of Administration and will be forwarded to the Congress of the United States to conform to requirements of our Congressional Charter.
- 3. Our analysis of the Membership standing and the income from per-capita shows some encouragement for the first time in many years. Although our membership decreased a total of only 24 members, Seven Departments and the National Membership at Large reported membership increased for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, totalling 91 members representing exactly one-half of the total new members of 182 for the year. Current membership standing as of June 30, 1970, is contained on the back of the financial report distributed earlier at this session. Congratulations to those Departments who have proved that "it can be done."
- 4. Our main source of reserve continues to be the Permanent Fund which consists of increases from the accumulated Dividends of \$1,798.25 during the past fiscal year. Bequest from the Estate of Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, in the amount of \$1000 and Donations of \$140.00 to the Honor Roll Fund constitute the other sources of income.
- 5. The following have made contributions to the Honor Roll Fund in memory of a Civil War descendant as recorded at your National Headquarters and printed in The Banner:

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William E. Kelly	\$10.00	Dr. J. J. Kazar	\$10.00
Walter R. Menear	10.00	Glen L. Whitaker	10.00
Emily Rothschild	50.00	Fred W. Herlinger	10.00
Chauncey McKnight	10.00	Albert S. Brown, Jr.	10.00
Robert C. Kline	10.00	Glen L. Whitaker	10.00
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Total ..... 140.00

6. Recognition is made of the receipt in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be credited as income to the Permanent Fund as a Memorial contribution from:

MAJOR GENERAL U. S. GRANT, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief

- 7. Investments continue for the Permanent Fund with the purchase of 150 Shares of Wellington Fund at \$13.00 per share on September 15, 1969. This action approved by the Council of Administration at their regular meeting on August 21, 1969, at the SSth Annual National Encampment at St. Louis, Missouri. Total investments in securities to date are \$30,082.44. Said certificates and other Organizational valuable papers are filed in Lock Box No. 860 at the Gettysburg National Bank, Gettysburg, Pa.
- S. The General Fund continues to be our number 1 problem. We are aware of cost increase for printing, postage and necessities. Without taking space and burden to you, I ask that certain measures be considered by the Budget Committee relative to reducing the future expense from this fund. Several are listed as recommendations as a part of this report.
- 9. The volume of correspondence increased the past year due to continued interest of many Americans writing for information relative to Civil War service records. Many Department Officers stall in meeting deadline dates for reports. This applies to Quarterly per-capita. Certificate of Election, etc. Every piece of correspondence is acknowledged. Requisition for supplies continues with a record of \$750.81 processed the past year. Copies of the 1969 (S8th) Annual National Encampment proceedings and C.P.A. Audit were mailed to the Congress of the United States and Library of Congress. Other inquiries relating to membership affiliation and matters to the Civil War period were channeled to the Departments in which the writer was located.
- 10. I therefore offer to this Encampment, the following Recommendations.

### RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Establish the total expense of the National Secretary-Treasurer at \$1000.00 per year for the year 1970-71.

### RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Limit the contents of the Proceedings to the essential information which could be termed as the following:

Report of the Commander-in-Chief

Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer

Report of Senior Vice and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief

Report of the National Patriotic Instructor

Report of all Resolutions and their action Report of the Committee on Officers reports and recommendations

Names of greetings Committees and name of person who responded All motions and the action taken

Eliminate certain conversation from the greetings committee. Print all committee reports in The Banner such as Lincoln Tomb, GAR Remembrance Day, S.V.R. This action could result in the reduction of approximately 16 pages of printing for a cost saving of approximately \$200.00

### RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Establish an appropriation of \$100.00 for the National Stenographer at future National Encampments.

### RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Consider the increase for per-capita tax to .50¢ per quarter per member. We have waited a little too long to do it. Our Membership has

NOT been hurt by the recent increase. Before it's too late . . . let's do it now. The decision is yours.

11. The democratic principles of our Nation today, formed by our fathers and grandfathers over 100 years ago, are now tested in all parts of the world. Problems arise that confront our President of the United States from the campuses of our Colleges, from our penal institutions, organized labor and strife in the outside world. A mere 100 years ago, our Nation was united by faith in God and a determination of working together in a peaceful Country. Where Thanksgiving meant giving thanks, where Christmas meant the celebration of the birth of Christ, today we strive to preserve all good things that we as a patriotic organization pledge.

Can we not at this Encampment pledge anew our feality and our obligation . . . and then take it back to our Departments and Camps and membership? YOU did it one year ago when your Commander-in-Chief assumed Command. Seven Departments took action to do something about it. Make yourself feel important here and at home in every duty you give to the Sons. Give of yourself a little harder, speak a little louder and promote our creed of FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY in your hearts and the hearts of others. This and only this will make our Organization stronger in purpose. This and only this would make the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC proud of us. Again the decision is yours and mine.

In this my final report as your National Secretary-Treasurer, permit me to thank you Brother Combs for the fine year that you served as our Commander-in-Chief. You faced each problem diligently and served with dignity and completeness. My deepest appreciation to serve with your fine Staff of Officers. And finally, to all Brothers of our Order, both here and back home, my sincere thanks for your past cooperation and understanding. Your efforts help maintain our present standards. Your courtesies are greatly appreciated. May we all strive to continue our standards — to actively promote the objects and interest of our Order — always and everywhere — so help you God.

Respectfully submitted in FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY, Chester S. Shriver National Secretary-Treasurer

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

To:
Officers and Members
S9th National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Miami Beach, Florida

### Brothers:

In this report as National Counselor, firstly I would like to express appreciation to Commander-in-Chief Combs for the appointment. It has been a fruitful and pleasant experience to be closely associated with an outstanding Commander-in-Chief, whose pleasing and inspirational leadership will benefit our Order long after he has retired from office.

During the year several matters were discussed with him, all of which were satisfactorily disposed of. New by-laws were approved from the Departments of New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. An inquiry from the Illinois Department relative to former G.A.R. property in Peorla was disposed of.

The recent change in our Constitution by adding the word "National" before elective office in the case of Associates does create confusion and contradiction. (This is also true in the United States Constitution). Until such time as this is made more clear, my opinion is:

- 1. Camps and Departments that wish to do so may now elect Associates to any elective office.
- 2. On the other hand, due to other provisions in our constitution relative to associates, it would seem that the rights and privileges of such elective officers would be confined within the Department that permits it.

There is another matter of serious nature that I must call to your attention. On September 29, 1969, H.R. 14071 was introduced in the House of Representatives in Washington. Among other things, this provides for an annual filing fee of \$250.00 from each holder of a Congressional Charter, and also modifies and enlarges the procedure of annual reports to the Congress. Since we received our Congressional Charter in 1954, we have had to engage a Certified Public Accountant to prepare an annual audit, the cost of which has increased until it is now over \$300.00 per year. I feel that H. R. 14071 will be adopted, in which case our annual cost will be close to \$600.00. Prior to 1954, we were incorporated in the State of Illinois and our annual filing fee was \$1.00, and the audit was conducted by members of the National Council.

