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OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
AT THE  
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT PITTSBURGH, PA.,  
OCTOBER 18, 1882,  
AND  
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION AT COLUMBUS, O.,  
AUGUST 6, 1883,  
TOGETHER WITH  
A COMPLETE ROSTER OF THE OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1883,  
GENERAL ORDERS, Etc.

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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
PITTSBURGH, PA., Oct. 18, 1882.

Pursuant to orders issued by Col. H. T. Rowley, Provisional Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, the Commandery assembled at the headquarters of Davis Camp, No. 1, and organized by electing Major John A. Wood, of Garfield Camp No. 3, temporary chairman, and Major John H. Sieferth, of Davis Camp, No. 1, temporary secretary.

Representatives present:

Col. Charles M. Morton and I. B. Stanton, of New York.

W. C. Wikoff and W. R. Byers, of Ohio.

Col. H. T. Rowley, Maj. John A. Wood, Maj. John H. Sieferth and Lieut. H. W. Wilker, of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Capt. W. C. Wikoff, it was resolved that the provisional officers of the Commandery-in-Chief be made the permanent officers until the regular election.

Captain Wikoff also moved that the rules adopted for the government of the provisional organization be made the rules governing the Commandery-in-Chief, excepting New York.

Bro. Stanton moved to amend the motion, so as to place New Jersey on the same footing as New York (on the minutes).

Amendment accepted, and motion and amendment adopted.

Colonel Morton moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock P. M., and the first business to be transacted at the evening session be that of fixing the revenue to be paid to the Commandery-in-Chief by the several Camps thereof. Carried.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Col. H. T. Rowley presiding and Lieut. H. W. Wilker as secretary.

Colonel Morton offered the following resolution, which was upon motion adopted :

*Resolved*, That a charter fee of ten dollars be charged against each Camp now working under the system of Ritual and Rules as originated by Western Pennsylvania, and that a notice of this action be forwarded to the respective Commanders of the various Camps, and that they be instructed to forward immediately to the Quartermaster General the above-named sum. This sum shall entitle the various Camps to a Charter, the necessary number of Rituals, and samples of blanks required to organize a Camp.

On motion, the Unwritten Work (signs, grips, etc.), as illustrated by Brother Stanton, was adopted.

Colonel Morton moved that the per capita tax be fixed at fifteen cents per year, until the next annual meeting. Carried.

Colonel Morton moved that bonds to the amount of \$1,000 (to bear six per cent. interest) be issued in sums of from ten dollars to twenty-five dollars each, by the Commander-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief (provided that they see fit to do so), in order to relieve the Commandery of any indebtedness that may be incurred.

Brother Stanton moved that we now go into nomination and election of officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

The following officers were nominated and elected :

- COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, . . . . . H. T. ROWLEY, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- LIEUT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, . . . CHARLES DURFEE, Decatur, Ill.
- VICE LIEUT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, W. C. WIKOFF, Columbus, O.
- CHIEF OF STAFF, . . . . . WALTER E. MORRIS, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The following were nominated and elected Council-in-Chief, with power for the Commander-in-Chief to add three more:

- JOHN A. WOOD, . . . . . McKeesport, Pa.
- JOHN VOGT, . . . . . Pittsburgh, Pa.
- JOHN H. SIEFERTH, . . . . . Pittsburgh, Pa.
- CHARLES SCHOULAN, . . . . . Allegheny, Pa.
- F. N. ARBOGAST, . . . . . Pittsburgh, Pa.
- W. R. BYERS, . . . . . Columbus, O.
- F. D. MITCHELL, . . . . . New York.
- PHIL KLOEBER, . . . . . New York.
- A. L. BODA, . . . . . Columbus, O.
- W. J. MASKELL, . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
- J. B. SHAW, JR., . . . . . LaFayette, Ind.
- D. M. BANGS, . . . . . Waterville, Me.

General Rowley then announced the following staff appointments:

ADJUTANT GENERAL, . . . . . H. W. WILKER, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, . . . . . F. N. ARBOGAST, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 INSPECTOR GENERAL, . . . . . I. D. STANTON, Amsterdam, N. Y.  
 JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, . . . . . CHAS. CHENOWITH, Chicago, Ill.  
 CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF, . . . . . M. R. BYERS, Columbus, O.

Colonel Morton moved that we now go into nomination for selecting the next place of meeting for the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

On motion, duly seconded, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief be held in New York City, the time of meeting to be announced in future orders.

Colonel Morton then moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet between the 10th and 20th of August, 1883, the exact time to be promulgated by General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Carried.

The following telegram was then read :

CHICAGO, ILL., October 18, 1882.

COL. HARRY T. ROWLEY, *Pittsburgh, Pa.* :

Greetings! Success crown labors of Commandery Sons of Veterans!  
 May prosperity follow under your guidance. W. J. MASKELL.

On motion, adjourned.

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adjutant General.*

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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
COLUMBUS, O., August 6, 1883.

Pursuant to orders issued by Commander-in-Chief H. T. Rowley, the Commandery assembled at headquarters of Governor Dennison Camp, No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, on August 6, 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

Commander-in-Chief, in taking the chair, appointed Bro. John J. Miller, of Trenton, N. J., as acting Adjutant General.

The meeting was then opened in due form.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three on credentials be appointed. Carried.

The following brothers were appointed by the chair to serve on said committee, viz: H. L. Wright, Auburn, Me.; W. E. Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio; W. E. Morris, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Credentials then held a meeting and reported the following brothers entitled to vote according to their respective States:

**MAINE.**—Col. S. M. Heath, P. D. C., Col. F. P. Merrill, D. C., Capt. H. L. Wright, Brevet-Col. W. Eldridge.

**MASSACHUSETTS.**—Col. F. J. Bradford, D. C., Capt. Charles L. Brown, J. B. Maccabe.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE.**—Col. Frank H. Challis, D. C.

**VERMONT.**—Capt. Wells Valentine.

**CONNECTICUT.**—Col. William H. Pierpont, D. C.

**NEW YORK.**—Col. C. B. Westbrook, Col. John M. Straup.

**NEW JERSEY.**—Col. C. Crawford, D. C., J. J. Miller.

**WEST PENNSYLVANIA.**—Gen. H. T. Rowley, P. D. C., Col. H. W. Orth, P. D. C., Col. J. A. Wood, J. H. Seiferth, W. H. Davis, W. E. Morris.

**EAST PENNSYLVANIA.**—E. W. Alexander, P. D. C., J. H. Closson, P. D. C., R. M. J. Reed, P. D. C., Capt. E. J. Thornton, C. C. Morton, W. W. Franklin, J. S. Stewart.

**DELAWARE.**—Col. R. H. Brown, D. C., — McCracken.

**MARYLAND.**—Gen. W. E. W. Ross, G. D. C., Capt. H. C. Grove.

OHIO.—Gen. W. C. Wikoff, Col. W. R. Byers, Col. E. H. Gilkey, D. C.,  
 Capt. Ed. Vincent, C. M. Cott.  
 MICHIGAN.—Warren W. Brainerd, H. Hodges, D. C.  
 WISCONSIN.—Col. J. A. Fletcher, D. C.  
 INDIANA.—G. M. Allen, D. C., W. H. Armstrong, P. D. C., J. E.  
 Edmunson.  
 ILLINOIS.—R. W. Smith, P. D. C., Gen. W. J. Maskell, G. D. C., W. C.  
 McReynolds, P. D. C., J. Mayo Palmer.  
 MINNESOTA.—E. E. Taylor, W. H. H. Taylor.  
 MISSOURI.—Col. Aug't Saltzman, D. C., Capt. C. A. Windmuller, Capt. J.  
 G. Schneider.  
 NEBRASKA.—Col. M. F. Waite, P. D. C., Col. S. W. Coglizer, D. C., Maj.  
 H. G. Clark, E. French.  
 KANSAS.—John E. Jenkins, D. C., R. W. Jenkins, P. D. C.  
 COLORADO.—F. E. Brown, Gen. A. V. Bohn.  
 IOWA.—Col. W. T. Wilkinson, D. C., Sydney Pryne.

The Committee respectfully suggest that the votes be taken by States ;  
 that the Division Commanders cast said votes as designated by the  
 Delegates present, and in the event there is no division representative,  
 the said votes to be cast by the Commander of the Grand Division of  
 which said represented State is a part.

H. L. WRIGHT,  
 E. H. GILKEY,  
 W. E. MORRIS,

*Committee on Credentials.*

The minutes of the last meeting held at Pittsburgh were then read  
 and approved.

The following committees were then announced by the chair :

*Committee on Credentials.*—C. C. Morton, Philadelphia, Pa. ; W. R.  
 Byers, Columbus, O. ; H. L. Wright, Auburn, Me. ; R. M. J. Reed,  
 Philadelphia, Pa. ; John J. Miller, Trenton, N. J.

*Committee on Reports of Officers.*—W. C. Wikoff, Columbus, O. ; W. E.  
 Morris, Pittsburgh, Pa. ; Ed. M. Amies, Altoona, Pa. ; Fred. J. Brad-  
 ford, Lowell, Mass. ; F. H. Challis, Manchester, N. H.

*Committee on Commandery and Grand Divisions.*—J. B. Maccabe, Boston,  
 Mass. ; W. R. Byers, Columbus, O. ; John H. Seiferth, Pittsburg, Pa. ;  
 Ed. J. Thornton, Philadelphia, Pa. ; Severn B. Sharp, Lake Village, N. H.

*Committee on Division and By-Laws.*—E. H. Gilkey, Columbus, O. ; J.  
 H. Closson, Philadelphia, Pa. ; A. H. Saltzman, St. Joseph, Mo. ; Frank  
 P. Merrill, Auburn, Me. ; S. W. Coglizer, Weeping Water, Neb.

*Committee on Camp Constitution and By-Laws.*—J. W. Alexander, Phil-  
 adelphia, Pa. ; H. F. Baker, Trenton, N. J. ; Miles W. Ross, Baltimore,  
 Md. ; H. M. E. Flint, Philadelphia, Pa. ; W. H. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.

*Committee on General Rules and Regulations.*—C. E. Crawford, Camden,  
 N. J. ; Ed. M. Amies, Altoona, Pa. ; W. W. Franklin, Lancaster, Pa. ;  
 Frank P. Merrill, Auburn, Me. ; John A. Wood, McKeesport, Pa.

*Committee on Rituals.*—A. H. Saltzman, St. Joseph, Mo. ; W. J. Mas-  
 kell, Chicago, Ill. ; H. A. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa. ; Ed. J. Thornton,  
 Philadelphia, Pa. ; H. L. Wright, Auburn, Me.

*Committee on Unwritten Work.*—W. S. Eldridge, Auburn, Me. ; E. H.  
 Gilkey, Columbus, O. ; J. B. Maccabe, East Boston, Mass. ; Charles M.  
 Cott, Columbus, O. ; W. H. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Moved and seconded that the Convention adjourn, to meet again at 2 P. M.

Adjourned till 2 P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Meeting called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

Report of Gen. William J. Maskell, of the Third Grand Division, read and referred to the proper committee, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS THIRD GRAND DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS, }  
CHICAGO, ILL., August 4, 1883. }

*Gen. H. T. Rowley, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans of the United States, Greeting:*

SIR—I have the honor to report that at the last annual meeting of the Sons of Veterans, held at Pittsburgh one year ago, the territory which comprised the Third Grand Division had not within its limits one Camp of the Order, and when I was commissioned and assigned to the command by the Commandery-in-Chief it seemed to me a herculean task to work and preach up the doctrine of our Order, and to locate Camps among a disinterested people. But the duty was assigned me, the work had to be done, and with a cheerful heart I assumed command and at once my missiles of warfare drifted far and beyond my immediate surroundings; and though many of those missiles fell on barren ground, I faltered not in my mission, but procured new seed and again sent it far and near, this time to be rewarded with a remunerative crop of "Sons," which is now and in the near future the staunch and solid bulwark of the Order within the territory I have the honor to command. I must here make mention that while the older Eastern States had good material for Camps, I found in the Western States that the old soldiers there residing came there since 1865, and not until then, or years after, did those old soldiers contemplate the idea of raising Sons of Veterans to perpetuate their memories. Therefore I have to report that material for our Camps are principally young, and the growth of Camps retarded thereby. But the work must be done. It is done, and in districts where Camps were not located six months ago, the change is as follows:

Camps in each State, and with applications pending for Charters in each State: Illinois, 4 camps; Nebraska, 3 camps; Kansas, 5 camps; Minnesota, 3 camps; Michigan, 1 camp; Indiana, 3 camps; Missouri, 2 camps; Wisconsin, 3 camps; Iowa, 1 camp; Kentucky, 1 camp. Making a total of 26 camps.

The present condition of the Order in the Third Grand Division is both pleasant and satisfactory, and much credit is due to Col. M. F. Waite and Col. S. W. Coglizer of Nebraska, Col. Aug. Saltzman of Missouri, Col. R. W. Jenkins of Kansas, and many other well known brothers who are officers in the Sons of Veterans.

I hope to be able to report one year hence one hundred Camps in addition to the numbers mentioned in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MASKELL,  
*Commander Third Grand Division.*



It was then moved and seconded that the Commandery go into election of officers to serve for the ensuing year. Carried.

Bro. Frank P. Merrill, of Auburn, Maine, was then nominated for Commander-in-Chief, and there being no other nomination the Adjutant was instructed to cast the ballot, and Bro. Frank P. Merrill was declared elected.

There were two nominations for Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief, namely: Bro. W. C. Wikoff and Bro. August Saltzman. Bro. Wikoff withdrew and the Adjutant was instructed to cast the ballot, and Bro. Saltzman was declared elected.

There being no other nominations, the Adjutant was instructed to cast the ballot, and Bro. Charles C. Morton, of Philadelphia, was declared elected Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief.

There being no other nomination for Chief-of-Staff, the Adjutant cast the vote, and Bro. H. L. Wright, of Auburn, Maine, was declared elected.

Moved and seconded that election of Council-in-Chief be deferred until Tuesday morning, August 7th. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Bro. E. H. Gilkey be declared by dispensation a Past Division Commander. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to consider the claims of certain brothers to brevet rank. Carried, and Bros. J. R. Woods, Frank P. Merrill and W. E. Morris were appointed to serve on the committee.

On motion, it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief in Philadelphia, subject to the call of the Commander-in-Chief.

On motion, seconded and carried that one of the brothers from the East exemplify the unwritten work for the benefit of the brothers present. Brother Seiferth then went through the forms in the presence of the Commander-in-Chief.

Moved and seconded that the meeting now adjourn, to meet at 8 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, August 7th.

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TUESDAY, August 7th, 9:45 A. M.

Meeting called to order, with Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief W. C. Wikoff in the chair.

Meeting opened with prayer by Chaplain-in-Chief W. R. Byers.

Report of General Ross, commanding Second Grand Division, read and ordered placed on the minutes, as follows:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 6, 1883.

*To the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America:*

SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor to report the following operations in the Second Grand Division.

By your direction I assumed command of this Grand Division January 16, 1883, and issued General Orders No. 1, directing all Camps within this Grand Division to report to me for enrollment at headquarters. In response to this order, Col. David Lanning, of Ohio, reported Dennison Camp No. 1, of Columbus, and Ben Fearing, of Marietta. Colonel Orth, of Pittsburgh, reported five Camps in the Western Division of Pennsylvania; these were the only Camps organized, and I immediately entered into correspondence with prominent Grand Army of the Republic comrades in the several States, and asked their assistance and co-operation in extending the Order. The result has been most gratifying, and we now have ninety-seven Camps with a membership of 4,470.

Upon my accession to office, I found an opposition organization of the Sons of Veterans with the following Camps: Thirty in Pennsylvania, three in Delaware, two in Maryland, three in Ohio and two in New Jersey. With the exception of a few Camps in Massachusetts, this organization was confined exclusively to the States within the Second Grand Division. Upon inquiry I found the greatest dissatisfaction existing in the Camps of this Order, and by correspondence with the Division Colonels I found nearly all anxious to sever their connection with the Order in which they were working, and attach themselves to the national organization, and in April, assisted by Bro. John A. Rodrigo, I mustered into the National Commandery the Division of New Jersey, with three Camps, which has since increased to nine. Twenty-four Camps of the Division of Pennsylvania formally withdrew from the opposition, and were mustered into the Commandery-in-Chief, to which has been added twenty-six new Camps, making fifty in all, with a membership of over 3,000. One Camp withdrew from the opposition in Maryland, to which one more Camp has been added. One withdrew from Ohio, to which sixteen new Camps have been added, making nineteen in all. The Delaware Division withdrew in a body, and are now awaiting muster into this Commandery. Four Camps have been added to the Western Division of Pennsylvania. Eight Camps have been organized in New York, and two in the Division of the Potomac; and all are in a thriving and prosperous condition. My thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Brevet Col. R. M. J. Reed, of Pennsylvania; Col. James H. Closson, of Pennsylvania; Brev. Col. John A. Rodrigo, of New Jersey; Lieut. Col. John J. Miller, of Pennsylvania; Col. Robert Crawford, of New Jersey; Col. R. H. Brown and Adjutant McCracken, of Delaware; and Gen. W. C. Wick-off, of Ohio, for valuable services in their respective Divisions.

Through General Orders, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic extended an invitation to the representatives of both branches of the Sons of Veterans to be present at Denver, Col., on the occasion of the annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at that place, July 25, 26 and 27, for the purpose of uniting under one head. In compliance with this invitation, representatives

of this Commandery-in-Chief from the Divisions of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Maine, Connecticut, Kansas, Rhode Island, Colorado, Ohio and New York appeared before the committee on the Commander-in-Chief's address, consisting of Comrades Clark, Department Commander of Ohio; William Warren, Department Commander of Missouri; Comrades Harper, of Pennsylvania; Valentine, of Vermont, and Puterbaugh, of Illinois, and laid before them the Rituals and National Rules and Regulations of this Commandery-in-Chief, which were approved, and, on motion of Comrade Harper, a resolution was prepared and unanimously adopted by the committee recommending that the G. A. R. recognize and encourage this branch of the Order known as "The Sons of Veterans of the United States of America." This resolution was unanimously adopted by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The committee's report was based upon the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief in his address, as follows:

"They (Sons of Veterans) should harmonize. If their proper officers do not appear here and coalesce, this Encampment should recognize one branch or the other." The action of the Grand Army removes one of the greatest obstacles to our success, and we should extend a cordial invitation to our brothers of the other branch to join with us and assist in placing our Order in the front rank of social and charitable organizations, and every effort should be made to deserve the high compliment conferred upon us by the G. A. R. Many Camps in process of formation have been holding off, awaiting the decision of the National Encampment, that will now join us, and Division and Grand Division Commanders should use every exertion to extend the Order until every State is organized and mustered into this Commandery-in-Chief.

Very respectfully,

WM. E. W. ROSS,

*Commanding Second Grand Division.*

Report of Brev. Maj. Gen. I. S. Bangs, of the First Grand Division, read and accepted:

HEADQUARTERS FIRST GRAND DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS, }  
WATERVILLE, MAINE, July 16, 1883. }

*H. W. Wilker, A. A. G.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor to submit the following report:

I assumed command of this Grand Division October 22, 1882. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say I did so with great reluctance, as I had no knowledge of the status of the Order, none of the Order itself, save of its objects and principles as indicated in its Constitution and Laws. I had no conception of the magnitude of my self-imposed task or I should never have accepted its responsibilities. My last official act before leaving for Denver and the National Convention of the G. A. R. is the writing of this report, and it must necessarily be brief, for the business incident to the settlement of my losses by the burning of my mill on the 3d inst. demands every moment up to the hour of my departure.

Upon assuming the duties of my office I immediately made an appeal to comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic for aid in establishing Camps, and for advice in the appointment of officers. I

was moderately successful from the first, and without dwelling upon the difficulties and discouragements I have encountered. I present to you the First Grand Division, well organized in five of the New England States, operating harmoniously, with one permanent and four provisional Divisions, comprising at this writing twenty-nine Camps, and nearly 1,400 members, and entirely out of debt. Personally, in my zeal, I trusted everybody for anything ordered, and am patiently waiting the convenience of officers and Camps for quite a large sum of money. I would gratefully acknowledge the assistance so cheerfully rendered by my friends of the Grand Army of the Republic, by my comrades who were strangers even, who have, through love of their Order, earnestly desired to see its principles and objects perpetuated in this kindred organization. Without this assistance all my efforts would have been futile. I firmly believe the strength of our Order lies in the provision so wisely inserted in our organic law, of inviting the co-operation and personal supervision of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As great cycles of time have marked the rise and fall of nations, leaving the names and history of their great and good men as beacon lights to guide the world to a higher civilization and greater liberty, so will the presence in our Camps of these loyal citizen soldiers who saved our country from disunion and our flag from dishonor, to teach their sons to respect them living, to revere their memory dead, to teach them that the freedom of thought and of speech, the freedom of birth and of inheritance is handed down to them on the points of their fathers' good swords.

I present the permanent Division of Maine, most efficiently organized and officered, with fourteen flourishing Camps, commanded by an officer of large and varied experience, whose name is a tower of strength to the Order in the Dirigo State. I present to you the New Hampshire Division with seven excellent Camps, commanded by the son of a Past Department Commander, thoroughly qualified in every respect. I present to you the Vermont Division with its four Camps, its Colonel a physician of distinction, and a lecturer in the State Medical College.

I present to you the Division of the old Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with three Camps that have cost me more labor, prudence and charity than all the other Camps in New England, with a young man of most exemplary character and energy at its head.

I present to you Connecticut and Rhode Island, with their Camps present and prospective, in which State we are indebted to Grand Army of the Republic comrades for all that has been accomplished.

This record is not a brilliant one, but it must stand as my initial effort. Whatever the result, I have wrought with fidelity, indefatigably.

I have aimed at results rather than elaboration of red tape and assumption of authority. I have been Commander, Assistant Adjutant General, A. Q. M. General, all in one.

I have written more than 2,000 pages like these, have distributed more than 30,000 blanks and circulars, and many hundreds of badges, ribbons, etc,

None but myself can ever know the many ways in which I am indebted to the Mentor of our Order and its founder, the indefati-

gable, devoted Major A. P. Davis, and to General Ross, commanding the Second and Third Grand Divisions, for words of advice, encouragement and hope—for suggestions of value so material to my success.

The establishment of this grand Order upon a permanent basis, requires ability and energy in a marked degree.

Let us, brothers, build our foundation deep and broad, cement it by brotherly love, and upon that place a superstructure that shall do honor to the fathers of our Republic.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. BANGS,

*Brevet Major General, Commanding.*

Gen. H. T. Rowley then made a statement, saying that the Order was in a prosperous condition, that it was entirely free from debt except a few accounts due brothers in the Order.

General Ross then offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

*Resolved*, That hereafter all recommendations to the Commandery-in-Chief for brevet promotions or the conferring of brevet rank or past honors, shall emanate from Division or Grand Division Encampments, and shall contain the following information in writing: Name; age and occupation of the candidate; name and number of Post of G. A. R. or Camp of Sons of Veterans; highest rank held in G. A. R., Camp, or active service; full statement of the reasons for asking the conferring of brevet rank, and shall be signed officially by the Commander and Adjutant of the Division from which the recommendation comes.

*Resolved*, That all officers holding brevet rank and now commanding Divisions and Grand Divisions of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America in process of formation, who shall serve their full term or until a permanent Division or Grand Division shall have been formed, shall select the Camps to which they desire to be attached, and placed upon the roll of the several Divisions in which they reside, as Past Division or Past Grand Commander: *Provided*, That nothing in these resolutions shall be construed as granting to honorary members of the Sons of Veterans the right to vote in their Camps or Commandery-in-Chief.

Report of Committee on Brevet Rank read and adopted:

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:*

BROTHERS—Your committee would recommend that the following brevet ranks be conferred:

Dr. W. S. Eldridge, Brigadier General.  
 Col. E. H. Gilkey, Brigadier General.  
 Gen. A. P. Davis, Past Commander in-Chief.  
 Col. R. M. J. Reed, Brigadier General.  
 W. W. Wharton, Major.  
 Maj. H. F. Spicer, Lieutenant-Colonel.  
 Carl Bancroft, Brigadier General.  
 Col. J. N. Closson, Brigadier General.  
 Col. M. F. Waite, Past Division Commander.  
 Brig.-Gen. D. P. Field, Major General.  
 W. H. Armstrong, Past Division Commander.

Philip Cheek, Past Division Commander.

And all past elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, with the exception of Lieutenant Commander in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted by this committee.

JOHN A. WOOD,  
FRANK P. MERRILL,  
WALTER E. MORRIS.

Report of Committee on Rituals suggesting changes read and adopted, as follows :

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 7, 1883.

*To the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America :*

We, the undersigned, your Committee on Rituals, have the honor to report that we have examined a new ritual printed by Merrill & Moore, at Auburn, Me., as official June 1st, 1883, and a revised edition, and respectfully recommend the approval and adoption thereof, with the exception of a part of the charge to the Brother Surgeon elect, being all after the word "competent," in fifth line in said charge, and place in lieu thereof the following, to-wit:

I charge you, therefore, to the best of your skill and ability, to attend a sick brother with a fraternal spirit when called upon, that he may be retained to us to assist us in the noble work and objects for which we have organized ourselves."

Further, that said Merrill & Moore be authorized to publish the same for the use of the Order.

Further, that the rituals shall contain a certificate signed by the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant General of its official character.

AUG'T SALTZMAN.  
E J. THORNTON.  
W. J. MASKELL.  
H. L. WRIGHT.

The Adjutant was instructed to cast the ballot for Council-in-Chief, there being no opposition, and the following were chosen :

HERBERT A GOSS,	. . . . .	Maine.
FRANK H. CHALLIS,	. . . . .	New Hampshire.
J. M. MACCABE,	. . . . .	Massachusetts.
ED. J. THORNTON,	. . . . .	Pennsylvania.
JOHN A. WOODS,	. . . . .	Pennsylvania.
EDGAR R. VINCENT,	. . . . .	Ohio.
GEO. M. ALLEN,	. . . . .	Indiana.
H. C. WINDMULLER.	. . . . .	Missouri.
B. F. RISK,	. . . . .	Illinois.
F. E. BROWN,	. . . . .	Colorado.
F. H. STORAH,	. . . . .	Maine.
WELLS VALENTINE,	. . . . .	Vermont.
S. ELLIS RIPLEY,	. . . . .	Maine.
A. S. LIBBY,	. . . . .	Maine.
H. F. BAKER,	. . . . .	New Jersey.

Moved and seconded that Merrill & Moore be instructed to print copies of these minutes for distribution among the various Camps.

It was then moved and seconded that the Past Commander-in-Chief proceed and install the officers elect. General Ross, by the request of General Rowley, then, by the form used, installed the said officers.

The Commander-in-Chief then announced the following appointments, and stated that the vacancies not then filled would be filled in General Orders:

- ADJUTANT GENERAL, . . . . . FRED L. EDGECOMB, Auburn, Me.
- QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, . . . . . JOHN C. BLAKE, Auburn, Me.
- JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, . . . . . EDMUND M. AMIES, Altoona, Pa.
- INSPECTOR GENERAL, . . . . . E. H. GILKEY, Columbus, O.
- CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, . . . . . JOHN J. MILLER, Trenton, N. J.
- CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF, . . . . . W. R. BYERS, Columbus, O.
- SURGEON GENERAL, . . . . . J. HAYDEN WOODWARD, Bellevue Hospital, N. Y. City.
- CHIEF ORDNANCE OFFICER, . . . . . EDWIN B. BENNETT, Chicago, Ill.

All to rank as Colonels.

The Commander-in-Chief then installed the appointive officers that were present at the meeting.

Resolutions of thanks read:

WHEREAS, The Sons of Veterans has, as an Order, successfully passed through in the past year of its existence, a period full of perils more than once threatening its entire destruction; therefore

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Commandery-in-Chief are hereby tendered to our retiring Commander-in-Chief, Harry T. Rowley, and Staff, and to Generals Wm. E. W. Ross of the Second, I. S. Bangs of the First, Wm. J. Maskell of the Third and A. V. Bohn of the Fourth Grand Divisions, for the untiring energy and perseverance which has characterized their administration, and without which our present success would have been impossible.

Motion made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to secure reduced rates for the next convention, and the following were appointed said committee, viz: E. H. Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Penn.; John C. Blake, Auburn, Me.

Recommendation of Council-in-Chief adopted.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 7, 1883.

*To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans of the United States of America:*

We, the undersigned, do hereby approve the following bills presented to us for our approval:

Past Commander-in-Chief H. T. Rowley, expenses,	
incidentals for year ending August 6, 1883.....	\$590 00
Col. A. P. Davis, do.....	200 00
	\$790 00
Total.....	\$790 00

In accordance with R. & R., Art. 1, Sec. 5, we do hereby recommend that each division pay to the Grand Division a charter fee of fifteen dollars, and each Grand Division pay to the Commandery-in-Chief a

charter fee of twenty-five dollars. Also we recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief do furnish all supplies appertaining to the Order, the price of which shall be fixed by the Commandery-in-Chief at a price above the actual cost of manufacture. These prices shall be published in a price-list to be furnished to all camps in the Order without charge.

A discount of twenty-five per cent. shall be allowed all Grand Divisions, which shall in turn allow a discount of twenty per cent. to all Divisions, which shall in turn conform strictly to the list in supplying camps. This list shall not include badges, which shall be furnished Grand Divisions at fifteen per cent., which shall in turn furnish Divisions at — per cent.

We also recommend the assessment of a "per capita" tax of fifteen cents on all Grand Divisions, due at the expiration of the present term of said Divisions; also request a special contribution of ten cents from each member in good standing in every subordinate camp. The money to be forwarded immediately to the Quartermaster General or Commandery-in-Chief. This contribution to be used to liquidate the present indebtedness and placing the Commandery-in-Chief on a sound financial basis.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
HORACE L. WRIGHT,  
EDGAR R. VINCENT,  
EDWARD J. THORNTON,  
*Committee.*

Resolutions to the G. A. R. read and adopted.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 7, 1883.

*Resolved*, That the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, in convention assembled, appreciating the recognition of our Order by the Grand Army of the Republic at the seventeenth Annual Encampment held at Denver, Colo., hereby tender the officers and members of the G. A. R. our sincere thank for having by said action placed our claim to the name and title of "Sons of Veterans of the United States of America" beyond disputes

*Resolved*, That the Adjutant General be directed to transmit a certified copy of these resolutions to the Adjutant General of the G. A. R.  
(Signed)

C. C. MORTON.

Resolution to McCoy Post, No. 1, G. A. R., and Dennison Camp, No. 1, S. of V., of Columbus, Ohio:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. of V., are due and are hereby tendered to McCoy Post, No. 1, G. A. R., and Dennison Camp, No. 1, S. of V., of Columbus, Ohio, for their kind and fraternal treatment and reception of the officers and members of this Encampment.  
(Signed)

C. C. MORTON.

There being no further business Commandery-in-Chief then adjourned to meet next year in Philadelphia, subject to call of the Commandery-in-Chief.

JOHN J. MILLER,  
*Acting Adjutant General.*



## APPENDIX.

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# GENERAL ORDERS.

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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A., }  
PITTSBURGH, PA., July 28, 1882. }

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

I. The Pennsylvania Division of the "Sons of Veterans" having under their charter right, and by action duly taken, been constituted the acting Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, the undersigned hereby assumes command, and for the purpose of organization and to forward the interest of the Order, will act as provisional commander.

II. H. W. Wilker, Adjutant of the Pennsylvania Division, will perform kindred duties at the headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of

COL. HARRY T. ROWLEY,  
*Comdr. Penn. Div. and Prov. Commander-in-Chief,*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adj't and Acting Adj't General.*

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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A., }  
PITTSBURGH, PA., July 29, 1882. }

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.

I. To still further advance the interests of the Order, and to provide for the more rapid spread throughout the country, the same is hereby divided Five Grand Divisions as follows, and to wit:

II. The First Grand Division will be composed of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

III. The Second Grand Division will be composed of the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.

IV. The Third Grand Division will be composed of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota.

V. The Fourth Grand Division will be composed of the States of California, Oregon, Washington Territory, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

VI. The Fifth Grand Division will be composed of the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Texas.

VII. The names and addresses of the different Grand Division Commanders will be announced in future orders.

By command of

COL. HARRY T. ROWLEY,  
*Prov. Commander-in-Chief.*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adjutant and Acting Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A., }  
PITTSBURGH, July 28, 1882. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

I. The following appointments are announced, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Col. John A. Fletcher, Waukesha, Wis., Colonel Commanding Wisconsin Division Sons of Veterans.

Col. Therow W. Haight, Waukesha, Wis., Chief Mustering Officer Wisconsin Division Sons of Veterans.

Col. John M. Darms, Stillwater, Minnesola, Colonel Commanding Minnesota Division Sons of Veterans.

Col. Adam Marty, Chief Mustering Officer Minnesota Division Sons of Veterans.

II. The Commandery-in-Chief will meet at Pittsburgh, Pa., on Wednesday, October 18, 1882. Each Division will be entitled to three delegates, who will report to these headquarters on their arrival.

By order of

COL. H. T. ROWLEY,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adjutant-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A. }  
PITTSBURGH, October 19, 1883. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

I. Having been elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, I hereby assume command.

II. The following Staff appointments are announced and will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Adjutant General, H. W. WILKER, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Quartermaster General, F. N. Arbogast, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Inspector General, I. B. Stanton, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Judge Advocate General, Chas. Chenowith, Chicago, Ill.

Chaplain-in-Chief, W. R. Byers, Columbus, O.

By order of

H. T. ROWLEY,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A. }  
PITTSBURGH, May 20, 1883. }

## GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.

I. The second annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans will be held in Columbus, Ohio, commencing Monday, August 6th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

II. The Council-in-Chief will meet at the Neil House on Saturday evening, August 4th, at 7 o'clock.

III. Grand Division Commanders will have their reports sent to these Headquarters on or before July 15th.

IV. In states where the Division organization is provisional or incomplete, the Grand Division Commanders will detail some efficient brother to represent it.

V. A full and complete representation is urged. And to attain this the Grand Division Commanders will urge their respective divisions to the necessity of prompt action.

VI. Headquarters will be established at the Neil House, on Saturday, August 4th, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time and place the Staff will report fully uniformed.

VII. Camps are earnestly invited to attend in a body.

By order of

HARRY T. ROWLEY,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adjt. General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A. }  
PITTSBURGH, PA., June 28, 1883. }

## GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

I. So much of General Orders No. 1, relating to appointment of F. N. Arbogast, Quartermaster General, is hereby revoked.

II. Grand Division Quartermasters will send their reports to Adjt. General H. W. Wilker.

By order of

HARRY T. ROWLEY,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adjt. General.*

# ROSTER OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

## Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

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### *ELECTIVE OFFICERS.*

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,** . . . **FRANK P. MERRILL,** Auburn, Me.  
**LIEUT. CAMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,** . **AUG'T SALTZMAN,** Saint Louis, Mo.  
**VICE LIEUT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,** **C. C. MORTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.  
**CHIEF OF STAFF,** . . . . . **H. L. WRIGHT,** Auburn, Me.

### *STAFF.*

**ADJUTANT GENERAL,** . . . **FRED L. EDGECOMB,** Auburn, Me.  
**QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,** **JOHN C. BLAKE,** Auburn, Me.  
**JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL,** **EDMUND M. AMIES,** Altoona, Penn.  
**INSPECTOR GENERAL,** . . . **E. H. GILKEY,** Columbus, Ohio.  
**CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,** . **JOHN J. MILLER,** Trenton, N. J.  
**CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF,** . . . **W. R. BYERS,** Columbus, Ohio.  
**SURGEON GENERAL,** . . . . **E. R. BENNETT,** Minneapolis, Minn.  
**CHIEF ORDNANCE OFFICER,** . **HARVEY M. BURRELL,** Leadville, Col.

### *COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.*

*(Elected by Commandery-in-Chief.)*

**HERBERT A. GOSS,** . . . . . **Maine.**  
**FRANK H. CHALLIS,** . . . . . **New Hampshire.**  
**J. B. MACCABE,** . . . . . **Massachusetts.**  
**ED. J. THORNTON,** . . . . . **Pennsylvania.**  
**JOHN A. WOODS,** . . . . . **Pennsylvania.**  
**EDGAR R. VINCENT,** . . . . . **Ohio.**  
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**H. C. WINDMULLER,** . . . . . **Missouri.**  
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**F. E. BROWN,** . . . . . **Colorado.**  
**F. H. STORAH,** . . . . . **Maine.**  
**WELLS VALENTINE,** . . . . . **Vermont.**  
**S. ELLIS RIPLEY,** . . . . . **Maine.**  
**A. S. LIBBY,** . . . . . **Maine.**  
**H. F. BAKER,** . . . . . **New Jersey.**

*AIDES-DE-CAMP TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.*

**MAINE.**

W. E. Parsons.....Foxcroft.  
 J. Walter Rogers.....Rockland.  
 A. K. P. Harvey.....Auburn  
 Fred H. Bean.....Portland.  
 Frank E. Gibbs.....Canton.  
 Fred L. Donnell.....Richmond.  
 J. P. Wescott.....Portland.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE.**

Horace P. Kent.....Portsmouth.  
 James H. Wooley.....Penacook.  
 Will F. Stark.....Lake Village.  
 Wesley W. Payne...Derry Depot.

**VERMONT.**

J. Hayden Woodward...Brandon.  
 E. Wales, Jr.....Brattleboro.  
 Harry I. Cushman....Bennington.  
 Henry Barrows.....Brandon.

**MASSACHUSETTS.**

Frank W. Page...Jam. Pla, Boston.  
 James G. Lowell.....Lowell.  
 William T. Souther.... Worcester.  
 Chas. Mahoney.....Woburn.

**CONNECTICUT.**

Edwin J. Dow.....New Haven.  
 Chas. K. Farnham...New Haven.  
 William E. Hoyt.....Stamford.  
 William P. Myers.....Norwich.

**RHODE ISLAND.**

Thomas H. Mulligan..Providence.  
 Henry F. Bennett.....Providence.  
 Chas. L. Pettis.....Providence.  
 Wm. E. Vrall.....Providence.

**NEW YORK.**

Joseph H. Hatch..New York City.  
 R. Tobias.....New York City.  
 Edward J. Parmeter...Plattsburg.  
 Wm. H. Ercanbrack.....Moravia.

**NEW JERSEY.**

Amos R. Dease.....Camden.  
 Louis L. Drake.....Elizabeth.

Augustine McC. Soper..Metuchen.  
 William H. Cox.....Newark.

**EAST PENNSYLVANIA.**

George K. Black.....Philadelphia.  
 Robert T. Hopkins.....Milton.  
 J. Lewis Stewart....Philadelphia.  
 Edwin A. Hatfield.....Sunbury.

**WEST PENNSYLVANIA.**

John A. Wood.....McKeesport.

**OHIO.**

Chas. M. Cott.....Columbus.  
 Wheeler C Wikoff.....Columbus.  
 Frank W. Myers...East Liverpool.  
 John G. A. Richter.....Canton.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

Arthur Sperry.....Washington.  
 John Webber.....Washington.  
 H. A. Hulfish.....Washington.

**WISCONSIN.**

C. E. Armin.....Waukesha.  
 N. A. Burnham.....Clintonville.  
 J. W. Kershaw ...Kilbourne City.  
 Aug't Ockershauser.....Baraboo.

**MINNESOTA.**

A. S. Morgan.....Minneapolis.

**IOWA.**

Clarence Kellock.....Dunlap.  
 W. G. Butterfield.....DeWitt.  
 Frank H. Weeman...Maquoketa.  
 Orris Roberts.....Dunlap.

**KANSAS.**

D. D. Hoag.....Wyandotte.  
 E. — Palmer.....Paola.  
 Arthur McGinnis.....El Dorado.  
 Wm. M. Bickford.....Larned.

**NEBRASKA.**

Samuel L. Carlyle. Weeping Water.  
 Frank Coats.....Dorchester.  
 Stephen P. Buckmaster.....York.  
 J. F. Knerr.....Osceola.

## REMARKS.

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I feel that some explanation is called for as to the reason of the delay in issuing this Journal of Proceedings. The delay has been caused wholly by lack of funds wherewith to pay the printer, and even at this late day I have been obliged to get credit and trust to the generosity and patriotism of the brothers to release me from the obligation I have taken to pay the bill. The book should be in the hands of every member of the Order, as it furnishes an official record of our organization obtainable in no other way. They will be more valuable as years roll on, and the faces and forms of brothers now familiar to us all, whose names and deeds we have here recorded, shall have passed from our sight. Our children will peruse these pages with interest, and say, verily, "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

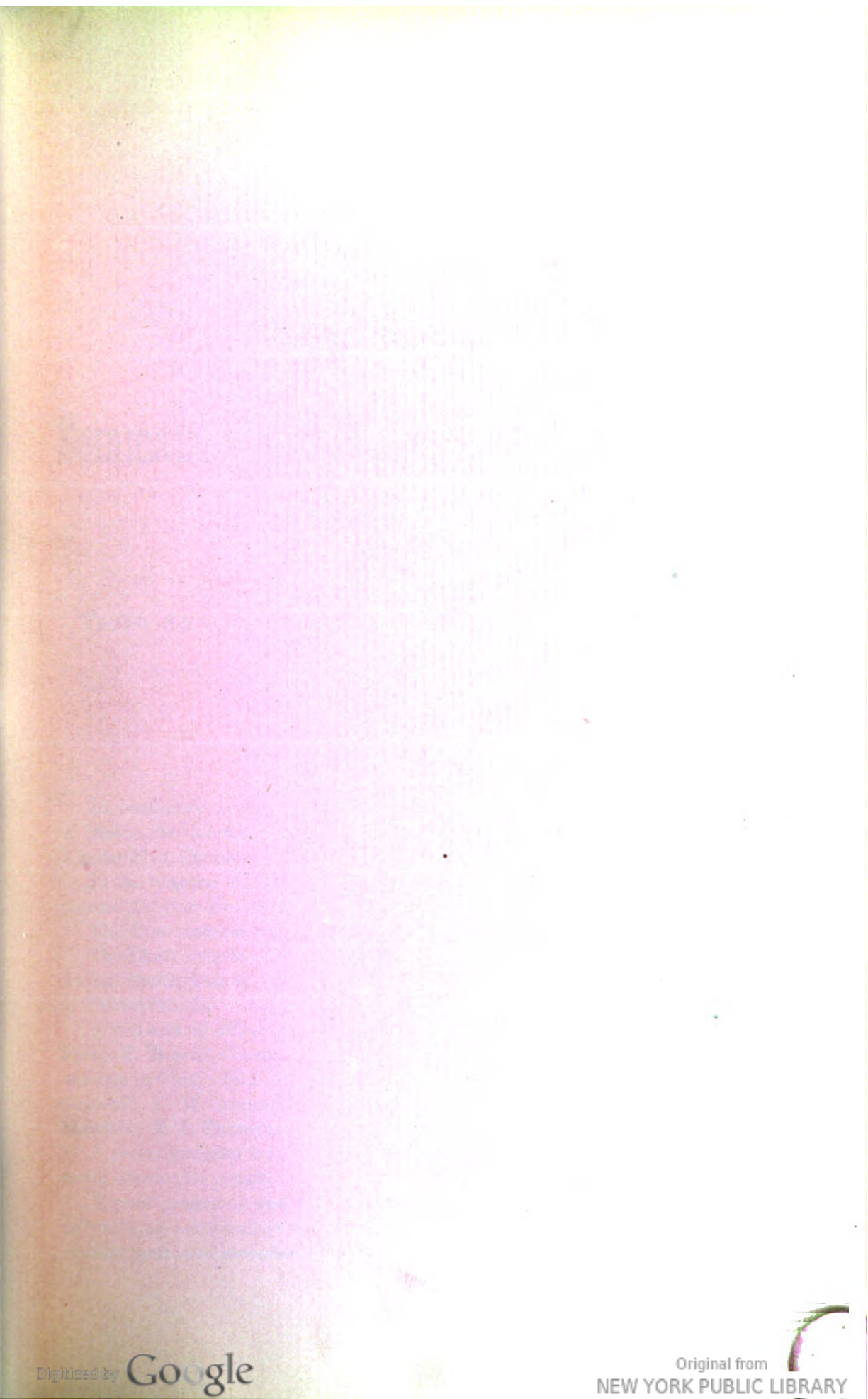
Therefore I urge upon every brother to obtain one copy or more. One copy will be sent free to every Camp, and the remainder, if sold at ten cents each, will just about pay for cost of printing and postage. Brothers, will you not cast your mite into the treasury, and relieve the Commandery-in-Chief in a measure from the burdens under which it is laboring?

Copies will be sent on receipt of price by applying to the Quartermaster General.

Sincerely yours,

**FRANK P. MERRILL,**

*Commander-in-Chief.*









JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
**Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans,**  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
AT THE  
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION, HOLDEN AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.,  
AUGUST 27, 28, 29 AND 30, 1884.

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In obedience to orders issued by Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, of Maine, the Commandery assembled in Independence Hall, at 2 o'clock p. m. August 27th, Commander Merrill in the chair.

In the absence of Adjutant General Edgecomb, Commander Merrill appointed Brother Horace P. Kent as Acting Adjutant General.

The Encampment was then opened in due form.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Edwin M. Amies, Pennsylvania, H. L. Wright, Maine, C. C. Morton and R. M. J. Reed, of Pennsylvania.

A roll-call of officers ordered and the following responded to their names: Frank P. Merrill, Commander-in-Chief; C. C. Morton, Vice-Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief; H. L. Wright, Chief-of-Staff; John C. Blake, Quartermaster General; E. M. Amies, Judge Advocate General; Frank H. Challis, J. B. Maccabe, E. J. Thornton, and E. R. Vincent, members of Council-in-Chief.

A recess declared by chair until such time as Committee on Credentials could present its report.

Report presented, and a motion made and seconded that it be accepted, provided no name except that of a son of a veteran appeared thereon. Lost. Motion made and seconded, that report be accepted as presented. Carried.

The report was as follows :

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

I. S. Bangs; J. B. Maccabe, delegate; C. W. Davis, delegate.

MAINE.—C. H. McKusick, W. E. Parsons, delegates; A. K. J. Harvey, B. L. Farrar, alternates.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Frank H. Challis; R. W. Pillsbury, H. D. Soule, delegates; H. E. Webster, W. H. R. Haddock, alternates.

VERMONT.—Fletcher D. Procter; G. F. Cheney.

MASSACHUSETTS.—F. J. Bradford, C. S. Hine, Horace P. Kent, Geo. S. T. Fuller.

CONNECTICUT.—Wm. H. Pierponte; L. E. Seymour, E. F. Hill, delegates; A. C. Smith, D. E. Ford, alternates.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

MARYLAND.—W. E. W. Ross, W. C. Hunter, John C. Foote, John A. Thompson, jr.; Geo. W. Johnson, alternate.

OHIO.—E. H. Gilkey, W. C. Wykoff, C. M. Cott, H. F. Guerin; G. B. Sinclair, B. G. Ewing, alternates.

NEW JERSEY.—Robert Crawford, John A. Rodrigo, W. D. Brown; L. L. Drake, Capt. Rink, alternates.

POTOMAC.—W. C. Farquhar; John F. Weber, alternate.

KANSAS.—L. J. Webb, A. E. Case.

MICHIGAN.—F. W. Rowlson, C. F. Johnson.

NEW YORK.—Jas. E. Purdy, Alex. Rain, C. B. Westbrook, S. M. Bower, C. S. McBride.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.—W. C. Hunter, delegate-at-large, 2d G'd D.; J. H. Closson, E. W. Alexander, R. M. J. Reed, H. M. E. Flint, Chas. J. Miller, C. Day Rudy; Alex. Fritz, C. E. Smith, W. P. Masterson, alternates.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA.—A. P. Davis, H. T. Rowley, H. W. Orth; F. M. Hartzell, W. C. Reem, H. W. Arnold; R. M. Linton, alternate; W. S. Payne.

ILLINOIS.—John Mayo Palmer, Hany F. Moore, Thos. Rinaker.

MINNESOTA.—George W. Penniman.

Signed,

E. W. AMIES.  
H. L. WRIGHT.  
C. C. MORTON.  
R. M. J. REED.

Moved and seconded, that where a regular delegate is absent the members of the Division present shall fill the vacancy from the regular alternates. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the name of A. E. Case, credited to Kansas, be transferred to Illinois, which Division he represented. Carried.

Upon roll-call from the report, it was ascertained that thirty-one members were entitled to vote, who, with six officers, and one alternate, who was granted a vote by the Encampment, made a total of thirty-eight votes.

A motion was made and seconded, that all brothers present, not entitled to a voice in the meeting, be invited to take seats inside the rail, the first and second rows of seats to be reserved for members. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that Encampment proceed to order of business.

The following reports of officers were read and referred :

[NOTE.—The report of General Frank P. Merrill, as Commander-in-Chief, to the Third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, not appearing with the manuscript of proceedings of that Encampment turned over to me by my predecessor, I telegraphed and wrote General Merrill, requesting him, if possible, to supply same, thinking he might have retained a copy thereof, and the following, in answer to my request, explains itself, and will doubtless prove of interest.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*]

MALDEN, MASS., January 4, 1890.

*General Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—This morning I received the following telegram from you:

“INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 3, 1890.

“*General Frank P. Merrill, 48 Washington Street:*

“If possible, please send me your report as Commander-in-Chief to Third National Encampment, to complete proceedings on file.

“CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,  
“*Commander-in-Chief.*”

Now, General, nothing would give me more pleasure than to comply with your request; but it is an impossibility. I kept no copy of the reports, and it would be absurd to attempt to duplicate papers of that kind from memory, nearly six years after they were made. I feel that an irreparable injury and injustice has been done myself and the officers of my administration by the loss of those reports, as they contained a full account of our doings from August 6, 1883, to the meeting of the Third Annual Encampment at Philadelphia, in 1884. I can not believe that any one would maliciously destroy them, and so must ascribe their loss to the carelessness of my successor in office, or his assistant.

I fully appreciate your efforts to secure those reports and wish I could supply them, as it would certainly benefit me more than any other one man to have them printed in the proceedings of the Fourth Annual Encampment.

Possibly I may be able to supply a few facts that will interest the Sons of Veterans of to-day by contrasting the strength and resources of the Commandery-in-Chief in 1883 with the magnificent organization in 1890.

When I assumed command, August 6, 1883, the affairs of the Commandery-in-Chief were in a chaotic state. All the books, blanks, seal, supplies, etc., belonging to the Commandery-in-Chief, I packed in a small eighteen-inch gripsack and carried them to my home in Auburn, Maine, together with a debt of \$790—a legacy left me by my predecessor. Before the end of the year the debt was much heavier than the gripsack. It was impossible to tell how many members we had in good standing, or what we might expect to realize from the per capita tax just levied. The tax went first to the Divisions, then to the Grand Divisions and then to the Commandery-in-Chief. The amounts, which were small at the start, were in some cases wholly absorbed before reaching headquarters.

But the good work could not be allowed to lag for want of funds, and it did not. General S. S. Bangs, of the First Grand Division, and General W. E. W. Ross, of the Second and Third Grand Divisions, aided by Major A. P. Davis, spent time and money almost without stint to forward the work of organizing new camps and strengthening those already started. Printers were found who would furnish blanks and books and wait for their pay. Thus we were enabled to push the work of organization, reduce the debt, in a measure bring order out of chaos, and turn over to the next administration ten hundred and fifty pounds of supplies.

I feel that I would be doing an injustice did I omit to mention the valuable assistance rendered by Adjutant General Fred. L. Edgcomb, and Quartermaster General John C. Blake. Brother Blake should have all the credit for the reduction of the debt during the year, as the plan by which it was done was wholly his own. The members of my staff all worked for the advancement of the Order, and no doubt look back upon those "golden days" with the feeling that "virtue hath its own reward." I certainly look back upon those days as among the happiest of my life, in spite of hard work.

I regret very much, General, that I can not give you a detailed report of all that happened during my administration; but I can not supply the figures with any degree of accuracy; consequently have decided not to try it. Our work is done. If it was done well it will no doubt be appreciated. Whatever the verdict, it can not be changed now; and so I rest my case.

Most sincerely yours,

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Past Commander-in-Chief.*

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
AUGUST 27, 1884.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
AUBURN, MAINE, August 27, 1884. }

To Frank P. Merrill, Lieutenant General and Commander-in-Chief:

SIR:—I have the honor to herewith transmit my report as Adjutant General, for the year ending August 27, 1884.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRED. L. EDGECOMB,  
*Colonel and Adjutant General.*

The "Sons of Veterans of the United States of America," as you well know, are composed of the sons and grand-sons of the men who went bravely to war and battled for liberty and justice, that their children might inherit those great boons of liberty and freedom of speech; and who are now bound together in the closest ties of fraternity and friendship for the purpose of keeping green the memory of those men, helping the needy, and a proper observance of that most beautiful service of Memorial Day.

Since the last Commandery meeting, the First, Second and Third Grand Divisions have been permanently organized.

The First, composed of the New England States, Commander Frank H. Challis, with headquarters at Manchester, New Hampshire.

The Second, composed of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia; Commander \_\_\_\_\_, with headquarters at \_\_\_\_\_.

The Third, composed of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota; Commander Leland J. Webb, with headquarters at Topeka, Kansas.

The First was organized December 27, 1883, at Manchester, New Hampshire.

The Second was organized August 26, 1884, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Third was organized July 8, 1884, at Chicago, Illinois.

The Fourth Grand Division has, since its provisional organization, been under the efficient management of Brevet Major General A. V. Bohn, of Leadville, Colorado.

The Fifth Grand Division, being composed of the Southern States mostly, has not been organized on that account. It has been under the jurisdiction of General Wm. E. W. Ross, Commander of the Second Grand Division.

Sir Commander, allow me to make a suggestion, which I think ought to be brought before the Commandery-in-Chief, and that is the question of Grand Divisions. I would suggest that they be abolished, for the following reasons, to-wit:

*First.* They are a hindrance to the Commandery in promulgating orders and official business, and *vice versa*; in receiving reports from Divisions, as now, they have to come through the proper channels, which cause great delays, or have, in the fiscal year just ended.

*Second.* In the roster of the Grand Divisions there are a lot of high-flown military titles and offices, that can be easily dispensed with. And here, speaking of titles (military), I would suggest that *all* military titles of whatever grade or rank be done away with. For instance, let the Commander-in-Chief be Commander-in-Chief, not Lieutenant General; and so on down to the lowest grade. Let the Orderly Sergeant be Camp Secretary, and the Quartermaster Sergeant be Camp Treasurer, and other offices accordingly. As Past Commander-in-Chief Beath says, the high-flown military titles are making our Order ridiculous in the eyes of the whole country, and the laughing-stock of the Grand Army. Do away with these, and the Grand Army of the Republic will give us their full sympathy and help.

There have, since the organization of our Order been about four hundred Camps mustered in, some of that number having come over from the so-called Philadelphia order, and the Morton branch, of New York State. They have an average of about thirty-five or forty, and that gives us the estimated numbers of membership of near sixteen thousand, a glorious result in every way. As we have some of the first young men in our Order, I fail to see any reason why we should not succeed and live to carry on the good work we have commenced.

I am glad to make mention of the fact that officially I know of only a very few Camps having been obliged to give up their charters; mostly on account of hard times, the members not feeling able to pay the running expenses of the Camp. These Camps, allow me to say, were all very small, probably the largest not numbering over twenty members.

The death list has happily been very small in the last year, I having only been informed of seven deaths throughout the Order.

The work in the Adjutant General's and Quartermaster's offices is very laborious, when the fact is known that the average "Son" works from ten to twelve and even fifteen hours a day, and then does what official business remains after everybody else is quietly sleeping in their beds. This fact shows that the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General should be allowed a suitable sum for their services in the future, such sum being large enough to allow these officers to give their undivided attention to the work of their respective offices.

The following work of the office is but a rough estimate of the year's work, and what will have to be done in the years to come:

Letters received . . . . .	1,924
Letters written . . . . .	1,857
General Orders issued . . . . .	8
Special Orders issued . . . . .	1
Circular Orders issued . . . . .	4
Number of General Orders issued . . . . .	6,400
Number of Circulars issued . . . . .	5,000
Number of Special Orders issued . . . . .	500
Commissions issued (Aides-de-Camp) . . . . .	69
Commissions issued (Assistant Inspector Generals) . . . . .	3
Commissions issued (Grand Division Officers) . . . . .	15
Commissions issued (G. A. R. Brevets) . . . . .	3
Diplomas issued (Civilian Life Members) . . . . .	3

The Quartermaster General's report is herewith transmitted.

The Judge Advocate General has made no official report, nor in fact have any of the rest of the Staff.

The following is the standing of the Grand Divisions, as per reports received:

First Grand Division—	
Members in good standing . . . . .	1,675
Loss, from all causes . . . . .	124
	1,551
Second Grand Division—	
Members in good standing . . . . .	3,368
Loss, from all causes . . . . .	603
	2,765
Total membership, First and Second Grand Divisions . . . . .	4,316
Third Grand Division—	
No report received.	
Fourth Grand Division—	
No report received.	

Now, here, sir, is the place where you can see the need of doing away with Grand Divisions. The Assistant Adjutant Generals have to wait for Division Adjutants, and so there is a great delay in their making their reports to Commandery headquarters; whereas, if the Commander-in-Chief was in close communication with the Divisions, they could get a little "stirring up" now and then if they did not forward their reports at the proper times. Also, Commandery headquarters would be better informed as to the standing of Divisions, both in matters of numbers and financially. The Quartermaster's report shows that supplies could be furnished Divisions quicker and with less expense than through Grand Divisions. Then, another thing, the per capita tax, drawing on the Divisions, obliges them to draw on the Camps heavily, thereby keeping the treasury always low, unless the muster fees and quarterly dues are enormous. Let us do away with the Grand Divisions of the Order.

#### APPENDIX.

##### *General Orders, Special Orders and Circulars.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 AUBURN, ME., September 15, 1883. }

##### GENERAL ORDER, No. 1.

I. Having been elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, I hereby assume command of the same with headquarters at Auburn, Me.

II. For the information of members of the Order, the following roster of elective officers is published: Frank P. Merrill, Auburn, Me., Commander-in-Chief; Augustus Saltzman, St. Joseph, Mo., Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief; Charles C. Morton, Philadelphia, Pa., Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief; Horace L. Wright, Auburn, Me., Chief-of-Staff.

III. The following appointments have been made on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Colonel: Frederick L. Edgecomb, Auburn, Me., Adjutant General; John C. Blake, Auburn, Me., Quarter-

master General; Edmond M. Amies, Altoona, Pa., Judge Advocate General; E. H. Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio, Inspector General; John J. Miller, Trenton, N. J., Chief Mustering Officer; W. R. Byers, Columbus, Ohio, Chaplain-in-Chief; Edwin R. Bennett, Chicago, Ill., Surgeon General; Harvey M. Burrell, Leadville, Col., Chief Ordnance Officer. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Additional appointments of Aides-de-Camp will be announced in future General Orders.

IV. The following are the Council-in-Chief for this term, with the rank of Colonel: Edward J. Thornton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Herbert A. Goss, Auburn, Me.; Frank H. Challis, Manchester, N. H.; J. B. Maccabe, East Boston, Mass.; John A. Wood, McKeesport, Pa.; Edgar R. Vincent, Columbus, O.; Geo. M. Allen, ———, Ind.; H. C. Windmiller, ———, Miss.; B. F. Risk, ———, Ill.; F. E. Brown, ———, Col.; Fred H. Storah, Auburn, Me.; Well Valentine, Bennington, Vt.; S. Ellis Riply, Livermore Falls, Me.; A. S. Libby, Portland, Me.; H. F. Baker, ———, N. J.

V. The Grand Army of the Republic, at Denver, Colorado, in National Encampment assembled, having officially recognized and endorsed *this* branch of the Sons of Veterans, all organizations of ex-Soldiers' Sons, by whatever name they may be known, are cordially invited to correspond with these Headquarters or with the nearest Division or Grand Division Commanders, with the view of associating themselves with the SONS OF VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Grand Division Commanders will issue charters free of costs to all organizations of Camps or Posts that may have been organized and paid a charter fee to any other branch of the Sons of Veterans, or to any organization whose objects are similar and whose membership is eligible to this Order under the Constitution of the Order.

VI. As the Grand Army of the Republic has recognized us under the name of the "Sons of Veterans of the United States of America," it is important that all printed stationery should bear the full name of the Order, as by this means we can be readily distinguished from other similar organizations.

VII. All communications to the Commandery-in-Chief, from Subordinate branches of the Order, should be addressed to the Adjutant General, and sent through the regular channels, *i. e.*, Division and Grand Division Headquarters. Requisitions for supplies must be addressed to the Quartermaster General. Camps will draw on the Division Quartermaster. Division and Grand Division Commanders will see that sufficient supplies to fill orders promptly are kept constantly on hand.

By command of

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

FRED L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
AUBURN, ME., November 12, 1883. }

GENERAL ORDER, No. 2.

For the information of the Adjutant General, Division Adjutants will immediately forward to these headquarters, the name, number and location of all Camps in their respective Divisions, together with the name and post-office address of the Camp Commander, and as near as possible the number of members in each camp. It is absolutely necessary that this information be furnished *at once*, to enable the Commander-in-Chief to estimate the total strength of the Order, and for the convenience and information of the Order in general. This list will be published as soon as complete and sent to every Camp in the United States.

II. As the present semi-annual term closes December 31st, it will be necessary for the heads of the different departments to see that their reports are forwarded to these headquarters in accordance with pages 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60, R. and R. Blanks for this purpose will be furnished on application.

III. The name of H. C. Windmiller, \_\_\_\_\_, Mississippi, in General Order No. 1, should read C. A. Windmuller, St. Louis, Missouri. The mistake occurred in printing.

IV. In relation to the proposed consolidation of the two Orders of Sons of Veterans (known as the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia branches) as published in S. of V. and G. A. R. papers, after the meeting of the Commanders of each branch, in Boston, Massachusetts, October 24th, Commander-in-Chief Merrill has notified Grand Commander Earp, of the Philadelphia branch, that the truce agreed upon would end on and after November 10th, for the reason that the terms of consolidation as presented by him did not meet with the approval of the Pittsburgh Order. In accordance therewith, every member of the Pittsburgh Order is urged to use his influence to extend and increase our membership in Camps already organized, and strive *by all fair means* to organize new Camps in localities where none exist. We have now about three hundred and fifteen Camps organized in twenty-one States, and this number can easily be increased to five hundred before January 1, 1884, with a little exertion. This is the best time in the year to organize Camps. Thousands of young men, sons of soldiers, are scattered from Maine to California, who only need to be shown the principles and objects of our glorious Order, to band themselves together and increase our membership ten-fold before another National Encampment.

By order of

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

FRED L. EDGEComb,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
AUBURN, ME., January 15, 1884. }

GENERAL ORDER, No 3.

I. The following are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp from the several Divisions on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, to be obeyed and respected as such:

MAINE.—W. E. Parsons, Foxcroft; F. E. Gibbs, Canton; J. W. Rogers, Rockland; A. K. P. Harvey, Auburn.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—J. H. Wooley, Penacook; H. P. Kent, Portsmouth; W. F. Stark, Lake Village; W. W. Payne, Derry Depot.

VERMONT.—J. H. Woodward, Brandon; E. Wales, Jr, Brattleboro; H. I. Cushman, Bennington.

MASSACHUSETTS.—F. W. Page, Jamaica Plains.

NEW JERSEY.—A. R. Dease, Camden; L. L. Drake, Elizabeth; A. McS. Soper, Metuchen; W. H. Cox, Newark.

NEW YORK.—Jos. H. Hatch, New York City.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.—G. K. Black, Philadelphia; R. E. Hopkins, Milton; J. L. Stewart, Philadelphia; E. A. Hatfield, Sunbury.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA.—John A. Wood, McKeesport.

OHIO.—Chas. M. Cott, W. C. Wikoff, Columbus; F. M. Myers, East Liverpool; J. G. A. Richter, Canton.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Arthur Sperry, John Webber and H. A. Hulfish.

WISCONSIN.—C. E. Armin, Waukesha; N. A. Burnham, Clintonville; J. W. Kershaw, Kilbourne City; A. Ockershauser, Baraboo.



MINNESOTA.—A. S. Morgan, Minneapolis.

IOWA.—Al. Kellock, Dunlap; W. G. Butterfield, DeWitt; F. H. Weeman, Magnoket; Orris Roberts, Dunlap.

KANSAS.—D. D. Hoag, Wyandotte; E. W. Palmer, Paola; A. McGinnis, Eldorado; W. M. Bickford, Larned.

NEBRASKA.—S. L. Carlyle, Weeping Water; Frank Coats, Dorchester; S. P. Buckmaster, York; J. F. Knerr, Osceola.

II. The following are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp from the several Grand Divisions, on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Colonel, to be obeyed and respected as such: First Grand Division—E. W. Reynolds, Bangor, Me.; Geo. W. Ward, Worcester, Mass. Second Grand Division—A. Miner, Wilkes Barre, Penn.; J. L. Rake, Reading, Penn. Third Grand Division—S. W. Coglizer, Weeping Water, Neb.; R. V. Mallory, Springfield, Ill. Fourth Grand Division—J. D. Fleming, Leadville, Col.; Warren C. Bliss, Denver, Col.

III. It is requested by the Commander-in-Chief that the Commanders of all Subordinate branches of the Order, forward to these headquarters, at once, copies of all General Orders and Circulars issued by them. It is essential these should be had at these headquarters that the Commandery-in-Chief may understand how the Order in general is prospering.

IV. Badges will be furnished by Grand Division Commanders to Divisions on receipt of \$9.50 per dozen, and Grand Division Commanders will instruct Colonels of Divisions to furnish badges to Camps, when ordered by the dozen, at the uniform price of \$10.50 per dozen. Single badges or badges ordered in less quantities than half dozen will remain at \$1.00 each. These prices will go into effect February 1, 1884. Camp Commanders should see that every member is provided with the Badge of the Order prior to the coming Memorial Day.

V. Attention is hereby called to the circular from the Quartermaster General's Department, which is herewith promulgated.

By order of

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

FRED L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
AUBURN, ME., March 10, 1884. }

GENERAL ORDER, No. 4.

I. In accordance with a vote taken at the last National Encampment, the next National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will meet in Philadelphia, commencing August 27, 1884, at 9 o'clock A. M. Place of meeting to be hereafter announced. Arrangements will be made to secure low rates of fare on all railroads, and it is hoped a large delegation of Sons of Veterans will be present. Brothers are urged to take their vacation at this time, as efforts will be made to have three thousand Sons of Veterans in line at the Grand Procession which will take place the first day of the Encampment. Full particulars will be published as soon as arrangements are completed.

II. The Commander-in-Chief is forced to call the attention of Brothers once more to the financial condition of the Order. It is important that we clear ourselves from debt as soon as possible. There is no reason why this should not be done *at once*. A contribution of ten cents was asked from every Brother in the Order (see Circular No. 1, dated September 25, 1883). Up to

this date only \$200.05 has been received by the Quartermaster General. Only fifty-eight Camps—about one-sixth of the Brothers—have responded to the call. This is hardly fair, as the burdens should bear equally on all. In most cases this has been the fault of Camp Commanders in failing to properly bring the subject before their Camps. This contribution is not for the benefit of one man but for all. The amount thus far received has been paid to Past Commander-in-Chief Rowley and Major Davis, in part payment of their bills. If all the Camps that have not responded would send in their contribution of ten cents per member, we should realize about \$1,100, which would enable us to cut down the per capita tax from fifteen cents to six cents a year. Brothers, will you not consider this matter and send in your contributions promptly. It certainly is not right that a few Brothers should carry the debt for a large and prosperous Order like ours. Contributions should be sent direct from Camps to Quartermaster General John C. Blake, Auburn, Maine, who will return a receipt for the same and publish the amount in General Orders.

III. The semi-annual reports due at these headquarters January 31, have not yet been received. This, undoubtedly, is largely the fault of Camp Commanders in not making prompt returns to the Division Adjutants. This is a very important matter. The success of the Order depends upon a prompt compliance with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations. If they are wrong, they should be obeyed until our next National meeting, and then changed. Discipline is the corner-stone of our Order; without it the structure can not stand. Assistant Adjutant Generals are requested to give this matter their prompt attention, and report progress to these headquarters.

IV. Attention is called to the importance of sustaining the several papers published in the interest of the Order. As a means of communication between Camps they are of great benefit, and are worthy the support of all Brothers.

V. Fred. H. Bean, Portland, Maine, is hereby appointed Assistant Inspector General on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

FRED L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
AUBURN, ME., April 27, 1884. }

GENERAL ORDER, No. 5.

I. On May 30, the Grand Army of the Republic will for the sixteenth time observe the beautiful custom of strewing with flowers the graves of their dead comrades.

II. In accordance with Article III, Sections 1 and 2, page 4, Rules and Regulations, all Camps of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., wherever located, are hereby urgently requested to tender their services to the different Grand Army Posts to which they are attached, for the purpose of aiding them in performing this solemn duty. The time is not far distant when this duty will devolve wholly on us; it is well, therefore, that we learn from our fathers the significance of this annual floral offering, to the end that we may be better fitted to carry on the work when they are mustered out of service. It is expected that all Brothers will consider it not only a duty but a privilege to assist in this ceremony.

III. Division Commanders should see that their commands are supplied with badges, and so far as practicable, with uniforms. The regulation cap at least should be worn on all parades.

IV. As a source of information, Orderly Sergeants of Camps will, on or before June 10, forward to these headquarters, a correct report of the number of members participating in the ceremonies.

By order of

FRED. L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant General.*

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. }  
AUBURN, ME., May 20, 1884. }

GENERAL ORDER, No. 6.

I. In accordance with Article V, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 Rules and Regulations, an inspection is hereby ordered in this Commandery-in-Chief, before July 1, 1884.

II. Inspector General E. H. Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio, is charged with the execution of this order. He will cause to be appointed such Assistant Inspectors in the several Divisions as may to him appear necessary for the proper performance of this duty. He will also furnish all necessary blanks and papers, and establish such regulations (in conformity with general Rules and Regulations), as may be needed. It is of great importance that this inspection be thorough, and the exact condition of every Camp reported. Camp Commanders will furnish Assistant Inspectors with all information called for, and open the Camp books for their inspection.

III. By the advice and with the consent of the Council-in-Chief, the per capita tax has been reduced from 15 cents to 6 cents per annum. One-half of this (3 cents) was due at these headquarters February 1, 1884; the balance will be due August 1, 1884.

The delay in receiving this tax at these headquarters is the cause of much annoyance in meeting the necessary expenses. Hereafter no Grand Division, Division or Camp Officer will be installed until all moneys due for per capita tax have been paid over to the next higher branch of the Order. The semi-annual reports must also be made out, and properly signed and turned over to the installing officer at the time of installation.

By command of

Official:

FRED. L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant General.*

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
AUBURN, ME., June 24, 1884. }

GENERAL ORDER, No. 7.

I. The arrangements for the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, United States of America, to be held at Philadelphia, August 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, are progressing as rapidly as circumstances will admit. Our Brothers in Philadelphia are arranging to make the stay of delegates and visiting Brothers as pleasant as possible. Liberal reductions in hotel rates have been secured, and negotiations are now pending

for reduced rates of fare on railroads and steamboats. In order to secure the best rates possible, it will be necessary for the Transportation Committee to know, as early as possible, how many Brothers besides the regular delegates intend to make the trip. Brothers in the New England States, including the regular delegates, will send their names and location to John C. Blake, Quartermaster General, Auburn, Maine. The Middle States will correspond with Colonel R. M. J. Reed, West Philadelphia, and the Western States with Colonel E. H. Gilky, Columbus, Ohio. Every effort will be made by the committee to secure the lowest possible rates on trunk lines, but Brothers at remote points will be obliged to arrange for transportation to central points, and there purchase tickets at reduced rates. The New England delegation will leave Boston Monday evening, August 25th, via Sound Line Steamer to New York and proceed by rail to Philadelphia. It is the desire of the Commander-in-Chief that, as far as convenient, the New York and New Jersey delegations join the New England delegation in New York, and go by same train to Philadelphia. Place of meeting to be announced in future General Orders.

II. It is expected that ALL delegates will attend the meeting unless detained by sickness, in which case the alternate should be notified in season to arrange to attend. In addition to the regular delegates it is expected and urged that as many Brothers as can possibly leave their business attend the meeting. All Brothers of the Order will be allowed a seat in the meeting, but only delegates will be allowed a voice or vote. As has been urged before, Brothers should take their vacation at this time, and let us show by the large number present that the spirit which actuated our fathers to rally at the call for three hundred thousand more, still lives in the sons.

III. It being evident that changes in our Ritual and Rules and Regulations are needed, and will be called for at this meeting, all officers and Brothers are requested to give the matter careful consideration, and send to Fred L. Edgecomb, Adjutant General, Auburn, Maine, such changes as to them seem called for. These will be printed and forwarded to all the Camps previous to the National meeting.

By command of

Official:

FRED L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant General.*

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
AUBURN, ME., August 13, 1884. }

GENERAL ORDER, No. 8.

I. At the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be holden at Philadelphia, August 27, 28, 29 and 30, headquarters will be established at the Washington House, 709 Chestnut street, at 1 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, August 26.

II. In accordance with Article VIII, Section 4, page 51, Rules and Regulations, there will be a meeting of the Council-in-Chief, at headquarters, at 2 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, August 26. It is expected that all members of the Council-in-Chief will be present, if possible, as business of importance will come before the meeting.

III. The Commandery-in-Chief will be called to order in Independence Hall, at 9 o'clock A. M., sharp, Wednesday, August 27. The Commander of Anna M. Ross Camp, No. 1, Philadelphia, will detail a competent non-commissioned officer to act as Sergeant of the Guard, and one to act as Picket Guard. The Commander of S. C. Potts Camp, No. 12, Altoona, will detail a

Corporal of the Guard, and the Commander of Gen. John F. Reynolds Camp, No. 4, Philadelphia, will detail a Camp Guard, to act as such during the Encampment.

IV. Delegates, upon their arrival, will report at once to H. L. Wright, Chief of Staff, at headquarters, and hand their credentials to Adjutant General Fred. L. Edgecomb.

V. It being virtually settled that numerous changes to the Rules and Regulations will be made at the coming Encampment, the Brothers are cautioned to give all such proposed changes careful thought and study before presenting them to the meeting. Bear in mind that changes should not be sought after simply for a change, and only those should be changed which experience has shown to be needless or impracticable. Every facility will be afforded delegates to present such resolutions as they see fit, but in order to facilitate business, the time to present resolutions for changes to the Rules and Regulations or Ritual, is limited to the adjournment of the meeting, August 27th. All resolutions or propositions will be referred to the proper committees and reported on as soon as practicable.

VI. Delegates will appear in full regulation uniform, and will, during the encampment, wear upon the left breast of the coat the regulation badge of the Order. The wearing of shoulder-straps or rank badges while going to or coming from the Encampment is not approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and should be discouraged, as tending to bring the Order into disrepute among members of the Grand Army of the Republic. During the Encampment shoulder-straps and rank badges should be worn in their proper position.

VII. The following Brothers are appointed as additional Aides-de-Camp, for meritorious service in establishing Camps: Fred. L. Donnell, Newell Camp, No. 26, Richmond, Maine, and J. P. Wescott, Shepley Camp, No. 4, Portland, Maine. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By command of

Official :

FRED. L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant General.*

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
AUBURN, ME., August 28, 1884. }

SPECIAL ORDER, No. 1.

I. Hereafter Assistant Quartermaster Generals of the Grand Divisions will order regulation badges and ribbons direct from Bailey, Banks & Biddle, Twelfth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, Penn., at the reduced rates of \$7.80 per dozen for badges, and \$1.25 for ribbons. To get this reduction, badges and ribbons must be ordered in lots of half dozens or more, as Bailey, Banks & Biddle will not furnish less than half dozens at less than \$1 per badge, and 15 cents per ribbon. The prices which Grand Divisions are required to furnish badges to Divisions is set forth in the official price list.

II. Grand Divisions will be required to make monthly statements of all badges and ribbons ordered by them, and a royalty of five cents per badge and one cent per ribbon will be forwarded to the Quartermaster General, John C. Blake, at Auburn, Me.

By order of

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official :

FRED. L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS,  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 AUBURN, ME., September 25, 1883. }

CIRCULAR, No. 1.

The following extract from the proceedings of the National Encampment, held at Columbus, Ohio, August 6 and 7, 1883, is published for the information of the Order:

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 7, 1883.

*To the Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans of the U. S. A.:*

We, the undersigned, do hereby approve the following bills presented to us for approval:

Bill of Past Commander-in-Chief H. T. Rowley—

To expenses, incidentals for terms ending August 6, 1883 . . . \$590 00

Bill of Colonel H. A. Davis—

To expenses, incidentals for terms ending August 6, 1883 . . . 200 00

Total . . . . . \$790 00

In accordance with Rules and Regulations, Art. I, Sec. 5, we do hereby recommend that each Division pay to the Grand Division a charter fee of \$15, and each Grand Division pay to the Commandery-in-Chief a charter fee of \$25. Also, we recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief furnish all supplies appertaining to the Order, the price of which shall be fixed by the Commander-in-Chief at a price above the actual cost of manufacture. These prices shall be published in a price-list to be furnished to all Camps in the Order without charge. A discount of 25 per cent. shall be allowed all Grand divisions, which shall in turn allow a discount of 20 per cent. to all Divisions, they to conform strictly to the list in supplying Camps. This list shall not include badges, which shall be furnished Grand Divisions at 15 per cent. off, they to furnish Divisions at 10 per cent.

