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Commander-in-Chief	John C. Yocum
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Allen B. Howland
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Robert J. Wolz
Council of Administration	Norman R. Furman
Council of Administration	Harold E. Arnold
Council of Administration	Joseph S. Rippey
National Counselor	Albert C. Lambert
National Chief of Staff	C. Leroy Stoudt
National Patriotic Instructor	Harry E. Gibbons
National Secretary-Treasurer	Chester S. Shriver
National Chaplain	Clarence J. Riddell
National Historian	John B. Davis
National Graves Registration Officer	William W. Vanderhoof
National G.A.R. Highway Officer	Kenneth Greeley
District of Columbia Representative	Arthur L. Glenum
Personal Aide	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.

"THEY HAVE PASSED OUT OF DEATH INTO LIFE"

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

NORMANDY WEST BALL ROOM

Palm Springs, California

Sunday, August 5, 1973 — 3:00 P.M.

Musical Prelude	Emma Wheeler, P.N.P.
Processional	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Lighting of Candles, Sons	
	John C. Yocum, C.C.
Auxiliary	Viola Bremme, N.P.
Invocation	Marion A. Young, Nat'l. Chaplain
Duet—"Faith of Our Fathers"	Hazel Moushey, P.N.P.
	Louis Moushey
Memorial to The Grand Army of The Republic ..	Harold E. Arnold, P.C.C.

TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF

Past Commanders-in-Chief	Joseph S. Rippey, P.C.C.
Past National Presidents	Ellinore Konrad, P.N.P.
Deceased Officers and Members, Sons	
	Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C.
Deceased Officers and Members,	
Auxiliary	Flora D. Bates, P.N.P.
Roll Call and Placing of Flowers	Department Commanders Department Presidents
Duet—"In The Sunset"	Hazel Moushey, P.N.P.
	Louis Moushey
Benediction	Clarence Riddell, Nat'l. Chaplain
Taps	Emma Wheeler, P.N.P.
Recessional—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"	
Extinguishing of Candles, Sons	
	John C. Yocum, C.C.
Auxiliary	Viola Bremme, N.P.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Sunday, August 5, 1973 - 7:30 P.M.

Band Concert Fleet Marine Force Pacific Band
29 Palms

8:00 P.M.

Welcome P.N.P. Beatrice S. Riggs, General Chairman

Master of Ceremonies Ralph Andrews

Advance of Colors S.V.R. Color Guard

National Anthem Fleet Marine Force Pacific Band

Pledge of Allegiance Audience

Invocation Clarence Riddell, National Chaplain
S.U.V.C.W.

Welcome Bill Short, Assoc. Director of Sales
Riviera Hotel & Country Club

Selections Patrick Sullivan Burke
(A man with a song in his heart)

Remarks John C. Yocum, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the C.W.
Miss Viola Bremme, National President
Auxiliary to Sons U.V.C.W.
Mrs. Margaret Orr, National President
Ladies of the G.A.R.

Address Daniel D. Mikesell, Vice Chairman
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

Benediction Clarence Riddell, National Chaplain
S.U.V.C.W.

Retiring of Colors S.V.R. Color Guard

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 5, 1973

The Council of Administration of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, met in formal session in the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, Riviera Hotel and Country Club, in Palm Springs, California. The meeting was called to order at 1:30, with Commander-in-Chief, John C. Yocum, presiding.

Roll call of officers showed the following present:

Commander-in-Chief	John C. Yocum
Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief	Allen B. Howland
Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief	Robert J. Wolz
Council Members	Norman R. Furman
	Harold E. Arnold
	Joseph S. Rippey
Secretary-Treasurer	Chester S. Shriver
Counselor	Albert C. Lambert

1. Commander-in-Chief Yocum appointed the following Encampment Committees:

Audit — Allen B. Howland and Robert J. Wolz
Budget — Joseph S. Rippey and Harold E. Arnold

2. Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert gave a complete report of The Banner for Brother Fred Combs, Jr., who could not be present. In addition, to a most complete report of the processing of our National Publication, a check in the amount of \$220.60, was turned over to the National Organization from monies left after expenses.

National Secretary Shriver made a motion that thanks and appreciation be extended to Brother Combs for his efforts in continuing this high standard publication. Motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold. Motion carried.

3. National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver submitted a report of the results of Department voting on the two (2) proposed changes in our Orders Regulations.

In regards to the First Amendment to reduce the required age to qualify for membership from 16 to 14, 18 Departments voted "yes", while one Department voted "no".

In regards to the Second Amendment pertaining to establish the number of Associate members in Camps and Departments, 14 Departments approved the change while 3 voted No. On a motion by Brother Lambert, seconded by Brother Arnold, the Committee on Constitution and Regulations be authorized to submit a written draft of the exact wording as approved at the 91st National Encampment, and as the majority of Departments voted in favor of the proposed change, and have the incoming Commander-in-Chief issue said results in a General Order. Motion carried.

4. The Council of Administration approved the National Secretary-Treasurer to purchase a new membership record book to replace the large record book, which is filled.

5. Advertising in The Banner: This subject was carried over from the 91st Annual Encampment. National Counselor Lambert reported the sentiments of Past Commander-in-Chief and Editor Fred Combs, Jr. and his personal feelings, that since our membership is decreasing, it would not be feasible at this time, as it would eliminate much of our Orders important news. The Banner is our main source of contact with the Camps and Memberships. Other members of Council voiced their approval.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

John C. Yocum
Commander-in-Chief

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Ninety-second Annual National Encampment

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Headquarters: Riviera Hotel and Country Club
Palm Springs, California

Sessions: Convention Center

All Officers and Delegates assembled in the Normandy Ballroom for the traditional Joint Opening of the Sons and Auxiliary under the direction of the Sons National Chief of Staff — Bro. C. Leroy Stoudt and the Auxiliary National Chief of Staff — Sister Jane Greenwalt.

Department Commanders and Presidents formed the "guard of Honor" for the introductions of the National Officers serving this Encampment. As usual, the opening was very colorful and patriotic to continue the tides of brotherly and sisterly love. Following the greetings by the National President and Commander-in-Chief, the Sons adjourned to their meeting room for the business sessions as follows.

MONDAY SESSIONS

August 6, 1973

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

At this time I would like to appoint the following brothers to serve as floor officers for this Encampment.

Guide Edwin Kramer, P.D.C., Penna.

Color Bearer James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C., Conn.

Inside Guard Richard Greenwalt, P.D.C., Ohio

Will the National Secretary please call the Roll of Officers?

(All responded present except Brothers John B. Davis, Arthur L. Glenum and Frank M. Heacock, Sr.)

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: At this time I would like the National Secretary to read the following Encampment Committees:

CREDENTIALS

Bertram Isaacs, Chairman P.D.C., New York
George W. Long P.D.C., Pennsylvania
J. B. Johnson P.D.C., Iowa
Eugene E. Russell D.C., Massachusetts
Harold Rogers P.D.C., California

RESOLUTIONS

Harold E. Arnold, Chairman	P.C. in C., Rhode Island
Kenneth Greeley	D.C., California & Pacific
Richard L. Greenwalt	P.D.C., Ohio
Kenneth Ekstrand	Delegate, New Jersey
Charles W. Hooper	P.D.C., Massachusetts

OFFICERS REPORTS

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Chairman	P.C. in C., Penna.
Ivan Lancaster	D.C., Indiana
Norman R. Furman	P.C. in C., New York
Thomas Monahan	D.C., Pennsylvania
J. Elmer Wohlgemuth	P.D.C., California & Pacific

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman	P.C. in C., New York
Albert C. Lambert	P.C. in C., New Jersey
Chester S. Shriver	P.C. in C., Pennsylvania
William Simpson	Delegate, Pennsylvania
J. B. Johnson	P.D.C., Iowa

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother National Secretary. May we have a report of the Credentials Committee at this time?

P.D.C. Bert Isaacs: Commander-in-Chief Yocum, Your Credential Committee has registered a total of 63 Brothers at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Isaacs. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will you assume Command of this Station so the Report of the Commander-in-Chief might be given at this time? (Brother Howland responded)

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

August 1, 1973
Palm Springs, Calif.

To the Officers and Members of the 92nd
National Encampment, Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War.
Officers and Members:

It is an honor and a privilege to submit to you this report of my activities and service for the past year 1972-1973.

On August 17, 1972, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, you saw fit to elect me to the highest office our Organization can endow, that of Commander-in-Chief. I was indeed 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 thousands of miles has been most rewarding and I trust that my efforts have not been in vain. It has been my privilege not only to meet with many old friends, but also to acquire the friendship of many new friends. Such is one of the principles of our Order, that of "Fraternity". During the year, it was just impossible to attend all of the functions and activities that I was cordially invited to attend. For this I am indeed sorry and I trust that no one or no Department has taken offense. As your Commander-in-Chief, I am only one person and therefore could only be in one place at a time.

The Remembrance Day Program held on November 18, 1972, at the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove, on the Battlefield in Gettysburg, was an outstanding event, long to be remembered. The Commemoration Dinner held in the evening was as usual very well attended. At the time, I presented our scholarship award in the amount of \$250.00. The recipient was Mr. J. Vincent Guss, Jr., a student at Gettysburg College. Our National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Chester S. Shriver, was indeed a very great help in selecting the recipient of this award and is to be commended.

Once again the ceremonies held in Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Loyal Legion of the United States, in observing the birth date of that immortal President Abraham Lincoln, was most outstanding. It was the pleasure of your Commander-in-Chief to be present on Sunday, February 11th at the National Cathedral for the dedication services and also on February 12th at the Lincoln Memorial. In placing the wreath of our Order, I was escorted by Major Elton P. Koch, of the Pennsylvania Brigade SVR.

The ceremonies at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, was a most outstanding occasion, as reported to me. Unfortunately I was unable to be present, however, I am sure that when you hear the report from the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee, you will be more than pleased. May I, at this time, pay a special tribute to my very dear friend, Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother George Cashman, for representing me at this very special affair. It was reported to me that Brother George

jumped in at the very last minute, when my representative did not show up and gave a very fine talk completely unprepared and unrehearsed.

Memorial Day, 1973, I am sure, will be long remembered not only by those who attended the ceremonies at The Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, but also the folks at Gettysburg. Both occasions had rain and more rain. At The Cathedral of the Pines, your Commander-in-Chief was represented by National Historian, Brother John B. Davis. At Gettysburg, Brother Chester S. Shriver represented your Commander-in-Chief. On both of these occasions your Commander-in-Chief was very ill at home, so to both of these Brothers I say a most humble "Thank You".

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVES

A number of years ago it was my privilege to be an active member of this group of very fine men. I am very grateful for the knowledge that I gained from it. The training that I received during my years as a member did help me with my Army tour of duty. Such training, that our Reserves gives, can be a help to the young men of our Order that are about to enter the Armed Forces of our Country.

May I pay a very special tribute to Colonel C. R. Butcher of Oregon, for the undying interest in the Reserves and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Colonel Butcher is really and truly a very dedicated man to our Organization. It was, however, a most revealing fact that while some members of the Oregon Blues are regular Camp members, yet they felt that the Reserves were the governing body of our Order. This is not true, as I explained to them and that particular group of men are working harder for the betterment of all concerned.

In a recent communication just received, I note, that all members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves must become a member of our Order by 1976. This does not meet with the approval of your Commander-in-Chief. We are not a Civil War Buff Organization. If anyone is really interested in the Grand Army of the Republic, then when they become a member of the Reserves, they should certainly become a member of the Sons, whether it be a regular membership or an associate member, within a reasonable time, not two or three years.

The enactment put on by our Reserves last Labor Day weekend at Maytown, Pennsylvania, was a most outstanding event and it indeed deserves commendation for the manner in which it was performed. Both men and officers are indeed to be complimented for their understanding of Army regulations and procedures.

VISITATIONS.

On January 13th, I started my visitations to the various Departments, the first being California and Pacific. What a wonderful group we have in this Department. I was entertained by Past National President Sister Beatrice Riggs and Sister Catherine McCoy. Two perfect hostesses and two very dedicated sisters to the Sons. Call meetings were conducted in this area of California. On January 19th, I was taken to Fresno and there Department Commander, Brother Kenneth Greeley took me under his wing. Once again we had called meetings. Leaving California, we arrived in Portland, Oregon, on January 21st and was met with a most royal reception by Colonel C. R. Butcher and his Oregon Blues. The next day I was driven to Eugene and again was very well received by Past Department Commander, Brother Meridith.