We must now decide whether we have benefited sufficiently from the Charter to warrant this expense. A sampling of opinion of several of our members indicates that they feel that a Federal Charter is of little benefit. In addition to the many extra reports that must be filed, perhaps our funds could better be used for something of more importance.

In order to encourage full discussion and possible action, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION No. 1—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to express our opposition to the filing fee requirement of H.R. 14071 as an unnecessary financial burden.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2—That should H.R. 14071 become law, that the Commander-in-Chief is authorized to incorporate our National Organization in the State of Illinois, and that he inform the Congress of our desire to relinquish our Congressional Charter.

Albert C. Lambert National Counselor

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Lemoyne, Pa. August 15, 1970

To the Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr. Officers and Members of the 89th National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

One year ago, when you, Brother Fred, asked me to serve as your National Patriotic Instructor, I accepted, hoping that I could attain the goal set by the National Organization. As this was my first national office, I thank you for the confidence you placed in me.

It has been a busy year, but I have enjoyed every minute of it. I was privileged to bring your greetings at the Annual Lincoln Banquet of Camp #15 in Harrisburg. This annual banquet was originated by PC in C. John H. Runkle and I have tried to keep it going for several years. I attended other Lincoln Banquets and enjoyed attending your testimonial very much.

I did not receive any reports from Department Patriotic Instructors and I hope that all Patriotic Instructors helped in the observance of Memorial Day and other Patriotic work as I know this is needed today more than ever.

I would like to thank all the brothers, sisters, and friends that made my year such a success and in addition a year of many Happy Memories. As usual the women are the ones who help to raise extra money. My thanks go to my wife, Mary (Betty) Kramer, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, for the many hours spent making candles and peanuts to help the fund. To Sister Kathleen Runkle, Past Department President, for selling many of the candles and to Mary Jane Bannan, Past Department President of Daughters of Union Veterans, for selling many of the candles and cookies. As you will hear later they raised a large amount of my fund.

To you Brother Fred again my thanks for your confidence in me and I appreciate your help in The Banner and at banquets for the fund.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty, Edwin K. Kramer National Patriotic Instructor

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATL. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC	
Capt. M. L. Patrick \$ 10.00 Vernon W. Finity	3.00
Logan Camp 20 5.00	
Total \$18.00	
CONNECTICUT	
Robert Lyon \$ 2.00 Conklin Sellow Camp 55	1.00
Robert E. Daniels 1.00 C. Brown Newton	2.00
Connecticut Dept 10.00 Arthur Lyon	1.00
Upham Camp 7 10.00 Allen F. Spink	1,00
James Ledwith 5.00	

Total \$33.00

ILLINOIS	
Geo. L. Cashman \$ 10.00 James M. Blackman  James Downing 5.00 Paul F. Herschel Jr.  George Pfeiffer 5.00 Chas. H. Bournstine  Dewitt N. Eberhart 3.00 Geo. W. Lovering  Total \$42.00	5.00 10.00 2.00 2.00
IOWA	
Elmer Kirchner \$ 5.00	
MAINE	
Eileen Coombs \$ 2.00	
MARYLAND & DELAWARE	
Agnes Davis \$ 1.00 Frank M. Heacock Sr. William A. Davis Jr. 1.00 Fred Davis Maryland Department 10.00 Arthur R. Glenum Shaw Camp 3 10.00	5.00 1.00 10.00
Total \$38.00	
MASSACHUSETTS	
Minnie E. Madeiros \$ 5.00 Lewis C. Adams William C. Rule 1.00 Bond Camp 104 Willard C. Bodge 5.00 Henry C. Gates Albert S. Newman 1.00 William Haskell Charles W. Hooper 5.00 Leslie Covey Massachusetts Dept. 25.00	5.00 10.00 1.00 3.00 2.00
Total \$63.00	
KANSAS Rocky Holland (non-member) \$ 3.00	
MICHIGAN  Urion Mackey \$ 5.00 Grand Rapids Camp 14  Total \$10.00	5.00
MINNESOTA	
T. P. Heffelfinger \$ 15.00 Brooks Fields Minneapolis Camp 8 10.00 Geo. E. Bailey Total \$31.00	5.00 1.00
MISSOURI	
Louis A. Moushey \$ 5.00	

NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Rev. Russell H. Milnes \$ 5	.00 Cleon E. Heald 5.0
Howard M. Wheeler 2	.00 Alfred J. Clark 2.0
	.00 Kenneth & Emma Wheeler 5.0
Tot	al \$24.00
NEW JERSEY	
Anne Clayton \$ 5	.00 Love Camp 12 5.0
Percy Davenport 5	
Edna S. Lambert 5	.00 Fred H. Combs Jr 10.0
	.00 Wm. W. Vanderhoof 5.0
	.00 New Jersey Dept 20.0
Ella G. Reeger 3	0.00 Garsield Camp 4 50.0
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NEW YORK	
	5.00 Howard W. Bunker 1.0
	1.00 Lincoln Camp 6, Rochester 5.
Elton M. Fisher	2.00 Albert S. Brown Jr 10.
	2.00 Jos. S. Rippey 30.
Vincent E. Edmunds	5.00 Edward E. Cohen 1.
Earl F. Hooper	2.00 Clarence L. Briggs 5.
	5.00 Harry Furman 5.
Oscar Zinn	1.00
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Harrison Sause\$	5.00 Fred Kfiester Jr 2.
Merrit Roesser	2.00 Thomas E. Hoffman 5.
	5.00 James H. Ray 5.
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PENNSYLVANIA	
	5.00 Kathleen Runkle 7.
	5.00 Minnie Kramer 2.
	1.00 Virginia Ackerman 2.
	0.00 Esther Peiper 1.
	1.00 Capt. Marlin D. Billman 3.
John H. Stark	5.00 Herman Pohler 1.
Eliz. Seinerth, DUVCW	1.00 Meade Camp 16 5.
Sunbury Camp 160	5.00 Gen. W. A. Morgan,
Raymond Earl Siple	5.00 USA Ret. 10.
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John D. Erskine 10.00	Bradbury Camp 149	3.00
Alex D. Shoop 5.00	William F Hosmor	2.00
Hartranft Camp 15 10.00	Clarence Riddell	5.00
Lottie Trombower 1.00	Irone Murnhy	3.00
Philadelphia Camp 200 5.00	Ivan Erantz	3.00
Philadelphia Camp 200 5.00 Anna Stoudt 3.00	Louise Kramer	5,00
In memory of John H. Runkle 5.00	Ivan Landie	10.00
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Total \$	261.00	
RHODE ISLAND		
Rhode Island Dept \$ 15.00	McGregor Camp 4	5.00
Harold E. Arnold 5.00		1.00
Dexter Coombs 1.00	Earl Hinz	1.00
Gustaf Petersen 1.00	Harry L. Sylvaris Jr.	1.00
Henry Lecuyer 1.00	Faith Gibbs	2.00
Total		
VERMONT		
Leland Bryant \$ 1.00	Arthur L. Ballou	2.00
Vermont Department 5.00	the state of the s	
	\$8,00	
WASHINGTON & OREGON		
Frederick K. Davis \$ 10.00		
WISCONSIN		
Thos, L. W. Johnson \$ 20.00	Dept. of Wisconsin	10.00
Herman Black 2.00		
	\$32.00	
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NATIONAL MEMBER AT LARGE		
Fred McGowan Jr. \$ 5.00		
MISCELLANEOUS	,	
Profit on cookies \$ 25.10	Ralance from 1969 fund	17.25
Candles and peanuts 275.00		
Trip—Missouri 4.00		10.00
Drum Bank 5.00		366.35
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### RECAPITULATION

Contributions Miscellaneous		\$ 885.00 366.35
	Total	\$1 251 35

Edwin K. Kramer, Natl. Patr. Instr.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: I would like to comment on our National Patriotic Instructor's report. I think Ed has done a fine job.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I would like to move you sir that a rising vote of thanks be given Brother Kramer for his fine work this year. (Motion seconded by Department Commander George Long, following which a rising vote of thanks was given National Patriotic Instructor Kramer.)