We also recommend the assessment of a per capita tax of 15 cents on all Grand Divisions, due and payable January 1, 1884, and we also request a special contribution of 10 cents from each member in good standing in every Subordinate Camp.

The money to be forwarded immediately to the Quartermaster General of the Commandery-in-Chief.

This contribution to be used to liquidate the present indebtedness, and placing the Commandery-in-Chief on a sound financial basis.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
 HORACE L. WRIGHT,  
 EDGAR R. VINCENT,  
 EDWARD J. THORNTON,  
*Committee from Council-in-Chief.*

The report was unanimously adopted by the Encampment.

In addition to the above, there is due the firm of Merrill & Moore, printers, Auburn, Maine, for printing rituals, rules and regulations, blanks, cards, orders, etc., the sum of \$327, which makes the total indebtedness of the Commandery-in-Chief \$1,117. Since the organization of the Order the Commandery-in-Chief has never received one cent towards defraying the expenses of printing, postage, and incidental expenses, the money having been advanced by the past officers. The present officers feel that this debt should be paid, or nearly so, at once, and we earnestly call upon every member of the Order, wherever he may be, to send us the small sum of ten cents, to aid

us in lifting this debt, and placing the Commandery-in-Chief on a sound financial basis, thus enabling the officers to carry on our noble work on correct business principles. We have between nine and ten thousand members in the United States, and if every member contributes the amount asked for, the sum realized will enable us to carry on the work successfully.

The contributions should be promptly collected by the Quartermaster Sergeant of each Camp, and forwarded at once direct to the Quartermaster General, John C. Blake, Auburn, Maine, who will promptly return a receipt for the same, and on November 1st a circular will be issued giving the name of each Camp and the amount contributed. Now let all Brothers who have the success of the Order at heart, cast their mite into the treasury, and thus enable us to reimburse our Brothers, who so willingly put their hands in their pockets when the Order was in its infancy and its success doubtful. It is asking too much of them to carry this debt, when by a small contribution from each one of us, it can be wiped out. Will the Captains of Camps please bring this matter up at their next meeting, and instruct the Quartermaster Sergeant, or some other Brother of the Camp, to solicit contributions and forward them as before stated on or before October 25th?

Hoping to receive a generous response,

I remain, fraternally yours,

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPT., AUBURN, ME., Nov. 1, 1883. }

CIRCULAR No. 2.

I. Having been appointed Quartermaster General of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, I have assumed control of that department, with headquarters at Auburn, Me.

II. In accordance with the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief at the recent National Encampment, all supplies must be furnished from these headquarters, through the regular channels. Assistant Quartermaster Generals of Grand Divisions and Quartermasters of Divisions will keep constantly on hand a sufficient quantity of supplies to fill all orders promptly. The prescribed forms should be used in making requisitions. Quartermaster Sergeants will make requisition on the Division Quartermaster. Division Quartermasters on the Assistant Quartermaster Generals of their respective Grand Divisions, who will draw on the Quartermaster General of Commandery-in-Chief. A printed price list will be furnished Camps at an early date, free of cost. A discount of 25 per cent. will be allowed to Grand Divisions, 20 per cent. to Division, they to conform strictly to the list in supplying Camps. This discount will not apply to badges, which will be furnished at 15 and 10 per cent. off list price.

III. The attention of Grand Division and Division Commanders is called to Circular No. 1, from these headquarters, in relation to charter fees and per capita tax. It will be necessary for them to take action in the matter at once, in order that the recommendations of the Council-in-Chief may be carried out.

IV. In Circular No. 1, a contribution of ten cents was solicited from each member of the Order in good standing, to assist in paying the debt of the Commandery-in-Chief. While the sum thus far received is not as large as it should have been, it nevertheless shows that if all the Camps in the Order will do as well as those whose names appear below, the sum realized

will be nearly sufficient to liquidate our present indebtedness. It is earnestly hoped that every Camp in the country will respond with a generous contribution before November 25, in order that their names may appear in the Circular to be issued December 1.

V. Below we give the amounts thus far received, with the names of the donors:

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

*Maine.*

Daniel Chaplin Camp No. 3, Bangor . . . . .	\$4 70
Shepley Camp No. 4, Portland . . . . .	6 40
Ingraham Camp No. 15, Harmony . . . . .	1 50
Garfield Camp No. 1, Waterville . . . . .	3 50
Lowell Camp No. 11, Foxcroft . . . . .	2 00
Ellsworth Camp No. 8, Livermore Falls . . . . .	2 50
A. C. Pray Camp No. 2, Auburn . . . . .	10 00
Custer Camp No. 9, Lewiston . . . . .	7 00

*New Hampshire.*

Wm. S. Leach Camp No. 3, Meredith Village . . . . .	1 90
Levi Dolloff Camp No. 8, Gorham . . . . .	1 50
W. W. Brown Camp No. 1, Manchester . . . . .	2 80
J. S. Durgin Camp No. 7, Penocook . . . . .	1 75
O. W. Keys Camp No. 5, Ashland . . . . .	1 30

*Massachusetts.*

Lieutenant Commander W. A. Pickett, Worcester (personal) . . . . .	10 00
A. A. Goodell Camp No. 2, Worcester . . . . .	10 00

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

*Pennsylvania.*

General S. P. Spears Camp No. 47, Hanover (E. Pa.) . . . . .	1 60
Ewing Camp No. 13, Sharon (W. Pa.) . . . . .	2 70
— Camp No. 3, Lock Haven (E. Pa.) . . . . .	3 10
Davis Camp No. 1, Pittsburgh (W. Pa.) . . . . .	5 00
Lieutenant J. L. Lisle Camp No. 2, Allegheny City (W. Pa.) . . . . .	5 00

*Ohio.*

Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, Columbus . . . . .	6 30
Jas. S. Carter Camp No. 14, Canton . . . . .	2 00

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

*Nebraska.*

Garfield Camp No. 3, Dorchester . . . . .	2 70
Weeping Water Camp No. 1, Weeping Water . . . . .	5 00

*Missouri.*

Lyon Camp No. 1, St. Joseph . . . . .	3 00
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FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

*Colorado.*

A. Lincoln Camp No. 3, Leadville . . . . .	5 00
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Total . . . . . \$108 25

This amount has been sent to Past Commander-in-Chief Rowley, and leaves the present indebtedness of the Commandery-in-Chief at \$1,008.75.



VI. I am now prepared to furnish electrotype cuts of Coat-of-Arms and Badge (large or small), at \$1 each. It is advisable that every Camp possess one or both of these cuts for use on their Camp printing.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN C. BLAKE,  
*Quartermaster General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. }  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, AUBURN, ME., Dec. 1, 1883. }

CIRCULAR No. 3.

I. The attention of Orderly Sergeants of Camps, Adjutants of Divisions and Assistant Adjutant Generals of the Grand Divisions is called to Article II, Sections 2 and 3, pages 56, 57 and 58, Rules and Regulations, in regard to semi-annual reports and returns. It is of the greatest importance that these reports and returns be sent in promptly. Commanding officers will at once give their personal attention to this matter.

II. The Quartermaster Sergeants of Camps, Quartermasters of Divisions, and Assistant Quartermaster Generals of the Grand Divisions, will see that their reports are ready to be forwarded with the Orderly Sergeant's, etc., of their respective branches of the Order.

III. The Surgeons throughout the Order will make no report for the term ending December 31, 1883. But thereafter all Surgeons will see that their reports are ready at the same time as those referred to in the preceding articles of this circular.

IV. Of the returns of Division Adjutants called for in Article I, General Order No. 2, these Headquarters, dated November 12, 1883, very few have as yet been received. Division Commanders will see to this, as they must be sent in at once.

V. The amount of money received by the Quartermaster General for the month of November, as a voluntary contribution to enable the Commandery-in-Chief to liquidate the debt with which it is now encumbered, was \$47.60, making \$155.85 received to date. No circular will be issued from the office of the Quartermaster General until January next, and it is sincerely hoped that before that time every Camp throughout the country will have responded, that their names may appear in said circular.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief.

FRED L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS. }  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, AUBURN, ME., Jan. 15, 1884. }

CIRCULAR No. 4.

L The following Camps have contributed toward paying the debt of the Commandery-in-Chief, since the issue of Circular No. 2:

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

*Maine.*

Wardsworth Camp No. 5, Gardner . . . . .	\$2 60
Harry M. Stinson Camp No. 6, Augusta . . . . .	4 20

*New Hampshire.*

Eldridge E. Webster Camp No. 2, Lake Village . . . . . 2 10

*Vermont.*

Edward F. Reynolds Camp No. —, Rutland . . . . . 1 50

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

*Eastern Pennsylvania.*

Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, Philadelphia . . . . . 10 00  
 Gen. D. B. Birney Camp No. 13, Philadelphia . . . . . 2 25  
 Col. G. J. Thornton (Personal), Philadelphia . . . . . 2 00  
 Geo. G. Meade Camp No. 16, Reading . . . . . 10 00  
 John M. Styer Camp No. 25, Berwick . . . . . 1 00  
 George Washington Camp No. 12, Shomokin . . . . . 5 60  
 Edgar M. Ruhl Camp No. 33, York . . . . . 1 00  
 Captain Beatty Camp No. 35, Carlisle . . . . . 2 30  
 Amos B. Rhodes Camp No. 36, Williamsport . . . . . 2 00  
 John Bradigon Camp No. 51, Northumberland . . . . . 1 15

*Western Pennsylvania.*

Garfield Camp No. 3, McKeesport . . . . . 5 00  
 R. B. Hayes Camp No. 4, Pittsburgh . . . . . 3 00  
 Thos. H. Lapsley Camp No. 9, Braddock . . . . . 4 00  
 Lieutenant S. C. Potts Camp No. 12, Altoona . . . . . 2 90

*Potomac.*

Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 1, Washington . . . . . 3 00

*Ohio.*

General Garfield Camp No. 3, East Liverpool . . . . . 4 00  
 W. G. Webb Camp No. 13, Logan . . . . . 80

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

*Minnesota.*

Geo. N. Morgan Camp No. 4, Minneapolis . . . . . 2 00

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

*Colorado.*

J. A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Denver . . . . . 2 00  
 Farragut Camp No. 5, Denver . . . . . 1 30

Total . . . . . \$74 70

II. The contributions received to date leave the indebtedness of the Commandery-in-Chief at \$934.05. Thus far fifty Camps have contributed, and if the remaining Camps in the Order will do as well, the sum realized will be nearly sufficient to liquidate our present indebtedness. Let us hear from every Camp.

III. The price list is issued at this date and herewith promulgated. It is expected that Camps will consult the same and keep themselves supplied with everything needful.

JOHN C. BLAKE,  
*Quartermaster General.*

Received for supplies.

161 0  
139 1  
309 6  
27 0  
336 8

Received for supplies.	Rec'd for royalty on badge and ribbons.	Rec'd for special contribution, 10 cts. per member.	Received for per capita tax.	Total.
161 00	\$48 82	\$94 35	\$97 98	\$702 15
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REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

To Fred. L. Edgecomb, Adjutant General Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the financial transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief for the term now ending, August 27, 1884. (Refer to balance sheet.)

Of the amount received from voluntary contributions, \$108.25 has been paid to Past Commander-in-Chief Rowley, and \$74.70 to Major A. P. Davis, leaving the amount due, \$482.75 to Past Commander-in-Chief Rowley, and \$125.30 to Major A. P. Davis. The remainder (amounting to \$41.65), of the total amount received from this source, has been used in general expenses.

There is also due Commander-in-Chief Merrill \$59.07, leaving our debt at \$667.12.

Two circulars have been issued from my department, giving the names of the Camps and individuals, who have contributed in response to Circular No. 1, to the sum for the liquidation of our indebtedness.

The following Camps have contributed since the issue of Circular No. 4:

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

T. W. Hyde, Camp No. 10, Bath, Me. . . . .	\$3 50
Anderson, Camp No. 7, Rockland . . . . .	3 00
Henry L. Richards Camp No. —, Portsmouth, N. H. . . . .	2 40
T. S. Peck Camp No. 1, Brandon, Vt. . . . .	3 00
Capt. Forrest Roy Camp No. 4, Bennington, Vt . . . . .	2 20

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

Col. Joseph Hillman Camp No. 10, Youngstown, O. . . . .	1 50
Sims Camp No. 21, New Straightsville, O. . . . .	2 00
Henry Yeager Camp No. 22, Pine Grove, E. Pa. . . . .	2 00
J. A. Garfield Camp No. 34, Mt. Connel, E. Pa. . . . .	1 00
Gen. E. C. O. Ord Camp No. 54, E. Pa. . . . .	3 00
S. Hepburn Pollock Camp No. 21, Milton, E. Pa. . . . .	4 70
True Blue Camp No. 29, Williamstown, E. Pa. . . . .	2 00
Perry Forman Camp No. 17, Port Chester, Y. Y. . . . .	1 80
Veteran Camp No. 15, New York, N. Y. . . . .	2 20
R. G. Shaw Camp No. 17, Stapleton, N. Y. . . . .	1 00

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

D. S. Villum Camp No. 15, Baraboo, Wis. . . . .	2 40
Sidney Morgan Camp No. 1, DeWitt, Iowa . . . . .	1 15
J. N. Newbold Camp No. 5, Wyoming, Iowa . . . . .	2 20

Total . . . . . \$41 05

Upon assuming the duties of the office I found but few blanks on hand, and it was necessary to incur a considerable debt to stock up for business. Happily, all debts incurred during the year for printing supplies, etc., have been paid.

To show the difference between the amount of supplies on hand at the beginning of the year and the stock we now have, I will say that a small bundle and Commander-in-Chief Merrill's valise held them all. Now it takes four large boxes to transport them.

We now have all blanks in print which we really need, with few exceptions, and in this connection I would recommend that some of the blanks be revised.

Form No. 5, application for Camp charter, should be changed so as to admit the name of the father. Several others should be simplified.

I wish, in this connection, to acknowledge the deep obligation I am under to Post Commander Bangs, of the First Grand Division; Commander Ross, of the Second, and to Major Davis, our noble founder.

I am indebted to Brother Parsons, of Foxcraft, for our excellent forms of bonds.

I would recommend the more general adoption of our "sets" of supplies for new Camps. Every Division Commander should keep these "sets" on hand, and when a new Camp is formed the mustering officer should supply the Camp at the time of muster.

I would recommend that the "requisition for supplies" blank be more generally adopted in ordering, as it greatly simplifies matters for the officer receiving the same.

Experience has shown me that it would insure greater promptness, save handling, express charges, etc., if Divisions should obtain their supplies direct from Commandery-in-Chief headquarters.

I would also recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief contract for badges in large quantities, and have full control of the same, and that the retail price be reduced to seventy-five cents, as early as practicable.

The first few months of the year, some difficulty was experienced in supplying promptly the different branches of the Order with the necessary blanks, on account of the lack of some, and the time required in getting ready and printing. After the issue of our price-list in January, but little difficulty of this kind was experienced.

In concluding, I wish to extend my thanks to Commander-in-Chief Merrill for the assistance he has rendered me in discharging the duties of my office.

To the officers and Brothers with whom I have had dealings, I also wish to extend my thanks for the uniform courtesy shown me at all times.

In performing the duties of my office, I have devoted nearly my whole time outside my regular business, and while it will relieve me of considerable care and labor to retire, it is with a feeling somewhat of regret that I sever my connection with the office, and trust that my labors will benefit the Order as much as they have been pleasing to me.

JOHN C. BLAKE,  
*Quartermaster General.*

#### REPORT OF VICE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

PHILADELPHIA, August 27, 1884.

*To the Commander, Officers and Delegates of the Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

BRETHREN—According to the Rules and Regulations, I am required to make a report as an officer of this body.

On assuming the responsible position of Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief I found that to make our Order a success it would require constant communication with the other officers of the Commandery, so accordingly I placed myself in communication with the Commander-in-Chief, and by so doing I opened up new channels of communication, some of which proved beneficial to us.

Let me call your attention to the formation of our branch of the Order in Hillsdale, Michigan. After several communications with the worthy Brother who was successful in organizing a Camp at that place, we were amply repaid for our trouble, for the opposition were also struggling with the

Brother to push their claim; but after persistent endeavors we were successful. One or two other places have been communicated with, but not with the success that attended the Hillsdale organization.

Your Vice Lieutenant Commander has attended and helped in the mustering of three Camps from the opposition, two in the State of Delaware and one in the City of Philadelphia, and also helped in the mustering of one of the best Camps that is in the Order to-day, Camp No. 56, of the Eastern Division of Pennsylvania. I have also attended and kept myself constantly posted as regards the workings and condition of the Camps in this immediate vicinity. I have also visited several Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in the interest of our beloved Order, and in every instance I have received encouragement.

I would therefore call your attention to the fact that while I have done comparatively nothing, in a way, still there has been something done. No matter how small that something is, it has proved beneficial to us, and shows that, although I am but one, I have contributed my small share to help build up the rightful organization and pull down the wrong.

Let me call your attention to the fact that there should be some definite action taken in regard to the consolidation of the two factions of our Order, as I understand there is a growing tendency in that direction among the opposition here in our city, and as they are constantly getting rid of the "dead wood" that caused a great deal of the trouble, I believe something could be done that would lead to a joining of hands into one faithful brotherhood.

And now, let me say, let us be thankful for the success that has attended our labors the past year, and let us hope that the coming year may prove still more of a success to our beloved Order, which has for its principles the maintenance of our glorious country, for which our fathers fought and died. And let us still remember the Grand Army of the Republic, whose memories we are to perpetuate, and let us in all our dealings with them be mindful that they are the men who saved us and the Nation from treason in its worst form.

Allow me, therefore, to extend my thanks to the Commander and all the Brothers with whom I have had any dealings or communication.

Most respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

CHAS. C. MORTON,  
*Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief.*

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The chair appointed the following committees:

*Constitutions, Rules and Regulations.*—F. H. Challis, E. R. Vincent, W. E. W. Ross, C. Day Rudy and J. C. Foote.

*On Officers' Reports.*—Geo. W. Penniman, E. Z. Dow, F. W. Rowlson.

*On Ritual.*—C. M. Cott, W. C. Reem, J. B. Maccabe.

Recess voted until 9 A. M., 28th.

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PHILADELPHIA, August 28.

Encampment called to order 9:45 A. M., Commander Merrill in chair.

Moved and seconded, that roll call of members be dispensed with. Carried.

Committee on Reports of Officers submitted following:

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of officers, respectfully submit the following suggestions:

1. That as much of the reports as relates to finance be referred to a Committee on Finance, to be appointed.

2. That so much of the recommendations of the Adjutant General as contemplate constitutional changes, be referred to the Committee on General Rules and Regulations.

3. That the subject of the abolishing of Grand Divisions, as suggested by the Adjutant General, be referred to the Committee on Commandery and Grand Divisions.

4. That the subject of compensation for the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General be referred to the Committee on Finance, which we recommend be appointed.

5. That all other matters not covered by the preceding recommendations, be referred to the Committee on Commandery and Grand Division.

In this connection we would congratulate the Order upon the very favorable auspices under which we are assembled, and recommend that the reports of the officers be accepted.

G. W. PENNIMAN,  
F. W. ROWLSON,  
E. Z. DOW,

*Committee.*

Moved by J. B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts, that credentials of Chas. S. Knight, of Massachusetts, be admitted and his name placed on report of Committee on Credentials, and that he have a vote in the Encampment. Carried.

Recess of five minutes declared by chair, to ascertain when Committee on Constitutions, Rules and Regulations would be ready to report. Said committee sent word that they would not be ready to report before 11 o'clock.

Report of Committee on Unwritten Work called for. The committee (Dr. W. S. Eldnoge) submitted a verbal report, and suggested that the grip be changed, it now being known by persons not members or eligible. Moved, seconded and carried, that report be referred back to committee, with request that it be made in writing, and with suggestion of grip or grips to be adopted.

Committee on Ritual presented copy of one adopted by Second Grand Division.

Report of Inspector General read and referred to Committee on Report of Officers.

Roll call of Divisions was gone through for reports. None were submitted, it being announced that each Division had indorsed the reports and recommendations of the Grand Division under which it worked.

A resolution was presented by E. J. Thornton, and read, viz:

*Resolved*, That the efforts of Bro. George S. Brown, Camp No. 26, Eastern Division of Pennsylvania Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are hereby appreciated by this Commandery-in-Chief, and that his work for Ladies' Aid Societies be heartily indorsed and recommended to the various Camps under this jurisdiction.

Signed,

E. J. THORNTON.  
C. J. MILLER.  
C. DAY RUDY.  
ALBERT FRITZ.  
H. W. ARNOLD.  
W. C. HUNTER.  
W. C. REEM.  
J. H. CLOSSON.  
C. C. MORTON.



Moved and seconded, that the resolution be referred to a special committee. Carried. Chair appointed E. J. Thornton, W. C. Reem and J. B. Mac-  
cabe.

Moved, to refer back to reports of committees. Carried.

Report of Committee on Reports of Officers:

PHILADELPHIA, August 28, 1884.

Your Committee on Reports of Officers report the suggestion that the reports of officers, past and present, of the Third Grand Division, be accepted and adopted.

G. W. PENNIMAN,

E. Z. DOW,

F. W. ROWLSON,

*Committee.*

Carried.

Voted, that the bill of Past Commander-in-Chief Rowley, and bill of Major A. P. Davis, be referred to the new Council-in-Chief.

Moved and seconded, that at 2:30 o'clock P. M. the nomination and election of officers of Commandery-in-Chief shall take place. Lost.

Moved and seconded, that at 4 o'clock P. M. order of business be suspended to proceed with nomination and election of officers for Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

By vote of Convention, a recess was declared until 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon session called to order at 2:05.

Moved and seconded, to refer back to reports of committees. Carried.

Committee to whom was referred the resolution presented by E. J. Thornton and others, reported:

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:*

We, your undersigned committee, appointed to take action on the resolution of Past Captain Geo. S. Brown, Camp 26, Eastern Division of Pennsylvania, in reference to Ladies' Aid Societies, respectfully report in favor of the resolution as presented.

EDWARD J. THORNTON.

W. C. REEM.

J. B. MACCABE.

Motion made and seconded to accept report and discharge committee. Lost.

Moved, that the matter be referred to a committee to report at next National Encampment. Lost.

Moved, that it be referred to the original committee, striking out the name of G. S. Brown, and request the committee to report at as early a date as possible. Carried.

The reports of officers of Second Grand Division were read:

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND GRAND DIVISION,  
 SONS OF VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES. }  
 OFFICE OF CHIEF OF STAFF, PHILADELPHIA, August 26, 1884. }

*General Wm. E. W. Ross, Commander :*

When, on May 1, 1883, you honored me with the appointment of Chief-of-Staff, I accepted the office, being deeply sensible of the high honor conferred, and promised you that I would be faithful to the duties imposed upon me, trusting not to disappoint you nor forfeit your fraternal regard, and being inspired by your unselfish devotion and untiring zeal in making this the banner Grand Division of our noble Order, I prepared at once to take the offensive, and encouraged by your example and the valuable assistance of other officers of your Staff, we to-day assemble in our first Annual Encampment, with solid and confident columns, challenging comparison with the best in our land. While I have served you less efficiently than I wished, I have given you substantial and tangible evidence that I have endeavored to do my duty. I assure you that I shall take my place in the ranks and work in my Camp with as much pride as when I assumed charge of this office, and shall, as a Brother, labor with the same zeal to promote and advance the cause so dear to us all.

Let us press forward in the good work, ever doing our utmost to bring into our ranks every worthy son of him who wore the blue; those whose zeal and sympathies are confined and narrowed to the confines of their own welfare, and are indifferent to the demand of the less fortunate, we do not expect to seek admission to our ranks.

Had I, on assuming charge of this office, been satisfied with attending simply to the duties of the position and performing its routine work, the office of Chief-of-Staff would have been a sinecure; but, knowing that wider and broader fields of operation would at least introduce and bring to notice the aims and objects of the Order, I conceived the idea of addressing personal letters to comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic with whom I was acquainted. These letters have been sent to comrades in every State and Territory where a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic exists. Hundreds of answers have been received, asking for detailed information about how to organize Camps. The result in very many cases has been an application sent to the proper Division Commanders for a Camp charter. During my term of office I have personally written over two thousand five hundred letters. In addition, I have attended several Encampments, been present at many Camp meetings, and delivered a number of addresses in the interest of the Order. This, in connection with my own business affairs, has made this past year one of unceasing labor.

## PROSPERITY OF THIS GRAND DIVISION.

As we look over the year that has passed and the work which has been accomplished in extending the influence and blessings of our Order, and the fraternal feeling which has characterized our work, it is proper and fitting that our hearts rise up in grateful acknowledgment to Him who doeth all things well. We may justly congratulate each other, my Brothers, upon the flourishing condition of the Order in general, and point with pride to the work accomplished in this Second Grand Division during the year just closed, which has never been equalled by any other new order in the history of secret organizations. The official report of the Assistant Adjutant General well

shows the progress which has been made in organizing Camps, and taken in consideration with the difficulties to be overcome and the prejudice to fight, we have every reason for being more than satisfied with our advancement.

#### OUR OBJECTS.

In this enlightened age the principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans ought to be familiar to every one, but if understood they are oftentimes misrepresented by those who desire to bring them into disrepute.

The Sons of Veterans are bound by natural and patriotic ties to the men whose sublime devotion and heroic deeds saved the Nation; and who wrote in letters of blood, whose characters are as ineffaceable as the stars of Heaven: This is a Nation! "A Government of the people, by the people, and for the people." We are united to perpetuate and cherish the memories of their arduous service, to give aid and comfort to needy soldiers, and the bereaved family of the fallen; in short, to commemorate and keep forever green the deeds of heroism, loyalty and gallantry of our Fathers.

We are not a political organization, and no one can with impunity use our Order for political purposes. Such an attempt would be a violation of our principles and would not be tolerated; and, without caring for religious or political creed, we welcome all worthy sons of the men who served and perpetuated the Nation.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

At the seventeenth annual session of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Denver, Colorado, in July, 1883, the Commander-in-Chief, Paul Van Der Voort, in his address requested that the proper officers of the two branches of the Sons of Veterans should be present and harmonize, and that the Encampment should recognize one branch or the other. Our Order was ably represented by General William E. W. Ross and I. S. Bangs, who appeared before the following committee on the address of the Commander-in-Chief:

Charles T. Clark, of Ohio; Samuel Harper, of Pennsylvania; A. B. Valentine, of Vermont; William Warner, of Missouri; S. D. Puterbaugh, of Illinois.

The above committee, after a careful consideration of our purposes and objects, and reviews of our Ritual and Rules and Regulations, unanimously reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That we hail with pleasure all organizations having for their object the perpetuity of the principles which are dear to us, and we recognize in the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, one that is entitled to the confidence and support of all comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic."

That resolution was unanimously adopted by the Encampment.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

I would earnestly recommend that a suitable burial and memorial service be prepared and printed so that Camps could be supplied at an early date.

Every precaution should be taken to prevent a departure from the original purpose of Memorial Day. The tender and hallowed memories of our departed heroic Fathers should make the day one of humble, unpretentious service.

Sometimes, in the confusion incident to imposing parades and ceremonies, some obscure grave has been neglected, and a sorrowful mother with tearful eyes and wounded heart has turned from that humble mound, pained because her boy's grave was forgotten; or some little child has wept bitter tears over

a father's neglected grave. It is not and must not be made a day for excursions, dances and other amusements. To me this desecration is revolting. Let us make it a day that long after each one of the mighty legions of the warrior dead has lost his identity, this great nation may for one day in the year cease the hum and whir of its industry and repair to the graves of its dead soldiers, and decorate with the flowers of springtime, and beside those lowly mounds silently, aye, reverently, ponder over the past, and remember the sacrifices and sufferings given for the Nation's life, turning from those graves better men—better Americans.

#### LADIES' AID SOCIETIES.

Ladies' auxiliary societies are not only efficient allies everywhere, but are in most cases indispensable to efficiency in relief work. I know of no Camp having such a society that is not strong and prosperous, and I urge each camp to organize one without delay.

#### CAMP FIRES.

A large number of open meetings and Camp fires have been an important factor in the success of the past year's work. No better nor more efficient method can be adopted to disseminate information concerning our objects and purposes. The good that has resulted from these meetings is so obvious that I hope all Camps will try the experiment. I should be alike unfaithful to the promptings of duty and a grateful heart did I fail to express my deep appreciation of the generous help, unvarying courtesy and kindness I have everywhere and at all times met.

The cordial co-operation and kindly help given me by members of Camps Nos. 1 and 56, of Eastern Division of Pennsylvania, and the guards of Camp No. 1, are deserving of especial mention. The result of the year, I trust, may prove eminently satisfactory to you and the Brothers of this Grand Division, and in this connection I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to Colonels Closson and Aimies, Majors Doyle and Young, Captains Hunter, Flint, Drake, Lowry and others for valuable help and assistance.

As our official relations are about to terminate, I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me, and to tender you my warmest thanks and lasting gratitude for the many kindnesses and courtesies which I have been the recipient at your hands, and trust that my devotion to duty may, in a measure, atone for my shortcomings.

Fraternally yours,

R. M. J. REED,  
*Colonel and Chief-of-Staff.*

OFFICE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, SECOND GRAND DIVISION, }  
SONS OF VETERANS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
BALTIMORE, August 21, 1884. }

*Gen. W. E. W. Ross, Commander Second Division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of the transactions of this office since the organization of the Second Grand Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. By General Order No. 1, issued from these headquarters June 19, 1883, you assumed command of the Second and Fifth Grand Divisions, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and having honored me with the appointment as Assistant Adjutant General, I immediately entered upon the duties pertaining to the office, which, so far as I could without

detriment to my private business, have continued to perform to the best of my abilities, and I trust, to the satisfaction of all with whom I have been brought into contact officially or socially.

The Second Grand Division comprises the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and the District of Columbia. At the time of your assuming command there was in existence in this Grand Division, nine Camps working under the jurisdiction of the Commandery-in-Chief, located in West Pennsylvania, Ohio and the District of Columbia. There were in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware and Maryland, a number of Camps composed of the Sons of Union Veterans, whose object was the same as our own, but owing to the want of proper organization and system there was no unity of action, and therefore neither prospered to that extent which an organization with such objects deserved.

In obedience to your orders I obtained rosters of all the departments of the Grand Army of the Republic in the United States, and a circular having been prepared setting forth the objects of our association, a copy of the same together with instructions for the formation of Camps and a blank form of application for charter, was sent to every Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in this Grand Division, beside a large number to prominent Posts throughout the country at a considerable expenditure of time and money.

An arrangement was soon made with the Eastern Division of Pennsylvania to unite with the Commandery-in-Chief, and work under its jurisdiction, the State of Pennsylvania being divided into two Divisions to be known as the Eastern and Western Divisions of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., respectively, by this arrangement fifty Camps formerly connected with what was known as the Philadelphia branch, were mustered into this Grand Division up to and including July 5, 1883. Brother E. W. Alexander, of General Geo. G. Meade Camp No. 16, of Reading, was elected Commander at the first Encampment held July 4, 1883. Immediately after entering upon the duties of the office he commenced a thorough canvass of the Division which, with the assistance of the other officers and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, resulted in adding largely to the membership of the Order in that Division. The same course has been pursued by his successor in office with the same results. The Division of Pennsylvania numbers at this time sixty-nine Camps. The following Posts have Camps working under their auspices, or have Comrades acting as advisory to the Camps in their vicinity:

Posts Nos. 2, 4, 5, 9, 16, 39, 41, 50, 36, 61, 72, 76, 91, 110, 125, 138, 165, 182, 176, 178, 199, 242, 278, 280, 303, 325 and 371, of the Department of Pennsylvania.

Posts Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 23, 24, 34 and 66, of the Department of New Jersey.

Posts Nos. 20, 4, 13, 24, 37, 45, 47, 50, 65, 112, 109, 128, 155, 271, 289, 303, 378, 391 and 436, of the Department of New York.

Posts 1 and 2, of Delaware.

Posts \_\_\_\_\_, of Ohio.

Post 22, of the Department of Maryland.

Post 5, of the Department of the Potomac.

The New Jersey Division, Sons of Veterans, which had been working under the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia branch, availing itself of the agreement between the Commandery-in-Chief and Eastern Pennsylvania, was organized as the Division of New Jersey, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at Trenton, on June 4, 1883, with three Camps which has been increased to eight.

The Provisional Division of Ohio was working in conjunction with this Commandery-in-Chief, when you assumed command and had two Camps

under Comrade David Launing, an ex-soldier, also a son of a veteran, with Brother Wheeler C. Wikoff as Adjutant, when through the efforts of Comrade Dr. James A. Myers, of East Liverpool, the third Camp was formed and a Division meeting called, at which Brother Wheeler C. Wikoff was elected Colonel, who, by industry and personal application gave the Order a start in that State, and it now numbers — Camps, a number of which, by the efforts of the Division officers and the *Sons of Veterans' Gazette*, were brought over from the Philadelphia branch.

Maryland had three Camps working under the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia branch, or what was known as the Eastern Division. On March 1, 1883, James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 was mustered into this Commandery in the city of Baltimore by you. This was the first Camp organized in the Division of Maryland, under the jurisdiction of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Of the three Camps of the Sons of Veterans in the opposition Order, J. F. Reynold's Camp surrendered its charter, and was mustered into this Commandery on March 4, 1883. Farragut Camp No. 5, another of the opposition Camps was mustered into this Division by yourself aided by the Assistant Adjutant General and a committee of Wilson Post No. 1, and Burnside Post No. 22, Grand Army of the Republic. Notably among the membership was Brother Chas. E. Cole, late Colonel commanding the opposition Division.

This Provisional Division comprises now three Camps, but the membership is small, and must be attributed to the lack of material and not to want of exertion on the part of the Brothers, who, one and all, are working for the best interests of the Order in this State, looking forward hopefully to the time when all sons of veterans will be united under one head, and working together to carry out the great principles of our beloved Order.

At the time of the formation of this Grand Division, the Division of West Pennsylvania had already been organized, with Brother John H. Seiferth as Commander. A number of Camps were organized and reported to this Division by you. It has now thirty Camps, and its rapid growth has been recent, and is attributable to the energy and application of the new officers, Col. H. W. Arnold and his efficient staff.

By General Orders No. 6, issued from these headquarters, the Grand Commander announced the formation of the Division of New York. This State presented a rather mixed condition of affairs, having participated in the formation of the Commandery-in-Chief at Pittsburg in 1882, and in the adoption of the present Rules and Regulations and Ritual, and working under an entirely different system from the one its representatives voted to adopt. Having been notified by General Orders No. 1, to report the names, number and location of its Camps, or Posts, as they were called, and failing to respond to correspondence, by permission of the Commandery-in-Chief you established the Camp system in New York State, ignoring the organization already existing there. The result has been gratifying and showed the wisdom of the action. Many of the so-called Posts disbanded and adopted the Camp system, bringing with them some of the leading officers of the opposition, so that a number of new Camps were formed, and on Tuesday, November 26, 1883, the Division of New York, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was organized by yourself, assisted by the Chief-of-Staff, Chief Mustering Officer and Assistant Inspector General, with fourteen Camps thoroughly organized, which has been increased to twenty-five. This gratifying result was brought about in a great measure by the indefatigable zeal of a number of Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, and especially to Comrades Rodrego, Hatch, Carlisle and Anderson, to whom the thanks of the Division of New York and this Grand Division are due.

General Orders No. 9, issued from these headquarters, March 4, 1884,

announced the muster of two Camps in the State of Delaware and the severance of the Delaware Division, Sons of Veterans, from the Philadelphia branch (under whose jurisdiction it had been working), and its attachment to this Grand Division under the Commandery-in-Chief. This Division is still provisional, and reports directly to the Grand Division headquarters, but the promise of more Camps being fulfilled, it will soon be under its own government.

General Orders No. 9 also announces the formation of a Camp in the State of West Virginia, under the most favorable auspices. We believe this is the beginning of a good work in that State, the material of which the Camp is composed being excellent, and the interest manifested by its members so great that it is only a question of a very short time when Camps of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be established all over the State.

Difficulties attending all new organizations have embarrassed the Division Commanders, but none so much as the neglect of Camp Commanders to forward their Orderly Sergeant and Quartermaster Sergeant reports promptly. There is a certain time fixed by law for these reports to be made and forwarded, the penalty for not doing so is the withholding of commissions from the officers and the password and countersign from the Brothers, besides prohibiting delegates from such Camps representation in the Encampments. This matter is of the most vital importance to the Order, because delay on the part of Camps makes corresponding delay at Division and Grand Division headquarters, and the consequence is that Division Commanders who have sufficient pride in being prompt in their reports are held back by the carelessness and neglect of Camp Commanders. The fault is with the Camp Commander alone. He has full jurisdiction over his Orderly and Quartermaster Sergeants, and may remove them at his pleasure. There is no reasonable excuse that can be offered by a Commander of a Camp for not having his reports in the mail on the way to Division headquarters the day after the last meeting of the quarter in which such reports are due, and he has no right to have the password and countersign withheld from his Camp on account of his own apathy and negligence. A new password and countersign is issued under the law every six months, in January and July, and from the consolidated reports of Division Commanders, there are a number of Camps which have not received nor are they entitled to the countersign issued in July; which means that the Brothers of those Camps can not visit a Camp in good standing in the United States on account of the failure of their commanding officer to perform a simple duty. The Brothers are particularly interested in this, and if, in July and January a new countersign is not received by them, any one has a perfect right in the Camp rooms to inquire whether the required reports have been forwarded, and if not, to find out the reason why. No Brother should accept a position in a Camp unless he intends to familiarize himself with its duties and perform them—on failure to do which he should resign at once, so as not to be a drawback to the Camp and Order.

Just previous to the expiration of the last semi-annual term, a circular was prepared and sent to each Camp Commander through Division headquarters, and enclosing blank semi-annual reports, showing exactly how such reports should be made up, and impressing upon each the great importance of promptness. This circular was prepared at considerable cost of time and money, and still it had no effect upon the very class of people it was intended to reach. Camp Commanders who felt an interest in the Order, forwarded their returns promptly, and would have done so without this circular, and those who did not are unfit to remain in command, and it is to this class my remarks are addressed. I am aware that many of the Camps failing to make returns are small, and the officers are not much encouraged; but all Camps are small at their organization, but few mustering over twenty recruits, and

those have grown that have had officers who conformed to the law, while those who have not, remain small, and always will, until some bright, energetic young Brother is pushed to the front.

The password and countersign should only be given by the Camp Commander, or by his direction by the Sergeant of the Guard. Other officers and Brothers have no right to communicate the words to one another. They are not in any manner judges of who are in good standing and entitled to the word; it is a violation of their obligation to communicate the word.

There is not enough attention given to general orders, and in many instances they are not read in the meetings of the Camps. They are addressed to Camp Commanders by name, and are too often regarded by him as his personal property, and for his guidance alone. This is a mistake; they are the property of the Camp, and after being read in open meeting, should be carefully filed by the Orderly Sergeant for future reference, and Inspectors should see that each Camp has a file of general orders.

Consolidated returns for the last term were received and adjusted, and all reports due from this Grand Division have been forwarded.

These reports show a perfect understanding of their duties by the Division Adjutants and Quartermasters, and the Grand Division is to be congratulated on the general efficiency and attention to duty of your subordinate officers.

My business the past year has been peculiarly exacting, and I have had to depend greatly upon you to conduct the correspondence, only being able to give you assistance in the several details about the office. This fact has set a bad example in conducting official correspondence, and it is my duty to remark upon it here. All official letters from a subordinate branch to its superior, should be signed by the highest officer of that subordinate branch and addressed to the Adjutant or Assistant Adjutant General, not to the Division Commander or Grand Division Commander, and inversely all official communications from a higher to a subordinate branch, should be addressed to the *highest* officer of the subordinate branch, and signed by the Adjutant or Assistant Adjutant General, who really act as secretaries to their respective Commanders, and are supposed to have their confidence and consult with them in such matters as require the personal attention of their respective chiefs. A Camp may direct the Orderly Sergeant to communicate officially with Division or Grand Division headquarters, and he may *write* as directed, but the letter should be signed by the Camp Commander.

The preparation of a digest should begin at once, that Camps may have the benefit of rules of correspondence, general orders, etc. If the Order is to succeed, it must be by strict attention to system and discipline, as no business conducted slovenly ever succeeded yet.

The Inspectors report several contradictions in the Rituals, to which the attention of our representatives to the Commandery-in-Chief should be called.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

JOHN A. THOMPSON, JR.,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
SECOND GRAND DIVISION SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
BALTIMORE, August 21, 1884. }

To Gen. Wm. E. W. Ross, Commander of Second Grand Division Sons of Veterans,  
U. S. A.:

I have the honor to make the following report of the Quartermaster General's Department of the Second Grand Division. I regret that continued sickness and threatened loss of eyesight prevented my giving attention to



many details, thus adding to your work and withdrawing your attention from matters of organization to which your time should have been exclusively devoted.

The agreement between East Pennsylvania and the Commandery-in-Chief, on the consolidation of the two Orders, made it compulsory on me to issue a large amount of supplies, without charge, and by your orders Constitutions were also furnished free to persons desiring them, for the purpose of inquiring into the Rules and Regulations of the Order, with a view of establishing Camps.

The assessment of only one cent per capita tax for the whole eighteen months was not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Grand Division, owing to the neglect of many Camps to make returns. Under your directions everything has been done to encourage the Divisions and unlimited credit has been done to encourage the Divisions and unlimited credit has been allowed them for supplies until they were on a good financial footing. A small amount is still due by some Divisions and Camps, and judging from their promptness in the past it will soon be available to your successor. Altogether the financial showing is creditable as with supplies and assets, we are able to show a satisfactory balance, after working eighteen months without a dollar to commence business, and with only \$34.00 per capita tax in all, received for the benefit of the Grand Division.

I have not been able to make up consolidated Division reports for the semi-annual term of '83, because the Camps generally did not understand them, and Division Commanders failed to receive satisfactory reports. Reports for the semi-annual term ending June 30th, show a balance in Division Quartermaster and Quartermaster Sergeant's hands to be \$5,322.48.

All reports due to Commandery-in-Chief have been sent forward and the per capita tax for both semi-annual terms has been paid.

If Division Commanders would calculate about what quantity of supplies they would need for three months, and draw that amount a great deal might be saved in expressage. Some orders have been so small that express charges would have exceeded the profits to the Division; in such cases the goods were forwarded by mail and the expense paid by this office.

Messrs. Bailey, Banks & Biddle, have made three reductions in the wholesale prices of badges, and corresponding reductions have been made to Divisions, I have no doubt with proper effort a further reduction can be secured as the demand increases. In ordering badges, Division Commanders would find it to their advantage to have them sent by registered mail and inclose ten cents for registry, and about twelve cents per dozen for postage, thus saving express charges which for long distances are considerable.

The following is an exhibit of receipts and expenditures.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM ALL SOURCES.

For badges . . . . .	\$2,063 00	
For Commandery-in-Chief per capita . . . . .	181 25	
For Grand Division per capita . . . . .	33 68	
For proportion of fees . . . . .	312 00	
For supplies . . . . .	1,027 59	
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	\$3,617 52	
Expended as per Vouchers 1 to 145 . . . . .		\$3,617 52

ASSETS.	
Grand Division Seal . . . . .	\$9 00
Chronometer Stamp . . . . .	15 00
Supplies on hand . . . . .	114 45
	\$138 45
Amount due by Grand Division in excess of amount due by Divisions and Camps . . . . .	31 70
	\$106 75

Very respectfully in F., C. and L.,  
MILES W. ROSS,  
*Assistant Quartermaster General.*

HEADQUARTERS SECOND GRAND DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }  
BALTIMORE, August 21, 1884. }

*To the Commandery-in-Chief and Representatives Second Grand Division S. of V.:*

The failure of the Grand Army to provide for its own succession has rendered such an organization as ours necessary, and is a natural consequence of early training at the Camp fires and social gatherings of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the patriotism instilled into the young minds at such meetings, where the fathers took great pride in presenting their offspring, that they might hear and know, not of the great deeds and prowess of individuals, but of the great benefits derived from crushing one of the most gigantic rebellions ever known. As the boys grew older, the disposition to organize and form associations similar to their fathers', manifested itself in different ways, and in 1875 organizations of Soldiers' and Sailors' sons, under the names of Cadets and Sons of Veterans, appeared simultaneously in different parts of the country.

All efforts to consolidate these several organizations under one head have failed up to this time. The first real effort to bring the orders together was made at Pittsburgh, in 1882, where the several States were invited to send delegates. This invitation was responded to by the New York department, in the person of regularly accredited delegates, who were authorized to arrange finally all conditions of consolidation, and in conjunction with the Western Division of Pennsylvania (the Pittsburgh branch), the present Constitution was adopted, and Mr. Harry J. Rowley was elected Commander-in-Chief. It was only necessary then to secure the Eastern Division of Pennsylvania to bring the several orders under one head.

New York had many objectionable features in its constitution and ritual, notably the names and titles of its lodges, officers and members, which, as the Order increased, must necessarily create confusion. The lodges were called Posts, the States, Departments; the officers' titles were also similar to those of the Grand Army, and of equal rank, namely: Post Commander, S. V. Commander, Officer of the Day, etc. Upon the representations of its delegates that a little time was necessary to enable New York to do away with such features as were objectionable to Grand Army comrades, a provision to this effect was embodied in the Constitution. Nothing, however, was done at the succeeding *Department* Encampment of New York towards carrying out these pledges, and after several ineffectual efforts to have the Department abide by the pledges of its representatives, it had to be abandoned, and by permission of the Commander-in-Chief and Commandery Council I introduced the Camp system into the State, and established the first Camp at Kingston, New York, in April, 1883.

At a meeting of the Eastern Division of Pennsylvania (formerly known as the Philadelphia branch), in Harrisburg, in 1882, on account of dissatisfaction with the management of that branch of the Order by the National Officers, the East Pennsylvania Camps voted to withdraw, and did so in a body; the representatives of five of these Camps refused to be bound by the action of the other twenty-four Camps, seceded, and together with Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Ohio and Massachusetts, continued the Order now known as the Philadelphia branch.

The delegates of twenty-four Camps of East Pennsylvania then appointed a committee to wait upon the Commandery-in-Chief of this Order and make arrangements for consolidation.

The following conditions were mutually agreed upon, and were promulgated in General Order No. 2, of these headquarters:

1. That the State of Pennsylvania shall be, and is hereby, divided into two divisions, to be called the Eastern Pennsylvania and Western Pennsylvania Divisions of the Sons of Veterans, and the following shall comprise the boundary lines between the two: All that part of the State east of the boundaries of the counties of Potter, Clinton, Centre, Huntingdon and Fulton, to comprise the Eastern Division, and all that part of the State west of the western boundaries of the counties of Tioga, Lycoming, Union, Mifflin, Juniata and Franklin to comprise the Western Division, providing that it is understood and agreed that Camp No. 12, located at Altoona, Pennsylvania, now a part of the Eastern Division, shall not become (unless they sooner so elect) a part of the Western Division prior to the first day of July, 1884, and that neither Division shall be allowed to establish or maintain any Camps within the lines of the other Division. Also, that the said newly-established boundary lines shall not hereafter be altered or changed, except at the request of the said two Divisions, made in due form to the Commandery-in-Chief.

2. That the Commandery-in-Chief, shall issue, free of all cost, charters to the several Camps of the said Eastern Division, thirty days from the receipt of the list of charter members of each Camp, and shall mail the same to their given post office address. Also, that the said Commandery-in-Chief shall, as soon as may be practicable, furnish to the said Eastern Division Headquarters, or to each Camp of said Division, the required constitutional number of Rituals, and at least one dozen copies of the Constitution and General Rules and Regulations now in force, the same to be furnished at the price established for each and all Divisions of the Order: *Providing, however, That until said Rituals and Constitutions can be furnished to each Camp, they shall be at full liberty to continue to work under and use those which they now have.*

3. That the said Eastern Division shall adopt and use the insignia and badge of the Order now used by the Commandery-in-Chief and its several subordinate branches, in the manner and form prescribed.

4. It is hereby mutually understood and agreed that both of the said Divisions are duly entitled to all of the rights and privileges of the Order, which are at present or may be hereafter granted to other Divisions, and that all shall stand on an equal platform and basis in due constitutional form regarding all details.

These conditions have been strictly adhered to, and on July 5, 1883, I mustered into this Commandery-in-Chief fifty Camps of East Pennsylvania, and installed Colonel E. W. Alexander, and the other officers elected at Lancaster, to command the new Division.

In March, 1883, the Division of New Jersey petitioned to come into this Commandery-in-Chief, and after the Camps were mustered a Division Encampment was held at Trenton, and the Division was duly mustered by me June, 1883, and Colonel Robert Crawford and other officers installed.

In February, 1884, the Division of Delaware made a similar application and was accepted, and it is now a provisional Division of this Commandery-in-Chief.

In 1883 the first Camp under this jurisdiction was organized in Maryland, and has been joined by two Camps of the opposition and is now a provisional Division.

The terms upon which these Camps and Divisions became part of the Commandery-in-Chief have been published in General Orders, and are as follows: The Camps to have free Charters, Rituals and Constitutions, and privileges of Past Rank (accorded to Camps organized originally by this Commandery), to be extended all their Past Camp and Past Division officers, and the Camps and Divisions to be placed upon the same footing as if originally organized and chartered by us. Camps in Ohio and Posts in New York are daily severing their connection with the opposition and joining our ranks, and notwithstanding the efforts of the officers in high rank in the other branch to prevent consolidation on equitable terms, the rank and file, realizing that our Order is the best, are fast becoming absorbed.

In New York a number of the Posts formerly in the New York Department, have thrown up their charters and joined with us. Past Colonel Jas. E. Purdy, of New York City, the present Colonel I. B. Stanton, of Amsterdam, as well as other officers of the present Division, were officers of high rank in the New York *Department*, and express themselves highly pleased with the change. When I assumed command of this Grand Division, January 16, 1883, there were but ten Camps in this jurisdiction, seven in West Pennsylvania, two in Ohio and one in the Potomac, and in the space of eighteen months we have in West Pennsylvania, thirty-six; in Ohio, thirty-nine; in East Pennsylvania, seventy; in New York, twenty-six; in New Jersey, eight; in Delaware, two; in Maryland, three; two in Potomac and one in West Virginia, showing a remarkable increase in a new Order, whose objects are but little understood, and which has been pestered with a factious opposition which has not hesitated to adopt all means that misrepresentation and malice could invent to retard its progress. Experience has shown that a number of changes in the Constitution and Ritual would be beneficial, and I would recommend for the consideration of this Encampment the following changes:

1. The Order being only semi-military, and generally without arms, the titles of the officers are too high-sounding, and, to an Order of this kind, meaningless. It would be better if the titles of Division officers were made to conform to the titles of the National officers, and that Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel and Majors be dispensed with, and Division Commanders, Lieutenant Division Commanders, and Vice Lieutenant Division Commander be substituted. I would also apply the same title to Camp officers, as Camp Commander, Lieutenant Camp Commander and Vice Lieutenant Camp Commander, and dispense with all rank, allowing the insignia of office to remain the same.

2. The wearing of swords, unless in charge of armed troops, should be dispensed with.

3. The insignia of rank should be worn on the collar of the coat, of miniature size, or on the breast, and the large shoulder straps abolished.

- 4th. All brevet ranks in the Order and the Grand Army of the Republic should cease, as the conferring of such rank in the Order will be looked upon as favoritism by those who fail to receive them, and as Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who really take an interest in the Order on account of its principles and objects, need no further incentive. Camps should be allowed to select five Comrades of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic as an advisory committee, if so desired, and in lieu of a com-

mission with rank, a Diploma of Honorary Life Membership without rank, should be issued by Grand Division Commander upon recommendation of the Subordinate Camps.

No Diploma should be issued to a civilian who never served in the Army or Navy during the rebellion.

5. Fines should be abolished altogether from the organic law, and left to the Camps to provide for in their By-Laws.

6. The name of a rejected applicant should not be sent higher than to Division headquarters.

7. The minimum muster fee should be reduced to one dollar for recruits, and Camps left free to fix their own Camp dues. In some localities on account of the interest and assistance of the Grand Army of the Republic Posts, Camps are under but little expense and the assessment of not less than \$3 per annum is a hardship and unnecessary.

8. All members of the Order in good standing in their several Camps, should be eligible to hold office in Division Encampment as well as in the Grand Division and Commandery-in-Chief.

9. Succession should be provided for, but it should be *direct succession* from Fathers to Sons and include *all* Sons, instead of only the eldest Son, and the English rule of descent in the collateral branches should be abandoned, as impracticable. This was a civil war, and in many parts of the Union the brother of a Union soldier adopted the Confederate cause, and the sister became the wife of Confederate Soldier, and it is not improbable that the sister of a soldier's son may have married an ex-Confederate, in which event the eldest male offspring would be eligible, if the soldier's son being a member of the first class should die without male issue, and as this Order is intended to perpetuate only the services of those who fought and fell in the cause of the Union, the extension of eligibility to collateral branches, would render eligible, not only the offspring of Union soldiers, but the sons and descendants of ex-Confederates. By striking out such provision, we effectually relieve ourselves of one of the most serious obstacles to consolidation of the two Orders, as the main objection of the opposition to unity with us as a body, is alleged to be that we accept nephews and cousins, etc., to membership.

10. The special committee of supervision should be dispensed with as its duties are similar to that of the Camp Council, and being appointed by the retiring Commander at the *last* stated meeting, to serve during the term of the *next* Commander, it really extends his supervision beyond the term of his office, which is unfair to the newly elected administration.

11. The terms of all officers should be one year instead of six months. A six months' term is so short that the officers do not fairly become acquainted with their duties before their term of service expires, and the roster of officers which should be kept at Division and Grand Division headquarters seems to be constantly undergoing a change.

12. The number to constitute a quorum of the Division, Grand Division and Commandery-in-Chief Council should be increased for a Division consisting of eleven members, from three to five; for Grand Division, consisting of thirty-two members, from seven to ten.

13. The name of Camp Council might be changed to Trustees and all rank of such Council abolished. They should all be elected annually at the meeting in December, and their term of office should be one year, expiring with the administration. They should be designated by the letter T in old English letter, on a blue field of miniature strap, otherwise, worn upon the left breast horizontally and next to the bar of the badge. Their duties should be as prescribed and the name should be changed, to prevent confusion with the Grand Army of the Republic.

14. The service stripes and gradual promotion of officers serving in one position for a long time had as well be abolished if the Order is to be made one of usefulness instead of rank.

15. The Grand Division and Division Commanders holding office at the date of a Grand Division or Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, should be made members of the Encampment by constitutional enactment as well as Past Division Commanders. They are equally interested in the proceedings, and they should be encouraged to be present at the Encampments, by giving them a vote and voice in its proceedings.

16. The Division appointed Staff, except Aides-de-Camp and Assistant Inspectors, should be members of the Division Encampments, and have a voice and vote, and should constitute a portion of the Division Council or Trustees.

A number of other changes are advisable, and are hereby submitted in proper form for recommendation to the Commandery-in-Chief. These proposed changes are the result of close observation and experience, and are made purely in the interest of the Order.

I desire to call attention to most flagrant violations of the provisions of the Constitution by officers in wearing the badge ribbon attached to a metallic miniature rank-strap in imitation of the Grand Army of the Republic. The badge of the Sons of Veterans is to be worn suspended by a ribbon from a horizontal bar of the same material as the badge (bronze), and should never be detached from that bar. The insignia of *active rank* is worn on the shoulder or collar of the coat; the insignia of past rank, a miniature strap, should be worn diagonally on the left breast, a little above and to the left of the badge, and not half way down the ribbon, in imitation of the Grand Army. In all provisions of the Constitution every effort has been made to avoid similarity to the Grand Army of the Republic, so as to prevent confusion, and should be strictly enforced by Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors. There are two styles of buttons being worn, which should be looked after by Inspectors, and only the style provided in the Constitution should be allowed.

The failure of the Chief Mustering Officer to make a report is owing to activity of the Division Mustering Officer, and the assistance given by Grand Army of the Republic Posts in performing the muster work for the new Camps. He in company with myself and Chief of Staff, however, has been present, and assisted in mustering all Division Encampments and several Camps in New Jersey. The Assistant Inspector General has no report to make, owing to the fact that general inspections were impracticable on account of the expense, and this headquarters had too much work to attend to the selection of proper assistants in the several Divisions. A general inspection should be had about November next, just prior to the December election, and the standing and necessities of each Camp should be as well known at Grand Division headquarters as to the Division Commander.

In addition to the Camps mustered in this Grand Division, applications were sent through the favor of the *National Tribune*, Washington, D. C., to the following localities, and the several Division Commanders notified, which resulted in starting a number of Camps: In Portland, Hillsdale and Lowell, Michigan; Newport, Kentucky; Florence, Larned and Howard, Kansas; Bridgeport and Seymour, Connecticut; Elsay, Wyoming, Dixon, Patoka, Casey, Illinois; Yankton and Cavour, Dakota; Connersville, Rochester, Auburn and Warsaw, Indiana; Milwaukee and Albion, Wisconsin; Wyoming and Beaman, Iowa; Pawnee City, Tekamah and Hastings, Nebraska; Little Rock, Arkansas, and Korksville and Arbelia, Montana. We have been specially favored by the *National Tribune* in its efforts to advance our Order, and the thanks of the Commandery should be tendered in recognition of its valuable services.

The Grand Division is under obligations to Bailey, Banks & Biddle, of Philadelphia, and to White & Graham, Printers, Baltimore, for courtesies and favors extended. Except for the assistance of these firms, whose confidence you enjoyed, the Assistant Quartermaster General\* would have experienced great difficulties in furnishing Divisions promptly with supplies, and extending credit to them so necessary in their first organization.

I cheerfully commend to the Brothers of the Order the papers issued in our interest by enterprising Brothers: *The Sons of Veterans National Gazette*, Columbus, Ohio, and *The Reveille*, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. As a medium of communication between Camps, Divisions, etc., they are invaluable, particularly in publishing in full all General Orders emanating from each headquarters. These papers are well edited, but have not proven a success financially, owing to the failure of the Brothers generally to subscribe, and less enterprising Brothers would have abandoned the publication; but the publishers realize, as I do, the necessity of such a medium, and still continue, hoping in the end their efforts will be appreciated and a good source of information saved to the Order.

A word or two of myself and I have done. I assumed command of this Grand Division upon the invitation of the founder of this Order, Comrade Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburgh, whose labors in your behalf have been assiduous, and to whom the Order must forever rest under a debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts to establish it upon a firm and lasting basis, and General I. S. Bangs, my colleague in the Grand Army of the Republic, my comrade and my friend, the provisional Commander of the First Grand Division, whose unselfish labors established the Order in the Eastern States, having to fight his way in the face of the most stubborn opposition, working day and night, in season and out of season, until he succeeded in establishing a Grand Division of which we all have reason to feel proud.

When I accepted their invitation to enlist in the cause, I did so with a full knowledge of the difficulties that surrounded the organization of a new Order, without a dollar in the treasury and without credit, but with a determination to do the best I could to assist you, and to devote my energies to your success for one year. I have done so, gladly, willingly. I have never for one moment felt the least regret in accepting the responsibility. My labors have been a pleasure to me, and my intercourse with all the members of the Order has been gratifying in the extreme. I feel proud of the acquaintances I have made, and of the respect, confidence and obedience of all whom it has been my pleasure to command. I have received a hearty support from all my Division Commanders, and they have had as much to contend with as I. Their position has been no bed of roses, and in after years, when thorough discipline and system have been established throughout the Order, and Division Commanders have little to do except attend to ordinary routine and command, the labors and sacrifices of the original Division Officers should not be forgotten. To their devotion and application to the duties of their office, the success of this Grand Division is mainly due.

To my Chief-of-Staff, Colonel R. M. J. Reed, whose active support I have had from the beginning, I can not sufficiently express my thanks. Coming to me a stranger, except for that inexplicable tie of comradeship in the war, which makes all Comrades friends at first sight, but personally unknown to me, I invited him to become my Chief-of-Staff, and his acceptance brightened my way and lessened my labors. He has not only been a willing assistant, ready at all times to do what he was asked, but he has been a judicious adviser, and I have learned to defer to his mature judgment, and seldom made an important movement except after consultation with him. He has been my subordinate only in name, and is entitled to a full share of credit for any success that may have been attained. To my other staff officers who have rendered assistance in the good work, I return my heartfelt thanks.

To Chief Mustering Officer Rodrego is due the establishment of our Camp system in New York City, the headquarters of the opposition, and to Assistant Inspector General Jas. H. Hatch, of New York, and to Commander Carlyle, the blind soldier, Vice Commander Department of New York, and to Commander R. W. Anderson, of Pratt Post, Kingston, New York, is due in a great degree the extension and progress of the Order in that State.

In every State Comrades of the Grand Army have flocked to our standard and shown great zeal in assisting to establish our Order. A large number of Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic have representative advisory committees attached to Camps of the Sons of Veterans, and many of them have Camps working under their auspices. The success of the Order in the future depends largely on the support and encouragement of the Grand Army of the Republic, and every effort should be made by Camps to obtain the active support of the veterans of the war. Grand Army Comrades do not seek to hold office in the Camps or Encampments of the Sons of Veterans, and the Order is sufficiently intelligent to hold its own command and do its own voting, and I am unalterably opposed to continuing Grand Army Comrades longer in active command. The necessity for such is past. Through the active assistance of a number of Comrades, the Order has been assisted on the road to success, and they should be permitted to retire from active command as soon as their respective organizations are completed and made permanent, and act only in advisory capacity when such service is needed.

In retiring from command of this Second Grand Division, I ask only the same consideration and courtesy for my successor as has been so generously bestowed on me.

Faternally,

WM. E. W. ROSS,

*Commander Second Grand Div. Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

Report of First Grand Division was presented by Commander Challis :

HEADQUARTERS FIRST GRAND DIVISION SONS OF VETERANS, }  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 MANCHESTER, N. H., August 2, 1888. }

*To the Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. :*

From December, 1882, till December 21, 1883, the First Grand Division was under the provisional command of Brevet Major General Isaac S. Bangs, of Waterville, Me., to whose untiring efforts it owes very much, and who will always have the sincere esteem of the members of that Grand Division. Under his administration the Order grew from two Camps—one in Maine and one in New Hampshire—to forty-two Camps and permanent Divisions in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, with provisional organizations in the three other New England States at that time. At the meeting of the Grand Division held in Manchester, December 27, 1883, the undersigned was elected Commander, and the same has been under his charge ever since that time.

I have the pleasure of reporting to the Commandery-in-Chief a substantial and very gratifying growth in the Grand Division in the last few months. The Division of Massachusetts was permanently organized in February, and since then has made rapid progress, not only in instituting new Camps, but in obtaining accessions from the opposition. Connecticut, also, has joined the circle of permanent Divisions, and at its Encampment held August 19, doffed its swaddling clothes of G. A. R. leadership, and elected a son of a veteran to its chief office. Rhode Island alone of the New England States remains in a provisional condition.



I wish to testify to and gratefully acknowledge the very general disposition of Division officers to make the reports required by law, and to the efforts they have made to secure the prompt payment of the per capita tax.

Returns have been made by each Division—not complete in all cases—but sufficient to give reliable data of value to the Order. From the reports submitted I make the following summary for July, 1884:

Maine—28 Camps; 18 Camps reported 532 members, 10 not reported; estimated membership, 388. Total membership, 920.

New Hampshire—18 Camps; 16 Camps reported 321 members, 2 Camps not reported; estimated membership, 55. Total, 376 members.

Vermont—19 Camps; 16 Camps reported 331 members; estimated membership, 400.

Massachusetts—11 Camps; 335 members.

Connecticut—5 Camps; 156 members.

Rhode Island—1 Camp; 40 members.

Since July 1 there have been mustered nine Camps—three in Massachusetts and two each in Maine, New Hampshire and Connecticut—which, with the natural increase of the Order gives the First Grand Division at the present date a total of 91 Camps, with a membership of 2,500.

The present condition of the First Grand Division is such as affords great satisfaction to its officers, who believe that the coming term will witness a large increase in membership, and a better showing in the filling out of returns and payment of the tax. In this connection it is not out of place to state that the two Camps returned as not officially reported in New Hampshire have in reality filed a report, but not entirely in proper form, owing to misunderstanding of General Orders.

The Commander believes that the First Grand Division will be found paying a per capita tax on 2,500 members for the year 1885.

In order to get the sense of the members, the Commander issued a Circular to Camps requesting a vote on a proposition authorizing and assenting to such changes in the Constitutions, etc., as might be enacted by this session of the Commandery-in-Chief. Replies have been received from a large proportion of the Camps, and in every case a favorable answer has been received.

The Commander desires to acknowledge the assistance of Brevet Brigadier General W. H. Pierpont in organizing the Connecticut Division, which service has culminated in turning over the same to the charge of a son of a veteran, with a Division of seven Camps.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. CHALLIS,  
*Commander First Grand Division.*

Report of Third Past Grand Division was read, as follows:

OFFICE THIRD PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER, }  
SONS OF VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
CHICAGO, ILL., August 22, 1884. }

*Gen. Frank P. Merrill, and the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief in Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pa.:*

GENTLEMEN—I regret my inability to be present with you at this most important meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief in Philadelphia, on August 26 and 27, 1884. I know that suggestions for the good of the Sons of Veterans of the United States are in order in your Encampment. My experience as Commander of the Third Grand Division has taught me that improvements

in our present laws are needed, and that members hereafter to be identified with us may grow up in the Order, more closely entwined and more near to the National supremacy.

When I assumed command of the Western States there was not one Camp therein established. The work to me was a labor of love. Hours, days and months became tedious, as I printed circulars and sent them broadcast over the West. Thousands of missles of love for the Order fell in barren ground, and though I felt many times unwell from the labors attached to the office, I never relinquished the belief but that the "Sons of Veterans" would come to the front; that they would embrace the life, the wealth, the industry, the intelligence, the influence and patriotic spirit of loyalty to flag and country. Yes, an army of "Sons" that would in time be the substitute for State militia and standing armies, and whose presence is a symbol of peace, of power, and of security to the Nation.

When circular-letters failed to reach the desired end, I traveled to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and through Illinois, that the work I began might end well, no matter the expense or time lost, or the inconvenience it caused to my business or family interests. However, I am well satisfied with what I have done, for there were one hundred and twelve Camps organized in my territory at the close of the Grand Encampment, and eight others at that time were ready for muster, making a total of one hundred and twenty Camps, with promises of many more. I retired, as did the farmer, who, twenty years ago settled on a woodland farm, for as he retired the son became the possessor of the land cleared, and no allowance for the father's twenty years labor.

#### SUPPLIES.

It is not known to many "Sons" that until February of this year that supplies could be furnished to Camps. The system now in vogue should be somewhat altered, or so amended that supplies could be sent direct to Camps from the Quartermaster General. The present grades of prices are not entirely proper, for the Grand Division receives supplies twenty-five per cent. off from regular price. The Division procures goods at twenty per cent. off from regular prices, and those goods being sent by mail, adding their expressage and postage, the five per cent. allowed Grand Divisions does not cover the difference of the mentioned express charges and postage. What is the remedy? Let the goods be sent direct to Camps, and the profits, if any, go to the support of the Commandery-in-Chief.

#### GRAND DIVISIONS.

The subject of abolishing the Grand Divisions should be carefully considered. There is one point of information comes clear to my mind. It is this, that now each State in the Union being properly organized, well disciplined, with officers possessing the knowledge of military science, and who are obedient to the laws, those Division officers can readily perform the duties imposed on them, and deal direct with the Commander-in-Chief as to all laws, supplies, and for such other information as is desired from time to time between Commandery-in-Chief meetings.

#### DEBTS OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

It is known to all of us who attendded the National Encampment meeting at Columbus, Ohio, in 1883, that a large sum of money was due to the organizers and promoters of our beloved Order. While an itemized account may not be furnished at this meeting of said indebtedness yet we should recognize the amount claimed as correct, and pay the bill at an early a day as possible

General F. P. Merrill made strenuous appeals by circular and general order for donations of ten cents per member to pay this claim; but the youth of the Order and the indifference of the members towards contributing to pay an indebtedness which was not contracted by them, caused many to refrain from paying the ten cents. If Grand Divisions are abolished, the pro rata share of the charter fee received by Grand Divisions from Division Commanders could be applied to a fund to be general, and appropriated by the Commander-in-Chief to liquidate the indebtedness.

#### PER CAPITA TAX.

During my administration I called for a per capita tax in January, 1884. Complaints reached me from Division Commanders that as Camps were young and only just organized, that it would be improper to impose a tax. In answer to my call, four Camps in Illinois, one in Minnesota, and one in Indiana, responded; while Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Iowa failed to respond for the reasons above mentioned. The next call for a per capita tax was on July 1st, and as the Grand Division Encampment met on July 8, I decided that, as I was retiring from the command, my successor should be allowed to call on his general order for the per capita tax—a tax which I know will be paid—for the membership of Camps are not boys, but men, and will obey any lawful commands.

#### THIRD GRAND DIVISION'S CONDITION FINANCIALLY.

As it is known that the formation of Camps in the Third Grand Division began without capital from any source, and as there was a continual demand for Rituals, Rules and Regulations, applications for Camp charters, printed information in relation to the "Sons," which were all solicited and given *free*, and, as the writer, who traveled far and near, regardless of his business interests, it was not expected that money or supplies would be on hand. The Commandery-in-Chief is therefore informed that though this Grand Division is in debt to the Quartermaster General in the sum of \$25, I am pleased that supplies to more than the amount due are now on hand in the possession of my successor, who agreed to pay the amount when the supplies were received by him. There are a few items of supplies yet due some Camps, but owing to business relations they have been somewhat delayed, but will be forwarded in a few days.

#### THIRD GRAND DIVISION ENCAMPMENT.

The Third Grand Division Encampment was held during July 8 and 9-1884. The following States had Camps at that date as follows: Kansas, 23; Indiana, 20; Nebraska, 18; Illinois, 16; Iowa, 12; Wisconsin, 9; Michigan, 10; Minnesota, 5; Missouri, 4, and Dakota 2. The Encampment was a success, there being no ill-feeling. The meeting was harmonious, and closed with a grand banquet.

#### CLOSING REPORT.

I trust this lengthy report will not disturb the harmony of your meeting. I only wish to show that the labors began by me proved fruitful, and that from now onward the growth will be natural and not subject to the trials and expenses of early life. I further trust that the treasury of the Commandery will be so enriched as to recompense the present Adjutant General and Quartermaster General, for their time has been given to the Order, and they deserve recognition.

Fraternally,

W. J. MASKELL,

*Third Grand Division Past Commander.*

Report of committee on resolution referring to Ladies' Aid Societies was here presented and read, viz. :

*Resolved*, That the efforts of the Ladies' Aid Societies are truly appreciated by this Commandery-in-Chief, and that their work for Ladies' Aid Societies be heartily indorsed, and recommended to the various Camps under this jurisdiction.

EDWARD J. THORNTON.  
CHAS. J. MILLER.  
W. C. HUNTER.  
C. DAY RUDY.  
W. C. REEM.  
ALBERT FRITZ.  
J. H. CLOSSON.  
H. W. ARNOLD.  
CHAS. C. MORTON.

PHILADELPHIA, August 28, 1884.

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:*

We, your undersigned committee, appointed to take action on the resolution in reference to Ladies' Aid Societies, respectfully report in their favor and extend to them our hearty support.

E. J. THORNTON.  
W. C. REEM.  
J. B. MACCABE.

Moved and seconded, that the report of the committee be accepted and adopted and committee discharged. So voted.

By vote of Encampment, a recess was declared until 3:55 o'clock.

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Rapped to order at 3:55 o'clock, and it was voted that the reports of First and Second Grand Divisions be received and placed on file for future reference.

Voted, that a committee of three be appointed by Chair to receive, sort and count ballots. Chair appointed Brothers Hill, of Connecticut; Cott, of Ohio; Rudy, of Pennsylvania.

The following nominations for Commander-in Chief were made: E. W. Alexander, of Reading, Pa.; by J. M. Closson, seconded by W. C. Reem. G. W. Penniman, of Minneapolis, Minn.; by J. B. Maccabe, seconded by L. J. Webb. H. W. Arnold, of Johnstown, Pa.; by W. S. Payne, seconded by C. D. Rudy.

Voted, that nominations close.

Voted, that the Encampment proceed to election of Commander-in-Chief before further nominations.

Voted, that each member vote as his name is called.

Voted, that the ballot-box be placed upon the altar; that the Sergeant of the Guard inspect the ballot as deposited, upon roll-call by the acting Adjutant General.

The roll-call proceeded and result announced by Chair, as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 38; necessary for choice, 20.

E. W. Alexander had . . . . .	10
H. W. Arnold had . . . . .	10
Geo. W. Penniman had . . . . .	18

And there was no choice.

Name of E. W. Alexander was withdrawn by J. H. Closson.

Roll-call of second ballot called and result announced by Chair, as follows:

Total number of votes cast, 38; necessary for choice, 20.

H. W. Arnold had . . . . .	20
Geo. W. Penniman had . . . . .	18

And H. W. Arnold was declared elected.

On motion of J. B. Maccabe the election of H. W. Arnold was made unanimous.

Motion made and seconded that the acting Adjutant General be instructed to deposit one ballot for the Encampment for Geo. W. Penniman, of Minnesota, for Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief. Carried, but Brother Penniman declined.

F. B. Perkins, of New Hampshire, was nominated by Geo. W. Penniman for Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief.

Voted, that acting Adjutant General be instructed to deposit one ballot for Encampment for F. B. Perkins, of New Hampshire, for Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief. Ballot deposited, and Brother Perkins declared elected.

A. E. Case, of Illinois, placed the name of J. B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts, in nomination for Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief.

Voted, that the acting Adjutant General deposit one ballot for the Encampment for J. B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts, for Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief. Ballot deposited, and Brother Maccabe declared elected.

J. H. Closson placed name of A. E. Case, of Illinois, in nomination for Chief-of-Staff.

Voted, that the acting Adjutant General cast one ballot for A. E. Case for Chief-of-Staff. Ballot deposited, and Brother Case declared elected.

Moved and seconded to proceed with election of officers. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that as the Council-in-Chief is made up of three representatives from each Grand Division, that the First, Second and Third Grand Divisions, the only ones practically organized, retire and nominate for Council-in-Chief, the remaining six to be appointed by Commander-in-Chief. Carried.

Commander Merrill declared a recess of ten minutes for such conference, and at expiration of time called for nominations.

The First Grand Division named H. P. Kent, Massachusetts; Geo. E. Cox, Connecticut; John C. Blake, Maine.

Second Grand Division named J. H. Closson, Pennsylvania; H. F. Guerin, Ohio; C. L. McBride, New York.

Third Grand Division named Geo. W. Penniman, Minnesota; F. W. Rowlson, Michigan; R. N. Mallory, Illinois.

Moved, that the acting Adjutant General be instructed to cast one ballot for the convention, bearing the above names as nominated for Council-in-Chief. Carried. Ballot deposited, and Brothers Kent, Cox, Blake, Closson, Guerin, McBride, Penniman, Rowlson and Mallory were declared elected.

Voted, to take recess until 8 A. M. 29th.

FRIDAY, August 29, 1884.

Commandery called to order at 9 A. M. by Commander Merrill.

On motion of Gen. Rose it was voted to close under head of New Business and open under head of Reports of Committees.

Bro. Challis presented the report of Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and moved the adoption of the following resolution, which motion was recorded, and the motion was carried.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution, Rules and Regulations shall be considered *seriatim*, on the basis of the report of the committee on the same, and that debate shall be limited to two-minute speeches, and no member shall speak more than once on the same subject, except by unanimous consent. As the action of the committee on each section is reported, if there is no objection, the Commander-in-Chief shall declare the section adopted. Should there be objection or amendment offered, the same may be debated, but a call made and seconded for the previous question shall close debate, and the question shall immediately be put.

Brother Ross moved the suspension of Article X, Commandery-in-Chief Constitution. Seconded and carried.

Brother E. J. Thornton requested to have his vote in the negative recorded in the minutes.

Title Page.

Article I.

Article II, Sections 1, 2.

Article III, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4.

Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4.

Article V.—Brother Webb moved to amend this Article as submitted, to insert "18 years," in place of "21 years." Lost. Sections 2, 3, 4, struck out.

Chapter II, Camp Constitution :

Article I, Sections 1, 2, 3.

Article II, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Section 8.—Amended by adding after "one dollar," "which shall accompany application." Section 9.

Article III, Sections 1, 2.

Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4.