Since this Department had certain matters pertaining to the good of the order, all business was conducted in Portland. I am sure that much good did come out of the meeting held there. On January 25th and 26th a called meeting was held in Des Moines, Iowa. I would have liked very much to have made my official visit during their Encampment, however, due to circumstances this time of year proved to be the best. On March 24th, I attended the Reception honoring National President, Sister Margaret Orr, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Columbus, Ohio. April 13th and 14th was the Rhode Island Encampment and this proved to be most interesting, as it was at this Encampment, the question of the increased per capita tax was really brought out in the open. March 27th and 28th the New Hampshire Department held their Encampment and again, this was a treat. March 29th we attended the Grant Tomb Ceremony in the city of New York. The groups sponsoring this affair are indeed to be complimented on a job well done. May 4th and 5th was the Department of Maryland's Encampment and while this is a small Department, yet much legislation for the betterment of the Order was accomplished. May 5th also saw me in the Department of Connecticut, where that good old New England spirit prevailed. May 11th and 12th and 13th, Massachusetts had a good old fashioned Encampment and I was certainly was impressed with the attendance. On June 1st and 2nd I attended the Wisconsin Encampment and I was most ably hosted by Brother Thomas L. W. Johnson. June 3rd and 4th the Colorado-Wyoming Department played host to your Commander-in-Chief at Monataue Springs, Colorado. June 7th and 8th at Moline, Illinois, the Illinois Department had a most interesting Encampment. However, I was disappointed with the representation of such an active Department. June 9th and 10th I spent a very hot time in Indianapolis, Indiana, Encampment. Hot — did I say? Yes, the weather I mean. June 14th and 15th was spent at Point Pleasant, New Jersey Encampment. This was one of the Encampments that I really looked forward to and I was not disappointed. Pennsylvania held their Encampment in Easton this year on June 17th to 20th. We had a most pleasant time, as it brought back many old memories. From Pennsylvania we traveled to that very fine Department, Ohio. Much was accomplished by this very fine group of Brothers and I was proud to be present. On June 27th and 28th and a part of the 29th, the Department of New York met at Glen Falls and they really had a bang up Encampment. My last Encampment was the Department of Vermont and I was so proud that I was able to attend regardless of the rain. I do feel that I may have helped this Department regarding their membership.

Just in case any one present is keeping a tally, you will find that out of 22 Departments listed in your Roster, your Commander-in-Chief has paid visits in all but two. The two missing are Maine and Michigan. For this I am indeed sorry, however, Maine was the same time as New Jersey and Michigan was so very late in sending word to me indirectly when their Encampment would be.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Words cannot begin to express my appreciation for the wonderful work performed by this particular committee headed by Brother Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin. His Committee has done an outstanding job this year and are really to be commended. The report of this Com-

mittee will be read to you during the Encampment and I would appreciate very much, if all of you would pay attention during the reading of this particular report.

THE BANNER

The official publication of our Organization could be of much greater value, if Camps and Departments, as well as members would recognize the importance of reporting activities and ideas which would be of interest to other Camps and Departments.

On a number of occasions, I have been informed of members who did not receive The Banner. This is the fault of the member for not giving his correct address after a change has been made.

If your Camp Secretary has your correct address, then he in turn forwards this to the Department Secretary, who in turn mails out The Banner to the members. Remember Brothers, The Banner comes to you with no charge whatsoever. Your dues pay for this.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother Fred Combs, Jr., our Banner Editor, is doing a mighty fine job and is to be commended for his patience and untiring efforts. There are few men who would give their time and have the enduring patience Brother Combs has in preparing this publication.

FINANCES

To the very best of my knowledge, the National Organization is in a good financial condition. This report, you will receive from our National Secretary-Treasurer very shortly. The big question raised in every Department was our great increase in the per capita tax. Unless we here assembled in this Encampment resolve this issue, I am very much afraid that we will lose several Departments.

ALLIED ORDERS

During the year, it was my privilege to meet on a number of occasions with the National President Mrs. Josephine Kuba of the Women's Relief Corps. I found her to be most charming and gracious. To her goes my deepest respect and gratitude for her loyalty to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. To our sister organization, direct descendants of the Civil War Veterans and to their splendid National President, Sister Harriette Gould, we express our sincere appreciation for their loyalty, not only during this past year, but for over a long period of time. Sister Gould has been most loyal to the Sons and I will always be grateful for the privilege of knowing her. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the only Organization within the Grand Army Family that carries the name Grand Army of the Republic, gave me a marvelous co-worker this past year. Their National President, Sister Margaret Orr has just been wonderful not only as a co-worker, but also as a friend. Our Auxiliary has done it again as they have often done in the past. National President, Sister Viola Bremme has been most loyal and true, not only to her own organization, but also to the Sons and should indeed be commended. We have traveled each mile of the roads together for the entire year and always she has been willing and ready to assist your Commander. Her friendship will always be remembered and cherished.

OFFICERS OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

It has been my pleasure to have a fine staff of officers during the year. Words can not express my appreciation for the wonderful help and assistance each have rendered. I would, however, be very much remiss if I did not give a special "thank you" to just a few. National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Harry Gibbons has worked very hard and I am sure that his report will be most satisfactory. National Chaplain, Brother Clarence Riddell, worked extra hard during the year in preparing our wonderful Memorial Service so many of us enjoyed yesterday. Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother Albert C. Lambert, you are and always will be an inspiration to the Brothers of our Order. Thank you, Al, for your guidance during the year. Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother C. Leroy Stoudt, another inspiration to many members, again has done a fine job that he is so experienced with. Brother Leroy has been a very great help to your Commander-in-Chief and I am so proud that I can call him my "friend". What would any Commander-in-Chief do without a good Secretary-Treasurer? Brother Chet, "thank you" for so many wonderful things this year and for the help and assistance you have rendered to me. I am indeed very grateful. Past Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold assisted me many times and I do appreciate his wonderful help. Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother Frank M. Heacock, who is absent from us during this Encampment due to work and his physical condition, has helped your Commander on many occasions and his friendship will always be cherished.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That due to the great concern regarding the per capita tax, we reduce this tax to 50¢ per member starting with the coming quarter.
2. That due to the increase of traveling costs, (airplane, bus, train, hotels, food, etc.,) we increase the allotment for the Commander-in-Chief from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year starting with the incoming administration.
3. That we continue the allotments for the Gettysburg Remembrance observance, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. Lincoln Birthday observance in Washington, D. C. and the Memorial Day observance at Rindge, New Hampshire, for the coming year.
4. That all members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves after a sixth month membership in said group must become regular members of the Sons of Union Veterans and/or Associate members of the parent Organization.
5. That we continue our scholarship in the amount of \$250.00, to be presented to a student at a college of the Commander-in-Chief's choice.
6. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be directed to appoint as personal aides, those Brothers of our Order, that are performing volunteer work in the many Veterans Hospitals throughout our many states.

Respectfully submitted in

F. C. & L.,

John C. Yocum

Commander-in-Chief

Upon conclusion of the report of the Commander-in-Chief, the Encampment rose and applauded Brother Yocum.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howland: Brothers, you heard this fine report of our Commander-in-Chief. I would like to accept this report, and all future reports of this Encampment without debate, and turn them over to the respective committees for action at this Encampment.

Seconded by several. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: We shall continue with the reading of Reports. Will the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief read his report?

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the 92nd Annual Encampment
 Commandery-in-Chief
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brothers:

Having been honored by election to this high office, I have done no more and no less than I have for the past 46 years. I have done as much as possible in what I believed to be the best interests of the organization. If my judgment has not agreed with yours or at times proved wrong, I ask your indulgence. At least I tried.

This year I have visited through the New England area and represented the National body on various occasions, I enjoyed a visit with many friends at the reception to our Commander-in-Chief and National President in Pennsylvania, an outstanding event.

At the request of the committee in charge of the sesquicentennial observance of the town of East Bridgewater I arranged a Civil War exhibit. I took advantage of the space allotted to display, in addition to a few war relics, a number of articles and memorabilia of the Grand Army of the Republic, including articles from both local G. A. R. posts. I was assisted at this two-day affair by Past Department Commander Elmer Shaw, Jr.

My other activities were routine works for the order including follow-up of various inquiries for membership forwarded to me by National Officers. Some successful, others pending.

In seeking funds for the 100th Anniversary Observance, I sent no personal appeals except a notice in the Banner, which should have reached every camp and most brothers. Response has been very slow, except in a few departments. I believe some of this reluctance to donate comes from an antagonism because of the seemingly excessive increase in per capita tax.

A financial statement will be included with this report following encampment. I recommend that a committee be formed to consider the best way to properly observe our 100th Anniversary. This committee to consist of all Past Senior-Vice Commanders-in-Chief who have raised funds, the chairman to be the sitting Senior-Vice. The committee should report annually on all ideas and suggestions offered to it and at the

98th encampment to submit a definite plan of action for adoption by the encampment. This gives two years for planning and implementing arrangements.

It has been a pleasure to serve in this high office and I wish to thank everyone who has in any way assisted me in the discharge of my duties.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
Allen B. Howland
Senior-Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Allen. We appreciate your efforts and I appreciate having had you serve on my Staff this year. Brother Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. May we hear your report?

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Box 163
New Waterford, Ohio 44445
August 1, 1973

To: Commander-in-Chief Jack Yocum
Officers and Delegates

Greetings:

I wish to express my sincere thanks first to the delegates of the 91st National Encampment for electing me to this honored position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Secoud, my thanks to the dedicated Brothers who have unofficially served the National Membership Committee so well by bringing new members into our Beloved Order.

My service was in some ways limited and varied. The Central Regional Association of SUVCW and Auxilliary representing 11 departments met at Chicago and I served as chairman for the panel on the topic "How to Attract New Members". Much was accomplished in ideas and methods and the sum of \$100.00 was appropriated and set aside for National Advertising by the Central Regional Association to attract new members to our two Orders. I have again been named chairman for this year's discussion panel topic of how to keep current members. It was a great pleasure that I represented our Commander-in-Chief at the Central Association Banquet.

The GAR Remembrance Day activities were most impressive and I thank the Central Pennsylvania Past Department Commanders and Presidents for the honor of serving as toastmaster for the banquet.

However, our declining membership . . . many by drop for non-payment of dues and our ever increasing average is the matter of gravest concern to me and to many of you.

As Department Junior Vice Commanders are not required to send reports to me, none were received. Yet many unofficial good reports have come to me. The large number of Brothers appointed National Aides-de-Camp by Commander Yocum shows strong dedication to our Order. These Brothers: Charles H. Small, William Hendley, Claude Butcher, Edward Coldrin, Joseph X. Young and Alfred Durocher, are shining examples of what can be done in recruiting new members.

I am proud to report my Camp was able to muster in over 20 new members this past year.

More important is the future and I present to you a new Camp petition with 27 names — 24 new members to be mustered in within the next 60 days in Wooster, Ohio.

Nine other members of my Camp are serving as the nucleus for still another new Camp to be located at Fort Wayne, Indiana. And hopefully still other seeds have been planted to grow into other new Camps, as far south as Texas, Georgia and Florida.

WE CAN, and indeed, MUST BUILD MEMBERSHIP . . . These two new Camps will bring over 50 new YOUNG members into our Order. Again I and my Department of Ohio offer an award to be presented to the Department gaining the most new members under the age of 40.

Thank you, Brothers, for the many, many kindnesses you have extended me in the past and present. I remain,

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.
Robert J. Wolz
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Bob. We are now nearing the hour for recess for lunch. Since the National Secretary-Treasurer is always quite lengthy, may we proceed with several other Officers reports at this time. May we call upon Brother Riddell for the Report of the National Chaplain?

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Palm Springs, Calif.
August 5, 1973

To: The Officers and Members of the
92nd Annual Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
John C. Yocum, Commander-in-Chief

Greetings:

It has been a pleasure for me to serve this year as National Chaplain. During the year, I have been called upon to offer many prayers and to represent our Commander-in-Chief on several occasions.

As usual, I have attended all the functions of my own Department and also the Maryland-Delaware Encampment.

This is an office looked upon with respect and I have tried to fill it to the best of my ability. The National Chaplain and I have tried to work up a memorial service, which we hope will be a tribute to our departed members. Thanks, Marion, for your help.

Thank you, Jack, for having the confidence in me by asking me to serve.

My sincere good wishes for a wonderful and inspiring encampment, Jack, as Commander-in-Chief.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
Clarence J. Riddell
National Chaplain

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Clarence. Since we have just time for one more report before we recess, may we hear the report of the National Counselor, Brother Albert C. Lambert?

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

August 6, 1973

To: Mr. John C. Yocum, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to submit to you my report as National Counselor, the appointment, which I was pleased and honored to receive.

During the past year, there have been disputes and misunderstandings that we have discussed on occasion, but in no instance has there been a request for an official decision.

Generally speaking, the year has been harmonious, which was a tribute to our Officers and Membership.

There are two matters, however, that are important, that I feel must be drawn to your attention:

The matter of distribution of The Banner by the various Departments has been seriously neglected, resulting in The Banner often being received by members several weeks late and many times after scheduled events have been held.