Commander-in-Chief Combs: Thank you very much Brother Kramer. If there ever was a man who upon assuming office at the beginning of the year had put before him a challenging job it was Brother Ed last year, and I know he worked hard.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: In the body of my report, you recall I made one series of comments about the cooperation received from members and officers and many other people. I would like to add here that I don't think there could have been a better group of men elected and appointed to offices to serve this year. The dignity, efficiency, loyalty, with which these men served I am grateful for, and I feel it has been most beneficial to our Organization, and I want to say I am more than appreciative.

We are now moving into the area of Committee reports on the agenda. May we have the report of the Encampment Site Committee by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Brother Commander-in-Chief I think most of you know there has been a change made for next year. You will recall we had previously announced that Massachusetts would entertain us in Providence, Rhode Island because we could not get a hotel in Boston. Since then the Parker House in Boston has changed hands and the new management has consented to go along with us. So the Convention next year, 1971, will be in the Parker House Hotel in Boston, August 15-19. In 1972 we will be in Philadelphia at the Marriott Motor Lodge. Several invitations have been received for future considerations for 1973.

The following communications were read by the National Secretary:

- 1. A thank you acknowledgement for the floral tribute from the family of Frederick K. Davis, Past Commander-in-Chief, who passed away in April, 1970.
- 2. President of the United States through the office of Veteran's Administration. Donald E. Johnson, Administrator.
- 3. Letters of good wishes to Commander-inChief Combs and the Encampment, from:
  - a. William M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief
  - b. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Past Commander-in-Chief
  - c. Factta Bell, Past National President, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War
  - d. Benjamin Edge, National Aide to the Commander-in-Chief
  - e. Thomas L. W. Johnson, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin
  - f. Cecil W. Stevenson, National Commander, Disabled American Veterans
  - g. Burt Kannenburg, Department Commander, Wisconsin

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

August 23, 1970

We the undersigned, have received and examined the Audit Report of the independent certified public accountant who examined the books of the National Secretary-Treasurer, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the year ending June 30, 1970, and subject to the corrections noted by the National Counselor and National Secretary, said report as corrected, was approved by the Council of Administration and the Auditing Committee, and we hereby recommend approval by this Encampment.

Respectfully submitted, George L. Cashman Allen B. Howland

Commander-in-Chief Combs: At this point I would like to divert just a moment and add the appointment of three persons to Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey's Committee because some of his committee are not here:

Past Department Commander Clarence J. Riddell

Past Department Commander Allen Spink

Past Department Commander John Stark

I would like to also say something I referred to in my report — the ceremonies in Gettysburg, Washington, Grant's Tomb in New York and the ceremonies at the Cathedral of the Pines. All are ceremonies that speak well for our organization and bring us before the eyes of the public, and the people who have had anything to do with the plans of these are to be congratulated. They are an example of what can be done to enhance our position in the eyes of the public.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Greetings! Your Committee on Legislation begs leave to submit the following report of its activities and interests during the past year.

Again this year he have used the pages of The Banner as our means of communicating with the membership at large. Issues have been chosen on the basis of their interest to our Order and their fundamental importance for all Americans. During the year we have discussed the methods of electing a President and proposals for change and the role of the Chief Executive in the selection process for membership on the Supreme Court. The issues we propose to discuss in this final report should be considered significant by any organization that exists for patriotic purposes.

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In our annual report for 1968-69, we indicated that 32 states had passed legislation to bring the observance of certain patriotic calendar dates into line with provisions of the federal Uniform Holiday Act of 1968. During the past year an additional 13 states have enacted similar statutes bringing to a total of 45 the number of states which will have authorized Monday observances for such days as Memorial Day and Veterans Day beginning January 1, 1971. The five remaining holdout states are Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The Louisiana Legislature began its regular session on May 11 and may become the 46th state to conform before summer's end. In Oklahoma, Senate Bill 566 died in a House committee on March 30, 1970. In both South Dakota and West Virginia proposals for change passed the Senates of those states but were stalled by their respective lower houses.

Your chairman is most familiar with the situation as it developed in Wisconsin. The Badger State was spared the passage of Assembly Bill 468 when time ran out on the legislative clock and the Assembly adjourned in the wee hours of January 17, 1970. As the second half of the fall session was drawing to a frantic close, the bill's sponsor offered an amendment to combine the provisions of his bill with one relating to changes in bank holidays. This led the lone Negro representative in the Assembly to offer a further amendment to include January 15, Martin Luther King's birthday, and May 19, Malcolm X's birthday, as bank holidays. The result of this totally unexpected move was that the bill became sidetracked in the final logjam which preceded the rush to adjourn.

Unless the Legislature is recalled, the bill is dead and must be reintroduced in the new Legislature that will convene for the first time next January. Powerful tourist, recreational, automobile, and commercial interests will undoubtedly push for the passage of the original bill early next year.

### II.

After 34 days of debate which included 288 individual speeches from the Floor, the United States Senate on June 30, 1970, passed by a vote of 58 to 37 the Cooper-Church amendment designed to limit presidential initiative with respect to Cambodia after July 1 of this year. Technically, the amendment introduced by Senator John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky and Senator Frank Church of Idaho, was an addition to the Foreign Military Sales bill which was later approved on a 75 to 20 vote.

In drafting our Constitution the Founding Fathers vested in the President the power of Commander-in-Chief of our military forces and empowered him to make treaties with the advice and consent of the Senate. In the Congress were vested seemingly broad powers to raise and support an Army, maintain a Navy, declare war, and "provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States." But that remarkable document does not specify who is delegated the responsibility for the conduct of our foreign policy. On that point the Constitution is silent. Until 30 years ago this matter was considered to be of little significance for most Americans.

With the advent of our preparedness for World War II and continuing to the present day, however, we have observed the exercise of presidential initiative in the conduct of our foreign policy. Congress as a whole and particularly the Senate, has acquiesced in this assumption of presidential leadership. Beginning with the Connally-Vandenberg era of bipartisanship in 1945, President Truman, and later, President Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson, have been supported in their foreign ventures to buttress a policy of containment of international Communism. Occasionally, a man of the stature of Senator Robert A. Taft would rise to challenge the increasing international involvement of our country. But those criticisms however just, were sporadic and did not inhibit our growing list of commitments.