Article V, Section 1.—Amended to add "elective" before "officer." Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Article VI, Section 1.—Brother Webb moved to strike out the words "Camp Commander," "Lieutenant Camp Commander," "Vice Lieutenant Camp Commander," and insert therefor: "Captain," "First Lieutenant," and "Second Lieutenant." Argument *pro* and *con* by Ross, Webb, Miller, Payne, Vincent and Cott. Motion to amend carried. Section 2.—Struck out.

Article VII, Section 1.—Brother Morton moved to amend by adding "Quartermaster Sergeant" to list of elective officers; lost. Motion by Brother Cott to amend by striking out "chaplain" from list of elective officers; carried. Motion by Brother Soule to amend by striking out "December" and insert "June," also strike out "January" and insert "July;" lost. Sections 2 and 3. Section 4.—Struck out.

Article VIII, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

Article IX, Sections 1, 2, 3.

Article X.—Struck out.

Article XI.

Article XII.—Struck out, and insert (see draft).

Brother Reed moved to suspend order of business, and Encampment proceeded to choose a place of meeting of next annual Encampment. Carried.

Brother Case nominated Chicago, seconded by Brother Ross.

Brother Penniman nominated Portland, Me.

Brother Vincent nominated Detroit, seconded by Brothers Payne and Cott.

Upon roll call Portland had 1, Chicago 9, and Detroit 16 votes, and Commander Merrill announced that the Commandery would hold its next Encampment at Detroit.

Brother Penniman presented a book containing odes, which was on motion referred to Committee on Ritual to report immediately.

Resumption of reading report of Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Article XIII.—Struck out, and new one offered. Brother Payne objected. Brother Thornton moved to amend by striking out "six months" and inserting "three months;" lost.

Article XIV.

Article XV.—Struck out.

Article XVII.—Struck out.

Article XIX.—Struck out.

Article XX.

Article XXI.

Article XXII.

Article XXIII.

Article XXIV.

Article XXV.

Article XXVI.

Brother Maccabe moved to suspend the rules to receive a resolution. Carried.

Brother Maccabe offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the *Sons of Veterans National Gazette* be adopted as the official organ of the Commandery-in-Chief, and that the *Keystone Reveille* is recommended to the favor of the brothers of the Order.

Chapter 3, Division Constitution:

Article I, Sections 1, 2.

Article II, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Article III, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4.

Article IV, Section 1.—Brother Webb moved to amend by striking out "Division Commander," "Lieutenant Division Commander," "Vice Lieutenant Division Commander," and all other designations, and insert same as in old, except Surgeon and Ordnance Officer. Lost., Section 2.

## Article V.

Article VI, Section 1.—Brother Morton moved to insert "Quartermaster Sergeant." Withdrawn. Sections 2, 3, 4.—Brother Maccabe moved to amend by striking out "First Lieutenant," and inserting "Second Lieutenant, for rank and Aide." Lost. Section 5.

## Article VII.

## Article VIII.

## Article IX.

Article X, Sections 1, 2, 3.

Article IX.—Struck out.

## Article XII.

Order of Business, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

## Chapter IV. Grand Division Constitution.

## Article I.

## Article II.

Article III, Section 1.—Brother Thornton moved to amend by inserting "Sons of Veterans, not Grand Army men who are not Sons of Veterans." Brother Challis offered the following amendment: "*Resolved, That Brothers Wm. E. W. Ross, John A. Thompson, Jr., A. P. Davis, R. M. J. Reed, John A. Rodrigo, I. S. Bangs and Wm. H. Pierpont be declared members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and entitled to voice and vote therein.*"

Brother Challis moved that Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief be installed. Carried.

Brother Maccabe was installed by Brother General W. E. W. Ross, at the request of the Commander-in-Chief.

Resumption of reading report of committee.

## Chapter V.—Commandery-in-Chief Constitution.

Brother Miller moved that so much of that section as relates to Commandery-in-Chief be stricken out; carried. Brother Cott moved to return to Section 1; carried. Moved to amend by striking out the word "September" and insert between "August 1 and 2." Brother Case amends to insert between "June 1 and September 30." Amendment to amendment lost. Amendment adopted.

Brother Ross moved that the Report of the Committee on Constitution be adopted as read and amended. Carried.

Voted to take recess till 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon session rapped to order at 2 P. M. Commander Miller in the chair.

On motion of General Ross, it was voted to proceed to installation of newly-elected officers. The obligation was rendered by General Ross. Our Commander-in-Chief Arnold was conducted to the chair, when the command was turned over to him by Past Commander Merrill.

The Encampment then proceeded to receive the report of the Committee on Changes to Rules and Regulations:

Article I, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Article II, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Sections 9, 10, 11.—Struck out. Section 12.

Article III, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4.



Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Article V, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4.

Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Article VII, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Article VIII.

Article IX, Section 1.

Article X.

Article XI.—Struck out.

On motion of Brother Ross, it was voted to insert a new Article here, as follows :

Article XI. All Past Commanders-in-Chief are entitled to wear the Gold Star ; Past Grand Division Commanders, the Gold Cross ; Past Division Commanders the Silver Cross, and Past Camp Commanders, the Iron Cross of the Order.

Brother Morton moved to insert a section providing against the plating of membership badges.

Brother Case offered amendment (accepted) that the section shall provide against any alteration from the condition in which first received. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Commander-in-Chief accept the offer of Brother R. M. J. Reed to furnish a complete description of the different ribbons of the Order and their respective relation to the Divisions, the same to be inserted in the Rules and Regulations.

Moved and seconded to strike out Section (old) 7 of Article XII. Lost.

Article XIII.—Struck out.

Article XIV.—Struck out.

Past Commander-in-Chief Merrill, craving the indulgence of the Encampment, moved that the name of Dr. W. S. Eldridge be added to the list of Grand Army members, previously voted constitutional life members. Passed.

Resumption of reading report :

Article XV, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Moved by Brother Challis that Section 8 of Article (old) XV be struck out. Passed.

Articles XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII.—Struck out.

Articles XXIII, XXIV, XXV.

Moved by Brother Ross that the Constitutions, Rules and Regulations as read from the report of the Committee be adopted, with such changes as will carry out the spirit of the the report, and that they be printed by the Commandery-in-Chief and distributed at cost price for the next six months, and after that at regular price, as laid down for Constitutions, Rules and Regulations.

Brother Challis offered an amendment, which was accepted, that said Constitution, Rules and Regulations go into effect immediately, provided that all officers of Grand Divisions, Divisions and Camps hold their commissions until the expiration of present terms. Carried as amended.

The Committee on Ritual then presented its report.

Moved that the same resolution presented by Brother Challis regarding debate, etc., apply to this report as was adopted as applying to the previous report.

The reading of the report of the committee was begun, and it had covered but little ground ere it became evident that every member had ideas pertaining to a Ritual peculiar to himself, and he immediately delegated himself into a special committee with full lung power. Suggestions followed themselves in quick succession, and motions without seconds were made the order of the hour. Finally, in the midst of the uproar, a motion was made that Brother Ross be permitted to take the desk and exemplify the Ritual as laid down in the report. A second was heard, and the motion was carried. Things moved smoothly for a few minutes; but it was evident that turmoil again threatened the Encampment, when New Hampshire sprang to the floor and moved that Brother Perkins (not a member), of that State, be permitted to favor the Convention with his views as pertinent to the business in hand. This motion was seconded and also carried. Considerable valuable time was then wasted in a vain endeavor to present matters in a way as proper to be adopted. This, like previous efforts, led to a failure, and it was finally declared that the report be laid on the table until the evening session, and that when the Encampment took a recess it meet again at Camp-room of Camp No 1.

The effect of this decision was to quiet the session to such an extent that Brother Rudy obtained the floor and presented a resolution:

*Resolved*, That on and after the adjournment of this Encampment, no person not a son of a veteran shall be admitted by resolution or a vote as a constitutional member of this Order.

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted and spread upon the records.

Moved and seconded that the Encampment proceed to the election of such officers as have not yet been chosen. Carried.

The name of Geo. W. Penniman, of Maine, was placed in nomination for Mustering Officer-in-Chief. Acting Adjutant General instructed to cast one ballot. So did, and Brother G. W. Penniman declared elected Mustering Officer-in-Chief.

For Chaplain-in-Chief, Brother R. M. Linton nominated C. Day Rudy, of Pennsylvania, and Brother F. P. Merrill nominated C. F. Hayford, of Maine.

In reponse to roll-call:

Number of votes cast, 25; necessary to a choice, 13.

C. Day Rudy had . . . . .	11
C. F. Hayford " . . . . .	14

Brother Rudy moved that the election of Brother Hayford be made unanimous. Seconded and carried.

For Judge Advocate General, Brother Soule, of New Hampshire, presented the name of Brother F. W. Rowson, of Michigan. There being no

other nominations, the Acting Adjutant General was instructed to deposit one ballot for F. W. Rowlson for Judge Advocate General. Ballot cast and Brother Rowlson declared elected.

Brother Challis, of New Hampshire, introduced the following:

WHEREAS, The Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are indebted to the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia for the unprecedented favor, for their deliberations, of the use of the building in which the Declaration of Independence was signed; therefore

*Resolved*, That, for the courtesies extended, the Commandery-in-Chief extends its thanks and the thanks of the Order to the honorable Council of the city of Philadelphia.

Which was unanimously adopted.

Moved that pamphlets—proceedings of first and second Encampments of Commandery-in-Chief, etc.—be placed in the list of supplies and sold at ten cents per copy. Carried.

Moved that the proceedings of this Encampment be printed and sold at ten cents per copy. Carried.

Brother Webb, of Kansas, offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are hereby tendered to Past Commander-in-Chief Merrill for the valuable and efficient services rendered our Order.

An amendment was introduced, that the resolution include his efficient Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals. Amendment accepted, and the resolution as amended adopted.

Moved and seconded that the Encampment take a recess until 8 o'clock P. M. Carried.

Evening session opened at Camp-room of Camp No. 1, and rapped to order by Commander Arnold in the chair.

The report of Committee on Ritual was taken up and considerable time occupied in a discussion of same, and an endeavor to exemplify. Finally the business was disposed of by referring it to a special committee of three, consisting of Brothers Perkins, Soule and Challis, of Camp No. 1, of Winchester, New Hampshire, they to commit the work as referred, and exemplify at the next annual Encampment.

Moved and seconded, that a special committee be appointed to propose and draft a suitable funeral ceremony to be adopted by the Order. Passed.

By vote, the Commandery-in-Chief further recommended that as soon as practicable the charges of the officers be exemplified and improved.

Moved by Brother Closson, that Davis Camp No. 1 be allowed to carry a yellow flag. Seconded. This brought to the floor Brother Challis, who still held to his opinion that this should not be allowed. Considerable discussion

followed, and after it being understood that the provision was simply verbal, and should not appear in the nature of a constitutional provision, the motion carried.

Moved by Brother Reed that the bill presented by the Committee on Transportation be paid from the first moneys in the hands of the Commandery-in-Chief. Seconded and passed.

Moved by Brother Cott that the Commander-in-Chief take into consideration and devise a plan by which a new and improved charter may be provided and present to next Commandery-in-Chief. Passed.

Moved and seconded that the Encampment do now adjourn to call of Commander-in-Chief. Motion obtained a passage.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF  
Council-in-Chief, S. V. U. S. A.,  
HELD AT  
HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN HOUSE,  
Philadelphia, August 26, 1884.

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Council called to order by Commander-in-Chief F. P. Merrill, with the following members present: C. C. Morton, Pennsylvania; H. L. Wright, Maine; F. H. Challis, New Hampshire; J. B. Maccabe, Massachusetts; E. J. Thornton, Pennsylvania; E. R. Vincent, Ohio.

The accounts of Quartermaster General Blake were submitted, audited and approved.

The bill of Past Commander-in-Chief Rowley was taken up and discussed. It transpiring that Brother J. W. Hague, of Pittsburgh, was present in behalf of and representing Brother Rowley, he was invited to state the case as held by his client. This he did, submitting a sworn statement of Brother Rowley, which he said contained all the data that it was possible to produce. That the money was expended in such manner and at different times when no record was taken of same, and, in short, that it was impossible to produce an itemized account. The feeling of those present was not favorable to a settlement of the bill as it stood, and after a lengthy argument it was voted to lay the matter on the table until the 27th.

A bill was received from Major A. P. Davis, amounting to \$34.96, consisting of items of expense for postage principally. Same considered, and finally voted that the same be not entertained.

A motion that a recess be taken till 9 A. M., 27th inst., was carried.

Council opened at 9 A. M., 27th. Commander-in-Chief in the chair.

Brother Hague was asked if he had anything further to present in the matter of the bill of Brother Rowley. Some further discussion followed, in which it was revealed that Major Davis had an account of \$200 against the Order, and which he supposed was included in the bill of Brother Rowley. A long time was consumed in considering the matter without coming to an understanding, and when Brother Hague said he would withdraw the statement and produce another, which he thought would be more satisfactory to the Order, the matter was referred to a special meeting of the new Council-in-Chief.

Executive session.

Moved by Brother Challis that a per capita tax of six cents be levied by the Commander-in-Chief, one-half to be paid December, 1884, and one-half June, 1885. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Brother Morton that all supplies, *i. e.*, blank forms, badges, etc., etc., prescribed by the Rules and Regulations be purchased direct from the Commandery-in-Chief, through the proper channels. Seconded and carried.

Adjourned to call of Commander-in-Chief.

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The foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of all that portion of the proceedings of the Third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., found on file in these headquarters, and turned over to me by my predecessor.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

Attest:

C. A. BOOKWALTER,

*Adjutant General.*









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GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Sept. 17, 1885.

In obedience to orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief, H. W. Arnold of Johnstown, Pa., the Commandery-in-Chief assembled at Headquarters of Custer Post, G. A. R., with H. W. Arnold, Commander-in Chief, in the chair.

On roll call the following officers answered to their names :

Commander-in-Chief,	H. W. Arnold.
Lieut.	“ F. B. Perkins.
V. Lieut.	“ J. B. Maccabe.
Past	“ F. P. Merrill.
Chief-of-Staff,	A. E. Case.
Adjutant General,	R. M. Linton.
Q. M.	“ W. H. Statler.
Inspector	“ C. Day Rudy.
Chief Mustering Officer,	G. W. Penniman.
Chaplain-in-Chief,	C. Hayford.
Sergeant of the Guard,	C. H. Whitcomb.
Camp Guard,	E. Hemingway.
Picket Guard,	E. H. Wines.

The Encampment was then opened in due form.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed the following Committee on Credentials : Bros. Smith, Mooney, Hayford, Kohler and Williams.

Bro. Mooney moved that we take a recess until 5 o'clock, p. m. Motion amended by Bro. A. E. Case, that we take a recess for thirty minutes. Motion carried as amended.

The Encampment re-assembled, and the Committee on Credentials not being ready to report asked for more time.

Bro. Albert moved that we take a recess until 5 o'clock. Motion amended, we take a recess until 5:30 o'clock. Motion as amended carried.

5:30 p. m.—The Encampment re-assembled, with Chief of Staff A. E. Case in the chair ; H. L. Wright, acting Lieut. Comd'r; J. C. Blake, acting V. Lieut. Comd'r; E. G. Worden, acting Chief M. O.; A. W. Batchelder, acting Adjutant General; E. R. Vincent, acting Encampment Guard.

Opened in due form.

Bro. E. G. Worden moved that a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the absence of the Commander-in-Chief and the Committee on Credentials. Carried. The Chair appointed Bros. Payne, Vancleve and Thomas. The committee retired and returned with the Com'dr-in-Chief H. W. Arnold, who took the chair.

Bro. A. W. Batchelder moved that the Commander-in-Chief appoint his committees upon getting the report of the Committee on Credentials, and post them upon his door at the hotel. Carried,

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to procure quarters for a meeting this evening. Carried.

Moved to adjourn to Comd'r-in-Chief's headquarters in the evening. Carried.

Reassembled at Comd'r-in-Chief's headquarters, and adjourned to attend a public muster.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18th, 1885.

MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment reassembled at 8:30 a. m., with the following officers present :

Commander-in-Chief, H. W. Arnold.  
 Lieut. " F. B. Perkins.  
 V. Lieut. " J. B. Maccabe.  
 Chief of Staff, A. E. Case.  
 Adjutant General, R. M. Linton.  
 Q. M. General, W. H. Statler.  
 Inspector General, C. Day Rudy.  
 Chief Mustering Officer, G. W. Penniman.  
 Chaplain-in-Chief, C. Hayford.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report :

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Sept. 17th, 1885.

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—Your Committee have performed their duty, and find the following brothers present and entitled to seats in this Encampment :

*First Grand Division.*—Delegate at Large, L. F. Burpee ; Maine Division, delegate at large, H. L. Wright; Massachusetts Division, delegate at large, A. W. Batchelder.

*Second Grand Division.*—Walter S. Payne, Comd'r; W. D. Thomas, delegate at large. New York Division—F. W. Kohler, delegate; H. H. Winchell, delegate at large. East Pennsylvania Division—C. M. Paul, delegate at large; L. V. Rausch and E. J. Smith, delegates. Ohio Division—E. R. Vincent, delegate at large.

*Third Grand Division.*—E. G. Worden, delegate at large; G. B. Abbott, alternate. Illinois Division—C. L. Mooney, delegate at large; R. V. Mallory, Past Commander. Michigan Division—L. A. Baker, delegate at large; W. A. Morse, delegate. Minnesota Division—E. H. Milham, delegate at large; E. M. Vancleve, Past Commander. Missouri Division—J. J. Speaker, delegate at large; B. F. Speaker, delegate. Iowa Division—J. D. Rowen, delegate at

large; J. S. Rawlins, delegate. Indiana Division—Credentials of appointment of Ed. W. Wilkerson were submitted to the committee. There being a doubt as to the legality of the appointment, the committee refers the case to the Encampment with the recommendation that Bro. Ed. W. Wilkerson be admitted as the delegate from the Division of Indiana.

The following life-members of the Commandery-in-Chief are also entitled to seats in this Encampment: W. E. W. Ross, A. P. Davis, R. M. J. Reed, J. A. Thompson, J. A. Rodrigo, I. S. Bangs, W. H. Pierpont, W. S. Eldridge.

Bros. H. H. Hammer and H. P. Kent claim seats in this Encampment; the former on the grounds of being the present Commander of the East Pennsylvania Division, and the latter on the grounds that he is the Commander of the First Grand Division. In the first case, the committee would recommend that Bro. H. H. Hammer be not admitted. In the case of Bro. H. P. Kent, General Order No. 8 of Commander-in-Chief having relieved Bro. Kent from command, the committee refer the whole to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. Linton,	E. J. Smith,	} Committee
Fred W. Kohler,	C. F. Hayford,	
Chas. Mooney,	E. H. Milhom,	

Bro. Mooney moved that so much of the report upon which no doubt or recommendation rested be received and adopted. Carried.

Bro. Perkins moved that Bro. Kent be allowed to remain in the room until his case be settled by Encampment. Carried.

Bro. R. M. Linton moved that all motions, resolutions, etc., presented during the session of this Encampment, be made in writing and forwarded to the Adjutant General's desk immediately after being read by mover. Mover in all cases to sign his name to the proposition. Carried.

Bro. Payne of Ohio seconded by Bro. Penniman of Minnesota, submitted the following: That the recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, with reference to the case of Bro. H. H. Hammer, be not concurred in, and that Bro. Hammer be declared entitled to a seat in this meeting as a Division Commander. Carried.

Bro. Smith of Pennsylvania presented the following: *Resolved*:—That Bro. Wilkerson be given a seat in this convention. Carried.

Bro. Mallory moved that all speakers on questions be limited to three minutes, and brothers shall not speak more than twice on the same question. Seconded by Speaker, of Missouri. Carried.

Bro. Mallory moved that the case of Bro. H. P. Kent be taken up. Carried.

Bro. Payne, of Ohio, moved that Bro. H. P. Kent be seated as a member of this Encampment. Seconded by J. J. Speaker, of Mo. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Smith that the charges against Bro. H. P. Kent be read. Carried.

Adjutant General commenced to read charges preferred against Bro. Kent, whereupon Bro. Payne of Ohio objected, as the charges were not in any form but more of a protest or tirade against the brother.

Bro. Vincent moved that we proceed with regular order of business.—  
Carried.

Bro. E. M. Vancleve, seconded by Bro. Mallory, moved that Illinois delegates name a delegate at large. Carried.

The roll of delegates was then called, and the following answered to their names, viz:

*First Grand Division.*—H. P. Kent, Commander, L. F. Burpee; Maine, H. D. Wright; Massachusetts, A. W. Batchelder.

*Second Grand Division.*—Walter S Payne, Commander, W. D. Thomas; New York, F. W. Kohler and H. H. Winchell; East Pennsylvania, O. M. Paul, L. W. Rausch, E. J. Smith, H. H. Hammer and R. M. J. Reed; Ohio, E. R. Vincent.

*Third Grand Division.*—E. G. Worden, G. B. Abbott, alternate; Illinois, R. V. Mallory; Michigan, L. A. Baker and W. A. Morse; Minnesota, E. H. Milham and E. M. Vancleve; Missouri, B. F. Speaker; Iowa, John S. Rollins; Indiana, Ed. Wilkerson; Illinois, G. B. Abbott.

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

*Committee on Reports of Officers:*—Walter S. Payne of Ohio, J. B. Maccabe of Mass.; R. V. Mallory of Illinois; E. M. Vancleve of Minn.; John C. Blake of Maine.

*Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations:*—Milham of Minn.; Reed of E. Penn; Burpee of Conn.; Case of Ill.; Morse of Mich.

*Committee on Rituals, etc.:*—Perkins of N. H.; Merrill of Maine; Rudy of E. Penn.; B. F. Speaker of Mo.; Thomas of W. Penn.

*Committee on Resolutions:*—Mallory of Ill.; Rausch of E. Penn.; Guerin of Ohio; Batchelder of Mass.; Worden of Iowa.

The Illinois delegation reported that they had chosen E. T. Roe to fill vacancy in their delegation.

Commander-in-Chief, H. W. Arnold, read his report as follows, which was referred to Committee on Report of Officers :

## REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

**OFFICERS AND BROTHERS:**—As I look over this assemblage of faces from all parts of our country it seems to me that the remark made by a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic when he said, “the Sons will in a very few years be up to if not outstrip their fathers, and will have an organization in every state and territory in the Union,” was prophetic, and will be proven. We have now shown the people that we have come to stay. When I became your Commander more than twelve months ago there were then opposing us a large number of the Grany Army who have since become some of our firmest friends, and also an organization known to us as the “Earp,” or Philadelphia branch, which had in Massachusetts alone some 36 camps and in December, 1884, they all with, I believe, one exception, came over to our ranks and for which we can thank Brothers Sargent, Kent and Maccabe; next the only camp of that branch in Maine, located at Biddeford, wheeled into line; then Lieutenant-Commander Perkins went into Rhode Island and in a very few days brought them over to our organization in a body, and to him should the gratitude of our order be extended as he has shown himself to be one of the hardest and most successful workers our Order has ever had. About the time that the Massachusetts consolidation was effected, the post at Jamestown, N. Y., of the New York post system, opened a correspondence with me, and were mustered in by Brother Walter S. Payne, within a very few weeks after receiving a copy

of our constitution, rules and regulations and are now one of our finest camps in the state. The next successful move was made in Ohio, when Brother Ensign captured the 20 "opposition" camps in that state, and the next in Indiana, where they had but two after having a short correspondence with their commander I referred the matter to Brother Cupler, who has informed me of their muster. We have also extended our lines south and west, having through the efforts of Adjutant Gen. Linton, formed a camp in New Orleans and Gen. Ross has mustered one at Norfolk, Virginia. In California we have camps at Los Angeles and San Louis, and some time since I was informed that another was ready for muster, but thus far have not received any report of it being done. On Sunday last, after having been in correspondence with the committee appointed by the "Earp branch" in Eastern Pennsylvania, I met them at the Bingham house in Philadelphia, Brothers Hammer, Stetler and myself were representing our order, and having Hopkins, Clossin and Deifenderfer present. The committee asked for our terms which we gave as follows: Their camps to receive charters free, supplies at cost to the division, badges \$9.00 per dozen, and they pay the mustering officer's expenses. They found no objection to our constitution and rules and regulations, but their Colonel, who was present, will present the matter to their camps for action in his next general order, and the camps will then vote upon the matter and report their decision to him. They claim to have 34 camps and 1,581 members enrolled, but from reliable authority I have no reason to doubt that fact. Our order has been growing steadily, notwithstanding the fact that the past year has been one of great hardship to the working classes, and in fact business of all kinds has been greatly depressed and we could not expect to make the strides which in years of prosperity will make such a showing which will not only astonish ourselves but those who are holding back. We should congratulate ourselves upon the fact that we are now recognized by all as an organization which is the most unselfish and patriotic that our country has ever seen, excepting, of course the G. A. R. Many Brothers have asked the question, "Why don't the Grand Army give us a formal recognition, we being the largest organization of the S. of V?" I would answer by saying that we don't need that, until we have absorbed all the outside bodies known as Sons of Veterans and have shown the comrades that we are not formed merely for pleasure but to aid them when the time comes and that time is fast approaching when we must take up their work, aid their sick and helpless, their widows and orphans, and carry out so far as we can the work of perpetuating their memories and now is the time for us to prepare ourselves for it; we must devise ways of accumulating means to assist as they call upon us, for if we wait till the day comes then we will find that we have delayed too long and are not ready. The homes provided for disabled veterans are now insufficient for the number that are crowded in them and every year there are more to follow, showing that they are beginning to feel the effects of the hardships they have undergone, and must soon nearly all be so enfeebled as to be unable to provide for themselves and we must not let one of them suffer if it is in our power to prevent it. We also need more attention paid to discipline, the lack of which has been of great harm to the order. Camp commanders have been negligent in not seeing that their reports and per capita tax has not been forwarded and in many instances division commanders have been kept back in their work by neglect on this point until they were severely reprimanded by their grand division commanders, and grand division commanders received the same from commander-in-chief. This has been the case in some cases between the officers and myself, but I have always passed these things by, well knowing from experience that they are not always to blame. The grand divisions have, in my opinion, performed the work for which they were intended and should be abolished at once, as they are the means of keeping up the expenses and have in many instances been a hindrance rather than a help during the past year and by their abolishment of the work will be simplified and much "red tape" got rid of. I would advise that the officers be paid a living salary and thus enable them to

give their entire attention and time to the order which it must have. I would also recommend that the constitution, rules and regulations be so changed as to require the quarter-master general to publish a statement of the financial condition of the order at least twice a year, say February 1st and August 1st. I would also recommend that the commander-in-chief be authorized to call a meeting of the council-in-chief at some central point at least once during the term and that meeting to take place between the first of February and the first of July to advise and consult upon means of advancing the order and upon the financial business of the order. I would point with pleasure to the work done by Brother G. W. Penniman during the past winter, which shows for itself and needs no praise from me. To Brother Rowson, of Michigan, I extend my congratulations, as he took command of his division when it was almost ruined by mismanagement of his predecessor, and he has most nobly redeemed it by bringing it up with monster strides which will make some of our older divisions blush if they don't hurry up their laggards and increase their membership.

During my term I have granted a number of dispensations, most of which were to division commanders upon request of their grand division commander, and have made some forty decisions upon the constitution, rules and regulations, most of which were of a trival character and needed only reading and a knowledge of the English language to be fully understood. As to supplies, Brother Merrill turned over to me a large quantity of goods, which by the changes made in the constitution and ritual were rendered useless, and I was compelled at once to have new forms issued, and just as they were finished a fire burned out my printer and threw us back for several weeks at a time when I most needed supplies of all kinds. In my appointed officers I have been very fortunate, but in the selection of first adjutant general I was decidedly unfortunate, as, although he was thoroughly competent, yet in a very short time I found him to be very untrustworthy and a man of intemperate habits, which, after endeavoring to keep him up, I was compelled to revoke his commission, and on July 15 he kindly relieved me of my private account book, containing a full account of my business with the order, and I have since found that he also abstracted quite a number of regulations which were in our hands, and which has caused me much trouble. In conclusion I would thank all the officers and brothers whom I have come in contact with, either officially or otherwise, and I trust that my successor may meet with a hearty co-operation from all.

To Gen. W. E. W. Ross, who, by his counsel and assistance, has done so much for our order, I cannot find words adequate to express my obligation, and to Brothers Webb, Perkins, Reed, Rowson, Rice, Wright, Soule, Payne, Bohn, and a host of others, I can only say you have my sincere thanks and in leaving you, "God speed." To my personal staff I shall not part without some feeling upon my side that we may never meet in the same positions again, but I think our parting had better be done in private that our brothers may not see any snivelling. To the National Tribune, that noble soldiers' paper, this order owes more than it can ever repay, as from the first it has been our firm friend and during the past six months has done a wonderful amount of good for us, not only through its columns but by forwarding all inquiries relative to our order to my headquarters, of which I have received some twenty since July 1. I ask my successor, whoever he may be, to not forget such kindness and to keep in mind Comrade John McElroy, who will ever be ready to aid you in any manner you desire. There is one matter which I have had my attention called to in the past year, and that is an insurance or beneficial features in connection with our order, and which I think should receive careful attention from this encampment, and I would suggest that a committee of five be appointed who are familiar with the different forms of insurance to formulate a plan to be presented to the various divisions at their next encampment for their sanction, and then adopt a final report, and it may be so arranged as to

be passed finally at our encampment of '86. I would bespeak for White & Graham, the printers who have been so kind to us during the past year, a continuance of our patronage so far as it can be given them. And now I will close, hoping this meeting will be harmonious and result in great good to the order.

Respectfully,  
 H. W. ARNOLD,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Adjutant General's Report as follows was read and referred:

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. OF V. U. S. A., }  
 JOHNSTOWN, PA., September 12, 1885. }

H. W. ARNOLD,  
*Commander-in-Chief:*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—The time for the Fourth Annual Encampment of our Order is rapidly approaching, and reminds me that I have one duty to perform which cannot be postponed any longer. I refer to my report of the condition of the Order during the past year. Of the first months of your administration I know naught, except that you were rapidly placing the Commandery-in-Chief in working order when my predecessor yielded to temptation and overthrew the work of months by destroying or concealing books, papers, etc., which were of no earthly use to him, but of the greatest value to the Order. This act of yours first Adjutant General combined with the destruction by fire of a large amount of supplies greatly retarded the work of the Commander-in-Chief; but, notwithstanding, the work has gone steadily on, until now the work of the officers is almost reduced to a system.

The past year being one of great business depression, I cannot report so large an increase numerically as I had hoped, but the growth has been healthy and substantial. The report of the Adjutant General for the term ending August 27th, 1884, shows a total membership of 4,316. The reports for term ending June 30, 1885, show a total membership of 6,903, divided as follows;

First Grand Division .....	2,371
Second " " .....	3,043
Third " " .....	1,489
Fourth " " .....	no report
Fifth " " .....	no report

Total reported.... 6,903

This makes a net gain for the year of 2,587, but by no means indicates the strength or growth of our Order. No complete returns have been received by me, and of course my totals do not include half of our membership. As an example of the lack of attent on shown by Division and Camps to the duty of sending their quarterly reports, I would state that one Division and sixty camps in the First Grand Division made no report for the term ending June 30th, and three Divisions and eighty camps in the Third Grand Division made no report for the same term. The number of camps in the Second Grand Division not reporting has not been forwarded to me. Taking all things into consideration, I feel safe in estimating the number of members in good standing, at this date, at 25,000.

The principal cause of the trouble in securing exact reports seems to me to be in the amount of red tape the Grand Divisions necessarily tie around the work of the Order. They interrupt and retard the general work greatly, and I most earnestly suggest and recommend their abolishment from the time of the adjournment of the Forth Annual Encampment. They serve no practical purpose, why should we continue them?

The want of promptness of the officers in the several bodies is working great injury to the Order, and immediate steps should be taken to compel all officers to attend to their duties or resign their positions. No one who desires to see the Order grow will retain an honorable position, without doing the work that accompanies the honor. Disobedience to orders issued by superior officers is another growing evil. The tendency of some officers to run the Order "on their own hook" should be suppressed by the suspension of those disobeying. The general orders of the Commander-in-Chief have not been obeyed by one-third of the Divisions. Why is it? Is it want of love for the Order? We think not, but rather hold to the idea that the Grand Division "go-between" is the root of most of our evils.

Under your instructions the following General Orders have been issued from this office :

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
JOHNSTOWN, PA., Oct. 3, 1884. }

*General Orders*—No. 1.

I. Having been elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., I hereby assume command, with headquarters at Johnstown, Pa.

II. The following named officers are appointed, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Chas. W. Marsh, Johnstown, Pa., Adjutant General.

W. H. Statler, Johnstown, Pa., Quartermaster General.

C. D. Rudy, Harrisburg, Pa., Inspector General.

III. The following officers were elected at the Commandery Encampment at Philadelphia, August 28, 1884:

F. B. Perkins, Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief, Manchester, N. H.

Jos. B. Maccabe, Vice-Lieut. Commander-in-Chief, Boston, Mass.

A. E. Case, Chief-of-Staff, Chicago, Ill.

C. Frank Hayford, Chaplain-in-Chief, Lewiston, Maine.

COMMANDERY COUNCIL.

First Grand Division—H. P. Kent, Mass.; Geo. E. Cox, Conn.; John C. Blake, Maine. Second Grand Division—J. H. Closson, Penn.; H. F. Guerin, Ohio; C. L. McBride, N. Y. Third Grand Division—Geo. W. Penniman, Minn.; F. W. Rowlson, Mich.; R. V. Mallory, Ill.

IV. Announcement of Aides-de-Camp and non-commissioned Staff will be made in future orders.

V. At the Commandery meeting in Philadelphia, in deference to the expressed desire of many members of other organizations of Soldiers' Sons having similar objects, a careful revision of the provisions of our organic law was had and it was unanimously resolved to eliminate all objectionable features to which our attention had been called by correspondence or through the press by brothers of the other orders, and a constitution was reported and adopted—to go into effect immediately—that should remove all obstacles to the consolidation of the several organizations of Seldiers' Sons by whatever names they may be known.

VI. The eligibility clause, to which the greatest objection was made, was altered so as to make but one class—i. e., the sons of Veterans who are of



eighteen years and over. Swords and shoulder straps, and high titles for officers, were dispensed with and unnecessary offices abolished.

In accordance with the rules adopted at the last Encampment of Commandery-in-Chief, the following is hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all whom it may concern.

Past Camp Commanders will be entitled to wear the Iron Cross, to be suspended by a plain blue-corded silk ribbon.

Past Division Commanders will be entitled to wear the Silver Cross, suspended by a plain red-corded silk ribbon.

Past Grand Division Commanders will be entitled to wear the Gold Cross, to be suspended by blue ribbon with narrow yellow stripes.

Past Commanders-in-Chief will wear the Gold Star of the Order.

And now, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief, and in behalf of the brothers of this Commandery, I extend a cordial invitation to all brothers who are connected with Camps, Posts, or Cadet Corps, whose objects are similar to ours, to join with us in perpetuating the memories of our fathers who stood united on the field of carnage, and to take up the touch of the elbow and march on united and victorious.

VII. Division Commanders will furnish blank applications for charters to any Division, Department or Camp that may apply, and upon the return of such application properly filled up, will muster them free of charter fee, and furnish them with Rituals and Constitutions without charge.

VIII. All Past officers of such Commandery, Department, Division, Post or Camp will be entitled to the same rights and privileges of Past officers of similar rank and position in this order, and Division Commanders will see that their names are properly entered on the rolls of their several divisions.

IX. The Division Commanders of this Commandery are as follows:

Maine—Charles H. Rice, Bangor, Me. New Hampshire, Edwin E. Badger, Lake Village, N. H. Vermont—Fletcher D. Proctor, Sutherland, Falls, Vt. Massachusetts—Jos. B. Maccabe, Boston, Mass. Rhode Island and Connecticut—W. H. Pierpont, New Haven, Conn. New York—I. B. Stanton, Amsterdam, N. Y. Ohio—F. W. Myers, East Liverpool, O. New Jersey—H. E. Hatfield, Newark, N. J. East Pennsylvania—Robert E. Hopkins, Milton, Pa. West Pennsylvania—H. W. Arnold, Johnstown, Pa. Potomac—M. A. Dillon, Washington, D. C.

X. The Grand Division Commanders are as follows:

First Grand Division (New England States)—F. H. Challis, Manchester, N. H. Second Grand Division (Ohio to Maryland, Middle States)—O. M. Cott, Columbus, O. Third Grand Division (Western States)—L. J. Webb, Topeka, Kansas. Fourth Grand Division (States west Mississippi River)—Fifth Grand Division (Southern States)—Wm. E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Maryland.

XI. The new Constitution and Rituals will be ready for delivery early in October, and Division Commanders will do well to estimate how many they will need to supply camps, and draw on the Quartermaster General for them. Be it remembered that the old Constitution has been entirely superseded by the one now in press; that its provisions have been so altered as to render it entirely useless after the new one is officially promulgated, so that all camps will have to provide themselves with the new, which will be sold at about the cost of printing.

XII. At all times, but especially at the present, it is requested that all members refer to Article XXI and XXII, Camp Constitution, relating to "Religion and Politics."

The discussion in the camp of any subject based upon politics, or bearing upon the success of any of the political parties is *strictly prohibited*.

No committee shall be elected or appointed from, or any brother act for, any camp, for the purpose of furthering the interest of, or in antagonism to, any partisan scheme.

A member of the order may expound the cause of any political party he wishes as an individual, but violates one of the fundamental principles of our order when he seeks to do or uses his influence in this direction.

No brother shall, under any circumstances, wear the Sons of Veterans uniform, cap, buttons or badge in any political parade, or at any political meeting. No relation whatever shall exist between the Sons of Veterans and any political organization. Officers are instructed to strictly enforce this rule, and any violation of such must be reported at once to these headquarters,

XIII. I shall devote my time and energies to the success of the order, and I beg of all my brothers a cheerful and hearty support.

By command of

C. W. MARSH,  
*Adjutant General.*

H. W. ARNOLD,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Nov. 1, 1884.

*General Orders—No. 2.*

1. The New Constitutions and Rituals are now ready for delivery, and will be sent directly to the camps in accordance with the list submitted by Grand Division Commanders by direction of Circular No. I of these headquarters.

2. Camps which have not made requisitions on their Division Commanders, will do so at once, stating particularly *the name and post-office address* of the person to whom they are to be sent, and enclosing ten cents for each copy of the Constitution ordered, and thirty cents for set of Rituals. Every camp should draw not less than ten Constitutions.

3. By direction of the Commandery Encampment I have to proclaim that the use of the edition of the Constitution of 1882 is superseded by the edition of 1884 on and after Nov. 10, 1884, and that the Rituals used at this date is forbidden on and after the same date. Inspectors and assistants will report any violation of this order to their respective Grand Division Commanders.

4. Division Commanders who have not forwarded their list of orders received from camps to their Grand Division Commanders, *will do so at once*, and Grand Division Commanders will consolidate them and send immediately to these headquarters. Orders will be filled immediately on receipt of the list from Grand Division Commanders and Camp Commanders not receiving their supply will communicate at once with these headquarters and find out the cause of the delay.

5. Particular attention is called to the change in the *eligibility clause* in the Camp Constitution; to the abolition of all titles above the grade of Captain; to the change in Division, Grand Division and Commandery representation; to the change of semi-annual terms of camp officers to annual terms; also, the dates of election and installation of camp officers, and to the various changes in the Rules and Regulations. It is important that all Camp Commanders should post themselves upon all provisions of the law that they may intelligently decide questions which are constantly brought before them.

6. In order to expedite delivery, these orders are sent directly to Divisions, and Division Commanders will see that they are sent out by Adjutants immediately on receipt, so that every camp and every brother may be able to secure a copy of the Constitution previous to November 10th.

By command of

C. W. MARSH,  
*Adjutant General.*

H. W. ARNOLD,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

[ To be read in Camp the First Meeting after Receipt. ]

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A. }  
 JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 10, 1884 }

*General Orders.*—No. 3.

1. Bro. R. M. J. Reed, of West Philadelphia, Pa., is hereby appointed Special Aid to the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Grand Division Commander (corresponding with his past rank) and assigned to duty in charge of arranging for the bringing together and uniting in one indissoluble fraternity all branches of Sons of Veterans. All communications addressed to him on the subject will receive prompt and courteous attention.

Bro. E. R. Kennington of Camp No. 56, Philadelphia, Pa., is hereby appointed Special Inspector, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and assigned to the duty of making inspections of all Camp and Division headquarters in New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

Bros. L. L. Drake, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Waldo H. Perry, of Portland, Me.; F. W. Plaisted of Bangor, Me.; J. C. Faote, of Baltimore, Md.; and John J. Williams, of Wilmington, Del., are appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

All the above officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The commission of Bro. C. W. Marsh as Adj. Gen. is hereby revoked. All communications should hereafter be addressed to the Commander-in-Chief. Bro. R. M. Linton, of Johnston, Pa., has consented to fill the position of Adjutant General until the vacancy can be filled.

II. The new Constitutions and Rituals have been sent out from these Headquarters to all camps whose orders have been received, and if, in any instance they have failed to reach their destination, the Camp Captain will communicate at once with these Headquarters. The secrecy surrounding the Ritual work rendered it necessary to send the Rituals by mail sealed, and, at the low figure at which they are furnished, the Commandery, in view of its embarrassed condition, is not justified in advancing the full amount of postage necessary (sixteen cents per set); and believing that the best interests of the camps and the Order are subserved by husbanding its resources for the purpose of procuring supplies and blanks, of which the Order is in pressing need, it was deemed advisable to mail the Rituals at one full rate of postage, trusting to the generosity of the camps to assist in putting its Supreme Body in a condition financially to perform its trust, by relieving it of extraordinary expense. The balance of fourteen cents per set divided among the camps works no hardship to any, but if paid by the Commandery, *on all the packages mailed*, would have added to its indebtedness and to some extent have operated against the policy of the administration to put the Order on a good financial basis, clear it of all indebtedness and fit out the Quartermaster General's Department with a full stock of supplies.

III. A new form of Charter has been prepared, of different shape and style from the old, against which there was considerable complaint, and will be ready for issue upon receipt of this order. Camps which desire to substitute the new charter form for the old, will send fifteen cents to their several Division Headquarters, which will draw on the Grand Division Headquarters for a supply at once. Cash must accompany all requisitions for supplies, as nothing will be furnished from these headquarters without pre-payment.

IV. A new price list, and all forms of printed supplies, are now in the hands of the printers, and in a short time everything necessary to conduct the Order with system and in accordance with the requirements of the constitu-

tion will be ready. The preparation of these forms involves considerable expense, as, in order to furnish subordinate branches at a low figure and keep up the supply it will be necessary to order in large quantities. This is true economy, and explains the necessity of requiring pre-payment for supplies in all cases.

V. Camps that have not ordered Constitutions and Rituals must do so at once as the old constitutions are void and of no effect, and camps now working under the old rituals are doing so in violation of law and general orders.

VI. The election for camp officers and delegates takes place on the *last* meeting night in December, and the installation of officers on the *first* meeting night in January. Division Commanders will assign, as far as practicable officers to conduct the installations, which may be public or private at the option of the camps, or in event of no particular officer being designated to install the officers of any particular camp, the Senior Past Commander present is authorized by law to do so; but no installing officer is authorized to proceed with the installation of new officers, or divulge the new password and countersign, except all reports and returns, both of orderly sergeants and quartermaster sergeants, have been made to the Division Adjutant, and the per capita tax paid for the quarters ending September 30th and December 31st. (See Ritual, under head of "Installation of Officers.") If Orderly and Quartermaster Sergeants will commence the preparation of their reports in time, it will require but a few moments on the last meeting night of the quarter to finish them and enclose the amount of per capita tax. Blanks for the purpose will be furnished by Division Commanders to each camp commander at least ten days prior to the end of the term, and Division Commanders will see that the necessity for prompt returns is impressed upon their camp commanders, who are alone responsible for the failure of their subordinates. This is a most essential requisite to the success of the Order, as the superior bodies cannot live except from the sustenance they draw from subordinate branches, and the machinery of the order is disarranged by the failure of the camp commanders to perform a simple duty.

VII. A new password and countersign will be furnished Grand Division and Division Commanders for use from January 10, but they will not furnish the same to any camp until returns and reports due December 31st are received at Division Headquarters.

By command of

R. M. LINTON,

*Acting Adjutant General.*

H. W. ARNOLD,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V, U. S. A., }  
JOHNSTOWN, PA, March 31, 1885. }

*General Orders—No. 4.*

I. Owing to the many Encampments of our own Order, and those of the G. A. R., these General Orders have been delayed. It is with great pleasure that the acquisition of the following camps from the Massachusetts Division of the Earp or Philadelphia branch of the Sons of Veterans, is announced. These camps have voluntarily come into our Order, and are now working under our Constitution Rules and Regulations. The numbers, names and locations of the camps are as follows:

No.	Name	Location.	Captain.	Ord Sergt.
1	Dadd and Whitney .....	Lowell .....	J. H. Farley.....	P. H. Lahiff.
3	Capt. Richard Phillips..	Marblehead..	H. P. Stacey.....	A. H. Winslow.
4	N. J. Bowditch.....	Dorchester...	E. P. Oakman.....	W. E. Cowdin.
5	Maj. A. A. Powers .....	Hudson. ....	A. A. Pike .....	E. F. Worcester.
6	John Low .. .. .	Beverly.....	C. H. Shackley....	J. H. Hinkley.
7	John B. Hanson.....	Danvers.....	C. H. Walker.....	W. Peabody.
8	Lt. Col. H. Merrit.....	Salem .....	C. H. Stickney....	E. H. Dalton.
9	Lincoln .....	N. Adams ..	E. P. P. Hewett...	.....
10	J. K. Jenness .....	Haverhill....	C. E. Ford.....	A. R. Pemberton.
11	Geo. A. Custer ....	S. Abington.	G. B. Reed.....	L. R. Goulding.
12	Gen. Burnside.....	Georgetown.	A. B. Chase .....	W. H. Chase.
13	John A. Andrew.....	Stoughton ...	H. S. Wood .....	C. E. Taylor.
14	Col. F. J. Coffin.....	Newburypt..	E. F. Choate.....	C. P. Ricker.
15	L. A. Tift.....	Springfield..	C. A. Chapin.....	H. S. Crossman.
16	H. B. Leighton.....	E. Cambridge	W. J. McMann....	G. B. Howard.
17	Col. Ellsworth... ..	Brookton....	S. O. Moreland....	F. C. Parker.
18	Maj. Sheppard.....	Ashland .....	W. Honendon.....	J. C. Medcalf.
19	Lt. W. H. H. Johnson...	Milford.....	L. Hayden.....	E. L. Pond.
20	John C. Paine .....	Groveland ..	H. L. Hopkinson..	A. L. Nales.
21	Col. L. D. Sargent.....	Lawrence....	E. Webb.....	G. W. Davis.
23	Robert Crossman.....	Taunton .....	E. W. Dennett....	D. V. Leahy.
24	J. Franklin Dyer .....	Gloucester ..	C. E. Story.....	.....
25	W. A. Andrews, Jr.....	Essex .....	E. B. Kimball....	W. H. Burnham.
26	Gen. J. Hooper.....	Chelsea.....	J. S. Dudley.....	H. S. Thompson.
27	T. G. Colt .....	Pittsfield....	E. J. Coombs.....	R. H. Peck.
28	C. A. Simonds.....	Fitchburg....	J. F. Wholly.....	F. W. Rice.
29	Gen. G. M. Thomas.....	Adams .....	H. Steele .....	C. W. Wells.
31	D. F. Farrigut.....	Waltham.....	G. W. Gragg.....	W. Johnson.
33	Col. H. P. Woodbury....	Manchester...	L. D. Cullen. ....	C. R. Pert.
35	J. A. Hawes.....	New Bedford.	A. J. Aiken .....	G. W. Dennison.
36	Capt. J. A. Greeley.....	Amesbury....	C. E. Kendrick....	C. G. Hazleton.
37	Charles Sumner.....	Gardner .....	J. Dodwell.....	A. E. Heywood.
38	Wendell Phillips .....	Plymouth....	F. Cole .....	T. F. Rogan.
39	Herman Sparrow .....	W. Medway..	D. E. Messenger.	H. G. Bullard.

The above camps were induced to join our branch of the Order through the exertions of Brothers J. B. Maccable, H. P. Kent, F. B. Perkins and several others and they deserve the thanks of the whole Order for their untiring efforts to secure this consolidation.

Word has just reached these Headquarters of the muster of the camp at Biddeford, Maine, which was the only camp of the Philadelphia branch in that State. We can now rest assured that the other order does not number in the whole country as many as our Division of Massachusetts, and we feel that it is only a matter of a short time until all the Sons of Veterans will be united in one National Order.

II. Thus far none of the Grand Divisions have made their reports for the quarters ending September 30th and December 31, 1884, and it is now imperatively ordered that each and every Camp Division or Grand Division that has failed to comply with the Rules and Regulations in this respect must do so *at once*. These Headquarters cannot be run without money, and hereafter the per capita tax must be paid promptly and reports forwarded at the proper time. Promptness in all our actions is essential to the growth and preservation of our Order.

III. The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief: F. W. Plaisted, Bangor, Me.; Waldo H. Perry, Portland, Me.; Edward K. Gould, Rockland, Me.; Parker M. Edgerly,

Biddleford, Me.; Charles Kookersperg, Jamestown, N. Y.; L. V. Rausch, Mahanoy City, Pa.; C. J. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.; Louis Hettinger, Pittsburg, Pa. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. R. H. McCullough is hereby detailed for special service in Western Pennsylvania, to recruit and muster camps. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. The Commander-in-Chief again urges Division and Grand Division Commanders to forward the names of energetic Brothers in their jurisdictions for appointment on his Staff. He wishes to appoint no one who is not deserving, and who will not work in harmony with the other officers. He must therefore depend on the Commanders of the several Divisions and Grand Divisions for suggestions as to the proper persons to appoint.

V. Orders are constantly being received for rank straps, wreaths, caps, uniforms, etc. As such articles are not included in the supplies of the Commandery-in-Chief, it is recommended that all Brothers, Camps and Divisions desiring to purchase uniforms, etc., communicate with R. M. J. Reed, Special Aid, who is thoroughly familiar with the R. and R., and knows what is wanted. Samples already made by him prove that he is doing good work, and the interest taken by him in our order when it was young and weak entitles him to our patronage. All communications addressed to R. M. J. Reed, No. 146 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, Pa., will receive prompt and courteous attention.

VI. The following invitation explains itself, and the Commander-in-Chief desires to have all camps of the Order that can possibly do so send as many members to Baltimore as possible. Further particulars will be given in next General Orders:

BALTIMORE, MD., March 24, 1885.

*H. W. Arnold, Commander-in-Chief S. of V., U. S. A.,*

SIR: We have the honor, through you, officially to extend an invitation to the Sons of Veterans under your command to participate in the ceremonies of the reception and entertainment of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, in this city, May 6 and 7, 1885, and request the promulgation of this invitation in your next General Orders. Recognizing the patriotic purposes of your organization, and realizing that in a short time all that is dear to the survivors of the war for the Union, the memories of the past, and the care of the Nation's dead, must be committed to your charge, we desire to bring you in personal contact with those whose services and sacrifices you are organized to perpetuate.

I am, very truly yours, etc., etc.

ROBERT G. KING,

*Chairman Committee on Sons of Veterans.*

*Address: Baltimore, Md., P. O.*

VII. It is advisable for every camp to be fully uniformed and equipped, and to provide themselves with *side arms* for the officers and at least one dozen muskets. It is hoped that every camp will be fully equipped by next "Memorial Day."

VIII. "The S. of V. Guide" by Aid-de-camp E. K. Gould, of Rockland, Maine, is recommended to the order. Every member, officers especially, should procure a copy, as it will be a great aid to them in properly conducting the business of the order.

By command of

H. W. ARNOLD,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

R. M. LINTON,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
 JOHNSTOWN, PA., May 11, 1885. }

*General Orders—No. 5.*

The observance of Memorial Day in an appropriate manner by all camps of our Order is hereby ordered, and the present is a fitting time to bring before the officers and members of the Order the necessity of taking an active part in the ceremonies of which all the nation should share. In the near future we shall be called upon to perpetuate and honor the memories of that noble band of heroes who sacrificed so much that our nation might be preserved. To us, as sons of that grand army, will fall the care of the widow and orphan and those of that grand body who are needy and unable to provide for themselves, and it is now time that the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., fully realize the work they have before them.

The Grand Army of the Republic has now reached its zenith, and will naturally grow less each succeeding year. Every day we hear the muffled beat of the drum, which tells us that another hero has gone to join the grand army above; every day the tottering, enfebled and maimed forms on our streets remind us of those days of war and carnage twenty odd years ago, when men were falling on the field of battle, and when our fathers were at their posts giving their lives for the grand old flag. The time is fast approaching when to the Sons of Veterans will fall the duty of strewing flowers o'er the graves of the nation's dead, and let each and all of us prepare ourselves to continue that work of love and show the nation that we are sons worthy of our sires.

Grand Division and Division Commanders have issued proper orders for the observance of the day, and it is expected that each camp and brother of the order will implicitly obey them.

By command of

H. W. ARNOLD,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

R. M. LINTON,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
 JOHNSTOWN, PA., June 12, 1885. }

*General Orders—No. 6.*

I. The attention of the Commanders of all branches of the order is called to *Article IV, Sections 1, 2 and 3, Rules and Regulations*. These sections must be strictly followed. The failure to make out the quarterly reports is a growing evil, and steps must be taken to correct the tendency to neglect important duties. The time for hesitating to take extreme measures is past, and hereafter Camps, Divisions and Grand Divisions neglecting to comply with the Rules and Regulations in forwarding reports and tax, must suffer the penalty for such neglect.

II. By letter dated the 20th of April, Bro. Chas. M. Cott tendered his resignation as Commander of the Second Grand Division which was accepted, and Lieutenant Commander Tobias notified to assume command. Owing to the short time yet remaining in this term, it was deemed best for Bro. Tobias to act until the next Encampment of the Second Grand Division, and thus avoid the expense of calling a meeting of the Council. All communications for the Commander of the Second Grand Division should be addressed to R. Tobias, box 1409, New York City.

III. The following brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of Commander-in-Chief: M. F. Crawley, Portsmouth, N. H.; G. Fred, Farnham, Conn.; Charles W. Burpee, Waterbury, Conn.; Walter F. Carter Meriden, Conn.; Charles Knight, Worcester, Mass.; T. Q. Whited, Topeka, Kan.; D. A. King, Larned, Kan.; A. E. Weed, Chicago, Ill.; A. W. McFarland, Bloomington, Ill.; E. A. Millham, St. Paul, Minn.; L. E. Hale, Minneapolis, Minn.; P. V. Carey, Des Moines, Ia.; John Thomas, Dewitt, Ia.; J. J. Speaker,

Independence, Mo.; W. A. Hirt, St. Louis, Mo.; H. G. Clark, Dorchester, Neb.; G. H. Barber, Edgar, Neb.; F. D. Wyman, Yankton, Dak.; Phil. Cheek, Jr., Baraboo, Wis.; F. J. Walthers, Milwaukee, Wis.; J. E. Steele, Ellettsville, Ind.; N. W. Swafford, Huntington, Ind.; Truman Havens, Hillsdale, Mich.; L. A. Baker, Lansing, Mich. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. F. M. Shackford, Lake Village, N. H. is hereby appointed Special Mustering Officer, and detailed for duty in the New Hampshire Division. F. D. Soule, of Manchester, N. H. is hereby appointed Special Inspector for the Division of New Hampshire. J. B. Ludwick, of New Orleans Camp No. 1, New Orleans, La., is hereby appointed Special Aid and detailed for special services in Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, and Texas. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. The Commander-in-Chief would again urge every brother to do his utmost to extend and strengthen our beloved order. Every Member, whether he be an officer or not, should work with a view to make the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. a power for good and a fear to the enemies of our country and our country's good.

By command of

(Official:)

R. M. LINTON,  
Adjutant General.

H. W. ARNOLD,  
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
JOHNSTOWN, PA., July 27, 1885. }

*General Orders--No. 7.*

1. The Fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans U. S. A. will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., September 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th. Delegates, Commandery-in-Chief Officers, and all members of the Order are hereby notified to be present.

2. Preparations for the Encampment are being rapidly completed. Our Brothers in Grand Rapids, under the leadership of Frank W. Rowson, Commander of Michigan Division, are arranging all the details, and will do their best to make the stay of all Delegates and visiting Brothers pleasant and enjoyable. Negotiations are now pending to secure reduced rates of fare on the trunk lines. Brothers residing at remote points will be obliged to make arrangements for transportation to central points, and there secure reduced rates for Grand Rapids. Liberal reductions in hotel rates have been secured, and preparations for camping under tents made. Brothers desiring to secure accommodations while in Grand Rapids can do so by addressing F. W. Rowson, Judge Advocate General, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

3. The change of place for meeting from Detroit to Grand Rapids was made at the urgent request of the Division of Michigan, and with the consent of a majority of the Council-in-Chief.

4. Full particulars as to rates, parades, headquarters, etc., will be announced in future General Orders. In the meantime it is urged that every Brother who can possibly do so make his arrangements to attend the Encampment. All Brothers are entitled to a seat in the Convention, but only the Delegates have a voice and a vote.

5. The attention of all Divisions and Grand Division Commanders is called to Section 4, Article II, Commandery Constitution. The names and addresses of all Delegates and Aldernates to Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, of all past Division Commanders, and past and present Grand Division Commanders, should be forwarded to these Headquarters at once.

6. All Officers of Commandery-in-Chief are expected to be present in full uniform and with side arms. Delegates should also have on the regulation uniform.

7. Attention is called to Article X., Commandery Constitution, relating



to Amendment to Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Such proposed alterations must be forwarded immediately for promulgation.

8. The Council-in-Chief will meet in annual session on September 16th, at 2 o'clock P. M. Place will be announced in future General orders.

9. All persons having bills against Commandery-in-Chief are requested to present them at once duly authentic. All persons owing the Commandery-in-Chief will please remit amount of their indebtedness prior to September 1st.

10. Any Grand Division not forwarding its reports and per capita tax in term ending June 30th before August 25th will not be entitled to representation in Encampment. Divisions reported by Grand Division as "not reporting or forwarding per capita tax before August 10th," will not be entitled to representation.

11. The Commandery cap mark, to be worn by all Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief is as follows: A five-rayed star, the five points representing and having the colors of the U. S. Military service, the circle in the centre representing the Commandery-in-Chief; the whole to be embossed in gold bullion on silk velvet. All Officers of the Commandery are expected to provide themselves with this badge previous to the Encampment. They can be procured from these Headquarters for \$1.25 each.

12. John Kirgisner and George A. Hozier, of Little Rock, Ark., and J. B. Ludwick, of New Orleans, La., are hereby appointed members of the Council-in-Chief from the Fifth Grand Division; W. S. Messemer, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Simon W. Cantril, of Denver, Col., and John D. Fleming, of Leadville, Col., are hereby appointed members of the Council-in-Chief from the Fourth Grand Division. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

13. The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief; W. W. Brainerd, South Haven, Mich.; H. E. Gerry, Chicago, Ill. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

14. No supplies will be issued from these Headquarters after August 25th. Grand Divisions in need of blanks, etc., will see that requisitions for same are forwarded immediately.

15. Division Inspectors will send copies of their reports to the Inspector General and Assistant Inspector General at once, so that they can make up their reports in time for the Commandery Encampment. All reports from the Assistant Inspector General must be forwarded to the Inspector General not later than August 25th. All Inspectors, who have not already done so, will order blanks from their Headquarters at once. The reports from all inspectors must be made, and any failure to do so will be the cause of severe censure, if not more serious consequences. Division and Grand Division Commanders will see that this order is promptly obeyed.

16. Information is wanted at these Headquarters concerning the present whereabouts of C. G. Ludwig, a member of Old Abe Camp, No. 16, of Kansas. He is in height 5 feet and 7 inches, has brown eyes, dark brown hair, is partially left-handed, and is 17 years of age, but on account of his size would be taken for at least 20. Any information concerning him should be forwarded at once.

17. The Commandery-in-Chief would call attention to that sad event—the death of the Nation's Hero, GENERAL U. S. GRANT—which has cast gloom and sorrow over our land and torn the heart-strings of friend and foe throughout the civilized world. A nation now mourns his departure for that "undiscovered land from whence no traveler returns," and it is fitting that we, the sons of those brave men who honored and revered him during life and who aided him in upholding our common country should now unite in doing him honor after death. Cool, brave and unflinching during the war, he was no less cool, brave and unflinching when Death wound its icy fingers around him. His life was one continued act of devotion, and no better example of a patriot has ever lived. It is requested that all camps take proper action towards a fitting observance of the day of his funeral. By order of

H. W. ARNOLD,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

OFFICIAL:

R. M. LENTON,  
2 *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A., }  
JOHNSTOWN, PA., August 31, 1885. }

*General Orders—No. 8.*

I. All arrangements for the fourth annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, are about completed. As this encampment will be one of great importance, it is earnestly urged that all Brothers who can possibly make it convenient be present to aid with their advice and counsel.

II. The Council-in-Chief and Encampment meetings will be held in Custer Post Hall, under the tower clock. All Commandery officers and delegates will report upon their arrival in Grand Rapids to Adjutant-General Linton, at Room No. 21, in "Arcade," over the fountain.

III. The following hotel rates have been secured:

Sweets' Hotel.....	\$2.50 and \$3.00 per day.
Morton House.....	2.50 and 3.00 "
Eagle House.....	2.00 "
Rathburne House.....	2.00 and 2.50 "
The European Hotel.....	1.25 "
Clarendon Hotel.....	1.50 "
Bridge Street House.....	1.00 "
The Brunswick.....	2.00 "

Brothers desiring to secure accommodations can do so by addressing Col. Frank W. Rowleson, Grand Rapids, Mich.

IV. The Commander-in-Chief has secured rooms at Sweets' Hotel for the week. All communications after September 10th should be addressed to him there, as that will be his headquarters.

V. A number of the Divisions have failed to send a list of delegates to the Adjutant-General, and very few have forwarded the names of the Past Division Commanders. All who have neglected to forward such list will do so immediately on receipt of this.

VI. Arrangements for a grand parade and banquet are being made by our Michigan Brothers. Full particulars concerning same will be given upon arrival in Grand Rapids.

VII. Frank W. Rowleson, Commander of Michigan Division, will detail Brothers of his division to act as sergeant of guard, corp of guard, camp and picket guards, during the sessions of the Encampment.

VIII. Arrangements have been concluded with the Lehigh Valley Railroad and the Michigan Central Railroad for round trip tickets to Grand Rapids at the following rates.

From Philadelphia.....	\$21.75
From New York.....	19.75
From Buffalo, N Y.....	11.75

Delegates from Philadelphia and vicinity will purchase tickets at 836 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Those from New York and Eastern States will secure their tickets at 235 Broadway, New York, *over* Lehigh Valley and Michigan Central Railroads. Delegates reaching Buffalo from other points will purchase tickets over Michigan Central Railroad at 57 Exchange Street.

These special rate tickets will be sold to all Brothers and friends of the Order on presentation of order for same signed by Brother R. M. J. Reed, who will furnish orders on application addressed to him at 833 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Railroad tickets will be good on any day on any train from September 12th to 23d, inclusive.

The Brothers of Eastern Pennsylvania have arranged to start in a body on train leaving Ninth and Green Streets, Philadelphia, on the morning of September 14th, meeting the officers of Commandery-in-Chief at Buffalo, N. Y., the same evening. It is desired that all Brothers going this route will meet the party at Buffalo. A stop at Niagara Falls will be one of the pleasures by this route, which, added to the beauty of the scenery through Canada and the cheapness of rates, make it a most desirable one to use.

All Brothers from Western States will receive full information concerning

rates, route, etc., upon application to Brother F. W. Rawlson, Grand Rapids, Mich. Arrangements with Western roads will be completed in a few days.

IX. Having been officially notified of the fact that Brother H. P. Kent was elected Commander of the First Grand Division at the annual encampment held at Lake Village, N. H., on August 25th and 26th, and proofs being placed in my hands of the fact that Brother Kent has been dropped from the rolls of his camp and is therefore not eligible to *any office* in our Order, I therefore order Brother Lucian F. Burpee to assume command at once, and Past Commander F. H. Challis will upon receipt of this order deliver all property belonging to the Grand Division to said Brother L. F. Burpee, who will continue to act pending the action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

X. The following amendments and alterations to Constitution, Rules and Regulations have been recommended by the Several Divisions and Grand Divisions:

MAINE DIVISION.

1. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Encampment that it is for the good of the Order that so much of the Rules and Regulations as relates to Grand Divisions be stricken out, and that from the day of adjournment of the Commandery-in-Chief in 1835 they cease to exist.

2. *Resolved*, That this Encampment recommend the adoption of a camp charter, same as design shown by Brother Horace P. Kent, of Massachusetts.

MISSOURI DIVISION.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution should be amended in the following particulars:

1. Grand divisions and divisions and camp council should be abolished.
2. Divisions should be required to fix a permanent place of holding annual encampments, and the system of state encampments "on wheels" be abolished
3. That provisions should be made for an organization in each Division.
4. That the powers of Grand Divisions should be modified.
5. That if the Grand Divisions be abolished the per capita tax of Camps be reduced.

MICHIGAN DIVISION.

1. That Constitution be so changed that all Committees appointed by any Division, Grand Division or Commandery-in-Chief hold over during the year in which they are appointed, and that each member of such committee shall be empowered to receive and make suggestions and submit the same through the chairman for approval at the next annual meeting of said Division, Grand Division or Commandery-in-Chief.

2. That the committee on reports and officers be abolished.

3. That the power now in the hands of the Grand Division Commanders to approve Camp Charter applications and to issue Charters, etc., be transferred direct to Division Commanders, thus saving much valuable time.

NEW YORK DIVISION.

1. That the titles of officers be changed to the rank of General, Colonel and so down, so that under no circumstances can the officers title be confounded with the G. A. R.

2. That a National Password be given for the admittance of members of the G. A. R. to any encampment.

3. That a card be given to each member of the G. A. R. obligated so that Veterans may visit other Camps without being obligated. To remain in force as long as vouched for on the card semi-annually by signature of Commander of Post to which the Veteran belongs.

4. That the privilege of electing Surgeons and Chaplains be restored to Camps and Divisions.

5. That a fine of \$1.00 be established for non-attendance on Memorial Day ceremonies without suitable excuse.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

1. The following amendment to Article 4, Section 6, Constitution: That the words, "and shall not be entitled to enter the camp room as a member," shall be inserted in above article, and shall immediately follow the clause, "Shall be ineligible to any office in the Sons of Veterans."

2. WHEREAS The Grand Divisions serve no practical purpose and are a source of expense and delay to the Divisions of the Order in the performance of their executive duties; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Delegate of the Second Grand Division and Commandery-in-Chief be and are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to have the Grand Division abolished.

## THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

Resolution No. 1. *Resolved* That we recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief that the Constitution be amended so as to abolish Grand Divisions, the same to take effect upon the assembling of the Commandery-in-Chief in 1886. And the Grand Division officers elected in the several Grand Divisions in the year 1885 hold their office until the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief in 1886. And that said Grand Divisions hold no more encampments, except when called by the Commander and Council of Grand Division in case of necessity.

Resolution No. 2. *Resolved*, That the Third Grand Division recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief the adoption of a uniform set of books and blanks to be kept by officers of the several Grand Divisions, Divisions and Camps of our Order.

Resolution No. 3. *Resolved*, That the Third Grand Division ask the Commandery-in-Chief to reduce the price of regulation badges.

All the above Divisions and Grand Divisions have also recommended certain changes in the Ritual.

By order of

H. W. ARNOLD,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

OFFICIAL:

R. M. LINTON,  
*Adjutant-General.*

The following special order has also been issued:

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V, U. S. A.,  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL,  
HARRISBURG, PENNA., March 24, 1885. }

*Special Order—No. 1.*

Owing to the delay, occasioned by various causes which could not be avoided, in the adoption and promulgation of the Revised Ritual, and Constitution, Rules and Regulations, a general Inspection of Camps had not been urged until such time should elapse for camps to familiarize themselves with the revised work, and supply themselves with the belongings made necessary by the changes.

It is now ordered, that Grand Division and Division Commanders who have not yet ordered an Inspection since January 1st, 1885, will cause a thorough inspection of all camps to be completed on May 1st, 1885.

Division Commanders will see that all reports of Inspector and Assistant Inspector of camps be at their headquarters by June 1st, 1885.

Division Commanders will forward copies of the reports on Inspection to these Headquarters before July 15, 1885.

Division Commanders will see that prompt compliance to instructions relating to their department in this respect, be given, that ample time may be allowed the various officers to make out full reports on Inspection, to be transmitted to these Headquarters.

Division Commanders will appoint when practical, Assistant Inspectors who shall inspect the camps nearest to their own; who will cause the ritualistic work of the order to be fully exemplified by the camp, in their presence, and

see that all errors are corrected; they will fill out a complete and impartial report, as indicated by the blanks, and make such remarks, recommendations or suggestions, as they believe for the good of the camp, with the return of their report to the Division Headquarters.

Camps not having the number of muskets required by the work of the Ritual, are urged to procure them as the muster ceremony cannot be considered perfectly or properly performed without their use.

Grand Division Commanders will cause an inspection at an early date, of all Division Headquarters under their jurisdiction.

Complaints have been made of delays occasioned to important correspondence of camps, and are withholding supplies ordered by camps to unnecessary lengths of time. Let the Inspection in the various branches and departments be made fully in all its details, and immediate attention be given to the condition of camps and their wants promptly supplied.

Article V., Rules and Regulations bearing on the subject of Inspection will further guide the officers in the performance of their duties.

By command of

H. W. ARNOLD,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. DAY RUDY.

*Inspector General.*

Much could be said on the present condition of the order that would encourage all, but as you will doubtless include such items in your address to the encampment, I will merely mention the consolidation of rival branches as one of the most encouraging signs. Nearly all of the Earp or Wagoner Faction has joined our ranks and I am just in receipt of a letter from one of our working brothers of the New York Division informing me of the bright prospects of our soon embracing the New York Post System.

The work of the Commander-in-Chief and his personal staff is becoming so voluminous that it requires almost their whole time to properly carry on the work of our highest body. To expect young men just entering the active paths of life to attend to this work without recompense is expecting too much. A living salary should be paid to our higher officials in order that they may devote their entire time to their official duties. Until this is done the order can not reach its full tide of prosperity for work must be done to carry on the routine duties of each office and such work can not be done on wind or love alone.

The yearly change of headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief during the present formative period, is producing a difficulty that can hardly be estimated. The new officers have hardly become acquainted with their duties before they are called upon to surrender their positions and return to the ranks. This might work after the organization is fully made but at present it is disastrous. Continue the Commandery officials for two years and much more can be accomplished in those two years than can, under the present system be affected in four. I would recommend the changing of the official tenure for Commandery officers from one to two years.

In conclusion, Commander, permit me to thank you for your continued assistance and advice as well as for your courteous treatment during my term as Adjutant General. I also desire to thank the many brothers who have rendered me much and valuable assistance during the past year. With regret I surrender my official pen, for though the work has been somewhat burdensome there is much that is pleasant. In relinquishing my office I do not surrender my love for the order and expect always to yield that strict obedience to my superiors that should be characteristic of a Son of a Veteran.  
I am sir, yours truly, F. C. and L.,

R. M. LINTON,

*Adjutant General.*

## REPORT OF QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL.

Q. M. General's Report was read and referred as follows:  
JOHNSTOWN, PA., September 16, 1885.

H. W. ARNOLD, *Commander-in-Chief of S. of V.:*

SIR:—I have the honor to submit my report of the business done in my office during the past year which was as follows:

Dr. To cash received from all sources.....\$1,908 31  
Cr. By cash expended for all purposes..... 1,865 43

Balance on hand.....\$ 37 88

Our assets are as follows:

Supplies on hand at price to Grand Divisions.....\$631 00  
Amount due from Grand Divisions..... 103 44

† Total,.....\$734 44

### LIABILITIES.

Bill of Major A. P. Davis, (Balance), .....\$124 75  
Bill of Brown Publishing Co.,..... 20 00  
Bill of F. R. Merrill,..... 117 82  
Bill of White & Graham,..... 165 00

Total,.....\$427 57

Assets,..... 734 44

Balance over Liabilities,.....\$306 87

NOTE.—Of the \$631.00 supplies on hand as above, \$535.00 will have to be destroyed, as they are for Grand Divisions, which are abolished. We also have amount due from Grand Divisions—the amount \$103.44 due from them, and have \$125.00 of indebtedness of Third Grand Division and \$75.00 of Fourth Grand Division to assume, making a total of \$838.44, which is a total loss. This will leave us in debt \$104 00 besides sundry bills not mentioned above.

The brothers should bear in mind the fact that this administration has not incurred the larger portion of this debt but on the contrary has only run behind \$165, which was mainly incurred by the necessity of having by the changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Ritual, been compelled to have almost an entire new set of blanks printed, thus rendering useless a large quantity of forms which otherwise would have been quite an income to the Commandery. I desire to thank the Commander-in-Chief for the assistance he has rendered me at all times during the year and hope my successor may have a pleasant and successful year. I do not covet another office of the same kind and hope my successor may be remunerated.

Yours Fraternaly,

W. H. STATLER,  
*Quarter-Master General.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Report of Inspector General, as follows, was read and referred:

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 10, 1885. }

H. W. ARNOLD, *Commander-in-Chief:*

SIR AND BROTHER—When you honored me with the position on your Staff, I accepted the office with the determination to make it a success to the good of the order. I issued, through your Headquarters, Circular No. 1. In it I had set a period of time for holding inspections of Camps, subject to the orders of Division Commanders, the returns of each inspection to be sent in to Division Headquarters no later than May 15th, in order that the same be consolidated

and reported at Division Encampment, etc. I believed, in order to get full returns of camp inspection and learning the exact standing, condition and needs of camps, I allowed sufficient time to each branch or department of our order through which they would pass in consolidating the returns and transmitting copies to this office—that I might consolidate and tabulate the reports as a whole, in complete form, as a ready reference—making a report comparing with those of the Adjutant General and Q. M. General.

I set out by special correspondence with each Division Headquarters, to procure such data as would prove beneficial to this department, and while I received hearty responses from a few Divisions the majority failed to echo my endeavors in this direction. As time drew near for receiving reports from Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors General, I addressed myself to them by letters requesting them to forward reports, and when failure to comply was apparent, to urge the necessity for action, etc.

I have found that one of the causes for failure is the fact that many Division Commanders have not instituted camp inspection early enough within the time specified in Circular No. 1. Some General Orders from Divisions, received by me, show that inspection of camps is just now being instituted. When their reports are to come in and be consolidated is more than I am able to guess. It is evident that in order to have successful inspection and complete returns, a regular time must be set for holding such inspection, and be made universal in every Division, so that the returns be reported at the same time as those of the Adjutant and Q. M. at the encampments of the various branches of our order, and copies forwarded to this office.

I am unable to make a consolidated report from returns, that would be in any manner full or indicative of the condition of our order. I have received, through the kindness of Past Asst. Adjl. Gen. Bowers, a "guessed at" report of the Second Grand Division. None from the First Grand Division. Asst. Inspector General of First G. D. kindly (?) referred me to the report of Asst. Adjt. Gen. and Quartermaster Gen., made at their recent Encampment, for such information as I wished or that would be of service to me in making out my report. I have received no returns from divisions in First Grand Division. I have been in communication with the Asst. Insp. Gen. of Third Grand Div., who has written for information, etc., who states that but few divisions have yet reported inspections up to date. I yet look for a report from this Grand Division.

The necessary blanks have been sent by me to the Asst. Inspector Generals, giving ample time to consolidate the reports. I have been at expense of considerable time in my correspondence and efforts to gather or cox in something like a report. The bundle accompanying this letter is the result of my work, or rather, the lack of attention to duty on the part of others. While I know that the order has advanced, I am unable to give the necessary data in proper form or draw comparisons with the work of last year.

I have found that Grand Divisions are a barrier to prompt work and absorbers of revenue without giving aid and I most heartily endorse the sentiments so loudly expressed that they be abolished and the Commandery-in-Chief be paid a living salary, in compensation for the additional work.

My expenses as Inspector General during the year would aggregate to over \$100 which I have cheerfully donated to the cause.

Owing to the incompleteness of the returns from Divisions and Grand Divisions, I am unable to make out tabulated report so shall in lieu of a consolidated report submit to you what I have received. There is an evident lack of understanding or ignorance of the constitution governing our order and failure to comply with instructions issued through General Orders issued on the part of many Division Commanders.

I would request that this letter be placed on file with the reports.

I trust that my successor in office may be able to establish what I endeavored to do—system in inspection which can be done when the officers intervening between the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions have been abolished.

I remain yours fraternally,

C. DAY RUDY, *Inspector General Ccm.-in-Chief.*

Chief Mustering Officer and Chief of Staff made verbal reports.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Report of Judge Advocate was read and referred as follows :

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., September 18, 1885.