I call your attention to the following Regulation as adopted by the 86th Annual Encampment held in Chicago, in 1967:

SECTION 2

- (A) The Commander-in-Chief shall promulgate his General Orders and communicate with the Membership in a publication to be known as The Banner.
- (B) These orders shall be printed and distributed at least four times yearly and sufficient quantities be provided to supply one copy to each member of our Order.
- (C) A sufficient quantity is to be sent to each Department Secretary according to the Membership of the Department.
- (D) Each Department Secretary is required to mail one copy of each issue of The Banner to each member within his Department within 10 days of the receipt of same.
- (E) The Council of Administration shall elect the Editor of The Banner and determine the amount to be appropriated in each yearly budget to defray the cost.

Since this Regulation has not been properly adhered to, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION

That the Editor of The Banner be instructed to print these regulations in full in the next issue of The Banner.

Congratulations to you, Commander Yocum, and your staff of Officers for a year of service to our beloved Order. My appreciation is extended for courtesies received during the past year.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.
Albert C. Lambert
National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Albert. At this time we shall recess until 1:30 p.m. Will the Chaplain please close the Bible?

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 1:30 P.M.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brothers, we are now back in session. May we receive the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer?

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Box 24, Federal Building
Gettysburg, Penna. 17325

To: John C. Yocum, Commander-in-Chief
92nd Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Officers and Delegates Assembled

Greetings:

1. It is with deep pride, that I submit to you, this formal report of the activity and progress that has been credited to this administration under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum, his Staff of Officers and the Brothers of our beloved Organization.

2. The Records at National Headquarters, including the financial standing, have been audited by Clay W. Garrett, certified public accountant, in Hanover, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973. Copies of the summarization of the C. P. A. report has been distributed to the Delegates registered at this Encampment. The C. P. A. audit will be examined by the Council of Administration and subject to the approval of this Encampment, will be forwarded to the Congress of the United States to conform to the requirements of our Congressional Charter.

3. The analysis of the Membership Standing and the income from the per capita must be carefully examined. Overall we have a net loss of 163 members, which means a decrease in per capita annually. This gives cause of great concern in facing decisions of appropriations and expense. To operate our Organization as a business, you cannot succeed unless you remain solvent. You cannot spend more than you receive. You cannot retain standards of operating procedures, provide badges, issue our publication of The Banner, unless funds are provided to warrant this expense. The delegates of the 91st Annual National Encampment, which met in August, 1972, in Philadelphia, Penna., faced this situation and solved it. Now one year later, we find inflationary problems of printing, postage and supplies still exist. Even with the overall loss in membership, six Departments proved that you can increase membership by working. A total of 206 members were brought into our Order. A recapitulation of the membership standing for the year July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973, appears on the reverse sides of the financial reports that were distributed at this Encampment.

4. Our main source of reserve income continues to be the permanent fund with \$1,515.45 of accumulated dividends from 2,225 shares of Wellington Fund. This plus the income from the per capita tax was wisely used in the results of increase in each of our Funds over one year ago.

5. The following have made contributions to the HONOR ROLL FUND in memory of a Civil War descendant. They have been recorded at National Headquarters and printed in The Banner:

Harold H. Gates	\$ 10.00
Thomas E. Hoffman	10.00
Paul E. Dersham	10.00
Frank X. Seck	10.00
Nelson Page Aspen	10.00
John T. McDonald	10.00
Carl G. Couch	10.00
Total	\$ 70.00

6. The following Life Memberships were purchased in our Order:

Kenneth S. Swift	\$ 50.00
Carl Latham	50.00
Martin R. Battey	45.00
Robert C. Wolz	50.00
Total	\$195.00

7. Investments continue for the Permanent Fund, with the purchase of 90 shares of Wellington Fund on September 25, 1972, at a cost of \$1,193.40. This action was approved by the Council of Administration. Total investments in securities to date total \$31,275.84. All stock certificates and organizational valuable papers are filed in lock box number \$60 at the Gettysburg National Bank, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This bank is the depository of all funds of our Order.

The volume of correspondence increases each year. In addition to routine reporting between Departments and National Officers of per capita tax and the membership, requisitions for supplies warrant much time. The meeting of reporting deadline dates by Department Secretaries is important to these valuable Department Officers, I merely say—Thank You.

A tremendous flow of inquiries have been processed from interested persons concerning with membership qualifications. Each is forwarded to the Department in which the sender resides. To those who live outside of our National Boundary, each inquiry is invited to become a National Member at Large. The breakdown of the inquiries cover the advertisement in the Sons of the American Revolution publication, the activity of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Patriotic Encyclopedia of Fraternal Organizations. Copies of the 1972 National Encampment Proceedings and a copy of the C. P. A. audit have been forwarded to the Congress of the United States and the Library of Congress.

9. In the interest of experiencing first hand the problems confronting the administration of our National Organization and a proposed solution to these problems, may I offer the following Recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION #1

Due to the deflation of our working dollar and the rising cost of printing the proceedings, extra content material and postage, that the Delegate Registration fee to all National Encampments be established at \$3.00 per member.

RECOMMENDATION #2

That any Department who feels a Brother is worthy of serving in any National Office and who is willing to devote his interest and efforts to serve our Order, should forward a letter of Endorsement to the Office of

the National Secretary, prior to the opening of the National Encampment. This would encourage more members to actively participate in the various programs of the National Organization and would let our Membership be informed of their endorsement on a Department level.

10. The democratic principles of our Nation, formed by our fathers and grandfathers 110 years ago, are now being tested in our own Country, as well as other parts of the World. Then, as it is today, problems arose confronting the President of the United States. Today we are tested by selfish and independent people with little respect for our Nation's Flag or respect and trust in God.

But thank God, we as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, join with those Americans who are proud to bow their heads in prayer, to wave our Country's Flag and observe those days of patriotic observance. 110 years ago our Nation was united in faith and a determination of working together in a peaceful world.

Can we not, at this Encampment, pledge anew our fealty and our obligations of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty? Can we not accept this in our Hearts and Minds in others we meet? This and only this will make our Organization stronger in purpose. And I am sure this would make the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC a continued symbol of our great heritage of our ancestors. Again . . . this decision is yours.

To you Brother Jack, may I commend you for the fine year you had as our Commander-in-Chief. You faced each problem diligently and you served with dignity. It was my pleasure to have served under your leadership and with your Staff of Officers.

And finally, to all Brothers of our Order, both here and those back home in their Departments and Camps, my sincere thanks for your co-operation and understanding. 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

Applause followed the reading of the Report by Brother Shriver. The continuance of the Financial and membership standing was read as follows.

STATEMENT—CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1973

	<i>Total</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>G.A.R. Memorial Fund</i>	<i>Perma- nent Fund</i>
<i>Cash Balance—June 30, 1972</i>	\$ 6,319.63	\$ 1,415.06	\$3,382.37	\$1,522.20

RECEIPTS

Per Capita Tax (Sch. 1)	\$ 5,627.85	\$ 5,627.85	\$	\$
Registration Fees	188.00	188.00		
Supplies Sold	1,097.35	1,097.35		
Gift from Auxiliary	500.00	500.00		
National Patriotic Instructor 1971-72	268.70		268.70	
National Patriotic Instructor 1972-73	242.65		242.65	
Interest—Permanent Fund	1,515.45	1,515.45		
Donations—Honor Roll Fund	70.00			70.00
Life Memberships	195.00			195.00
Miscellaneous	125.40	115.40	10.00	
Anniversary Fund	207.50	207.50		
Total Receipts	\$10,037.90	\$ 9,251.55	\$ 521.35	\$ 265.00
Total	\$16,357.53	\$10,666.61	\$3,903.72	\$1,787.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Supplies Purchased for Resale ..	\$ 2,043.18	\$ 2,043.18	\$	\$
The Banner	2,050.00	2,050.00		
Commander-in-Chief Expense 1972-73	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Nat'l. Secretary-Treas. Salary & Exp. 1972-73	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Encampment Exp. 1972	270.20	70.20	200.00	
Proceedings 1972	628.00	628.00		
Miscellaneous	37.10	37.10		
Printing, Postage and Stationery	258.29	258.29		
C.P.A. Audit	250.00	250.00		
Stenographer	75.00	75.00		
Testimonial for Commander-in-Chief	162.30	162.30		
Lock Box	3.00	3.00		
Scholarship Fund	250.00		250.00	
Remembrance Day Expense	125.74		125.74	
Lincoln Tomb Expense	287.45		287.45	
Cathedral of the Pine Wreath ..	15.00		15.00	
National Mil. Dept. SVR	50.00		50.00	

Lincoln Memorial Expense	40.00		40.00	
Life Membership Interest Paid	127.00			127.50
Purchase of Investments	1,193.40			1,193.40
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>\$ 9,866.16</u>	<u>\$ 7,577.07</u>	<u>\$ 968.19</u>	<u>\$1,320.90</u>
Cash Balance—June 30, 1973	6,491.37	3,089.54	2,935.53	466.30
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$16,357.53</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,666.61</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,903.72</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,787.20</u></u>

	<i>Balance</i> 6/30/72	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expendi- tures</i>	<i>Balance</i> 6/30/73
General Fund	\$ 3,594.89	9,251.55	\$6,031.24	\$ 6,215.20
G.A.R. Memorial Fund	3,382.37	521.35	968.19	2,935.53
Permanent Fund				
Unrestricted Surplus	28,329.64	195.00	127.50	28,397.14
Honor Roll Fund	3,275.00	70.00	—0—	3,345.00
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$38,581.90</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,037.90</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,726.93</u></u>	<u><u>\$40,892.87</u></u>

PERMANENT FUND

<i>Description</i>	<i>Cost Value</i>	<i>Market Value</i>
Wellington Fund, Inc., 2225 Shares		
Common — Par Value \$1.00	\$31,275.84	\$24,052.25

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Report of the Membership Standing 1972-73

DEPARTMENTS	Good Standing June 30, 1972		GAIN		LOSS		Good Standing June 30, 1973		Associates Included	Delegate Representation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Calif. & Pac.	12	127	0	8	0	16	12	119	0	6
Colorado & Wyo.	1	18	0	2	0	1	1	19	4	2
Connecticut	8	92	0	1	1	24	7	69	4	4
Illinois	8	131	1	38	0	7	9	162	10	8
Indiana	5	61	0	43	1	46	4	58	2	3
Iowa	6	48	0	0	0	3	6	45	0	3
Maine	9	98	0	0	1	7	8	91	3	3
Maryland	4	53	0	5	0	0	4	58	2	3
Massachusetts	32	347	0	3	2	31	30	319	2	14
Michigan	5	90	0	1	0	26	5	65	0	4
Minnesota	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1
New Hampshire	7	83	0	0	0	1	7	82	6	4
New Jersey	7	211	0	32	0	28	7	215	10	10
New York	19	254	0	16	0	25	7	245	0	11
Ohio	11	201	0	16	2	43	11	174	11	8
Oregon & Wash.	3	102	0	7	1	36	2	73	14	4
Pennsylvania	32	473	0	25	1	51	30	447	12	19
Rhode Island	9	139	0	1	0	13	9	127	0	6
Vermont	7	68	0	0	0	1	7	67	0	4
Wisconsin	3	45	1	6	0	5	4	46	2	3

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Nat'l Camp at Large ..	1	14	0	0	0	5	1	9	0	1
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Totals	191	2677	2	206	9	369	185	2514	80	125

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DEPARTMENTS SHOWING MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Colorado & Wyoming	1 Member	Wisconsin	1 Member
Illinois	31 Members	Nat'l. Members at Large	2 Members
Maryland	3 Members	Total —	35 Members
New Jersey	4 Members		

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Chet for your usual fine report that covers the administrative and financial activity of our Order.

May we now continue with the report of the National Patriotic Instructor Brother Harry Gibbons.

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Buffalo, New York

To: John C. Yocum, Commander-in-Chief
Officers and Members of the 92nd
National Encampment Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War

One year ago I was highly honored and very surprised when asked by our Commander-in-Chief, John C. Yocum, to accept the appointment of National Patriotic Instructor, I was reluctant and hesitated as I was not certain my abilities were equal to the work and raising of this large amount of money. I have read the previous reports of other officers in this capacity and I was involved in raising funds for our New York Department Memorial Yearbook.

I wanted to be helpful and loyal to our GAR and Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, as I believe every member or anyone interested in our GAR Organizations, should give of their time, efforts, and money, whenever possible, to carry on our patriotic services, and to instill patriotism in the hearts of everyone in America, living under Our Grand Old Flag, especially the young people of today. So I accepted.

In the October issue of The Banner, General Order Number 1, Paragraph 4, our Commander-in-Chief asked for support and co-operation of all members' camps and departments to help in the fund raising of \$1,200.00, proposed by Council of Administration, a contribution slip in The Banner and also appeals in each issue of The Banner, as a reminder. Nearly all departments and camps reported to me that due to the raise in per capita tax, costs of supplies and other materials, it was very difficult to raise funds and some camps, with a few members, could not help very much. Some members and camps or departments did not answer my correspondence. This is lack of co-operation and support to your Organization, as stated in the Membership Application and the Obligation. If you read it again, you will get my meaning.