It is not our intent to trace the history of the Viet Nam conflict, its escalation by President Johnson in 1965, and the growth of the so-called "peace movement" beginning in 1968. Suffice it to say that President Nixon found himself confronted with a serious effort to curb his powers when he chose to commit United States troops into Cambodia

on April 30 of this year. The President explained his move as a means to facilitate an end to hostilities. Peace groups across the nation did not see it in those terms. The result was the introduction of the Cooper-Church amendment which in its original form simply banned the use of funds for the Cambodian operation after July 1, 1970. By this approach, it was intended that the Senate reassert itself as a factor in the conduct of our foreign and military policies and provide a check on the exercise of presidential power.

Space will not permit us to detail all of the arguments pro and con on the merits of the measure; trace the infighting that resulted in the consideration of modifying amendments to the principal proposal; or pass judgment on the sincerity or motives of the architects and supporters of the legislation. Your chairman respects the efforts of the Senate majority to redress the balance between that body and the President. It should be noted for the record, however, that a decade and more ago, some of the most outspoken supporters of Cooper-Church were at that time arguing that the President and not the Congress had the clearest understanding of our national interest and how to promote it. It could be assumed, they said, that the President would always exercise good judgment in making decisions affecting war or peace. Now they argue, it is the responsibility of Congress to exercise its rightful role and curb the very power which they were so willing to bestow upon the President to "make the world safe for democracy."

Constitutional arguments notwithstanding, in the judgment of your chairman the passage of Cooper-Church was inadvisable on at least two grounds: (1) Its timing was intended to embarass the President at a critical juncture in the conduct of the Viet Nam conflict and (2) Its value as a propaganda weapon should not be underestimated. Our adversaries in Hanoi, Peking, Havana, and Moscow can point to its passage as evidence of a weakening of our resolve to bring hostilities to a just and honorable conclusion.

As finally passed, the Cooper-Church amendment would ban the use of funds to retain our armed forces in Cambodia after July 1, 1970; it would deny the use of funds to support a U. S. military mission in that country and disallow U. S. funds to support foreign military missions and combat troops on Cambodian soil. The amendment was further amended to permit the President to "protect the lives of United States armed forces wherever deployed." By terms of still another amendment, our Air Force could not provide direct support to Cambodian forces; rather it would be allowed to interdict North Vietnamese supply lines where they extend to reinforce Red troops fighting in South Viet Nam. Fortunately, for the safety of our troops and the successful prosecution of the conflict, the success of Cooper-Church in the Senate means nothing legally unless and until the House of Representatives concurs in the measure.

On July 9 the House by a vote of 237 to 153 tabled (killed) a motion offered by Rep. Don Riegle of Michigan that would have instructed the House members of a Senate-House conference committee to accept the Senate's version of the Cooper-Church amendment. In contrast to the Senate which spent seven weeks debating Cooper-Church, the House heard only seven one-minute speeches before voting on the motion. After the vote, Speaker John McCormack appointed as conferees five men who had voted to table the Riegle motion. This group is led by Rep. Thomas E. Morgan of Pennsylvania and Rep. E. Ross Adair

of Indiana, the chairman and ranking minority member respectively of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. The stage is set for a confrontation with the Senate conferees led by Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Ironically, a standoff could jeopardize the passage of the Foreign Military Sales bill itself which the Nixon administration favors.

Although legally at this time a deadletter, the success of Cooper-Church in the Senate represents a propaganda victory of sorts for the "peace lobby" — a movement dedicated to the gradual but steady dismantling of our defense posture. We can expect continuing efforts in the Senate to sidetrack military appropriations bills and restrict presidential discretion in the handling of our military commitments.

As an example, we can expect to be treated to a barrage of propaganda favoring the McGovern-Hatfield amendment. Introduced by Senators George McGovern of South Dakota and Mark Hatfield of Oregon, this measure would call for the cessation of all military activity in Viet Nam by the end of 1970 and a withdrawal of all United States forces from that area not later than June 30, 1971. Its effect would be to establish a rigid timetable that could constitute a virtual guarantee of a Communist take-over in South Viet Nam. Indeed it could render the heavy sacrifices already made to have been in vain. In excess of \$300,000 has been raised to promote the amendment in the public news media. The potential effect of the McGovern-Hatfield amendment is far more dangerous to our interests than is Cooper-Church. It would alter the plan for gradual withdrawal under our control into a rout by telegraphing our moves to the enemy. We are hopeful that Congress will set aside the amendment as totally ill-advised.

The forthright novelist and keen observer of public affairs, Allen Drury, summed it up very succinctly 25 years ago when he wrote in his diary while observing the ways of the Senate from the press gallery:

Disillusion is an erratic tide — one generation it sweeps out of world affairs and the next it sweeps in. Thus the strange Americans, a very decent people, who do almost everything with their hearts and almost nothing with their heads. May God protect them for they mean so well.

The emotions aroused by the current controversy mask the real issue - that of balancing the war-making power of Congress with the awesome responsibility of the President to protect our country from attack. Armed conflict is a way of life in much of our world. Twenty-five years of cold and hot war psychology could not have been foreseen by the Founding Fathers much less predicted a generation ago. Perhaps legislation is needed to define more clearly the responsibilities of the Congress and the President under present-day conditions. The President must have ample authority to repel attack upon our shores and to protect our armed forces and citizens wherever they may be. But to extend armed conflict beyond a reasonable period of time - perhaps 30 days - would require the concurrence of Congress in its role as the legislative arm of our Government. A plan similar to this has been advanced by Senator Jacob Javits of New York. In the long run it could provide a base of popular support in making difficult future decisions. It is at least worthy of consideration.

<sup>1</sup> Quoted from Allen Drury, A Senate Journal 1943-1945, (New York 1963) page 464.

#### III.

The Committee on Internal Security of the House of Representatives chaired by Rep. Richard H. Ichord of Missouri, expects to open hearings this summer concerning the administration of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 and the federal "loyalty" program.

In a speech delivered June 2nd of this year on the Floor of the House, Rep. Ichord made several observations with respect to the record of the Government in controlling subversive activities and requiring loyalty oaths of federal employees. The balance of this report is taken from Rep. Ichord's address which, in the opinion of your chairman, should be of timely interest.

Because of adverse decisions in the federal courts, the operation of the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) has been brought virtually to a halt. In the case of Boorda et al. v. SACB, decided in December of 1969, the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia held that membership in the Communist Party is constitutionally protected by the First Amendment "except for those who join with the 'specific intent' to further illegal action." In recent years the SACB's chief function has been the determination of membership of individuals in the Communist Party, an organization considered to be a "Communist-action" group. If one's membership is to be protected in this way, there appears to be little reason for the Board to exist.

In the case of Stewart v. Washington, a three-judge Federal District Court for the District of Columbia decided on June 4, 1969, that certain provisions of the federal loyalty oath statute were invalid. These provisions denied federal employment to an individual unless he executed an affidavit that he did not advocate the overthrow of our constitutional form of government and was not a member of an organization that he knew advocated the overthrow of our constitutional form of government. The court held that the clause should have been limited to "violent overthrow" and should not have been applied to "passive and inert" members and to members who did not share all of the basic beliefs of the group regarding the desirability of violent overthrow of our Government.