H. W. ARNOLD, *Commander-in-Chief S. of V's., U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I submit to you my report as Judge Advocate General for the term ending at this encampment. During my term of office one case of court martial has been referred to me for my official decision. The case was that of J. W. Kinney, former commander of the Michigan Division. He was duly suspended from command of said division. Charges were preferred against said J. W. Kinney, a court martial ordered by the Third Grand Division Commander, and a court convened at Lansing, Mich., June 3d, 1885. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the order. I wish to make a suggestion in regard to the duties of a Judge Advocate of a Division, Grand Division, or Commandery-in-Chief. I think that the Judge Advocate of a Division should, on receipt of a communication from individuals or camps, either make his report at once to the Judge Advocate General, or consolidate and report semi-annually, on blanks prescribed for that purpose, giving in detail all points of law brought up by the different camps. This will enable the Judge Advocate General to make a complete report to the annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, showing what points in the law the different camps, where the life of our order is, desired changed. This plan, I think, would help the committee on rules and regulations in making all recommendations. Submitting this report meagre as it is, I am

Fraternally yours,

F. W. ROWLSON, *Judge Advocate General.*

Bro. Rudy moved that Bro. Penniman report proceedings to the papers. Bros. Hammer and Worden were added. Bros. Penniman, Hammer and Worden were appointed a committee to report proceedings to papers of the city.

Resolutions from Davis Camp No. 1, presented by W. D. Thomas, of West Pa., were referred to Committee on Resolutions.

HEADQUARTERS DAVIS CAMP NO. 1, W. PENN. DIV. S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
PITTSBURG, August 29th, 1885. }

This is to certify that a stated meeting of this camp held on the evening of August 27th, 1885, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously passed :

WHEREAS, "It is the unanimous and most earnest wish of this camp and its members that the Commandery-in-Chief restore to us our original position and place in some proper manner, (by means of a foot note or otherwise), in the next issue of the General Rules and Regulations, the recognition given us in the same under Article XV, Section 8, of the editions of 1882 and 1883, as the said distinction was given to our camp as a return for having without charge, cheerfully given up and turned over to the Commander-in-Chief the charter of the order, obtained from and granted to us by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The patent on our bronze medal and the copyright on our coat of arms, all of which were furnished, provided for and secured by our officers at considerable expense to our camp and its members. Be it hereby

*Resolved*, That Bros. W. R. Willheide, Otto Hanch and W. D. Thomas be and are hereby appointed a committee with full power to act or delegate their authority to others, with instructions to prepare an appeal stating all the facts in the case, including our desires in the premises and to present or have same presented to the Commander-in-Chief at its coming meeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan, praying for favorable action in our behalf."

[SEAL.]

A. L. PEARSON, Jr.

*Capt. Com. Camp.*

Attest: E. W. LEHMANN,  
*Act. Ord. Sgt.*



HEADQUARTERS DAVIS CAMP No. 1, WEST PENN. DIV. S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
PITTSBURG, PA., September 12th, 1885. }

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief of the S. of V's., U. S. A.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan :*

**OFFICERS AND BROTHERS.**—The undersigned having, in accordance with the accompanying unanimously passed preamble and resolution, been duly appointed a committee in behalf of our camp with full power to act or to delegate our authority to others and for the purpose of laying before this encampment certain matter of vital interest and importance not only to our camp and its members but to our many friends in this section, would beg leave to state as follows :

Our camp was organized on the twelfth day of November, 1881, it being the first or parent camp of your organization known as the "Sons of Veterans of the United States of America."

Early in the succeeding month of December the members of our camp and the friends of your then infant order decided that its good and extension required a charter from the commonwealth so drafted as to form a foundation to build from and to be good in any locality.

At that time no branches of your order existed except that of camps and they (outside of camp No. 1) were only two in number, and not fully organized or mustered. Their existence at that time was only nominal and prospective.

On this account it was concluded that our camp should apply for, obtain and hold the charter, which during the latter part of said month was, on due legal application, made by our member, granted by the commonwealth.

The cost of obtaining the same, including the court and attorney's fees, was of serious moment to our then weak and struggling organization.

Early in the year of 1882 the necessity of having a bronze medal or badge of general membership and a coat of arms and a motto was keenly felt ; and by common expressed wish the duty and labor of arranging for and providing the same fell upon and was cheerfully assumed by camp No. 1 and its special friends. The results were that no time and exertions were spared and that all of the foregoing was as quickly and fully provided for as possible.

To this end the necessary designs were prepared and after going through various changes and modifications were duly approved.

This being accomplished it was then decided and deemed necessary to protect the design of the bronze badge, including its motto, ribbon and bar pin by "Letters Patent" and the coat of arms by copyright.

This duty also by common consent and wish devolved upon and was performed by the officers of our camp ; and the said patent and copyright were applied for and duly obtained during the month of March, 1882.

The securing of the same was accompanied with considerable labor and cost to the members of our camp and its friends.

Armed with this protection our officers during the following month of April, had the coat of arms engraved and electrotyped and made a contract with Messrs. Bailey, Banks and Biddle, of Philadelphia, for the manufacture of the badges, guaranteeing them against loss by the venture. The said contract is now in existence and full force.

At the Annual Encampment held in this city (Pittsburg) October 18, 1882, (the first commandery meeting of your order), our camp and its officers being still mindful of the common good, cheerfully turned over to the Commander-in-Chief then elected, all of the foregoing named papers to be held perpetually by him and his successors in said office and for the use and benefit of the Commandery and order as a whole and it was then and there agreed by mutual and common consent, that in lieu of other recompense and as a just return for the labor and services rendered by the officers and members of our camp who had so freely spent their time and means to forward the movement and secure the foregoing named advantages, that the camp under its appropriate name and number should be allowed to have and permanently hold the distinction

granted under Article XV, Section 8, pages 93 and 94 of General Rules and Regulations, edition of 1882, to wit:

As a mark of distinction Davis Camp No. 1, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, as the parent charter camp of the order, shall, in addition to its other flags, be entitled to have and use a flag of yellow silk, of the same size, (viz: Six and a half by six feet) and made up and trimmed in the same general manner as its blue silk camp color.

On that occasion not a single objection was raised against the granting of this favor.

We will here note that our camp has never asked for and never received one cent of royalty from the sale of the said badges or electrotypes, and we will state that we are informed and aware that large profits have been derived by the Commandery-in-Chief and other branches of the order from that source alone.

At the second annual Encampment held in the city of Columbus, Ohio, August 6th and 7th, 1883, the said General Rules and Regulations came up in due form and were duly approved a *second time*, it being on that occasion generally and freely conceded that the distinction allowed our camp had been well and fairly earned and that no cause existed why it should not be permanently continued per original agreement.

The third annual Encampment was held in the city of Philadelphia, August 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, 1884. At the said meeting quite an extended revise of your Constitution, General Rules and Regulations and Ritual was made and on the afternoon of August 30th, and while the said changes were in progress, the said section 8 heretofore given in full was, on motion made and carried, cut out and as a consequence does not appear in the book of Organic Laws, known as the "Revised edition of 1884."

The said action was secured in open meeting and was not based on a report of the committee of revision which had agreed to allow the section to stand.

This conclusion, (the striking out,) was of course a great surprise and a source of deep regret to our camp and all of its friends. We had no notice or intimation of the proposed action and consequently could not properly present our case. The matter came up and went through in such a manner that grave doubts have been expressed as to the equity and correctness of the proceedings.

It is not strange that we keenly felt the injustice of the same, still we were aware that we were not duly represented, that the matter came up unexpectedly and the circumstances of the case not being understood the motion prevailed before the merits of the transaction had been generally known or fairly weighed in the scale.

We are aware and will here state that at an adjourned meeting held on the evening of said day an effort was made to repair the wrong as well as could be then done, and the privilege contained in said section 8 was contained by resolution which will be found in the official record of the proceedings of the said meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The foregoing is in brief the history of the case and we now, as we have steadily done for the past year, indulge in the belief that due consideration and reflection will at once lead to a restoration of the privilege in the manner and form we so much desire.

As things now stand and having in mind due regard for the present prescribed manner and form in which your organic laws shall be added to or amended we do not deem it best to urge, at this time a restoration of the said section 8 as it stood under article XV of the editions of the General Rules and Regulations of 1882 and 1883, but we most earnestly ask for and plead that the full substance of said section by resolution be allowed to appear in future editions of the said General Rules and Regulations in the form of a simple foot note, the same to appear in the appropriate place at the bottom of the page in small type.

The granting of this just request can do no harm or work any injury to anyone.

It will be all that is desired by our camp, its members and our friends

who, during the earlier and weaker days of our order kindly gave to the then infant movement, their most cordial sympathy and substantial support.

Trusting and believing that the matter will receive at your hands the kind and favorable consideration which in just it merits, and with sentiments of high respect for your honorable body, we remain very respectfully your obedient servants,

W. R. WILLHIEDE, }  
 OTTO HANCH, } Committee.  
 W. D. THOMAS, }

Approved and respectfully submitted.  
 [SEAL.]

A. L. PEARSON, JR.,  
*Capt. Com, Camp.*

*Attest:* E. W. LEHMANN,  
*Act. Ord. Sgt.*

Adopted as read.

Moved by E. R. Vincent, seconded by Mooney, that the rules be suspended and that the election of officers be made the special order of business for five o'clock this afternoon. Amended by Bro. Rudy and seconded by Bro. Payne, that the nomination and election of officers be the order of business immediately after the adoption by this Encampment of the changes made in Constitution, R. and R.. as recommended by report of Committee on Constitution, R. and R. Carried as amended.

By motion of Bro. Smith, the Encampment took a recess until 1:15 p. m.

Encampment called to order at 1:30 p. m.

The Committee on Constitution, R. and R., reported as follows :

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Your Committee having carefully considered all the proposed changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, which have been laid before them from various sources in our order, beg leave to report as follows :

We recommended

1 That all Grand Divisions be abolished and shall cease to exist within sixty days from this day ; and each shall dispose of all money and property on hand, and arrange for the payment of all its debts, by assessment or otherwise as each shall determine, within said time.

2. That all the present officers of Grand Divisions shall be entitled to their respective past ranks after the foregoing amendment has taken effect.

3. That depots of supplies shall be established at Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago, and each Division shall send all requisitions to the depot nearest to its headquarters.

4. That every sitting Division Commander shall be entitled to a voice and vote in the Commandery-in-Chief.

5. That no past rank shall be allowed to such officers of any other branch of the Sons of Veterans as shall join our order without their respective Commands, or as individuals.

6. That Article IV, Sec. 6, page 61, General Rules and Regulations, shall be amended to read as follows : "Any member of a camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of dues, shall be dropped from the roll, and shall be reinstated only by the camp which dropped him, and in the same manner as is provided in Article II, Section 1-7 of the Constitution."

7. That Article V, Section 1, page 5, shall be amended by inserting the following words after the word "membership," in the sixth line : "Provided

that, upon the unanimous recommendation of the Captain and Lieutenants of any camp, the Div. Commander may grant authority to muster into this order any candidate who is not less than sixteen years of age."

8. That all officers of this order shall be called by the military titles of their respective ranks; and that Article IV, page 64, Commandery-in-Chief Constitution, shall accordingly be amended to read, in the fourth, fifth and sixth lines, as follows: "First, General and Commander-in-Chief; second, Lieutenant General; third, Major General;" and that Article IV, page 26, division constitution, shall be amended to read as follows, in the second, third and fourth lines: "Shall consist of a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major;" and that all provisions of the constitution, rules and regulations contrary to, and inconsistent herewith, shall be abolished or accordingly changed.

9. That the "per capita" tax shall be fixed in the manner now provided, and that the sum formerly paid to the Grand Division shall hereafter be paid to the Commandery-in-Chief.

10. That Article III, Section 1, page 45, shall be amended by inserting the word "August" for the word "September" in the third line thereof.

11. That Article IV, Section 1, page 68, shall be amended by striking out the words "without braid" in the last line thereof.

12. That whereas, certain misunderstandings have arisen as to the proper interpretation of various provisions of the constitution, rules and regulations, a committee of three shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to prepare a digest of authoritative rulings and decisions regarding our laws, and to report the same for action at the next encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief; and that, until the adoption of the aforesaid digest by said encampment, the compilation of G. A. R. rulings and decisions, known as the "Blue Book," shall be accepted as final authority upon all questions arising in our order.

13. That all provisions in the constitution, rules and regulations inconsistent with any recommendation adopted at this encampment, shall be abolished or so changed as to conform therewith.

14. That all changes in the constitution, rules and regulations at this encampment shall be printed on slips of paper of convenient size to be pasted into the edition now in use, and distributed to Division Quartermasters.

15. Your committee would also report with special commendation the samples of books and supplies for keeping the records and transacting the business of camps, shown by Comrade Stillings, of the firm of E. B. Stillings & Co., of Boston, Mass., and recommend them for universal use, as neat, complete and cheap.

LUCIEN F. BURPEE,  
*On behalf of Committee.*

Dated Friday, Sept. 18, 1885.

Adjourned to Saturday, 9 a. m.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 1885.

Your Committee on Rules and Regulations beg leave to further recommend:

1 That any member who is six months in arrears for dues shall not be permitted to enter any camp room while the camp is in session.

2 That the constitution, rules and regulations hereafter published shall be properly indexed.

3. That the rank of all officers of this order shall be indicated by shoulder straps, as prescribed by the United States army regulations of 1861-'65.

4. That all officers shall wear the sword belts prescribed by United States army regulations for officers of corresponding rank.

5. That all officers shall wear swords of the pattern devised by F. D. Eddy, Mustering Officer, Michigan Division, a sample of which has been exhibited to this encampment.

6. That the uniform cap shall remain as it is; that is, such as is prescribed as the fatigue cap of the United States army with gold braid.

6½. That all officers entitled to past rank may indicate the same by wearing the proper miniature strap.

7. That all Past Commanders-in-Chief, and that all Past Adjutant Generals, and that all Past Quartermaster Generals shall have each a vote in all Commandery-in-Chief and Division encampments ; and that all Past Assistant Adjutant Generals and all Past Assistant Quartermaster Generals shall have each a voice and a vote in all Commandery-in-Chief encampments.

8. That all past elective officers of the rank of Colonel and higher shall be entitled to wear the prescribed gold or silver cross of the order.

9. That the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General shall each be paid a salary of \$100 per annum.

10. That Article IV, page 47, line 4, be amended to read as follows : "And a Council-in-Chief, consisting of the above named officers, and one member elected from each Division."

11. That in Article V, page 26, first line, the word "camp" be changed to the word "division."

12. That Article IV, Section 2, page 10, shall be amended by inserting after the word "seal" in eighth line, the words : "Such brother shall remain under the jurisdiction of the camp granting such transfer, shall pay all dues of the camp, and so long as he shall do so, shall retain whatever past rank he may hold, and he shall be eligible to any office within his division." Also by inserting, after the word "issue" in the tenth line, the words : "Together with satisfactory proof that his dues have been paid to date."

Also by inserting after the word "camp" in the eleventh line, the words : "And the Orderly Sergeant of the latter camp shall at once notify the Orderly Sergeant of the camp granting the transfer, who shall thereupon strike the name of such member from the rolls of his camp." The words from "in" to "transfer" in the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth lines shall be erased.

13. That the Commander-in-Chief, immediately after his election, shall appoint a Chief-of-Staff, a Judge Advocate General, a Chief Mustering officer, and a Chaplain-in-Chief.

Nearly, if not quite, all of the many recommendations placed in the hands of your committee have been incorporated in some form, into the foregoing recommendations ; if any have been omitted, it may be understood that the committee did not think them desirable and must report unfavorably upon them. All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUCIEN F. BURPEE,  
*On behalf of the Committee.*

Grand Rapids, Sept. 19, 1885.

N. B.—The foregoing report was submitted to the consideration of the encampment section by section, and final action was taken on each section as it was read. At the outset Adjutant General Linton requested me to keep a record of the action taken on the several recommendations. I did so, and the copy hereto annexed is a correct transcript of my minutes made at that time, and endorsed on the original draft of the committee's report.

LUCIEN F. BURPEE,  
*Col., &c.*

Waterbury, Conn., October 1, 1885.

## MINUTES OF ACTION ON ABOVE REPORT.

Sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 of the principal report were adopted without change.

Section 15 was rejected entirely.

Section 2 was amended by inserting after the word "exist" in second line, the words : "On and after September 30th, 1885, and each Grand Division shall wind up its affairs within ninety days from said date." The words "within, day," in second and third lines were stricken out. In this shape it was adopted.

Section 12 was amended by adding the words: "All officers above the rank of Captain may wear the full dress uniform coat of the United States army, as prescribed in the regulations of 1861-'65." With this addition it was adopted.

Of the Supplementary report, sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 6½, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, were adopted as read.

Section 11 was rejected.

Section 3 was amended by striking out the words from "shoulder strap to 65," inclusive, and inserting the words: "Miniature rank, straps as now worn and prescribed in constitution, rules and regulations." The section was then passed.

Section 12 was withdrawn, and the following was substituted and adopted: "Any member of this order who shall have taken a transfer from his camp and shall not have deposited it with any other camp, shall be permitted to enter any camp, but shall not be eligible to any office in this order."

On motion, the changes in Constitution, R. and R. be printed on slips of the size of Constitution and sent to Division Quartermasters. Carried.

Resolutions from Camp 1, of Pittsburg, approved by committee, were presented and on motion adopted.

The following resolution, offered by W. D. Thomas of W. Pa., was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the action of the last Commandery-in-Chief Encampment in striking out Sec. 8, Art. XV, of the general R. and R., as set forth in the revised editions of 1882 and 1883, be declared out of order and unconstitutional, as the Encampment cannot vitiate any contract without the consent of the other party thereto, and that said Sec. 8, Art. XV, of said editions of 1882 and 1883 be restored and put in full force."

Moved by E. R. Vincent, seconded by H. H. Hammer, of E. Pa., that the rules be suspended and the Commandery-in-Chief proceed to the election of the three highest officers and Council-in-Chief. Amended by Worden, that all officers be elected. Amendment lost, motion carried.

Bro. Worden moved that the first ballot for Commander-in-Chief be an informal one. Carried.

Amended by J. J. Speaker, that the first three ballots be informal.— Amendment was lost.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Bros. Penniman, Blake and Smith were appointed tellers.

For Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Payne presented the name of A. E. Case, of Illinois. Bro. Vancleve seconded the name of A. E. Case.

Bro. Mallory presented the name of E. T. Roe.

Bro. Perkins presented the name of H. W. Arnold.

Pro. Maccabe presented the name of G. W. Penniman. Bro. Worden seconded the name of G. W. Penniman. Bro. Penniman withdrew his name.

Bro. Rudy seconded the nomination of H. W. Arnold.

Bro. Morse presented the name of F. W. Rawlson.

On motion of Bro. Rudy nominations closed, and an informal ballot was taken with the following results: Case 8, Arnold 9, Penniman 1, Roe 6, Rowlson 5, Payne 8.

Moved and seconded that notwithstanding that charges have been presented against Bro. H. P. Kent, and notwithstanding his suspension, he be allowed to have a vote and voice in this encampment. Carried.

Bro. Rudy moved we take another informal ballot. Carried. Ballot taken with the following results: Case 6, Arnold 9, Payne 10, Roe 8, Rawlson 2.

A motion to take a recess for five minutes was lost.

A motion to take an informal ballot was lost.

A motion to proceed to formal ballot was carried.

*First Ballot.*—Case 6, Arnold 11, Payne 10, Roe 8, Rawlson 3.

*Second Ballot.*—Case 5, Arnold 13, Payne 11, Roe 9, Rawlson 1.

*Third Ballot.*—Roe 6, Arnold 15, Payne 18.

*Fourth Ballot.*—Roe 9, Arnold 14, Payne 16.

*Fifth Ballot.*—Roe 6, Arnold 13, Payne 19.

*Sixth Ballot.*—Roe 15, Rowlson 5, Payne 19.

*Seventh Ballot.*—Roe 12, Rowlson 8, Payne 19.

*Eighth Ballot.*—Roe 13, Rowlson 6, Payne 18.

*Ninth Ballot.*—Roe 4, Rowlson 9, Payne 23.

W. S. Payne, of Ohio, declared elected Commander-in-Chief.

A motion to adjourn until 8 o'clock in the morning was lost. A motion to proceed to the nomination and election of Lieut. Comd'r was carried.

Bro. Worden nominated J. J. Speaker; Bro. Thomas nominated F. W. Rowlson; Bro. Maccabe nominated A. E. Case; Bro. Mooney nominated Bro. Milham (withdrew); Bro. Milham nominated L. F. Burpee.

A motion to close nominations was carried.

Bro. A. E. Case declared elected Lieut. Commander.

A motion to proceed to nominate and elect a Vice-Lieut. Comd'r was carried.

Bro. Maccabe nominated Bro. Kohler; Bro. Smith nominated Brother Rudy. Bro. F. W. Kohler declared elected Vice-Lt. Commander.

A motion to adjourn, by Bro. Hammer, was lost.

A motion to proceed to the election of Council-in-Chief, by Vincent, was carried.

A motion to take a recess of fifteen minutes to prepare ballots for Council-in-Chief, by Vincent, was carried.

The election of Council-in-Chief resulted as follows: First Grand Division, H. L. Wright.

At 7:30 P. M., adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow.

The Encampment opened at 9 o'clock A. M., in due form, with Lieut-Commander Perkins in the chair.

The report of Committee on Rituals was read, as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUALS.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Sept. 18, 1885.

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in Chief Encampment:*

Your Committee on Ritual have the honor to make the following report:

1. We recommend that the position of Musicians, in muster, be before the Sergt. of Guard at head of column. (See page 15, under notes.)
2. That, on page 15, the C. O. should say, "Bro. Ord. Sergt., you will detail the required escort, who will take position in rear of guard."
3. That first and second lines as notes, (page 16), be expunged, and that the following command be inserted: "Escort, into line, march!"
4. That command by Sergt., "left face," be given when column comes to a halt before stations of 1st and 2d Lieuts. (See page 17).
5. That on page 19, instead of command "Countermarch!" the command "Column Right!" be repeated.

6. The words "Guards," on page 20, read "Escort."

That a committee be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to draft Memorial Service, Funeral Service, and Open Installation Service. Same to be printed separate from Ritual. Said committee be instructed to submit their report to Commander-in-Chief for approval on or before December 15, 1885.

That recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 be printed on one slip, same to be pasted in back of Ritual, and that future editions of Ritual be printed with corrections in proper place in same.

That a new grip be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. THOMAS, )  
C. DAY RUDY, ) Committee.  
J. J. SPEAKER. )

Bro. G. B. Abbott, of Illinois, is seated as alternate to delegate-at-large from Illinois.

Roe's minority report of Com. on Rituals was read:

#### MINORITY REPORT OF RITUAL.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Sept. 10, 1885.

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment:*

As a member of your Committee on Ritual, I would most respectfully report that while I concur with the Brothers on this committee in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, of the report, so far as to say the changes would improve the work, yet I do not consider the changes of enough importance to warrant our issuing new rituals to every camp in the order; and when changes are printed on slips of paper and pasted in back of Ritual, as in case of our old Ritual, they are continual stumbling blocks to our officers.

The balance of their report I respectfully recommend.

F. B. PERKINS,  
*Chairman of Committee.*

Majority report of Com. on Rituals is adopted.

Motion by Bro. Baker, of Mich., that W. W. Brainard act as alternate to delegate-at-large of Michigan, in absence of L. A. Baker. Carried.

It is moved that the officers who have been elected be installed. Carried.

W. S. Payne was installed Commander-in-Chief.

A. E. Case " " Lt. Commander-in-Chief.

F. W. Kohler " " Vice-Lient. Commander-in-Chief.

H. L. Wright, of First Grand Div., and E. H. Milham, of Third Grand Div., were installed as members of Council-in-Chief.

Moved and seconded that the Commandery-in-Chief proceed to the election of a place to hold the next session of the same in 1886. Carried.

*Nominations.*—Thomas, of Pa., nominates New York City, N. Y.; Worden, of Iowa, nominates Des Moines, Ia.; Wright, of Maine, nominates Boston, Mass.; Kohler, of N. Y., nominates Buffalo, N. Y. Nominations for place of meeting were closed.

*First Ballot.*—Buffalo 11, New York 1, Des Moines 8, Boston 8.

*Second Ballot.*—Buffalo 20, Des Moines 3, Boston 6.

Buffalo was declared the choice of the Encampment.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. R. M. J. Reed, of E. Pa., was adopted.

WHEREAS, Bro. H. W. Arnold, while serving as Commander of the W. Pa. Division, was elected Commander-in-Chief, and

WHEREAS, by said election he was prevented from gaining the past rank



of a Division Commander, which entitles him to a vote in his division meetings—therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Encampment confer on Bro. H. W. Arnold the rank of Past Division Commander.

The report of Committee on Reports of Officers was read and adopted :

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Sept. 18th, 1885.

*To the Officers and Delegates of the Commandery-in-Chief :*

Your Committee on Officers' Report beg leave to report as follows :

We have examined the reports of officers with the following result :—We find a full and concise report of the Commander-in-Chief with reference to his work in this office. We find that he has done a noble work for this order and is entitled to our highest commendation. We fully endorse his report with reference to the Grand Army of the Republic and its intimate connection with our order. We also heartily endorse what the Commander-in-Chief says about discipline. If Camps and Divisions do not enforce discipline they become ineffective and almost lifeless. Reports *must be* promptly made and forwarded. The delay or neglect of *one* officer entails delay on the whole order above him, and *must be* avoided.

We also endorse the recommendation that Grand Divisions be abolished as soon as their business can be arranged, and reports made to the Commandery-in-Chief. The time not to exceed sixty days from this date.

The recommendation with reference to paying the officers a living salary, we would approve with a modification or a direct specification that the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General be paid a sufficient salary to enable us to have the offices filled by thoroughly competent men. Your committee are opposed to paying any other officers of the Commandery-in-Chief a salary, unless it be the Chief Mustering Officer, whom we think should be paid well if he works well.

We would *amend* the recommendation with reference to our Q. M. Gen. publishing a semi-annual report, that the Q. M. General be required to make a semi-annual report to the Commander-in-Chief, and that the Commander-in-Chief, publish this report in his next General Order.

We understand that the Commander-in-Chief *already has the power* to convene the Council-in-Chief at any time that the exigencies of the case may demand. We fully endorse the *good* work done by Chief Mustering Officer George W. Penniman ; his work extends from the Atlantic to the Mississippi River. We fully endorse the words of praise bestowed upon Bro. Frank W. Rowson, of Michigan Division.

With reference to Dispensations and Decisions, we don't approve or disapprove the Commander-in-Chief's action, as we have no copies of those decisions and dispensations, but we have all confidence in the good judgment of our Commander-in-Chief ; but we would recommend that hereafter copies of all dispensations and decisions be submitted with the report of the Commander-in-Chief, that the body may approve or disapprove of his action.

With reference to making the Sons of Veterans a beneficiary organization it is the opinion of your committee that the time has not yet arrived for this action, as many camps find it difficult to collect even the regular dues.

We would recommend the striking out from the Commander-in-Chief's report the last clause referring to printing, &c.

We find the report of the Adjutant General to the point and it shows plainly that if the Commander-in-Chief made a mistake in his first selection he did not make any mistake in his next selection, and the order has received valuable services from Bro. Linton. We do not concur with the Adj. General

in his recommendation that "a living salary be paid to our higher officials." We think this should only apply to the Adj. General and Q. M. General, and the Mustering Officer, provided he devotes his whole time to the work.

We do not concur in the recommendation for permanent headquarters. The order is too young to afford this luxury. Other orders change their presiding officer once a year and their order seems to your committee to be no reason why we should not do the same.

Your committee are fully satisfied with the able manner in which the Inspector General has discharged his duty and regret that he has not had more *working* support from the Division Inspectors, and the Division Inspectors have our sympathy from the fact that they did not get the necessary reports from camps.

As before stated, we as a committee are opposed to paying any salary, except as before named.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

WALTER S. PAYNE,  
E. M. VANCELEVE,  
JOHN E. BLAKE.

The following resolution offered by C. Day Rudy, of W. Pa., was read :

*Resolved*, That understanding that it is expected that this Encampment make apology to certain parties in Grand Rapids who uttered disloyal sentiments in public, which were repeated and strongly commented upon at the banquet by Bros. Payne and Penniman, this Encampment sustains the sentiments of Bros. Payne and Penniman. (Resolution laid on table.)

The following resolution, offered by W. D. Thomas, of W. Pa., was read and adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Encampment, recognizing the worth and quality of the goods manufactured by Bro. R. M. J. Reed, of Philadelphia—they being known to us, and having been approved by several Divisions and many of our officers—we heartily recommend them to the Commandery-in-Chief and to the brothers at large.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was read. The committee was instructed to draw up its report in proper form.

## REPORT.

GRAND RAPIDS, September 19, 1885.

*To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Fourth Annual Encampment S. of V., U. S. A.:*

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report the following :

We recommend the adoption of resolution No. 2 from Eastern Pennsylvania Division as follows :

WHEREAS, certain doubts have existed in the minds of some in regard to the sufficiency of a certificate of election as credentials to membership in the Commandery-in-Chief and Division Encampment. Therefore

*Resolved*, That in the future all delegates, officers and members of the Commandery-in-Chief and Division Encampments be required to furnish to the committees on credentials certificates of good standing in their respective camps, and that this resolution be promulgated immediately. Passed.

Also resolution No. 3 is recommended.

*Resolved*, That recognizing the value of a periodical devotion to the good of the order and believing that the efficiency of such will be increased by the endorsement of this encampment the *S. of V. Advocate*, published at Bloomington, Ill., is hereby declared to be the official organ of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

The resolution offered by Bro. Worden is recommended for adoption.

*Resolved*, That the Sons of Veterans encourage the formation of Ladies' Aid Societies, the membership to consist of daughters of Veterans and loyal ladies. Passed.

A. B. BATCHELDER, }  
 E. G. WORDEN, } Committee.  
 L. V. ROUSCH. }

The delegation from Third Grand Div., report G. B. Abbott of Ill. as a member of Council-in-Chief. Bro. Abbott resigns. Resignation accepted. Third Grand Div. nominates Rollins of Iowa to fill vacancy. The Adjutant General is instructed to cast ballot for Rollins. Rollins was declared elected. Report of the Council-in-Chief is read as follows:

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF OF THE SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }  
 GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Sept. 16, 1885. }

The Council-in Chief convened at Headquarters Custer Post, G. A. R., with Past Commander F. P. Merrill in the chair.

On roll call the following members were found present:

- H. W. Arnold, Commander-in-Chief.
- F. B. Perkins, Lieut. " "
- J. B. Maccabe, V.-Lt. " "
- F. P. Merrill, Past Commander-in-Chief.
- C. F. Harford, Chaplain-in-Chief.
- W. H. Statler, Q. M. General.
- R. M. Linton, Adjutant General.
- A. E. Case, Chief of Staff.
- C. D. Rudy, Inspector General.
- G. W. Penniman, Chief Mustering Officer.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

- H. P. Kent, of Massachusetts.
- J. C. Blake, of Maine.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

- G. W. Penniman, of Minnesota.
- F. W. Rowson, of Michigan.
- R. V. Mallory, of Illinois.

The accounts of Q. M. General, W. H. Statler, were audited and approved.

A motion offered by Bro. Case, that a letter be written to the Michigan Central R. R. officials, stating that the Order, though poor, paid a bill of a corporation.

Bill of Past Commander-in-Chief, F. P. Merrill, for money paid out by him during his term as Commander-in-Chief, were allowed, and bill of \$46 ordered paid out of first monies received by the next Comd'r-in-Chief.

Bills of Comd'r-in-Chief H. W. Arnold; R. M. Linton, Adjt. Gen., and W. H. Statler, Q. M. Gen., for actual expenses to Encampment at Grand Rapids, were allowed.

Bills of expenses of Past Comd'r F. P. Merrill, Past Q. M. Gen. J. C. Blake, and Past Adj. Gen. H. P. Kent, while attending Third Annual Encampment, were allowed and ordered paid.

Bro. Rudy moved we take a recess until 9 o'clock.

Council met in extra session.

Bill of W. A. True, for printing badges for delegates, approved.

Bro. F. B. Perkins moved that we recommend that if Grand Divisions be abolished the per capita tax remain the same, and Divisions pay the Comd'y-in-Chief the same amount they now pay to Grand Divs. Carried.

Bro. C. D. Rudy moved that any department ordering supplies from a superior body, such supplies cannot be returned to the superior body in payment of debt incurred by said subordinate body. Carried.

Bro. G. W. Penniman moved that we recommend that Commandery-in-Chief officers should refuse to issue supplies to the subordinate bodies unless orders for the same be accompanied by the cash in payment for the same. Carried.

Bro. A. E. Case moved that the Council-in-Chief recommend that the Encampment pass resolutions endorsing the *Sons of Veterans' Advocate*, and make it the official organ of the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

Bro. A. E. Case moved that the bill of H. T. Rowley be rejected until an itemized bill be presented to the Council-in-Chief by said H. T. Rowley. Carried.

Bro. G. W. Penniman moved that we adjourn. Lost.

Bro. A. E. Case moved that action on the bill of A. P. Davis be postponed until next meeting of Council, and said Davis be requested to present an itemized bill of his claim accompanied by vouchers. Carried.

Moved by A. E. Case, we adjourn. Carried.

The following resolutions, offered by Bro. R. M. J. Reed, of E. Pa., were read and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Encampment are due and are hereby tendered to Col. F. W. Rowson and brothers of Michigan Div., and citizens of Grand Rapids, for their hearty and manifest hospitality extended to the officers and delegates of this Commandery in the Fourth Annual Session assembled, and that we shall all return home with many kind recollections of the people of this city of the west, and also feeling that it was good for us to be here ; and that these resolutions be published in said papers of Grand Rapids.

The following paper from the President of the Ladies' Aid Society of East Pa., was read.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETIES OF THE SONS OF }  
VETERANS, U. S. A., EAST PENN. DIV., }  
LANCASTER, Sept. 9, 1885. }

*To the Officers and Members of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans U. S. A.:*

GENTLEMEN AND BROTHERS.—At the meeting of your honorable body in August, 1884, in the city of Philadelphia, you kindly recognized our organization and recommended it to the favorable consideration of your order. Since then and with the encouragement thus given we have during the past year made fair, and under our circumstances and financial condition, reasonable progress, especially in this section of our state.

Having become impressed with the belief that the time is now at hand when we can say with safety and success extend our association and make it national, I have, as the President of the senior division of the same, been induced to take charge of the movement and introduce our societies outside of Pennsylvania where we have not at present any establishment. I would hesitate to assume the responsibility and trust and to act as Provisional National Pres't., if it were not for the fact that I have been kindly promised the cordial co-operation and support of different prominent brothers of your order upon whose judgment and experience I feel that we can rely, and the often repeated assurance and widely spread belief, that our association can in due time be made a most valuable auxiliary in the carrying out of your principles and objects, and upon which our structure is based and reared. An inspection of the simple and clearly defined organic laws under which our association is operated will at once satisfy all, that we have not been unmindful of the ends and aim that you have in view and in order that we may the more cheaply and quickly place ourselves in a national position to aid and assist in the carrying out of the same, I have been advised and requested to adopt the following course and plan of extension :

First.—That in all states and localities, and where we have no substantial establishment, and in addition to our own best exertions made in the usual manner and form, we invite and ask for the co-operation and assistance of the brothers of your order as a whole, and especially to urge and request that your Commander-in-Chief, and all Grand Division, Division and Camp Commanders, give the movement such kindly notice as they may deem proper ; and that they aid us and assume charge of the establishment, organization and muster of our Societies in their respective localities, and within the limits of their respective commands. To this end we will on application cheerfully furnish all the necessary blanks and information needed and required, and will forward to duly selected and properly vouched for mustering officers, approved by your Commander-in-Chief or any one of your several Grand Division or Division Commanders, the required authority, etc., to enable them to properly attend to their duties in behalf of the movement.

Second.—As the proposed extension and spread of our association is unavoidably accompanied with more or less expense for printing and the purchase of necessary supplies, we would at this time deeply appreciate any financial assistance given us, and to this end would most respectfully suggest that in the shape of a loan we would be greatly helped and pleased to accept such moderate aid as your members, as individuals, and the several organized bodies of your order, may see fit to grant us. A sum from each Division, which we can in due time return, ranging from \$5 to \$20, according to size and locality, will, in addition to the moderate muster fee we have adopted, enable us to fully and promptly fill all calls made upon us and fairly offset all of the requirements of the case.

Relying upon your continued sympathy and support, I can, with our past experience and success in mind, confidently assure you that in due time we will be able to present to you a compact and well established National Body. I respectfully solicit correspondence on the subject with all interested in the same.

I remain, in F., C. & L., fraternally yours,

LAURA F. MARTIN,  
*President.*

No. 525 W. King street, Lancaster, Pa.

Resolutions adopted by the New York Division at their last session, as follows, were read and referred to appropriate committee:

#### RESOLUTIONS

Adopted at the State Encampment of the New York Division, May 12, 1885:

##### RITUAL.

1. That the word "Officers," in the first sentence of the Opening Ceremonies, be stricken from the Ritual.

2. That the words "It is my will and pleasure," that etc., (page 6, 4th sentence from bottom of page), be stricken from the Ritual.

3. That the rounds of the camp room be made by the Sergeant of the Guard before any members of the G. A. R. are obligated.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

4. That the titles of officers be changed to the rank name of General, Colonel, and so down, so that under no circumstances can the officers' titles be confounded with those of the G. A. R.

5. That a National Password be given for the admittance of members of the G. A. R. to any Encampment.

6. That a card be given to each member of the G. A. R. obligated, so that veterans may visit other camps without being obligated. To remain in force as long as vouched for semi-annually by signature of Commander of Post to which veterans belongs.

7. That the privilege of electing Surgeons and Chaplains be restored to Camps and Divisions.

8. That a fine of \$1 be established for non attendance on Memorial Day ceremonies without suitable excuse.

A correct copy from the records of the Second Annual Encampment of New York Division.

UTICA, N. Y., May 25, 1885.

GEORGE J. FOSTER,  
*Commanding Division.*

*Attest:*

FRED'K W. KOHLER, *Adj.*

Proposed changes in Con., R. and R., and Ritual, offered by the Vermont Division, were read and referred to appropriate committee:

BRATTLEBORO, VT., Sept. 11, 1885.

*H. W. Arnold, Commander-in-Chief S. of V., U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—The Vermont Division respectfully submits the following suggestions as to changes in the Constitution and Ritual. Will you kindly see that they are placed where they will be considered, as we have been badly disappointed in that none of the delegates elected can go.

Fraternally,

F. H. ALLEN, *Adj.*

CONSTITUTION.

That Section 1, Article V., be amended by striking out the word eighteen and substituting the word sixteen. [Rejected.]

RITUAL.

1. That there be some suitable form for opening and closing Division Encampments.

2. (Page 5.) That after roll call Captain give command, "Right Face, Forward!" and "Column left, to your posts march!"

3. Page 10—Order of Business. That the first two lines be expunged.

4. That the Sergeant give command of "Left face!" at stations of 1st and 2nd Lieutenants in muster of recruits.

Proposed amendments and additions to the Con., R. and R., adopted by the Michigan Division at their last session, June 4th, 1885, were read.—The 4th Section was referred to Committee on Ritual; balance rejected:

4. RITUAL—That a suitable form for burial service be inserted in present Ritual.

Submitting the same to attention of Third Grand Division, I am, with great respect,

Yours, &c.,  
F. W. ROWLSON,  
*Commanding Div. of Mich., S. of V., U. S. A.*

The following resolution, offered by First Grand Div., was read and adopted:

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H., Aug. 25, 1885.

R. M. LINTON,

*Adj. Gen. Commandery-in-Chief S. of V., U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—At the Second Annual Encampment of the First Grand Division, held at Lake Village, N. H., August 25th, 1885, the following recommendations to the Commandery-in-Chief were adopted:

- 1st. That Grand Divisions be abolished as soon as may be expedient.
- 2d. That all sitting Division Commanders be entitled to voice and vote in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment:

[OFFICIAL.]

H. E. WEBSTER,  
*Asst. Adj. General.*

Proposed amendments to Con., R. and R., adopted by the Missouri Division, were read. First two sections referred to Committee on Ritual; balance rejected:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution should be amended in the following particulars:

RITUAL.

1. A suitable burial service should be adopted and added to the Ritual.
2. A suitable form of memorial service to be used on Memorial Day only, should be adopted and added to the Ritual.
3. Grand Division, Division, and Camp Councils should be abolished.
4. Divisions should be required to fix a permanent place of holding Annual Encampments, and the system of State Encampments "on wheels" be abolished.
5. That provision should be made for an organizer in each Division.
6. That the powers of Grand Division should be modified.
7. That if Grand Divisions be abolished the per-capita tax of camps be reduced.

Recommended by the unanimous vote of the Missouri Division, February 17th, 1885.

J. J. SPEAKER,  
*Adjutant.*

C. S. CRYSLER,  
*Comd'r Mo. Div. S. of V., U. S. A.*

The following resolution, adopted by the Maine Division, was read and referred to appropriate committee :

HEADQUARTERS MAINE DIVISION, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
AUBURN, ME., July 25, 1885. }

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

Be it known that that the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted by the Maine Division Encampment of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, convened at Bangor, in the State of Maine, on

the 6th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the one hundred and ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America :

1. *Resolved*, That the representatives of this Division to the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to have the Ritual of our order so changed that the recruits shall at all times, when receiving instructions from officers, stand facing the same. [Ritual.]

2. *Resolved*, That said representatives bring to the attention of the Commandery-in-Chief the matter of having suitable burial service. [Ritual.]

3. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Encampment that it is for the good of the order that so much of the Rules and Regulations as relates to Grand Divisions be stricken out, and that from the day of adjournment of the Commandery-in-Chief, in 1885, they cease to exist.

4. *Resolved*, That this Encampment recommend the adoption of a Camp Charter, same as design shown by Bro. Horace P. Kent, of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted to Brig. Gen. R. M. Linton, Adjt. General.

[OFFICIAL.]

JOHN C. BLAKE,

FRED. L. EDGECOMB,  
*Adjutant.*

*Col. Commanding Div.*

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The following resolution from the Iowa Division was read and referred to appropriate committee :

At the Annual Encampment at DesMoines, in June, 1885, resolutions were adopted, asking—

That Grand Divisions be abolished.

That the price of membership be reduced.

That a Funeral Service be formulated and published in rituals.

JAMES D. ROWEN,  
*Adjutant.*

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Chief of Staff, W. D. Thomas, of W. Pa.; Chief of Mustering Officer, G.W. Penniman, of Minn., and Chaplain in-Chief, O. F. Hayford, of Maine, were obligated.

A motion to have proceedings printed for distribution was carried.

Adjourned.

[OFFICIAL.]

WALTER S. PAYNE,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

L. G. CARLISLE,  
*Adjutant General.*









PROCEEDINGS  
— OF THE —  
FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,  
— OF THE —  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.  
— HOLDEN IN THE —  
CITY OF BUFFALO, N. Y.,

August 31st, September 1st and 2nd, 1886.

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Commandery-in-Chief called to order at 10:15, A. M. August 30th, by General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief in the Chair; Major General F. W. Kohler in the Lieut. Generals chair; Chief-of-Staff W. D. Thomas in the Major Generals chair; General G. W. Penniman appointed Assistant Adjutant General, and General G. B. Abbott Sergeant of the Guard; General C. F. Hayford Chaplain-in-Chief.

Commandery-in-Chief was then opened in due form.

The following committees were then appointed :

ON CREDENTIALS.—T. G. Carlisle, Adj't Gen'l, Ohio; Col. E. S. Walker, Ind.; Col. Ed. C. White, N. J.; Col. C. Day Rudy, Penn.; Col. E. J. Worden, Dakota; Lieut. Col. R. Loebenstein, Mo.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.—Gen'l F. P. Merrill, Maine; Col. E. S. Walker, Ind.; Col. H. B. Donally, N. J.; Gen'l H. P. Kent, Mass.; Gen'l R. M. J. Reed, Penna.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.—Col. F. W. Rowson, Mich.; Col. E. H. Milham, Minn.; Col. Geo. P. Brockway, W. Pa.; Col. J. B. Maccabe, Mass.; E. J. Smith, E. Pa., and Gen'l L. M. Wagner, Penna.

RITUAL.—Gen'l G. B. Abbott, Ill.; Col. L. F. Burpee, Conn.; Col. L. J. Webb, Kan.; C. J. Post, Mich.; Col. J. D. Rowen, Iowa.

RESOLUTIONS.—Col. F. C. McArthur, Col.; Col. Henry Frazee, Ohio.; Col. E. T. Roe, Ill.; F. W. White, Iowa; Michael Crowley, N. H.

Committee on Credentials reported list of Delegates present and entitled to seats, as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We, your committee on Credentials have performed the duty assigned us and find the following officers and brothers entitled to seats and voice in this Fifth National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

### OFFICERS.

Gen'l Walter S. Payne, Ohio; Maj.-Gen'l F. W. Kohler, New York; Chief-of-Staff W. D. Thomas, W. Pa.; Adj. Gen'l T. G. Carlisle, Ohio; Q-M. Gen'l O. T. Shutt, Ohio; Inspector Gen'l G. B. Abbott, Ill.; Chief M. O. G. W. Peniman, Minn.; Chaplain-in-Chief C. F. Hayford, Maine.

### DELEGATES.

MAINE.—F. P. Merrill, Past Commander-in-Chief; Jno. C. Blake, Past Col.; H. L. Wright, Council-in-Chief; Dr. Eldridge, life member.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—F. M. Shackford, Col.; M. Crowley; S. M. Drew.

VERMONT.—C. F. R. Jenne, Past Col.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Joe. B. Maccabe, Past Col.; C. F. Sergeant, Past Col.; H. P. Kent, Past Grand Div. Com'dr; A. H. Dalton.

CONNECTICUT.—L. F. Burpee, Col.; E. L. Knowles; G. B. Smith.

NEW YORK.—C. E. Holmes; C. T. Rain, Col.; L. H. Kendig; E. J. Fellows.

NEW JERSEY.—Ed. C. White, Col.; Frank G. Duffield; H. A. Donnelly, Council-in-Chief.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.—H. H. Hammer, Past Col.; R. M. J. Reed; C. J. Miller, Col.; C. Day Rudy, Past Col.; C. C. Morton; C. M. Paul; E. J. Smith; Gen'l L. M. Wagner; G. T. Griffin.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA.—Maj. A. P. Davis; G. P. Brockway, Col.; C. M. Cott; L. Johnston.

OHIO.—F. W. Myers, Past Col.; Henry Frazees, Col.; O. B. Brown, J. J. Morrison; D. C. Cable; H. F. Guerren.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—W. C. Farquhar, Col.

WEST VIRGINIA.—W. C. Miller.

INDIANA.—E. S. Walker, Col.

ILLINOIS.—Gen'l G. B. Abbott; E. T. Roe; Geo. V. Landman; Leon McDonel.

MICHIGAN.—F. W. Rowson, Past Col.; F. D. Eddy; C. J. Post.

WISCONSIN.—F. J. Walthers, Col.; A. T. Leith.

MINNESOTA.—E. H. Milham, Col.; J. W. McKelvey.

IOWA.—James D. Rowen, Col.; F. W. White; R. Shawvan.

MISSOURI.—J. J. Speaker, Col.; R. Loebenstein.

DAKOTA.—E. G. Worden, Col.; F. S. Webb; Geo. D. Jones; C. B. Cook.

COLOBADO.—F. C. McArthur, Col.; Geo. W. Kennedy; W. L. Murphy.

Respectfully submitted.

In F., C. and L.

T. G. CARLISLE, Ohio.

COL. E. S. WALKER, Ind.

“ ED. C. WHITE, N. J.

“ C. DAY RUDY, Pa.

“ E. J. WORDEN, Dak.

LT. COL. R. LOEBENSTIEN, Mo.

COL. F. J. WALTHERS, Wis.

Committee  
on  
Credentials.

Gen'l F. P. Merrill and Gen'l R. M. J. Reed were invited to seats on the platform.

To enable the Committee on Credentials to complete their report a recess of a few minutes was declared.

Commandery-in-Chief again called to order at 12 M.

The Commander-in-Chief submitted his annual address, as follows:

## ADDRESS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

*To the Officers and Brothers of the Fifth National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

The battles of another year have been fought and the victories won, and he whom you honored one year ago by placing the gavel of authority in his hand, and commissioned to lead your forces on whithersoever the good cause demanded, is about to surrender this great trust, this high and honorable position to whomsoever you shall name. Feeling that I have put forth every effort to build up our noble Order and place it on the high plane on which it of right belongs, I am free to confess that I have made many mistakes, perhaps in judgment. I assure you I have always done that which I considered for the best interests of the Order, regardless of individual interests, intending to give justice to all, allowing no personal matter to influence my judgment.

## NECESSITIES OF THE ORDER.

Were it not for the treasonable sentiments that come to us occasionally from the South, I should be ready to beat my sword into a plow share and lay aside the habiliments of war and teach only "Peace on earth and good will to men." But this Order has a great and noble duty to perform. We must cultivate the principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty throughout our broad land, till every soul that enjoys our glorious liberty, shall hold aloft the Star Spangled Banner as the emblem of freedom and liberty, never to be lowered, or disgraced by any people on the face of the earth.

This Nation is carrying in its bosom at Washington, to-day, adders, that were cold and frozen, and being warmed up to a new life and liberty, hiss and are ready to sting because they saw those sacred old battle flags that our fathers carried leading on the brave men who saved this country, undivided from the hands of traitors. They and their associates with them demanded that these flags which are sacred to us as our bibles, shall be boxed up and placed in the cellar of the Capitol to milldew and rot. Think you that we, as Sons of Veterans, loyal to our fathers and mothers, to our country and our flag, have no work to do when such things are done at our very Capitol?

If we do not teach better things, our departed heroes will rise in their graves and point the finger of scorn at us and say "Emulate the example of your fathers."

I am reminded right here of good old narrative of Cyrus King of Persia, who, after one of the great battles had a noble Prince, his wife and children, who had been taken prisoners, brought before him. Cyrus asked the Prince what he would give to be set at liberty? The Prince replied, "one half of my possessions" "And what will you give for the liberation of your children?" The Prince replied, "all I am worth." "And what," says Cyrus, "will you give for the freedom of your wife?" The noble Prince drew himself up to his full height and replied, "I will lay down my life for her liberty." The King recognizing the greatness of the Prince set them all at liberty without any ransom. When the happy family were once comfortably settled the Prince asked his wife if she did not think King Cyrus was a handsome man. She replied that she did not see him. "Where were your eyes?" She replied, "I had no eyes for any one but my noble husband, who offered to lay down his life for me."

There are greater men (in the world's estimation) than the comrades of the Grany Army. But we have no eyes for any one but those who offered their lives for us and this great and glorious country of ours.

## THE GOOD WORK.

You will see by the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General's report that our Soldier Boys are not sleeping on their arms, but that the main body

has been materially reinforced. We have established new outposts and strengthened the old ones, and have advanced our picket and skirmish line into the heart of the enemy's country, and the sons of Southern chivalry are being taught the lessons of loyalty to the dear old flag, and that the penalty of treason is death.

#### OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED.

Few of the Brothers realize what it was to take command of such a body of men. (I say men, for it was just such men as compose our Order that saved our country.) It was at a time when the Grand Divisions were done away with and the Commandery-in-Chief, General Arnold, had no roster of Division Officers, he having reached the Divisions through the Commanders of Grand Divisions. It was therefore more than three months before we learned the names and addresses of all the Colonels of Divisions. Many of them thought they were ignored by headquarters, and wrote complainingly of their treatment, while we rejoiced that something had caused them to put up a wail that we might hear their voice and learn of their whereabouts.

In time we learned that we had Camps in twenty-three States, four Territories, and in the District of Columbia, with an estimated membership by General Arnold of thirty thousand (30,000.)

#### STRENGTH OF THE ORDER.

General G. B. Abbott, Inspector General; T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General, and myself have worked hard, and tried in every way to get reports from all Division and Camp Officers, that the whole Order as well as ourselves might know our strength and growth.

The reports for quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1885, showed a membership of 7,863; add to this say seventy-five camps that did not report, 1,500, and we had at a fair estimate a total membership of 9,363.

We have been misled for a long time by imaginary figures which I think is wrong, and it is high time for our Order to get down to solid facts and figures.

The work of this year in organizing new camps in the States and territories, is as follows:

Colorado, 1; Oregon, 1; Maryland, 1; District of Columbia, 2; Wisconsin, 2; California, 3; Florida, 3; West Virginia, 3; Nebraska, 4; New Hampshire, 5; New Jersey, 5; Dakota, 6; Vermont, 6; Missouri, 8; Maine, 9; Connecticut, 9; New York, 13; Indiana, 20; Illinois, 41; Minnesota, 18; Massachusetts, 19; East Pennsylvania, 24; Kansas, 27; West Pennsylvania, 31; Michigan, 39; Iowa, 42; Ohio, 80; making a total of 413 with 8,105 applicants. There has been a gain during the past year (by muster into the old camps) of 6,000. And the consolidation with us of the Earp faction, consisting of thirty camps with a membership of 1,000, makes the total number of camps 443 during the year, and a total gain in membership of 24,468. This added to the report of Sept. 30, 1885, makes a grand total of 23,468 members. We have lost by death, discharged and suspended about 1,000 leaving our present membership 15,968 of good, true, loyal and faithful Sons of Veterans. May God bless them all and keep them ever true to the great principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty.

You can well imagine that this rapid growth in our family (being a gain of over 100 per cent.) has kept father and mother busy cutting and fitting and enlarging the clothes, and Brother Theodore G. and Oscar T. have been kept busy keeping watch of the boys and their expenses, and I am sure they will tell you all about it.

New Divisions have been organized in West Virginia, California, Florida and the District of Columbia, and they are ready to organize in Maryland.

Colonel H. G. Clark, of the Nebraska Division, tendered his resignation on account of pressing business which was accepted and Colonel B. W. Hawkins, of Beaver City, Neb., was appointed to the command of the Nebraska Division, and is making a good showing.

Colonel Ed. W. McGuire, of the Indiana Division, tendered his resignation for similar reasons, this was also accepted and Colonel E. S. Walker, of West Lebanon, Ind., appointed to the command. He is a splendid officer and will bring his Division to the front rapidly.

Your Commander in Chief has made several decisions and granted a number of dispensations, which the exigencies of the case seem to demand. A copy of all these will be found in the Letter-Press Book which is submitted herewith.

I have also taken it upon myself to get up something permanent to prevent any of my successors from having the same trouble getting acquainted with his officers and command, that I did. To this end I designed and had made eight Roster Books of 700 pages each and arranged for a roster of the officers of every camp according to its number, so that it can be turned to in a moment. I only regret that there was so much to do that we did not get time to enter all the camps in these rosters. These books are nicely bound in leather and are submitted herewith.

Division Roster Books have also been made and furnished to several of the Divisions and more are being gotten out as rapidly as possible, and I regret very much that this work could not have been completed during my administration. But I think my successor will have no trouble in taking up the work and carrying it on to completion.

#### SUPPLIES.

Your Commander-in-Chief understood that this was a charitable institution, and that it was not run or kept up for any one to make money out of. And furthermore he looked upon the charging of each other a profit on Supplies as he does upon the two boys who shut themselves up in the school house one day and traded jack knives till they both became rich.

We have but one fountain from which to draw money for the support of our noble Order, and that is the pocket of each individual Brother. If you charge a profit on supplies it comes out of our pockets, and we say that is an outrageous price for those blank Adjutant reports—\$17.50 per thousand—when we can get them printed anywhere for \$7.20 per thousand. If we charge \$25.00 for a charter it comes out of our Brothers' pockets, and so on.

It takes just so many dollars and cents per year to keep up the machinery of the Order, and there is no more honorable or straightforward way of raising that money than by per capita tax and let every Brother in the Order pay exactly the same amount. There cannot possibly be any injustice in this. And when the Order knows how many members it has and what each pays for per capita tax, every one will know just how much money the officers have had, and can ascertain if it has been properly expended. But with 5 cents profit on this blank, 25 cents on that and \$1.50 on another, as it has been until this year, no living man can tell how much money the officers of other administrations have had to use, but all know they have paid an enormous price for supplies. I would therefore recommend that our Constitution be so amended that no officer in the Order shall have a right to put a profit on supplies issued by the Order.

Some officers have advocated that they should be allowed to add express charges on supplies when they sold them to Divisions. This should not be allowed as it makes Divisions or Camps at a great distance from headquarters pay much more for supplies than those near by. These express charges should be paid in the same way that postage and other incidental expenses are and should be charged up to a general expense account.

I trust you will bear with me till I explain the working of the profit system. Suppose I had carried out this plan during my administration and we will suppose that I was sharp enough to get camps and divisions to lay in enough supplies to last them nearly two years. I would have the benefits of this profit to use in my year's work and would make a good showing. But what would my successor do? He would have nothing but a small per capita tax to use and his administration would come out in debt.

#### EXPENSES.

The expenses of headquarters during the past year as shown by Quartermaster General's report have been \$3,900.78. We show a membership of 15,968 members, a per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief of 15 cents will cover the expenses, and if you issue 400 charters will give \$800 extra. I would recommend therefore, that the per capita tax for the coming year be fixed at 15 cents.

#### BADGES AND IRON CROSSES.

Foreseeing the large amount of work connected with the issuing of badges and iron crosses, I, by General Order, created the office of Ordnance Officer, and appointed our old friend and father of our Order Maj. A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., to that position. I thought he would be the right man in the right place as the badge and iron cross were designed by him and he would feel a deep interest in keeping them in accordance with the regulation.

I take great pleasure in saying to you that I have not been disappointed in the ability and faithfulness of Maj. A. P. Davis, or Ordnance Officer. He has done his work well and faithfully. Some complaints came to me of tardiness in filling orders. I investigated them at once and am informed by letters from Bailey, Banks & Biddle, of Philadelphia, that Maj. Davis has kept them paid a long way in advance of his orders, but on account of their other business, which they could not neglect, they were often obliged to keep him waiting. In other cases I found that camps had sent their money and order for badges to their Division officer. The Division officer had sent on the order without a draft, and as I had given strict orders to the Ordnance Officer to fill no orders without the cash, the camps were obliged to wait till the Division officer was ready to forward the money. Meantime the camp was kicking against Maj. Davis. From this learn the lesson, don't shoot till you are sure you see the enemy, otherwise you may hit a friend. In my opinion, the thanks of the Order are due to Maj. A. P. Davis for the faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties, considering the many disadvantages he had to contend with in opening a new department and being entirely dependent on the movement of others.

#### BANK STRAPS.

I sincerely hope that for the next two years we will retain our miniature Rank Strap, as so many of our officers are still very young. I am sure our fathers will be much pleased with this, and we must not forget that one of the principle reasons of our rapid growth this year is that the Grand Army comrades have given us a great deal of help. I am under great obligations to so many of the comrades for their valuable assistance and hard work for the growth of our Order. Among the many I would mention comrade and Department Commander G. H. Norton, of Eustis, Florida, and comrade Geo. W. Miller, of Terre Haute, Senior Vice-Department Commander of Indiana, who have been of great service to the Order, and so many others I would like to call by name but space will not admit. I will remember them all in my prayers and ask that heaven's choicest blessings may rest upon them, and that their names may be written on the Master's roll of eternal life and joy.



For such reasons we should respect the wishes of the Grand Army. While this should be the rule I would recommend that my successor be allowed to issue dispensations to the officers of any camp that equips itself with guns as Infantry, or with the Regular Army sabers as Cavalry, or Artillery to wear the regulation shoulder strap of the army as this does not look out of place, and is perfectly proper. I have granted such dispensations to Colonel Milham, of Minnesota, and some others who have asked for it on the ground that they were armed and equipped, and trust that this encampment will approve of this action. I would also recommend that all past officers wear only the miniature rank strap on the left breast to indicate their past rank.

#### CROSSES AND STARS.

I would earnestly urge this encampment to repeal the rule passed at Grand Rapids, which allows any past commanding officer above the rank of captain to wear the iron cross. If there were no other crosses or stars to indicate a past commanding officer, this might be all right as it is. But a past Commander-in-Chief, as the law now stands, is entitled to the gold star, the gold cross of a Grand Division Commander, the silver cross of a Division Commander, and the iron cross of a past Captain, although he may never have served in any office but Commander-in-Chief. Either do away with all badges of honor, except the iron cross, and let all past commanding officers wear that designating their highest command by the color of the ribbon, or allow none but past Captains of camps to wear the iron cross, past Colonels of Divisions the silver cross, etc. I hope the latter will be the mind of the encampment.

#### CAP MARKS.

For division and camp officers I most heartily approve of the division marks now worn on the caps, as it conforms to Army customs, and this is one of the things I think our numbers should become familiar with. In addition to this I would recommend that the staff officers of the Commander-in-Chief wear on their caps in place of, or on top of the division badge the following cap mark, viz.: Those who rank as brigadiers, a silver crescent, with points towards the back of the cap, and a small gold star between the points of the crescent, as now worn by the Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals, the one star indicating the rank of Brigadier General; Special Aides who rank as Colonel to wear a silver embroidered eagle, which every one knows indicates the rank of Colonel, Aides-de-Camp who rank as Lieutenant Colonel to wear a silver embroidered leaf which is also well known to indicate the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Your Commander thinks it is very important that we keep all these things so near to the Regular Army, that if they should ever volunteer their services, in time of war, as our fathers did, they would be familiar with all these things and be ready for business with little to learn and nothing to unlearn.

#### RIBBONS.

As I understand the constitution there is a distinction made between the "Officers" and "Staff," and when it says that the "Officers" of the Commandery-in-Chief shall wear the prescribed yellow ribbon, I don't think it was intended that the "Staff" had the same privilege. The staff are detailed from the members of camps and many of them have never held any office, and are liable to removal at any moment, and after serving one week or one day, may be sent back to their camps, and if they have bought their yellow ribbon, and own it, who shall say they shall not wear it? In my visits from one end of the country to the other I find an abundance of these yellow ribbons worn by past staff officers, and with each Commander-in-Chief making one hundred or more staff appointments, the yellow ribbon will soon become so common that it will be no special honor to wear it.

In the army if a line officer is detailed for staff duty he is entitled to put a gold cord down the seam of the pants, only while on such staff duty. He makes no other change from his original uniform. As this gold cord would be too expensive for our short terms, I would recommend that we adopt for Commander-in-Chief staff officers the ribbon formerly known as Grand Division ribbon. Then when the staff officer is relieved he may continue to wear the ribbon, and with a Lieutenant Colonel's rank strap above it any one would know he was a past Aides-de-Camp of Commander-in-Chief. As the command of a division is more honorable than an equal rank on the staff, for the reason that he is elected by the vote of a whole division, while the other is appointed by one officer, therefore I think there should be a mark of distinction between the two.

#### SALARIES.

I hope and trust that no effort will be made at this or any future period to make the office of Commander-in-Chief a salaried office beyond the sum of \$1 per annum, or at most \$3.65, which would be equal to one cent per day, and this only to legalize a bond which I recommend that he should be required to give, making him and his bondsmen responsible for all the money and property of the Order under his charge or that of his staff. His Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals are appointed by him, and even if they give bonds to the Order the Commander-in-Chief may relieve them from duty and require them to turn over the funds to him. I would therefore recommend that the Commander-in-Chief be required to give bonds in such sum as this body may decide, for the safe keeping of the funds and property of the Order, and let the Commander-in-Chief take such bonds from his staff officers as he may think proper, and to make their bonds legal he shall pay them a salary of \$1 per annum. I fear that if we should make this office a salaried one there would many seek the office for the money there would be in it. My opinion is that the high honor of holding this position should be a sufficient recompense to any one who has the interests of the Order at heart, and if they have not this they should not be thus honored.

This is not so with the Adjutant and Quartermaster General. I think every brother who has filled either of these positions will agree with me in saying that a salary of \$100 per annum is no compensation for the time and labor required to perform the duties of these offices. The labor of these offices are more than three times what they were a year ago, and will continue to increase. I think in another year it will take the whole time of a good business man to keep the books and business in proper shape. Day after day Adjutant General Carlisle has been obliged to leave his own business, where he was working on salary, lose his time and devote it to the works of our Order. I therefore recommend that this Encampment vote him \$75, and that the salary for the ensuing year for the new Adjutant General be fixed at \$300, and that of the Quartermaster General be fixed at \$200, and that in consideration of the fact that the Quartermaster General has been obliged to leave his work in our shop, lose his time to do the work of this department, and I know that he and his wife have worked night after night, labeling the books for camp packages, and packing and fitting up camp packages, etc., etc. I would therefore recommend that the sum of \$40 be voted to Quartermaster General Shutt as extra compensation for his labors.

The Commander-in-Chief owes much, very much, to these two officers who have done everything in their power to help me through with the duties of Headquarters, and if any brothers think that when these two had done all they could, there was little left for me I will say they are welcome to the position with its labors. Although it has taken every moment that I could spare from my own business and a great many hours that I ought not to have spared, and kept me away from my family till the small hours of the night, I assure you that I was so much interested in the good work, that it was a pleasure to do it. But

I am naturally such a self-sacrificing man that I will so gladly forego the pleasure it would give me to continue in the work, and am more than willing to see some good brother allowed to enjoy it for the coming year, and I promise him that I will render him every assistance in my power to put him on the track and get the "throttle" open.

#### BOOKS AND BLANKS.

I have designed and had made the following books for camp use: Minute, Ledgers, Cash, Black and Roll Books, and would recommend the addition of an Officer's Roll Book for each camp. I changed the size of the O. S. Requisition, the Quartermaster Sergeant's Receipt Book and the Descriptive Book to conform to the sizes of the different blanks, so that in making up a camp package they would all be of one size. I also made changes in the Requisition Blank, Application for Membership, Transfer, Bonds, Installing Officer's Report, Mustering Officer's Report, G. A. R. Diplomas, Inspection Blanks, and added the books to the camp package which, when put up by Quartermaster General Shutt, make a package the Order may well be proud of.

#### CONSOLIDATION.

We have had a great number of letters and personal interviews on the subject of consolidating the two Divisions in Pennsylvania, and some harsh means were proposed to force this consolidation, or account of the injustice it worked to other Divisions in giving a double representation to Pennsylvania. West Pennsylvania was asked at their encampment to appoint a committee on consolidation, but it was voted down. This produced still more dissatisfaction, and after due consideration I ordered the Colonel of West Pennsylvania Division to appoint a committee to confer with a similar one from East Pennsylvania. The result has been all we could ask, as I understand the terms submitted are acceptable to nearly all of both Divisions and I congratulate the Order on their having disposed of this question so easily.

I made two trips to Albany, N. Y., to meet with Commander Dowling of the Post system, and was well received by him and his command. He kindly held a meeting of both his Posts in Albany and requested me to address them, which I did. After the meeting I made him a proposition which he said was fair and all they could ask, and said he would recommend its acceptance by their Department Encampment. I read his address that he delivered at that meeting, and he said he had received a proposition from me but made no recommendation, and my proposition was rejected. As the Grand Army, at their National Encampment, in San Francisco, (which I had the pleasure of attending,) gave the camp system, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., all we could ask, and from that time on will do all they can for us; we need not trouble ourselves any further about the Post system. The Grand Army of the Republic are not in favor of trying to perpetuate the Grand Army, for that cannot be done, their memories and graves only can be kept green and their noble example emulated. Therefore with the Grand Army support withdrawn from the "perpetuating" system they will soon be a thing of the past.

We have had quite a lengthy correspondence with Gen. Louis M. Wagner, of Philadelphia, Commander of the Grand Division of the "Earp faction." We have found him to be a very pleasant and worthy officer and gentleman, and succeeded in effecting a consolidation of all their forces with ours under our banner. We shall have the pleasure of welcoming their past officers and their delegates to this encampment, and I am sure you will find them true and loyal Sons, worthy of our esteem and admiration, and Brothers indeed. The terms of consolidation will be found in the letter press copy book.

Having now all the camps of Sons of Veterans in the United States working under one National organization, we shall, by united effort, go on, and on,

till we are the grandest organization in our broad land, and Uncle Sam can safely say: "I have one of the best standing armies the world ever saw in those loyal Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. I can rely on them as the country did on their fathers, and our flag will never be allowed to touch the ground."

A. V. H. BOHN.

I desire to call the attention of this encampment to the valuable services rendered to our Order in the past by comrade A. V. H. Bohn, past Provisional Commander of the Fourth Grand Division. He did a good work while Commander, and is still putting forth all his efforts in behalf of our Order. I think he should have some such recognition as the other Grand Army men who commanded Grand Divisions, received.

#### VISITATIONS.

It has been my pleasure, during my administration, to visit officially, the following Divisions of our Order: New York Division, at New York City; West Pennsylvania Division, at Allegheny City; Ohio Division, at Zanesville; Illinois Division, at Aurora; Wisconsin Headquarters, at Milwaukee; Minnesota Headquarters, at St. Paul; Iowa Headquarters, at Des Moines; Missouri Headquarters at Kansas City; Kansas Headquarters, at Topeka; Colorado and Wyoming Headquarters, at Denver, Colorado; California Camps, at San Francisco; Sherman Camp No. 1, at Portland, Oregon; Brothers of U. S. Grant Camp, at Helena, Montana; Edmunds Camp No. 63, at Bradner, Ohio; J. S. Kountz Camp No. 52, at Tiffin, Ohio; Custer Camp No. 1, at Washington, D. C.; Jas. A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Baltimore, Md.; General G. G. Mead Camp No. 16, at Reading, Pa.; Lowry Camp No. 45, Utica, N. Y.; U. S. Grant Camp No. 33, Buffalo, N. Y.; Curran Camp No. 28, Utica, N. Y.; St. Paul, Camp No. 1. St. Paul, Minnesota, and the brothers of the Camps at Minneapolis, Minn.; traveling in the interests of our Order 10,035 miles. This you can imagine has taken some time as well as money. If I had been a good public speaker I could have done the Order much more good, but I had the opportunity of speaking to the comrades of the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans at all these places and gave them the best I had, and to say the least I think I did the Order no harm. It was my privilege to address four large audiences composed of Grand Army men and members of the Women's Relief Corps, at San Francisco, one of them numbering 3,000. Generals Logan, Burdett, Fairchild, and others speaking the same evening from the same platform. This I considered as an honor extended to our Order through your representative and I thanked them in your behalf. I am vain enough to think, judging from the manner I was received, that the work done there among the comrades from all parts of the Continent, will bear fruit.

#### ORGANIZATION.

It has been my desire to accomplish a double purpose with our organization. While we are teaching the principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty to the brothers of the Order, let us also teach them all that pertains to Military Tactics, as well as Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division and Corps organization.

In an army the "Division" is not made up of all the troops of a state, but of three or four Brigades and a Division is always commanded (except temporarily) by a Major General.

A Battalion consists of from four to twelve companies. We have in Ohio 130 camps or companies, this will make thirteen Battalions of ten companies each, which will make three Brigades, (two of three Battalions and one of four,) which will compose a Division and should be commanded by a Major General. A Major General's Adjutant and Quartermaster rank as Colonel. He, the Major General, could appoint Commanders for each Battalion with

rank of Colonel, and in case of a state parade these Colonels would take command of their respective Battalions. This would require no change in blanks or in the machinery of running, except the title of the Commander of a Division, and would give him the same rank that a Department Commander in the G. A. R. has, and it would make plain to every brother the machinery, titles, etc., of an Army. These Colonels could act as Inspectors if thought best and inspect some other or their own Battalion.

War comes to every Nation sometimes, and the more these young men know about the make-up of an Army the better positions they would get in case they should volunteer as their fathers did. I would therefore recommend that the Commander of a Division rank as Major General after the Division has thirty six camps in it. With over twelve camps, as Brigadier General; under twelve camps as Colonel.

#### LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

I have received a very nice and concise report from Miss Laura F. Martin, National President of the Ladies' Aid Society, which is a recognized auxiliary of our Order, and am somewhat surprised at its rapid growth. I have taken pleasure in giving it all the moral support I could, but my time has been too much occupied to enable me to do all that my good wishes for the Order would prompt me to do. I am sure our National Encampment at Grand Rapids made no mistake when they recognized the Ladies' Aid as an auxiliary of our Order, and we should render them every assistance in our power to organize new societies wherever there is a camp. They will return the favor to us from two to ten fold. We are theirs and they are ours, and I find that many of the Sons are making individual and life long contracts and thereby securing a permanent Ladies Aid.

With the help we now have from the Grand Army, the God speed we received from the Woman's Relief Corps at their National Encampment, and our own Ladies' Aid Society, we have our fathers, mothers and sisters, and we are happy.

#### INSURANCE.

There has been a few suggestions as to organizing an Insurance Society in connection with our Order. I do not think we are ready for this yet. It will add too much machinery to our Headquarters, and there are too many young men unmarried who would not care for it, and it is hard work to collect the dues and per capita tax that we now have, and as there is plenty of cheap insurance in the country struggling for existence we can get all the insurance we need without the trouble and expense of organizing something new. Let us wait.

#### OFFICIAL ORGAN.

I wish, before closing, to urge upon the brothers of the Order the necessity of supporting our official organ, the "Sons of Veterans Advocate," published at Bloomington, Ill. They have worked faithfully and hard for the good of the Order at large, and much credit is due them, and I trust they have received credit from the brothers for this. But they cannot live on "credit" a great while. They must have hard cash or currency. They don't ask you any gifts but will give you more than your money's worth in return, and you will feel better each week, and be better men after reading their paper.

The "Camp Fire," of Portsmouth, Ohio, and the "Review," of Lake Village, N. H., are also doing a good work and should have a liberal patronage. These papers are like the heart, they keep our life's blood in motion.

My brothers, after urging you on to this great and noble work I want to call your attention to a higher life than we attain to here below. As surely as did the end of the War come and peace reigned throughout our broad land, and the comrades of the Grany Army were mustered out, just so surely must

we prepare for this higher life beyond. Then while we are drilling and obtaining knowledge that will be of service in our time here below, let us fill our minds and hearts with those things which will fit us for eternity. Let us not burn up our lives with this or that vice, and make of ourselves cheap citizens of this great country, bought by the blood of our fathers. We, some of us, belong to the same generation as those who now lie in soldiers' graves. Let us make as bright a mark in the world's history as did those brave men. We can not do this by beginning at the eleventh hour but must begin now, and like the busy bee improve each shining hour. I want our country to see the time within the next twenty-five years when, if the members of this our noble Order would join hands, with arms extended, they would form a living and fraternal link that would reach around the world. And now as I lay down my sword, after my successor shall have been installed, I shall hope to receive my "No." and musket and will ever be ready to fall into line and do my duty as a private soldier until mustered into the higher service of God and the Lamb.

By motion of Col. E. T. Roe, of Ill., the Commandery-in-Chief took a recess until 2:15 P. M.

2:45 P. M. - Commandery-in-Chief called to order by Gen'l W. S. Payne Commander-in-Chief in the chair.

Chief of Staff W. D. Thomas submitted his report as follows :

### REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF.

PITTSBURG, PA., August 25, 1886.

*General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : In your General Order No. 1, dated at Fostoria, Ohio, Oct. 1. 1885, I had the honor to receive at your hands the appointment to the position of Chief-of-Staff ; and, having served as such during the term just closing, I desire to add my tribute and congratulation to the many already given, on the success of your administration. I have only to regret, the little I have been able to do in furtherance of the same, my opportunities have been limited. and my work, to a great extent, bounded by the territorial marks of my own Division.

When the time comes for laying down the duties and honors of my office I will withdraw and retire to the ranks, bearing with me unbounded respect for yourself and a pleasant recollection of our official and personal intercourse.

With best wishes for your success. in both private and public life, believe me sir, I am

Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. D. THOMAS,

*Chief-of-Staff Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

A question was asked by Bro. Smith, of Pennsylvania, "Can a Special Aid of the Commander-in-Chief vote in this Encampment?" Decision rendered by the Commander-in-Chief to the effect that they could.

Moved by Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, seconded by Col. Farquhar, of Washington, to sustain the decision of the Commander-in-Chief. Col. L. J. Webb, of Kansas, moved to submit the matter to Committee on Resolutions. The question was then debated by Bros. Myers of Ohio, Holmes of New York, Webb of Kansas, Walthers of Wisconsin, and Crowley of New Hampshire. The substitute motion was then put by the chair and declared lost.

Col. Worden, of Dakota, then spoke on the original motion under discussion. The original motion was then put and declared lost. /

Col. Farquhar, of Washington D. C., moved that the Special Aids present be given a vote in this Encampment. Remarks by Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio. On call for the question the motion was put and was declared carried by a unanimous vote.

On the request of a delegate the names of the several committees were read by the Adjutant General.

Adjutant General T. G. Carlisle then submitted his report as follows :

### ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

FOSTORIA, O., Aug. 29, 1886.

*To General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief S. of V., U. S. A.:*

I herewith hand you the report of the Adjutant General, which I hope will be satisfactory to yourself and the Commandery-in-Chief.