Only one Patriotic Instructor's report from the departments, Cecil M. Baer, New York Department, who has been a very excellent worker, in our New York Department and untiring efforts for the past many years, in our Beloved Order.

Cecil suffered the loss of his dear wife, Rita, earlier this year.

I think if forms from National Organization were available, they would be helpful to each department, as to their work and also help the National Patriotic Instructor's Report. This could be sent in The Banner insert. This lack of Reports I noticed in many other yearly proceedings reports.

In attending all of the ceremonies and services possible during the past year, too many to mention here, I spoke on the need of patriotism-patriotic services and membership in our Order; also to bring to the public attention for observances of holidays, to fly the flag of the United

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States; let the general public know about the Sons of Union Veterans, what our Organization is doing and what loyalty and patriotism means to Americans.

One outstanding ceremony I want to mention was the services held at Mt. McGregor, Wilton, New York, May 6, 1973, where I had the honor and privilege of representing our Commander-in-Chief, Jack C. Yocum and bring national greetings to those attending this grand ceremony, which had many Veteran Organizations, Indian and the Revolutionary Units with the Sons of Veterans Reserve; also the 43rd Battalion First Virginia Cavalry-CBA, which lead the color guards with Major Donald Stumbo, Lima, New York, in charge, to the General Grant Memorial Plaque erected in front of the cottage in 1916, by New York Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The ceremony was attended by a large turnout and I had the privilege and pleasure of meeting Mrs. John Dietz, of Syracuse, New York, the great-granddaughter of General Grant. This was her first visit to his cottage and was very interested in the history of the cottage. Her son is very interested in the Civil War and is eligible for the Sons of Union Veterans. I gave her the application and brochure of the organization. Every member should have an application or brochure to give on occasions such as this, or any public appearance of our organization.

The General Grant Cottage was closed to the public by New York state in 1971, but is kept up by state funds, but opened for such ceremonies as ours by placing the wreath and new flag each year. These are the services which bring attention to the public of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and help promote patriotism and the membership in our organization.

The office of Patriotic Instructor is very important to our organization, both in raising funds and building up the membership in public attention, such as the national projects, state and local ceremonies, as mentioned in The Banner, but no one person can carry this on alone, without co-operation and help from each department, camp and member.

I wish to thank my Commander-in-Chief, John C. Yocum, for my appointment and the plugs he has given in his visits to each state or wherever he spoke, Fred H. Combs, Jr., editor of The Banner, he sure helped in each issue to notify all members about the fund. Especially, Chester S. Shriver, secretary-treasurer, for all of his help.

My sincere thanks to all who helped in making this GAR Memorial Fund, as much as possible, in answering the appeals sent out.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Harry E. Gibbons
National Patriotic Instructor

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CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC:

John A. Logan Camp No. 20	\$ 10.00
Vernon W. Finity	5.00
Howard T. Payne	2.00
Phillip Sheridan Camp No. 4	5.00

Harold & Ethel Gates	10.00
William H. Scott	5.00
Thomas P. Gates	10.00
David H. Gates	10.00
Total	\$ 57.00

COLORADO & WYOMING:

William H. Runyan	1.00
Total	1.00

CONNECTICUT:

Rev. Russell H. Milnes	5.00
Connecticut Department	10.00
Charles L. Upham Camp No. 7	10.00
P.D.C. Allen F. Spink	1.00
Foote Camp No. 17	5.00
James Ledwith	5.00
Department of Connecticut	10.00
Total	46.00

DELAWARE:

Howard G. Barlow	5.00
William & Agnes Davis	5.00
Howard D. Jester, Sr.	10.00
Total	20.00

ILLINOIS:

George L. Cashman, P.C. in C.	10.00
Harry J. Lessia	7.50
General J. A. Garfield Camp No. 4	10.00
Cyril C. Gumbinger	5.00
Neil D. Hurley	2.00
George W. Lovering, P.D.C.	3.00
Wayne E. Bosworth	2.00
Wayne E. Bosworth, Camp No. 61-65, Old Glory	10.00
N. Robert Chesnut	10.00
Total	59.50

INDIANA:

General William P. Benton Camp No. 28	10.00
Total	10.00

IOWA:

Kendall K. Strong	2.00
Department of Iowa	5.00
J. B. Johnson	5.00
Total	12.00

MAINE:

Vernon Redding	2.00
Lyndon V. Plummer	5.00
Kenneth J. Gilbert	3.00
Total	10.00

MARYLAND:

William L. Irvin	1.00
Frank M. Heacock	2.00
Department of Maryland	5.00
Total	8.00

MASSACHUSETTS:

Department of Massachusetts	25.00
William C. Bodge	5.00
Henry S. Bowen, Jr.	10.00
Dana E. Lincoln, Sr.	1.00
Theodore Briggs	2.00
Russell P. Still	2.00
George N. Lovatt	3.00
Robert C. Noyes	2.00
Emmett A. Thrower	5.00
Ernest G. Wells	5.00
Hon. James R. Lawton	5.00
Alton F. Lyon	5.00
Edward N. Loke	5.00
General Geo. B. McClellan Camp No. 60	2.00
William C. Rule, P.D.C.	1.00
Eugene Russell	2.00
Allen Howland	1.00
Total	\$1.00

MICHIGAN:

Alden E. Bridges	5.00
Austin Blair Camp No. 7	7.00
Total	12.00

MINNESOTA:

Totton P. Heffelfinger	10.00
Minneapolis Camp No. 8	10.00
George E. Bailey	1.00
Total	21.00

MISSOURI:

Louis A. Moushey	5.00
Russell Moushey	1.00
Mearl L. Moushey	1.00
Total	7.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Howard M. Wheeler	5.00
Robert W. Heald	5.00
Alfred J. Clark, P.D.C.	2.00
New Hampshire Department	5.00
Kenneth T. Wheeler, P.D.C.	1.00
Cleon E. Heald, P.C. in C.	5.00
Total	23.00

NEW JERSEY:

Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C. in C.	5.00
Gen. James A. Garfield Camp No. 4	10.00
Walter H. Williams, P.D.C.	5.00
Albert C. Lambert, P.C. in C.	5.00
Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5	5.00
Richard W. Pratt Camp No. 4	10.00
John J. Junge, Dep't. Commander	2.00
John J. Love Camp No. 12	5.00
Percy C. Davenport	5.00
New Jersey Department	10.00
Fred H. Combs, Sr.	5.00
Kenneth P. Ekstrand Camp No. 5	5.00
Albert W. Lambert, P.D.C.	5.00
Brig. Gen. John P. Meyers, G.A.R. Inc.	1.00
General Taylor	1.00
Total	79.00

NEW YORK:

Norman R. Furman, P.C. in C.	5.00
Grove McClellan	2.00
Joseph S. Rippey, P.C. in C.	30.00
Florence Foulkrod	1.00
Harold T. Beilby, P.D.C.	1.00
Margaret Beilby, P.D.P.	1.00
Arthur Brown, Dep't Chap.	1.00
Caroline McGowan, P.D.P.	1.00

Marge Tagart, P.D.P.	11.00
Paul Furst	5.00
Benjamin F. Capwell	5.00
Edwin E. Cohen	1.00
Edith Snyder, P.N.P.	2.00
Mildred Nistico, P.D.P.	1.00
Mattie St. Clair	1.00
Connie Zdonick	1.00
Robert H. McMahon, P.D.C.	5.00
Roy R. Rumpf	5.00
Edward Mochrie	1.00
Clarence L. Briggs, U. S. Camp No. 20	5.00
Otto H. Spin, Camp No. 26	1.00
Schuyler E. Tallman	2.00
Howard W. Bumker, Grant Camp	1.00
Dr. Alfred C. Emmel, M.D.	3.00
John H. Will	2.00
Elmer J. Wolf, Sr.	5.00
James Farley	2.00
Frank C. Bellinger, C. of Camp 223	2.00
Elmer J. Wolf, Jr.	5.00
Charles H. Hoag	1.00
John Hulett	10.00
New York Department	25.00
Cecil M. Baer, Pat. Instr.-Historian	5.00
Chaplain P.G. Cook Camp No. 223	10.00
Elsa R. Gibbons, Aux. No. 8	5.00
Southern Tier Ass'n. S U V-Aux.	6.00
Helen Marie Butler	5.00
DeVene Williamson, P.D.C.	10.00
Francis Ganley, P.D.P.	1.00
Norman R. Furman, P.C. in C.	.26
Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C.	5.74
Total	182.00

OHIO:

Robert J. Wolz, Jr., C. in C.	11.00
Paul Gate, P.D.C.	5.00
Howard L. Myers	5.00
John W. Moore, Jr.	1.00
V. C. Reppeto	2.00
Vienna Camp No. 26	10.00
Kenneth S. Swift, Sr. Vice Com., Ohio	10.00
Robert J. Wolz	10.00
Robert C. Wolz	5.00
Laurence E. Collins, Sr.	1.00
William M. Coffin, P.C. in C.	25.00
Ohio Department, District No. 1	5.00
Richard Greenwalt	5.00
Robert J. Wolz, Jr.	10.00
Boxer Arms Co.	10.00
Total	105.00

OREGON & WASHINGTON:

Rev. Hugh P. Andrews	1.00
Department of Oregon & Washington	10.00
Total	11.00

PENNSYLVANIA:

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C. in C.	5.00
Charles W. Schada	5.00
Joseph Shook	1.00
Kenneth C. Miller	5.00
Capt. O. A. Lunckenbach, Camp No. 132	25.00
Robert Squires	2.00
Ivan E. Frantz	5.00
Mrs. Rosella Baker	1.00
LaVina E. Moncrief	3.00
Arthur D. Heil	1.00
General G. Meade Camp No. 16	5.00
C. L. Stoudt, P.C. in C.	5.00
Edwin D. Brinker	5.00
George P. Haines	5.00
S. D. Werkheiser, Sr.	2.00
John H. Dern	10.00
Clara E. Lewis	1.00
Aaron T. Medary	2.00
Stover L. Detwiler	5.00
Elizabeth Overly	1.00
Perry G. Fuller	5.00
Robert VanDer Voort	5.00
John H. Stark, P.D.C.	5.00
Department of Pennsylvania	35.00
Bradbury Camp No. 149	2.00
Henry Madill Camp No. 141	5.00
S.U.V. Camp No. 50	5.00
Gen. Judsen Kilpatrick Camp No. 223	5.00
William Simpson Camp No. 16	5.00
1st Sgt. William Moore (Texas)	1.00
C. J. Riddle	5.00
Commander-in-Chief, John C. Yocum	20.00
In Memory of John H. Runkle, P.C. in C.	5.00
Thomas Monahan, Dept. Commander	5.00
Wilham C. Jones, P.D.C.	1.00
Ivan M. Landis	10.00
Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C. & N. Sec'y	5.00
John D. Erskine	10.00
Total	228.00

RHODE ISLAND:

Leo E. Burrows	5.00
Department of Rhode Island	10.00
Harold E. Arnold, P.C. in C.	5.00

Frank W. Luth, Dep't Commander	1.00
George A. Strait, P.D.C.	1.00
Wallace J. Macomber, P.D.C.	1.00
Dexter Combs, P.D.C.	1.00
William A. Perry, P.D.C.	1.00
Earl Hinz, Sr., P.D.C.	1.00
Earl Hinz, Jr. P.D.C.	1.00
Ronald DiSantis	1.00
Henry Lecuyre	1.00
Warren B. Boulester	1.00
Total	30.00

VERMONT:

Mrs. George R. Osborne, P.D.P., Ladies-G.A.R.	5.00
Total	5.00

WISCONSIN:

Ronald M. Aronis	2.00
Raymond A. Cowell	2.00
Thomas W. Johnson, P.D.C.	20.00
Department of Wisconsin	10.00
Herman Black	5.00
Total	39.00
Total Contributions as Listed by Departments	\$1,046.50
Contributions from other States — Total	18.00
D. B. Tipton — Arizona	3.00
Mrs. C. Stanley Benson, Florida	5.00
Colonel Allen Julian, Georgia	10.00
Total	18.00
Total Contributions	\$1,064.50

Miscellaneous:

17 S. V. R. Patches	1.00
Donated by Robert J. Wolz, Jr.	17.00
Sale of Map Books	25.00
Receipts from TV Raffle	156.00
Total Miscellaneous	198.00
Total Contributions	\$1,064.50
Total Receipts	1,262.50
Disbursements	202.50
Total Net Receipts	1,060.00

Disbursements as listed

Television	170.00
Gifts or Prizes	15.00
Postage	15.50
Total Disbursements	200.50

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Harry E. Gibbons,
National Patriotic Instructor

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brothers, we have in waiting, Sister Emma Wheeler, P.N.P. of our Auxiliary and a member of the 1974 New Hampshire Department Committee planning for the 1974 National Encampment. At this time may I ask our Guide to escort Sister Wheeler to this Station to make a progress report for the National Encampment and answer questions concerning Hotel rates.