The Subversive Activities Control Board was established for the purpose of determining on petition of the Attorney-General the character of Communist organizations and for determining the membership of individuals in Communist-action groups. Over a period of 20 years, a total of only 66 petitions have been filed with the Board to determine membership in the Communist Party USA, a party whose membership runs into the thousands. To date only the Communist Party USA has been so identified as a Communist-action organization. And it took 10 years of litigation to accomplish this.

See Communist Party v. SACB, 361 US 1 (1961). It would appear that the original intention of the legislation — that of keeping the public informed by disclosure and identification of Communist organizations characterized as "action," "front," and "infiltrated," and of membership in Communist-action organizations has been less than successful. As Rep. Ichord has stated:

We are thus bound to inquire whether the amounts being expended in the administration of the act can continue to be justified in the light of its limited product. What are the reasons for such obvious failures in accomplishing the disclosure objectives of the act? Can these failures be remedied? Are the underlying assumptions of the act still valid? Should we adopt a new approach to the problem?

Fifteen years ago it was generally agreed that the Government should not have in its employ a citizen "disloyal" to his country. Admittedly, how that disloyalty was to be defined and the measures taken to remove such a person from Government service were subject to interpretation and question. But the basic premise seemed to be well accepted. Over the years there has been agreement that advocacy of violent overthrow of our form of government constituted overt disloyalty. But overthrow can also be accomplished by other means — deceit, treachery, or even indifference.

As far back as 1950 the Congress addressed itself to the problem of employment security. In doing so it abandoned the use of the expression "loyalty" in favor of the concept of "national security." This implied that security risks were not necessarily "disloyal." In 1953 President Eisenhower sought to combine the loyalty and security programs by Executive Order 10450. Unfortunately, the precise meaning of the term "national security" as used in that Order was not fully defined.

In 1956 in the case of Cole v. Young, 351 US 536, the Supreme Court held that Cole, as an employee of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, had been improperly dismissed from his job. The High Court interpreted "national security" to pertain only to activities directly associated with or sensitive to the protection of the nation from internal subversion or foreign aggression and not to job positions which it said involved the general welfare only. The effect of the Cole case was to limit the procedures for dismissal but not the right to dismiss for reasons of disloyalty from any position in Government regardless of sensitivity.

Both the Security Activities Control Board and the Justice Department have responsibility to identify for the public subversive organizations. However, as the result of still another court decision dating from 1951, the Attorney General must hold a hearing before he can cite an organization as being subversive. Likewise, the SACB must hold trial-like proceedings to accomplish its mission. The result has been little progress. As a matter of record, since 1955, no organization has been labelled as subversive by the Justice Department.

Rep. Ichord's committee has responded to this state of affairs by scheduling hearings on the entire problem of the federal loyalty-security program. He describes the dilemma in these words:

In short, we are faced with the fact that two related programs having differing objectives — the one serving a disclosure purpose ancillary to the administration of an employment security program, and the other a disclosure purpose serving broader aspects of the national interest... in balancing of the ostensible requirements of national security with individual liberties, particularly in the context of the ideals and basic premises of a libertarian society, we shall be faced with issues of profound constitutional and philosophical import.

Individuals who wish to present their views on these matters are invited to communicate with Rep. Ichord and his committee. It is

hoped that a report with recommendations for remedial legislation will be made next year to the newly elected 92nd Congress.

Your chairman has considered it a distinct honor to have had the privilege of serving again this year as chairman of the Committee on Legislation. He hopes that the interim reports have been helpful and that this final report will aid those who desire a better understanding of some of the issues facing our society. He wishes to thank everyone who has extended words of encouragement and in particular those members of his committee for their faithful service: William M. Coffin of Ohio; Arthur Glenum of the District of Columbia; Charles A. Brady, Jr., of Illinois; and Wm. J. Blakeley of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman

There being no objection the report was adopted as presented

ADDENDUM to the Report of the Committee on Legislation:

H. R. 14071 was introduced in the House of Representatives on September 29, 1969, by Rep. Byron Rogers of Colorado. It would amend the statute under which federally chartered organizations are required to submit annually an audit of their accounts. It would bring under closer surveillance the sources of funds available to these organizations and their means of raising monies to include the identification of solicitors and sponsors. It would also require the annual payment of a \$250.00 processing fee to the Comptroller General from each currently chartered association. This fee would be in addition to and independent of the professional fee paid to a certified public accountant for the conduct of the annual audit.

Rep. Rogers is chairman of Subcommittee #4 of the House Judiciary Committee. His group considers matters relating to federal charters, flag laws, the designation of holidays and like subjects. The Subcommittee has held a hearing on the bill but the full Committee has not as yet considered it and made its report. In the few months remaining in the life of the 90th Congress, it is doubtful that the bill will reach the passage stage. But its introduction and success to date lends emphasis to the possibility that the prestige and status associated with a federal charter may become more costly in the future.

Perhaps the Congress is justified in requiring more oversight of the business and financial dealings of the organizations it chooses to charter. But the processing fee appears to be little more than another revenue producer and a thinly veiled means of discouraging additional applications. It appears unrelated to the disclosure requirements contained in the bill.

Members are urged to contact their Representative in Congress and request that the provision for a processing fee be amended out of the proposal while it is still in Committee.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Standing Committees chairmen reported. Their reports displayed an earnest desire to render helpful and effective service to our Order. We express appreciation for services well performed:

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	Constitution & Regulations Joseph S. Rippey
	Legislation Thos. L. W. Johnson
	Membership Norman R. Furman
	Americanism & Education Rev. Richard O. Partington
	Military Affairs Harold E. Arnold
	Lincoln Tomb George L. Cashman & Thos. L. W. Johnson
	Encampment Site C. Leroy Stoudt
	G.A.R. Remembrance Day Geo. W. Long & Ivan Frantz
	Committee on Reconstruction Robert J. Wolz

The following recommendations contained in these reports were acted upon as follows:

From the Massachusetts Department: Relative to admission of nephews as members of our Order. Also a resolution suggesting that Per Capita Tax be paid semi-annually instead of quarterly. The committee on C. & R. reported that both resolutions were not submitted in proper form, and did not contain exact wording, and therefore no action could be taken. The committee was sustained by motion made by P.D.C. Arthur Glenum and seconded by P.D.C. Herman Black, and carried.

The Committee on Reconstruction of the Order was instructed to continue their research and report to the 1971 National Encampment. Motion was made by Natl. Secy. Shriver and seconded by P.D.C. Charles Hooper and carried.

Requests for appropriations from the various committees for the coming year were referred to the Budget Committee for their consideration.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

Our Order has been fortunate this year in having had such a splendid group of men as Officers. Each of them has rendered helpful and effective service making possible a successful year as a whole. Our appreciation is extended to each of them.

The following recommendations were considered by the Officers Reports Committee and reported on by P. C. in C. Leroy Stoudt who made the following motion: I move you that where there are no objections to the report of the Committee on Officers Reports, that their report be accepted. Motion was seconded by P.D.C. John Yocum and carried. From the Commander-in-Chief's report:

- No. 1. Relative to regulating dates of Department Encampments.