When I accepted the office on the 1st day of October, 1885, I had just become a member of our beloved Order, and consequently the work was new for me and I had to learn it step by step, which seemed to me to be very slow, and I soon became sorry that I had accepted the honorable position which I now hold. About the first thing I had to do connected with the Order, was to promulgate General Order No. 1. I had no address of Division Commanders, and only got them as the Commanders of the several Divisions would write to Headquarters asking some question or for supplies, and for that reason I found up-hill work until we obtained what we supposed to be a complete roster of all the Divisions. In turning over the property of the Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief we were not furnished with anything with which we could proceed to work directly with Division Commanders, and will you wonder that I became discouraged and (I was going to say) almost disgusted with the office, but when I saw our Commander-in-Chief working until the small hours of the night, to make the wheels move, I took heart and said I would do the best I could to help him out, and then when the supplies were turned over by General Arnold to General Payne without an invoice and the shape they were in, was enough to discourage any one, but we stuck to our work until we got them into something like order. Then came the proceedings of the Fourth Annual Encampment held at Grand Rapids, Mich., to put in shape for the printer, and I must here say that I found them in as bad a shape to make anything out of as anything I ever saw, but through the recollection of things done there by General Payne, our Commander-in-Chief, and favors of Brother Rowison, of Mich.; Smith, of Harrisburgh, Pa.; Vincent, of Columbus, O., and Mallory, of Illinois, I have done the very best I could with them, and if they fail in any way whatever, it lies in the copy furnished me by my predecessor, and I hope and trust that the mistakes, if any, will be overlooked. I returned them to our Commander-in Chief on the 1st of March, ready to go to the printer.

Along about this time, through Colonel L. F. Burpee, of Connecticut, we learned for the first time, that Rhode Island claimed our attention. We opened a correspondence with Colonel John W. Sayles, of Providence, Commander of the Rhode Island Division then, and have been doing our best ever since to put them in good standing, but so far have failed. We also have been trying to make something out of the camp at New Orleans. They have never made any reports whatever, except one inspection report which I have never seen.

The address of the captain is James A. Haley, P. O. Box 931, New Orleans, La. I give this address so that my successor, whoever he may be, might do better than I have.

Next was Norfolk, Va. The camp there is in the same shape as the one at New Orleans—cannot get any reports from them. The camp at Seattle and Tacoma, Washington Territory, have both failed to report and are both dead—in fact we find that Seattle was never mustered.

About this time we had an application for a blank application from Ritchie Court House, W. Va., signed by R. H. Freer, of Post 36, G. A. R. Department, of West Virginia, which was sent him, and the result was a fine working camp, also, this camp was the means of our Headquarters finding a camp at New Cumberland, W. Va., and one at Wellsburgh, W. Va., and by your orders, the three camps sent representatives to Wheeling, on April 28, 1886, and were organized as the Division of West Virginia by General Geo. W. Penniman, C. M. O. R. H. Freer was chosen Colonel of the Division and will soon show a large gain both in camps and members.

#### CALIFORNIA.

There has been a Division formed in California with Colonel Louis De P. Callahan as Commander. On October 1, 1885, there was only one camp in the Golden State, but to-day there are four camps in good working order with a membership of sixty-four in good standing, and fine prospects of several more camps in the near future. Your visit, no doubt, will encourage the Brothers to greater work.

#### COLORADO AND WYOMING.

Colorado and Wyoming have been struggling along the best they could. Colonel Frank C. McArthur has found many things to contend with. There never had been any reports made from that Division until August 12, 1886, when Colonel McArthur made reports for the last four quarters, which, under the peculiar circumstances which he labored, are very good. There was one new camp organized during the year, and on June 30, 1886, reports seventy-eight members in good standing, and now has his division in such shape that he can make reports on time and turn over the Division to his successor, when elected, so that the work will not be retarded by ignorance of the standing of the Division.

#### CONNECTICUT.

Connecticut was under the command of Colonel Lucien F. Burpee, of Waterbury, and has been working nicely. This Division has mustered during the year nine new camps, and report at June 30, 1886, 633 members in good standing. Connecticut has been the first Division each quarter to report to these Headquarters. The Division did well when they, by a unanimous vote elected Colonel Burpee to succeed himself. My official relations with the Colonel and his staff, have been very pleasant during the year, nothing coming up to mar the good feelings which should exist between the National and Division Headquarters.

#### DAKOTA.

Dakota, on October 1, 1885, was under the command of Colonel Hamilton Kerr, of Huron, Dak. It was one of the impossibilities for me to get any reports during the year until March 31, 1886, when the Quartermaster reported forty-three in good standing. No Adjutant's report received. At their last encampment, E. G. Worden, of Eden, Dak., was elected Colonel. He has been working hard to bring the Division up to good working order. I received his report for June 30 on time. There have been six new camps organized in the Division during the year, and the last report shows 153 members in good standing, and the Division in good shape for future work.



## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND VIRGINIA.

District of Columbia and Virginia, Provisional Division. Colonel W. C. Farquhar, of Washington, D. C., was appointed Commander of the Division with one camp at Washington and one at Norfolk, Va. During the months of June and July there have been two camps organized in this Division both of them in Washington City. The District of Columbia is working for a Division of its own, which no doubt it will have before long. The reports of Camp No. 1, have always been on time and Captain Wm. A. Rutherford has shown himself an efficient officer, and I was sorry to learn that Captain Rutherford saw fit to resign the command of his camp early in July. This camp reported sixteen members in good standing June 30, 1886, in their next report it will show the strength of the Division which our records now show to be thirty-nine. The Commander-in-Chief in General Order No. 10. has constituted the camps in the District of Columbia a Division and ordered delegates appointed or elected and also to elect Division officers.

## FLORIDA.

Florida has three camps, one at Eustis with thirteen members and one at Jacksonville with fifteen and Orlando fifteen members, and we have the assurance of Col. J. H. Norton, Department Commander of the Department of Florida, G. A. R., that he will do all he can to make this a good live Division later. A Division was constituted August 18. Captain M. E. Bishop, of Eustin, appointed Colonel, by General Order No. 10.

## ILLINOIS.

The Illinois Division has been growing steadily during the year, having mustered thirty-one new camps, and at their last report, June 30, they reported 928 members in good standing. The Division is in excellent condition, and their new Division Commander, General G. B. Abbott, is keeping the Division up to where it belongs, in the front rank.

## INDIANA.

The Indiana Division has seen hard times, although it looked during the year that Colonel McGuire was making a success of his work, and with the assistance of the members of the G. A. R., especially Geo. W. Miller, of Terre Haute, Ind., it should to-day rank among the first. Col. McGuire saw fit to resign without holding a Division Encampment and General G. B. Abbott was sent to Wabash to settle the affairs of the Division, which was done in a very acceptable manner. It was then thought best to carry on the business of the Division at the National Headquarters until arrangements could be made to hold an election. Upon the recommendation of several good G. A. R. men of Indiana, Captain E. S. Walker, of West Lebanon, was appointed Colonel with rank from May 20, 1886, and Captain Edward H. Muhl, of Richmond, Ind., Lieutenant Colonel; E Brooks, of Stockwell, Ind., Major. These officers went to work with a will, and are beginning to bring order out of confusion. This Division has mustered, during the year, twenty new camps, and their report for the term ending June 30 is fair, considering the condition of things, showing 228 members in good standing. Colonel Walker intends making a personal visit to each camp, and to encourage them in the good work, and strengthen the weak ones and congratulate the strong ones, which I think should be done by all Division Commanders where they can possibly do so.

The Grand Army have appointed a committee of three, with George W. Miller, Post Department Commander of Indiana, as chairman, on organization camps of of Sons of Veterans, and their work is being felt throughout the

Division. This committee say they will do all in their power to make the Indiana Division one of the best, and next year will hold an encampment.

## IOWA.

The Iowa Division under command of Colonel P. V. Carey, their last Commander, and Colonel James D. Rowen, their present Commander, have done a noble work and the Division and the order at large should be proud of the work they have done. The Division is only excelled by one in the organization of camps, during the year having mustered from October 1, 1885, 42 new camps, and report 1034 members in good standing June 30, 1886; an increase since December of 519 members. This Division reports only forty-four camps that have reported, three more than were organized during the year.

## KANSAS.

The Kansas Division compares favorably with the Illinois Division. The officers of the Division have been zealous workers and have done well. Colonel Dolde and Colonel Webb both come in for a share of the glory won in this Division which will rank about number five in the formation of camps during the year, and no doubt, during the coming year, will put to flight the leading Divisions and walk to the front. This Division has mustered 27 new camps, and report 934 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## MAINE.

The Maine Division has not gained in new camps and members as fast as some others, but seem to be enthusiastic in the work, and I have found it very pleasant work with the officers of this Division. The Division is in good, healthy condition and has mustered 9 new camps during the year. Their reports are always on time, and their last report shows 412 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## MARYLAND.

Maryland has not been organized into a Division as yet. There is one first-class camp at Baltimore with Captain Wm. B. King at the head, and a new camp was mustered at Frederick City and one almost ready at Cumberland and others on the way in the state. The start they now have, and with General Miles W. Ross at their head, can make a fine Division in "Maryland My Maryland." The report of this camp, No. 1, shows 56 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The Massachusetts Division has been during the year, in the best condition so far as I know. The reports always on time. Colonel H. S. Crossman, their last Commander, was very pleasant to work with as was also his staff and I find the same pleasant brothers in their present Commander, Colonel Geo. H. Cleveland and his staff. This Division has mustered during the year, 19 new camps and report 1,261 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## MICHIGAN.

The Division of Michigan, under the leadership of our gallant Colonel, F. W. Rowson has made rapid gains; they have increased their membership about 300 per cent. and he has brought discipline and harmony out of confusion and contention. Their reports were as near on time as could be expected, Colonel Rowson doing most of the work himself. This Division held a very enthusiastic meeting and re-elected Colonel Rowson Commander of the Division, but he was compelled to decline. Their present Commander, Colonel M. E. Hall, has begun the work where Colonel Rowson left off, with a vim, and I have no

doubt he will keep up the record of the Michigan Division. This Division ranks third in the organization of new camps; having mustered 39 new camps, and one feature of their last reports is that all camps in the Division except one had reported; this I attribute to the faithfulness and efficiency of the mustering officers of the Division in instructing the new camps how to work and not leaving them to find out for themselves. The last report shows 949 members in good standing.

## MINNESOTA.

The Minnesota Division has done good work during the year. Colonel VanCleve, of Minneapolis, making an excellent officer, and their new Commander, Colonel E. H. Milham, has taken hold of the work and is pushing things lively. One feature of this Division, which I like, is the thorough military discipline they have. The camps are mustered as a reserve State militia, and I understand are armed and equipped by the State, and some of the camps are noted for their perfectness in drill. This Division has mustered this year eighteen new camps and reports 428 members in good standing June 30, 1886, and have a fine prospect for large gains the coming year.

## MISSOURI.

The Missouri Division is one that I have not been very familiar with until their present Colonel took command; the work being done principally through the Commander-in-Chief. There were no reports made until the reports of the last quarter were made, when Colonel J. J. Speaker reported for each quarter. There was a branch of the Sons of Veterans in this Division consisting of seven camps in opposition to our Order. They with their officers have all been mustered into our Order, and with those the Division has mustered eight new camps and report 206 members in good standing. Colonel Speaker is the right man in the right place, and has an efficient corps of staff officers and are bound to make the Sons of Veterans win in Missouri.

## NEBRASKA.

Nebraska was under the command of Colonel Harry G. Clark, of Omaha, but under a pressure of business was compelled to resign, and B. W. Hawkins, of Bever City, was appointed. Colonel Hawkins has made a good officer and the Division is doing well considering the obstacles they had to overcome. The Division failed to hold an encampment and cannot succeed in holding one unless they hold it in connection with the G. A. R., at the same time and place, in order to get rates on the railroads and secure a representation. I would recommend that the Nebraska Division be allowed to hold their annual encampment at the same time and place that the G. A. R. of Nebraska hold theirs. This Division has mustered four new Camps and make no report for term ending June 30, 1886.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The New Hampshire Division, under the command of Colonel Frank E. Libby, their last commander, and Colonel Frank M. Shackford, their present commander, has been running smoothly and have been gaining slowly but sure. There have been five new camps organized during the year, and their last report shows 519 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## NEW JERSEY.

The Division of New Jersey is about in the same condition as New Hampshire with the exception that there is an opposition order in their midst. Colonel Hatfield, their last commander, and Colonel Ed. C. White, their present commander have done what they could to muster them in our Order. Colonel

White, on July 22, mustered the last camp of the Earp faction at Vineland; N. J., with thirty members, and Colonel White writes us that they are a fine set of men and a good acquisition to the Division. The Division has mustered five new camps during the year and reports 274 members in good standing June 30, 1886, and their reports have been as near on time as could have been expected.

#### NEW YORK.

The New York Division has been fortunate with their officers, past and present. Colonel Foster and staff were hard workers and very pleasant to work with. They succeeded in keeping the Division where it belonged and Colonel Chas. T. Rain and his staff are working nicely and with the opposition they have to contend with from the Post System this Division has done exceedingly well. There was a time when it was thought that the two factions would consolidate, but at present it looks doubtful. This Division has organized thirteen camps, and report June 30, 1886, 491 members in good standing. As the Grand Army cannot be perpetuated, the Post System will soon cease to exist for lack of recognition from them.

#### OHIO.

This Division ranks No. 1 mustering new camps and gain in numbers. This Division on Sept. 30, 1885, reported 605 in good standing, and on March 31, 1886, reported 1,526 in good standing under the leadership of Colonel Geo. A. Ensign, who had mustered thirty-eight new camps between Nov. 1, 1885, and June 1, 1886, eight more camps than any other Division, thereby winning the prize offered to the Colonel organizing the most camps in that time. Colonel Ensign was the unanimous choice of his Division for his own successor, but declined. Colonel Ensign not only done the work of commander, but filled the office of Adjutant and Quartermaster, and worked ten hours a day as a machinist besides. His successor Colonel Henry Frazee took hold of the work just where Colonel Ensign left off, and it has not stopped for one moment, if anything has increased the speed in organizing camps, and shows a gain of six hundred and nineteen in the last quarter. Colonel Frazee has a good staff and the working of the Division is excellent. One of the main features of the workings of this Division is the selection of competent mustering officers to muster in new camps. When a camp is mustered they are left in good working order, and when they are fully instructed in the Ritual and workings of the camp they are then instructed in making their quarterly reports, therefore this Division does not report so many camps who have failed to report. This Division has mustered since Oct. 1, 1885, eighty new camps and report June 30, 2,145 members in good standing, a net gain of 1,546 in three quarters, and will show a gain in the same proportion, if not greater, Sept. 30.

#### EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

East Pennsylvania has maintained their position which they have held in the Order and was fortunate in selecting a commander last year in the person of Colonel H. H. Hammer, and with his efficient staff done a good work and have had a steady increase in camps and members. This Division is alive in the work and they have done themselves credit when they selected Colonel Chas. J. Miller, of Philadelphia, as their commander for the ensuing year. The Division, as before, keeps gaining ground, but Ohio has taken the lead from them. There have been twenty-four new camps mustered in this year since Oct. 1, and their report for June 30 shows 1,773 members in good standing.

#### WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

West Pennsylvania too, like East Pennsylvania, has been making large

gains both in camps and members and the change of commanders caused no delay in the work, as the Adjutant was elected commander and the Colonel appointed Adjutant. So in Colonel A. K. Howard and Colonel Geo. P. Brockway as Colonel and Adjutant and visa versa, this Division has been well officered and the Order may well be proud of them. In this Division we have the father of our Order, Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburgh. Long may he live and furnish badges for our Order. This Division also furnished our past Commander-in-Chief, General H. W. Arnold, as well as our present and able Commander-in-Chief, General W. S. Payne. There has been thirty-one camps mustered since Oct. 1, and the report for June 30 shows 1,240 members in good standing.

## VERMONT.

The Vermont Division will take rank with New Hampshire and New Jersey and have been fortunate in securing officers. Colonel Jenne and Colonel Geo. E. Terrell have both been zealous workers and have steadily advanced the interest of the Division and show an increase in members the last quarter. There have been 6 camps mustered this year. Their last report shows 342 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Washington Territory only has one camp at Walla Walla, two other camps in the Territory have never made any reports. The report of June 30 is the only report made by the camp at Walla Walla. They report twenty-one members in good standing.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

The Division of West Virginia, like that of California was organized during the year and have already organized two new camps and have fair prospects for others, and Col. R. H. Freer, the commander, says: West Virginia will in a short time show rapid increase as her loyal sons are anxious to show their appreciation of their fathers' service in the war of the rebellion and show their loyalty to their country's flag and enroll themselves with the army of Sons of Veterans. Their report for June does not show their increase, but their Sept. report will. Their report shows fifty-two members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## WISCONSIN.

The Wisconsin Division has not reported since Dec. 31. It showed 147 in good standing at their last report and gained during the quarter fifty-seven, showing an aggregate of 204; it also showed that five camps and a total of sixty-six members lost, leaving only 138 in good standing. Their commander Col. S. F. Peacock never worked with the Adjutant General. The Adjutant Col. F. R. Sweatman, done all the work that was done, at least that was my observation. The new commander, Col. F. J. Walthers, of Madison, will, I think, bring them out of the woods. Since his election he has frequently written for information and promises reports from his Division before the encampment meets at Buffalo. This Division has mustered 2 camps during the year. Aug. 21 report received; only one camp reported to Division Headquarters, but report shows 190 members.

## MONTANA.

In Montana there is a splendid camp located at Helena with 32 members in good standing commanded by Capt. Geo. W. Gibbs and their inspection report ranks them as a first-class camp. I have sent several blank applications into this Territory and there is no doubt but there shall be enough camps organized to form a Division the coming year.

We also are about to organize camps at Portland, Oregon, and have for-

warded supplies for two camps for that purpose. We have also had applications for blanks and instructions from Idaho, which were sent and expect them returned soon. Also from Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Blanks having been sent them by request of G. A. R. men in that city saying they had good material and were anxious to join their loyal brothers in the North. Since writing the above the Commander-in-Chief mustered a fine camp at Portland, Oregon, with Col. F. H. Lamb, Department Commander G. A. R., as one of its members, who promises soon to have enough to form a Division in Oregon. In speaking of the several Divisions as I have, it may seem to some that I have spoken in more favorable terms of some Divisions than others. I do it not to show any partiality, but the work of those Divisions has been very familiar to me, the commanders doing their work which belonged to my office through me and not the Commander-in-Chief. My labors during the year, except the beginning, have been pleasant ones and I know of nothing between myself and Division commanders to cause any hard feelings. I have tried, and in fact, have not allowed one communication to lay on my desk twenty-four hours without answering, and if I have done or said anything while in the line of duty that displeased any of my brothers, it was not intentional, and I here beg leave to thank the different Division commanders and my brother officers for their indulgence and all favors shown me by them. And may God speed you all to greater work in this our noble cause.

There has been ten General Orders issued and one circular, which I here enclose a copy of each:

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U S. A., }  
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, OCT. 1, 1885. }

*General Order No. 1.*

I. Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief of the United States at the Annual Encampment, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September, I hereby assume command, and establish Headquarters at Fostoria, Ohio.

II. The elective officers, chosen at Grand Rapids, are as follows :

"General" ..... Walter S. Payne, 16 Wood St., Fostoria, Ohio.

"Lieutenant General" ..... A. E. Case, of Chicago, Illinois.

"Major General" ..... Frederick W. Kohler, of Utica, New York.

III. I have made the following appointments on my Staff. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

T. G. Carlisle, 16 Wood St., Fostoria, Ohio..... Adjutant General.

Oscar T. Shutt, 16 Wood St., Fostoria, Ohio ..... Quartermaster General.

W. D. Thomas, 409 Smithfield St., Pittsburg, Pa.. ..... Chief of Staff.

Charles S. Crysler, of Independence, Mo..... Judge Advocate General.

George W. Penniman, of Minneapolis, Minn..... Chief Mustering Officer.

G. B. Abbott, 163 State St., Chicago, Ills..... Inspector General.

C. F. Hayford, of Lewiston, Me..... Chaplain.

All with rank of Brigadier General.

IV. The following are appointed Special Aids, with rank of Colonel :

H. L. Wright ..... Box 398, Auburn, Me.

Lucien F. Burpee..... of Waterbury, Conn.

Clarence E. Holmes..... Box 376, New York City, N. Y.

Ed. C. White..... 115 Center St., Trenton, N. J.

B. J. Smith ..... of Harrisburg, Pa.

Miles W. Ross..... of Baltimore, Md.

Edgar R. Vincent..... of Columbus, O.

E. T. Roe..... of Springfield, Ill.

A. G. Champlin..... 8 Pearl St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

F. R. Sweetnam..... of Milwaukee, Wis.

E. G. Worden ..... of Grinnell, Iowa.

E. H. Milham..... of St. Paul, Minn.  
 J. J. Speaker.....of Independence, Mo.  
 Leland J. Webb..... of Topeka, Kansas.

V. The following Aids-de-Camp are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commanding General, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel :

Eugene A. Sunderland.....of Lowell, Mich.  
 James D. Rowan.....of Des Moines, Ia.  
 Halbert E. Payne.....of Columbus, O.  
 George P. Brockway.....of Titusville, Pa.  
 L. L. Drake.....of Elizabeth, N. J.

Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

VI. By resolution adopted in the Encampment, all ranks are restored as indicated by shoulder straps, and other titles abolished.

VII. By resolutions adopted in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, at Grand Rapids, all Grand Divisions are abolished from and after September 30, 1885. Grand Division officers will have ninety days from September 30 to close up the books and business and turn them over to the Commander-in-Chief. If any Grand Division have a surplus fund, after paying its indebtedness, it will be turned over to the Commander-in-Chief, and his receipt taken therefor. If any Grand Division is in debt, after having collected all its per capita tax, the books must show the amount of said indebtedness, and to whom due. The Commander-in-Chief will make provision for the payment of said bills in future orders. Grand Division officers must be prompt in settling up their accounts.

VIII. Hereafter no profit will be charged on supplies, as it is considered detrimental to the growth and best interests of the Order. All blanks, etc., will be furnished to camps through Division Headquarters "at actual cost." The Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions will be maintained entirely by charter fees and per capita tax.

IX. Major A. P. Davis, of 67 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., is hereby detailed for special duty as Ordinance Officer. His duty will be to furnish to any regular camp, on proper requisition, the regulation badge of the Order, at a price not exceeding \$6 per dozen, the money to accompany every order. He will also furnish ribbons in the same manner "at cost." He will also furnish camps with a cadet breech-loading rifle and accouterments, at a price not exceeding \$2.65 each, complete, and cheaper if the Commanding General can secure them at a less rate.

X. The Commander-in-Chief earnestly desires all camps, as far as possible, to equip themselves with these cadet rifles, and become proficient in drill and the manual of arms. Any person knowing where a nice breech-loading rifle can be procured in large quantities at the lowest possible rate, will please communicate with the Commanding General, who will buy "only at first hands," and every brother is assured that there shall be no money made on the arms and equipment outside of the factory.

XI Messrs. Bailey, Banks & Biddle will furnish no supplies to any one except on an order from these Headquarters.

XII. Raphael Tobias, late Commander of the Second Grand Division, and his Assistant Adjutant General, S. M. Bower, will "immediately" turn over to their successors in office all the property of the Second Grand Division. Up to this date not even the seal has been received, and the business of the Second Grand Division is at a stand still. Business requiring the records and seal has accumulated at Headquarters Second Grand Division awaiting the arrival of this property.

XIII. Colonels of Divisions will furnish these Headquarters with their full address immediately, and are recommended to exchange their general orders with Colonels of other Divisions, as mutual benefit will arise from this action.

XIV. There being no charges or specifications in possession of the Commanding General against any one, the Courtmartial appointed by his predecessor at Grand Rapids is hereby dissolved.

XV. We hope and trust that every brother in this Order will feel that he is an important part of this Grand Body of True Loyal Sons of Veterans, and resolve that no act of his shall ever bring reproach or cast a stain on our noble Order. Be true to your manhood, true to the memory of our sires, and let us battle for God and the right, ever keeping green the graves of our departed heroes. By order of

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

GEN. WALTER S. PAYNE,  
*Commander-in-Chief, U. S. A.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }  
FOSTORIA, O., Nov. 2, 1885. }

*General Order No. 2.*

I. The Inspector General will order an inspection of all the camps in the several Divisions, to take place between the 1st and 10th of December, or at the first regular meeting in December. Commanders of Divisions will see that Division Inspector's reports are forwarded to Gen. G. B. Abbott, Inspector General, 163 State St., Chicago, Ills., on or before December 24, 1885.

II. A General Order will issue January 1st, giving consolidated report of said inspection, with full strength and condition of each Division and the Order in general. It is therefore necessary that the inspection be as full and complete as possible. Commanders of Divisions will see that Assistant Inspectors do their whole duty.

III. In General Order No. 1 the word "shoulder strap" was used instead of "rank strap" or "miniature strap." There has been no change in the rank strap, it being the miniature strap, as before.

IV. The following applications for Charters have been approved by the Commanding General since assuming command:

| Applicants. |                                                        | Applicants. |                                        |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------|
| Oct. 3.     | No. 64, Swanton, O. .... 15                            | Oct. 23.    | No. ... , Madison, Wis. .... 28        |
| Oct. 9.     | No. 65, Greenville, O. (from op-<br>position) ..... 21 | Oct. 25.    | No. 81, Frackville, E. Pa. .... 31     |
| Oct. 9.     | No. 66, Cuyahoga Falls, O. .... 0                      | Oct. 26.    | No. ... , Rome, E. Pa. .... 15         |
| Oct. 12.    | No. 67, Findlay, O., (from op-<br>position) ..... 25   | Oct. 28.    | No. 45, Waynesburg, W. Pa. .... 15     |
| Oct. 12.    | No. 68, Canal Dover, O. .... 22                        | Oct. 28.    | No. 71, Cleveland, O. .... 23          |
| Oct. 15.    | No. ... , Aurora, Ind. .... 18                         | Oct. 29.    | No. ... , Bowen's Mills, Mich. .... 14 |
| Oct. 16.    | No. ... , Luther, Mich. .... 12                        | Oct. 29.    | No. 87, Carlisle, E. Pa. .... 12       |
| Oct. 17.    | No. 69, Zanesville, O. .... 18                         | Oct. 31.    | No. 25, Middlebury, Vt. .... 11        |
| Oct. 21.    | No. 85, Smithfield, E. Pa. .... 29                     | Nov. 6.     | No. 72, Bartlett, O. .... 25           |
| Oct. 21.    | No. 70, Otway, O. .... 12                              | Nov. 9.     | No. 88, Mifflintown, E. Pa. .... 25    |
| Oct. 23.    | No. ... , Barnett, Neb. .... 18                        | Total.....  | 21 Camps ..... 405                     |

V. Colonels of Divisions will immediately forward to these Headquarters their full address; also state the number of General Orders required for their Divisions. Not having been furnished with a roster of Division Commanders, it has been impossible to reach many of the Divisions. Any Division which has not received General Order No. 1, will receive the number required as soon as their address, etc., is known.

VI. In consequence of the many letters of inquiry in nearly every mail about uniform, rank, straps, swords, etc., I would respectfully refer the members of the order to Col. R. M. J. Reed, of 833 Arch St., Philadelphia, who keeps a full supply of the best grades of these goods, and is also thoroughly familiar with all points of the regular army uniform, which was adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief at Grand Rapids. Col. Reed will, for the good of the Order and the relief of the Commander-in-Chief, answer all questions pertaining to uniforms, prices, etc.



VII. R. M. J. Reed is hereby appointed on the General's Staff to the position of Military Store keeper, retaining his rank as Major General. This is in recognition of his faithful services and labors for the good of the Order since its organization, and at the same time recognizing his knowledge of the duties required in this position.

VIII. The following additional Aids are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commanding General, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly :

- Louis De P. Callahan .....of Los Angeles, Cal.
- H. L. Gannett.....of Joliet, Ills.
- Frank R. Ferguson.....of Bloomington, Ills.
- James B. Lidders .....of Rock Island, Ills.
- H. G. Moore.....of Road House, Ills.
- Geo. W. Gibbs.....of Helena, Montana.
- Chas. Kochersberger.....of Jamestown, N. Y.
- Dr. Turner.. .....of Lowville, N. Y.
- Samuel P. Ely.....of New York, N. Y.
- Thos. E. Knott .....of Portchester, N. Y.
- F. M. Williams.....of Pittsburgh, Pa.
- W. H. Ford .....of Reynoldsville, Pa.
- Parker Trent.....of Somerset, Pa.
- Wm. E. Dixon.....of Philadelphia, Pa.

IX. At the Encampment in Grand Rapids, the Commander-in-Chief was directed to devise and promulgate a new Grip for the Order. The new Grip has been adopted and is being promulgated through the Inspector General and other Staff Officers as fast as possible. Colonels of Divisions who have not received the new Grip will make it known to these Headquarters, and it will be communicated to them at the earliest possible moment, and they will pass it to their several Camps through proper officers.

X. All Charters will issue from these Headquarters. Colonels of Divisions will forward all applications to the Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by the fee of \$2, and will state what the number of such Camp will be. This is necessary, that we may keep our records properly.

XI. Only the elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, Divisions or Camps are entitled to wear the "Officer's" Ribbon. The Constitution makes a distinction between the "Officers" and "Staff," and when it speaks of Officer's Ribbons it does not say "Officers and Staff will wear," etc. Until some action is taken by the Encampment, it is ordered that the Staff Officers of the Commander-in-Chief may wear the Ribbon adopted for the officers of Grand Divisions ; Division Staff Officers may wear, during their term of office only, the Camp Officer's Ribbon.

XII. The Commandery-in-Chief, at its Encampment at Grand Rapids, adopted the "Sons of Veterans Advocate," published at Bloomington, Ills., as the Official Organ of the Order. All General and Special Orders will appear in the "Advocate." The "Review," published at Lake Village, N. H., has notified us of its intention to publish all Orders. Both papers are live, bright and sparkling publications, working hard for the interests of the Order, and should have our full and hearty support.

XIII. There is no question as to the good standing of Gen'l Horace P. Kent, of Massachusetts. There has never been to our knowledge any charges preferred against Brother Kent, and the Commandery-in-Chief has in his possession certificates from his Camp, under seal of the Camp, and endorsed by the Colonel and Adjutant under Division seal, that he is in good standing in his Camp. Also certificate from Division, under seal, that he is in good standing in his Division. Gen'l Kent is in command of the First Grand Division.

XIV. Unless some action has been taken by the Commandery-in-Chief (which has not come to the notice of the present Commander-in-Chief) to the

contrary, the proper Ribbon for the Iron Cross is the Camp Officer's Ribbon, and not a blue one. A past Colonel of Commandery-in-Chief or Grand Division Staff, will wear what was the Grand Division Ribbon on the Iron Cross. This will distinguish Colonels of Divisions, or elective officers, from Colonels of Staff, or appointed officers.

XV. The elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief only will wear the Star on top of the cap. The appointed staff of the Commander-in-Chief who rank as Brigadier General will wear the design formerly worn on the cap of First Grand Division. Special Aids, ranking as Colonels, will wear the design formerly worn by Second Grand Division; and Aids-de-Camp, ranking as Lieutenant Colonel, will wear the design formerly worn by Third Grand Division.

XVI. Colonels of Divisions and Captains of Camps, as well as all Brothers of the Order, are earnestly urged to do all they can for the advancement of the Order known as the "Ladies' Aid Society." To this end they will communicate with Miss Laura F. Martin, 525 W. King St., Lancaster, Pa., National President, giving her their address at once, and such other information as she may desire. She and her associates are doing a good and glorious work for our order and the G. A. R., and it is our duty, and we should esteem it a pleasure, to aid them.

XVII. The changes in Constitutions, R. and R. and Rituals are in the hands of the printers, and will soon be issued in slips to paste over the sections changed. This will save the necessity of buying new. These slips will be furnished free.

XVIII. All profit having been taken off from supplies, Camps will have so much more money left in their treasury with which to pay per capita tax, and as the Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief are now supported entirely by per capita tax and charter fees, each Camp will be required to pay the full amount—fifty cents per annum—of per capita tax. Twenty cents of this goes to the Commandery-in-Chief. Any surplus above \$100 remaining on hand at the end of our term will be returned to Divisions, pro rata.

XIX. The Commanding General has decided to offer a reward to the Colonel of the Division who shall organize the greatest number of good, healthy Camps between November 1st, 1885, and June 1st, 1886. The reward will be a fine sword and belt suitable to his rank. Those ranking second, third and fourth in this good work, will also receive suitable rewards. Due consideration will be given to the field in which they work.

XX. With this grand and noble work before us, let us buckle on our armour and go forth to conquest and certain victory, ever remembering that God is the Great Commander, to whom we must report all the actions of our lives, and that he alone can give an honorable discharge when our term of service has expired.

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

T. G. CARLISLE,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O., Dec. 1, 1885. }

*General Order No. 3.*

I. Commanders of Divisions will order an inspection of every camp in their respective Divisions, to take place between this date and the 10th day of December. Commanders of Divisions will see that Division Inspector's reports are forwarded to the Inspector General on or before December 24, 1885.

II. This inspection is to be thorough, complete, and executed with all possible military dispatch and exactness, and to be conducted upon purely business principles. Commanders of Divisions will select Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors for this inspection without regard to former appointments, personal favors, or past honors, but for their fitness alone, choosing those who can be

relied upon to report immediately, and who are competent, energetic and discerning. And this order will be authority for so doing, ignoring, when necessary, but not molesting, any previous appointments made of a similar nature in Divisions for service on other occasions, or of compliment.

III. Commanders of Divisions will so assign Assistant Inspectors that each camp will be inspected by a member of some other camp. One Assistant Inspector, particularly fitted for the work, may inspect several camps in his vicinity.

IV. Each Division will be supplied with Inspector's blanks (new) and two Assistant Inspector's blanks (new) for each camp in the Division. Assistant Inspectors will make duplicate reports, forwarding both to the Division Inspector immediately upon making an inspection.

V. Each Division Inspector will consolidate, according to printed forms, these reports, forwarding the same, and one set of Assistant Inspector's reports to the Inspector General, before December 24th, and a duplicate and the other set of Assistant Inspector's reports to the Division Headquarters.

VI. Commanders of Divisions will call the attention of camps and Assistant Inspectors in Article V. Chapter VI, of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and particularly to the second paragraph of Section I, Article VI, in the same chapter. Camps cannot be considered in GOOD STANDING unless they see to it that they are inspected according to the Articles mentioned.

VII. To encourage emulation and create a lively interest in the Order, camps will hereafter be classified and marked according to Assistant Inspector's reports.

VIII. Commanders of Divisions which have adopted a Division badge will see that it is recorded with the Adjutant General at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, and Commanders of Divisions which have not yet adopted a badge will settle upon one and report at once.

IX. Questions of secret work and camp work fall in the department of the Inspector General, and all matters relating thereto should be referred to him, passing through the proper channels.

X. Commanders of Divisions will see that Assistant Inspectors are in possession of the new grip adopted at Grand Rapids, and are authorized to communicate it to camps in their command. Only in rare instances will the cipher be used to communicate secret work, it being deemed to the best interests of the Order that so far as possible it be transmitted orally.

XI. The grip is to be used as a test only. It is not to be used when taking up the pass word and countersign in opening the camp, nor when greeting one known to be a member of the Order, but as a further test when examining a stranger who claims to be a brother. This is to guard its being discovered by strangers from its too frequent and public use.

XII. Members of the G. A. R. are not to be invested with the grip, nor the passwords and countersign of the Order, but are permitted to be present at all times, if properly obligated.

XIII. No member of the G. A. R. or veteran who has not obtained membership in this Order by authority of Article V, Chapter I, of our Constitution, shall be privileged under any circumstances to appear in any camp wearing the regulation badge of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., except those eight members designated by name in our Constitution, who, for honorable service for this Order, were granted this and certain peculiar rights. Assistant Inspectors will report any transgression of this law.

XIV. Special Aide Colonel Miles W. Ross is hereby detailed to act as a

Division Inspector for Maryland and Virginia, with authority to select Assistant Inspectors reporting to the Inspector General.

XV. Special Aids Colonel J. J. Speaker is hereby detailed to act as Division Inspector for the Division of Missouri, with authority to select Assistant Inspectors, reporting to the Inspector General and to the Lieutenant Colonel commanding the Missouri Division.

XVI. In States and Territories having no Division Headquarters, Captains of Camps will apply to the Adjutant General for blanks, inspect their respective Camps, and report to the Inspector General direct.

XVII. We desire to have a more thorough inspection of the Order than ever before, and Colonels of Divisions are requested to take a personal interest in this work and lend all possible aid to help its accomplishment as early as possible.

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

G. A. ABBOTT, *Inspector General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

163 State St., Chicago Ills.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O., March 1st, 1886. }

*General Order, No. 4.*

I. "Quit you like men," was a divine command given us in Holy Writ, and we, as loyal soldiers, ought to heed this and obey. General Order No. 3 called for an inspection of every Camp of our Order on or before December 15. This was rendered impossible by the delay in getting out the inspection blanks, so that this delay does not rest with the different Divisions, but the delay since that time is inexcusable. How could you expect a commanding general in the field to storm a fort or capture a stronghold unless the several sub-commanders obeyed his orders and moved their several commands on time, and at the moment directed? How can you expect the great work of our Order to go on unless every man is in line and ready to move at a moment's notice. We fully expected to know by January 15th, at the farthest, the strength of our Order, but we are sadly disappointed.

II. The following Divisions only have reported up to this date: Maine, 15 Camps, 465 members in good standing; Connecticut, 16 Camps, 508 members in good standing; New Jersey, 10 Camps, 248 members in good standing; Pennsylvania, 57 Camps, 1689 members in good standing; Massachusetts, 41 Camps, 1265 members in good standing; Ohio, 27 Camps, 615 members in good standing; Indiana, 8 Camps, 160 members in good standing; Michigan 21 Camps, 420 members in good standing; Iowa, 12 Camps, 320 members in good standing; Missouri, 5 Camps, 150 members in good standing; Nebraska, 6 Camps, 110 members in good standing; California, 1 Camp, 19 members in good standing; Montana, 1 Camp, 19 members in good standing—making 13 Divisions, 220 Camps and 5897 members—which is a very poor showing, as every brother knows that the Order numbers over 30,000 members. If we have the interests of the Order at heart, let us stand up straight in line, and every man answer to roll call. One hundred good soldiers, who are always ready for duty, are better than a thousand on the sick list or excused from duty (I won't say laggards, for I hope we have none of that class.) Then rest on your arms, with an ear ever ready to catch the first bugle note calling to duty, and come not in at the eleventh hour.

III. The following applications for new Camps have been approved since November 1, 1885.

| Applicants.                               | Applicants.                                  |
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| Nov. 12—No. 74, Andover, O                | Dec. 22—No. 68, Central City, Ia.            |
| Nov. 12—No. 45, Anamosa, Ia               | Dec. 22—No. 27, Cheaning, Mich               |
| Nov. 12—No. 48, Oskaloosa, Ia.....        | Dec. 23—No. 28, Hart, Mich.....              |
| Nov. 12—No. 50, Audubar, Ia.....          | Dec. 31 No. 46, Cedar Rapids, Ia.....        |
| Nov. 12—No. 54, New York, Ia.....         | Dec. 31—No. 51, Harlan, Ia.....              |
| Nov. 12—No. 58, Ames, Ia.....             | Dec. 31—No. 66, Sioux Rapids, Ia.....        |
| Nov. 12—No. 59, Adel, Ia.....             | Dec. 21—No. 88, St. Albans, Me.....          |
| Nov. 12—No. 60, Cumberland, Ia.....       | Dec. 31 No. , Frankfort, Ks.....             |
| Nov. 16—No. , Valley Falls, Ks.....       | Dec. 31—No. , Garden City, Ks.....           |
| Nov. 16 No. , Lima Ks. ....               | Jan. 1 No. 82, Malvern, O.....               |
| Nov. 16 No. , Cottonwood Falls, Ks....    | Jan. 2—No. 83, Arcanum, O.....               |
| Nov. 16—No. , Lincoln, Ks.....            | Jan. 2—No. 89, Great Bend, E. Pa.....        |
| Nov. 16—No. , Dodge City, Ks.....         | Jan. 4—No. , Jordan, Minn.....               |
| Nov. 16 -No. , New Britain, Conn.....     | Jan. 5—No. 53, Orange, Mass.....             |
| Nov. 16—No. , West Brook, Conn.....       | Jan. 5—No. 29, Owasso, Mich.....             |
| Nov. 17—No. , Bluffton, Ind.....          | Jan. 11—No. , Le Sueur, Minn.....            |
| Nov. 17—No. 51, Warren, Mass.....         | Jan. 14 No. 84, Marion, O.....               |
| Nov. 17—No. 25, Middlebury Vt.....        | Jan. 14 No. , Pleasanton, Ks.....            |
| Nov. 19—No. , North Manchester, Ind.....  | Jan. 15—No. , Millbank, Dak.....             |
| Nov. 19 No. 26, Leslie, Mich.....         | Jan. 15—No. , Coopersville, Mich.....        |
| Nov. 20 No. 75, Cincinnati, O.....        | Jan. 20—No. 90, Dushore, E. Pa.....          |
| Nov. 20—No. 76, Cleveland, O.....         | Jan. 22 No. , Minneapolis, Minn.....         |
| Nov. 20—No. 39, Streator, Ill.....        | Jan. 22—No. 54, Medford, Mass.....           |
| Nov. 20—No. 29, Sierling, Ill.....        | Jan. 23 No. , Fort Dodge, Ia.....            |
| Nov. 20—No. 31, Athens, E. Pa.....        | Jan. 22—No. , West Union, Ia.....            |
| Nov. 23—No. , Clearwater, Ks.....         | Jan. 22—No. , Vinton, Ia.....                |
| Nov. 23—No. , Stormstown, W. Pa.....      | Jan. 22—No. , Odebolt, Ia.....               |
| Nov. 27—No. 47, Brockwayville, W. Pa..... | Jan. 22—No. , Cedar Falls, Ia.....           |
| Nov. 27—No. 52, Leomister, Mass.....      | Jan. 31—No. , Hinsdale, N. H.....            |
| Nov. 30—No. 24, St. Claire, E. Pa.....    | Feb. 1—No. 85, Hamden, O.....                |
| Dec. 3—No. 77, Chillicothe, O.....        | Feb. 1—No. 58, Granville Centre, E. Pa.....  |
| Dec. 3—No. , Ks.....                      | Feb. 1—No. 48, Orbisonia, W. Pa.....         |
| Dec. 5—No. , Greenstown, Ind.....         | Feb. 1—No. 55, Greenfield, Mass.....         |
| Dec. 5—No. , Green Springs, O.....        | Feb. 4—No. 86, Ironton, O.....               |
| Dec. 9—No. 79, Lafayette, O.....          | Feb. 4—No. 87, Deshler, O.....               |
| Dec. 9—No. , Downs, Ks.....               | Feb. 8—No. 4, York, Neb.....                 |
| Dec. 1 -No. 15, Tracy, Minn.....          | Feb. 11—No. 35, Mattoon Ill.....             |
| Dec. 11—No. 3, Watertown, Minn.....       | Feb. 11—No. 34, Eddyville, Ill.....          |
| Dec. 11—No. 14, Crookstown, Minn.....     | Feb. 11—No. 91, New Bloomfield, E. Pa.....   |
| Dec. 11—No. 16, Dassel, Minn.....         | Feb. 11—No. 88, Wauseon, O.....              |
| Dec. 14—No. 4, Middleboro, N. J. ....     | Feb. 13—No. 89, Dayton, O.....               |
| Dec. 15—No. 31, Monmouth, Ill.....        | Feb. 13—No. 56, East Templeton, Pa.....      |
| Dec. 15—No. 32, Braidwood, Ill.....       | Feb. 13—No. 90, Windham, O.....              |
| Dec. 15—No. 33, Hartzburgh, Ill.....      | Feb. 14—No. 49, Meadville, W. Pa.....        |
| Dec. 18—No. 27, Napanee, Ind.....         | Feb. 15—No. 3, Ritchie C't House, W. Va..... |
| Dec. 19—No. 80, Steuben, O.....           | Feb. 20—No. 91, Alliance, O.....             |
| Dec. 22—No. 23, Williamsport, Ind.....    | Feb. 20—No. 57, Brookfield, Mass.....        |
| Dec. 22—No. 81, Rock Camp, O.....         | Feb. 22—No. , Frankfort, Ill.....            |
| Dec. 22—No. 57, Boonsboro, Ia.....        | Feb. 23—No. 31, Reading, Mich.....           |
| Dec. 22—No. 47, Toledo, Ia.....           | Feb. 24—No. 32, Covert, Mich.....            |
| Dec. 22 No. 56, Lohrville, Ia.....        | Feb. 24—No. 50, Pittsburgh, W. Pa.....       |
| Dec. 22—No. 64, Trace, Ia.....            | Feb. 25—No. 58, Amherst, Mass.....           |
| Dec. 22—No. 65, Moravia, Ia.....          | Total—107 Camps.....                         |
| Dec. 22 No. , Winstead, Ia.....           | Applicants, 2294                             |

Colonels of Divisions will report at once to these headquarters the numbers, names or dates that are missing in the above list, that we may complete our record.

IV. Hereafter all charters will be dated the same date as that on which the Camp was mustered. As Camps rank according to date of charter, it is but justice that they should have the same date as their muster. Colonels of Divisions will carry out this order. Mustering officers mustering new Camps will be careful to date their report of muster the same date as the muster was made, that the charter can be dated from this report.

V. Captain B. W. Hawkins, of Camp 30, Beaver City, Neb., is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from the 1st of March, 1886.

VI. The resignation of Colonel H. W. Clark, of the Nebraska Division, is hereby accepted to take effect March 1st, 1886. Colonel B. W. Hawkins, of Beaver City, is hereby ordered to take command of the Division of Nebraska until the Division shall meet and elect a successor to Colonel Clark. Colonel Hawkins will select his staff and take immediate command, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VII. The following Aids-de-Camp have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly: W. R. Davis, of East Cambridge, Mass.; W. C. Harriman, of North Adams, Mass.; Edward A. Benjamin, of New Bedford, Mass.; C. F. Carling, of Woburn, Mass.; David O. Brown, of East Stoneham, Maine.; L. L. Johnson, of East Winn, Maine.; A. E. Hayes, of Buffalo, N. Y.; J. F. Kerr, of Tiffin, Ohio, and Frank McCrillis, of Camp No. 6, of Chicago, Ill. They will rank as Lieutenant Colonel from January 1st, 1886.

VIII. As the First and Third Grand Divisions made no report to these Headquarters for the quarter ending September 30th, and paid no per capita tax that quarter, the several Divisions who have not done so will immediately make reports to these Headquarters, and remit to the Quarter-master General the per capita tax. Blanks will be furnished by the Quartermaster General on application. This report must be made promptly, and all Divisions that have not sent in their reports for the last quarter in 1885 will do so at once, as we have a large printing bill that must be paid at once.

IX. Any Division having a surplus of funds in its treasury may reduce the per capita tax of Camps if the Division can pay the amount due the Commandery-in-Chief without embarrassment.

X. The badge to be worn on the top of the cap of all Staff Officers who rank as Brigadier General is a Silver Crescent, not over  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide in widest place, the horns of the crescent turned up, and one gold star between the horns. They can be procured of General R. M. J. Reed, No. 833 Arch St., Philadelphia, at \$1 each.

XI. The Commander-in-Chief has just consummated an arrangement with the "opposition" in Missouri by which the whole Division of that branch of the Order is mustered into our Order. This gives us seven additional Camps and Colonel Frederick Neudorff and a number of his officers, who are earnest workers, and will be a valuable addition to our Order. This leaves only a small outside fraction in one State (New York) that is not mustered into the National Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. We are in communication with these good Brothers, and hope that they may see their way clear to join forces with us and work for one great and noble end.

XII. Frederick Neudorff, of St. Joseph, Mo., is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from March 1, 1886.

Captain O. A. Sibley, of Brockwayville, Pa., and Wm. R. Hoffman, of Oregon, Mo., are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from March 1, 1886.

The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp, with rank of Major from March 1, 1886: Thos. J. Rice, of Rockport, Mo.; Ed. M. Klippel, of St. Joseph, Mo., and Joseph Graham, of Oregon, Mo. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XIII. Colonels of Divisions will furnish these Headquarters a complete roster of all the Camps in their Divisions, with number of Camp, date of muster, date of charter, and whether alive, suspended or charter surrendered. We are making a complete record of every Camp in the Order.

XIV. All applications for Charters must be sent to these Headquarters for approval.

XV. Colonels of Divisions will see that all Camps in their respective Divisions tender their services to the Grand Army of the Republic to assist in a proper observance of Decoration or Memorial Day.

XVI. Divisions will give notice immediately if they propose to offer any amendment to the Ritual at the next Encampment, as due notice must be given or it cannot be entertained.

XVII. The time for holding the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief is hereby fixed for August 31st and September 1st and 2nd, and Buffalo, N. Y., the place, as chosen at the last Encampment. Extensive arrangements are being made by the Brothers of U. S. Grant Camp, No. 33, of Buffalo, to entertain the members of this Order, and make it a pleasant and enjoyable occasion. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a full turn out.

XVIII. The National Tribune, published in Washington, D. C., is a valuable paper for every Brother to have; it is full of news of interest to the cause, and is rendering material aid to the Order.

XIX. Camps throughout the country are earnestly recommended to organize Ladies' Aid Societies as an auxiliary to the Camps. For information in reference to the same, address Miss Laura F. Martin, National President, Lancaster, Pa.

XX. Lay aside all contention or differences that may exist among the Brothers. Buckle on your full armor, and march forth to victory. "Quit you like men."

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

T. G. CARLISLE,

*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, OHIO, April 20th, 1886. }

*General Order No. 5.*

I. Arrangements have been completed whereby we are enabled to furnish to the different Divisions a blank book for Division Roster, with printed heading and proper ruling, nicely bound in leather, Russia ends and back, lettered on the back with gilt letters, "Roster of (name of State) S. of V., U. S. A." It will be arranged so that the record of Camp No. 1 will be on page 1; Camp No. 2 on page 2, etc., giving a whole page to a camp, which will keep its record from 1881 until 1910. There will be 700 pages in the largest books, which provides for 700 camps in a State. It will be the best of ledger binding, and cost \$5.75 each, no profit being charged to the Divisions. The Commandery-in-Chief will have eight of these books, keeping a roster of every camp in the Order, so that any Division losing its books by fire or other accident can replace the record from the books of the Commandery-in-Chief; or, if the Commandery books should be destroyed, the record can be replaced from the different Divisions. It is urged upon every Division Colonel to order one of these rosters. A sample page will be sent to any Colonel on application.

II. Blanks have been sent out to every camp to obtain the past record to enable us to fill out our roster. These sheets will be sent to the Colonels of Divisions as soon as the record is made in our books, and Colonels can enter the same record in their roster, so it will be an exact duplicate of the Commandery-in-Chief roster. In the front of each book will be pages for roster of officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, and also for Division Officers of that Division.

III. Divisions not having a representative in the Council-in-Chief will at their Encampment elect one to take his seat at the meeting of the Council-in-Chief, on the evening of August 30th, at 7:30 p. m. The Council is hereby ordered to assemble at that time that they may be through with their business before the session of the Encampment, on the morning of August 31st. This order is imperative.

IV. The Encampment will be opened promptly at 9 a. m. August 31st, and the business pushed to an early completion. Delegates are urged to report promptly to the committee on Credentials, Adjutant General T. G. Carlisle, Chairman, that they may be ready to take their seats in the Encampment at 9 a. m. This committee will be in session at 7:30 p. m. August 30th, and at 7:30 a. m. August 31st

V. At the organization of the Division of West Virginia. April 28th, they will elect their delegates and alternates, and also a member of the Council-in-Chief. The Maryland Division, which is expected to organize at about the same time, will do the same.

VI. The camps of the District of Columbia and of Virginia are hereby constituted a Provisional Division, and Colonel W. C. Farquhar, of Washington, D. C., (late Colonel of the Second Grand Division), is placed in command of the same. The camps in this Provisional Division are urged to more activity. Printed instructions will be furnished from these headquarters to any Son or to any comrade of the G. A. R. that will enable them to organize camps. Department Commanders of the G. A. R. are earnestly requested to send to these Headquarters a roster of the Post Commanders in their Departments, that we may communicate with them by letter.

VII. The following committee on transportation is hereby appointed, to arrange for rates and routes to and from San Francisco and return: General George W. Penniman, of Minneapolis, Minn., Chairman; Colonel Lucien F. Burpee, of Waterbury, Conn.; General R. M. J. Reed, of Philadelphia; Capt. H. E. Gerry, of Chicago, Ills.; Colonel Frank C. McArthur, of Denver, Colorado; Colonel Louis D. P. Callahan, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Capt. J. B. Wilson, of Walla Walla, Washington Territory; Capt. J. A. Haley, of New Orleans, La.; and General George H. Norton, of Eustis, Florida. Camps and individual brothers can make the best possible arrangements by applying through this committee, and will be given all the necessary information as to best rates and routes. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of the Brothers at the G. A. R. Encampment in San Francisco Aug. 3, 4 and 5.

VIII. The Commander-in-Chief has had so many inquiries about the status of constitutional members, he desires to officially announce the names of those Comrades of the G. A. R., who, in the midst of almost universal opposition from the Posts at that time, succeeded in planting our Noble Order on a sure and solid foundation, and the Commandery-in-Chief, at its annual Encampment in Philadelphia, Pa., in August, 1884, did, by unanimous vote, constitute the following Comrades Constitutional life members of the Order, with past rank of Colonels of Divisions and Major Generals of Grand Divisions, (formerly "Commanders"), and giving them all the rights and privileges of any past officer of the same rank, except that of holding office in the future: Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; General Wm. E. W. Ross and Colonel John A. Thompson, of Baltimore, Md.; Colonel R. M. J. Reed, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Colonel John A. Rodrigo, of Newark, N. J.; Colonel Wm. H. Pierpont, of New Haven, Conn., and Dr. Eldridge, of Auburn, Me. This was done in recognition of their valuable services, and they each have a right to vote in their respective camps and divisions and in the Commandery-in-Chief.

IX. Camp No. 73, of the division of Ohio, was by oversight left out of General Order No. 2. From March 1st to April 1st, the following applications



for camps have been approved at these headquarters since the issue of General Order No. 4:

|       |    | Applicants.                       |    |                                                                                                                                                | Applicants. |                                 |    |
|-------|----|-----------------------------------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----|
| March | 2  | No. 59, S Farmington, Ma s...     | 14 | March                                                                                                                                          | 20          | No. 53, Kittanning, W. Pa.....  | 22 |
| "     | 3  | No. 92, Guadenhutzen, Ohio...     | 23 | "                                                                                                                                              | 22          | No. 37, Mt. Pleasant, Mich..... | 15 |
| "     | 3  | No. 33, White Hall, Mich.....     | 22 | "                                                                                                                                              | 22          | No. ... Grafton, Dakota.....    | 20 |
| "     | 3  | No. 34, Hastings, Mich.....       | 23 | "                                                                                                                                              | 22          | No. 96, Carbon Hill, Ohio.....  | 14 |
| "     | 4  | No. 57, Pottsville, E. Pa.....    | 16 | "                                                                                                                                              | 23          | No. 41, Pettstown, E. Pa.....   | 20 |
| "     | 5  | No. 51, Carmichael, W. Pa.....    | 17 | "                                                                                                                                              | 23          | No. ... Warren, Ind. ....       | 10 |
| "     | 5  | No. 52, Corry, W. Pa.....         | 16 | "                                                                                                                                              | 25          | No. ... Marshall, Minn.....     | 18 |
| "     | 10 | No. 35, Morenci, Mich.....        | 27 | "                                                                                                                                              | 25          | No. ... Reno, W. Pa.....        | 30 |
| "     | 19 | No. 36, Crystal Valley, Mich..... | 19 | "                                                                                                                                              | 25          | No. 97, Ravenna, Ohio.....      | 12 |
| "     | 12 | No. ... Elmdale, Kan.....         | 15 | "                                                                                                                                              | 26          | No. 40, Bluffs, Ill. ....       | 18 |
| "     | 13 | No. 93, Westville, Ohio.....      | 13 | "                                                                                                                                              | 26          | No. ... Gardner, Ill.....       | 11 |
| "     | 13 | No. ... Rochester, Vt.....        | 12 | "                                                                                                                                              | 27          | No. 19, Burlington, Vt.....     | 14 |
| "     | 15 | No. 94, Versailles, Ohio.....     | 22 | "                                                                                                                                              | 27          | No. 40, Owego, N. Y.....        | 15 |
| "     | 15 | No. ... Phillipsburgh, Kan.....   | 21 | "                                                                                                                                              | 27          | No. 45, Utica, N. Y.....        | 17 |
| "     | 15 | No. 92, Manheim, E. Pa. ....      | 22 | "                                                                                                                                              | 29          | No. ... Udall, Kan.....         | 29 |
| "     | 15 | No. ... Lynn, Mass.....           | 18 | "                                                                                                                                              | 29          | No. 42, Princeton, Ill. ....    | 16 |
| "     | 16 | No. 60, Holyoke, Mass.....        | 57 | "                                                                                                                                              | 29          | No. 43, Coal Valley, Ill.....   | 16 |
| "     | 18 | No. 27, Pontiac, Ill.....         | 16 | "                                                                                                                                              | 30          | No. ... New Lathrop, Mich.....  | 21 |
| "     | 18 | No. 9, E. Minneapolis, Minn.....  | 17 | "                                                                                                                                              | 31          | No. ... Lisbon, N. H.....       | 20 |
| "     | 18 | No. 19, Belteel, Minn.....        | 20 | "                                                                                                                                              | 31          | No. 98, Kushton, Ohio.....      | 17 |
| "     | 18 | No. 95, Coulton, Ohio.....        | 39 | And the whole Division of the Opposi-<br>tion in Missouri, consisting of seven<br>camps, making a total of 46 camps.<br>Total Applicants, 1066 |             |                                 |    |
| "     | 18 | No. 100, Wooster, Ohio.....       | 27 |                                                                                                                                                |             |                                 |    |
| "     | 18 | No. ... New Albany, Ind.....      | 20 |                                                                                                                                                |             |                                 |    |
| "     | 19 | No. 93, Factoryville, E. Pa.....  | 18 |                                                                                                                                                |             |                                 |    |
| "     | 19 | No. 38, Kinmundy, Ill.....        | 17 |                                                                                                                                                |             |                                 |    |
| "     | 19 | No. 39, Fairbury, Ill.....        | 14 |                                                                                                                                                |             |                                 |    |

X. The resignation of Thos. E. Knott, of Fort Chester, N. Y., is hereby accepted, to take effect from this date.

XI. On the recommendation of Colonel George J. Foster, commanding New York Division, Captain Julius Lehman, of Utica, N. Y., is hereby appointed Special Aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel, from and after April 1st. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XII. The following Aides-de-Camp are hereby appointed, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel, from April 1st: Sanford H. Manchester, of Providence, R. I.; W. A. Mitchell, of Minneapolis, Minn.; R. O. Philpot, of Owatonna, Minn. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XIII. For the benefit of camps not already instructed in the formation of line and the order of march on Memorial Day, the following is promulgated: Form your lines in the usual manner, with the tallest man on the right. Count twos, then give the command, "Twos left, march!" This brings them in column, "Left in front." The Sergeant of the Guard will take his place in front of No. 2 of what is now the front file. The second Lieutenant will take his post on the left of the Sergeant of the Guard, and (under the orders of the captain) will direct the march. The other officers will fall in rear of the column, the lowest rank nearest the column, the Captain, Past Captains and higher officers in the rear. The Captain will direct the second Lieutenant to report with his camp to the Commander of the Post, and when assigned his place in line, will move his camp under the direction of the Post Commander and his Captain. In returning from the cemetery, the Captain will take command, and march them "right in front" with the Orderly Sergeant in front of No. 2 of the front file, and the Captain on his left, as in the regular company formation, remaining under the command of the Post Commander, until dismissed by him. [NOTE.—When faced to the front, and the order is given, "Twos left!" it brings the command "left in front." If the command is "Twos right!" it brings the command "right in front."]

XIV. Camps not under Division organizations are required to pay the same per capita tax as camps that are in Division organizations, viz: 12½ cents

per quarter. Camps that have failed to do this will remit the balance to Oscar T. Shutt, Quartermaster General, at Fostoria, Ohio.

XV. Great credit is due the Captains and Brothers of the following distant and isolated camps for their work and earnestness in holding their camps together and making progress in the face of so many difficulties: Captain Geo. W. Gibbs, Helena, Montana; Captain C. J. Callahan, Los Angeles, Cal.; Captain J. B. Wilson, Walla Walla, W. T.; Captain J. A. Haley, New Orleans, La.; to General Geo. H. Norton, of the G. A. R., for his successful organization of a flourishing camp at Eustis, Fla.; also to Captain R. H. Freer, of Ritchie C. H., W. Va. The Order owes much to these faithful officers and Brothers.

XVI. The Commander-in-Chief is satisfied that nearly all the Officers and Brothers of the Order are working together for the steady advance of our lines. There are always a few who lag in any advance movement; they do but little, expect but little and are not disappointed. Then let us march on, shoulder to shoulder, presenting a solid front, and we shall be victorious in our great and noble undertaking. Forward! By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O., June 1st, 1886. }

*General Order No. 6.*

I. Since the issue of General Order No. 5, the following have been elected Colonels of Divisions:

Edward K. Gould, of Rockland, Me. Colonel of Maine Division.  
Geo. E. Terrell, of Underhill, Colonel of Vermont Division.  
Chas. T. Rain, of Cohoes, N. Y., Colonel of New York Division.  
Ed. C. White, of 115 Center St., Trenton, Colonel of New Jersey Division.  
Henry Frazee, of 213 Superior St., Cleveland, Colonel of Ohio Division.  
G. B. Abbott, of 163 State St., Chicago, Colonel of Illinois Division.  
L. J. Webb, of Topeka, Colonel of Kansas Division.  
R. H. Freer, of Ritchie C. H., Colonel of W. Virginia Division.

II. It is earnestly requested that the Colonels of Divisions order supplies immediately, sufficient to last to the 1st of October, as during the change of administration it will be very difficult or impossible for Headquarters to issue supplies. The incoming administration will have plenty of other work to attend to in getting the run of the business, and furthermore it will save the expense of shipping supplies from one point to another when the Headquarters change. We have been careful in ordering supplies not to have any great quantity left over, and, if the Colonels of Divisions will take what they ought to have, there will be none left on hand.

III. By some oversight in our last General Order, the name of Gen. I. S. Bangs was omitted from the list of the "Constitutional life members." This was a great injustice to Gen. Bangs, for he has been one of our most faithful workers and assistants in the organization of the Sons of Veterans, and we ask his pardon for the seeming neglect in not publishing his name with the others. We have no worthier soldier or devoted worker in the Sons of Veterans than Gen. I. S. Bangs.

IV. Since our last General Order, the following applications for charters have been approved:

|       |    | Applicants.                       |    |       | Applicants. |                                         |        |
|-------|----|-----------------------------------|----|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| April | 1  | No. 70, Springfield, Iowa.....    | 16 | April | 26          | No. 6, Sedan, Kan.....                  | 19     |
| "     | "  | No. 71, Villisca, Iowa.....       | 25 | "     | 26          | No. ... Logan, Kan.....                 | 34     |
| "     | "  | No. 72, Batavia, Iowa.....        | 16 | "     | 27          | No. 104, Piqua, Ohio.....               | 19     |
| "     | 1  | No. 55, N. Bethlehem, W. Pa.....  | 12 | "     | 27          | No. 105, Weston, Ohio.....              | 41     |
| "     | 3  | No. 44, Stone Fort, Ill.....      | 13 | May   | 1           | No. 47, Corinth, Ill.....               | 11     |
| "     | 5  | No. 56, Three Springs, W. Pa..... | 21 | "     | 1           | No. 41, Olivet, Mich.....               | 18     |
| "     | 5  | No. 1, Eustis, Fla.....           | 13 | "     | 3           | No. 61, Pentfield, W. Pa.....           | 12     |
| "     | 8  | No. ... Coleraine, Mass.....      | 11 | "     | 3           | No. ... Erie, Kan.....                  | 16     |
| "     | 8  | No. 99, Bournville, Ohio.....     | 30 | "     | 3           | No. ... Sabetha, Kan.....               | 27     |
| "     | 8  | No. 39, Sheboygan, Mich.....      | 16 | "     | 6           | No. 43, St. Clair, Mich.....            | 12     |
| "     | 12 | No. ... Stillwater, Minn.....     | 18 | "     | 6           | No. ... Exter, N. H.....                | 20     |
| "     | 14 | No. ... Pierceton, Ind.....       | 18 | "     | 6           | No. ... Midland, Mich.....              | 24     |
| "     | 14 | No. ... Osborne, Kan.....         | 23 | "     | 6           | No. 96, Huntington Mills, E. Pa.....    | 13     |
| "     | 15 | No. ... Emporia, Kan.....         | 13 | "     | 8           | No. ... _____, Kan.....                 | 18     |
| "     | 15 | No. ... Salem, N. J.....          | 27 | "     | 8           | No. ... Hammond, Ind.....               | 11     |
| "     | 15 | No. 101, Urbana, Ohio.....        | 21 | "     | 12          | No. 106, E. Palestine, Ohio.....        | 15     |
| "     | 17 | No. ... Dover, N. H.....          | 19 | "     | 12          | No. 44, Plymouth, Mich.....             | 13     |
| "     | 17 | No. ... Eau Claire, Wis.....      | 20 | "     | 13          | No. 22, Mankato, Minn.....              | 29     |
| "     | 19 | No. ... Abilene, Kan.....         | 29 | "     | 14          | No. 33, Tecumseh, Neb.....              | 13     |
| "     | 19 | No. ... Everett, Mass.....        | 19 | "     | 14          | No. ... New Cumberton, Ind.....         | 11     |
| "     | 19 | No. 40, Bronson, Mich.....        | 22 | "     | 14          | No. ... Eden, Dak.....                  | 11     |
| "     | 19 | No. 58, Myersdale, W. Pa.....     | 39 | "     | 14          | No. ... Bresford, Dak.....              | 15     |
| "     | 19 | No. 102, Cutler, Ohio.....        | 10 | "     | 15          | No. 62, Linesville, W. Pa.....          | 10     |
|       |    | Ouitman, Mo.....                  | 39 | "     | 17          | No. 64, Spencer, Mass.....              | 18     |
|       |    | Oregon, Mo.....                   | 30 | "     | 18          | No. 45, Alpena, Mich.....               | 20     |
|       |    | Macon, Mo.....                    | 32 | "     | 19          | No. ... Rochester, N. H.....            | 17     |
|       |    | St. Joseph, Mo.....               | 45 | "     | 21          | No. 27, Newport Centre, Vt.....         | 17     |
| "     | 22 | No. 17, Thomaston, Conn.....      | 11 | "     | 21          | No. 65, Athol, Mass.....                | 27     |
| "     | 22 | No. 18, Putnam, Conn.....         | 17 | "     | 22          | No. 68, Columbia, E. Pa.....            | 21     |
| "     | 22 | No. 19, Mystic River, Conn.....   | 24 | "     | 22          | No. 107, Groveport, O.....              | 13     |
| "     | 16 | No. 57, Mt. Pleasant, W. Pa.....  | 21 | "     | 24          | No. 68, Urichsville, O.....             | 12     |
| "     | 22 | No. 59, Elderton, W. Pa.....      | 16 | "     | —           | No. 39, Rockport, Me.....               | 18     |
| "     | 22 | No. 94, Duncannon, E. Pa.....     | 21 | "     | 26          | No. 109, Guysville, O.....              | 12     |
| "     | 22 | No. ... Aspen, Col.....           | 25 | "     | 26          | No. 110, Painesville, O.....            | 18     |
| "     | 23 | No. 60, West Newton, W. Pa.....   | 18 | "     | 27          | No. 62, Yates Centre, Kan.....          | 24     |
| "     | 23 | No. 103, Colton, Ohio.....        | 21 | "     | 27          | No. 46, Bay City, Mich.....             | 23     |
| "     | 24 | No. ... New Harmony, Ind.....     | 18 | "     | 27          | No. 47, Eaton Rapids, Mich.....         | 23     |
| "     | 24 | No. 95, Leheighton, E. Pa.....    | 14 | "     | 31          | No. 39, Rockport, Me.....               | 21     |
| "     | 24 | No. 63, Holliston, Mass.....      | 22 |       |             | Bethany, Mo.....                        | 20     |
| "     | 24 | Nor 46, Elgin, Ill.....           | 14 |       |             | Rockport, Mo.....                       | 18     |
| "     | 24 | No. 73, Logan, Iowa.....          | 22 | "     | 31          | No. 48, Nuncia, Mich.....               | 18     |
| "     | 24 | No. 74, De Soto, Iowa.....        | 17 | "     | 31          | No. ... New Waverly, Ind.....           | 13     |
| "     | 24 | No. 75, Council Bluffs, Iowa..... | 26 | "     | 31          | No. 3, San Francisco, Cal.....          | 31     |
| "     | 24 | No. 78, Cresco, Iowa.....         | 27 |       |             | Making a total of 88 camps, with a mem- |        |
| "     | 26 | No. 2, Santa Anna, Cal.....       | 12 |       |             | bership of.....                         | 1,720. |

Colonels of Divisions will furnish these Headquarters immediately with the missing "numbers" of camps in the above list.

V. Agreeable to Section 19, General Order No. 2, the Commanding Gen'l will present to Col. Geo. A. Ensign, of the Ohio Division, a sword and belt as a testimonial of his faithful work in organizing thirty-eight new camps in the time specified, from November 1st to June 1st, from Camp No. 73 to 110, inclusive.

Colonel P. V. Carey, of the Iowa Division, comes next in line, with thirty new camps.

Colonel F. W. Rowson, of Michigan, ranks next, with twenty-one new camps. E. Pennsylvania, W. Pennsylvania, Kansas, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut and New York have done a splendid work, and last, but not least, New Jersey has come well to the front, in the face of much opposition. The Order may look for good things from the little state of "Jersey."

VI. We would again call the attention of the Order throughout the United States to the valuable assistance the Ladies' Aid Society will be to the camps. Their order is growing rapidly, and should be encouraged and built up by the camps of our Order. Wherever we have a camp, we should have a Ladies' Aid Society. Laura F. Martin, Lancaster, Pa., is National President.

VII. In our last General Order, we named a camp at Reno, Pa. It should have been Renovo, Pa.

VIII. The resignation of Col. E. W. McGuire, of the Indiana Division, has been accepted. The business of the Indiana Division will be transacted

at these headquarters for the present, until the books and reports are straightened out.

IX. The following Aides de-Camp are hereby appointed on the staff of the Commauder-in-Chief; John M. Jackson, of Rockland, Me, and John Northwood, of New Lothrop, Mich. They will rank as Lieutenant Colonels from May 8, 1886, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

X. Colonels of Divisions who have not made their reports for the quarter ending March 31st must do so at once, as the records of these Headquarters are incomplete for the lack of these reports. You will give this your immediate attention. You are also charged to have your reports for the quarter ending June 30th handed in promptly, that we may ascertain the full strength of our Order before going to San Francisco.

XI. The Commander-in-Chief and party, consisting of Sons of Veterans and friends, will leave for California on July 8th. A printed time table of the route and stops to be made will be sent to the camps on the line of the route, as the Commander-in-Chief is anxious to meet as many of the brothers as possible, and as many of the Order as can possibly make it convenient to go are earnestly invited to join our party. Special rates and arrangements have been made with the railroad companies for this party, and we can assure the brothers of a pleasant trip, visiting the principal points of interest at a very small expense. Please make the number as large as possible.

XII. Negotiations are now pending looking to a united work of all Sons of Veterans in the United States, under the leadership of the National Body of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which, if consummated, will unite the Post system and "Earp" Branch in fraternal fellowship and work with us. Our modes may vary slightly, but it is all for one great purpose. Let us join heart and hand with all sons of Veterans, and bring our noble Order to the broad and high standard it deserves.

XIII. The Division of California is hereby constituted, composed of Camp No. 1 at Los Angeles, No. 2 at Santa Anna, No. 3 at San Francisco and other camps which are being organized in the state. Col. Louis De P. Callahan, of Camp No. 1, Los Angeles is hereby appointed Colonel of said Division. He will appoint his staff and assume command at once. The Lieutenant Colonel and Major will be named in a future General Order. A fine Division may be looked for in the Golden State.

By order of

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.* GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,  
*Commandery-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O, June 10, 1886. }

*General Order No. 7.]*

I Colonels of Divisions will order an inspection of every camp in their respective Divisions, to take place between this date and the 20th day of July. They will see that Assistant Inspectors forward their reports to Division Inspectors not later than July 30th, and that the Division Inspectors forward their reports not later than August 5th.

II. Each Division will be supplied with six Inspector's blanks, and two Assistant Inspector's blanks for each camp in the Division. Assistant Inspectors will make duplicate reports of each camp inspected, and forward both within twenty-four hours after inspection to the Division Inspector, who will, on or before the 23rd day of July, make three consolidated reports—one to be retained by himself, one he will forward, with one set of assistant Inspector's reports, to his Division Headquarters, and the other one, with one set of Assistant inspector's reports, to the Inspector General.

III. Colonels of Divisions will adhere strictly to the rule assigning Assistant Inspectors to duty, so that each camp will be inspected by one not a member of the same.

IV. Every question is inserted with an object in view, believed to be for the good of the Order, and must be answered in strict accord with the printed instructions on the inspection blanks.

V. Inspecting officers will satisfy themselves that all General Orders have been read to the camp and placed on file. Furthermore, that captains, in compliance with the obligation of office and the precepts of the Ritual, omit none of its entire service at each regular meeting of the camp.

VI. The marking and classification of camps, introduced in the last inspection, has proven very satisfactory, and will be continued with some alterations, which were deemed necessary to add to its effectiveness. Three classes are made—those whose markings sum up 75 or above are ranked as 1st class; those less than 75 and above 50 are ranked as 2nd class; those less than 50 are ranked as 3d class.

VII. An average camp numbers 25 members in good standing. A member is in good standing until he is either dropped, discharged, transferred, suspended or dead. Camp equipments include a bible, a charter, a drum, an altar and altar flag, a ballot box, two swords, five muskets, three rituals, cipher and key.

VIII. Division Inspectors will report all Assistant Inspectors to Division Headquarters who fail to report to them within 48 hours after an inspection of a camp is ordered to take place.

IX. Inspecting officers are not entitled to compensation for their work, but each camp is required to meet the actual expenses of its inspection.

X. In states and territories having no Division Headquarters, captains of camps will apply to the Adjutant General for blanks, inspect their respective camps and report to the Inspector General direct. All inspection blanks are distributed from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters at Fostoria.

XI. Colonels of Divisions are reminded that it is not only of vital interest to the Order, but to each Division, that this inspection be thorough and searching, for upon the reports from it will the standing of the camps and the Divisions be calculated for the officers' reports at the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Buffalo, and any neglect or delay will redound to the detriment of the Division in which it occurs and the camps composing it. The time is so limited that no opportunity can be allowed for supplementary reports and corrections. It will therefore be necessary to select competent, expert Inspectors to execute these orders.

XII. This order will be authority for Colonels of Divisions for making any and all necessary appointments and assignments or changes in previous appointments and assignments for the successful execution of the same.

XIII. The Commander-in-Chief will be in attendance at the National encampment of the G. A. R., at San Francisco, Aug. 3rd, and must have a full inspection report that he may know the strength of the Order.

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. B. ABBOTT, *Inspector General,*  
163 State St., Chicago, Ill.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O., July 3, 1886. }

*General Order No. 8.*

I. The supply of Constitutions, Rules and Regulations is exhausted, and as it is so near the time for holding the National Encampment, and as some change may be made at the meeting, it is thought best not to have any printed until after Sept. 1st. If any Division has an overstock and will notify us, we will have them sent to Divisions who need them.

II. Colonels of Divisions will make requisitions for blanks for quarterly reports of Orderly and Quartermaster Sergeants for the quarter ending Sept.

30th, before Aug. 10th, as no supplies will be issued after that date, except camp packages, which we will continue to furnish until Aug. 28th, unless our supply gives out.

III. Adjutants' and Quartermasters' blank quarterly reports will be mailed to all Colonels of Divisions Aug. 1st, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, so that their reports may be made promptly to the newly elected officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, at the end of the quarter.

IV. Captain E. S. Walker, of West Lebanon, Ind., has been appointed Colonel of the Indiana Division; Captain Edward Muhl, of Richmond, Ind., Lieutenant Colonel; and E. Brooks, of Stockwell, Ind., Major of the Indiana Division, with rank from May 20th, 1886, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Captain A. E. H. Thompson, of San Francisco, Cal., is hereby appointed Lieutenant Colonel, and A. H. Ulm, of Santa Anna, Cal., Major of the California Division, with rank from June 1st, 1886. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Colonel Callahan will appoint a Chaplain on his Staff.