(Sister Wheeler responded regarding what the Department Committee has done to date and explained Hotel Rates. Brochures with rates and reservation cards were distributed to the members present and a supply to the National Secretary for Distribution.)

P.C. in C. Stoudt: As the Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee and heading the volume of communications required to firm up entertaining Departments as well as Hotels, may I remind you this will be a three day business Encampment — Monday thru Wednesday.

Your Encampment Site Committee can then see if the Delegates really want a "free" day on Wednesday as we have been accustomed to. If a majority of the Delegates want a host tour on a free day, the committee can still plan this for a Thursday if the Delegates wish to stay over another day.

P.C. in C. Lambert: Remember, there is nothing to say we must have a four (4) day Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brothers for this report. We will now continue with the report of the National Chief of Staff.

National Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt: Thank you Commander-in-Chief. Since my principle duties are arranging with our annual Sons-Auxiliary Dinner at this Encampment, I can report all is in readiness.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you brother Leroy. We all know of your overall work and dedication, regardless what you are called upon to do.

May we now continue with the report of the National Graves Registration Officer?

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Palm Springs, Calif.
August 6, 1973

To: Commander John C. Yocum
Officers and Members
92nd National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

I deem it an honor and a privilege to have served the organization.

Last October I attended the New England meeting at Warren, Vermont, and outlined my program to the delegates assembled. It was a very enlightening and enjoyable two-day session. In October, I attended the dinner honoring our National Commander and the National President of our Auxilliary. I also attended the Remembrance Day services at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in November.

I have received many requests for information from a number of states and have answered same. One in particular is of interest and was referred to me by Brother, Arthur L. Ballou, R. D. #1, Wallingford, Vermont.

A man in Nebraska had spent many years endeavoring to locate the grave of an ancestor, who died in Louisiana, while enroute to his home in Illinois three days after discharge. His place of burial has never been located and he desired to place a government issued marker in the family plot in Nebraska. As luck would have it, he was the superintendent of that particular cemetery. I secured the veteran's record from Illinois, prepared from DD 1330, sent same to him for his signature and requested him to submit same with a copy of the service record from Illinois.

In this way and manner, he would receive a marker or would be advised if the application was denied, in view of the fact the grave had been marked and he would be advised where same was located and if they failed to advise him, he would be in a position to ask where he was buried. I requested him to advise me as to the net result. To date I have not heard from him. (Note: The veteran was born in Sweden and enlisted under another name.)

I have prepared applications for markers in Indiana and Ohio. I have also had many letters from Mr. Jack Brown of Dayton, Ohio, requesting information on locations of six Civil War Generals' graves in New Jersey and wanting to know if they were marked somewhere and the balance are being worked on.

To my knowledge the only states in the Union that require by law, the registering of veteran's graves, are New Jersey and Pennsylvania and this is done on a county basis.

Mr. Dick Reed, of New York state, has compiled over 19,000 grave registrations in that state. Brother Reed has done and is doing a commendable job in view of the fact, the task started from scratch and required a lot of researching.

Mr. Arthur L. Ballou has many records and as I have been given to understand, he is still assembling records of New England veterans. It is my opinion he should retain said records.

I recommend that the Grave Registration Officer of each department assemble the records for his respective department and we can exchange information when needed and desired. I also recommend that each de-

partment endeavor to locate any and all GAR Memorial Plots located within their respective departments, with the idea that they see to it that they are properly maintained.

Broken or illegible headstones can and will be replaced by the Memorial Division of the Department of the Army. I recommend that granite markers be used when a replacement is requested, as granite will outlast marble. (For your information, headstones are only issued in marble.)

The Memorial Division also issues headstones and markers for the graves of Confederate veterans, if you should locate any. I feel it would be good public relations to mark same. P.C. in C. George Cashman told me some years ago, that he had a request from the U. D. C. to locate the grave of General Bushrod Johnson, CSA. He told me that after a great deal of time and effort, as well as luck, he found same in southern Illinois.

I am interested in this endeavor and will continue to serve, if so requested.

Respectfully submitted, F. C. & L.
William W. Vanderhoof

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Vanderhoof. May we now have the report of the G. A. R. Highway Officer?

National G. A. R Highway Officer Greeley: I apologize for not having a written report for you Commander-in-Chief. However, I did write to the States in which the Grand Army of the Republic Highway runs through regarding their continued maintenance of the highways and the fact our Order is deeply interested in their efforts.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Greeley. Since the National District of Columbia Representative is not present, have you a report Brother National Secretary?

National Secretary Shriver: Since Brother Glenum is not present for this Encampment, I have received a letter from him requesting that I convey his regrets in not being present for this Encampment. Although he was not called upon to perform any specific duty for our Order, he has submitted several Resolutions for consideration at this Encampment and has followed closely, events concerning our interest in the Washington D. C. area. Especially those of Civil War Monuments, National Parks, etc. I am sure that Brother Glenum is with us in spirit here at this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Chet. At this time may we continue with the reading of Committee Reports. Is the Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee ready to give his report?

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Coventry, Rhode Island
July 18, 1973

To: The Officers and Members of the
92nd Annual Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

Again it has been my privilege to serve you as Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee and to you, Commander-in-Chief

Yocum, it has been a pleasure to serve you as one of your committee-men and to thank you for approving the men that I selected to serve on this committee with me. The affairs of the Sons of Veterans Reserve have been functioning very well this past year, therefore the Committee has had very little business to conduct or act upon and have had but one meeting since our last Encampment in August of 1972. There was one request for a change on the Rules and Regulations of the Reserve and that will be taken care of at a meeting of the members of the Committee who are present at the Encampment for consideration of the changes requested. I wish to thank all members of this committee, who I know, if called on, would have showed their interest in the organization in the past. And again, Commander, it has been a pleasure to have served with you and the other National Officers. At this time, I believe, that Brigadier General Chester Shriver will render a report on the standing and condition of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Fraternally yours,
 Harold E. Arnold, Chairman
 National Military Affairs Committee

**REPORT OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
 NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT
 SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE**

To: Commander-in-Chief Jack Yocum
 Officers and Delegates of the
 92nd National Encampment, SUVCW

Greetings:

The officers and enlisted personnel of the Sons of Veterans Reserve are highly honored to participate in the campfire program and to be recognized by the Sons of Union Veterans, our parent Order.

We wish to thank the many Departments for asking the S. V. R. to post colors at the opening of their Encampments and remind all Department and National Officers that we stand ever ready to provide colorful ceremonial units for use by the SUVCW.

Today the Sons of Veterans Reserve is in the finest condition since the creation of the National Military Department in the early 1960's. Dedicated men and women serve in key positions throughout the United States and the program and policies are dedicated in building the Sons of Union Veterans. Two new camps will soon be chartered consisting almost entirely of S. V. R. personnel. Others should follow in the future. Many SUVCW Membership Applications and Camp Charter Forms have been requested and sent to S. V. R. units . . . the future alone can determine the efforts.

The S. V. R. today musters 625 personnel of which 80 are commissioned officers. The Second and Third Military Districts are rapidly expanding with the creation of the New York Battalion, the New Jersey Battalion being formed, the Buckeye Blues Brigade and the Indiana Hoosier Brigade.

The activities of the Reserve are wide spread, with the Staff and Units taking a very active role in S. U. V. programs and projects —

Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D. C., each February 12
 GAR Memorial Day on May 30th and the Federal Memorial Day
 GAR Remembrance Day at Gettysburg each November

Various commemorative and ceremonial observances of the Civil War

The official S. V. R. uniform is actually the uniform of the United States Army of the 1870's and 1880's, the Indian War period. As a result of this, the Second United States Cavalry, S. V. R. provided the firing squad with the Army burial detail from Fort Sheridan, for the last Indian War Veteran in the Chicago area and has been officially designated a ceremonial unit of the Indian Wars Veterans' Association.

And, of course, the Fourth National S. V. R. Encampment held this year at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, provided a major Civil War pageant attended by thousands of tourists over the 4th of July and again exposed our Order to thousands of men.

Always and everywhere, again and again, the Sons of Veterans Reserve continues to provide the visual link between the present and our glorious forebears, the Grand Army of the Republic. We stand ready and willing to serve our Order.

For the Commanding Officer
 Robert J. Wolz, Major, S. V. R.
 The Adjutant General

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE FINANCIAL REPORT

The following report covers the period from August 1, 1972 to August 1, 1973. Due to the tardiness of some officers filing reports a few facts are missing.

RECEIPTS:

National Organization	\$ 50.00
Dues	354.50
Commission Fees	102.00
Sale of Adj. Supplies	12.50
Donation — Arthur Glenum	15.00
Total Receipts	\$534.00

EXPENDITURES:

Printing	\$371.86
Postage	95.31
Adj. Supplies	4.00
Deficit Last Year Report	15.05
Total Expenditures	\$486.22

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 \$ 47.78

Printing is our biggest expense, as many forms were needing replenished. Two forms — the Individual Membership Form and the Unit Charters were ordered in five-year quantity to save on printing expenses. These two impressive forms have greatly raised the prestige of the

S. V. R. among its members and public and account for about one-third of our printing bills this year. A new non-commissioned officers warrant has been needed and added this year.

Please note we used only half of our appropriation, with the other \$50.00 remaining in the S. U. V. C. W. National Treasury.

Robert J. Wolz
Major, S. V. R.
The Adjutant General, N. M. D., S. V. R.

(Applause followed the reading of these reports)

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Brothers, you have heard the fine report of our Military Department. I would like to move you Commander-in-Chief, that this Committee receive our thanks for a job well done and the Committee be discharged. Seconded by several. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brothers for the Report of our Military Department. This certainly is a credit to our Order and I am sure we will be seeing much more activity of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for our Order.

Will the National Secretary read the Report of the Committee on Legislation since Brother Tom Johnson could not attend this Encampment?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION FOR 1972-73

(Read by National Secretary Shriver)

Greetings:

Your committee appointed to study legislation of interest to our Order begs leave to submit the following report to you and thru you to the officers and delegates attending the 92nd Annual Encampment. In so doing, we would like to express our appreciation to Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr., for his co-operation in publishing in The Banner our interim reports prepared quarterly during this past year.

REVISION OF FLAG CODE — In 1942, Congress undertook the task of compiling "existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America." This resulted in the passage of a joint resolution on December 22, 1942, which became Public Law 77-829 and continues with amendments to this day as our basic guide to flag usage. With the Bicentennial of our Nation fast approaching, there has been sentiment for a review and recodification of the flag statute in an attempt to reduce the ambiguities in flag etiquette that exist. There are before Congress a number of proposals to accomplish this task. Examples are Senate Joint Res. 91, by Senator Edward Guernsey, of Florida, that would clarify rules and customs relating to display and respect for the flag; S. 340 by Senators John Tower, of Texas, and Clairborne Pell, of Rhode Island, that would establish a commission to review and recommend modifications, if desired, in existing law and H. R. 5703 by Representative Orval Hansen, of Idaho, that would authorize the President to appoint a national flag commission. In each case, these measures have as their goal the passage of a new flag code by the opening of the Bicentennial observance in 1976.

In offering his bill to create a flag commission, Senator Tower observed that each branch of the Armed Forces has its own set of regulations relating to the flag, that citizens are confused over the propriety of displaying the flag at night and in inclement weather and that misunderstandings have arisen over how to display the colors in company with other flags.

Other measures introduced pertaining to the flag are H. R. 1298, to increase penalties for desecration of the flag, House Joint Res. 519, to authorize the display of the flag after dark and H. R. 7187, another bill to authorize the creation of a flag commission.

REVIEW OF OTHER PROPOSALS BEFORE CONGRESS — Several bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives that would return Memorial Day to May 30 and Veterans Day to November 11. The House bill numbers are 396, 1628, 2052, 2365, 4376 and 4555. In addition, several bills have been introduced that would affect only the observance of Veterans Day. They are S. 41 and House bills 465, 552, 1390, 2155, 2886 and House Joint Resolutions 18, 45, 81, 98 and 126. Despite the number of proposals offered, it is not anticipated that any of them will be reported out of committee during the present session of Congress.

If S. 557 should become law, Flag Day, on June 14, would be observed as a legal holiday. At present, Flag Day is recognized by Presidential proclamation.

Under House Joint Res. 4, the President would be authorized to proclaim the fourth Sunday in November as "John Fitzgerald Kennedy Day." And under House Joint Res. 117, the President would be authorized to designate May 29, as "John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Day." May 29 marks the birth date of the late President. On a related matter, under terms of H. R. 6355, Thanksgiving Day would be observed on the fifth Thursday in November, in those years when the fourth Thursday falls on November 22. The latter date represents the anniversary of the late President's untimely and tragic death.

Under House bills 1213 and 2265 thru 2268, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., January 15, would be observed as a legal holiday in the United States.