  Your committee realizes that this has been recommended many times in the past. It just cannot be done, but we are willing to give it a try and we will concur in that recommendation.

  As there was no objection this recommendation was approved.
- No. 2. Relative to awarding the 1970 Annual Award to a student at Gettysburg College, we concur.

  As there was no objection this recommendation was approved.

- No. 3. Relative to reducing the proceedings to a minimum, we concur.

  As there was no objection this recommendation was approved.
- No. 4. Relative to printing the Roster in THE BANNER in the future, we wonder how much would be saved. We recommend concurrence and solicit expression of opinion from the Encampment. After much discussion, the following motion was made by P. C. in C. Lambert "Inasmuch as there has been discussion, I move that the report of the Committee be sustained. The motion was approved, and the recommendation was therefore adopted.
- No. 5. Relative to appropriating \$25.00 for wreaths at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. and also at the Cathedral of the Pines in New Hampshire, we concur. As there was no objection, the recommendation was adopted.
- No. 6. Relative to Departments reviewing and if necessary revising their Department By-Laws, we concur. As there was no objection, the recommendation was adopted.

# From the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's report

Relative to furnishing addresses of all Dept. Jr. Vice Commanders to the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, your committee realizes implementation of this recommendation gives extra work to the Natl. Secretary. but we feel that it can be of a tremendous help. Therefore, we concur. As there was no objection, the recommendation was adopted.

# From the National Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- No. 1. Relative to limiting the annual expense allotment for the Natl. Secy-Treas. to \$1,000.00, we concur. As there was no objection, the recommendation was adopted.
- No. 2. Relative to limiting the contents of the proceedings, we concur. As there was no objection, the recommendation was adopted.
- No. 3. Relative to establishing a \$100.00 fee for the convention stenographer. While we question how this can be accomplished, we concur. As there was no objection, the recommendation was adopted.
- No. 4. Relative to increasing the Per Capita Tax to Departments to .50¢ per quarter, we refer this matter to the Budget Committee. As there was no objection, this was referred to the Budget Committee for consideration.

#### From the National Counselor

- No. 1. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief express our opposition to H.R. 14071 which would require an annual filing fee of \$250.00 to be paid to the Congress, as an unnecessary financial burden. Your committee concurs. As there was no objection, the recommendation was adopted.
- No. 2. That should H.R. 14071 become law, that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to incorporate our National Organization in the State of Illinois and that he inform the Congress of our desire to relinquish our Federal Charter. Your committee wonders if you feel that having a Federal

Charter warrants all the money it is costing us. Whether or not it has this value we leave to your judgment. Does it add enough prestige to benefit us any? Did it bring any members in?

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: The recommendation as submitted to us requires us to take advance action on this if the measure is passed by Congress and that the fee is required. My feeling is that the entire organization have the opportunity to consider all matters rather than act now. As a general propostion since the matter is pending, we don't know what will happen to it. If Congress does make a move that it be submitted to the entire membership later, in which case we do not act now but wait until the action is taken. Delegate Covey: In order to expedite this, I will object to the recommendation, Then you will get a motion.

P.D.C. Albert W. Lambert: I move you that the recommendation be adopted, that should H.R. 14071 be adopted relative to the payment of a \$250.00 filing fee annually plus the fact that we must also pay at least \$250.00 for a C.P.A. audit that we relinquish our Federal Charter and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to file for incorporation in the State of Illinois. The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Yocum and carried.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(Report given by P. C. in C. Harold Arnold)

WHEREAS: The Sons of Union Veterans are pledged to preserve the memory of the Veterans of the Civil War, we the members of the Massachusetts Department, submit for positive and immediate action, to the Commander-in-Chief the following: That the Washington-Oregon Department be alerted to the fact that the G.A.R. Cemetery in the County of Multnomah, in the State of Oregon has been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that neither the city, county or state will accept the responsibility of restoring it to its former condition.

We recommend that the National Secretary notify the Department of Oregon as this recommendation requires. As there was no objection the report of the committee was adopted.

Two resolutions were presented, one from the Department of Pennsylvania and one from the Department of New Jersey relative to national and foreign events. As both resolutions covered the same problems and were in agreement, we recommend their adoption and also recommend that they be published in the coming issue of The Banner, so that every member can read them.

#### COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Haskell: After much consideration we voted to recommend that a leastet be printed and inserted into our Ritual, providing a ceremony for burning of an American Flag.

As there was no objection, the report of the committee was adopted, said leaflet to be prepared by the Natl. Secy.-Treas.

## GENERAL GRANT TROPHY AWARD

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver: You will recall that P. C. in C. U. S. Grant 3rd provided a trophy to be presented annually to the Department which gained the highest percentage of new membership in the past year. Therefore, based on percentage figures, the Department of Colorado & Wyoming with a percentage of 44.4% increase will receive the Grant Trophy to hold for the coming year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: You heard Chet as he told how this cup is awarded and I am sure that General Grant meant all well and good but it doesn't seem right that this cup be presented on percentage basis only. Therefore if I am alive I will have a plaque to be presented to the Department with the largest number gained next year. The one who gets it three years in a row can keep it. I will dedicate that in memory of my Dad.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: I believe we have in waiting representatives from the Auxiliary to the Sons.

Those visiting were: Miss Anne Clayton, Past National President; Florence Jansson, National President; Mrs. Fred H. Combs, Jr.; and Mrs. Fred H. Combs, Sr.; plus a delegation from the New Jersey Department Auxiliary.

Past National President Anne Clayton: Commander-in-Chief Brother Combs, National officers and members, I feel privileged indeed to have been appointed by my National President to head this Committee designated to bring the greetings of the Auxiliary to the Sons. We in the Auxiliary have always taken great pride in the accomplishments of the Sons and the aims of our organization have been patterned after yours. It has also been our great privilege to work side by side with you for a great many years and we have come to respect and admire each and every one of you. During the past year we in New Jersey have taken a great deal of pride in our Commander-in-Chief and our National President since they both came from our Department. are indebted to you for the constant kind attention you have given our National President. We want to thank all of your members for extending courtesies throughout the past year. For just a moment I am going to step out of my role as head of this Committee and speak to you for the Department back home. We have always been very very proud of your record in your Organization. This year we were especially proud of you as Commander-in-Chief. I know I express the sentiments of each and every one when I say "Congratulations on a job well done." I assure you even though not everybody could be here in person they are here in thought and spirit. On behalf of my National President and all the members of the National Auxiliary I am happy to extend to you wishes for a very harmonious and constructive convention. May your plans be faithfully concluded and may you leave Miami Beach with a feeling of great accomplishment. It is our earnest prayer that you will continue your fine work for many years to come and that you will always look to your Auxiliary as your helpmates.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: Thank you very much Sister Anne for those very fine remarks. Certainly we know they came from your heart and they were very well spoken and most appreciated. Now it is my great honor to present one you all know. One with whom I have had the great privilege of spending much time with this past year. We

certainly have had a lot of fun together and it has been a very interesting and enjoyable year because of that association. It is my great honor to present to you the National President of the Auxiliary, Florence Jansson.