VI. On recommendation of the Division Council of Illinois, George V. Lauman, of Chicago, is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from June 1st, 1886. He will be assigned to special duty in the Order, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Surgeon M. Retel, of Buffalo, N. Y., who is Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the National Encampment, is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from June 1st, 1886. He is assigned to the special duty of making the necessary arrangements for the National Encampment, under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. On recommendation of the Colonel of New Jersey Division, L. S. Jackson is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, vice L. L. Drake, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from June 1st, 1886. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VII. The following additional Aid-de-Camps are hereby appointed, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel, from June 1st, 1886: Willis N. Barber, of Meriden, Conn., R. Lobenstein, of Warrensburg, Mo., and G. L. Goodall, of Lenox, Iowa. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VIII. The following Brothers, having been chosen by the Divisions, are hereby confirmed as members of the Council-in-Chief: Henry A. Donnelly, of Trenton, N. J., and Edward A. Came, of Denver, Col.

IX. Camp No. 33, of Tecumseh, was noticed in General Order No. 6 as from Michigan; it should have been Nebraska. Camp No. 48 is located at Nunica, instead of Nuncia.

X. Colonels will furnish at once a list of delegates and alternates to the National Encampment, and all Colonels, Past Colonels and delegates who are positive they will be in Buffalo by 6 p. m. Aug. 30th, will state the same to the Adjutant General at once, as we wish to select a Committee on Credentials that will begin work that evening. Other committees will be selected or nearly filled from these names.

XI. We fully expect to organize the following new Divisions during the month of July: Division of the District of Columbia; Division of Florida; Division of Maryland, and the Division of Washington Territory.

XII. Chas. S. Crysler, Judge Advocate General, has taken a vacation, and gone to the mountains in the east for recreation. He handed in his report, which is very full and complete, and the Commander-in-Chief desires to thank him publicly for his promptness.

XIII. The officers and brothers of the Order will all be pleased to hear that General H. W. Arnold is rapidly improving in health, and is enjoying the mountain air around Denver. His address is Denver, Col.

XIV. Great credit is due General G. B. Abbott, Inspector General for the prompt and business-like manner in which he settled up the business of the Indiana Division, when that matter was placed in his hands by the Commander-in-Chief.

XV. The following applications for camp charters have been approved since June 1st:

|                                          |                                              |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| June 3. No. 3, Hunts, N. Y. .... 13      | June 16. No. 82, Carroll, Ia. .... 20        |
| " 3. No. 48, Crabb Orchard, Ill. .... 12 | " 17. No. 14, Gloucester City, N. J. .... 26 |
| " 3. No. 11, Somerset, Ind. .... 10      | " 19. No. 65, Canonsburg, W. Pa. .... 21     |
| " 6. No. 49, Eldorado, Ill. .... 14      | " 19. No. ...., Washington, D. C. .... 11    |
| " 6. No. 63, Union City, Pa. .... 16     | " 21. No. ...., Peckville, E. Pa. .... 18    |
| " 6. No. 64, Edinboro, W. Pa. .... 15    | " 21. No. ...., South China, Me. .... 12     |
| " 6. No. 2, New London, Conn. .... 21    | " 21. No. 10, Youngstown, O. .... 12         |
| " 6. No. 21, Southington, Conn. .... 25  | " 21. No. 113, Cadiz, O. .... 28             |
| " 11. No. 111, Mechanicsburg, O. .... 17 | " 21. No. 114, Keystone, O. .... 15          |
| " 6. No. 49, Woodhull, N. Y. .... 20     | " 21. No. 50, Coldwater, Mich. .... 28       |
| " 11. No. 49, St. John's, Mich. .... 20  | " 23. No. 115, Mexahahala, O. .... 21        |
| " 9. No. ...., Vermillion, Kan. .... 26  | " 25. No. 66, Berlin, W. Pa. .... 23         |
| " 11. No. ...., Severy, Kan. .... 14     | " 25. No. 116, Kent, O. .... 18              |
| " 11. No. 15, King ton, Mo. .... 26      | " 26. No. 50, Galesburg, Ill. .... 19        |
| " 11. No. ...., Hopkins, Mo. .... 26     | " 26. No. 51, Grand Crossing, Ill. .... 23   |
| " 12. No. ...., Sleepyeye, Minn. .... 27 | " 28. No. 22, Bristol, Conn. .... 20         |
| " 14. No. 4, Eureka, Cal. .... 12        | " 28. No. 51, South Boardman, Mich. 17       |
| " 15. No. 43, Webster, Ind. .... 16      | " 28. No. 2, Jacksonville, Fla. .... 15      |
| " 16. No. 112, Bainbridge, O. .... 14    | " 29. No. 52, Charlotte, Mich. .... 27       |
| " 16. No. 76, Sioux City, Ia. .... 37    | " 29. No. 52, Cornell, Ill. .... 20          |
| " 16. No. 79, Hampton, Ia. .... 30       | " 29. No. 53, Centralia, Ill. .... 21        |
| " 16. No. 80, Perry, Ia. .... 28         | " 30. No. 54, Atlanta, Ill. .... 15          |
| " 16. No. 81, Stuart, Ia. .... 14        | Total ..... 45 Camps, 882 Applicants         |

XVI. During July and until Aug. 20th, all communications for these headquarters (except for the Quartermaster General's department) will be addressed to the Adjutant General.

XVII. The following is a list of discharges of soldiers of the late war in the hands of the Adjutant General. The owners can have them by addressing him and enclosing a two-cent stamp:

|                                               |                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Benj. J. Nichols .... Co. B, 3d U. S. Cavalry | Henry J. W. Baird .... A, 21st O V I        |
| Jacob Snyder ..... E, 186th O V I             | Homer Millhouse ..... G, 8th O V I          |
| John Carrant ..... B, 57th O V I              | William S. Kirby ..... C, 82d O V I         |
| Melvin Miller .... I, 19th U. S. Infantry     | Charles H. Reynolds ..... B, 123d O V I     |
| Albert Shellhouse ..... I, 175th O V I        | Daniel Wagner ..... D, 21st O V I           |
| James Deugherty ..... A, 186th O V I          | Wm. C. Elliott ..... B, 95th O V I          |
| William Ward ..... M, 1st O H A V             | James W. Keller ..... 28th 2d at V R C      |
| John Brown ..... F, 100th O V I               | Hesekiah Raifsnider ..... F, 12th Mich. V I |
| Jacob Clark ..... I, 82d O V I                | Joseph P. Walker ..... A, 11th O V I        |
| Silas W. Barnhouser ..... D, 49th O V I       | Jacob Gatchell ..... C, 15th O V I          |
| Joel Cole ..... K, 39th O V I                 | John Shellhouse ..... H, 64th O V I         |
| Samuel M. Ramsey ..... G, 178th O V I         | Daniel L. Irvin ..... I, 128th O V I        |

XVIII. The Commander-in-Chief has made very satisfactory arrangements with the Nickleplate railroad for running an excursion train from Chicago, Bloomington and the west, so that the Sons of Veterans, Grand Army Comrades and their friends will have a special train to themselves from Chicago to Buffalo and return. Camps west of Buffalo are requested to get the best rates they can to the nearest station on the Nickleplate road, and write to Geo. W. Penniman, chairman of the Committee on Transportation, Fostoria, Ohio, or to J. Y. Callahan, Passenger Agent, Fostoria, Ohio, letting us know at what point they can strike this line, when you will be informed at once what the fare will be for the round trip. It will not exceed \$7 from Bloomington, Ill., to Buffalo and return.

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CABLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A. }  
 FOSTORIA, OHIO, August 3rd, 1886. }

*General Order No. 9.*

1. The following changes in the Ritual are recommended by the several Divisions:

## OHIO DIVISION.

That Nos. 6 and 7, page 25, be inserted between Nos. 4 and 5, page 25.

Also that the Orderly Sergeant call the roll of the entire camp after they have fallen in at the rear of the altar.

Also recommended the following Burial Service to be observed at the funeral of a brother of the Order.

## BURIAL SERVICE—

Captain takes position at head of coffin.

Chaplain takes position at foot of coffin.

Camp in rear of Chaplain.

Officers and past Captains in rear of Captain.

1. Commanding Officer—"Assembled to pay our last tribute of respect to this dead brother of our Order. Let us unite in prayer. The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing."

2. Prayer by Chaplain—"God of Battles; Father of all. Amid these monuments of the dead, we seek Thee with whom there is no death. Open every eye to behold Him who changed the night of death into morning. In the depth of our hearts we would hear the celestial words: I am the Ressurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet he shall live. As brother after brother departs, we march on with ranks unbroken, help us to be faithful unto Thee, and to each other. We beseech Thee, look in mercy upon the widows and children of deceased brothers, and with Thine own tenderness, console and comfort those bereaved by this event which calls us here. Give them 'the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.' Heavenly Father bless and save our Country with the peace and freedom of righteousness, and through Thy great mercy, a Savior's grace, and Thy Holy Spirit's favor may we meet at last in joy before Thy Throne in Heaven, and to Thy great name shall be praise forever. Amen."

All brothers—"Amen."

3. Commanding Officer—"One by one, as the years roll on, we are called together to fulfill these last sad duties of respect to the Sons of Veterans of the war. The present, full of the cares and pleasures of civil life, fades away, and we look back to the time when, shoulder to shoulder, on bloody battle fields, or around the guns of our Man-of-Wars, their fathers fought for our old flag. We may indulge the hope that the spirit with which on land and sea, hardships, privations, dangers were encountered by those heroes—a spirit uncomplaining, nobly, manfully, obediently to the behest of duty, whereby to-day our Northern homes are secure and our loved ones rest in peace under the aegis of the flag, will prove a glorious incentive to the youth, who in the ages to come may be called upon to uphold the destinies of our Country. As the years roll on, we too have fought our battles through and be laid to rest, our souls following the long column to the relms above, as grim death, hour by hour, shall mark its victims. Let us all live that when that time shall come those we leave behind may say above our graves: 'Here lies the body of a true-hearted, brave and earnest defender of the Republic.'"

First brother, (laying a wreath of evergreen or flowers upon the coffin)—"In behalf of the camp I give this tribute—a symbol of undying love for the brothers of the Sons of Veterans of the late war."

Second brother, (laying a rose or flower upon the coffin)—"Symbol of purity we offer at this lowly grave a rose. May future generations emulate the unselfish devotion of even the lowliest of our heroes."

Third brother, (laying a laurel wreath upon the coffin)—"Last token of affection from brothers in arms, we crown these remains with a symbol of victory."



Chaplain's Address—"The march of our brother is over, and he lies down after it in the house appointed for all the living thus summoned. This open grave reminds us of the frailty of human life and the tenure by which we hold our own. "In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." It seems well we should leave our brother to rest, when over him will bend the arching skies. As he was there, so he is still, in the hands of the Heavenly Father. 'God giveth His beloved sleep.' As we lay him down here to rest, let us in great charity forget each fault of our deceased brother, as human, and cherish only his virtue. Reminded, also, forcibly by the vacant place so lately filled by our deceased brother, let each one be so loyal to every virtue, so true to friendship, so faithful in our remaining march, that we shall be ready to fall out here and take our places at the great review, not with doubt, but in faith. The merciful Captain of our salvation will call us to that fraternity which, on earth and in Heaven may be unbroken. (A firing squad of eight brothers, four on each side of the grave, and fire a volley of three rounds at this moment.) Jesus saith 'Thy brother shall rise again. I am the Resurrection and the Life.'" (The body is deposited in the grave or tomb.) "Behold, the silver cord having been loosened, the golden bowl been broken, we commit the body to the grave where dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit to God, who gave it. Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, looking for the Resurrection and the Life to come through our Lord Jesus Christ." Prayer.

MISSOURI DIVISION.

The committee on Ritual recommend the adoption of a suitable Funeral and Memorial Service which was adopted by vote according to Section 1, Article X, Commandery-in-Chief.

COLORADO DIVISION.

The committee on Ritual recommend no change, but indorse the one now in use.

ILLINOIS DIVISION

1. That the command "Camp, attention," be given after the mustering hymn, instead of before it.

2. That the words "If objection be raised on good apparent cause, the muster may be postponed pending an investigation of the charges made, and if these be sustained a reconsideration of the vote of election shall be made," be inserted after the second line on page 15 of the Ritual, edition of 1884.

3. That the tune of the mustering hymn be changed to one of a martial character, as for instance, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." "The Red, White and Blue," or "The Marsailles Hymn;" and that the original text be changed, if necessary, to that end.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

1. That the Commandery-in-Chief be requested to appoint a committee on Funeral and Memorial Service and report without fail at the present Encampment.

2. That the Division Encampment recommend a change in the obligation of a comrade of the G. A. R. (Ritual, page 28.) Insert after the words: "A comrade in good standing of the Grand Army of the Republic," the words, "or a comrade of the Veteran Legion."

3. That it be the sense or this committee that the words, (Ritual, page 13,) "I now declare . . . . . Camp, No. . . . . Division of . . . . . Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., duly closed until our next meeting," should be transposed to the last part of the Captain's closing charge.

4. That we suggest that the Ritual be securely bound.

## MICHIGAN DIVISION.

1. On page 24, line 3, after the word dress, insert "front," "order arms."
2. That a proper burial service be devised and added to present Ritual.
3. That a committee of three be appointed by the Colonel to draft such burial service and submit the same through their chairman to the consideration of the Commandery-in Chief.
4. That the Colonel appoint a standing committee of three, who may receive suggestions from any brother as to changes in the Ritual, and submit the same, through their chairman, to the next annual Encampment at Buffalo.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

The Ritual to be so changed as to require the S. of G. in command of the mustering detail to command an order arms when halting at the stations of the First and Second Lieutenants.

II. The following changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are recommended by the several Divisions:

## OHIO DIVISION.

Article XI, Section 4, R. & R.—Strike out the remainder of the section beginning with the word "All," and substituting therefor "All past officers of the rank of Captain or higher, shall be entitled to wear the prescribed silver cross of the Order, and all past officers of the grade of Colonel or higher shall be entitled to wear the prescribed golden cross of the Order, with their respective appropriate ribbons attached. Past General officers only shall be entitled to wear the prescribed golden star of the Order."

Add to Article XI, of Division Constitution, the following, to constitute Section 4 of the same: "The Committees on Ritual and Con., R. & R. shall be appointed as above prescribed, at the regular annual encampment preceding the one at which said committee shall report."

Amend Rule 23 of Rules of Order, by striking out the clause, "during the same session," and substitute therefore, "within three meetings after the regular session of the Order at which proposed."

## DAKOTA DIVISION.

Chapter 1, Article V, Section 1: "Also upon attaining the age of 21 years all sons of members of the Order in succeeding generations," so as to read, "Also upon attaining the age of 18 years, all sons of members of the Order and all sons of deceased sons, or deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, etc., in succeeding generations."

Chapter 3, Article II, Section 1, fourth clause. Change "ratio of one for every one hundred members," so as to read, "ratio of one for every five hundred members."

Chapter 4, Article II, Section 1, sixth clause. Change "ratio of one for every one thousand members," so as to read, "ratio of one for every five hundred members."

## MAINE DIVISION.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Encampment that so much of Section 1, Article III, page 58, as relates to the per capita tax payable to the Commandery-in-Chief, be amended so that said sum be reduced, and the delegates from this Division to the Commandery-in-Chief are hereby instructed to use their best endeavors to this end.

*Resolved*, That we deplore the action of the Commandery-in-Chief in reducing the retail price of supplies furnished camps through Division Headquarters as detrimental to the best interests of the Divisions, by causing a great loss by the sale of supplies already on hand, and we earnestly request

that means be taken at an early day by the Commandery authorities to authorize Divisions to furnish camps with supplies at a price that will permit a fair profit.

COLORADO DIVISION.

Camp Commanders have power to declare an office vacant when the brother holding the same is absent two consecutive meetings; provided, however, that said absence was unavoidable.

To amend Article II, Section 1, part third, by inserting the words "All Captains."

To amend Chapter 1, Article V, Section 1, by inserting "Sixteen" instead of the word "Eighteen."

IOWA DIVISION.

Be it Resolved, That Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 5, be amended by striking out the word "Fifteen," in the last line and insert in lieu thereof the word "Twenty," so that the Article will read as follows: "The charter fee for camps of Iowa Division shall be not less than Ten (10) Dollars, and not more than Twenty (20 Dollars)."

MISSOURI DIVISION.

1. We recommend that Section 8, Article II, of the Constitution, be altered and amended as follows: By striking out the words "One Dollar," and inserting "One Dollar and Fifty Cents," which shall entitle him to a Regular Badge, presented by the mustering camp, the fee to accompany the application." And in Section 1, Article IV, in lieu of the words "Six Months" there be inserted the words "One Year."

ILLINOIS DIVISION.

1. That the office of Surgeon be revived.
2. That the amendment of Article XI, Chapter 6, Section 4, to read as follows after the word "button-holes." A miniature U. S. shield, five-eighths of an inch wide, and three-eighths of an inch high, made of bronze or gold, with regulation S. of V. monogram on its face and overlaying the regulation tri-colored ribbon of the Order." Striking out the words "The prescribed red, white and blue bar button-hole decoration of general membership." The first mentioned device being the one designed by inspector General Geo. B. Abbott.

MICHIGAN DIVISION.

1. The adoption of U. S. Army regulation rank straps for commissioned officers, and chevrons for non-commissioned officers.
2. That Captains and Lieutenants of camps MAY wear full dress uniform coat as prescribed by the U. S. Army regulations.
3. That a password and countersign shall, by means of cypher, be sent by the Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., to the Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., semi-annually, at same date of distribution of the S. of V. semi-annual password and countersign, to differ from the same, and to be distributed by the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. by cypher throughout the United States to Post Commanders, and that to gain admission to S. of V. meetings visiting comrades must possess the same (or be vouched for by a member of the camp) to be entitled to which, they must be in good standing in their Posts.
4. That all redundancies and conflicting clauses be stricken out.
5. That in Article I, Section 3, page 945, the words "so recommend to the Commander-in-Chief, and on approval by him shall" be stricken out.

III. The following applications for Camp Charters have been approved since July 1st, except those from July 1st to 7th, which will appear in next General Order:

|        |                                 |    |            |                                 |    |
|--------|---------------------------------|----|------------|---------------------------------|----|
| July 8 | No. , Washington, D. C.....     | 12 | July 23    | No. 54, Corrunna, Mich.....     | 32 |
| " 8    | No. 120, Sedan, O.....          | 24 | " 23       | No. 55, Cheshire, Mich.....     | 26 |
| " 9    | No. 34, St. Edwards, Neb.....   | 20 | " 28       | No. 41, Madison, Me.....        | 19 |
| " 10   | No. 121, Lodi, O.....           | 14 | " 23       | No. 42, Morway, Me.....         | 17 |
| " 10   | No. 122, Woodstock, O.....      | 10 | " 23       | No. 43, Belfast, Me.....        | 15 |
| " 10   | No. 123, Bettsville, O.....     | 23 | " 23       | No. 44, Winthrop, Me.....       | 12 |
| " 10   | No. 124, Forest, O.....         | 35 | " 23       | No. 83, Algona, Ia.....         | 16 |
| " 10   | No. 63, Union City, W. Pa.....  | 15 | " 23       | No. 84, Libertyville, Ia.....   | 15 |
| " 10   | No. , Mound Spring, Ks.....     | 15 | " 23       | No. 86, Osage, Ia.....          | 19 |
| " 10   | No. 67, Pittsburg, W. Pa.....   | 12 | " 23       | No. 87, Lake City, Ia.....      | 21 |
| " 12   | No. 125, West Rushville, O..... | 11 | " 23       | No. 88, Fort Madison, Ia.....   | 21 |
| " 13   | No. 5, Cincinnati, O.....       | 31 | " 23       | No. 89, Clarinda, Ia.....       | 39 |
| " 13   | No. 23, Appleton, Minn.....     | 15 | " 23       | No. 77, Kingsley, Ia.....       | 10 |
| " 13   | No. 20, Waterville, Minn.....   | 31 | " 26       | No. 69, Coudersport, W. Pa..... | 25 |
| " 14   | No. 55, Urbana, Ills.....       | 21 | " 26       | No. 130, Bucyrus, O.....        | 19 |
| " 14   | No. 98, Bristol, E. Pa.....     | 21 | " 27       | No. 129, Waterloo, O.....       | 20 |
| " 14   | No. 4, Caln, W. Va.....         | 12 | " 28       | No. 51, New York, N. Y.....     | 11 |
| " 15   | No. 56, Oak Grove, Ill.....     | 15 | " 28       | No. 52, Syracuse, N. Y.....     | 22 |
| " 15   | No. 126, Belle Center, O.....   | 31 | " 28       | No. 53, Machiar, N. Y.....      | 18 |
| " 15   | No. 24, Redwood, Minn.....      | 21 | " 28       | No. 68, Cedar Vale, Ks.....     | 15 |
| " 17   | No. 28, Chelsea, Vt.....        | 15 | " 28       | No. 13, Canton, Dak.....        | 19 |
| " 19   | No. 127, Chillicothe, O.....    | 16 | " 28       | No. 14, Mitchell, Dak.....      | 16 |
| " 17   | No. 10, Gloucester, N. J.....   | 31 | " 30       | No. 5, Auburn, W. Va.....       | 12 |
| " 19   | No. 128, McComb, O.....         | 10 | " 31       | No. 45, Garrett, Ind.....       | 14 |
| " 19   | No. 53, Elm Hall, Mich.....     | 22 | " 31       | No. 70, Verona, W. Pa.....      | 16 |
| " 20   | No. , Winchester, Ind.....      | 25 | Aug. 2     | No. 131, Antioch, O.....        | 15 |
| " 21   | No. 68, Scottsdale, W. Pa.....  | 15 | " 2        | No. , Cambridgeport, Mass.....  | 15 |
| " 22   | No. 13, Vineland, N. J.....     | 30 | Total..... | 55 Camps, 1062 Applicants       |    |

IV. A rate of one and one-third fare from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other points east of Buffalo has been obtained for the round trip for those attending the Annual Encampment at Buffalo and from Chicago, west and southwest the delegates will be returned for one-third fare. It has been impossible up to date to make any reduction from the regular fare over the lines in the Central Pool Association, including the points between Chicago and Buffalo. If arrangements of a more favorable nature are made later, the fact will be so stated in a special circular to the various Divisions. The New England delegation, or the greater portion thereof, will leave Boston Sunday, August 29th, at 3 p. m., via the Fitchburg, Boston, Hoosac Tunnel & Western and West Shore roads, reaching Buffalo at 6 a. m. Monday, August 30. New England delegates can learn of the reduced rates and other particulars by writing to Horace P. Kent, 48 Prospect street, Cambridgeport, Mass., or Walter S. Eldrige, Auburn, Me. In relation to reduced rates over the various lines in the country, write George W. Penniman, Chairman, Quincy, Mass.

V. M. E. Hall, of Hillsdale, has been elected Colonel of the Michigan Division. Colonel F. W. Rowson was re-elected, but declined to serve.

VI. General G. B. Abbott, 163 State street, Chicago, Ills. can spare from 300 to 400 Constitutions, Rules and Regulations, and Colonel Cleveland, of Worcester, Mass., 200. Any Division Commander needing them will write direct to the Colonels named.

VII. Blanks for reports for term ending September 30th have been mailed to all Colonels of Divisions and Captains of camps who report direct to the Commandery-in-Chief, who will report to the Adjutant General named in General Order No. 1, next administration. Attention is called to printed instructions on all blanks.

VIII. Divisions whose reports for term ending June 30th, 1886, are not received at these headquarters will not be entitled to representation in the Annual Encampment, at Buffalo, August 31st, September 1st, 2nd and 3rd. (See Constitution, Rules and Regulations, page 48, Article IV, Section 1.)

IX. Colonel B. W. Hawkins, of Beaver City, Nebraska, is re-appointed Colonel of the Nebraska Division; W. E. Miller, of Friend, Nebraska, Lieutenant Colonel; F. L. S. Panogle, of Red Cloud, Major and G. M. Bosswell, Arapahoe, Chaplain, with rank from July 10th, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

X. August 6th—Gen'l G. B. Abbott writes he has secured an \$18.50 rate

over the B. & O. Short-line, from Chicago to Buffalo, good for everybody, limit 30 days, with a promise of better rates, which will be promulgated to special circular. Let all who can join Gen'l Abbott and the Illinois Division.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adj. General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O., Apr. 15, 1886. }

*Comrades of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans:*

GENTLEMEN:—It gives me sincere pleasure to address you in behalf of the organization known as the *Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*, and to ask your earnest, candid consideration of its claims upon your time and attention.

In the prosecution of our work we need your help, and hope that this circular may be the means of interesting you in our behalf.

Our Order was founded in Pittsburg, Pa., in November, 1881, by Maj. A. P. Davis, a prominent member of the G. A. R. The charter for the first camp was granted by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and from this camp there has radiated an influence which has extended throughout the length and breadth of our land; from Maine to California, and from Minnesota to Louisiana and Florida. Our tree has grown to such massive proportions that its branches are found in 30 states, 4 territories and in the District of Columbia and to-day we number nearly 40,000 members.

The components of the Order are—

1st. Local organizations, known as camps.

2d. State organizations, known as divisions.

3d. The National Organization, known as the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Order is military in its character and ceremonial work, and is officered in accordance with army regulations.

Camps maintain the same order and work as companies. Divisions correspond to regiments, and the Commandery-in-Chief to the army.

The principles and objects of the Order may be briefly stated as follows:

PRINCIPLES.

A firm belief and trust in Almighty God, and a recognition of His beneficent guidance in the preservation of the life and integrity of the Nation.

True allegiance to the government of the United States of America, a respect for and fidelity to its constitution and laws and opposition to any system or power that in any manner tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our National Union.

OBJECTS.

To keep green the memories of our fathers and their sacrifices to maintain the Union, and to promote their interests and welfare as opportunity may offer or necessity may demand; to aid and assist in caring for their helpless and disabled veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day; to aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order; to inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only amongst our membership, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty, and justice to all.

MEMBERSHIP.

The sons, not less than 18 years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-5, and the sons of members of the Order, not less than 21 years of age, are eligible to membership.

## HOW TO ORGANIZE A CAMP.

Camps are organized by authority of the Division Colonels, and are mustered by a staff officer of the Division, or a member of the G. A. R., selected for that purpose.

If you are not in possession of the address of the Division Colonel in your state, write to headquarters and the information will be cheerfully given you. Upon receipt of the application for a charter you can proceed as follows: secure the names of at least ten eligible men, and obtain their fathers' record while in the army. This may be done by reference to the Descriptive Book of the Post, if he is a member of the G. A. R. If he is not, the record may be obtained from the Adjutant General of the state in whose regiment or regiments he served during the war, or from his honorable discharge papers. Make the record complete, and then call a special meeting for consultation, the selection of a camp name, election of officers, etc. Collect the charter fee, and the amount for supplies, and forward the same, with the information that you are ready for muster, to the Colonel of the Division, and he will detail an officer to do the work and notify you of the date of muster. The charter fee is \$10 and the cost of camp supplies \$2 37. The expenses of the mustering officer,—i. e., his traveling expenses and hotel bills—must be paid by the camp mustered.

In states where there are no regular Division officers, the work will be done from the office of the Commander-in-Chief.

## IN GENERAL.

After organization, camps will be required to pay a per capita tax of 12½ cents per quarter, upon each member in good standing, to the Division, for the support of its routine work. This tax will undoubtedly be reduced next year.

All supplies are sold to camps at cost price. Uniforms may be procured of Col. R. M. J. Reed, 823 Arch St., Philadelphia, at reasonable rates, and badges may be ordered in regular manner from Major A. P. Davis, 67 4th ave., Pittsburg, Pa., at \$6 per dozen.

Our Constitution provides that Posts may select 5 comrades of the G. A. R. an advisory committee to assist the Sons in their work, and in the practical management of affairs. These comrades are given certificates of honorary life membership in our Order. All members of the G. A. R. are privileged to visit any camp in the Order, and may remain during the entire ceremony. We always give them a cordial welcome.

Our ceremonies are simple, yet they are impressive and helpful. The lessons presented and inculcated are very beneficial, and aim not only to teach true patriotism and the highest duties of citizenship, but seek the development of all the inherent and essential qualities of a true and symmetrical manhood.

We have built upon the firm foundations of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty, and aim to make our work practical by devoting our best energies to the welfare and happiness of the men who fought and bled that we might enjoy life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness in a land of freedom, where equal rights and equal justice are guaranteed to all.

The "boys of 61-65" are one by one crossing the pontoon bridge to the other shore, joining their comrades who have gone before. In a few years the ranks will be thinned by the "Great Reaper," and but a remnant of the nation's defenders—who upheld our flag from the shadow of Sumter to the sunlight of Appatomax—will be left. Who will take their place to preserve the principles for which they fought? Who are better fitted for this work than their sons? Who appreciate the true value of their services better than we? We ought to have a camp in every community where there is a Post of the G. A. R., and in 5 years we ought to have 250,000 members. Like the G. A. R., the Order of Sons of Veterans is not a political organization. It is not our province or work to have anything to do with sectarianism in religion or partisanship in politics. We do believe, however, that the government of the United States is

under lasting obligations to the veterans of the civil war, and that, other things being equal, they should be recognized in a material and practical manner in the service of that Nation which they did so much to preserve and maintain.

I have endeavored to explain our work, briefly and concisely. If I can give you any other information, it will be my great pleasure to do so. If you desire extra copies of this circular, constitutions, applications, etc., please write me, and they will be forwarded immediately.

GEO. W. PENNIMAN,  
*Chief Mustering Officer of the U. S.*  
 Minneapolis, Minn.

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE  
*Commander-in-Chief.*  
 16 Wood St., Fostoria, O.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
 PORTLAND, OR., August 18th, 1886. }

*General Order, No. 10.*

I. The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to announce to the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic commended our Order to their National Encampment, and the committee on Officers' reports reported favorably on his report. Your Commander-in-Chief had the privilege of addressing four different assemblages of Grand Army men and their ladies (one audience of three thousand), and from the eagerness of the comrades to obtain necessary papers for organizing camps (by those who said they had been opposed or had never understood it properly) we are satisfied that this National Encampment of the G. A. R. has marked a new progressive era in the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

II. We are pleased to announce that while in San Francisco we received the final decision of General Louis M. Wagner and the whole of his Grand Division, accepting our proposition for consolidation of all his command under our banner. This unites all camps of Sons of Veterans of the United States under one head, that of our National Organization, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

III. General L. M. Wagner's former command of Grand Division is hereby constituted a Provisional Division in our National Body, its present officers retaining their commands and positions. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Commissions will be issued from these headquarters to the several officers and past officers as soon as General Wagner furnishes names and rank of each. Charters will be furnished to camps free, and camp supplies will be furnished at cost (\$2.37 per camp for camp package.) This Provisional Division will send their delegates, their past and sitting Colonels, to our National Encampment, at Buffalo, August 31st, 1886.

IV. General L. M. Wagner will be mustered into our Order, and will then superintend the mustering in of the several camps of his command, and for this special duty is appointed a Special Aid on the Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief, to rank from the date of said muster into our Order, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. The Division of Florida is hereby constituted, and Captain M. E. Bishop, of Camp No. 1 Eustis, Florida, appointed Colonel of the same, with rank from August 16th, 1886. He will appoint his staff and assume command, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. The Lieutenant Colonel and Major will be selected from the other two camps of the Division, and announced in a future General Order. The Commander-in-Chief congratulates the Order on having a thriving Division organized so far south of the old line, and would suggest the cultivation of a sufficient number of "sour apple trees," that there may be no lack if occasion should require.

VI. The Division of the District of Columbia is hereby constituted, composed of Camps Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Colonel W. C. Farquhar will call a special meeting of the camps at the earliest possible moment, directing them to elect delegates to the Division Encampment, to be held August 28th if possible, at which time Division officers will be elected and delegates and alternates to the

National Encampment, to be held in Buffalo August 31st. The Colonel of the Division of Florida will have a seat in the National Encampment, as will also the delegates if they have time to elect or appoint them.

VII. The Commander-in-Chief takes pride in stating to the brothers that he had the pleasure of organizing Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in the city of Portland, Oregon. It is a live Camp, and will be "heard from." It numbers with its membership General F. H. Lamb, who is honored with a second term as Department Commander of the G. A. R. Department of Oregon. This alone is a sufficient guarantee of the success of this camp, as Commander Lamb is a worker. He is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from this date.

VIII. James L. McKelvey, of St. Paul, Minn., is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, vice E. H. Milham. promoted. He will rank as Colonel from and after July 1st, 1886, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IX. Captain Leo W. Kennedy, of Denver, Col., has been appointed delegate-at-large from Colorado Division. His appointment is hereby approved, as the Division failed to elect.

X. Your Commander-in-Chief has had special courtesies extended to himself and party by the Nickelplate, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Minneapolis & St. Louis; Union Pacific; Denver & Rio Grande, and Central Pacific railroads, and in this General Order extends to them the thanks of our Order for uniform kindness and every effort on the part of their employes for the comfort and welfare of the whole party. No more obliging officials, or more gorgeous scenery, can be found on the Continent than on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad between Denver and Salt Lake City. It is beyond description.

XI. The Commander-in-Chief desires to return his sincere thanks to the Brothers for the most cordial receptions tendered himself and party on their journey, in the following cities: Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Topeka, and San Francisco; and to Colonel J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, for his kind attention and hospitality. The exhibition drill of St. Paul Camp, No. 1, under command of Captain (and Colonel) E. H. Milham, was perfection, and cannot be surpassed, if equaled. Such work deserves great credit.

XII. We find in our journey across the Continent from New York to California that our noble Order is in a very flourishing and prosperous condition, and we desire to thank the officers of Divisions and Camps for the good work they have done in bringing the Order so rapidly to the front. We wish we could call them all by name, but the list of faithful ones would fill too many pages. And now, that the Grand Army has said, "God bless you, boys," we shall go on and on, till we are the grandest organization under the sacred old flag, surpassed by none but the Grand Old Army of the Republic.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE;

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

I also append a roster of all Division Commanders and Captains commanding camps who report direct to the Commander-in-Chief, as follows:

California—Colonel Louis De P. Callahan, Los Angeles. Colorado—Col. Frank C. McArthur, Denver. Connecticut—Col. Lucien F. Burpee, Waterbury. Dakota—Col. E. G. Worden, Eden. District of Columbia and Virginia—Col. W. C. Farquhar, 1235 7th St. n. w. Washington, D. C. Florida—Col. M. E. Bishop, Eustis. Illinois—Col. G. B. Abbott, 163 State Street, Chicago.



Indiana—Col. E. S. Walker, West Lebanon. Iowa—Col. James D. Rowen, Des Moines. Kansas—Col. L. J. Webb, Topeka. Louisiana—Captain J. A. Haley, New Orleans. Maine—Col. E. K. Gould, Rockland. Maryland—Col. Miles W. Ross, Baltimore. Massachusetts—Col. Geo. H. Cleveland, Worcester. Michigan—Col. M. E. Hall, Hillsdale. Minnesota—Col. E. H. Milham, St. Paul. Missouri—Col. J. J. Speaker, Independence. Nebraska—Col. B. W. Hawkins, Beaver City. Nevada. New Hampshire—Col. Frank M. Shackford, Lake Village. New Jersey—Col. Ed. O. White, 115 Center St., Trenton. New York—Col. Chas. T. Rain, Cohoes. Ohio—Col. Henry Frazee, 213 Superior Street, Cleveland. West Pennsylvania—Col. Geo. P. Rockway, Titusville. East Pennsylvania—Col. Chas. J. Miller, Philadelphia, P. O. box 100. Rhode Island—Col. John W. Sayles, Providence, care Low's Opera House. Tennessee. Texas. Vermont—Col. Geo. E. Terrill, Underhill. Washington Territory—Capt. C. J. Stearns, Walla Walla. West Virginia—Col. R. H. Freer, Richie C. H. Wisconsin—Col. F. J. Walthers, Madison.

**CAPTAINS.**—J. F. Meads, Tacoma, Washington Territory, camp dead. N. H. Lattiner, Seattle, Washington Territory, never mustered. C. J. Stearns, Walla Walla, Washington Territory. W. B. King, Baltimore, Maryland, and Daniel E. Burres, Frederick, Maryland. Geo. W. Gibbs, Helena, Montana. Joseph S. Watts, Norfolk, Virginia. J. A. Haley, New Orleans, Louisiana.

I have been unable at any time during the year to show the actual membership of the Order, by reason of camps failing to report to their Division, and the failure of Division Commanders to estimate the number of members in those camps which did not report and note it in their reports to me. There has been organized throughout the United States since Oct. 1, 1885, 413 camps with 8,105 applicants. This does not show the number of camps or members from the opposition in Pennsylvania. To accomplish this there has been good and faithful word done. Not only by yourself and staff but all of the Division commanders and their efficient corps of staff officers.

The correspondence has been very heavy, and so far as my office is concerned, there is not one letter unanswered that called for an answer. In closing the affairs of my office I will here give you the best report I have been able to consolidate from the reports I have received from the several Divisions, but it does not show the strength and membership of our Order and unless the report of the Inspector General's of Inspection, held in the month of July, will show it, and I know it will not for I have had letters of camp officers complaining of being neglected by their Division commander, and saying that they were not inspected, etc. These cases are few and these camps may have been suspended for irregularities of their own and still working right along and the Division commanders are not to blame and should not be held responsible. I have also learned that New Jersey Division held no inspection in their Division on account of not receiving inspection blanks on time. This would look as if I was to blame for this, but I would say all blanks for inspection were forwarded by me the same day, by express, to all Division Commanders, and in the transfers from one company to another the New Jersey package went astray. So my report as well as the report of the Inspector General will not show our membership. My report which I will now read, is consolidated from the reports received for term ending June 30, 1886, from the several Divisions:

## CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

| FULL NAME OF DIVISION.     | No. in good standing at last report.... | Gain .....  | Aggregate ..... | Loss ..... | No. remaining in good standing ..... |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ohio .....                 | 1532                                    | 654         | 2186            | 41         | 2145                                 |
| East Pennsylvania .....    | 1503                                    | 407         | 1910            | 132        | 1773                                 |
| West Pennsylvania .....    | 909                                     | 386         | 1295            | 55         | 1240                                 |
| Massachusetts .....        | 1267                                    | 260         | 1332            | 71         | 1261                                 |
| Michigan .....             | 631                                     | 379         | 1001            | 52         | 949                                  |
| Illinois .....             | 633                                     | 355         | 988             | 60         | 928                                  |
| Connecticut .....          | 527                                     | 167         | 694             | 61         | 633                                  |
| Minnesota .....            | 399                                     | 85          | 484             | 56         | 428                                  |
| Iowa .....                 | 965                                     | 287         | 1252            | 205        | 1047                                 |
| Kansas .....               | 711                                     | 432         | 1143            | 209        | 934                                  |
| New York .....             | 558                                     | 146         | 704             | 73         | 631                                  |
| New Hampshire .....        | 477                                     | 120         | 597             | 78         | 491                                  |
| Maine .....                | 364                                     | 95          | 459             | 47         | 412                                  |
| Vermont .....              | 266                                     | 85          | 351             | 9          | 342                                  |
| Indiana .....              | 176                                     | 59          | 235             | 7          | 228                                  |
| Missouri .....             | 102                                     | 136         | 238             | 32         | 206                                  |
| New Jersey .....           | 224                                     | 50          | 274             | ...        | 274                                  |
| Colorado .....             | 57                                      | 23          | 80              | 2          | 78                                   |
| Dakota .....               | 43                                      | 109         | 153             | ...        | 153                                  |
| Wisconsin .....            | ...                                     | ...         | .....           | ...        | 190                                  |
| Nebraska .....             | 118                                     | ...         | 118             | 4          | 114                                  |
| West Virginia .....        | 52                                      | ...         | 52              | ...        | 52                                   |
| California .....           | 10                                      | 56          | 66              | 2          | 64                                   |
| Maryland .....             | 52                                      | 5           | 57              | 1          | 56                                   |
| Washington Territory ..... | ...                                     | ...         | 21              | ...        | 21                                   |
| Montana .....              | 25                                      | 7           | 32              | ...        | 32                                   |
| Florida .....              | ...                                     | ..          | 15              | ...        | 15                                   |
| District of Columbia ..... | 17                                      | 3           | 20              | 4          | 16                                   |
| Oregon .....               | ...                                     | 16          | 16              | ...        | 16                                   |
| <b>Total .....</b>         | <b>12307</b>                            | <b>4160</b> | <b>16467</b>    | <b>917</b> | <b>15550</b>                         |

NOTE—There has 539 Camps reported, and about 200 failed to report, with a membership of about 700.

I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. All of which is respectfully submitted in

Friendship, Charity and Loyalty,

T. G. CARLISLE,

*Adjutant General, S. of V., U. S. A.*

General Horace P. Kent, being on the platform, was asked to arise, and upon so doing, was addressed by Col. J. B. Maccabe in some very appropriate remarks, in the course of which he presented General Kent with a gold cross of the Order. General Kent, being taken by surprise, was unable to reply.

There being no objections, Lt. Col. Hayes, of Buffalo, was given the privilege of the floor, he asking the request that the New York Division be allowed

to be represented by proxy, as the regular delegates were not present. The subject was then discussed by Bros. Maccabe of Massachusetts, J. T. Rake of Pennsylvania, J. D. Rowen of Iowa, and Crowley of New Hampshire. Bro. Rowen moved that the representation of the New York Division be allowed to fill the vacancies in their delegation. This motion was seconded and warmly debated by Bros. Webb of Kansas, Hayes of Buffalo, Hammer and Morton of Pennsylvania, Worden of Dakota, Maccabe of Massachusetts, Brown of Ohio, Rudy and Cott of Pennsylvania, Myers and Frazee of Ohio, and Crowley of New Hampshire. The Adjutant General stated he had received a letter from Col. Rain, of the New York Division, saying that the delegates would be present to-morrow. The motion was then put and lost.

Quartermaster General O. T. Shutt then submitted the following report

REPORT OF QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
 August 28th, 1886. }

*To General Walter S. Payne.*

DEAR SIR AND COMMANDER: I herewith submit my report for the year ending Aug. 31, 1886. It has been impossible each quarter to procure full reports. Reports are often overdue, camps not having been made to see the necessity of promptness in this regard. The reports of Divisions and per capita tax are the life of the Commandery-in-Chief, and must be made. A large stock of supplies was turned over to Gen. Payne by Gen. Arnold. It soon disappeared ere we were aware of it our stock was depleted. We had nothing to guide us. We did not have a full conception of the needs of the Order. and had to profit by experience.

Gen. Payne contracted for a set of books—five hundred (500) of each—for camp use. We were not able to supply camps until February. Since then we have been able to push things, no Division being required to wait any unreasonable length of time. A large stock of supplies have been destroyed to save cost of transportation and storage, it consisting of Grand Division matter. I would call the attention of Division Colonels to printed instructions on blanks. Réquisitions must be made on Quartermaster General, not on Commander-in-Chief or Adjutant General. Remittances must be made payable to the order of Quartermaster General for per capita tax, charter fees and supplies, not to the General or Adjutant General.

Camps must draw on their Division officer for supplies. Requisitions must be made on forms furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief, and not on letter paper.

I would recommend that the camp constitution, bound and unbound, be dropped from the list of supplies, and the Constitution Rules and Regulations be furnished bound and unbound. That the requisition book and receipt book be so worded and left in blank, that they can be used by the Commandery-in-Chief, Divisions and camps, That the procuring of supplies from any other source than the Commandery-in-Chief, be made the subject of discipline. That the Commander-in-Chief be directed to re-imburse Divisions by cash or new blanks, for any loss that may hereafter occur, by the changing of form of blanks. Divisions to pay cost of sending of old blanks and receiving new ones. That camps be required to pay per capita tax on reinstated members for the time of Suspension. That the Quartermaster General receive a salary in proportion to his labor.

I have the honor to submit the following financial statement of the Order during my term of office as Q. M. General:

|                                      |          |            |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Rec'd from all sources .....         |          | \$4,760 99 |
| Supplies from Gen. H. W. Arnold..... | \$ 96 07 |            |
| From Divisions for supplies.....     | 2,237 51 |            |
| “ “ Per capita tax .....             | 1,766 41 |            |
| “ “ Charter fees.....                | 661 00   | 4,760 99   |

|                                                                                |            |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| I have expended the same as per your order, for which I hand you vouchers..... | \$3,900 78 |            |
| By error (Cr. over charge to Div.) ..                                          | 32 84      |            |
| Value of supplies on hand .....                                                | 328 62     |            |
| Cash on hand .....                                                             | 498 75     | \$4,760 99 |

NOTE—Finding a mistake in one or two footings of Divisions, I had a new statement made. The reports as handed in at Buffalo will be presented with the new statement at next annual encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Des Moines.

I hereby extend my thanks to all members for their courtesy and co-operation. My relation with them has been pleasant and profitable to myself.

Submitted in F. C. and L.

OSCAR T. SHUTT.

*Quartermaster General.*

General G. B. Abbott, Inspection General, then submitted the following report:

### REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

CHICAGO, ILLS., August 28, 1886.

*General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

SIR—I herewith submit my report as Inspector General: In assuming the responsibility of the important trust you placed in me, I little realized the many trials and unceasing labor in store for me, or I fear my soldierly spirit would have ignominiously deserted me before the first engagement. Of my battles I assure you I have had many—with pen and ink—of my defeats and victories I leave you to judge.

In commencing my labors I had nothing to guide me; I was entirely inexperienced in the requirements of the office; none of my predecessors had ever been known, in the history of the Order, to have succeeded in presenting his chief with even the most meager report, owing to the complications, labyrinth intricacies of the various bodies of the Order, but more especially to the same causes and obstacles which I found in my pathway, namely, a disposition on the part of commanding Colonels to ignore the importance of the Inspector's Department, a lack of push and ability on the part of many Division Inspectors, and last, but not least, marvelous incongruity, incompatibility and general domestic infelicity existing between the many and varied blank forms for inspection, roaming untamed in the land, seeking whom they might entangle and drive mad. Nor was the December Inspection of your administration free from this latter difficulty—not through the fault of any one in particular but principally on account of a lack of time to properly arrange the questions.

The present Inspection has proven much more satisfactory in results than any former one, (yet, owing to many imperfections in the previous one, no comparative figures are here given,) showing a wholesome advancement in the condition of camps, some credit of which is due to the fact that the Colonels commanding and their Division Inspectors are becoming more and more aroused to the important bearing and the immediate good resulting from these inspections. And the camps themselves are exhibiting a lively interest in the

standing and classification they can earn. All this to a casual observer can bring only enthusiasm and work to the Order—and what we stand most in need of.

To this General Inspection sixteen Divisions have responded, West Pennsylvania being the first, namely: California, Connecticut, Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, East Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Vermont and Potomac, to which is added Maryland and Montana for convenience. The following failed to forward reports: Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wisconsin, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, West Virginia and Florida. However, New York, New Jersey and Nebraska responded to the December Inspection.

In the sixteen inspected Divisions we have 431 camps inspected, and 159 not inspected; and a membership in good standing of 12,182. And in the entire organized Divisions an approximate membership of 20,000.

The average camp in our Order numbers 28 men.

East Pennsylvania leads the order with 2,280 men; Ohio close second with 2,079 men; Massachusetts third, with 1,518 men; Illinois fourth, with 1,181 men; West Pennsylvania fifth, with 1,021 men.

In question No. 2, one hundred and twenty-seven camps have work committed; 84 camps have work partly committed; 224 camps have work not committed. Maine leads with 56 per cent of her work committed.

No. 3. Officers are uniformed in 205 camps; partly uniformed in 38 camps; not uniformed in 188 camps. East Pennsylvania leads with officers uniformed in 42 camps; Indiana last with officers uniformed in one camp. Maine leads with 69 per cent of her camps whose officers are uniformed.

No. 4. Officers wear rank straps in 170 camps; partly in 18 camps; not any in 243 camps. Massachusetts leads with 30 camps; Indiana last with two camps. Maine leads with 81 per cent of her camps.

No. 5. 123 camps have relief funds; 303 have not. Ohio leads with 30 camps which have relief funds; Dakota last, with one camp which has relief fund. Connecticut leads with 60 per cent of her camps which have relief funds.

No. 6. Officers wear side arms in 144 camps; do not in 305 camps; partly in 12 camps. Massachusetts leads with 28 camps whose officers wear side arms. Iowa and West Pennsylvania with 2 camps each whose officers wear side arms. Connecticut leads with 65 per cent of her camps.

No. 7. Number of men uniformed in the order 5,635; partly uniformed 39; not uniformed 6,508. East Pennsylvania leads with 1,445 uniformed men; Dakota last with 4 uniformed men. Massachusetts and Connecticut lead with 75 per cent of uniformed men.

No. 8. Number of armed men in the order 1,793; not armed 10,389; Ohio leads with 397 armed men; Dakota and Indiana not any; Minnesota leads with 27 per cent of her men armed.

No. 9. Number of members with badges 9,800; without 2,382. East Pennsylvania leads with 1,851 members who have badges; Dakota last, with 40 members who have badges. Connecticut leads with 99 per cent who have badges.

No. 10. Badge is presented at muster in 314 camps, not presented 117 camps. Ohio leads with 58 camps; Dakota last with 4 camps. Connecticut leads with 100 per cent—all her camps.

No. 11. Officers attend meetings regularly in 353 camps; partly in 9 camps; not at all in 69 camps. Ohio leads with 60 camps whose officers attend regularly. Dakota least with 8 camps whose officers attend regularly. Connecticut and Dakota lead with 100 per cent of their officers who attend regularly.

No. 12. Members are regular in attendance in 290 camps; fairly in 31; not in 110 camps. Ohio leads with 46 camps; Dakota last with 7 camps. Dakota leads with 87½ per cent.

No. 13. Records are complete and well kept in 381 camps; partly in 4 camps; not kept in 48 camps. E. Pennsylvania leads with 67 camps; Dakota last with 6 camps. East Pennsylvania leads with 98 per cent.

14. The Quarter-Master Sergeant's bond is filed in 251 camps; not filed in 180 camps: Ohio leads with 46 camps; Vermont last with 6 camps. Michigan leads with 84 per cent.

No. 15. Dues are promptly collected in 376 camps; partly in 5 camps; not in 50 camps. East Pennsylvania leads with 66 camps; Dakota last with 6 camps. East Pennsylvania leads with 99 per cent.

No. 16. Incorporated 76 camps; not incorporated 355; Massachusetts leads with 28 camps; Iowa and Michigan last with one camp. Massachusetts leads with 60 per cent.

No. 17. General Orders are read regularly in 410 camps; not in 21 camps. Ohio leads with 72 camps; Dakota last with 7 camps. Michigan leads with 97 per cent.

No. 21. During the past 6 months 549 meetings have been omitted by all the camps.

No. 22. Free from indebtedness 377 camps; not free, 54 camps. Ohio leads with 71 camps; Potomac and California last with 2 each. Ohio and East Pennsylvania lead with 96 per cent.

No. 23. Six hundred and five special meetings have been held in the past 6 months in the Order.

No. 24. The total muster fee charged by all camps is \$746.96. Average muster fee in the United States is \$1.74. Connecticut leads with largest average, \$2.46; Illinois last with smallest average, \$1.22.

No. 25. Total amount dues levied by all camps, \$1,018.01. Average dues in the United States \$2.36. East Pennsylvania leads with the largest average dues of \$3.51; Dakota last with smallest, \$1.06.

No. 26. Total amount cash in treasury of all camps over indebtedness, \$15,039.80; average amount for each camp in the United States, \$34.90. East Pennsylvania leads with largest amount, \$6,511.07; East Pennsylvania leads with largest average camp, \$95.75; California with smallest amount in Division, \$16.05; Dakota with smallest average in camp. \$7.42.

No. 27. Stated weekly benefits are paid in 68 camps; not any 363 camps. Pennsylvania leads with 26 camps; Dakota Indiana, Vermont and Potomac, not any. East Pennsylvania leads with 39 per cent.

No. 28. The 431 camps pay \$187.87 weekly benefits; average in U. S., 43½ per week. East Pennsylvania leads with \$85 per week, also largest average \$1.25 per week.

No. 29. Two hundred and seventeen camps have relief committees; 214 camps do not: East Pennsylvania leads with 42 camps; Connecticut leads with 75 camps.

No. 30. Camp-rooms are equipped in 325 camps; partly equipped 3; not equipped 103; Ohio leads with 58 camps, Dakota last with 1; Connecticut leads with 75 per cent.

No. 31. Amount of money in camp relief fund, \$2,674.60: average amount in each camp in U. S., \$6.20; Massachusetts has largest relief fund, \$1,058.51, average 22.52; Indiana with smallest average 27 cents.

No. 32. Two hundred and four members have been relieved in the past 6 months.

No. 33. Amount expended for charity, \$1,397.77

No. 34. There are 34 Ladies' Aid Societies in the U. S.

No. 35. Camp-fires and open meetings held in 162 camps; not any held in 269 camps; East Pennsylvania leads with 31 camps; Indiana last with one camp; Maine leads with 69 per cent.

No. 36. There are 151 camps armed as infantry, 2 as cavalry and 6 as artillery; Ohio leads with 72 infantry camps.

No. 37. Total mark of all camps amount to 24,069; average camp in U. S., mark 56.

No. 38. There are 97 1st class camps in order; 175 2d class and 159 3d class. East Pennsylvania leads with 18 1st class camps.

In the per centage Connecticut leads with 68 per cent 1st class camps;

Massachusetts 36 per cent. Maine 31 per cent. E. Pennsylvania 26 per cent. Illinois 20 per cent. Michigan 13 per cent.

On general average our Divisions rank as follows, omitting California and Potomac: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, East Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, Iowa, Vermont W. Pennsylvania, Dakota, Indiana.

The following camps are especially mentioned as passing very fine inspections, and being leading camps in the order: Daniel Ritter Camp No. 24, Ohio, 98; Edward M. Ruhl Camp No. 33, E Pennsylvania, 97½; Buckingham Camp, No 3, Connecticut, 97½; Daniel Chapin Camp, No. 3, Maine, 97½; Anna M. Ross Camp, No. 1, East Pennsylvania, 95; J. L. Crane Camp, No. 4, Illinois, 95; St. Paul Camp, No. 1, Minnesota. 90.

(While there are one or two camps not mentioned which out-rank St. Paul in inspection, still it is justice to give it mention, as it lost 10 on Question No. 5, and was perfect in all others, and is conceded to be the best camp in the Order.)

In submitting this report it is not expected that it will be complete in showing the exact condition of each Division for two reasons: First, that many Division reports themselves, were incomplete, and second, the impossibility to frame an inspection blank which will do exact justice to each Division in this vast extent of territory. Therefore, this report can only be an approximation, but as all large structures must first be outlined, it is hoped that this will be the small thread, the line of demarcation upon which will be built a much more imposing structure.

Of all the reports received from Division Inspectors, not one was perfect in its footings, averages and per centages. The most complete was from the Division of Ohio, the next from East Pennsylvania, and the next from Connecticut, and Brothers E. H. Archer, Chas. H. Stees and Dewitt E. Ford of these Divisions respectively, deserve special mention for their faithfulness, and receive the grateful thanks of the Inspector General.

It is hoped that, in a measure, this report will point out to us our deficiencies that we may apply what remedies we can to remove them, to the good of our Order.

It is respectfully recommended that hereafter there be but one general inspection each year, and that it occur in the month of April.

That we may have uniformity, it is recommended that the Chaplain of Divisions be appointed to be in accord with the corresponding office in the Commandery-in-Chief and the camp.

That, owing to the military advancement of our Order, that the office of Ordnance officer be created for the Commandery-in-Chief, and the Division and Ordnance Sergeant for the camp.

That the office of Division Chief-of-Staff be established.

That the Constitution be amended to define "territorial limits" and jurisdiction.

That the proper observance of the 4th of July and Thanksgiving Day be added to the objects of the Order.

That camps be provided with 4 rituals instead of 3.

That camp packets include a gavel and ballot-box.

That the members of the Division Staff shall rank as Captains.

That Colonels Commanding Divisions be given the power to revoke charters of camps six months in arrears for per capita tax.

That commanding officers be granted the power by constitution to revoke the commissions of their appointees respectively

That the Key and Cypher of the secret work be revised and simplified.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and I.

G. B. ABBOTT.

Col. Ed. C. White moved that the Chief Mustering Officer make his report at the public meeting this evening. Bro. Webb. of Kansas, rose to a point

order, stating that the report was for the Commandery-in-Chief and not for the public. Point of order well taken and sustained Chief Mustering Officer G. W. Penniman then submitted the following report :

### CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

BUFFALO, N. Y., August 31, 1886.

*To General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief S. of V., U. S. A.:*

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report as Chief Mustering Officer for the past year.

The position of Chief Mustering Officer is, in many respects, an honorary one, and its duties are not clearly defined by our rules and regulations.

However, the Commandery-in-Chief has afforded me the opportunity to be busy during the past three or four months.

In obedience to his direction and order, I have visited the following Division encampments during the year:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, West Pennsylvania and Illinois.

During the term I have addressed public meetings and visited camps in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, West Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, endeavoring to create a new interest in the order and its practical work.

I spent a week in April in that loyal border state, West Virginia. Receiving cordial support from the members of the G. A. R. I was enabled to organize the Division of West Virginia, April 28, 1886, with Brother Romeo H. Freer of Ritchie Court House as Colonel, and an efficient staff of officers. I am sure, sir, that Colonel Freer will bring his Division rapidly to the front.

The most encouraging feature I have noticed in connection with the work of the past year is the growing interest in our order manifested by the members of the G. A. R. This fact has tended to strengthen our members in the faith we hold and to give them greater courage in presenting our claims to the general public. Yet all does not depend upon the G. A. R., for we each have obligations to the order and ourselves that make it necessary to give our most earnest and hearty endeavors in its behalf. I have found that camps that complain they do not receive the recognition they think due them from the community, generally have "a skeleton in the closet" somewhere. I lay down this axiomatic truth for your consideration. Camps do not deserve to be respected until they have learned how to respect themselves. Let us reach out beyond our own selfishness and personality, and lose those characteristics in our whole-souled devotion to the best interests of the order, and the mighty principles it represents.

I have no special recommendations to make relative to the work of the C. M. O. department, or the legitimate duties of the Division M. O. The plan adopted by Col. Rowson, of Michigan, and others, to send, as mustering officer, for new camps, one who thoroughly understands his duties and knows how to perform them, I believe to be a good one. I think that it is a little less than farcial to attempt to muster a new camp in two or three hours as is commonly done. An entire evening gives us not more than enough time to do the regular work of muster in, and the mustering officer ought not to leave the camp until the books are opened properly, and the camp fully prepared to do its work in an appropriate manner.

I believe that the mustering officers of Divisions should report to the C. M. O. as fast as camps are organized in their several Divisions, in order that that officer may make a consolidated report to each encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. This will give the C. M. O. something definite to do, and I recommend the adoption of this suggestion by this encampment.

I believe that applications for camp charters should be approved simply by the Division headquarters before mustering in the camp, and not sent to



the Commandery-in-Chief. This will save much delay in the organization of new camps and make the Division commander the sole judge of the eligibility and qualifications of the candidates.

Blanks for reports of the mustering officer should be provided, and as fast as camps are organized a copy of such report should be immediately forwarded to the C. M. O., Commander-in-Chief and Division Colonel.

I have been the recipient of many fraternal and official courtesies during the year from the members of the Order, and the closing fiscal year will be most kindly remembered by me as one full of pleasant experience and work.

With best wishes for the success of the Encampment and Order, I am, sir,  
Fraternally F. C. and L.

GEO. W. PENNIMAN,  
*Chief Mustering Officer.*

Bro. Webb, of Kansas moved that the following telegram be sent to Lucian Fairchilds, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 31, 1886.

*Gen'l Lucian Fairchilds, Commander-in-Chief Grand Army of the Republic, Madison, Wisconsin:*

The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in 5th Annual Encampment assembled, congratulate you upon your election. Please say to the Grand Army of the Republic that their heroic deeds and sacrifices will ever be remembered and revered by us. And, as a token thereof, we shall see that "the picket line is manned," and that "the Color of the Uniform is Blue."

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,  
*Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

Carried unanimously.

Bro. Morton, of Pa., moved that the Commandery-in-Chief take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A communication from Col. R. H. Freer, of W. Va., was read:

Ritchie C. H., W. Va., Aug. 17, 1886.

*Gen'l O. T. Shutt, Buffalo, N. Y.:*

MY DEAR GENERAL: It is impossible for me to meet you at Buffalo, as I had hoped, for reasons which will be explained to you by the bearer of this, our very worthy chaplain. Rev. W. G. Miller, whom I recommend to you as one of the good and true men and brothers of the G. A. R. and S. of V., and none stand higher in the estimation of Comrades and Brothers than Bro Miller. Take him under your brotherly wing and see that W. Va. Division loses nothing by my absence. No one knows how disappointed I feel in my enforced absence from the Encampment, but there is a future, thank God, and in it I hope to see you and all the kind Brothers of Headquarters and return my personal thanks for many favors.

Hoping that you will care for our chaplain and make him feel at home,  
I am yours in the work of F., C. and L.,

R. H. FREER.  
*Col. W. Va. Div.*

Motion to take a recess was seconded and carried, and recess declared accordingly.

T. G. CARLISLE,  
*Adjutant General.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 1ST, 1886.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order at 9.30 A. M., with Gen. Walter S. Payne in the chair. On account of so much noise outside of the Encampment, Bro. Penniman moved that we adjourn to some Grand Army hall for further transaction of business. Motion put and carried.

The Commandery-in-Chief then marched in a body to the Post room of Chapin Post No. 2, on Washington St., and called to order at 10.30 A. M. Major A. P. Davis, Chief Ordnance Officer, then submitted the following report:

### SPECIAL ORDNANCE OFFICER.

OFFICE SPECIAL ORDNANCE OFFICER, }  
PITTSBURGH, PA., Aug. 17, 1886. }

*General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A., Fostoria, Ohio:*

**MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:** I have the honor to submit my report as follows:

Under your General Order No. 1, issued Oct. 1, 1885, I assumed, at that date, the duties of my office. During the year, I have, to the exclusion of my private business, been actively engaged in the performance of the official labor incidental to my position. These duties have, from month to month, steadily increased to an extent that, in substance, requires my entire attention, as well as considerable assistance.

I have distributed direct to Divisions and camps a large number of badges and other kindred supplies, such as ribbons, crosses, etc., and have conducted an extended and voluminous correspondence in the interests of the Order.

I have, from time to time, endeavored to so perfect the system of distribution of the supplies in my hands, that all calls could be promptly met, and, at this writing, such arrangements have been consummated that the growing wants of the Order and the future are amply provided for.

I regret to be obliged to state that, after a most diligent and extended search, it has been found impossible to secure improved and desirable arms and accoutrements at prices within the limits of the means of many of the camps that desire to obtain the same.

I am pleased to state that, during the year, I have been able to obtain for and furnish the Ladies' Aid Societies with much needed supplies, and that, at this date, they have a full and complete outfit of all necessary printed matter, as well as elegant badges, insignia of office, and other articles of a decorative character, also seals, electrotypes and all other required equipments.

With full knowledge and understanding of the situation before me, coupled with the able efforts and management of the National head of the association, Miss Laura F. Martin, of Lancaster, Pa., and her efficient lady associates, and having in mind the experience and early progress of four honorable orders, I can, with safety, predict for the Ladies' aids a healthy and reasonably rapid growth from this on.

In conclusion, I would beg leave to say, that no measures have been omitted by this office to promptly and faithfully carry out all of its duties, as well as to promote the general interests and welfare of the Sons of Veterans as a whole.

With sentiments of high personal regard, I have the honor to be, General, very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

A. P. DAVIS,  
*Special Ordnance Officer.*

A communication from the Maryland Division of Earp Faction, S. of V., was received and read, saying that they ratified the terms of consolidation and were now with us.

The Roll of States were then called, when the following changes in the Ritual and Constitution Rules and Regulations were offered: (See pages 38, 39, 40, 41 in General Order No. 9 of Adjutant General's Report.)

Col. Jas. D. Rowen, of Iowa, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That Sidney Pruyn, of Iowa, be made a life member of the Commandery-in-Chief, with all the rights and privileges of the Order. Re-

ferred to the Committee on Resolutions with instructions to make such recommendations as they think proper.

Col. J. J. Speaker, of Missouri: I wish to endorse the recommendations of the Minnesota Division in regard to regulation shoulder straps.

Col. Chas. T. Rain, of New York Division, said he wished to announce that he was present with his delegates to represent the New York Division.

The following resolutions were offered by Bro. C. M. Cott, of West Pennsylvania:

*Resolved*, That a separate password be promulgated to the members of the G. A. R., under proper regulations, which will establish their qualifications to admittance to all our camp rooms.

*Resolved*, That the Commandery-in-Chief favor the establishing, as soon as practicable, a beneficial association in connection with the Order. Referred to Committee on Constitution Rules and Regulations.

A protest from East Pennsylvania Division was received, as was also a communication. The former was not considered by the Commandery-in-Chief, while the communication was read by the Adjutant General, as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 25th, 1886.

*Walter S. Payne Esq., Commander-in-Chief.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The Committee on Consolidation with West Pennsylvania, appointed by order of the encampment at Shamokin, met a similar committee appointed by Col. Brockway, of West Pennsylvania, and agreed upon the conditions etc., named in attached exhibit.

When I promulgated this work of the committee I issued at the same time a special order, copy of which is also attached.

In response to my request that all camps having any objections to the proposed union send them to me, I received as follows:

FROM CAMP 4, PHILADELPHIA: They contend that numbering two camps "1" is illegal; they claim that Past Col. Closson, who commanded the Division at the time of its consolidation in 1883, promised them that either their name or number should be taken from them. They threaten to disband if the change is insisted upon.

Now I think the protests of this camp are just, knowing that these promises were made. They were mustered in 1880, several years before the W. Pa. camp 4. They are in good condition financially and number 42 members. It would be best to allow them to retain their number and let the W. Pa. camp change to 10. I understand from several of their members that they do intend to disband or withdraw unless they are let alone.

NEXT COMES CAMP 19:—This change is but slight, from 19 to 20, and in consideration of the united Divisions paying for all changes, I think that they should be satisfied.

NEXT COMES CAMP 33:—This is one of my best camps and was rated No. 1 at head of list on my inspector's report. If any arrangement can be made by which they can retain their number I would be very glad to have it so, as I fear the change will dishearten their most active and useful members and cause ultimate dissolution.

CAMP 52:—This is a colored camp, or, rather, its members were born black; for a colored camp it is a good one, which, however, is not saying much. They would like to have No. 80 instead of 109; I would recommend that this be left to the discretion of the Division.

CAMPS 5 AND 13:—Both these camps were fortunate in escaping without any change, but not satisfied with that, they kick because neither of the No. 1 camps were less lucky than themselves; they don't quite understand the situation. If the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment legalizes the 2 camps having the same number their objections are of no account. They are childish—pass them.

This is all, and I am glad of it. Now, General, Bro. C. C. Morton, dele-

gate from the Division, has the protests in his possession and I think he had better be requested to read them when the matter comes up for action. To sum up—there were 10 changes made in the numbers of my camps and only four (4) protests entered, which shows that the majority are inclined to approve of the consolidation under the terms published. I ho heartily approve of the arrangements made, and, so far as I am concerned, think that, if this consolidation is not effected now, it will never be.

Yours Fraternally,  
CHAS. J. MILLER,  
*Colonel.*

P. S.—The reason I did not attach the protests is because they are Division property and will be needed for information of the Division Encampment in 1886.  
C. J. M.

### ARTICLES OF CONSOLIDATION.

#### Entered Into Between the Divisions of East and West Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Terms of consolidation, drawn and agreed upon at Altoona, Pa., July 31, 1886, of the Eastern and Western Divisions of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, consolidating the two said divisions into one division to be known as Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

WHEREAS, During the month of March, 1883, in the mustering in of the Camps of the Sons of Veterans in Eastern Pennsylvania, into the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., certain differences as regards the numbering of the Camps of the two sections of the State, to-wit: in and in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, and those in and in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, existed, which could not be adjusted by making one division of the State; and

WHEREAS, the matter was finally compromised by establishing a dividing line and the Commandery-in-Chief recognized said dividing line by making two divisions, one east and the other west of said line, known since then as the Eastern and Western Divisions of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.; and,

WHEREAS, There is now a desire on the part of many to form one division in the State of Pennsylvania by consolidating these two divisions into one; on account of the large expense attached to the running of the two divisions in one State, and on account of the barrenness of the treasuries of the two divisions which are now not able to pay sufficient salaries to their Adjutants and Quartermasters, recognizing that the running of one division headquarters in Pennsylvania would cost little more than half the amount required at the present time to run the two separate headquarters, thus the whole material welfare of the Order in this State being involved; and,

WHEREAS, Some of the divisions of the Order, located in other States, are complaining of the injustice done them by reason of the fact that Pennsylvania is annually getting two life members of the Commandery-in-Chief and they are getting but one; and of the fact that Pennsylvania has annually two delegates-at large to the Commandery-in-Chief and they have but one; and said complaints being just by reason of the fact that the only just territorial demarcations of divisions are State lines as established by the different States of the Union among themselves and the general government. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the two divisions be consolidated into one division on the following basis, to-wit:

That hereafter there be but one Division in the whole State, the Commandery-in-Chief being and is hereby petitioned to amend the second paragraph of Article IV, Chapter I, page 5, (edition of 1885), Constitution, Rules and Regulations, so as to carry this resolution into effect.

That the present Division Officers of Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Divisions be allowed to retain their present commands until the time of the

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next annual Division Encampments and that then the two Divisions meet on the second Tuesday, and the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following said second Tuesday of June, 1887, in Altoona, Pa., each in encampment by itself until its business is wound up, and that then the two divisions meet in one encampment and elect officers to succeed the present officers of the two divisions and to assume command of the whole State of Pennsylvania.

That the numbers of all Camps at present in existence in Pennsylvania be as follows :

| Name of Camp.       | No. | Location.      | Name of Camp.       | No. | Location.       |
|---------------------|-----|----------------|---------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Anna M Ross,        | 1   | Philadelphia   | Gen McPherson,      | 62  | New Albany      |
| Davis,              | 1   | Pittsburg      |                     | 63  | Union City      |
| Lysle,              | 2   | Allegheny.     | Gen J R Brook,      | 64  | Birdsboro       |
| O H Emery           | 3   | Lockhaven      | Capt H K Ritter,    | 65  | McClure         |
| H B Hayes,          | 4   | Pittsburg      | Corp Syl Smith,     | 66  | Kennet Square   |
| Gen U S Grant,      | 5   | Philadelphia   | Ely,                | 67  | Parsons         |
| J K Housel,         | 6   | Montgomery Sta | Gen John Welsh,     | 68  | Columbia        |
| Col O H Ripley,     | 7   | Pittsburg      | True Blue,          | 69  | Williamstown    |
| Ezra Griffin,       | 8   | Scranton       | R Guthrie,          | 70  | Stratonsville   |
| Sam Clegg,          | 9   | Roxborough     | Beaver Valley,      | 71  | Beaver Falls    |
| Gen J F Reynolds,   | 10  | Philadelphia   | Gen G Washington,   | 72  | Shamokin        |
| R R Means,          | 11  | brookville     | Amos W Hetrick,     | 73  | Liverpool       |
| Lt S C Pous,        | 12  | Altoona        | Mehaffy,            | 74  | Marietta        |
| Gen D B Birney,     | 13  | Philadelphia   | Watkins,            | 75  | Towanda         |
| Speer Orr,          | 14  | Johnstown      | Lt G E Hackenberg,  | 76  | Middleburg      |
|                     | 15  | Harrisburg     | Wm H Bates,         | 77  | Nauticoke       |
| Gen G G Meade,      | 16  | Reading        | Coleman,            | 78  | Ansville        |
| D Patton,           | 17  | Grove City     | Gen John W Geary,   | 79  | New Cumberland  |
| J N McCauley,       | 18  | West Chester   | John Jenkins,       | 80  | Girardville     |
| Thomas L Kane,      | 19  | Titusville     | H C Wagner,         | 81  | Frackville      |
| Gen G H Thomas,     | 20  | Lancaster      | Capt S M McDowell,  | 82  | Chambersburg    |
| S H Pollock,        | 21  | Milton         | Lafayette Hughes,   | 83  | Hughesville     |
| Henry Yeager,       | 22  | Pine Grove     | Weseman,            | 84  | Bainbridge      |
| James McKellip,     | 23  | Corsica        | L W Forrest,        | 85  | East Smithfield |
| Lt H C Jackson,     | 24  | St Clair       | John Whittaker,     | 86  | Rome            |
| Lt J H Styer,       | 25  | Berwick        | sgt Watson,         | 87  | Carlisle        |
| Ph Sheridan,        | 26  | Danville       | Lt S H Brown,       | 88  | Mifflintown     |
| Gen John W Moore,   | 27  | Philadelphia   | D C Bronson,        | 89  | Great Bend      |
| Line,               | 28  | Bedford        | Deegan,             | 90  | Dushore         |
| Lieut Waltz,        | 29  | Saxton         | Corp F W Witherow,  | 91  | New Bloomfield  |
| Capt John Griffith, | 30  | Athens         | Gen W S Hancock,    | 92  | Manheim         |
| Sgt J B Kelley,     | 31  | Homestead      | Capt A G Carpenter, | 93  | Factoryville    |
| Jesse Dial,         | 32  | Ursina         | Lt John T Miller,   | 94  | Duncannon       |
| Col J I Nevin,      | 33  | Allegheny      | Col Lentz,          | 95  | Lehighton       |
| Gen Jas A Garfield, | 34  | Mt Carmel      | S H Telle,          | 96  | Hunting Mills   |
| Capt Beatty,        | 35  | Carlisle       | Lt J T Stevens,     | 97  | Peckville       |
| Gen Paul Kearney,   | 36  | Reynoldsville  | Col J M Gosline,    | 98  | Bristol         |
| Gen Rich'd Coultre  | 37  | Greensburg     |                     | 99  | Steeltown       |
| Maj N Payne,        | 38  | Oil City       | Edgar M Ruhl,       | 100 | York            |
| E A Maberson,       | 39  | South Oil City |                     | 101 | Franklinville   |
| Chas H Ribbet,      | 40  | Erie           | Union Volunteer,    | 102 | Meadville       |
| Col A H Lippen,     | 41  | Pottstown      | Amos B Rhoads,      | 103 | Williamsport    |
| Sedgwick,           | 42  | Lebanon        | Maj E A Moontooth,  | 104 | Pittsburg       |
| Capt Jas Henchman,  | 43  | Somerset       | D K Stevenson,      | 105 | Carmichaels     |
| Rochester,          | 44  | Rochester      | H C Steadman,       | 106 | Mifflinburg     |
| Henry Cooke,        | 45  | Waynesburg     | Capt T A Roberts,   | 107 | Renova          |
| Lt Fran Stevenson,  | 46  | Stormstown     | Sergt Wyant,        | 108 | N Bethlehem     |
| Gen Custer,         | 47  | Brockwayville; | Gen Robt Bryan,     | 109 | Philadelphia    |
|                     | 48  | Orbisonia      | Mt Pleasant,        | 110 | Mt Pleasant     |
| Harry Horncastle,   | 49  | Shenandoah     | T L Martin,         | 111 | Elderton        |
| Gen W S Mitchell,   | 50  | Lewistown      | Gettysburg,         | 112 | Gettysburg      |
| John H Brautgan,    | 51  | Northumberland | Geo E Williams,     | 113 | Penfield        |
| Alexander Newell,   | 52  | Corry          |                     | 114 | Linesville      |
| Jas T Crawford,     | 53  | Kittaning      | Frank Bunyan,       | 115 | Granville Centr |
| E O C Ord,          | 54  | Mahanoy City   |                     | 116 | Edinboro        |
| Gen Joe Hooker,     | 55  | Ashland        | Geo Hyles,          | 117 | Canonsburg      |
|                     | 56  | Three Springs  |                     | 118 | Berlin          |
| Col Wm Wetherill,   | 57  | Pottsville     | (formerly 66 W Pa)  | 119 | Pittsburg       |
| Wilson C Hicks,     | 58  | Myersdale,     |                     | 120 | Scottsdale      |
| Thaddeus C Rider,   | 59  | Newport        |                     | 121 | Coudersport     |
| Andy Neff,          | 60  | West Newton    | Col McKeage,        | 122 | Holidaysburg    |
| Lt W H Fulton,      | 61  | Mauch Chunk    |                     |     |                 |

That hereafter until one division is formed in Pennsylvania, the Commandery-in-Chief fix all charter members in the two present divisions, commencing at "No. 123."

That any camp, the changing of whose number shall cause financial loss, owing to the necessary alterations to be made in flags, drums, or other camp property of whatsoever kind, shall be recompensed for such loss by the consolidated State Division, further than the Captain and Orderly Sergeants of such Camps shall send a probated and itemized account of such losses sustained by their Camps to the Colonel of the Division, who after such accounts, or bills, have been duly approved by the Division Council, shall be authorized to pay the same.

That after the meeting at Altoona, to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 1887, the Division Encampment meet for four years alternately east and west of the meridian upon which Bellefonte is located.