House Joint Res. 386, would designate the first full week of March each year as "American Heritage Week."

The President would be authorized to proclaim a "Vietnam Veterans Day" under terms of House Joint Res. 381. And under Senate Joint Res. 45, a memorial to those servicemen who served in the Vietnam War would be erected in the District of Columbia. Senate Joint Res. 45 is sponsored by Senator Walter Huddleston, of Kentucky, and was passed by the Senate on April 12. The measure is now in the House Committee on Administration.

House Joint Res. 26 would settle on a specific version of "The Star Spangled Banner" by authorizing the National Anthem to be sung in the key best suited to the voices involved. Although officially designated as the National Anthem by Congress, in 1931, "The Star Spangled Banner" has been termed by some music critics as difficult to sing in its present key of B-flat. The resolution recommends the use of the key of G, A-flat or A as warranted.

House Joint Res. 510, would designate the song "Keep America Free" composed by Art Sutton, of Edison, New Jersey, as the official song of the Bicentennial Celebration.

House Joint Res. 68, would amend the "Pledge of Allegiance" to add the word "equality" between the words "with liberty . . . and justice for all."

National historic sites would be established under separate bills for the following locations: Fort Zachary Taylor, in Florida (S. 1258), George Washington's boyhood home in Virginia (S. 293 and H. R. 1919) and the Springfield, Massachusetts Armory (H. R. 329).

This enumeration of selected bills and resolutions in summary form is far from exhaustive of the many subjects of patriotic concern that are introduced in the Congress each year. But it is suggestive of the topics that are spread upon the record. Some of these measures merit attentive study by our selected representatives. Others deserve the total lack of attention they will receive. It is important for us, however, as members of a patriotic order to be ever vigilant in our observation of the law-making process. We have only to witness the success of the "Monday Holiday" issue to demonstrate the point.

In a majority of instances, the Judiciary Committee of the respective house of Congress has jurisdiction over the measures cited in this section. Unless otherwise indicated, they have not as yet been reported out of committee.

THE STATES AND MONDAY HOLIDAY LEGISLATION — A tally made in June indicated that there are at least 26 states that have passed legislation to return the observance of Veterans Day to November 11, rather than the federally designated fourth Monday in October. This means that in those states Veterans Day will be observed twice to the extent that federal offices will be closed on the October date and state offices on the traditional date.

In contrast, progress has been slow to return Memorial Day to May 30. To date this has occurred in Arizona, Nebraska, New Hampshire and New Mexico. The difference represents the degree of interest shown by veterans' organizations.

Proposals to restore the traditional dates of observance reportedly have lost in Minnesota, Montana and Washington. In Montana, both houses of its legislature overwhelmingly passed a bill to return both Memorial Day and Veterans Day to their established dates, only to have the measure vetoed by Governor Thomas L. Judge. In a curious turn of events, the Montana House then failed to override the veto. It would be interesting to learn the pressures exerted that caused the reversal.

Holiday legislation is pending in Wisconsin, where the Senate has approved a bill to return Veterans Day to November 11, but rejected a similar attempt to return Memorial Day to May 30. In the judgment of your chairman, action by individual States is vital if we expect to build support for Congressional action at the federal level.

It is with pleasure that your chairman acknowledges with thanks the support and encouragement given him by his colleagues on the

committee: William M. Coffin, Fred H. Combs, Jr., Arthur R. Glenum and John J. Junge. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our Commander-in-Chief in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
FOR THE COMMITTEE
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brothers, it is now 4:00 p.m. and nearing the hour for our recess until tomorrow. At this time, I wish to thank you for your fine attention. We have received many fine reports and I am sure much more is forthcoming tomorrow. Let us now recess until 9:00 a.m. sharp tomorrow. Will the Chaplain close the Bible?

AUGUST 7, 1973

TUESDAY SESSIONS — 9:00 A.M.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Will the Encampment please come to order. May we continue with receiving reports. May we now hear the report of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee? Brother Shriver, will you read their report?

REPORT OF THE LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY COMMITTEE

June 27, 1973

To: John C. Yocum, Commander-in-Chief
Regarding Report of Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee — 1973

Greetings:

Your committee, appointed to conduct the annual "deathday" ceremony on April 15, at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, begs leave to submit the following report.

1. The 17th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States recorded the presentation of 73 commemorative wreaths and the presence of 120 luncheon guests, who gathered at the State House Inn, following the rites at the tomb.

2. Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman, committee co-chairman, also had the honor of representing Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum, who was unable to be present. CDR. William C. Duval, USNR (Ret.), a past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion and a founder of this ceremony, ably represented his absent chief, LTC Brooke M. Lessig, USAR (Ret.).

3. Having been designated as the official honor guard for the ceremony, the 114th Regt., Ill. Vol. Inf. (Reactivated), under the command of Brigadier General Julius L. Weiss provided escorts for the wreath bearers. Other reactivated units that assisted in the ceremony were: Btry "E", 1st Ill. Light Arty; Co. "D", 74th Regt., Ill. Vol. Inf.; and the 15th Regt., Tenn. Vol. Inf. (CSA).

4. Luncheon guests enjoyed a return engagement on the part of Lloyd Ostendorf, noted illustrator and Lincoln authority of Dayton, Ohio. He sketched Mr. Lincoln from a model of a life mask made originally in 1865.

5. For the first time in many years the ceremony date fell on a Sunday. This presented your committee with some operational problems that would not have occurred on a weekday. Most distressing was the absence of the familiar chartered bus, which had been requisitioned, but failed to appear. Volunteers, including employees of the hotel, came forth and supplied transportation for those who needed it.

6. Departments and/or Auxiliaries from our Order that participated this year were Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa.

7. Your committee reports an expenditure of \$287.45, in meeting its official obligations. Had the chartered bus been in service, this amount would have been increased by about \$30.00.

8. Recommendations for 1974 — Your committee is grateful for the generous support given each year in response to its request for operat-

ing funds. We believe this ceremony to be one of the outstanding events sponsored by the National Organization.

In keeping with this belief, we recommend that the appropriation of \$350.00 be renewed for 1974. This will insure that the quality of the ceremony will continue undiminished and will provide for unforeseen contingencies and a rise in general price levels. In approving this recommendation, it is understood that the co-chairmen, appointed annually by the Commander-in-Chief, shall be fully responsible for the planning and execution of the commemorative program.

9. For a complete account of the 1973 ceremony, your attention is invited to the summer, 1973, issue of *The Banner*.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. Cashman, Co-Chairman

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Co-Chairman

Wayne C. Temple, Co-Chairman

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: You have heard the Report of the Lincoln Ceremony Committee. What is your pleasure?

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz: I move you we accept this report with our thanks for a job well done. Seconded by PDC Charles Hooper. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: May we now hear the Report of the Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day Committee? Brother Long. As a member of that Committee and a Co-Chairman, can you give this report?

REPORT OF G.A.R. REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum and Brothers:

Palm Springs, California is a long distance from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and the G.A.R. Remembrance Day Program last November 18th is history. The committee wishes to submit this report of the activities that took place at the Fifteenth Annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day Observance Program.

The parade, which preceded the program at the National Park Visitors Center, had a good number of participants from the Sons of Veterans Reserve and other units. They came from several states outside of Pennsylvania and from within the state.

The program, in the auditorium of the Visitors Center, was nearly filled to capacity. Had all of the persons in the line of march attended the program, the auditorium would have been filled.

Dr. (Colonel) James L. Morrison, USA, an associate professor, on the staff of the York College of Pennsylvania, York, Pennsylvania, gave a most unusual talk on General Henry Heth. General Heth was in the service of the United States government before the Civil War and changed over to the Confederacy during the Civil War. Following the war, his work within a civilian service branch of the United States government, was outstanding and meritorious. Dr. Morrison's talk was different from past speakers at these Remembrance Day Programs, but he did give his talk a good G.A.R. ending.

Following the indoor portion of the program, we went outside for the wreath laying by the National Officers and the Pennsylvania Department Officers of the five allied groups, the firing of the volley, the taps and the closing prayer. This is the first program where one of the National Presidents was unable to attend. However, she did send a representative. Overall attendance was good, as in past years.

Expenses for the program were:

250 printed programs, Times & News Publishing Co.	\$ 75.74
Wreath for National Organization	15.00
Music — 11th Penna. Fife & Drum Unit	35.00
Total	\$125.74

Costs of the mailing of letters, etc., was taken care of by the Pennsylvania Department and toll telephone calls by committee member Ivan E. Frantz. The letters, as written to the National Officers and the Pennsylvania Department Officers, were written for the two programs held that day. Namely, the afternoon Remembrance Day Program and the Dedication Day Dinner Program, held in the evening by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents' Association.

Those of us involved with the two programs, are most thankful to the many persons who came from such distant places to attend. We feel that the efforts put-forth are worthwhile and most rewarding. However, we are only human and would like to see several others within our membership help with this program.

Since the parade is before the program, we co-ordinate with the National Military Department and General Shriver, so that double effort is avoided and the two dovetail at the program site.

The Committee would recommend that an appropriation, not to exceed \$150.00, be made again for the 1973 program, on the 17th of November. Also, we recommend, that the afternoon speaker of the program be invited to attend the evening dinner program, as the guest of the National Organization. Should the speaker not be able to attend, then give a small token of some sort, with the committee implementing the choice.

Most fraternally yours,

Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Co-Chairman

George W. Long, Co-Chairman

Elton P. Koch, Co-Chairman

(A motion was made by PDC Charles Hooper of Massachusetts, seconded by PDC J. B. Johnson of Iowa, to accept the report as read.)

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: At this time may we receive the Resolutions as submitted to this Encampment. Will the National Secretary read the Resolutions at this time?

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver: Since many Resolutions were received regarding a change in Per-capita tax, I shall read only the names of those Departments for our Encampment Records rather than quoting word for word since they all reflect the lowering of the present tax amount. It would be costly to print each Resolution due to the length of some and the fact that the per-capita is determined by the Council of Administrations Budget Committee when they submit their report later at this Encampment for adoption.

The following Departments have expressed their request to lower the Per-capita Tax:

(Connecticut, Maine, New York, New England Regional, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Massachusetts)

The following Resolutions are herewith read to be turned over to the Committee on Resolutions:

TO RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

(Submitted by Brother Arthur Glenum, PDC, Md. Dept.)

Resolved: The Battle of Fort Stevens was the only battle of the Civil War that was fought within the District of Columbia and the only battle at which a President was present. While part of the fort is preserved in the memory of President Lincoln and the soldiers who defended the Capitol, 42 of which lost their lives in that battle, the rest of the fort is fastly deteriorating from the elements that use it for a playground.

Resolved: That the National Capitol Regional Park Service be requested to protect the area around the fort in general, as it was restored 25 years ago and also be given the same care that would be given or used on any great monument to preserve the dignity and respect, through a suitable enclosure that will encourage respect of visitors to observe the forts that defended the Capitol against General Early's attack.

Resolved: That the National Capitol Regional Park Service be requested to place markers or signs describing their relation with the fort in particular section where marked. Most of these places are over run with weeds and trash, etc. The second stanza above the forts were all marked, but the vandals in some manner did away with them.

National Archives — The main fact on the agenda is as follows: Abuse by public organizations, other types of organizations, foreigners and individuals, in fact, anyone who can get a permit it seems can walk in after showing his permit at the inner door, i. e., in the hallway and proceed to other portions of the building. You will note from some of the evidence that I have enclosed, that thefts have been in vogue for many years and have met with little or no resistance. At present there are several black organizations' writers of black history and these characters seem to take over the division on the fourth floor. It is most easy for them, as more than 90% are colored and employed in the micro film and the book vaults. They do not permit men to carry brief cases or packages into the rooms, but they do let women carry handbags. This is how so many records are stolen.

The above stanza is the same as applied to the Library of Congress. The thefts are greater, yet are of less value, mostly in the form of music. Often the leaves of books, which are of great value, are torn out, rather than a copy being made. Their object is to remove any/or destroy such as refer to the blacks in dialogue, comedy or words that reflect their weakness. As an example, 20 years they changed the words in Steven Foster songs, words relative to negro songs of the South. Such as, "Carry me back to old Virginia." They have used every effort, even to political pressure, to remove the song as a state song of Virginia, but did not have any success.

What intrigues the writer, is the fact that this stealing has been going on all this time and it seems no one makes any effort to clear up these crimes. It is unparalleled that such conditions could exist. I would sug-

gest that a resolution be made and sent to the proper organization, for a report on the above condition and what results have been or can be obtained.

RESOLUTION

Adopted by New Jersey Department

Pt. Pleasant, New Jersey

June 16, 1973

RESOLVED that we object to the trend to make long weekends of all historic anniversaries as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, etc. We feel that these dates should be observed throughout the nation on the dates of actual occurrence and no other day.