National President Jansson: Thank you, My Commander-in-Chief, and I'll just say all Brothers. This is one of the highlights of a National President's year when she can come into her Commander-in-Chief's meeting. It seems like after all the hours we have driven together, there seems to be hardly anything left to say to you. My representative has said everything eloquently. I want to thank each and every one of you for giving me what I feel is the best Commander-in-Chief that there ever has been. I have had a perfect gentleman everywhere we went. Everyone liked Fred. He has made friends wherever we went and you know how well we were welcomed. Fred, I would like you to have this little gift to show my esteem for you. I didn't feel I would make it through without weeping, and it's that time right now.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: Florence, I am most appreciative for this. I am deeply grateful, not only for this tangible gift, but for all the many hours of pleasant experiences we have had this past year. (Past Commander-in-Chief Leroy Stoudt responded)

Commander-in-Chief Combs: May we now recognize the members present of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America. (Charles A. Brady, George L. Cashman, Chester Shriver, and John Stark were presented at the altar). We are very happy to have you approach the altar as members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and to pause long enough for us to recognize your membership in that organization.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert responded)

At this point much discussion was held regarding the feasibility of continuing the office of National Historian and National Graves Registration. The matter was referred to the Council of Administration for consideration.

# THURSDAY MORNING

# August 27, 1970 9:00 A.M.

A delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was received, including National President, Josie Kracht and the following Past National Presidents: Mabel Taylor, Gussie L. Moran, Twanette Paull, Laura Frye, Marion Leach, Molly Mercer, Alice Harwood, Merle Haynes and Irma Landis.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: I would like to say to you Sister Josie and all of these fine Past National Presidents who have accompanied you here that we are certainly happy to have you, and we are happy to have been in session here in Miami Beach with you and hope you have found it to be an enjoyable and pleasant experience. I am very honored at this time to call upon a person whom I have had most pleasant experiences with and who has been the most pleasant person and the most congenial of persons and most cooperative of officers as one could expect to have. I am referring to the National President of the GAR. Sister Josie Kracht.

National President Kracht: Brother National commander, officers, members and my Past National Presidents, you don't know how happy I am to bring greetings to you and I am kind of hoarse and tired as we all are. I have had a lovely convention. And everybody was right back of me. Fred, you don't know how happy I have been that you are my Commander and I hope that we will always carry our friendship through the rest of our years. I have a gift for you here.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: We are certainly happy that you have been up so early this morning and took the time and trouble to come over and see us. We are happy to have all of you. I don't know what better honor we could have had this morning.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold responded)

Department Commander Lawrence Isaacs: I would like to make a motion that as of Dec. 31, 1970, we do not renew our Federal Charter, and that we incorporate in the State of Illinois. Seconded by Department Secretary Bertram Isaacs. This matter was discussed, and in view of previous action taken on this matter, the motion was defeated.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: I will ask Budget Committee to submit their report.

# REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE For the Year 1970 - 1971

#### RECEIPTS:

Per Capita Tax (2700 members at .35 per quarter)	\$3,780.00
Registration Fees (70 members at \$2.00 each)	140.00
Sale of supplies	650.00
Auxiliary Gift	500.00
Interest on Permanent Fund	1,800.00
Prepaid to National Secretary	700.00

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Deficit 7/1/70	\$ 539.52
Commander-in-Chief's Expense	1,000.00
Secretary-Treasurer's Expense	1,000.00
Supplies	500.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	500.00
Proceedings - 1970	800.00
C.P.A. Audit	250,00
Encampment Expense	100.00
Stenographer	100.00
Miscellaneous Expense including P. C. in C. Badge	160.00
The Banner 1969-70	144.00
The Banner 1970-71	2,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$7,093.52

# Appropriations from the G.A.R. MEMORIAL FUND:

Lincoln Memorial Expense (Wreath and Colors) \$	40.00
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Expense	350.00
Wreath at Cathedral of the Pines on Memorial Day	25.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day Ceremony at Gettysburg	150.00
G.A.R. Campfire Program Expense	200.00
Student Scholarship	250.00
National Military Department, S.V.R.	100.00
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Submitted by

Norman R. Furman Albert C. Lambert

(Accepted on a motion by Past Department Commander Herman Black and seconded by Department Commander George Long)

Commander-in-Chief Combs: I would like to thank all who served as officers and chairmen of committees, members of committees and members of the Order in general for all of the cooperation, loyalty, assistance and help that was given this year to me. I am more than grateful, more than words can ever express. It is extended with all sincerity and humility. Thanks for a very fine year and all you have done to make it such.

At this point, on a motion made by Natl. Secy. Shriver, and seconded by several, a rising vote of thanks was given the host committee from New Jersey for a successful Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: May we have now a final report of the Credentials Committee.

# P.D.C. Charles A. Brady Jr. reported:

1 Commander-in-Chief

Total

- 6 Past Commanders-in-Chief
- 4 Department Commanders
- 31 Past Department Commanders
- 19 Delegates
- 1 Associate
- 11 Registered but not present
- 73 Total

Commander-in-Chief Combs: There being no further business to come before this Encampment, we shall proceed to the nomination and election of Officers. Brother Secretary, will you call the Roll of Departments?

(Secretary Shriver called the roll to the Illinois Department.)

Gentlemen, I don't know Past Department Commander Brady: whether there were any present in this room when Illinois last made a nomination for Commander-in-Chief. It was 35 years ago that Richard F. Locke was nominated for that office. But we do have a man worthy of this position this year. Our candidate has always been a loyal member ever since his association with the Sons, and that association began as an honorary member because of his position as curator of the Lincoln Tomb. He later became a regular member. He served as Department Commander 1961-62. Since then he has served as member of the National Council and has been serving this past year as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is also commander of Central Region. He has been instrumental in conducting the Ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb, and the success of it ever since it has begun. He has worked hard in his own Camp this past year to the point that it has been built from a small number to 22. He is well versed in Civil War history and has written much along those lines. It gives us great pleasure to present the name of George L. Cashman for the office of Commanderin-Chief.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll with no further nominations. The nomination was seconded by: Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief Combs: There being only one nomination for the office of Commander-in-Chief, I declare the nominations be closed. Brother Cashman, do you accept the nomination?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cashman: I do to the best of my ability.

The following nominations were then made:

For Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Norman R. Furman, New York Department. Nomination was made by P. C. in C. Joseph S. Rippey and seconded by New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

For Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John C. Yocum, Pennsylvania Department. Nomination was made by Dept. Commander George Long, and seconded by Ohio, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Connecticut and New York.

For National Secretary-Treasurer, (5 year term) Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania Department. Nomination was made by P. C. in C. Leroy Stoudt, and seconded by New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Maryland.

For Council of Administration (2 year term) P. C. in C. Joseph S. Rippey, Department of New York. Nomination was made by Dept. Commander Laurence Isaacs, and seconded by Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Maryland and Rhode Island.

As there was but one nominee for each office to be filled, the National Secretary-Treasurer cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for each of the above nominees, and they were declared duly elected to their respective offices.