That the Colonel of the proposed Pennsylvania Division be not elected for more than two consecutive terms from the same section east or west of the meridian upon which Bellefonte is located, and that this resolution be in effect until repealed by a two-thirds vote of the proposed Pennsylvania Division Encampment.

That in case either Division is encumbered with a debt at the time of consolidation the combined Division assume the responsibility, and if a surplus exists it shall be passed into the treasury of the united division.

That the united Pennsylvania Division adopt as its Division mark the Keystone with a red field and a yellow border the same as is now worn by the Eastern Pennsylvania Division, and that Davis Camp, No. 1, be allowed to wear a Keystone with a yellow field and a red border as the distinguishing mark from Ross Camp, No. 1. of Philadelphia; and that camps be allowed to wear upon and in the centre of the Keystone any device they may wish as a separate camp mark.

That the name Gen. G. G. Meade be taken from Camp No. 4<sup>2</sup>, Orbisonig, Western Pennsylvania, and this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

That the name Gen. James A. Garfield be taken from Camp No. 56, Three Springs, Western Pennsylvania, and that this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

That the name Gen. U. S. Grant be taken from Camp No. 42, Franklinville, Western Pennsylvania, and that this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

E. J. SMITH, Chairman.  
H. H. HAMMER,  
R. E. HOPKINS,  
CHARLSS O'DONNELL,  
L. V. RAUSCH,  
COMMITTEE EAST PA. DIVISION.  
CHARLES J. MILLER, *ex-Officio*.  
Col. Com. East Pa. Division.

R. M. LINTON, Chairman.  
W. E. LLOYD,  
J. B. ANDREWS,  
W. D. THOMAS,  
J. N. WOODBURN,  
COMMITTEE WEST PA. DIVISION.  
G. B. BROCKWAY, *ex-Officio*.  
Col. Com. West Pa. Division.

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
723 North Third Street.  
PHILADELPHIA, August 9, 1886.

*Special Order No. 1.*

Herewith is promulgated the Articles of Agreement entered into by the Committees on Consolidation of East and West Pennsylvania Divisions, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

E. W. Alexander, Camp 16, and C. C. Morton, Camp 1, being unable to attend the meeting of the committee, Brothers H. H. Hammer, Camp 16, and Chas. O'Donnell, Camp 15, were substituted in their places.

While some of the provisions may prove objectionable, the terms, in the main, are much more satisfactory than we anticipated could be made. Your committee has acted with an eye single to produce the "greatest good for the largest number," and while we are called upon to make some sacrifices, we trust they will be met in the same spirit of loyalty which animated our fathers in their great struggle to maintain our national Union, one and indivisible, re-

membering also that the longer this consolidation is postponed the greater becomes the obstacles to its accomplishment. The end to be accomplished is a great one, much greater than at first thought is apparent. It guarantees to the Pennsylvania Division leadership in the ranks of our Order. It will enable future administrations to build up a treasury which will permit its officers to prosecute the great work in which we are engaged without the pecuniary embarrassment which has always hindered the efforts of your Division Officers in the past. It prevents the error so many have made, (especially comrades of the Grand Army), of supposing that East and West Pennsylvania are two distinct orders. It will have a great tendency to hasten the time when all Sons of Veterans in this State, will march under the same banner and work under the same laws. In short, the good this consolidation will accomplish is incalculable, therefore we trust that the judgment of our Camps on the work of the committee will not be hastily pronounced, but only after full consideration of the advantages to be derived from the fulfillment of the agreement.

The comparatively few changes which have been made in our numbers were unavoidable, else your committee would not have consented to them, recognizing as we do, that East Pennsylvania is the home of the Order, and that in consequence it is entitled to more consideration than the younger and weaker branch. A careful review of the conditions of the Union cannot fail to impress on your minds that this circumstance was taken into full deliberation when they were drawn up.

These terms of consolidation will be submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief in convention assembled at Buffalo, on August 31, 1886. Such camps as object to the confirmation of this agreement will send their protests to these headquarters, properly drawn and stating in detail their reason for such objections, not later than Friday, August 20, 1886, so they can be presented to the convention at the same time.

The extra copies of agreement sent herewith are intended for distribution among the camp members. If more are needed they will be furnished upon application of camp to these headquarters. By order of

JOHN B. MYERS,  
*Adjutant.*

CHAS. J. MILLER,  
*Col. Commanding.*

Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, moved that a committee of five (5) be appointed as a committee on grievances. Carried. The committee was then appointed as follows: O. B. Brown, of Ohio; Col. Lauman of Ill.; Gen. G. W. Penniman, of Minn.; Col. L. F. Burpee, of Conn.; and Col. Horace L. Wright, of Maine.

The communication from East Pennsylvania was referred to grievance committee.

Col. E. G. Worden, of Dakota, asked that Bro. Beckler be given past rank of Col. Referred to committee on grievances.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were then read by Adjutant General Carlisle, and on motion were adopted as read.

There being some misunderstanding as to who was chairman on some of the committees, Col. Frazee, of Ohio, proposed that each committee select their own chairman. Bro. C. M. Cott desired to bring before the committee on grievances a little matter. After stating the matter Gen. Payne ruled that there was no grievance.

Bro. Worden asked if this was a smoking room, and said: I see the Bro's are not paying the proper respect for the G. A. R., and I think the smoking should be stopped. Commander-in-Chief declared that hereafter no smoking would be allowed during the sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief then submitted a supplementary report:

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

It seems that the Commander-in-Chief, nor any of the Staff, gave the financial condition of the Order as it came to me from our predecessors. Gen'l

H. W. Arnold's Q. M. Gen'l reported cash on hands \$334.00 and did not report any indebtedness. We thought we were assuming command under favorable circumstances, but upon due examination we found that there was not one cent in the treasury, and the following bills remaining unpaid:

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| General H. W. Arnold.....       | \$ 33 85        |
| General F. P. Merrill.....      | 114 00          |
| Major A. P. Davis.....          | .....           |
| White and Graham, printers..... | 284 25          |
| <b>Total.....</b>               | <b>\$432 10</b> |

In addition to this indebtedness the Commandery-in-Chief was obliged to assume the indebtedness of the Third Grand Division, and have paid on this account \$116.00 of the indebtedness of the former administration. All there remains unpaid, \$40.00, which shows that we have wiped out an indebtedness of \$509.10, and have a balance in the treasury of a little over \$500.00

GEN. WALTER S. PAYNE.

Bro. Crowley, of N. H., moved to pay the \$40.00 referred to in the report.

Commander-in-Chief said that it was not necessary as the bill had been allowed and voted upon, and all that was necessary was to pay the bill, which would be done at once.

Reports of committees calling for a communication from Bro. R. V. Mallory in regard to proceedings of Grand Rapids meeting, was read by the Adj't Gen'l.

Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, offered the following resolution No. 4, and asked that it be referred to the proper committee, which was done:

*Resolved*, That any Brother of the Sons of Veterans using the name of the Order as a sign for a place such as a saloon, sample room, billiard room or for any business where intoxicating liquors are sold, shall be expelled from the Order, and any person eligible to become a member of this Order shall forfeit his rights of membership by committing the foregoing offence. Referred to committee on resolutions.

Bro. Ed. C. White moved that we take a recess until 2 P. M. Amended by Bro. James D. Rowen to 1.30 P. M. Bro. Brown moved to take a recess for 15 minutes. Bro. L. J. Webb: There is no necessity of a recess. The motion then to take a recess until 2 P. M., was put and lost.

The committee on officers' reports, through their chairman, submitted the following report, which was acted upon by section by motion of Holmes of New York:

Your committee on reports of officers beg leave to submit the following report: On report of Commander-in-Chief, we disagree with the Commander in regard to the profit on supplies and per capita tax. Cognizant of the fact that resolutions bearing on the same subject will come before the Commandery and should receive full discussion, therein we refrain from making any recommendations.

**RANK STRAPS**—We recommend that a strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Order relating thereto. Adopted by motion of Bro. C. C. Morton of Pennsylvania.

**CROSSES, STARS AND RIBBONS**—We recommend that past Captains be allowed to wear the Iron Cross suspended on camp officers' ribbon; Past Colonels, the Silver Cross suspended on Division ribbon; Past Commander-in-Chief be allowed to wear the Gold Star suspended on Commandery-in-Chief ribbon.

After debate by Bro's Morton, of Pa., Reed, Payne, Hendee, Holmes and Crowley, the recommendation was referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

**ORGANIZATION**—We disapprove of the subdivision of Divisions into Brigades and Battalions for the present. By motion of Bro. Hammer, of Pa., the report of the committee was adopted.

**LADIES' AID SOCIETIES**—We, as a committee, do not favor the endorsing of



the Ladies' Aid Society by this body, thinking that there can be more good accomplished by the working of one society of women and would recommend that no legislation be attempted by this body. Adopted as read by the Committee.

**INSURANCE**—We heartily endorse the recommendation of our Commander-in-Chief regarding the question of insurance organizations. Adopted.

**OFFICIAL ORGANS**—We do not approve of any paper printed in the interest of the Order being recognized as the official organ by vote of the Commandery-in-Chief, but think that each paper should stand on its own merits and receive equal courtesies at the hands of the Commanders of Divisions. This section was adopted as read.

**CHIEF M. O. REPORT**—The committee concur in the recommendations of the Chief Mustering Officer. Adopted as read.

**INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**—The committee recommend that R. R. be changed to conform to suggestions of Inspector General in regard to having but one inspection a year, and that in April. Adopted as read.

We do not agree with his suggestions in regard to creating the office of Division Ordnance Officer and Chief-of-Staff nor establishing territorial limits. Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Neither do we think that the observation of the 4th of July and Thanksgiving day should be made special objects of our Order. Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

We do not concur with the recommendation to allow camps 4 Rituals, but advise the continuance of present custom with a suitable set of camp service cards in each set of supplies. Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

We submit a negative report in regard to Gavel and Ballot-box. Adopted as read.

We do not concur with recommendation in giving members of Division staff the rank of Captain. Adopted as read.

We concur in recommendation granting Colonels of Divisions power to revoke charters of camps 6 months in arrears for per capita tax. Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Inasmuch as all commanding officers have the power to remove members of their staff we recommend no action. Adopted as read.

We do not concur with recommendation to change Key and Cypher. Adopted as read.

[Signed]

FRANK P. MERRILL.  
H. F. GUEBIN.  
R. M. J. REED.  
W. C. FARQUHER.  
H. P. KENT.

Committee.

The report of the Committee was then adopted by motion of O. B. Brown of Ohio.

Bro. Rowson moved to take a recess until 2 P. M.

Bro. Brown, as Chairman of Committee on Grievances, was allowed to make the following report: The Committee on Grievances respectfully report in regard to the communication from Col. Chas. J. Miller, of East Pennsylvania Division, referred to us. We recommend that the papers be returned to Col. Chas. J. Miller, of East Pennsylvania, without action on the part of the Commandery-in-Chief; for the action of the Committee on Consolidation of the East and West Pennsylvania Divisions, with the suggestions thereunder, may be reported to the next Commandery-in-Chief.

[Signed]

O. B. BROWN, (Ohio)  
G. V. LANMEN, (Ills.)  
L. F. BURPHEE, (Conn.)  
H. L. WRIGHT, (Maine)  
G. W. PENNIMAN, (Minn.)

Committee.

Bro. E. G. Worden moved that the report be adopted. Remarks by Bro. Smith, of Pennsylvania. Bro. Hammer moved to lay the report on the table until after dinner. Carried.

Bro. L. J. Webb—I move to take a recess until 3 p. m. Motion put and carried.

3:00 P. M.—Commandery-in-Chief called to order, with Gen. Walter S. Payne in the chair.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Lanman of Illinois:

*Resolved*, The Sons of Veterans realizing that a nation's great blessing is peace, but recognizing the fact that it is at times necessary for the nation to assert itself on questions of right, and feeling that to preserve its rights it must at all times be able to defend them; and confident that any other course would be detrimental to the fair fame of our Government and to the preservation of the noble patrimony bequeathed us by our fathers, declare the defenseless condition of our sea coasts to be one of the most important questions of public concern of the day, demanding immediate attention. That we view with regret the neglect of Congress at the session just ended to make appropriation for the proper fortification of our maritime ports, and demand of the representatives of all sections their earnest endeavors to this end.

Bro. Lanman, of Illinois, moved the adoption of the resolution. Bro. James D. Rowen, of Iowa, moved to refer them to the Committee on Resolutions. Col. L. J. Webb, of Kansas, moved to lay the resolution on the table. The motion was seconded by a delegate, and question called, the motion was put and declared carried.

Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, called up the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was laid on the table before recess, and the question was debated by Bros. Rake and Hammer of Pennsylvania. Bro. Hammer was called to order on account of there being no question before the house.

By Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas—I move to lay this matter on the table until after the matter of consolidation is settled by the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

Col. Frank C. McArthur, of Colorado, as chairman of Committee on Resolutions, offered the following report on resolution: On resolution No. 8, offered by Col. James D. Rowen, of Iowa; we recommend that it be not adopted as read, but that we recommend that Sydna Pruyne, of Iowa, be appointed to the rank of Past Division Commander.

By O. B. Brown, of Ohio—I move that the rank of Past Division Commander be given Sydna Pruyne, of Iowa. Seconded by a delegate. The question was then debated by Bros. Miller, Rudy, Worden, Rowen, Kent, Cott, and Frazee. The question was then put and declared lost.

The Commander-in-Chief stated he had a little matter of business with the officers and staff and declared a recess of a few minutes for that purpose.

Commandery-in-Chief again called to order at 4.15. Gen'l Payne stated that he was requested to state for the benefit of members of the G. A. R., that there would be a muster, and, later in the evening there would be a camp-fire held in the Post room of Bidwell Wilkins Post No. 9, G. A. R., to which we are all invited.

By Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas: I move we accept the invitation and the Commandery-in-Chief go in a body. Carried.

The balance of the report of the Committee on Resolutions were then presented and acted upon by sections.

The Resolution No. 2, from Dakota, offered by Brother E. G. Worden, was withdrawn.

On Resolution No. 4, Offered by Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, your Committee report favorably and recommend its insertion in the by-laws.

By Bro. Hendee, of New York: I move to concur in the report of the Committee. Carried, and so ordered.

On Resolution No. 5, your Committee recommend that it be not adopted, as unnecessary. By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

On Resolution No. 6, your Committee disapprove, and recommend that it be inserted in the Constitution, that hereafter no person not a Son of a Veteran of a Union soldier or a lineal descendant of a Son of a Veteran shall be eligible to membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans.

By Bro. Rudy, of Pa.: I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Remarks by Brown of Ohio. The question was then put and declared carried and so referred.

On Resolution No. 7, which is as follows: That we voice the sentiments of 15,000 Sons of Veterans in asking of Congress that a pension be granted to all survivors of ex-Union prisoners of war, your Committee report favorably. By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move to concur in the report of the Committee. Carried.

On Resolution No. 8, your Committee recommend that the resolution in regard to giving a separate password to members of the Grand Army be not adopted. By Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas: I move the report of the committee be concurred in. After some very appropriate remarks by Gen'l Payne, the question was put and declared carried.

On resolution No. 9, your committee recommend that the resolution concerning the Beneficiary Association to be connected with the Order be not adopted.

By Bro. Hammer, of Pennsylvania: I move the report of the committee be adopted. The question was put and declared carried.

On resolution No. 10, recommended by West Pennsylvania Division for favorable consideration by the Commandery-in-Chief, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Mr. John Kitterly was mustered a member of Lieut. James M. Lysle Camp No. 2, S. V., U. S. A., on February 8, 1882, before our organization had attained a State or National existence, and from the date of his muster to the time of his discharge he was one of its most earnest workers, having spent time, money and labor for the interest of his Camp, the Division, and the Order in general. During his connection with our Order he held the offices of sergeant of the guard, first lieutenant, quartermaster sergeant, member of camp council, and two terms as captain of his camp, and as ordnance officer, member of division council, and major of the division, all of which positions were filled with credit to himself and honor to our Order; not alone in his own camp, but in many others his voice was raised in advice and counsel, thereby rendering great assistance in the unwritten work at a time when the Order was sadly needful of it; and

WHEREAS, At the date of his muster the constitution and laws had not been promulgated, and in its extreme infancy—the Order then being but a venture—the fact of his being an “adopted” Son of a Veteran was considered no bar to his being mustered as a member by the then authorities of the Order, but by a change of circumstance brought to bear against him, he was discharged from our Order, by General Order No. 3, emanating from Division Headquarters, Col. A. K. Howard, commanding; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this, the Western Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in its annual encampment, convened in Allegheny City, Pa., June 8, 1886, take such steps as will give the above named John Kitterly an honorary life membership in Lieut. James M. Lysle Camp, S. V., U. S. A., and to admission to all other Camps within the jurisdiction of the Western Pennsylvania Division, and by reason of such membership he shall not be entitled or eligible to vote or hold office in either Camp or Division; and be it

*Resolved*, That the delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment be and are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to secure the adoption of the foregoing resolutions.

Your committee would report without any recommendation.

By Bro. Miller: I move that this resolution from Pennsylvania be not adopted. Remarks by Bros. Myers of Ohio, and Miller of Pennsylvania. Bro. Cott submitted the decision of a lawyer who was a member of the Order, stating that the Brother could not be legally expelled from the Order. Remarks by

Bros. Webb of Kansas, Hammer of Pennsylvania, Gen. Payne and Rowison. A question of privilege was asked for by Brother Cott. By Gen. Payne: State your question of privilege.

By Bro. Cott: I want it understood that I am sincere in this matter. The question was then put by the chair and declared lost.

By Bro. Webb: I understand we have done just what we did not want to do. The report of the committee asked for and read. Bro. Miller, of Pa.: I move to reconsider the vote just taken. Bro. Morrison, of Ohio: I arise to a point of order. The point of order not sustained. The question was then put on reconsideration and declared carried.

By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move that the request from W. Pa. be rejected. Seconded and declared carried.

On Resolution No. 11 as follows:

*Resolved*, That any meeting of a state Division encampment or at any session of a camp of the S. of V., by a special vote of that encampment or camp, the votes for all offices to be filled may be written or printed on one slip of paper (the right to change the ticket by substituting other names not being denied) and the entire ticket being voted for at one time. Your committee recommend that it be not adopted.

By Bro. Hammer: I move to adopt the report of the committee. Remarks by Bro. Webb, of Kansas. Point of order risen to by Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio. The point not sustained. By Bro. Webb: I move to concur in the report of the committee. Seconded by a delegate. A point of order risen to by Bro. Miller of Pa. Point not sustained. Question called for and declared carried.

On Resolution No. 12: "*Resolved*, That the ritual be so changed as to cause the Sergeant of the Guard in command of detail during muster to command an order arms when halting at stations of the 1st and 2nd Lieutenants. Your committee recommend that it be referred to Committee on Ritual; there being no objection it was so referred.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK C. MCARTHUR, (COL.)  
HENRY FRAZER, (OHIO.)  
E. T. ROE, (ILL.)  
M. CROWLY, (N. H.)  
F. WHITE.

Committee on Resolutions.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was then adopted as a whole, as corrected by section.

Gen. G. B. Abbott, as chairman of Committee on Ritual, read their report as follows:

*To the Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

Your Committee on Ritual beg leave to report as follows: only a few changes have been made for the purpose of simplification and explanation. There is much in the ritual which ought to be changed; to this end we recommend that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three who will carefully go through the ritual and make all desirable changes in the wording and punctuations. To this committee should be referred the preparation of a burial service, memorial service, public installation service and some ceremony for receiving inspectors, and we further recommend that when the burial service has been prepared by the committee and approved by the Commander-in-Chief, it shall be promulgated at once for immediate use. The changes in the ritual are as follows: the word "Brothers" to be omitted where used before addressing officers, also the word "salute" to be changed to "sign" when used in connection with the word "alter" and the word "O. S." to first Sergeant and the words "Commanding Officer" to the word "Captain.

C. J. POST.  
LUCIAN F. BURPEE.  
JAMES D. ROWEN.  
G. B. ABBOTT.  
LELAND J. WEBB.

Committee.

By Gen. Payne: Shall the chair appoint a committee on revising the ritual? The first section was then called for and read. By Bro. E. G. Worden: I move that the report of the committee thus far be adopted. Carried.

The chair then stated the question. The question was then put and declared carried. Chair appointed G. B. Abbott, Lawman and Rowison. The second section was then read, and by motion of Bro. C. E. Holmes of New York, was adopted. Third section read.

By Bro. C. E. Holmes, of New York: I move to strike out the word "officer" and insert the word "staff." The General then called the Major General to the chair and retired to the ante-room on other business. A point of order risen to by Bro. C. M. Cott of Pennsylvania, he desiring to know if the matter had been submitted by a division and published in General Order as the law provides. Remarks by Bros. M. Retel of New York, and O. B. Brown of Ohio.

A point of order risen to by Bro. L. J. Webb of Kansas, on the remarks of O. B. Brown. The chair, through ignorance of the subject, was unable to render a decision. Remarks by Bro. Holmes of New York. A question was asked of Bro. O. B. Brown by Bro. L. J. Webb.

Gen. Payne returned and assumed the chair.

A point of order risen to by J. J. Speaker of Missouri, to the effect that this debating is entirely out of order. Remarks by Gen. Payne.

Bro. Hendee, of New York: I move to lay the report of the Committee on Rituals on the table. I also give notice that if this motion prevails, I will offer an additional section, to be No. 11, at the next Commandery-in-Chief. No action.

The following telegram was then offered by Bro. Horace P. Kent, of Massachusetts:

H. W. Arnold, care of the Headquarters of the G. A. R., Denver, Colo.:—"The Sons of Veterans in National Encampment are pained to learn of your continued illness, and hope that your sojourn in Colorado will prove beneficial and that your recovery may be speedy. By vote of the Encampment.

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

*Commandery-in-Chief."*

Remarks by Gen. Payne, in which he asked the Commandery-in-Chief to send him (\$25) twenty-five dollars.

Moved by Bro. James D. Rowen of Iowa, that the message be wired and the Commandery-in-Chief forward to him the sum of (\$50) fifty dollars. Carried unanimously.

By Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas: I move that the Commandery-in-Chief take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

SEPTEMBER 2—9:25 A. M.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order, with Gen. Walter S. Payne in the chair.

Gen. G. B. Abbott, chairman of Committee on Ritual, asked to postpone the report of that committee for the present.

Minutes of the preceding session read by Adjutant General and adopted as read.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, through their Secretary, E. J. Smith of Pennsylvania, submitted their report by section and acted on in that manner.

Section 1, read. By Bro. G. B. Abbott of Illinois: I move its adoption. Carried.

Section 2, read. By Bro. G. B. Abbott of Illinois: I move not to concur with the report of the committee on this section. Remarks by Bro. Webb of Kansas.

By Bro. Hendee, of New York: I move as an amendment that we recommit this section to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. The question was

debated by Bros. Webb of Kansas, Hendee of New York, Brown of Ohio, Smith of Pennsylvania, Rowen of Iowa.

By Bro. Hendee, of New York: I now call for the question.

By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I think it proper to take up the final report of the Committee on Ritual. Remarks were made by Bros. Smith of Pennsylvania, and Maccabe of Massachusetts.

By Bro. Hendee: I withdraw my motion in order to allow the Committee on Ritual to proceed.

By Bro. Hammer of Pennsylvania: I move that the Committee on Ritual proceed with their report. Carried.

By Gen. Payne: To save time we will consider each section. Adopted, unless their is objection.

By Bro. Smith, of Pennsylvania: I move that the rule be suspended which requires recommendation to go to Divisions before they can be acted on. Carried.

Section 1 read. By Bro. Holmes, of New York: I move to strike out the word "officers" and insert the word "staff." Carried.

Sections 2, 3 and 4 were read and passed without objection.

Section 5 read. Bro. Frazee, of Ohio, objected to striking out the word "attention," before singing the odes, as they could not be sung while at a parade rest, as parade rest meant perfect immovability. After remarks by Bro. Speaker of Missouri, and Gen. Payne, section 5 was passed.

Section 6 read: Objected to by Bro. Hendee of New York.

Bro. Webb, of Kansas, thought that in the installation of officers of a new camp, if the charter was not in the hands of the installing officer, he could say "you will receive the charter, prize it," etc.

Bro. Worden, of Dakota, objected to the words "standing at the altar" being inserted before the word "sir," when the S. of G. makes his report to the captain, after returning to the ante-room.

By Bro. Brown, of Ohio: I move that the report of the committee on this section be adopted.

By Bro. Morton, of Pennsylvania: I move as an amendment that the ritual be altered so as to read, "the hour for meeting having arrived and a quorum present, the officers will take their respective stations, and by direction the musicians will take position on the floor in front of the captain and sound the assembly or any suitable call. The staff, under the direction of the 1st sergeant will form in line in the rear of the altar," etc. Carried.

The Section in regard to striking out the words in the general instructions, "singing the hymns." Adopted.

By Bro. Rowen, of Iowa: I move that we do not concur with the report of the committee in regard to striking out the words in the obligation of the officers in regard to sending in their reports. Carried.

Bro. Frazee, of Ohio, called the attention of the committee to the fact that they had neglected to act upon Ohio's recommendation in the change of numbers of the Secret Work, and asked that their recommendation be adopted.

By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move that the recommendation from Ohio, changing No. 5 to No. 7 of Secret Work be adopted. Carried.

Question asked by Bro. Worden, of Dakota: Is it intended to prohibit the use of the grip in the camp-room?

By General Payne: Yes, except in the instructions to a new recruit.

By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move in case the mustering officer does not have the charter he shall use the words, "You will receive the charter," in lieu of the words, "Take this charter." Carried.

By Bro. Frazee, of Ohio: The committee have overlooked another recommendation from Ohio, as follows: "Also the 1st Serg't shall call the roll of the entire camp."

By Bro. Guerin: I move the recommendation from Ohio be concurred in. Bro. Johnston thought it a matter of camp affairs, and not of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Previous question called for. Bro. Webb, of Kansas, thought it not right to call for the previous question when a Brother had the floor. Question put; and the chair unable to decide, a rising vote was taken, resulting 36 in favor, and 16 against

The motion was declared carried.

By Bro. Worden: I move that the report of the Committee on Ritual be adopted. Remarks by Brothers Rake, of Pa., and Webb, of Kan. Motion put and carried.

By Bro. Smith, of Pa., in behalf of the representatives of Pa.: I desire to have this Encampment take up the matter of Consolidation.

By Bro. Brown, of Ohio: I move we take up the mater of Consolidation. Carried. The Terms of Consolidation were read by Bro. Smith, as follows:

### ARTICLES OF CONSOLIDATION.

Entered Into Between the Divisions of East and West Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Terms of consolidation, drawn and agreed upon at Altoona, Pa., July 31, 1886, of the Eastern and Western Divisions of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, consolidating the two said divisions into one division to be known as Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

That during the month of March, 1883, in the mustering in of the Camps of the Sons of Veterans in Eastern Pennsylvania, into the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., certain differences as regards the numbering of the Camps of the two sections of the State, to-wit: in and in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, and those in and in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, existed, which could not be adjusted by making one division of the State; and

WHEREAS, the matter was finally compromised by establishing a dividing line and the Commandery-in-Chief recognized said dividing line by making two divisions, one east and the other west of said line, known since then as the Eastern and Western Divisions of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.; and,

WHEREAS, There is now a desire on the part of many to form one division in the State of Pennsylvania by consolidating these two divisions into one; on account of the large expense attached to the running of the two divisions in one State, and on account of the barrenness of the treasuries of the two divisions which are now not able to pay sufficient salaries to their Adjutants and Quartermasters, recognizing that the running of one division headquarters in Pennsylvania would cost little more than half the amount required at the present time to run the two separate headquarters, thus the whole material welfare of the Order in this State being involved; and,

WHEREAS, Some of the divisions of the Order, located in other States, are complaining of the injustice done them by reason of the fact that Pennsylvania is annually getting two life members of the Commandery-in-Chief and they are getting but one; and of the fact that Pennsylvania has annually two delegates-at large to the Commandery-in-Chief and they have but one; and said complaints being just by reason of the fact that the only just territorial demarcations of divisions are State lines as established by the different States of the Union among themselves and the general government. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the two divisions be consolidated into one division on the following basis, to-wit:

That hereafter there be but one Division in the whole State, the Commandery-in-Chief being and is hereby petitioned to amend the second paragraph of Article IV, Chapter I, page 5, (edition of 1885), Constitution, Rules and Regulations, so as to carry this resolution into effect.

That the present Division Officers of Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Divisions be allowed to retain their present commands until the time of the

next annual Division Encampments and that then the two Divisions meet on the second Tuesday, and the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following said second Tuesday of June, 1887, in Altoona, Pa., each in encampment by itself until its business is wound up, and that then the two divisions meet in one encampment and elect officers to succeed the present officers of the two divisions and to assume command of the whole State of Pennsylvania.

That the numbers of all Camps at present in existence in Pennsylvania be as follows :

| Name of Camp.       | No. | Location.      | Name of Camp.       | No. | Location.        |
|---------------------|-----|----------------|---------------------|-----|------------------|
| Anna M Ross,        | 1   | Philadelphia   | Gen McPherson,      | 62  | New Albany       |
| Davis,              | 1   | Pittsburg      |                     | 63  | Union City       |
| Lysle,              | 2   | Allegheny      | Gen J R Brook,      | 64  | Birdsboro        |
| O H Emery           | 3   | Lockhaven      | Capt H K Ritter,    | 65  | McClure          |
| H B Hayes,          | 4   | Pittsburg      | Corp Syl Smith,     | 66  | Kennet Square    |
| Gen U S Grant,      | 5   | Philadelphia   | Ely,                | 67  | Parsons          |
| J R Housel,         | 6   | Montgomery Sta | Gen John Welsh,     | 68  | Columbia         |
| Col O H Ripley,     | 7   | Pittsburg      | True Blue,          | 69  | Williamstown     |
| Ezra Griffin,       | 8   | Scranton       | R Guthrie,          | 70  | Stratonsville    |
| Sam Clegg,          | 9   | Roxborough     | Beaver Valley,      | 71  | Beaver Falls     |
| Gen J F Reynolds,   | 10  | Philadelphia   | Gen G Washington,   | 72  | Shamokin         |
| R R Means,          | 11  | Brookville     | Amos W Heurick,     | 73  | Liverpool        |
| Lt S C Potts,       | 12  | Altoona        | Mehaffy,            | 74  | Marietta         |
| Gen D B Birney,     | 13  | Philadelphia   | Watkins,            | 75  | Towanda          |
| Speer Orr,          | 14  | Johansdown     | Lt G E Hackenberg,  | 76  | Middleburg       |
|                     | 15  | Harrisburg     | Wm H Bates,         | 77  | Nanticoke        |
| Gen G G Made,       | 16  | Reading        | Coleman,            | 78  | Annville         |
| D Patton,           | 17  | Grove City     | Gen John W Geary,   | 79  | New Cumberland   |
| J N McCauley,       | 18  | West Chester   | John Jenkins,       | 80  | Girardville      |
| Thomas L Kane,      | 19  | Titusville     | H C Wagner,         | 81  | Frankville       |
| Gen G H Thomas,     | 20  | Lancaster      | Capt S M McDowell,  | 82  | Chambersburg     |
| S H Pollock,        | 21  | Milton         | Lafayette Hughes,   | 83  | Hughesville      |
| Henry Yeager,       | 22  | Pine Grove     | Weesean,            | 84  | Bainbridge       |
| James McKellip,     | 23  | Corsica        | L W Forrest,        | 85  | East Smithfield  |
| Lt H C Jackson,     | 24  | St Clair       | John Whittaker,     | 86  | Rome             |
| Lt J H Styer,       | 25  | Berwick        | sgt Watson,         | 87  | Carlisle         |
| Ph Sheridan,        | 26  | Danville       | Lt S H Brown,       | 88  | Mifflintown      |
| Gen John W Moore,   | 27  | Philadelphia   | D C Bronson,        | 89  | Great Bend       |
| Line,               | 28  | Bedford        | Deegan,             | 90  | Dushore          |
| Lieut Waltz,        | 29  | Saxton         | Corp F W Witherow,  | 91  | New Bloomfield   |
| Capt John Griffith, | 30  | Athens         | Gen W S Hancock,    | 92  | Manheim          |
| Sgt J B Kelley,     | 31  | Homestead      | Capt A G Carpenter, | 93  | Factoryville     |
| Jesse Dial,         | 32  | Ursina         | Lt John T Miller,   | 94  | Duncannon        |
| Col J I Nevin,      | 33  | Allegheny      | Col Lentz,          | 95  | Lehighton        |
| Gen Jas A Garfield, | 34  | Mt Carmel      | S H Telle,          | 96  | Hunting Mills    |
| Capt Beatty,        | 35  | Carlisle       | Lt J T Stevens,     | 97  | Peckville        |
| Gen Phil Kearney,   | 36  | Reynoldsville  | Col J M Goshue,     | 98  | Bristol          |
| Gen Rich'd Coulter  | 37  | Greensburg     |                     | 99  | Steelton         |
| Maj N Payne,        | 38  | Oil City       | Edgar M Ruhl,       | 100 | York             |
| E A Maberson,       | 39  | South Oil City |                     | 101 | Franklinville    |
| Chas H Ribbet,      | 40  | Erie           | Union Volunteer,    | 102 | Meadville        |
| Col A H Lippen,     | 41  | Pottstown      | Amos B Rhoads,      | 103 | Williamsport     |
| Sedgwick,           | 42  | Lebanon        | Maj E A Moontooth,  | 104 | Pittsburg        |
| Capt Jas Henchman,  | 43  | Somerset       | D K Stevenson,      | 105 | Carmichaels      |
| Rochester,          | 44  | Rochester      | H C Steadman,       | 106 | Mifflinburg      |
| Henry Cooke,        | 45  | Waynesburg     | Capt T A Roberts,   | 107 | Renova           |
| Lt Fran Stevenson,  | 46  | Stormstown     | Sergt Wyant,        | 108 | N Bethlehem      |
| Gen Custer,         | 47  | Brockwayville; | Gen Robt Bryan,     | 109 | Philadelphia     |
|                     | 48  | Orbisonia      | Mt Pleasant,        | 110 | Mt Pleasant      |
| Harry Horncastle,   | 49  | Shenandoah     | T L Martin,         | 111 | Elderton         |
| Gen W S Mitchell,   | 50  | Lewistown      | Gettysburg,         | 112 | Gettysburg       |
| John H Brautgan,    | 51  | Northumberland | Geo E Williams,     | 113 | Penfield         |
| Alexander Newell,   | 52  | Corry          |                     | 114 | Linesville       |
| Jas T Crawford,     | 53  | Kittaning      | Frank Bunyan,       | 115 | Granville Centre |
| E O C Ord,          | 54  | Mahanoy City   |                     | 116 | Edinboro         |
| Gen Joe Hooker,     | 55  | Ashland        | Geo Hyles,          | 117 | Canonsburg       |
|                     | 56  | Three Springs  |                     | 118 | Berlin           |
| Col Wm Wetherill,   | 57  | Pottsville     | (formerly 67 W PA)  | 119 | Pittsburg        |
| Wilson C Hicks,     | 58  | Myersdale      |                     | 120 | Scottdale        |
| Thaddeus C Rider,   | 59  | Newport        |                     | 121 | Coudersport      |
| Andy Neff,          | 60  | West Newton    | Col McKeage,        | 122 | Holidaysburg     |
| Lt W H Fulton,      | 61  | Mauch Chunk    |                     | 123 | Houlton.         |

That hereafter until one division is formed in Pennsylvania, the Commandery-in-Chief fix all charter members in the two present divisions, commencing at "No. 123."



That any camp, the changing of whose number shall cause financial loss, owing to the necessary alterations to be made in flags, drums, or other camp property of whatsoever kind, shall be recompensed for such loss by the consolidated State Division, further than the Captain and Orderly Sergeants of such Camps shall send a probated and itemized account of such losses sustained by their Camps to the Colonel of the Division, who after such accounts, or bills, have been duly approved by the Division Council, shall be authorized to pay the same.

That after the meeting at Altoona, to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 1897, the Division Encampment meet for four years alternately east and west of the meridian upon which Bellefonte is located.

That the Colonel of the proposed Pennsylvania Division be not elected for more than two consecutive terms from the same section east or west of the meridian upon which Bellefonte is located, and that this resolution be in effect until repealed by a two-thirds vote of the proposed Pennsylvania Division Encampment.

That in case either Division is encumbered with a debt at the time of consolidation the combined Division assume the responsibility, and if a surplus exists it shall be passed into the treasury of the united division.

That the united Pennsylvania Division adopt as its Division mark the Keystone with a red field and a yellow border the same as is now worn by the Eastern Pennsylvania Division, and that Davis Camp, No. 1, be allowed to wear a Keystone with a yellow field and a red border as the distinguishing mark from Ross Camp, No. 1 of Philadelphia; and that camps be allowed to wear upon and in the centre of the Keystone any device they may wish as a separate camp mark.

That the name Gen. G. G. Meade be taken from Camp No. 43, Orbisonig, Western Pennsylvania, and this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

That the name Gen. James A. Garfield be taken from Camp No. 56, Three Springs, Western Pennsylvania, and that this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

That the name Gen. U. S. Grant be taken from Camp No. 42, Franklinville, Western Pennsylvania, and that this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

E. J. SMITH, Chairman.  
H. H. HAMMER,  
R. E. HOPKINS,  
CHARLES O'DONNELL,  
L. V. RAUSCH,

COMMITTEE EAST PA. DIVISION.  
CHARLES J. MILLER, *ex-Officio*.  
Col. Com. East Pa. Division.

R. M. LINTON, Chairman.  
W. E. LLOYD,  
J. B. ANDREWS,  
W. D. THOMAS,

J. N. WOODBURN, (*A. L. Musselman.*)  
COMMITTEE WEST PA. DIVISION.  
G. B. BROCKWAY, *ex-Officio*.  
Col. Com. West Pa. Division.

By Bro. Webb, of Kan.: I move the action of East and West Pa. Divisions be concurred in and the appeals laid on the table. Remarks by Bro's Hammer, Miller, Rake, Major A. P. Davis, all of Pa. By Bro. G. B. Abbott: I offer the following as a substitute: That the Commandery-in Chief order the consolidation with such alterations of the terms of such, the same to meet the approval of the Commandery-in-Chief, as the committees may agree upon. Carried unanimously, and three cheers and a tiger given for the Division of Pa.

By Bro. Hammer of Pa.: I move that Davis Camp No. 1, of Pittsburg, be allowed to drop their No. 1, and designate the same by a star. Carried.

Report of Committee on Grievances called for, and read by O. B. Brown, of Ohio, chairman of said committee. (See report as read in second day's proceedings.)

Committee on Resolution's supplementary report as follows:

"Resolved, By the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief assembled: That we tender to U. S. Grant Camp No. 33, of Buffalo, N. Y., our heartfelt thanks for the never-ceasing efforts

to make our meeting pleasant and agreeable. We will ever remember with pleasure the evidence of brotherly love shown by members of U. S. Grant Camp No. 33. We also return our thanks to the various posts of the Grand Army of the Republic; to the Women's relief Corps; the city officials; the local press and the citizens generally for the hospitable reception given us; and we shall always recall with pleasure our visit to the Queen City of the Lakes.

*Resolved*, That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief assembled, hereby return to Gen. Walter S. Payne and all members of his Staff our sincere thanks for their valuable services and unselfish devotion and very valuable services rendered by them during the past year on behalf of the Order.

COL. FRANK C. MCARTHUR.

“ HENRY FRAZEE.

“ F. W. WHITE.

“ E. T. ROE

“ MICHAEL CROWLY.

Committee on Resolutions.

All of which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations through Bro Smith submitted the following report, which was acted on by section, and after certain amendments was adopted by the Commandery in-Chief:

By Bro. Brown: I move we take a recess until 7.45 P. M. Carried.

By Gen. Payne: It is ordered that we assemble in front of this hall at 2.30 for the parade.

At 2.30 P. M. the Commandery-in-Chief formed in line with Col. E. H. Milham in command, assisted by Col. Rain, of N. Y., and Col. Webb, of Kan., and made a fine showing along the line of march. When the parade was dismissed, the Commandery-in-Chief was again called to order at 5.15 P. M., by Gen. W. S. Payne in the chair. The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations proceeded with their report. The remainder of the report was acted upon section by section and adopted as follows:

Sec. 3, Art. XI, p. 57, was adopted as follows: All Past Camp Commanders only who have served a full term or filled a vacancy to the end of a term shall be entitled to wear the prescribed iron cross of the Order attached to the regulation camp officers' ribbon; this, however, shall not debar Past Division Commanders, Past Grand Division Commanders or Past Commanders-in-Chief now possessing said decoration by virtue of rank held previous to August 31, 1886, from wearing them. All Past Division Commanders only shall be entitled to wear the prescribed silver cross of the Order attached to the regulation division officers' ribbon. All Past Commanders-in-Chief shall be entitled to wear the prescribed golden star of the Order attached to the regulation Commandery-in-Chief ribbon; for meritorious service the Commandery-in-Chief may award by vote the prescribed golden cross of the Order, to be attached to the regulation Grand Division ribbon.

Sec. 23, Rules of Order, p. 72, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 23. A motion to reconsider any resolution shall only be in order within three meetings after the regular session of the Order at which proposed, and the same must be made by those voting in the negative in the case of an equal division.

Chap. I, Art. V, Sec. 1, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 1. The sons, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union Army or Navy during the civil war of 1861-65, shall be eligible to membership; also upon attaining the age of twenty-one years, all sons of members of the Order in succeeding generations.

Chap. III, Art. IV, p. 26, was amended to read as follows: The officers of the Division shall consist of a Colonel, a Lieutenant Colonel and a Major.

Chap. III, Art. VI, Sec. 1, p. 26, was amended by striking out the words "and chaplain" in the second line.

Chap. III, Art. VI, Sec. 4, p. 27, was amended so as to read as follows: The Colonel shall, on his accession to office, appoint a Surgeon with the rank

of Major, a Chaplain with the rank of Captain, an Adjutant, a Quartermaster, an Inspector, a Mustering Officer, a Judge Advocate with the rank of First Lieutenant, and as many Aides with the rank of Second Lieutenant as he may deem necessary.

Chap. I, Art. 4, p. 5, second paragraph, was amended so as to read as follows: Second—Of State organizations known as Divisions.

Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 8, p. 9, was amended by inserting the words "exclusive of badge," after the words "the application," in the fourth line.

Chap. II, Art. VI, Sec. 1, p. 12, was amended by striking out the words "orderly sergeant" and inserting "first lieutenant" in lieu thereof; also, wherever the same change is necessary throughout the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Chap. III, Art. III, Sec. 1, p. 25, was amended to read as follows: There shall be an annual meeting of each Division Encampment between April 1st and July 10th. of each year.

Chap. III, Art. VIII, was stricken out.

Chap. III, Art. IX, p. 28, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 1. The Division Council shall consist of the Colonel, the Lieutenant Colonel, the Major, the staff of the Colonel, excepting Aides-de-Camp, and three elective.

The former section 1 of this article was made section 2; section 2 made section 3, after inserting before the word "division" the words "elective members of the."

That Chap. IV, Art. II, Sec. 1, "first," was amended so as to read as follows: First—Its own elective and appointive officers, except special Aides and Aides-de-Camp.

That Chap. IV, Art. II, Sec. 1, "sixth," was amended by dropping all after the word "providing," and inserting in lieu thereof, "that each Division having less than one thousand members, in addition to its delegate at-large, shall be entitled to one representation.

That Chap. IV, Art. IV, was amended so as to read as follows: The list of the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be made up as follows: First, General and Commander-in-Chief; second, Lieutenant General; third, Major General; fourth, Chief-of-Staff; fifth, Adjutant General; sixth, Quartermaster General; seventh, Commissary General; eighth, Inspector General; ninth, Chief Mustering Officer; tenth, Chief Ordnance Officer; eleventh, Judge Advocate General; twelfth, Surgeon General; thirteenth, Chaplain-in-Chief.

Chap. IV, Art. VI, Sec. 3, p. 37, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 3 Any vacancies which may occur in the elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be filled by the next officer in rank, who shall assume the vacant chair and perform the duties of the office.

Chap. IV, Art. VI, Sec. 4, p. 37, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 4. The Commander-in-Chief shall, on his accession to the office, appoint a Chief-of-Staff, an Adjutant General, a Quartermaster General, a Commissary General, an Inspector General, a Chief Mustering Officer, a Chief Ordnance Officer, a Judge Advocate General, a Surgeon General, a Chaplain-in-Chief, and as many Aides-de-Camp as he may deem necessary, not exceeding, however, four for each Division in the Order.

That Chap. IV, Art VIII, Sec. 1, p. 38, be amended so as to read as follows: The Council-in-Chief shall consist of the first three elective officers, the Chief-of-Staff, the Adjutant General, the Quartermaster General, the Inspector General, the Chief Mustering Officer, and the Judge Advocate General, the Surgeon General, the Chaplain-in-Chief, and one member from each Division to be elected yearly by their respective Divisions.

In Chap. VI, Art. 1, Sec. 1, p. 44, the word "chief commander" was made "commander-in-chief."

In Chap. VI, Art. 1, Sec. 4, p. 45, changed word "may" to "shall."

In Chap. VI, Art. 1, Sec. 5, p. 45, the words "and grand division" were dropped.

In Chap. VI, Art. 5, Sec. 1, p. 50, was amended by dropping words "at least once in six months," and instead thereof were inserted "during the month of April of each year."

In Chap. VI, Art. V, Sec. 2, p. 50, drop the words "and grand divisions," and insert before the word "divisions" the word "and"

In Chap. VI, Art. VIII, p. 54, drop words "of \$100 per annum" and add the words, "the sum to be fixed in advance by the annual meeting of the Commander-in-Chief, not to exceed \$1,000 for each."

In Chap. VI, Art. IX, p. 55, drop the words "and all officers above the rank of captain," and insert in lieu thereof "and all commissioned officers, except aides-de-camp of divisions."

In Chap. VI, Art. X, Sec. 1, p. 55, drop the words "from 1861 to 1865," after the words "United States service."

In Chap. VI, Art. X, Sec. 3, p. 57, drop the words and "grand divisions," after the word "divisions."

In Chap. VI, Art. XI, p. 58, that the following be made the fifth section of said article: There shall be four prescribed ribbons in the Order; all officers of the Commander-in-Chief, including all members of the Council-in-Chief, shall wear attached to the regulation badge, while holding office, a ribbon, the centre a broad stripe of old gold with a narrow border of red, white and blue on each side, the same as is now worn; all Division officers, including all elective members of the Division Council, and excepting Assistant Inspectors, shall be entitled to wear a ribbon with a red center and a red, white and blue border on each side, the same as is now worn and in use; the Captain, First Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant shall be entitled to wear a ribbon with a blue center and red, white and blue border on each side, the same as is now worn; the members shall wear, attached to their regulation badge, a ribbon of red, white and blue stripes of equal width, the same as is now worn. The Commandery-in-Chief officers' ribbon, the Division officers' ribbon and the Camp officers' ribbon, shall be worn, attached to the regulation badge, by officers only while holding office.

The following was made the sixth section of Chap. VI, Art. XI: As an evidence of past rank a single miniature rank strap shall be worn diagonally upon the left breast above and to the left of the regulation badge, indicative of the highest past rank. This shall apply to all officers, whether Commandery-in-Chief, Division or Camp officers.

The former Sec. 5 of Chap. VI, Art. XI, was made Sec. 7.

Chap. 1, Art. IV, paragraph first, p. 5, was amended by adding to said paragraph, "excepting Davis Camp of Pittsburg, which is to be without number."

The following was made Sec. 2 of Art. IX, Chap. III, p. 55: Sec. 2. Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions shall not omit to wear the numbers of their camp within the wreath; officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be permitted to wear the prescribed Commandery-in-Chief mark only while holding office.

By Bro. Worden: I move to adopt the report of the committee as it now stands amended. Carried.

By Bro. Carlisle, Adjutant General: I move that Bro Smith take this report of the committee and put it in proper shape for publication. Carried.

By Bro. G. B. Abbott: I move to strike out the last paragraph on page 43. Remarks by Bro's Cott and Crowley. By Bro. Smith: I move to take a recess until 8.30 this eve.

By Bro. Worden: I move as an amendment that we take a recess until 8 P. M. Question as amended put and carried.

8.15 p. m.—Commandery-in-Chief called to order by General Payne in the chair.

By Bro. Abbott; I move as an amendment that the last paragraph on page 43, (R. & R.) be stricken out. Motion lost.

The proprietor of the hall notified the Commandery-in-Chief that no provisions were made for the use of the hall that eve. The Q. M. General was instructed to make arrangements for the hall. He reported he had done so and could get it for \$5.00. The hall was accepted at the price named.

General L. M. Wagner read a financial statement of the Grand Division of the Earp faction, showing assets and liabilities.

By Bro. Smith, of Pa: I move that the S. of V., U. S. A., assume the assets and liabilities of what was the Grand Division of the Earp faction of Pennsylvania. Carried.

By Bro. Rowson, of Mich: I move that the salaries of the Adj't Gen'l and Q. M. Gen'l be fixed at \$400 and \$300 each respectively. Carried.

By Gen. Payne: It has been decided that a Brother of Camp No. 7 of the Michigan Division, at Detroit, has won the prize offered by Col. E. A. Hayes. Capt. McDonel was called for, and not responding to his name, Col. F. W. Rowson, of the Mich. Div., stepped forward and received the medal for the camp, thanking Colonel Hayes in behalf of the camp, in a few well-chosen remarks.

Lt. Col. E. A. Hayes asked for the privilege of the floor, but owing to the amount of business yet to be done, the privilege was denied.

By Bro. Webb, of Kan.: I move that we proceed to take an informal ballot for Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Carried.

By Bro. Crowley, of New Hampshire: I demand that the house be divided. By Gen'l Payne: The Brothers entitled to vote will take seats on my right and those not so entitled on my left.

By Bro. Brown, of Ohio: I move to reconsider the question of an informal ballot. By Bro. Webb: I move to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Carried.

The chair appointed Col. J. J. Speaker, of Mo., Gen. W. D. Thomas, of W. Pa., and Col. Hammer, of E. Pa., as tellers. The roll of the Commandery-in-Chief was called, each Bro. present stepping to the altar and voting as his name was called. Gen. W. D. Thomas announced the result of the informal ballot as follows:

Gen. W. S. Payne 52; Gen. G. B. Abbott 10; Col. L. J. Webb 4; Col. H. H. Hammer 1; O. B. Brown 2; H. P. Kent 1.

By Bro. G. B. Abbott: I move that Gen. G. W. Penniman acting assistant Adj't Gen. cast the unanimous ballot of the 5th Annual Encampment of Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans for Walter S. Payne as Commander-in-Chief. Carried unanimously, amidst great cheering and throwing of hats, led by Col. Hammer, of Pa.

Ballot cast as directed by Gen'l G. W. Penniman Ass't Adj't Gen'l for Walter S. Payne.

Bro. W. C. Farquher then stepped forward and presented the Gen'l with an easel, on which rested a panel covered with velvet and beautifully lettered, on which was a horse shoe found on the site of the Washington monument and placed on its top. Col. Farquher took this horse shoe from the top of the monument and had it nicely gilded and brought it to Buffalo for the purpose of presenting it to the next Commander-in-Chief.

And before Gen. Payne could respond, Col. Lauman, of Illinois, stepped forward and presented Gen. Payne with an elegant gold star of the Order, studded with four diamonds, two sapphires and two rubies. Colonel Lauman said that he had the pleasure of presenting this gold star as an emblem of the esteem with which he is held by his subordinates. The Gen'l was nearly unmanned at this show of regard, and was unable to respond as he is wont to do but promised to thank them at the next encampment.

By Bro. Rowen: I move that we proceed to take an informal ballot for Lt. Gen. Carried.

Roll of Commandery-in-Chief called, members voting as their names were called. Result of ballot:

J. L. Rake 54; L. J. Webb 2; G. B. Abbott 5; H. P. Kent 1; Joe B. Maccabe 1; M. Retel 1; W. Fraenkle 1.

By Bro. Smith, of Pennsylvania: I move the Adjutant General cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief for J. L. Rake as Lieutenant General. Carried unanimously, and the ballot was so cast by T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General, and J. L. Rake declared elected Lieutenant General for the ensuing year.

By Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio: I move that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief for Bro. Horace Lyman Wright, of Maine, for Major General. Carried unanimously, amid great cheering.

A vote of thanks was voted the tellers and they were discharged.

By Bro. Rowen, of Iowa: I move that the next Annual Encampment be held in the city of Des Moines, Iowa. Remarks by Bro. G. W. Penniman, in which he offered the name of Minneapolis as the place for holding the next Annual Encampment.

Bro. J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, suggested that the place be chosen by ballot. The nominations were then closed and ballot taken, with the following result: Des Moines, Iowa, 52; Minneapolis, Minn., 11. Des Moines declared the choice of the Encampment.

By Bro. Crowley, of New Hampshire: I move that the next Encampment be held between the 10th and 20th day of August, 1887. Carried.

By Bro. Brown: I move we have a committee of three on transportation appointed, with Col. James D. Rowen as chairman. Carried. The chair appointed the following Brothers as a Committee on Transportation: James D. Rowen, Frank Johnson and Fred. S. White.

Gen. L. M. Wagner, in behalf of the Earp faction, thanked the Commandery-in-Chief for courtesies extended to him and members of that branch who were present.

By Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio: I move you that a vote of thanks be tendered Bro. J. W. Mitchell, editor of the Camp Fire, published at Portsmouth, Ohio, for his attendance to business. Remarks by the Adjutant General, in which he stated the Camp Fire was one of the great sources of success in the Ohio Division. Motion put and carried.

The following resolution was then unanimously passed:

*Resolved*, That our thanks are due and are herewith extended to the National Tribune for the aid and encouragement it has given to our Order.

The Council-in-Chief then submitted the following report:

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1886.

The Council-in-Chief reports that the vouchers are correct. It is recommended that the inventory of supplies as handed to the Council-in-Chief be referred to the incoming Quartermaster General for verification. The council find that the books are in a somewhat confused state, and while they find no errors in the balances, they recommend that a more complete and clear system of keeping the accounts be devised.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

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| Gen. W. S. Payne, expense to Buffalo and room for Headquarters .....                                        | \$40 | 00 |
| Adj. Gen. T. G. Carlisle, expense to Buffalo .....                                                          | 25   | 00 |
| Q. M. Gen. O. T. Shutt, " " .....                                                                           | 25   | 0  |
| H. L. Guerin, as member Council-in-Chief to Grand Rapids .....                                              | 20   | 00 |
| C. E. Holmes, R. R. fare as member Council-in-Chief from New York ...                                       | 12   | 30 |
| F. W. Koler, " Major General " " Utica, N. Y. ...                                                           | 8    | 25 |
| G. B. Abbott, " Inspector General " " Chicago .....                                                         | 18   | 50 |
| A. T. Leith, " " " " Wisconsin ...                                                                          | 26   | 50 |
| F. M. Shackford, " " " " N. Hampshire ...                                                                   | 15   | 00 |
| H. L. Guerin, " " " " Ohio .....                                                                            | 13   | 25 |
| C. J. Post, " " " " Michigan ...                                                                            | 18   | 50 |
| W. D. Thomas, " Chief of Staff " " Pennsylvania ...                                                         | 7    | 20 |
| E. T. Roe, " " " " Illinois .....                                                                           | 27   | 05 |
| C. F. Hayford, " Chaplain-in-Chief " " Maine .....                                                          | 14   | 00 |
| M. L. Wright, " Council-in-Chief " " Maine .....                                                            | 14   | 00 |
| G. W. Penniman, " Chief M. O. " " Minnesota ...                                                             | 14   | 2  |
| Geo. D. Jones, " " " " Dakota .....                                                                         | 47   | 1  |
| Otis E. Conway, services as stenographer .....                                                              | 10   | 0  |
| E. G. Worden, R. R. fare and expense as delegate-at-large from third Grand Div. to Grand Rapids, Mich. .... | 25   | 00 |
| Harry A. Donally, R. R. fare as Council-in-Chief from New Jersey .....                                      | 12   | 50 |

Bill of M. R. Wright, for printing..... 60 00  
 Maj. A. P. Davis, stationery, etc..... 50 00

Respectfully submitted.

[Signed] FRED. W. KOLEB, Chairman. H. A. DONELLY, (N. J.)  
 C. J. POST, (Mich.) F. M. SHACKFORD, (N. H.)  
 H. L. GUEBIN, (Ohio) H. L. WRIGHT, (Me.)  
 G. B. ABBOTT, (Ills.) A. T. LEITH, (Wis.)  
 C. F. HAYFORD, (Me.) G. W. PENNIMAN, Sec'y (Minn.)  
 C. E. HOLMES, (N. Y.) W. D. THOMAS, (Pa.)  
 GEO. D. JONES, (Dakota)

Council-in-Chief.

By Bro. Hendee, of New York: I move the adoption of the report of Council-in-Chief. Carried.

By Bro. Smith: I move that we proceed to elect a new Council-in-Chief, and that the delegates from the several divisions recommend the names to this Encampment. Remarks by Bros. Speaker, Abbott, Crowley and Brown. Question put and carried.

The following resolution was offered by E. T. Roe, of Illinois, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we tender to all the Grand Army Posts in Buffalo our heartfelt thanks for their generous recognition of the Sons of Veterans, as manifested in their liberal participation in the parade of this Encampment, and their kindly treatment and hospitality shown the Sons during the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief at Buffalo.

The roll of Divisions was called by the Adjutant General, and the following names announced for members of the Council-in-Chief :

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| Maine—C. F. Hayford,            | Ohio—O. B. Brown,           |
| New Hampshire—Michael Crowley,  | Illinois—E. T. Roe,         |
| Vermont—F. H. Allen,            | Michigan—C. J. Post,        |
| Massachusetts—J. B. Maccabe,    | Missouri—J. B. Davis,       |
| Connecticut—G. Brainard Smith,  | Dakota—F. S. Webb,          |
| New York—Wm. Traenkle,          | Colorado—W. L. Murphy,      |
| Pennsylvania—Lafayette Johnson, | West Virginia—E. H. Curtis, |
| New Jersey—Harry A. Donelly,    | Minnesota—J. H. McKelvey,   |
| Wisconsin—A. T. Leith.          |                             |

By Bro. G. B. Abbott: I move that the Adj't Gen'l cast a vote for the Bros. just named to constitute the Council-in-Chief for the coming year. Carried. The Adjutant General cast the vote as directed and they were declared elected.

By Bro. J. J. Speaker: I move that the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to accept and approve the selection of any representatives from Divisions when they shall be named to him by Divisions not already represented. Carried.

By Bro. Rowson, of Mich.: I move that this Encampment vote the Adj't Gen'l and Q-M. Gen'l the respective sums of \$75 and \$40 as an extra compensation for the past year. Seconded by Col. Frazee, of Ohio. By Bro. Holmes, of N. Y.: I move as an amendment that they each receive \$75. Amendment agreed to and motion put and carried.

By Bro. Hendee, of N. Y.: I move that the privilege of the floor be given to Bro. Hayes, of Buffalo. Carried. Bro Hayes then took the floor and thanked the Commandery-in-Chief for the courtesy, and among other things he said he felt as if he had been sat down upon by the cowboy from Kansas, but, owing to the amount of business on hand it was all right.

By Bro. J. J. Speaker: I move that we proceed to the installation of officers. Carried.

The General, W. S. Payne; Lt. Gen., J. L. Rake and May, General H. L. Wright were duly installed and escorted to their respective stations by Bro. G. B. Abbott, Inspector General.

The following members of the Council-in-Chief were then obligated:  
Wm. Traenkle, of N. Y., Johnston, of Pa., Post, of Mich., and Murphy, of Colorado.

By Bro. W. D. Thomas. I move that the Commander-in-Chief have such a number of proceedings printed as he may deem necessary. Carried.

The following telegrams were then read:

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 1886.

To the Officers and Delegates National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, Buffalo:  
Greeting: May the Encampment be harmonious and conducive to the great principles which are the strong pillars of our noble Order. That every act accomplished may tend to promote friendship, to establish charity and to enhance loyalty.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS.

WATERVILLE DEPOT, ME., Aug. 31st, 1886.

To Gen. Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief:

A hearty greeting to the Sons of Veterans of the United States. May fraternity and harmony characterize the deliberations in national council and the fathers' legacy of liberty and peace bless their lives.

ISAAC S. BANGS.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Aug. 31, 1886.

To E. T. Roe, Illinois Delegation Sons of Veterans, Genesee House.

Can't come; if legal, appoint my proxy, or act yourself.

GEO. B. STODDEN.

BROOKWAYVILLE, Pa., Sept. 1, 1886.

To Gen. Walter Payne, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, care J. C. Kernahan, 177 Pine St.:

I send fraternal greetings and best wishes to the officers and members of the Commandery.

J. P. KEYS,  
Chief-of-Staff W. Pa. Div.

The muster ceremony and exemplification of the unwritten or secret work was performed with Gen'l G. B. Abbott Acting Captain; Gen. J. L. Rake 1st Lieutenant and Gen'l H. L. Wright 2d Lieutenant; Col. F. W. Rowson, S. of G. and Q. M. Gen'l O. T. Shutt, Corp. of the G. The work was done in a systematic manner. The way in which the altar sign was given during the instructions of the recruit, was a cause for considerable discussion, many taking sides with the Serg't of the Guard, claiming he gave it correct, a greater number claiming not correct. Gen. G. B. Abbott, Inspector Gen'l interpreted it as given by the Serg't of the G.

By Bro J. J. Speaker: I move that the interpretation put upon the work by Gen. Abbott be adopted. Motion put and lost.

By Bro. E. G. Worden: I move that the altar sign be abolished and the military salute, as given by Upton's Tactics, be adopted. Carried.

By. Bro. Smith, of Pa.: I move that the minutes of this Encampment be approved and accepted when corrected by the Adj't Gen'l. Carried.

By W. D. Thomas, of Pa.: I move we adjourn *sine die*, to meet in Des Moines, Aug. 10-12, 1887. Carried.

The Commandery-in-Chief then closed in due form.

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

OFFICIAL:

T. G. CARLISLE, Adjutant General.

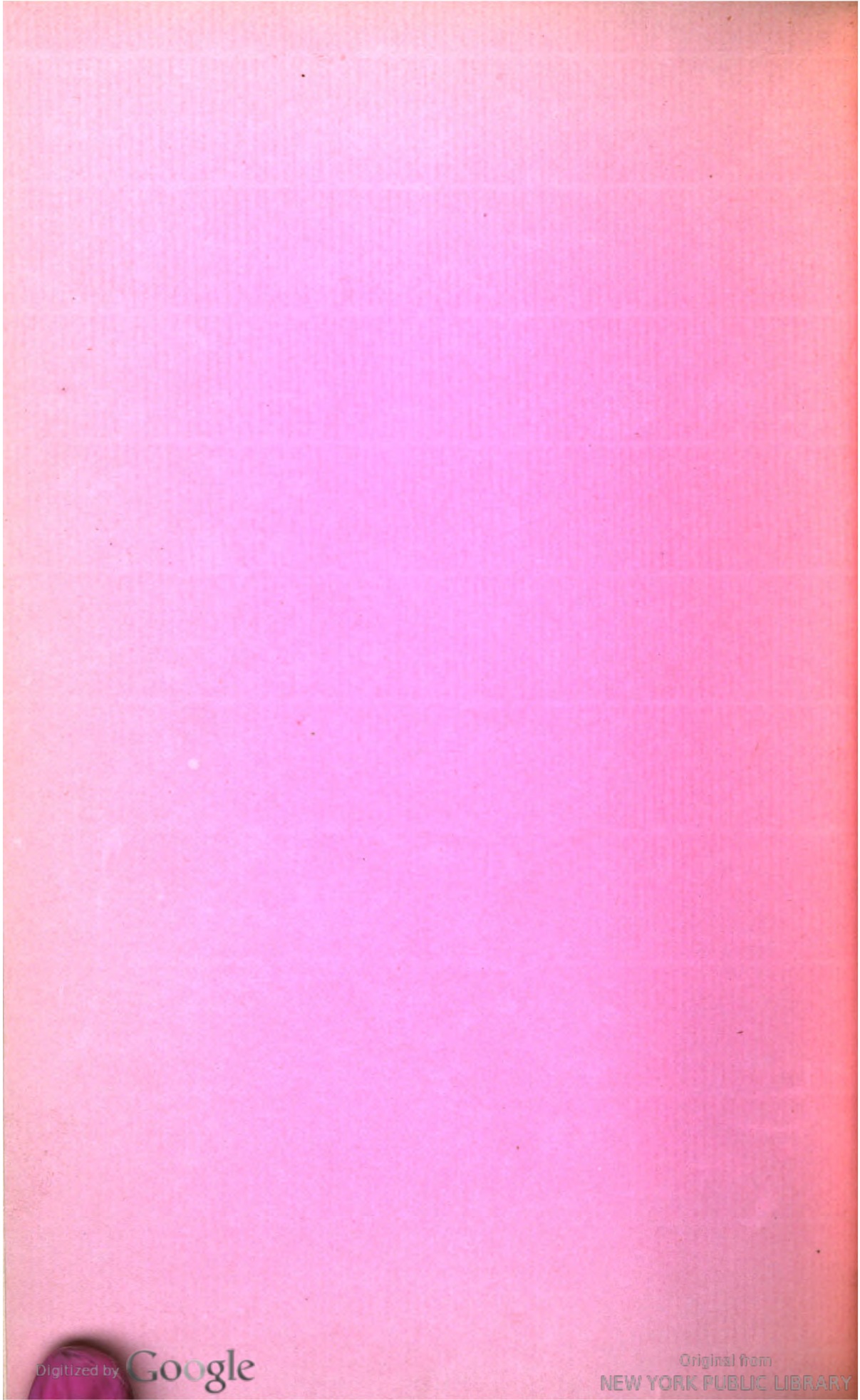












# PROCEEDINGS

—: OF THE :—

## SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,

—: OF THE :—

### *Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

—: HOLDEN IN :—

DES MOINES, IOWA,

August 17th, 18th and 19th, 1887.

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Commandery-in-Chief called to order by General Walter S. Payne at 11:10 A. M., August 17th, 1887.

Colonel James D. Rowen, of Iowa, introduced Governor Larrabee, of Iowa, who in a short speech welcomed the Commandery-in-Chief to Des Moines and the State of Iowa, on behalf of the Iowa Division Sons of Veterans.

General Walter S. Payne thanked the Governor for his kind welcome. Three cheers and a tiger was given for the Governor as he retired from the hall.

On roll call, H. L. Wright, Maj. General; F. D. Eddy, Chief of Staff; Ed. C. White, Chaplain-in-Chief; and Geo. W. Penniman, C. M. O.; were found to be absent.

General Walter S. Payne then appointed Col. Frank M. Shackford, of New Hampshire, Maj. General; Frank Miller, of Ohio, Chaplain-in-Chief; Gen. G. B. Abbott, Serg't of the Guard; Capt. W. H. Hansche, of Indiana, Corporal of the Guard; and Adjutant W. F. Jenkins, of Illinois, Ass't. Adj't General.

Several members of the Grand Army of the Republic were duly obligated, and the Sixth Annual Encampment was opened in due form.

The following committees were then appointed:

ON CREDENTIALS.—T. G. Carlisle, Adj't Gen'l, Ohio; J. J. Speaker, Mo.; James I. Lyons, Ill.; J. H. Hinkley, Mass.; and H. M. Russell, Pa.

ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.—Col. M. E. Hall, Mich.; Col. Henry Frazee, Ohio; Col. E. J. Smith, Pa.; F. L. Eaton, Vt.; Col. R. H. Freer, W. Va.; and Joe B. Maccabe, Mass.

ON RITUAL.—Gen'l G. B. Abbott, Ill.; Capt. W. E. Bundy, Ohio; J. W. Anderson, Pa.; Capt. Fremont Garrett, Ind.; and C. J. Post, Mich.

ON RESOLUTIONS.—W. C. Reeme, Pa.; J. S. Martin, Pa.; Michael Crowley, N. H.; Col. Clay D. Herod, Kan.; and R. Loebenstein, Mo.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Representatives to the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., in Encampment Assembled:*

We, your committee on Credentials, report that we have duly examined the certified reports to the Adjutant Gen'l and the credentials handed us and we find the following entitled to seats and vote in this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commanders-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, Me.; A. P. Davis, Pa.; H. W. Arnold, Pa.; L. M. Wagner, Pa.

#### OFFICERS.

Gen'l, Walter S. Payne, Ohio; Lt. General, J. L. Rake, Pa.; Maj. Gen'l. H. L. Wright, Me.; Chief of Staff, F. D. Eddy, Mich.; Adj't Gen'l, T. G. Carlisle, Ohio; Q. M. G., O. T. Shutt, Ohio; Insp. Gen'l, G. B. Abbott, Ill.; C. M. O., G. W. Penniman, Minn.; J. A. Gen'l, L. J. Webb, Kan.; Surg. Gen'l, S. A. Spilman, Iowa; Chaplain-in-Chief, Ed. C. White, New Jersey.

#### COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Colo., W. L. Murphy; Conn., G. B. Smith; Ill., E. T. Roe; Ind., J. F. Goodwine; Me., C. F. Hayford; Md., Jno. E. Foote; Mass., Joe B. Maccabe; Mich., C. J. Post; Minn., J. H. McKelvey; Mo., J. B. Davis; N. H., Michael Crowley; N. J., H. A. Donnelly; N. Y., Wm. Fraenkle; Ohio, I. I. Morrison; Pa., L. Johnston; Vt., F. H. Allen; West Va., E. H. Curtis; Wis., A. T. Leith; Dak., F. S. Webb.

#### DELEGATES.

COLORADO.—Past Col. F. C. McArthur; Col. H. D. Kendig.

Connecticut.—Past Col. L. F. Burpee; Col. Eugene Moorehouse; Del., D. E. Ford; Alt., W. E. Lewis.

Dakota.—Past Col's Hamilton Kerr and E. G. Worden; Col. J. R. Rockwell; Del., C. B. Cooke.

ILLINOIS.—Past Col.s H. R. Bacon, R. V. Mallory, A. W. McFarland; Col. Frank McCrillis; Del's, Frank A. Gurney, James I. Lyons and W. F. Jenkins.

- CALIFORNIA.—Past Col. Louis Depew Callahan; Col. C. J. Callahan.  
 INDIANA.—Col. E. S. Walker; Del., Capt. Fremont Garrett; Wm. H. Hanche.  
 KANSAS.—Past Col's L. J. Webb and A. C. Dolde; Col., Clay D. Herod; Del., E. B. White and R. F. Stinson.  
 KENTUCKY.—Col. Will K. West.  
 MAINE.—Past Col's A. S. Libby, C. H. Rice, John C. Blake, E. K. Gould; Col. Thos. G. Libby.  
 MARYLAND.—Col. Miles W. Ross; Past Col. G. W. Collier.  
 MASSACHUSETTS.—Past Col's H. S. Crossman, C. F. Sargent, Geo. H. Cleveland; Col. J. H. Hinkley; Del., C. Wallis.  
 MINNESOTA.—Past Col. E. N. Vancleve; Col. E. H. Milham; Del., Geo. W. Knowlton; Geo. W. Martin.  
 MICHIGAN.—Past Col's H. Hodges and F. W. Rowlson; Col. M. E. Hall; Del.s, N. G. Cooper, M. J. Davis and C. A. Gurney.  
 MISSORRI.—Past Col's C. S. Crysler, Frederick Neudorf and J. J. Speaker; Col. A. H. Vandivert; Del., R. Loebenstein.  
 MONTANA.—Col. Geo. W. Gibbs.  
 NEBRASKA.—Past Col. A. W. Coglizer; Col. B. W. Hawkins; Del.s, A. M. Appelget and F. E. Munn.  
 NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Past Col's E. A. Badger, Frank Challis, F. E. Libby; Col., F. M. Shackford.  
 NEW JERSEY.—Past Col. Ed. C. White; Col. E. E. Jefferis; Del., Harry A. Douglass.  
 NEW YORK.—Past Col's C. J. Foster and C. T. Rain; Col. E. F. Fellows; Del., E. W. Hatch.  
 OHIO.—Past Col's E. H. Gilkey, F. W. Myers, Geo. A. Ensign; Col. Henry Frazee; Del's, E. H. Archer, O. C. Springer, W. E. Bundy, Frank Miller and F. M. Kennedy.  
 PENNSYLVANIA.—Past Col's C. J. Miller, H. M. Russell, A. K. Howard, Geo. P. Brockway and H. H. Hammer; Col. E. J. Smith; Del.s, E. R. Kennington, W. C. Reeme, Chas. E. Derfenderfer, J. S. Martin, J. W. Anderson.  
 TENNESSEE.—Col., A. R. McKenzie.  
 VERMONT.—Past Col's Geo. E. Terrill, C. F. R. Jenney; Col. J. E. Fox; Del., F. L. Eaton.  
 WEST VIRGINIA.—Col. Romeo H. Freer.  
 WISCONSIN.—Past Col., S. F. Peacock; Col., F. J. Walthers.  
 IOWA.—Past Col. P. V. Carey; Col. Jas. D. Rowan; Del.s, Cato Sells, Al. Sorter and G. L. Goodale; Alt.s, G. B. Sheetz and C. B. Hutchison.

Respectfully submitted,

In F., C. and L.,

T. G. CARLISLE, Chair.,  
 J. J. SPEAKER,  
 J. H. HINKLEY,  
 JAS. I. LYONS,  
 H. M. RUSSELL, Sec'y,

} Committee.

Moved by Maccabe, of Mass., that this report be referred back to Committee on Credentials for changes and corrections and to report at some future time.

Substitute by Col. Rowan, of Iowa, I move that the report of the Committee be adopted as read and that the Committee be retained and their report continued; motion seconded by delegate. Motion put and declared carried.

By Col. C. D. Herod, of Kansas, moved to take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. Motion put and carried, and recess declared.

## AFTERNOON SESSION, AUG. 17TH, 1887.

Encampment called to order by Gen'l Walter S. Payne in the chair at 2:45 P. M.

Several members of the Grand Army of the Republic were obligated and the Encampment declared opened for the transaction of business.

Gen'l Walter S. Payne then appointed the following Committee on Reports of Officers: Gen'l R. M. J. Reed, Pa.; Col. E. H. Milham, Minn.; Col. Miles W. Ross, Md.; W. E. Lewis, Conn.; G. W. Wallis, Mass.; and Col. E. S. Walker, Ind.

The Committee on Credentials offered the same report as they did at morning session with the following additions:

## ADDITIONS TO REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

## CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS.

Gen'l Wm. E. W. Ross, Md.; Gen'l John A. Thompson, Md.; Col. R. M. J. Reed, Pa.; Maj. A. P. Davis, Pa.; Col. J. A. Rodrigo, N. J.; Gen'l I. S. Bangs, Me.; Dr. Eldrige, Me.; Gen'l Wm. H. Pierpont, Conn.

## PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Gen'ls I. S. Bangs, Me.; F. P. Challis, N. H.; Horace P. Kent, Mass.; R. M. J. Reed, Pa.; J. A. Rodrigo, N. J.; Wm. E. W. Ross, Md.; John A. Thompson, Md.; Raphael Tobias, N. Y.; C. S. Crysler, Mo.; L. J. Webb, Kansas.

## PAST COLONELS.

E. W. Alexander, Pa.; W. H. Smith, Pa.; J. H. Slosson, Pa.; E. Z. Dow, Conn.; W. A. Crawford, N. J.; H. E. Hatfield, N. J.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

T. G. CARLISLE, Chair.,  
J. J. SPEAKER,  
J. H. HINKLEY,  
JAS. I. LYONS,  
H. M. RUSSELL, Sec'y,

} Committee.

Moved by Gen'l G. B. Abbott that the Committee be instructed to add to their report the above names as reported in their additional report. Carried.

Moved by W. E. Bundy, of Ohio, that the name of Past Col. H. R. Bacon be added to the list and be given a vote. Carried.

Moved by Col. Rowen, of Iowa, that Gen'l W. H. Pierpont be given the rank of Past Grand Division Commander. Motion carried.

Moved by Gen'l G. B. Abbott that the report of the Committee and the supplemented report be adopted as a whole. Motion carried.

Moved by Col. E. H. Milham, of Minn., that Geo. W. Martin be given a vote as a delegate from Minn. Motion carried.

Moved by O. C. Springer, of Ohio, that the report of Committee on Credentials be re-considered. Motion lost.

Col. E. J. Smith, of Pa., asked the privilege of appointing a delegate to fill a vacancy in his delegation.