RESOLVED that we recommend a single National Primary in lieu of the scattered state primaries and the abolition of the Electoral College in our election system. We feel that the existing practice of holding individual state primaries prolongs unnecessarily the agony of such an election and that the Electoral college has proven itself a superfluous appendage and expense in our election system.

RESOLVED that of all the despicable creatures in the world, we believe the most evil, the most foul is the man or woman who sells illegal drugs to anyone, worst of all to young people. He destroys the minds and bodies of human beings, renders them helpless and incapable of a useful life and breaks the hearts and lives of their parents and loved ones. We urge more effective spending to wipe out this horrible national disease and the people who are responsible for it and condone it.

RESOLVED that we reaffirm our support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its dedicated work in exposing subversives, its relentless work in fighting the criminal element and its overall devotion to the principles of our nation.

RESOLVED that whereas the amount of interest paid to Camps by the National Organization on Life Memberships is \$5.00 yearly,

AND WHEREAS due to the recent increase of National Per Capita Tax to \$3 yearly, only \$2 remains to operate the Camps and Departments, most of which is forwarded to the Departments, leaving little or nothing for the Camps.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Encampment to be held in Palm Springs, California, in August, 1973, be requested to study this problem and correct the inequity to the Camps.

These resolutions were adopted unanimously by the New Jersey Department with the request that they be forwarded to the National Encampment in Palm Springs for consideration.

John J. Junge
Department Commander
Albert C. Lambert
Department Secretary-Treasurer

RESOLUTION

Adopted by the Pennsylvania Department

WHEREAS, many male United States citizens left this country in its hour of need and fled to Canada, Sweden and other foreign countries to escape military service in the United States Armed Forces; also,

some members of the United States Armed Forces deserted their duties and fled to other countries and/or did not fulfill their military obligations; and

WHEREAS, the many male citizens that failed or refused to register for the draft or refused induction into the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, to offer these persons amnesty under certain conditions or withhold judicial treatment is without precedent and is not in keeping with traditions of the past, which should not and must not be discarded. To reward them with complete freedom in face of the 55,000 who gave their lives defending the flag and to allow them to compete for jobs with the returning Vietnam veterans is unbearable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans in Encampment assembled, hereby oppose amnesty being granted without due course of the laws as applicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the National Organization's Encampment at Palm Springs, California, and to the Pennsylvania Department Headquarters of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Approved,

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman

Elton P. Koch

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Committee on Resolutions

June 19, 1973

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz

Department Secretary-Treasurer

RESOLUTION

Adopted by the Department of Wisconsin

For presentation at the 90th Encampment of the Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the second day of June, 1973.

WHEREAS the 91st Annual National Encampment approved by a divided vote and contrary to the recommendation of its Committee on Constitution and Regulations that eligibility for the office of Department Commander shall be restricted to those members who have served as a Camp Commander, and

WHEREAS this represents an artificial restriction that can work a distinct hardship on the smaller Departments with few Camps and low turnover, and

WHEREAS Departments of any size may wish to promote a member who possesses exceptional qualifications for the office of Department Commander, but who is ineligible for the honor solely because he has not served as a Camp Commander,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Wisconsin respectfully requests and urges that the 92nd National Encampment reconsider the question and delete the qualification that requires

a member to have served as a Camp Commander in order to be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander.

Burton E. Kannenberg
Department Commander

Attest:

Edward E. Biering
Department Secretary
June 2, 1973

RESOLUTION

Adopted by the Department of Pennsylvania

WHEREAS it has been noticed that fifty percent (50%) of the Camps in the Pennsylvania Department, and we believe the same condition exists in the other Departments also, have a membership of twelve (12) members or less, and

WHEREAS we believe the present filing of Department and Camp Quarterly Reports is therefore foolish, needless and expensive, resulting only in cluttering the files of the Department and National Secretaries; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we members of the 93rd Annual Pennsylvania Department Encampment assembled, recommend to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meeting in Palm Springs, Calif, that the "REGULATIONS" be changed to provide for the filing of "Semi-annual" reports, instead of Quarterly reports.

Approved:

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman
Elton P. Koch
Nelson P. Aspen, M.D.
Committee on Resolutions

June 19, 1973

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz
Dept. Secy-Treas.

Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brothers, this completes the reports of Officers and Standing Committees. Let us now begin with the reports of the Encampment Committees. Brother Stoudt. Are you prepared to give the Report of the Committee on Officers Reports?

Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt: Thank you Brother Yocum. The Committee on Officers Reports have met and reviewed all reports of the Officers and Standing Committees. And we wish to commend each for their splendid work. Each have told you of their efforts and the Committee wishes to congratulate them.

Several have offered to you, Recommendations for the good of the Order. Your Committee has discussed each on their merits and they are as follows: And I move you Commander-in-Chief, where there are no objections, the report of the Committee be concurred in. Seconded by many. Motion carried.

1. The Report of the Commander-in-Chief:

Recommendation No. 1—2—3—5 — Be referred to Budget Committee

Recommendation No. 4—Be referred to Military Affairs Committee

Recommendation No. 6—Approved

2. The Report of the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief:
Recommendation No. 1 — No action
3. The Report of the Secretary-Treasurer:
Recommendation No. 1 — Non-Approval
Recommendation No. 2 — Approval
4. The Report of the National Counselor:
Recommendation No. 1 — Approval
5. The National Registration Officer:
Recommendation No. 1 — Approval

This concludes the report of your Committee on Officers Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Leroy and your Committee for your fine report. Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to give their report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Your Committee has received many Resolutions from Departments regarding the lowering of the Per-Capita Tax. Your Committee does not feel that it is necessary to re-read them as each has been read to this Encampment by the National Secretary-Treasurer earlier in this Encampment. They have been turned over to the Budget Committee since it is their responsibility to establish the Per-Capita tax required to operate our Organization.

We do have Resolutions here from the following and offer the recommendations at the conclusion of each:

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(Submitted by Arthur L. Glenum, PDC, Maryland Department)

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Your Resolutions Committee concurs with this Resolution.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brothers. You have heard this report. Is there any objection? (Hearing none, the Commander-in-Chief sounded the gavel).

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, I rise not on object, but to ask if it would not be appropriate for our Order to send a letter to the proper individuals responsible to let them know of our interest and concern and to thank them for their efforts.

(Several Brothers voiced their approval of this suggestion.)

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brothers for your ideas. I will ask our National Secretary to send such letters of our concern. Brother Arnold, will you continue with your report?

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Adopted by New Jersey Department

Pt. Pleasant, New Jersey

June 16, 1973

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John J. Junge
Department Commander
Albert C. Lambert
Department Secretary-Treasurer

Your Committee wishes to concur in Paragraphs 1 thru 4 and refer Paragraph 5 (referring to interest paid on Life Memberships to Camps) to the Council of Administration.

(There being no objection, the report was concurred in.)

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Adopted by the Pennsylvania Department

WHEREAS, many male United States citizens left this country in its hour of need and fled to Canada, Sweden and other foreign countries to escape military service in the United States Armed Forces; also, some members of the United States Armed Forces deserted their duties and fled to other countries and/or did not fulfill their military obligations; and

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Approved,
 Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman
 Elton P. Koch
 Nelson P. Aspen, M.D.
 Committee on Resolutions

June 19, 1973

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz

Department Secretary-Treasurer

Your Committee concurs. No objection.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Arnold for the report of the Resolutions Committee. Is the Committee on Constitution and Regulations ready to submit their report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey: Your Committee has met and reviewed many important matters regarding our Order. But first may I remind you that the requirements for submitting changes in our Constitution and/or Regulations must be complied with prior to the time of the annual National Encampment.

On the Resolution received from the Pennsylvania Department regarding the changing of reporting per-capita tax from Quarterly to semi-annual, your Committee recommends disapproval.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I rise to offer the reasons for this change in that our overall membership in most Camps is declining. Would it not be more beneficial for them to send their Reports twice a year rather than four times a year? It seems to me that the Camp Secretaries would welcome less work and in most cases, members pay their dues once a year. I would like to move you non-concurrence with the report of the Committee. Seconded by PDC Edwin K. Kramer.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum called for a rising vote which resulted in 17 votes yes — 36 votes no. The motion was not carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: There is nothing which would prevent Camps from filing reports or paying per-capita twice a year. In fact, I know of several that are doing it for several years.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz: May I remind you that by continuing to file Quarterly, you can keep in closer connection between Camps and Departments. Especially since our Departments must mail the BANNER publication quarterly and our membership can be closer informed.

(On a voice vote called for by the Commander-in-Chief, the Report of the Committee was sustained.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: The following Resolution was read from the Department of Wisconsin regarding a member proposed for Department Commander, must first have served as a Camp Commander. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 4

For presentation at the 90th Encampment of the Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the second day of June, 1973.

WHEREAS, the 91st Annual National Encampment approved by a divided vote and contrary to the recommendation of its Committee on Constitution and Regulations that eligibility for the office of Department Commander shall be restricted to those members who have served as a Camp Commander, and

WHEREAS, this represents an artificial restriction that can work a distinct hardship on the smaller Departments with few Camps and low turnover, and

WHEREAS, Departments of any size may wish to promote a member who possesses exceptional qualifications for the office of Department Commander, but who is ineligible for the honor solely because he has not served as a Camp Commander,

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Wisconsin respectfully requests and urges that the 92nd National Encampment reconsider the question and delete the qualification that requires a member to have served as a Camp Commander in order to be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander.

Burton E. Kannenberg
Department Commander

Attest:

Edward E. Biering
Department Secretary
June 2, 1973

This Resolution was turned over from the Resolutions Committee in that it deals with the Regulation of our Order. Your Committee feels that this requirement be eliminated for a member to have served as Camp Commander to be eligible for election to the Office of Department Commander.

Your Committee reports approval (No objection)

The matter of distribution of the BANNER was referred to this Committee from the Report of the National Counselor. There is nothing we can incorporate in Regulations regarding this but at the time the decision was made for every member to receive a copy of the BANNER each quarter, the Department Secretaries were made responsible for seeing that the membership in each Department receives his copy. We therefore recommend no action. (No objection)

The final matter for the Committee on C. & R. was the writing of a new Regulation governing the SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE. In presenting this, we will submit a new Chapter IV which reads as follows:

CHAPTER IV

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

SECTION 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve shall constitute the authorized military feature of the Order. It shall include all military bodies of the Order with the exception that Camps may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp guard or unit for parade and

service under the auspices of the Camp with which such unit is associated.

SECTION 2. Effective 1 January 1975, to be eligible for membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve a person shall be a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the Women's Relief Corps.

SECTION 3. The Sons of Veterans Reserve as it now exists or may hereafter be organized shall be governed solely, except as herein stated, by the rules and regulations adopted or subsequently modified or amended by the National Military Affairs Committee upon approval by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with National or State laws or the Constitution, Regulations or general welfare of the Order.

SECTION 4. The combined units of the Reserve shall be known as the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. The National Military Department shall be divided into Districts geographically for administrative and command purposes. There shall be no military rank in the Reserve higher than a Brigadier General.

SECTION 5. The uniform and regulations shall conform as nearly as practicable to the less advanced U. S. Army regulations, preferably nearer to those of the Union Army during the period of the Civil War.

Your Committee recommends adoption of this new Regulation.

(There being no objection, it was declared approved)

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Commander-in-Chief, this constitutes all matters turned over to this Committee at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Rippey. As usual the Committee on C. & R. always has very important matters to consider and we wish to thank them for their efforts.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brothers, we are on good time for the disposition of our business. Does any Brother have any matters to bring up under the heading — Good of the Order?

Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt: I have just learned that the National Organization does not have flag stands to hold our Commandery-in-Chiefs Colors. Certainly this creates a problem at our various functions, even at Hotels where we meet in that they do not have stands large enough. We have received several donations here at this Encampment marked to be spent where needed. Could not the cost of a set of stands come from this money? I would like to move you that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to purchase a set for our use. Motion was seconded by Brother Harold E. Arnold.

Under questions on the motion, Brother Harold H. Gates, Delegate from the Department of California and Pacific (Commander of Camp No. 27) offered that he and his two sons would make a set of two (2) stands and present them to the National Organization.

A round of applause followed, Brother Stoudt and Brother Arnold withdrew their motion and Commander-in-Chief Yocum thanked Brother Gates and his Sons for their offer.

It is now nearly time for us to recess to send our Greetings Committee to our Auxiliary. With just a few minutes remaining, we have just time for one more report. May we have the Report of the Audit Committee of the Council of Administration?

Brother Robert J. Wolz, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

(Audit Committee)

We the undersigned, have received, reviewed and examined the Audit Report of the independent certified public accountant, who examined the books and records of the National Secretary-Treasurer, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973.

We hereby recommend approval at this Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Wolz, Chairman
Allen B. Howland

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Thank you Brother Wolz. Brothers, we will now recess until 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning. As soon as the Chaplain closes the Bible — will all Officers and Delegates proceed to the Auxiliary Meeting Room to form the Official Greeting Committee. Brother C. LeRoy Stoudt to be our spokesman.