Commander-in-Chief Elect Cashman announced the following appointments:

National Counselor — Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey
National Chief of Staff — C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania
National Patriotic Instructor — Robert J. Wolz, Ohio
National Chaplain — Edwin Kramer, Pennsylvania
National Historian — Elmore J. Houston, Ohio
Natl. Grave Reg. Officer — Arthur R. Ballou, Vermont
Dist. of Columbia Repr. — Arthur Glenum, Maryland

Natl. G.A.R. Highway Officer — Charles W. Hooper, Massachusetts Following a ten-minute recess, the installation of officers was held in ritualistic form with Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey as installing officer, Past Department Commander James Ledwith as guide and Delegate Louis Moushey as Chaplain.

With all elective and appointive Officers duly obligated and installed in ritualistic form, Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman was escorted to his station with a round of applause greeting him. Also present for the installation was a delegation from the Illinois Auxiliary with Mrs. Cashman, and Mrs. Fred H. Combs, Jr. and Mrs. Fred H. Combs, Sr.

Commander-In-Chief Cashman: Brothers I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the honor you have just conferred upon me. Never in my imagination have I ever pictured myself standing here. A number of years ago when I first became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans a great friend, a great patriot and a great gentleman, a foremost Commander-in-Chief of this organization, Richard F. Locke, determined that one day he would see me installed as Commander-in-Chief. Since he did not live to see this day I feel in a very great, very large sense in accepting this post, I do so as a tribute to his memory. I'm a little overwhelmed, but I do want to reiterate my appreciation of the confidence you have placed in me by naming me to this post. I wish to assure you that everything I can do within the limits of my ability to promote the ideals of this Organization I will most certainly do. It is my hope that I will be able to visit the different Departments throughout the year, and I stand ready whenever I am called upon to do anything that will promote the interest of your Departments and our National Organization. At this time I would like to introduce to this Encampment a lady who 50 years ago next month became my wife.

Personal Aide Brady presented a gift to Commander-in-Chief Cashman from the Illinois Department.

The Commander-in-Chief's badge was presented to Brother Cashman by Past Commander-in-Chief Combs.

The Past Commander-in-Chief Badge was presented to Brother Combs by his father, P.D.C. Fred H. Combs, Sr.

The Past Commander-in-Chief's lapel button was presented to Brother Combs by National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver.

The Encampment was thereupon closed in ritualistic form.

# COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

# August 26, 1970

The Council of Administration meeting was held at the close of the S9th Annual National Encampment in the headquarters suite of the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, at 2:00 P.M. Those present were as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	George L. Cashman
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Norman R. Furman
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	John C. Yocum
Council of Administration Member	Allen F. Howland
	Joseph S. Rippey
National Secretary-Treasurer	
National Counselor	Albert C. Lambert
Past Commander-in-Chief	Fred H. Combs, Jr.

Commander-in-Chief Cashman presided. Minutes of the Council of Administration meeting of August 23, 1970 were read and approved.

- 1. On a motion by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Yocum and seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Combs, the minutes as taken by this Encampment will be accepted as the official minutes.
- 2. The National Secretary was authorized to use interest income from the Permanent Fund for general purposes for this current fiscal year. Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Furman and seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Yocum.
- 3. Ocean View Cemetery at Port Angeles, Washington. The National Secretary reported that as directed at the last council meeting, the legal documents thereof were referred to Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph Rippey for his approval on legal terminology. Brother Rippey's approval, with an added clause, were read and approved. On a motion by Council Member Howland and seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Furman permission was given to grant and deliver the deed with the new clause to the cemetery to the officials at Port Angeles.
- 4. Discussion was held regarding the offices of National Historian and the National Graves Registration Office, both offices of which are to be continued as they are now.
- 5. Past Commander-in-Chief Combs made a motion that the present editor of The Banner be re-appointed with gratitude of this group for past services rendered. Seconded by several.
- 6. Council Member Howland made a motion that the new Patriotic Instructor be asked to do his best to raise \$1200.00 for the coming year. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Fred Combs, Jr.

Meeting adjourned 2:35 P.M.

George L. Cashman Commander-in-Chief

Chester S. Shriver National Secretary-Treasurer

# 1970 ENCAMPMENT ROLL

#### CONNECTICUT

Chauncey H. Geer, D.C. Allen F. Spink, P.D.C.

James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C.

## ILLINOIS

Charles A. Brady, Jr., P.D.C.

George L. Cashman, P.D.C.

# MARYLAND

Arthur R. Glenum, P.D.C. Howard G. Barlow, Del. Benjamin Franklin Lucas, P.D.C. Curry Shockley, Del.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Henry S. Bowen, P.D.C. Charles W. Hooper, Sr., P.D.C. Clifford Hobart, Del.

William W. Haskell, P.C.C. Allen B. Howland, P.D.C. Leslie Covey, Del.

## MICHIGAN

Edward Stevens, D.C.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Kenneth T. Wheeler, P.D.C.

# **NEW JERSEY**

George M. Satterthwaite, P.D.C. Richard Hines, D.C. Frank L. Clark, P.D.C. Albert W. Lambert, P.D.C. Robert L. Gerke, P.D.C. Alton Sharp, P.D.C. Fred H. Combs, Jr., C. in C. Fred H. Combs, Sr., P.D.C. Louis A. Moushey, Del.

(Reg. not present) Albert C. Lambert, P.C. in C. Kenneth Ekstrand, Del. Lewis A. Varick, Del. John Junge, Sr., Del. David Clark, Del. Wm. W. Vanderhoof, Jr., Del. Percy C. Davenport, Del.

# **NEW YORK**

Bertram Isaacs, P.D.C. Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C. Norman R. Furman, P.D.C. Willard B. Stephan, P.D.C.

Joseph S. Rippey, P.C. in C. Lawrence Isaacs, D.C. Robert Wagoner, Del. Harry Furman, Del.

## OHIO

Robert J. Wolz, P.D.C. Wm. M. Coffin, P.C. in C. (Reg. not present) Robert C. Wolz, Del.

Paul Grate, P.D.C. Fred Pflester, Jr., P.D.C. (Reg. not present)

#### PENNSYLVANIA

John H. Stark, P.D.C. Edwin K. Kramer, P.D.C.

C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C. in C. Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Del.

Robert V. Werkheiser, P.D.C.
Clarence J. Riddell, P.D.C.
John C. Yocum, P.D.C.
Wm. C. Jones, P.D.C.
George W. Long, D.C.
Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C.
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C. in C.
(Reg. not present)

Thomas Monahan, Del.
Albert Blum, Del.
Wm. L. Simpson, Del.
Leland Hedemark, Del.
Frank Gunnells, Del.
John D. Ershine, Del.
(Reg. not present)

# RHODE ISLAND

George A. Strait, P.D.C. (Reg. not present) Dexter Coombs, P.D.C. Harold E. Arnold, P.C. in C. Wallace J. Macomber, D.C. Gustaf Petersen, Del.

## VERMONT

Arthur L. Ballou, P.D.C. (Reg. not present)
WISCONSIN

Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C. Herman Black, P.D.C. (Reg. not present)

## MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Fred C. McGowan, P.D.C. (Missouri)

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