Thursday, August 8, 1973

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brothers, we will now proceed with the business at hand and will be pleased in receiving our greetings Committees early this morning. Will the Guide escort into our sessions, the Encampment Greetings Committee consisting of PNP Beatrice Riggs, General Chairlady of the host Committee and Sister Catherine McCoy, PDP of the Auxiliary, Department of California and Pacific.

(The Encampment gave a rising vote of thanks and applause for the work of the host Committee. Response was given by P. C. in C. Norman R. Furman and Commander-in-Chief Yocum)

Upon leaving the Sons meeting room, the Greetings Delegation from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was escorted into the room. Included were National President Margaret Orr, Past National Presidents Harriet Eaton, Mabel Taylor, Winona Kahl, Marion Leech, Betty Mannalatos, Erma Landis and newly elected National President, Sister Della Richards.

Each gave a word of greetings and asked that all continue to keep the Grand Army family ever closer in fraternal bounds.

Response was given by Past Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman.

At this time the announcement of the winner of the U. S. Grant, III Membership Trophy was made to the Illinois Department with a percentage increase of 23.7%.

The Harold E. Arnold Membership Plaque to be presented to the Department for the highest total membership increase of 31 members was won by the Department of Illinois. No one was present to receive these awards. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief made the announcements as Membership Chairman for the year 1972-73.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brother Howland. Have you a report to give on the 100th Anniversary Fund project for this past year?

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Howland: I will not take your time to itemize by reading each contributor but will summarize by giving you the totals from each Department which is as follows:

Department of Connecticut	\$ 6.00
Department of New Jersey	35.00
Department of Ohio	5.00
Department of Maryland	5.00
Department of New York	12.00
Department of New Hampshire	1.00
Department of Pennsylvania	16.00
Department of Massachusetts	115.00
Department of Rhode Island	5.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$200.00

(A rising vote of thanks and applause was given to Brother Howland for his efforts in reaching this amount)

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: We are progressing very fine with our business this morning and I would like to call on the Budget Committee to give us their report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey: Your Budget Committee consisting of Brother Arnold, Brother Albert Lambert and Brother Chester Shriver spent a great deal of time and consideration this year in the preparation of the Budget. We have been mindful of

the request from many Departments to reduce the per-capita tax as well as the receipts of two contributions of \$250.00 and \$220.00 which are abnormal. We therefore submit the following report:

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Report of the Budget Committee

Year of 1973-74

RECEIPTS:

Per-capita Tax from 2,500 members at 55¢ / quarter = \$2.20 / year	\$ 5,500.00
Registration Fee from 65 members at \$2 each	130.00
Sale of Supplies	1,200.00
Auxiliary Gift	500.00
Refund from Fred H. Combs, Jr., The Banner	260.00
Arthur Glenum Contribution	250.00
Total Receipts	\$ 7,840.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commander-in-Chief Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Secretary-Treasurer Expense	1,000.00
Purchase of Supplies	1,100.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	400.00
Proceedings — 1973	750.00
C.P.A. Audit	325.00
Encampment Expense	500.00
The Banner	2,400.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Testimonial	200.00
Miscellaneous Expense	165.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 7,840.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM G.A.R. FUND:

Lincoln Memorial Expense	\$ 50.00
Lincoln Tomb Expense	350.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg	150.00
National Military Department, SVR	100.00
Wreath for Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
Student Scholarship	250.00
GAR Camp Fire Program Expense	200.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,125.00

Submitted by:

Joseph S. Rippey

Harold E. Arnold

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I might add that the proposed per-capita tax of .55 per member per quarter be effective with the last quarter ending December 31, 1973 due at National Headquarters January 1, 1974. This would coincide with the increased per-capita approved just one year ago to offset the cost of replenishing of supplies at that time.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brothers, you have heard this fine report. What is your pleasure?

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Howland: I move you Commander-in-Chief, we accept the Report of the Budget Committee as presented. Seconded by PDC Edwin K. Kramer, Pa. — Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: Brothers, we are nearing the completion of our business, before going into the nomination and Election of Officers. Has any Brother anything to offer at this time?

Hearing none, I would like to discharge all Floor Officers and Encampment Committees at this time with my sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

Will the Credential Committee render its final report at this time?

(The breakdown of those registered are as follows)

Commander-in-Chief	1
Past Commanders-in-Chief	6
Department Commanders	5
Past Department Commanders	21
Delegates	17
Registered-not present	17
TOTAL	67

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: At this time of our annual National Encampments it is customary for a motion to be entertained relative to the recording of the minutes of this meeting. Do I hear such a motion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert: I move you that the minutes of this Encampment recorded by the National Secretary, when approved by the National Secretary and Commander-in-Chief, shall constitute the official records of this Encampment.

Motion seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold — Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Yocum: There being no further business to come before this Encampment, I direct that we go into the nomination and election of Officers. Will the National Secretary call the roll?

(The Following Brothers were nominated)

Commander-in-Chief ... Allen B. Howland by Brother Eugene Russell, Mass. Dept. Cmdr.

Brother Russell read a letter from the Massachusetts Department endorsing Bro. Howland and praised him on his many years of work in the Mass. Dept.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief .. Chester Butler by J. Elmer Wohlgenuth, Cal. Dept. Treas.

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief .. Robert J. Wolz by P. C. in C. Norman R. Furman

Council of Administration (1 Member) .. Harold W. Arnold by P. C. in C. Joseph S. Rippey

Each of the nominees received many votes of seconding from Departments during the Roll Call of Departments.

A motion was made by P. C. in C. Lambert, Seconded by PDC McKee that where there was only one name placed in nomination, that the

National Secretary cast the Encampments total voting strength for each name in nomination. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Elect Howland chose the following Installing Officers:

Installing Officer ... Norman R. Furman, P. C. in C., New York
 Guide Edwin K. Kramer, P. D. C., Pennsylvania
 Chaplain Clarence J. Riddell, P. D. C., Pennsylvania

(The following Brothers were appointed to their respective Offices by Commander-in-Chief Elect Howland:)

National Counselor Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey
 National Chief of Staff C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania
 National Patriotic Instructor Richard Greenwalt, Ohio
 National Chaplain John J. Junge, New Jersey
 National Historian Charles W. Hooper, Sr., Massachusetts
 National Graves Registration Officer Harry Furman, New York
 National G. A. R. Highway Officer H. Raymond Worth, Indiana
 National District of Columbia Representative ... Arthur L. Glenum,
 Maryland
 Personal Aide William W. Haskell, Massachusetts

The Officers elected and appointed were duly obligated at the Altar and escorted to their stations. Present for this ceremony was the wife of the Commander-in-Chief elect and Sister Jessie Wells, newly elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Also present was a large delegation of the Auxiliary from the Massachusetts Department.

Commander-in-Chief Elect Allen B. Howland was escorted to the Commanders Station with applause by all present.

The Past Commanders-in-Chief Jewel was presented to Past Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum by P. C. in C. C. Leroy Stoudt of Pennsylvania.

The Past Commanders-in-Chief lapel button was presented to Brother Yocum as a gift from P. C. in C. Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief Howland called upon each of his Officers who responded with their pledge of support during the coming year.

A motion was made by Bro. C. L. Stoudt, Seconded by Bro. Harold Arnold that this Encampment be adjourned. Motion carried.

The Encampment was thereupon closed in ritualistic form.

Chester S. Shriver
 National Secretary-Treasurer

1973 ENCAMPMENT ROLL

(NP - Registered, Not Present)

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

Chester J. Butler, D.C.	Kenneth H. Greely, P.D.C.
Joseph F. Collins, Dele.	George Lountzen, Dele.
D. Curtis W. Fisher, Dele.	Howard T. Paine, Dele.
David H. Gates, Dele.	Harold H. Rogers, P.D.C.
Harold H. Gates, Dele.	Harry Simonian, Dele.
Thomas P. Gates, Dele.	J. Elmer Wohlgemuth, P.D.C.
Donald C. Greely, Dele. (NP)	

CONNECTICUT

James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C.

ILLINOIS

George L. Cashman, P.C. in C. (NP)

INDIANA

Ivan Dean Lancaster, D.C. H. Raymond Worth, Dele.

IOWA

J. B. Johnson, P.D.C. J. Paul Roney, Dele.

MARYLAND

William A. Davis, P.D.C. (NP)

MASSACHUSETTS

William W. Haskell, P.C. in C. (NP)	Allen B. Howland, P.D.C.
Charles W. Hooper, Sr., P.D.C.	Eugene Russell, D.C.
	William C. Rule, P.D.C. (NP)

NEW JERSEY

Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C. in C. (NP)	Louis A. Moushey, Dele.
Percy C. Davenport, Dele.	John H. Nelson, Dele.
Kenneth Ekstrand, Dele.	Alton Sharp, P.D.C.
Albert C. Lambert, P.C. in C.	William W. Vanderhoof, Jr. P.D.C.

NEW YORK

Norman R. Furman, P.C. in C.	John G. Kernam, P.D.C.
Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C.	Joseph S. Rippey, P.C. in C.
Bertram Isaacs, P.D.C.	Robert Wagoner, D.C.

OHIO

Robert Austin, P.D.C. (NP)	Robert C. Wolz, D.C. (NP)
Richard Greenwalt, P.D.C.	Robert J. Wolz, P.D.C.
Erret Nile, Dele. (NP)	

OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Lew W. McKee, P.D.C.

PENNSYLVANIA

Theodore Dissinger, Sr., P.D.C. (NP)	George William Long, P.D.C.
Goodling Dugan, Dele. (NP)	Thomas A. Monahan, Jr., D.C.
Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Dele. (NP)	Herman A. Poehler, Sr., Dele. (NP)
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C. in C. (NP)	Clarence J. Riddell, P.D.C.
William C. Jones, P.D.C.	Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C.
Edwin K. Kramer, P.D.C.	William L. Simpson, Dele.
Ivan M. Landis, Dele.	C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C. in C.
	John C. Yocum, P.D.C.

RHODE ISLAND

Harold E. Arnold, P.C. in C.	George A. Strait, P.D.C. (NP)
Earl T. Hinz, Sr., P.D.C. (NP)	Earl T. Hintz, Jr. P.D.C. (NP)

WISCONSIN

Herman T. Black, P.D.C. (NP)	Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C. (NP)
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COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 9, 1973

The Council of Administration meeting of the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR was held at the close of the 92nd Annual National Encampment, in the Headquarters Suite, Riviera Hotel and Country Club, Palm Springs, California at 2:00 p.m. Those present were as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	Allen B. Howland
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Chester J. Butler
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Robert J. Wolz
Council of Administration member	John C. Yocum
Council of Administration member	Harold E. Arnold
Council of Administration member	Joseph S. Rippey
National Counselor	Albert C. Lambert
National Secretary-Treasurer	Chester S. Shriver

1. The National Secretary-Treasurer read the minutes of the meeting of August 5, 1973. On a motion by Brother Joseph S. Rippey, seconded by Brother Robert J. Wolz, they were approved as read.

2. Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr., was named Editor of the BANNER for the year 1973-1974. This action on a motion by Brother John C. Yocum, Seconded by Brother Harold E. Arnold. Motion carried.

3. A goal of \$1,200.00 was agreed upon by all Council Members present, for the National Patriotic Instructor.

4. The income from the Wellington Fund investments, was directed to the Permanent Fund for year 1973-74. This action on a motion by Brother Harold E. Arnold, seconded by Brother Robert J. Wolz. Motion carried. As a followup, the matter of a possible placing of the income in Bank Savings at a guaranteed interest. This matter was left in the hands of Brothers Chester S. Shriver, Albert C. Lambert and Joseph S. Rippey to check with various Banks and to be discussed at the 1974 National Encampment.

5. The dues payable to Camps on Life Memberships, payable effective for the year 1974, was established at \$6.00 (an increase from \$5.00). This action by motion by Brother Arnold, seconded by Brother Wolz. Motion carried.

6. The matter of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC Proceedings in storage in the Headquarters of the Massachusetts Department at Brockton, was brought onto the floor by Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland, regarding future storage, etc. Brother Joseph S. Rippey suggested that they do contain great historic records and are of great value. It was further discussed that one (1) copy of each should be presented to the National Archives in Washington, D. C. Also suggested that certain Colleges or Universities could retain them for educational references. Finally, those present were hopeful that the time would come when a permanent depository would be established, perhaps a Library or Museum.

7. CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3, MEMBERSHIP (Full text now reads as follows) "Departments and Camps may establish Associates, provided that the number of Associate Members in any Camp shall not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization can business be transacted if the number of Associate Members in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent of the total attendance then present at said meeting. Said Associates must be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War."

Approved by action of 91st National Encampment, Phila., Pa. 1972;

Approved by action of the required number of Departments at their Department Encampments in 1973.

Allen B. Howland
Commander-in-Chief

Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

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