Moved by Gen'l G. B. Abbott, seconded by Col. Frazee, of Ohio, that Pa. Division be granted the right to appoint another delegate to fill vacancy. Remarks were indulged in by Bros. Sells, of Iowa; Stinson, of Kansas; Crowley, of N. H.; against the motion, and by Bros. Bundy, of Ohio; Martin and Smith, of Pa.; for the motion. Motion put and lost.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Gen'l Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, then submitted his annual address as follows:

### ADDRESS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

*To the Officers and Brothers of the Sixth National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

Our army of the loyal Sons of the Boys in Blue, has been marching on and on with a solid unbroken front since we struck our tents at Buffalo, recruiting as we go, we have added strength to strength until the world is looking to us as a strong tower of defence for all of her sacred institutions. We have now arrived at one of those bridges which cross the stream of Time. The country on the other side is wholly undiscovered. We can safely say that no mortal eye has ever looked upon it. It is therefore important that we inspect and review our forces, choose a new and trusty General to lead us on, select our advance guards, and do all as though the battles of the coming year were to be of the sharpest, and the enemy and obstacles we are to meet the most obstinate, and I must say right here that no General ever led a more loyal or trustworthy command into action. With but one exception we have won every battle during the past year, and we could have overpowered them if they had been an enemy, but they were our own brothers, and all have extended the hand of friendship and brotherly love to them, and earnestly urged them to come into our camp and not remain on "post" any longer. But they are so brave and loyal that they believe it to be their duty to continue on "post." We prophecy that the time will soon come when they will be glad to come into camp.

### OUR FATHERS.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic have shown such a feeling of pride in their sons and rendered us such valuable assistance in pitching our tents all over the country that our love for them has grown to adoration. Comrade George A. Manning, of Cœur D'Alene, Idaho, (District Attorney of Kootnai county,) drove one hundred miles to muster a Camp of Sons of Veterans at Moscow, Idaho, and would not accept a dollar for his trouble. I could name many more such comrades as George W. Miller, of Terre Haute, Ind., would be willing to live on quarter rations for a week if necessary to recruit and muster the boys into our camps. General Fairchild, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, and Colonel E. B. Gray, his gallant Adjutant-General, have rendered valuable assistance to our Order and recognized us as no others ever did.

### GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

We look with a great deal of pride on the growth of our Order during the past year. Our last annual report showed a total membership of 16,-250. We have chartered 615 new camps with 11,838 applicants. We have mustered into the old camps 5,438 members, which makes a total growth of 17,249, and a total membership of 32,821. What other order ever made such a rapid stride? Ohio alone has mustered 110 camps with a membership 2,071, and Pennsylvania, Illinois and other Divisions have kept close

behind. We have much improved our inspections during the past year by the untiring efforts of Gen. G. B. Abbott and his able assistants, and still many camps have been derelict in duty in these important matters. All orders and inspections must be carried out with a thorough military precision before we can expect to take our place by the side of military organizations. We have organized new Divisions in the following States and Territories: District of Columbia, Maryland, Montana, Kentucky and Tennessee, and new camps in Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas and Virginia. This gives our Order a solid footing in twenty-nine States, six Territories and the District of Columbia.

#### WORK AT HEADQUARTERS.

For full detail of the work of the past year I refer with feelings of pride to the reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals. When you consider that we paid out \$3,424.30 for printing you can judge that the Quartermaster-General has been kept very busy packing and shipping in response to the many requisitions received from Divisions.

#### ARMS AND EQUIPMENTS.

I have ordered arms and equipments for about twenty camps and I receive letters every week from brothers or camps who are anxious to join in this important military movement, which will make us Uncle Sam's standing army.

#### "WHY SUCH AN ORDER."

We are often asked, why such an Order as ours is necessary or for what principle or purpose are you working. One might as well ask, why are the ashes of our loved ones dear to us? Because the cause in which they fell was a sacred one. Because as our fathers have said there must be but one country and one flag, and that the beautiful stars and stripes, we are banded together to sustain and uphold that banner for which our fathers sacrificed so much, and that no power on earth, either high or low shall violate the patriotism which is our heritage. An order like ours that everybody knows, is full of that patriotism and zeal that inspired our fathers is the most effective insurance against a repetition of any treasonable or other outbreak in our country.

#### SUPPLIES.

We hear but little about profit on supplies now that the plan adopted two years ago has proven to work so well, at that time were hardly out of debt. We have paid every cent that we owed and have \$2,497.48 in our treasury. I earnestly recommend that this policy of no profit on supplies be strictly adhered to. There is but one fountain from which to draw our support and that is the pockets of our brothers, and whether it be as profit on supplies or per capita tax, it all comes out of the same pocket. With per capita tax we know just what we are to receive, with profit on supplies no one could estimate what they were to have. I think it would be a great mistake to allow Divisions to do their own printing or get it done. While some Division officers would adhere strictly to the prescribed forms, others would change them. If a few Divisions got their own printing done it would reduce the printing at headquarters so much that low estimates or prices could not be obtained on so small amount as would remain. No Colonel of a Division would think of letting one of his camps get their own printing done; why should a Division be allowed this privilege? If Colonels of Divisions would put in their orders or make requisitions for all the supplies they would need at one time the name of the Division could be printed in all of their blanks without extra expense. I am more and more convinced every day that there should be no profit on supplies.

**EXPENSES.**

The expenses for headquarters for the past year have been \$2,497.48. This includes about \$300 paid to the Council-in-Chief as voted to themselves at Buffalo. The expenses of the coming year should not exceed \$3,000.00, and with a membership 32,821 a per capita tax of 12 cents would then cover the amount required, I would therefore recommend the per capita tax be reduced to 12 cents.

**BADGES AND CROSSES.**

Our Chief Ordnance Officer, Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., has managed the badge and cross business so successful and with such universal satisfaction that I sincerely hope the office of Chief Ordnance Officer may be made permanent and that Father Davis may be allowed to discharge its duties while his health will admit of his doing so. He is faithful and takes a deep interest in this work, devotes his whole time to it. He merits the thanks and good will of the whole Order.

**RANK STRAPS.**

In my annual address one year ago I used these words: "I sincerely hope that for the next two years we will retain our miniature rank straps as so many of our officers are still very young." I have not changed my opinion as yet, and I think when one more year rolls round the Order will be so largely a military organization armed and equipped, that the "collar tag," as it is sometimes called, will be entirely done away with and the regulation shoulder strap or shoulder knot will be adopted. In the meantime I earnestly recommend that dispensations be granted to every camp that is armed and equipped to wear the regulation shoulder strap. Our constitution says: "All commissioned officers except Aides-de-Camp of Divisions may if they desire, wear the full dress uniform coat as prescribed by said regulation." The regulation officer's dress coat always has the shoulder strap on it indicating his rank. I earnestly urge this Encampment to change section 2, article 9, of the Commandery-in-Chief constitution which requires the Commander-in-Chief and Colonels of Divisions to wear the number of their camp on their cap. The Commander-in-Chief belongs to the whole Order and the Colonel of a Division belongs to a State and not to any particular camp while they hold that position. If the Captain of company A of any regiment should be promoted to the command of any regiment or brigade he would not continue to wear the letter A on his cap. Let us follow the army in their regulation as nearly as we can.

**CAP MARKS.**

I would earnestly recommend the changing of the cap mark adopted by this body from a star to a sun. The color to be between an old gold and red, to imitate as nearly as possible the sun, to be embroidered around the edge with gold and rays of light. Above it S. V. and below it U. S. A. One of our Divisions has adopted the star and at a short distance you cannot tell a brother of this Division from an officer of the national body. By making this change our next officers of this national body will represent that greatest light which not only illumines the day but gives us warmth and heat and we may expect them to let their light shine throughout the land and warm up the Order to new life and renewed vigor. Then for the immediate staff who rank as brigadiers give them the crescent and star as worn by our present Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals. Those of the staff who rank as Colonels, give them Old Abe, the eagle, which was worn by the Third Grand Division, and the Lieutenant-Colonels of Staff the silver leaf. These insignia worn on the caps indicate that they are staff officers, while the officers of Divisions wear their own Division cap mark.

By this means we can readily distinguish a field officer from a staff officer who happens to hold the same rank.

#### FUNDS OF THE ORDER.

The amount of money passing through the hands of the Commander-in-Chief during the year has been about eight thousand dollars, more or less, and the coming year it will be still more. I therefore repeat my recommendation of last year that the Commander-in-Chief be required to give good and sufficient bond in such sum as you may decide upon, and let him exact a bond from his Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals. They are the creatures of his will and if they had five thousand dollars in their hands he could with the stroke of his pen relieve them and require them to turn the money over to any one he would name. This body has nothing to do with staff officers and therefore should look to the Commander-in-Chief.

#### CONSOLIDATION.

The United Divisions of Pennsylvania, comes to-day a unit not only in name, but in heart and work, and it is a Division that this National Encampment will always feel proud of. She has good live camps and a Colonel that knows how to fight and how to work. I made a proposition to the Post system that if they would elect delegates to our National Encampment we would give them seats in this convention and appoint a committee of equal number from our body to confer with them on the subject of consolidation and if a plan was agreed upon by the joint committee we would bring it before the Encampment and act upon it. I have read a report of their Encampment held at Newburg, N. Y., a few days since and find nothing in it relating to my proposition, but find that they organized a national body out of their New York department and three Posts in New Jersey.

#### VISITATIONS.

My business relations during the past year have kept me pretty closely at home. I attended the Encampments of the following Divisions; Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania, and I found them full to the brim of that zeal for the cause, and that same patriotism that inspired our fathers which made them ready to move at a moment's notice to where duty calls. I have visited quite a number of camps of the Order and had the pleasure of delivering the Memorial Day address at Payne, Ohio. I visited the reunion of Davis Camp in Pittsburg, and attended a very enthusiastic meeting of the G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans at Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1886, when Gens. Logan, Fairchild, Conger, and other prominent men of the G. A. R. were present, and our Order through its representation received all the recognition we could ask. I can assure you the Sons of Veterans have staunch friends and supporters in General Lucius Fairchild, of the Grand Army, and many Department Commanders that I could mention. I also visited officially the headquarters of the Missouri Division, which will, I am sure, prove beneficial to the Order in that locality.

#### DECISIONS.

I have rendered a number of decisions during the past year, all relating to eligibility for membership. Copies of these are in the letter press copy book. As you are acquainted with the many questions that arise from this source, I would recommend that the Constitution be so amended in reference to this, that there could be no misunderstanding as to who were eligible,

#### FUNDS.

I am happy to report that the financial condition of our Order is as good as we could expect, if not as good as we could ask. Although at the begin-

ning of this year we were in debt over \$300, we now have cash on hand, \$2,197.68, and are now out of debt.

FINALLY.

I wish to return my heartfelt thanks to the Division officers and members for uniform and useful loyalty to the Order and myself, as well as to the cause for which we are organized. I am under many obligations to the Adjutant General, T. G. Carlisle, and Quartermaster General, O. T. Shutt, for untiring faithfulness in the discharge of their duties, and to the Inspector General, G. B. Abbott, for the faithful inspection of the Order which have been the means of bringing about more system and completeness in all our work. Col. Henry Frazee, of Ohio, earned the first prize, a fine sword, for mustering the most camps within a given time, and Col. G. B. Abbott the second prize, a gold headed cane. I believe that this prize money has brought back treble the amount expended in the good it has done the Order. And now, as I am about to turn over my command to another, I feel as though I was parting with my best friend, the Order, above all others, that is wound around my heart, and if I could not continue to be with you in this great and glorious work I could not restrain my grief. But I thank God that I can still be with you and lend my feeble efforts toward the ultimate and grand success which is sure to come to this Order and in the words of our very worthy Judge Advocate, General Leland Webb, "Do what you like, I am with the boys." Let us as true patriots remember that our first duty is loyalty to ourselves, for if we are lacking in this we will not be in condition to be loyal to God, to our country and to those brave patriots, our fathers, who saved us as a nation and made it possible for us to have such an Order and such glorious principles to uphold and perpetuate. May God bless you all and prosper all your laudable undertakings.

GEN. WALTER S. PAYNE,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Reports of Officers.

The report of the Chief of Staff was read by the Adjt. Gen'l, as follows:

REPORT OF STAFF.

LOWELL, MICH., AUGUST 6, 1887.

*To General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The appointment received by me at your hands soon after the National Encampment at Buffalo, N. Y., was received with gratitude. I appreciated the honor and had the position given greater opportunities for work, should have been quite as well satisfied.

It is not my desire to be a mere "thing of beauty and uselessness." I craved and hoped for work that would add to the glory of our noble Order. That the opportunity to show my willingness failed to materialize, is a sore disappointment to me and will ever be a lasting regret. Could I have had but a small portion of the glory attached to your very successful administration, I would be content. I can say with the thousands of other brothers equally ready and willing to do all that needs be done, that the failure to individually advance our interests as an Order is only from lack of opportunity. I shall lay down my title with grateful, pleasant memories of the many courtesies extended me by yourself and brothers, and will take my place in the ranks with intensified loyal love and respect for the Order and those so fortunate as to be numbered among its members.

With kindest wishes for your future and an unlimited confidence in the

stability and future of the Order, whose affairs you have so well conducted during your term of office, I am, General,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. D. EDDY,

*Chief of Staff.*

Which was referred to the Committee.

The report of the Adjutant General was then read by himself and referred to Committee on reports of Officers.

#### ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

FOSTORIA, OHIO, August 10, 1887.

*To Gen. Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The time for holding the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is rapidly approaching and I am reminded of one of my last duties, that of submitting to you my annual report. And I hope and trust the way in which I have performed the duties of my office has been satisfactory to you and the brothers throughout the Order. You are aware that I have given the whole of my time to the work of my office during the past year and have worked to advance the interest of the Order wherever opportunity offered, and while in the performance of my duties I have been ably assisted by the Colonels of the several Divisions and their Staff. We have worked together during the year in perfect harmony, and with the best of feelings toward each other, and I know of nothing to-day but that we meet as brothers all ready to work together for one common interest, "the good of the Order." My labors during the past year in the interest of the Sons of Veterans have been the most pleasant of my life. They have been the means of forming the acquaintance of many of my brothers and I trust everlasting friendship.

You will see by my report that the Order in some localities have grown quite rapidly and that the lines have been extended into the South. You will also see that the Order has grown from a babe to a good sized boy during the past year, and with the proper management and the co-work of all the brothers it will show itself a full grown man before many years, its power for good felt throughout the whole world, and the people of these United States can say, this country is safe while we have such an army of loyal young men, Sons of Veterans of one of the greatest wars ever known in the history of man, Sons of Veterans who have of their own free will and accord sworn to bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and to the flag under which so many of their fathers gave their lives to protect, and may we not to-day rejoice with each other on the growth and strength to which we have attained during the last year, and to know that our fathers, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, are still urging us on in the good work began, and are giving us their assistance and advice which we so much need.

I had intended in this report to give you a short history of each Division, of their growth and work the past year as they came under my notice, but for reasons which is not necessary for me here to explain; I will only give you the number of new Camps organized in each, with the number of applicants, you will see by that where the work has been performed. There have been 616 new Camps organized during the year and approved and charters issued with applicants and are divided with the Division as follows:

| Division.               | Camps.       | Applicants. | Division.                 | Camps.        | Applicants. |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| California . . . . .    | 7 . . . . .  | 122         | New York . . . . .        | 20 . . . . .  | 354         |
| Colorado . . . . .      | 5 . . . . .  | 78          | Ohio . . . . .            | 110 . . . . . | 2971        |
| Connecticut . . . . .   | 8 . . . . .  | 156         | Pennsylvania . . . . .    | 65 . . . . .  | 1265        |
| Dakota . . . . .        | 11 . . . . . | 212         | Tennessee . . . . .       | 3 . . . . .   | 67          |
| Illinois . . . . .      | 73 . . . . . | 1470        | Vermont . . . . .         | 6 . . . . .   | 97          |
| Iowa . . . . .          | 41 . . . . . | 824         | West Virginia . . . . .   | 7 . . . . .   | 128         |
| Indiana . . . . .       | 45 . . . . . | 874         | Wisconsin . . . . .       | 11 . . . . .  | 235         |
| Kansas . . . . .        | 36 . . . . . | 703         | Florida . . . . .         | 1 . . . . .   | 10          |
| Kentucky . . . . .      | 4 . . . . .  | 67          | Arizona . . . . .         | 1 . . . . .   | 16          |
| Maine . . . . .         | 5 . . . . .  | 106         | Oregon . . . . .          | 1 . . . . .   | 18          |
| Maryland . . . . .      | 2 . . . . .  | 55          | Idaho . . . . .           | 1 . . . . .   | 15          |
| Massachusetts . . . . . | 25 . . . . . | 691         | Texas . . . . .           | 1 . . . . .   | 11          |
| Michigan . . . . .      | 59 . . . . . | 857         | Rhode Island . . . . .    | 3 . . . . .   | 60          |
| Minnesota . . . . .     | 12 . . . . . | 266         | Arkansas . . . . .        | 1 . . . . .   | 16          |
| Missouri . . . . .      | 40 . . . . . | 677         | Washington, D. C. . . . . | 1 . . . . .   | 17          |
| Montana . . . . .       | 2 . . . . .  | 24          | Virginia . . . . .        | 1 . . . . .   | 12          |
| Nebraska . . . . .      | 7 . . . . .  | 142         | Washington, Ter. . . . .  | 1 . . . . .   | 13          |
| New Hampshire . . . . . | 2 . . . . .  | 37          |                           |               |             |
| New Jersey . . . . .    | 7 . . . . .  | 142         | Total . . . . .           | 615 . . . . . | 11,858      |

Increase in Camps 20; Increase in members 3,728.

There have been Divisions organized in Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky and Montana during this year and we expect good results from these Divisions during the coming year. The three Divisions of Pennsylvania, viz.: East, West and Provisional, are no more, but in their stead we have the Pennsylvania Division, composed of the above named Divisions which met in Altoona, Pa., June 14th, and elected officers and ratified the action of the committees on consolidation and there obeyed the orders of the Commandery-in-Chief, issued at Buffalo, N. Y., while in Fifth Annual Encampment. Thereby making them at the time the largest Division in the Order, both in Camps and members. The Division of Washington, D. C., and Potomac has been abolished by reason of only one Camp being in existence at the time and the remaining Camp with the one organized during the year were by special order made a part of the Maryland Division which is made up of the two original Camps of Maryland, two Camps from the Philadelphia branch of the Order and known as the "Earp" branch and two Camps of Washington City. This Division was organized June 14th by myself under your direction and by the request of the brothers of the Division at Baltimore, with every Camp represented with all their legal representatives except John A. Logan Camp, No. 2, of Washington, D. C. The Captain and the Camp refusing to obey your special order to that effect. The officers of this Division were elected and installed and charter issued to them, with date of June 14, 1887. I was in hopes of reporting a Division organization in Rhode Island and Washington Territory and Oregon, but from some cause the Camps we expected to muster have not been reported to us by those having the matter in charge. Therefore we have only the two Camps in each of the above named territories and three Camps in Rhode Island. There have been eight General Orders and three circulars issued during the year by your directions of which I enclose a complete file.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
 No. 16, WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, SEPT. 10, 1886. }

*General Orders No. 11.*

I. The number of this General Order indicates that there is no change of administration, and as the orders number right along, so will the good work go on uninterrupted for another year, and we trust with additional vigor. The National Encampment held at Buffalo did by unanimous vote direct that I should remain at the helm. I hereby tender my sincere thanks for the high compliment paid me. It was entirely unsought, and bestowed with such fervency and zeal that I could not well decline the honor. No one can discharge the duties of this office alone. I therefore call upon every

Officer and Brother in the Order to add new zeal and inspiration to their already good work, and we shall see the column of Loyal Boys in Blue pushing forward with "Excelsior!" as their motto.

II. J. L. Rake, of Reading, Pa., was elected Lieutenant General, and Horace L. Wright, of Auburn, Me., Major General.

III. All officers heretofore appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby relieved, and will report to their several Camps for duty.

IV. The following appointments are hereby made on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, to rank from Sept. 3d, 1886:

F. D. Eddy, of Lowell, Mich., Chief of Staff.

T. G. Carlisle, of Fostoria, Ohio, Adjutant General.

O. T. Shutt, of Fostoria, Ohio, Quartermaster General.

G. B. Abbott, of Chicago, Ills., Inspector & General.

Geo. W. Penniman, of Minneapolis, Minn., Chief Mustering Officer.

L. J. Webb, of Topeka, Kansas, Judge Advocate General.

Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., Chief Ordnance Officer.

Jos. Maccabe, of Boston, Mass., Commissary General.

Dr. S. A. Spilman, of Ottumwa, Iowa, Surgeon General.

Ed. C. White, of Trenton, N. J., Chaplain-in-Chief.

They will rank as Brigadiers General, and be obeyed and respected accordingly.

On the recommendation of the Inspector General, Leroy T. Stewart, of Chicago, Ills., is hereby appointed Assistant Inspector General, with rank of Colonel from Sept. 3d, 1886. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. The following Brothers were elected members of the Council-in-Chief: Maine, C. F. Hayford; New Hampshire, Michael Crowley; Vermont, Frank Allen; Massachusetts, Joseph B. Maccabe; Connecticut, G. B. Smith; New York, William Traenkle; New Jersey, Harry A. Donnelly; Pennsylvania, Lafayette Johnson; Ohio, O. B. Brown; Illinois, E. T. Roe; Michigan, C. J. Post; Missouri, J. B. Davis; Dakota, F. S. Webb; Colorado, W. L. Murphy; West Virginia, E. H. Curtis; Minnesota, J. S. McKelvey; Wisconsin, A. T. Leith.

VI. The Division of Ohio, having the Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant General and Quartermaster General, the Colonel will recommend the names of three brothers only, for the position of Aides-de-Camp. The Division of Pennsylvania, having the Lieutenant General and Chief Ordnance Officer, Colonel Miller will recommend the name of one brother, Colonel Brockway one, and Colonel Russell one for Aides-de-Camp. The Division of Maine, having the Major General, the Colonel will recommend the names of three brothers for appointment as Aides-de-Camp. The Divisions of Massachusetts, Ohio, Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota, each having a Staff Officer ranking as Brigadier General, the Colonel of each will recommend only three brothers for positions as Aides-de-Camp. The Division of New Jersey, having the Chaplain-in-Chief, the Colonel will recommend only two names for Aides-de-Camp. The Colonels of the following Divisions will recommend for Special Aides and Aides-de-Camp as indicated below:

| Special Aides.        |   | Aides-de-Camp. |   | Special Aides.           |   | Aides-de-Camp. |  |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|---|--------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| California . . . . .  | 1 | 1              | 1 | Nebraska . . . . .       | 1 | 1              |  |
| Colorado . . . . .    | 1 | 1              | 1 | New Hampshire . . . . .  | 1 | 2              |  |
| Connecticut . . . . . | 1 | 2              | 2 | New York . . . . .       | 1 | 3              |  |
| Dakota . . . . .      | 1 | 2              | 2 | Oregon . . . . .         | 1 | 1              |  |
| Florida . . . . .     | 1 | 1              | 1 | Rhode Island . . . . .   | 1 | 1              |  |
| Indiana . . . . .     | 1 | 3              | 1 | Vermont . . . . .        | 1 | 2              |  |
| Louisiana . . . . .   | 1 | 1              | 1 | Washington Ter . . . . . | 1 | 1              |  |
| Maryland . . . . .    | 1 | 1              | 1 | West Virginia . . . . .  | 1 | 1              |  |
| Missouri . . . . .    | 1 | 2              | 1 | Wisconsin . . . . .      | 1 | 1              |  |
| Montana . . . . .     | 1 | 1              | 1 | Wyoming . . . . .        | 1 | 1              |  |



VII. The following applications for Camp Charters have been approved since the issue of General Order, No. 9:

| Applicants.                                    | Applicants.                                   |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Aug. 5—No. 57, Kankakee, Ill. . . . . 18       | Aug. 23—No. 56, Paw Paw, Mich. . . . . 15     |
| “ 5—No. 124, Trevorton, E. Pa. . . . . 29      | “ 24—No. 130, Phillipsburg, W. Pa. . . . . 32 |
| “ 9—No. . . Lynn, Mass. (opposition) . 24      | “ 25—No. 131, Blairsville, W. Pa. . . . . 24  |
| “ 9—No. 182, Monroeville, O. . . . . 14        | “ 25—No. 61, Chalsea, Mich. . . . . 25        |
| “ 9—No. 56, Frontier, Mich. . . . . 15         | “ 26—No. 62, Ashley, Mich. . . . . 11         |
| “ 13—No. 125, Clark's Green, E. Pa. . . . . 10 | “ 26—No. 30, Northfield, Vt. . . . . 11       |
| “ 13—No. 133, Adamsville, O. . . . . 17        | “ 26—No. 1, Portland, Or. . . . . 14          |
| “ 14—No. 134, Lavendar, O. . . . . 18          | “ 27—No. 136, Batesville, O. . . . . 12       |
| “ 14—No. 127, McKeesport, W. Pa. . . . . 13    | “ —No. 2, Frederick, Md. . . . . 15           |
| “ 17—No. 58, Clinton, Ill. . . . . 16          | “ 27—No. 54, Springvale, Me. . . . . 24       |
| “ 17—No. 135, Jefferson, O. . . . . 17         | “ 27—No. 44, Somesville, Me. . . . . 17       |
| “ 17—No. 128, Olephant, E. Pa. . . . . 10      | “ 27—No. 126, Butler, W. Pa. . . . . 15       |
| “ 18—No. 59, Neoga, Ill. . . . . 19            | “ 28—No. 137, Canal Winchester, O. . . . . 13 |
| “ 19—No. 129, Uniontown, W. Pa. . . . . 19     | “ 28—No. 138, Shiloh, O. . . . . 12           |
| “ 20—No. 60, Belvidier, Ill. . . . . 18        | “ 28—No. 139, Carrolton, O. . . . . 19        |
| “ 20—No. 25, Morristown, Minn. . . . . 35      | “ 39—No. 61, Moline, Ills. . . . . 22         |
| “ 21—No. 23, New Milford, Conn. . . . . 21     | “ 27—No. 55, Dunkirk, N. Y. . . . . 11        |
| “ 21—No. 58, St. Joseph, Mich. . . . . 14      | “ 30—No. 46, Middleton, Ind. . . . . 24       |
| “ 23—No. 26, Austin, Minn. . . . . 12          | “ 31—No. 140, Mt. Blanchard, O. . . . . 27    |
| “ 23—No. 56, Camden, Mich. . . . . 14          | “ 31—No. 54, Webster N. Y. . . . . 19         |
| “ 23—No. 60, Shelby, Mich. . . . . 15          | Sept. 2—No. 21, Winchester, N. H. . . . . 14  |
| Total . . . . .                                | 42 Camps—742 Applicants.                      |

In addition to the above, we have added 30 Camps from what was the Earp faction, with a membership of about 1000.

This makes a total during the past year from October 3d, 1885, to September 3d, 1886, of 443 Camps and 9105 applicants.

VIII. There will be a little delay in filling requisitions for Camp packages, on account of not having a full stock of books. These will be filled in three weeks.

IX. Hereafter no supplies will be furnished by the Quartermaster General or Quartermasters of Divisions unless regular requisitions are made on blank form No. 1, and a draft or money order payable to O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General, or Division Quartermaster, for the amount, accompanies the requisition. Checks on local banks will not be received.

X. Blanks for reports from Divisions to these Headquarters will be furnished free on application to the Adjutant General.

XI. The Constitution makes no provision for Divisions paying less than a full quarter's per capita tax on members received during the quarter. Division officers will therefore remit full quarter's tax on all in good standing at the end of the quarter.

XII. All applications for Camp Charters and all other communications for these Headquarters will be addressed to T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General, No. 14½ Main street, and all communications and remittances for the Quartermaster General, will be addressed to O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General, Lock Box 121, Fostoria, Ohio. Communications for the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General must be written on separate sheets, that they may be properly filed in their respective offices.

XIII. Applications for Camp Charters must be accompanied by the charter fee of two dollars, and the number assigned to the Camp must be placed on the application, that it may be properly entered in our Roster. The charter will be returned with the approved application. In making remittance or charter fees now due, be sure and state the number of charter that the fee is for.

XIV. Captains of Camps will order Badges, Ribbons and Iron Crosses direct from Major A. P. Davis, Ordnance Officer, 67 4th avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., using regular requisition form No. 1, and sending money order or draft for enough to cover price and postage, or they will be sent by express and charges collected. No badges will be forwarded unless the money is sent with the requisition.

XV. The proceedings of the Fifth Annual Encampment held at Bugalo, N. Y., will be sent to Divisions in a few days. Also a new Cypher, as some important changes have been made in the Ritual.

XVI. Now that we have Surgeon General, and Surgeons in nearly every Division, no one will be excused from duty except those on the "sick list." We expect every officer and Brother to put forth renewed energy and effort for the advancement of our cause, and fully expect at the end of the year to report an increase in our membership of twenty thousand.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, NOV. 15, 1886. }

*General Order No. 12.*

I. The Revised Rituals for the Order are now ready for distribution. Colonels will make their requisitions on the Quartermaster General. The price is the same as heretofore, viz: 3 cents each, or 9 cents per set of three. Camps will be required to purchash new Rituals, as the old ones must not be used after January 1st, 1887.

II. The Adjutant General complains that many Mustering Officers do not send him a report of the new camps they muster. This must invariably be done, using from No. 23, as we cannot keep up our Roster without it.

III. Installing officers who install the officers after the Camp election will be particular to forward a copy of "Installing Officers' Reports" to the Adjutant General immediately after the installation.

IV. The following Special Aides have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Willis N. Barber, of Meriden, Conn.  
Frank C. McArthur, of Denver, Col.  
Truman Havens, of Oakland, Cal.  
C. B. Cooke, of Arlington, Dak.  
M. E. Bishop, of Eustes, Fla.  
E. S. Walker, of West Lebanon, Ind.  
B. F. Speaker, of Independenee, Mo.  
Geo. W. Collier, of Baltimore, Md.  
Geo. R. Bennett, of Hampstead, N. H.  
J. H. Webb, of Cohoes, N. Y.  
E. G. Jones, of Dorchester, Neb.  
F. H. Lamb, of Portland, Oregon.  
H. M. Russell, of Philadelphia, Pa.  
P. C. Abbott, of Montpelier, Vt.  
R. H. Freer, of Ritchie C. H., W. Va.  
E. C. Mason, of Madison, Wis.

They will rank as Colonels from Sept. 16, 1886, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. The duties of Special Aides are to look after the interests of the Order in general, using every effort to secure the co-operation of the Grand Army, and with the knowledge and consent of Colonels of Divisions assist them in restoring suspended Camps, and awakening new interest in the Order. Colonels Russell and Collier have a special work to do in mustering the Camps of the Earp faction into the National Body.

VI. The following Aides-de-Camp are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

- Chas. K. Farnham, of New Haven, Conn.
- Geo. O. McLean, of New Britain, Conn.
- Leslie H. Hendee, of Lowville, N. Y.
- Sam'l H. Newell, of Utica, N. Y.
- Alexander Rain, of Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Geo. W. Leonard, of Urbana, O.
- Filmore Musser, of Portsmouth, O.
- A. W. Gates, of Andover, O.
- L. E. Forbes, of Beaver City, Neb.
- Geo. B. Stadden, of Springfield, Ill.
- Chas. P. Skaggs, of Harrisburg, Ill.
- Geo. Hale, of Hartford, Mich.
- W. A. Huyck, of Midland City, Mich.
- Geo. W. Dennis, of Corruna, Mich.
- F. W. Martin, of Scranton, Pa.
- F. E. Alters, of Johnstown, Pa.
- William S. Curry, of Philadelphia, Pa.
- W. D. Vincent, of Macon City, Mo.
- J. L. Wray, of Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- Fred Axtell, of Independence, Mo.
- T. H. Porter, of Hyde Park, Vt.
- John E. Harper, of Cottonwood Falls, Kas.
- Frank Keller, of Emporia, Kas.
- James S. Warner, of Topeka, Kas.
- Frank G. Duffield, of Woodbury, N. J.
- W. H. Elberson, of Mount Holly, N. J.
- Sidney M. Drew, of Dover, N. H.
- Wilford M. Kenny, of Littleton, N. H.
- Edgar Dean, of Bresford, Dak.
- William G. Moody, of Rockland, Me.
- Chas. E. Raab, of Saco, Me.
- William H. Jackson, of Sherman Mills, Me.
- Fremont Fleming, of West Lebanon, Ind.
- Frank L. Mixon, of Bluffton Ind.
- Geo. F. Crill, of North Manchester, Ind.

They will rank as Lieutenant Colonel from Sept. 16, 1886, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VII. The following applications for Camp charters have been approved since September 13th:

| Applicants |          |                                | Applicants |         |                                  |
|------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Sept. 7,   | No. 132, | Mercersburg, E. Pa. . . . . 14 | Oct. 1,    | No. 15, | Wyoming, Ill . . . . . 14        |
| " 7,       | " 147,   | Delphos, O . . . . . 22        | " 13,      | " 12,   | La Salle, Ill . . . . . 20       |
| " 7,       | " 12,    | Oxford, Mass . . . . . 12      | " 13,      | " 67,   | Abington, Mass . . . . . 32      |
| " 7,       | " 62,    | Sullivan, Ill . . . . . 18     | " 14,      | " 95,   | Trilla, Ill . . . . . 15         |
| " 7,       | " 63,    | Henepin, Ill . . . . . 14      | " 14,      | " 18,   | Edinburg, Ill . . . . . 15       |
| " 8,       | " 133,   | Stoystown, W. Pa. . . . . 22   | " 15,      | " 51,   | Dillsboro, Ind . . . . . 18      |
| " 8,       | " 141,   | Dublin, O . . . . . 11         | " 15,      | " 18,   | Aberdeen, Dak. . . . . 21        |
| " 9,       | " 63,    | Alma, Mich . . . . . 14        | " 15,      | " 52,   | Sealsville, Ind . . . . . 14     |
| " 10,      | " 64,    | Mt. Carmel, Ill . . . . . 14   | " 16,      | " 26,   | Taunton, Mass . . . . . 28       |
| " 10,      | " 64,    | Ithica, Mich . . . . . 16      | " 16,      | " 149,  | Payne, O . . . . . 20            |
| " 10,      | " 65,    | Carson City, Mich . . . . . 13 | " 18,      | " 70,   | Fulton, Mich . . . . . 12        |
| " 14,      | " 142,   | Ada, O . . . . . 14            | " 18,      | " 71,   | Richmond, Mich . . . . . 13      |
| " 14,      | " 143,   | Sanducky, O . . . . . 12       | " 18,      | " 20,   | Quintman, Mo. (reor'd) . 14      |
| " 14,      | " 144,   | Athens, O . . . . . 25         | " 18,      | " 23,   | Sligo Furnace, Mo. . . . . 16    |
| " 14,      | " 145,   | Milford Center, O . . . . . 19 | " 18,      | " 24,   | Rollinger Mills, Mo . . . . . 14 |
| " 15,      | " 66,    | Ovid, Mich . . . . . 17        | " 18,      | " 25,   | Elk Grove, Mo . . . . . 15       |
| " 15,      | " 11,    | De Quoin, Ill . . . . . 17     | " 18,      | " 26,   | Mine, Lamotte, Mo . . . . . 16   |
| " 16,      | " 47,    | New Corners, Ind. . . . . 18   | " 18,      | " 27,   | Bolliver, Mo . . . . . 20        |
| " 16,      | " 134,   | Anderoid, E. Pa . . . . . 19   | " 18,      | " 28,   | St. Louis, Mo . . . . . 14       |
| " 20,      | " 5,     | Oakland, Cal . . . . . 17      | " 18,      | " 29,   | Albany, Mo . . . . . 24          |
| " 20,      | " 66,    | Norwood, Mass . . . . . 17     | " 18,      | " 1,    | Flag Staff, Arizona. . . . . 16  |
| " 20,      | " 39,    | Winchendon, Mass . . . . . 17  | " 20,      | " 139,  | Sharpsburg, W. Pa. . . . . 16    |

|           |          | Applicants.                                 |    |           | Applicants. |                                      |    |
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| Sept. 23, | No. 135, | Pittsburg, Pa. . . . .                      | 13 | Sept. 20, | No. 169,    | Sunbury, E. Pa. . . . .              | 19 |
| " 23,     | " 18,    | Milford, Mass. . . . .                      | 19 | " 21,     | " 71,       | Wamego, Kas. . . . .                 | 18 |
| " 24,     | " 67,    | Williamstown, Mich. . . . .                 | 18 | " 21,     | " 69,       | Colonia, Mich. . . . .               | 16 |
| " 27,     | " 146,   | Renson Corners, O. . . . .                  | 16 | " 25,     | " 4,        | Boston, Mass. . . . .                | 16 |
| " 28,     | " 148,   | Russles Place, O. . . . .                   | 10 | " 22,     | " 27,       | West St. Paul, Minn. . . . .         | 17 |
| " 29,     | " 136,   | Sesquehanna, E. Pa. . . . .                 | 20 | " 23,     | " —,        | Germantown, Pa. (prov.) . . . . .    | 25 |
| " 30,     | " 42,    | Estherville, Ia. . . . .                    | 13 | " 23,     | " —,        | So. Bethlehem, Pa. (prov.) . . . . . | 25 |
| " 30,     | " 85,    | Montezuma, Ia. . . . .                      | 39 | " 25,     | " 161,      | Pleasant Hill, E. Pa. . . . .        | 14 |
| " 30,     | " 91,    | Panora, Ia. . . . .                         | 27 | " 26,     | " 150,      | Catawba, O. . . . .                  | 15 |
| " 30,     | " 92,    | Colo, Ia. . . . .                           | 16 | " 26,     | " 151,      | Bealsville, O. . . . .               | 16 |
| " 30,     | " 93,    | Maning, Ia. . . . .                         | 20 | " 28,     | " 72,       | Northville, Mich. . . . .            | 18 |
| " 30,     | " 94,    | Andrews, Ia. . . . .                        | 17 | " 28,     | " 53,       | Washington, Ind. . . . .             | 12 |
| " 30,     | " 95,    | Coin, Ia. . . . .                           | 16 | " 28,     | " 152,      | West Jefferson, O. . . . .           | 13 |
| " 30,     | " 97,    | Keota, Ia. . . . .                          | 12 | " 30,     | " 54,       | Ossian, Ind. . . . .                 | 15 |
| " 30,     | " 6,     | Riverside, Cal. . . . .                     | 12 | Nov. 1,   | " 73,       | Clio, Mich. . . . .                  | 18 |
| Oct. 1,   | " 35,    | Albion, Neb. . . . .                        | 24 | " 2,      | " 153,      | Geneva, G. . . . .                   | 19 |
| " 1,      | " 36,    | Hardy, Neb. . . . .                         | 24 | " 3,      | " 66,       | Tonica, Ill. . . . .                 | 15 |
| " 1,      | " 68,    | Lake View, Mich. . . . .                    | 19 | " 3,      | " 67,       | Ottawa, Ill. . . . .                 | 32 |
| " 4,      | " 7,     | Pasadena, Cal. . . . .                      | 13 | " 5,      | " 162,      | Pittsburg, W. Pa. . . . .            | 50 |
| " 4,      | " 66,    | Syrecuse, N. Y. . . . .                     | 27 | " 8,      | " 74,       | Benton Harbor, Mich. . . . .         | 21 |
| " 5,      | " 69,    | Hutchison, Kan. . . . .                     | 19 | " 8,      | " 75,       | Brighton, Mich. . . . .              | 14 |
| " 5,      | " 70,    | Ferdonia, Kan. . . . .                      | 26 | " 8,      | " 8,        | Oakland, Cal. . . . .                | 28 |
| " 8,      | " 57,    | Poughkeepsie, N. Y. . . . .                 | 42 | " 10,     | " —,        | Philadelphia, Pa. (prov.) . . . . .  | 50 |
| " 8,      | " 48,    | Logansport, Ind. . . . .                    | 27 | " 10,     | " —,        | Allentown, Pa. . . . .               | 32 |
| " 8,      | " 137,   | Westfield, E. Pa. . . . .                   | 22 | " 10,     | " —,        | Dubois, Pa. . . . .                  | 39 |
| " 9,      | " 16,    | Northfield, Dak. . . . .                    | 16 | " 11,     | " 163,      | Conneautsyille, W. Pa. . . . .       | 17 |
| " 8,      | " 17,    | Mt. Vernon, Dak. . . . .                    | 20 | " 8,      | " 154,      | Sinter, O. . . . .                   | 21 |
| " 11,     | " 50,    | New Castle, Ind. . . . .                    | 25 | " 15,     | " 8,        | Englewood, Ill. . . . .              | 19 |
| " 12,     | " 49,    | Spartonburg, Ind. . . . .                   | 16 | " 15,     | " 10,       | Belleville, Ill. . . . .             | 30 |
| " 12,     | " 138,   | Carbondale, E. Pa. . . . .                  | 22 | " 15,     | " —,        | Bellefonte, Pa. (prov.) . . . . .    | 22 |
| " 13,     | " 2,     | Quincy, Ill. (reorganized) . . . . .        | 37 | " 15,     | " 72,       | Delphos, Kas. . . . .                | 12 |
|           |          | Total No. of Camps, 106 ; applicants, 1995. |    |           |             |                                      |    |

VIII. The Commander-in-Chief will present the Colonel who organizes the greatest number of good healthy Camps in his Division between November 15th, 1886, and June 1st, 1887, with a fine sword and belt, and the second in rank in this respect shall not go unrewarded. A list of the Camps organized between these dates will be published in General Orders, giving each Colonel credit for what he has done.

IX. We are pleased to note more proptness in reports coming, and a very healthy improved in the manner of transacting the business of Divisions and Camps, but some are far from perfect yet. Let every officer and brother strive to do his whole duty. The neglect of one carries trouble all through the line. Keep touch of elbows to the *right* (right in every respect.) let no brother falter or fall back. Keep the lines well closed up, and see what a commander can do with such a force. Camps and Camp Officers cannot expect the Colonel of their Division to do good work without their help and co-operation. One brother is just as much a part of the Division as another. We have enlisted in this noble cause; let us each do our *whole duty*.

X. Again I wish to urge the Camps to uniform and equip themselves, and become proficient in drill. The long winter evenings are before us. Transact the business of your Camps, then form your lines and drill. Secure the best drill master you can, and drill faithfully under his directions. We have a few more breech-loading Springfield rifles that cost \$4 each, without equipments. A good set of equipments cost 75 cents. We will be glad to furnish one or more to any Camp at cost. The guns and equipments are new and nice. Almost any Camp can raise the money to arm themselves at these prices.

XI. The Order all over the land is rejoicing over a new found treasure, which they are clasping to their hearts—"The National Reveille," so ably edited by Gen'l G. B. Abbott, of Chicago. It is a consolidation of the "Advocate" and "Review." It is pronounced "a gem" by all—both Grand Army comrades and Sons of Veterans. Every brother should subscribe for it, and therein learn what is going on in the Order.

XII. Col. R. M. J. Reed, of 833 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., for faithful services in the Order, and in view of his thorough knowledge of the prescribed regulation uniform, rank strap, etc., is hereby appointed "Military Storekeeper" for the Order. He will furnish any of the members of the Order with such information as they may desire in regard to uniforms, rank straps, banners, flags, etc., and the brothers can rely upon its being correct.

XII. Our Order is moving forward with a full 28 inch step, and at quick time. The drums are beating and the bugle sounding, and our friends are cheering us on. We are the "reserve," on which the Grand Army must rely. At present our duty is to care faithfully for any of the Comrades of the Grand Army who may fall from sickness or wounds, and as the Great Commander shall "muster them out" one by one, we must by our sympathies and our purses make the mourning and dependent ones feel that we recognize the heroic deeds of the Grand Army. Let us do this good work *with a will*, and if occasion ever requires we will be ready to emulate the example of our fathers.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

T. G. CARLISLE,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, OHIO, March 1st 1887. }

*General Order No. 13.*

I. Since the issue of General Order No. 12, in November last the machinery of the Order has run so smoothly, every officer and brother doing his work so quietly and well, that the Commander-in-Chief has thought it best not to speak above a whisper, for fear something might fly the track. Then, too, that solemn messenger, death, came to us in an hour we thought not of, and has taken from us our beloved, brave, patriotic comrade, General John A. Logan. Of such an one eulogies are useless. His name is engraven on all our hearts, and surrounding it as with a halo are the words, "the soldier's friend." He was always true to himself, to his comrades, to his comrades, to his country, and to his God. No name is dearer to the comrades and their sons than that of Logan.

II. It becomes our painful duty to announce to the Order the death of Brother Charles L. Mooney, of Springfield, Ills., who passed away after a short illness on the 28th of January. Brother Mooney was one of the brightest lights of our Order, loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a young man of great promise, not only in his profession, but in our Order. We will ever cherish his memory in our hearts.

III. Your Commander-in-Chief desires to call the especial attention of the whole organization to the necessity of educating our members and all those we come in contact with in the virtue of Loyalty, not only to country and our grand old flag, but to those who gave life and limb to preserve them from being torn asunder by the hands of traitors. This education must be pushed in all parts of our country, to prevent the repetition or necessity of placing a man at the head of the Nation who does not know what loyalty is, or that the soldier earned more than the paltry thirteen dollars per month which he received at the time. It is our duty to be loyal to our fathers and the cause for which they fought.

IV. The Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has a firm friend, one in whom not only we, but our country, can confide—in the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., General Lucius Fairchild. He has recognized our Order as no other has ever done, by appointing your Commander-in-Chief upon his staff. I know our Order will appreciate this, and in your behalf have thanked him for this recognition.

V. For the information of brothers formerly of the Earp faction, it is hereby announced that all supplies formerly owned and used by that body have been destroyed with the exception of the letter press and seal, which have been turned over by General Wagner to these headquarters. All the camps in Maryland formerly belonging to the Earp faction have been mustered into our Order.

VI. General H. W. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief of our Order, is in Denver, Col., is in very poor health, and we are sure he has the heartfelt sympathy of every brother of our Order. Let us express our sympathy in a substantial manner by sending him a kind word from each Camp in the United States, accompanied by a remittance which will help to make him comfortable while he is unable to earn the necessities of life. All remittances may be sent to these headquarters, and the Commander-in-Chief will take pleasure in forwarding them to General Arnold, at No. 1753 Lawrence street, Denver, Col. We shall hope for a liberal response to this section.

VII. The following additional Aides-de-Camp have been appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief: W. W. Armstrong, of Madison, Wis.; W. P. Cressinger, of Eau Claire, Wis.; G. L. Goodale, of Lenox, Iowa; W. C. Matthews, of Odebolt, Iowa; Johnson Brigham, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Charles H. Jennings, of Denver, Col.; J. F. Wonder, of Peoria, Ill.

VIII. The names of Charles E Rabb and William H. Jackson, appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief in last General Order, should have been Charles C. Babb and William H. Jackman.

IX. Hereafter blank Mustering Officer's reports will be placed in each Camp package, so there can be no excuse for the Mustering Officer failing to make report to these headquarters as soon as he has mustered a Camp.

X. Colonels of Divisions will specify in their requisitions by what express company they wish their supplies forwarded, and all requisitions must be made on blank form 1.

XI. Since last General Order the following applications for Camp charters have been approved:

| Applicants.                                |                                         | Applicants.                             |  |
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| Nov. 16, No. 155, Perry, Ohio . . . . . 15 | Dec. 2, 23, Marengo, Ill. . . . . 16    | 2, 71, Morris, Ill. . . . . 19          |  |
| 16, 156, Marysville, Ohio . . . . . 22     | 3, 160, Chicago Junction, Ohio . . . 10 | 3, 57, Millersburg, Ind. . . . . 11     |  |
| 17, 28, Windom, Minn . . . . . 13          | 3, 24, Danielsville, Conn. . . . . 23   | 4, 74, Twin Falls, Ks. . . . . 30       |  |
| 17, 68, Rockport, Mass. . . . . 31         | 6, 164, Doylestown, E. Pa. . . . . 15   | 6, 75, Oskaloosa, Ks. . . . . 28        |  |
| 18, 20, Concord, Il . . . . . 14           | 6, 100, Ida Grove, Iowa . . . . . 20    | 7, 103, Branden, Iowa. . . . . 18       |  |
| 18, 68, Effingham, Ill . . . . . 20        | 7, 104, Hillsboro, Iowa . . . . . 15    | 7, 59, Fairmount, Ind. . . . . 18       |  |
| 20, 69, West Duxbury, Maas. . . 12         | 7, 58, South Bend, Ind. . . . . 21      | 10, 163, Barlow Ohio . . . . . 19       |  |
| 22, 55, Rensselaer, Ind . . . . . 24       | 11, 2, Coquille City, Or. . . . . 18    | 13, 72, Arcola, Ill . . . . . 23        |  |
| 22, 73, Manhattan, Kas . . . . . 26        | 13, 73, Danville, Ill . . . . . 11      | 14, 161, Washington C. H., O. . . . 20  |  |
| 23, 157, Kingsville, O . . . . . 17        | 13, 72, Arcola, Ill . . . . . 23        | 14, 162, Dunkirk, Ohio . . . . . 30     |  |
| 23, 158, Lynx, O . . . . . 18              | 13, 73, Danville, Ill . . . . . 11      | 14, 34, Jefferson City, Mo . . . . . 22 |  |
| 24, 69, Marseilles, Ill . . . . . 21       | 14, 161, Washington C. H., O. . . . 20  | 17, 57, Albion, N. Y . . . . . 11       |  |
| 24, 70, Marshall, Ill . . . . . 31         | 14, 162, Dunkirk, Ohio . . . . . 30     | 18, 164, Aberdeen, Ohio . . . . . 17    |  |
| 24, 29, Brainard, Minn . . . . . 60        | 14, 34, Jefferson City, Mo . . . . . 22 | 18, 2, Salidee, Colo. . . . . 26        |  |
| 24, 228, Philadelphia, Prov. Pa. . 24      | 17, 57, Albion, N. Y . . . . . 11       | 20, 1, Fort Clark, Texas . . . . . 11   |  |
| 25, 76, Vermontville, Mich . . . 17        | 18, 164, Aberdeen, Ohio . . . . . 17    | 21, Norwalk, Wis . . . . . 20           |  |
| 26, 31, Montpelier, Vt. . . . . 13         | 18, 2, Salidee, Colo. . . . . 26        | 21, 165, Newton Hamilton, E. Pa . 14    |  |
| 29, 56, Eaton, Ind . . . . . 14            | 20, 1, Fort Clark, Texas . . . . . 11   | 21, 166, Belleview, W. Pa. . . . . 10   |  |
| 29, 77, Romeo, Mich . . . . . 12           | 21, Norwalk, Wis . . . . . 20           | 23, 25, Birmingham, Conn . . . . 12     |  |
| 29, 96, Early, Iowa . . . . . 19           | 21, 165, Newton Hamilton, E. Pa . 14    | 24, 78, Eastbrook, Mich. . . . . 11     |  |
| 29, 98, Wilton, Iowa . . . . . 14          | 21, 166, Belleview, W. Pa. . . . . 10   | 25, 167, Eldred, W. Pa . . . . . 18     |  |
| 29, 99, Correctionville, Iowa . . 18       | 23, 25, Birmingham, Conn . . . . 12     |                                         |  |
| 29, 101, Nashua, Iowa . . . . . 29         | 24, 78, Eastbrook, Mich. . . . . 11     |                                         |  |
| 29, 102, Murray, Iowa . . . . . 10         | 25, 167, Eldred, W. Pa . . . . . 18     |                                         |  |
| 30, 30, North Springfield, Mo . . 17       |                                         |                                         |  |
| 30, 31, Eagleville, Mo . . . . . 40        |                                         |                                         |  |
| 30, 32, McFall, Mo . . . . . 22            |                                         |                                         |  |
| 30, 33, Springfield, Mo . . . . . 10       |                                         |                                         |  |
| 30, 159, Steubenville, Ohio . . . . 17     |                                         |                                         |  |
| 30, 4, Wyandot, Ks. (reorg) . . . 20       |                                         |                                         |  |

| Applicants.                                 |    | Applicants.                                    |    |
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| Dec. 27, No. 168, Montrose, E. Pa . . . . . | 16 | Jan. 24, 36, Kansas City, Mo. . . . .          | 21 |
| 27, 79, Kalkaska, Mich. . . . .             | 11 | 29, 38, Ridgeway, Mo. . . . .                  | 17 |
| 28, 80, Trufant . . . . .                   | 18 | 29, 84, Saginaw, Mich. . . . .                 | 18 |
| 29, 26, Ansonia, Conn . . . . .             | 22 | 31, 5, Viola, Wis . . . . .                    | 21 |
| 29, 165, Frazeyburg, O. . . . .             | 14 | Feb. 1, 24, Sandborn, Ind. . . . .             | 26 |
| 29, 166, Kenton, O . . . . .                | 27 | 1, 1, Jamestown, Ky . . . . .                  | 13 |
| 30, 81, Flint, Mich. . . . .                | 27 | 4, 78, Farmer City, Ill. . . . .               | 29 |
| 31, 169, Wilkesbarre, E. PaY. . . . .       | 16 | 4, 79, Hampshire, Ill . . . . .                | 15 |
| 31, 61, Olean, N. Y . . . . .               | 19 | 5, 85, Pittsford, Mich . . . . .               | 15 |
| 31, 73, Dennison, Ill . . . . .             | 37 | 5, 86, Montgomery, Mich . . . . .              | 11 |
| 31, 74, Tonington, Ill . . . . .            | 12 | 5, 70, Upton, Mass. . . . .                    | 20 |
| 31, 2, Wayne, Kan . . . . .                 | 15 | 38, Oil City, W. Pa. (reorg.) . . . . .        | 17 |
| Jan. 3, 82, Grass Lake, Mich. . . . .       | 16 | 22, Goshen, Ind . . . . .                      | 19 |
| 3, 20, Laport City, Ia . . . . .            | 20 | 9, 172, McArthur, O . . . . .                  | 36 |
| 3, 34, Mt. Pleasant, Ia . . . . .           | 34 | 9, 173, Camba, O . . . . .                     | 24 |
| 5, 170, Oswago, W. Pa. (reorg) . . . . .    | 12 | 2, Washington, D. C . . . . .                  | 17 |
| 10, 37, Davenport, Neb . . . . .            | 14 | 27, East Hartford, Conn. . . . .               | 17 |
| 10, 60, Bedford, Ind. . . . .               | 15 | 10, 32, Danby, Vt . . . . .                    | 12 |
| 11, 13, Rock Island, Il (reorg) . . . . .   | 38 | 11, 7, Danvers, Mass . . . . .                 | 24 |
| 11, 75, Lockport, Ill. . . . .              | 14 | 11, 175, Glasgow, W. Pa . . . . .              | 15 |
| 11, 171, South Gibson, E. Pa . . . . .      | 27 | 12, 30, Cordova, Minn . . . . .                | 19 |
| 13, 2, Baltimore, Prov. Div of Md           | 31 | 12, 80, Palestine, Ill . . . . .               | 18 |
| 13, 4, Hampden, " . . . . .                 | 21 | 12, 81, Orangeville, Ill . . . . .             | 19 |
| 13, 26, Van Buren, Ind. . . . .             | 15 | 14, 32, Buchtel, O . . . . .                   | 12 |
| 14, 83, Day, Mich . . . . .                 | 12 | 16, 176, Selinsgrove, E. Pa. . . . .           | 14 |
| 14, 1, Phoenix, R. I . . . . .              | 13 | 16, 6, West Lima, Wis. . . . .                 | 10 |
| 15, 76, Blue Mound, Ill . . . . .           | 19 | 17, 3, Pittsburg, Kan. . . . .                 | 25 |
| 15, 167, Oak Hill O . . . . .               | 22 | 17, 5, Millbrook, Kan . . . . .                | 21 |
| 18, 16, McClean, Ill . . . . .              | 18 | 17, 2, Galeska, O . . . . .                    | 13 |
| 18, 77, Ridge Farm, Ill . . . . .           | 19 | 17, 4, Plain City, O . . . . .                 | 16 |
| 18, 168, Shelby, O . . . . .                | 14 | 17, 33, Warren, Vt . . . . .                   | 17 |
| 18, 9, San Jose, Cal . . . . .              | 25 | 17, 34, Springfield, Vt. . . . .               | 22 |
| 22, 169, Blue Creek, Ohio . . . . .         | 13 | 17, 7, Stockton, Kan . . . . .                 | 25 |
| 22, 170, Burbank, O . . . . .               | 13 | 17, 10, Olathe, Kan. . . . .                   | 17 |
| 22, 172, Coatesville, E. Pa . . . . .       | 14 | 18, 3, Key West, Fla . . . . .                 | 10 |
| 24, 173, Port Allegheny, W. Pa . . . . .    | 10 | 18, 2, Spokane Falla, Wash. Ter. 13            | 13 |
| 174, Lititz, E. Pa . . . . .                | 14 | 19, 71, Worthborough, Mass. . . . .            | 18 |
| 25, 32, Columbus, Ind . . . . .             | 24 | 22, 7, Hingham, Mass . . . . .                 | 21 |
| 26, 57, Black Rock, Buffalo, N. Y. 14       | 14 | 24, 39, Republic Mo . . . . .                  | 15 |
| 26, 60, Hunter, N. Y . . . . .              | 10 | 25, 33, Anderson, Ind . . . . .                | 23 |
| 26, 62, Leroy, N. Y . . . . .               | 20 | 26, 82, Camp Point, Ill . . . . .              | 21 |
| 26, 171, Huntsville, O . . . . .            | 25 | 26, 83, . . . . .                              | 18 |
| 22, 35, St. Louis, Mo . . . . .             | 13 | 28, 40, Desota, Mo . . . . .                   | 14 |
| 22, 37, Rich Hill, Mo . . . . .             | 15 | Total Camps, 147; total charter members, 2733. |    |

This would indicate that we have not been asleep on our arms, but that all the Division officers have been vigilant and working hard for our noble Order. No other Order, to our knowledge, has made such rapid strides as ours. May we be inspired with new zeal in this good work, let every brother do his full duty, and we shall see such an army of Loyal Sons as Uncle Sam may well be proud of.

XII. Attention is called to circular No. 2 from these headquarters. If every Camp will secure a few of these frames in which to preserve the photographs and records of the comrades of the G. A. R., it will be the means of establishing fraternal bonds between the G. A. R. and S. of V. that cannot be broken.

XIII. We have a few more Springfield breech-loading rifles, 50 caliber, with good accouterments, for \$4.45 each. Any number will be shipped direct from New York on receipt at these headquarters of New York draft. Do not send check or money order, as we do not make a cent on these rifles, and cannot pay exchange.

XIV. The attention of Installing Officers is called to the necessity of sending a copy of their reports, giving the names of the newly installed officers of Camps, to these headquarters, that the Adjutant General may be enabled to keep his roster complete. The sending in of this report must not be neglected.

XV. Inspection blanks will be ready to send to Colonels of Divisions in a few days, and they must make requisition on the Quartermaster General

for the number of each kind (Division and Camp) that they will require. Be prompt in this, and let us have a thorough inspection in every *Camp*.

XVI. The following resolution was passed at the Annual Encampment in Buffalo, last August. Captains of Camps will report to the Colonel of their Division any violation of this law:

Resolved, That any brother of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., using the name of the Order as a sign for a place, such as a saloon, sample room, billiard room, or for any business where intoxicating liquors are sold, shall be expelled from the Order; and any person eligible to become a member of this Order shall forfeit his right of membership by committing the foregoing offense.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,  
No. 16, WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, MARCH 7, 1887.

*General Orders No. 14.*

I. Colonels commanding Divisions will order an inspection of every Camp in their respective Divisions, to take place between the 1st and 30th day of April, 1887. Assistant Inspectors will forward reports to Division Inspectors not later than May 14th, and Division Inspectors will forward consolidated reports not later than May 31st.

II. Assistant Inspectors will make duplicate reports of each Camp inspected, and forward both within twenty-four hours after inspection to the Division Inspector, who will make three consolidated reports,—one to be retained by himself; one he will forward with one set of Assistant Inspector's reports to the Division Adjutant, and the other one, and one set of Assistant Inspector's reports, to the Inspector General.

III. Colonels commanding will adhere strictly to the rule of assigning Assistant Inspectors to duty, so that each Camp will be inspected by one not a member of the same. No generals above 90 will be accredited to any Camp inspected by one of its own members.

IV. The authority of an Inspecting Officer will be the General Order of the Colonel commanding, or a Commission regularly signed and sealed, emanating from Division Headquarters.

V. Inspecting Officers are not entitled to compensation for services, nor will they be permitted to receive presents or pay from Camps inspected, but each Camp is required to meet the actual expenses of inspection, unless otherwise ordered by the Colonel commanding.

VI. Division Inspectors will report all Assistant Inspectors to Division Headquarters, who fail to report PROMPTLY after an inspection of a Camp is ordered to take place.

VII. Inspectors will see that Assistant Inspectors answer all questions and fill out correctly *all* blank spaces on the inspection blanks, or return the same for correction.

VIII. Printed circulars will be furnished through the Commandery-in-Chief to all Inspecting Officers, giving detailed instruction for conducting an inspection, and the rules therein contained must be strictly observed.

IX. Inspecting Officers will see that the uniforms worn are in strict conformity to the Constitution Rules and Regulations. Metallic wreaths, rank straps, and cap numbers are not recognized by the Order; the embroidered *only* is regulation.

X. Camps will conduct services according to the Ritual as revised at Buffalo, September, 1886; and the inspection in regard to Ritualistic work will be especially rigid.



XI. Camps mustered since February 15th, 1887, will not be inspected—unless especially desired—but Adjutants may fill out inspection blanks from Charter Application and Mustering Officer's report, and file the same with the Division Inspector, who will incorporate them in his reports, designating them as "New Camps."

XII. The object of an inspection is to ascertain the exact condition of each Camp, and every Inspecting Officer should guard against wronging other Camps by marking too leniently the Camp he may be inspecting, or doing injustice to it by giving it less than it deserves.

XIII. The rank and standing of Camps and Divisions for the Inspector General's report, to be presented at the annual encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, will be taken from the reports of this inspection. It will, therefore, become all Colonels to see to it, that each Camp is properly inspected, and that all reports are promptly forwarded on time. Divisions that failed to receive mention in the last report are invited to make a special effort to redeem themselves.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE.

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. B. ABBOTT, *Inspector General,*  
163 State Street, Chicago, Ill.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, May 20, 1887. }

*General Order No. 15.*

I. The Commander-in-Chief has thought it unnecessary to issue a general order for the Sons of Veterans to turn out and assist the Grand Army of the Republic in the proper observance of Memorial Day. We are sure that every loyal Son will be in his place in the line on that day, and by his presence and assistance do all in his power to pay the debt of love and gratitude we owe to those who gave their lives that we might have this glorious inheritance—a free and peaceful country.

II. To Divisions where no General Order has been issued, and to Camps where there is no Division organization, you will receive this as an order to work in conjunction with the Grand Army of the Republic, accepting the position designated by them and to do all in your power to assist them on this solemn occasion, remembering that it is not a day for amusement or revelry. It is earnestly urged upon all members of our Order to avoid intemperance at all times, and especially on Memorial Day.

III. A. R. McKenzie, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been appointed a Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from May 1st, 1887. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. He is charged with the special duty of organizing Camps in Tennessee.

IV. All supplies of the Earp faction, (lately consolidated with us) have been destroyed.

V. The following Divisions have held their annual encampments, and elected their officers. We give the name of the newly elected Colonel of each Division:

- California.....C. J. Callahan, Los Angeles, Cal.
- Colorado.....Harry D. Kendig, 815 16th St., Denver, Colo.
- Indiana.....E. S. Walker, West Lebanon, Ind.
- Kansas.....Clay D. Herod, Erie, Kas.
- Maine.....Thomas G. Libby, Vinalhaven, Me.
- Ohio.....Henry Frazee, Cleveland, O.
- West Virginia.....R. H. Freer, Ritchie Court House, W. Va.
- Wisconsin.....F. J. Walthers, Madison, Wis.
- New Jersey.....Col. E. E. Jeffries, Camden, N. J.

VI. From the inspection report it appears that very few of the Camps keep their "Black Book" properly, or in fact at all. Colonels of Divisions will give this matter their immediate attention, requiring all Camps to keep up their entries in the "Black Book." Reporting also to the Colonel all dropped and rejected by each Camp, and the Colonel will publish them in General Orders that other Camps may be duly notified.

VII. The following applications for Camp charters have been approved since the issue of General Order No. 13, March 1st, 1887.

| Applicants. |                                       | Applicants. |                                     |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| March 2,    | No. 6, Pioneer, O . . . . . 14        | April 13,   | 41, Cincinnati, O . . . . . 16      |
| 2,          | 7, Middletown O. . . . . 12           | 13,         | 59, New Philadelphia, O . . . . 11  |
| 7,          | 177, Indiana, W. Pa. . . . . 14       | 13,         | 20, Jamestown, Dak . . . . . 32     |
| 7,          | 84, Zenia, Ill . . . . . 15           | 14,         | 90, Lake Creek, Ill . . . . . 17    |
| 7,          | 28, Willimac, Conn . . . . . 15       | 14,         | 63, Breslan, N. Y . . . . . 18      |
| 7,          | 178, Nicholson, E. Pa . . . . . 15    | 14,         | 64, Nyack, N. Y . . . . . 10        |
| 7,          | 87, Crystal, Mich . . . . . 16        | 15,         | 14, Baxter Springs, Kan. . . . . 16 |
| 7,          | 3, Durand, Wis . . . . . 22           | 16,         | Patterson, N. J . . . . . 42        |
| 8,          | 8, Wilkesville, O . . . . . 39        | 16,         | 7, Hillsboro, Wis . . . . . 15      |
| 8,          | 9, New Richmond, O . . . . . 31       | 16,         | 70, Mansfield, O . . . . . 25       |
| 8,          | 11, Somerston, O . . . . . 13         | 16,         | 29, Rood House, Ill . . . . . 12    |
| 8,          | 179, Greenville, W. Pa . . . . . 22   | 16,         | 89, Georgetown, Ill . . . . . 15    |
| 10,         | 12, Marshville, O . . . . . 14        | 18,         | 15, Fort Hill, Ind . . . . . 17     |
| 10,         | 35, Cabot, Vt . . . . . 14            | 18,         | 188, Shippenburg, W, Pa . . . . 13  |
| 10,         | 2, White Pidgeon, Mich (reor) 10      | 18,         | 189, Glenwood, E. Pa . . . . . 15   |
| 10,         | 10, Kalamazoo, Mich. (reorg) 15       | 18,         | 46, Milan, Mo . . . . . 23          |
| 10,         | 88, Maple Rapids, Mich. . . . . 32    | 17,         | 92, Tustin, Mich . . . . . 13       |
| 10,         | 180, Homer City, W. Pa . . . . . 14   | 19,         | 65, Warsaw, N. Y . . . . . 20       |
| 10,         | 38, Greenwood, Neb. . . . . 23        | 21,         | 72, Bowerston, O . . . . . 24       |
| 11,         | 35, Windsor, Ind . . . . . 20         | 21,         | 83, Morrow, O . . . . . 33          |
| 12,         | 41, Fair Play, Mo . . . . . 22        | 21,         | 1, Huntsville, Ark . . . . . 16     |
| 12,         | 42, Pervyville, Mo . . . . . 17       | 22,         | 7, Pennsboro, W. Va. . . . . 11     |
| 15,         | 52, Maroa, Ill . . . . . 15           | 22,         | 91, Scottsville, Ills . . . . . 22  |
| 15,         | 13, Syduy, O . . . . . 10             | 22,         | 92, Atwood, Ill . . . . . 11        |
| 15,         | 14, Platsfield, O . . . . . 20        | 23,         | 33, Henderson, Minn. . . . . 15     |
| 15,         | 17, Greenfield, O . . . . . 17        | 23,         | 67, Norwich, N. Y . . . . . 15      |
| 17,         | 181, Franklin, W. Pa . . . . . 30     | 23,         | 93, Quincy, Mich . . . . . 16       |
| 17,         | 5, Montrose, Col . . . . . 15         | 23,         | 74, Dedham, Mass. . . . . 21        |
| 17,         | 145, Punxsutaney, Prov. Pa. . . . 17  | 23,         | 75, Milburn, Mass . . . . . 13      |
| 18,         | 19, DeGroff, O . . . . . 14           | 23,         | 13, Indianapolis, Ind . . . . . 12  |
| 18,         | 22, Wellsville, O . . . . . 14        | 25,         | 15, Versailles, Ind . . . . . 26    |
| 18,         | 43, Warrenton, Mo . . . . . 15        | 25,         | 22, Belleville, Kan . . . . . 24    |
| 18,         | 44, Ayersville, Mo . . . . . 12       | 25,         | 47, St. Louis, Mo . . . . . 12      |
| 18,         | 7, Daun, Mo . . . . . 12              | 26,         | 94, West Liberty, O . . . . . 24    |
| 18,         | 9, Platsville, Wis. . . . . 15        | 27,         | 93, Golconda, Ills . . . . . 14     |
| 19,         | 85, Macomb, Ill . . . . . 29          | 27,         | 11, Melrose, Wis . . . . . 25       |
| 19,         | 24, Biggsville, Ills. . . . . 15      | 27,         | 90, East Brady, W. Pa. . . . . 18   |
| 19,         | 19, Greensburg, Ind . . . . . 26      | 29,         | 191, Rew, W. Pa . . . . . 24        |
| 19,         | 20, Muncie, Ind. . . . . 25           | 29,         | 76, Westboro, Mass . . . . . 20     |
| 22,         | 25, Fairview, O . . . . . 20          | 29,         | 36, St. Albans, Vt . . . . . 19     |
| 22,         | 17, Longton, Kan . . . . . 15         | 30,         | 2, Marysville Ky . . . . . 20       |
| 22,         | 19, Burlington, Kan. . . . . 15       | May 2,      | 69, Wappenger's Falls, N. Y . 17    |
| 22,         | 21, Wilson, Kan . . . . . 15          | 2,          | 50, St. Louis, Mo . . . . . 20      |
| 22,         | 86, Swan Creek, Ill . . . . . 11      | 3,          | 97, Germantown, O . . . . . 21      |
| 23,         | 182, Dunbar, W. Pa. (reorg) . 26      | 3,          | 134, Republic, O . . . . . 18       |
| 23,         | 6, Martinsburg, W. Va. . . . . 12     | 3,          | 23, Allegan, Kan . . . . . 13       |
| 23,         | 73, North Brookfield, Mass . . 35     | 3,          | 19, Fort Yates, Dak . . . . . 11    |
| 23,         | 26, West Mansfield, O . . . . . 16    | 4,          | 174, Vinton, O . . . . . 18         |
| 24,         | 89, Lawton, Mich . . . . . 10         | 4,          | 33, Red Wing, Minn . . . . . 25     |
| 24,         | 8, Old Town, Mich . . . . . 21        | 5,          | 13, Janesville, Wis. . . . . 36     |
| 25,         | 51, Webster City, Iowa . . . . . 17   | 5,          | 94, Harbor Springs, Mich . . . . 25 |
| 25,         | 62, Schaller, Iowa . . . . . 11       | 5,          | 95, Ludington, Mich. . . . . 19     |
| 25,         | 108, Walker, Iowa . . . . . 22        | 6,          | 48, Forsith, Mo . . . . . 32        |
| 25,         | 109, Oxford, Iowa . . . . . 24        | 6,          | 49, Willow Springs, Mo . . . . . 21 |
| 25,         | 110, Hartford, Iowa . . . . . 17      | 6,          | 192, Fair Clemiz, W. Pa. . . . . 11 |
| 25,         | 111, Newell, Iowa . . . . . 10        | 6,          | 29, Altoona, Kan . . . . . 15       |
| 25,         | 112, Pleasantville, Iowa . . . . . 32 | 6,          | 34, Belmont, Kan . . . . . 17       |
| 25,         | 113, Conway, Iowa . . . . . 10        | 7,          | 175, Xenia, O . . . . . 10          |
| 25,         | 59, Elmira, N. Y . . . . . 19         | 7,          | 176, Delta, O . . . . . 13          |
| 26,         | 28, Jamestown, O . . . . . 14         | 7,          | 177, New Carlisle, O . . . . . 21   |
| 26,         | 18, North Salem, Ind . . . . . 20     | 7,          | 178, Madison, O . . . . . 10        |
| 26,         | 21, Galveston, Ind . . . . . 14       | 7,          | 10, Chesterton, Ind. . . . . 16     |
| 26,         | 183, Altoona, W. Pa . . . . . 15      | 9,          | 179, Albany, O . . . . . 11         |
| 28,         | 90, Ann Arbor, Mich. . . . . 15       | 9,          | 180, Brocton, O . . . . . 10        |

|                 |                                        | Applicants. |        |                                    | Applicants. |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Mar. 28,        | 184, Auburn 4 Corners, W. Pa . . . . . | 11          | May 9, | 181, Beverly, O . . . . .          | 18          |
| 29,             | 33, Wadsworth, O . . . . .             | 40          | 12,    | 96, Niles, Mich. . . . .           | 20          |
| 29,             | 51, Anoka, Minn . . . . .              | 19          | 12,    | 77, Ulysus, Kan . . . . .          | 18          |
| 29,             | 185, Reading, E. Pa . . . . .          | 17          | 12,    | 68, Lockport, N. Y. . . . .        | 14          |
| 31,             | 186, Jaackson E. Pa . . . . .          | 17          | 12,    | 70, Troy, N. Y. . . . .            | 16          |
| April 2,        | 34, Blufiton, O . . . . .              | 19          | 12,    | 95, Olney, Ill . . . . .           | 15          |
| 2,              | 36, Wilmington, O . . . . .            | 24          | 12,    | 96, Chatsworth, Ill . . . . .      | 10          |
| 2,              | 1, Chattanooga, Tenn. . . . .          | 24          | 12,    | 14, Phillipsburg, N. J. . . . .    | 17          |
| 6,              | 39, Ewing, Neb . . . . .               | 19          | 13,    | 97, Galion, Mich . . . . .         | 20          |
| 6,              | 40, St. Paul Neb. . . . .              | 38          | 14,    | 7, Pennville, Ind . . . . .        | 16          |
| 6,              | 6, Hartford, Conn . . . . .            | 23          | 14,    | 193, Freeport, W. Pa . . . . .     | 21          |
| 6,              | 187, Washington, W. Pa . . . . .       | 20          | 14,    | 3, Newport, Ky. . . . .            | 15          |
| 6,              | 91, Morley, Mich . . . . .             | 18          | 14,    | 1, Moscow, Idaho . . . . .         | 16          |
| 7,              | 16, Scircleville, Ind . . . . .        | 17          | 17,    | 5, Little York, Ind . . . . .      | 12          |
| 8,              | 87, South Side Chicago, Ill . . . . .  | 27          | 19,    | 182, South Charleston, O . . . . . | 19          |
| 8,              | 24, Tuscola, Ill . . . . .             | 24          | 19,    | 183, Mt. Victory, O . . . . .      | 23          |
| 8,              | 88, Clayton, Ill . . . . .             | 31          | 19,    | 78, Lawrence, Kan. . . . .         | 34          |
| 8,              | 12, Chamte, Kan . . . . .              | 36          | 19,    | 98, Bancroft, Mich . . . . .       | 10          |
| 8,              | 45, Marianville, Mo . . . . .          | 13          | 19,    | 14, Fon du Lac, Wis . . . . .      | 35          |
| 9,              | 13, Canton, Kan . . . . .              | 19          | 19,    | 4, Louisville, Ky . . . . .        | 11          |
| 9,              | 42, Bloomingburg, O . . . . .          | 29          | 20,    | 184, Bethel, O . . . . .           | 18          |
| 11,             | 29, Winstead, Conn . . . . .           | 21          | 20,    | 185, Gratus, O . . . . .           | 94          |
| 11,             | 30, Plainfield, Conn. . . . .          | 25          | 20,    | 186, Wetmore, O . . . . .          | 14          |
| Total . . . . . |                                        |             |        | 174 Camps; 3267 applicants.        |             |

VIII. All Camps or Brothers having suggestions to offer for burial and other public services of the Sons of Veterans are requested to forward them at once to G. B. Abbott, Inspector General, 163 State street, Chicago, Ill., that they may be duly considered by the committee to prepare such service.

IX. In the last General Order we erroneously gave the name of J. F. Worden as Aide-de-Camp on our staff. It should have been J. F. Wonder, of Peoria, Ill.

X. The Ohio Division generously voted \$50 to Gen. H. W. Arnold, at their 5th Annual Encampment recently held at Cleveland, Ohio, and Indiana followed it up with \$20 at their Annual Encampment, for which they have the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief. These favors will be duly appreciated by General Arnold, whose health will not permit him to do for himself.

XI. The Camps of Maryland will meet on the 14th of June, in the City of Baltimore, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of completing their Division organization, the election of officers, and such other business as may properly be brought before them. They will elect one delegate and one alternate to the National Encampment to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, between August 10th and 30th. Col. Miles W. Ross will designate the place of meeting and notify all Camps in the State, and will call the meeting to order and preside until a chairman is elected.

XII. The Division of Kentucky has four Camps located as follows: No. 1, at Jamestown, Capt. J. E. Falkenburg; No. 2, at Maysville, Capt. John T. Short; No. 3, at Newport, Capt. \_\_\_\_\_, and No. 4, at Louisville, Capt. \_\_\_\_\_. On request of the Captains of these Camps the Commander-in-Chief will organize the Division, which will help to push the Order throughout the State.

XIII. Herman Boker & Co., of 101 and 103 Duane street, New York, will send sample breech-loading Springfield rifle and accoutrements to any Camp on receipt of \$5. They have been obliged to advance the price 25 cents each, as the lot bought at \$4.75 are all gone.

XIV. A number of Colonels and Captains of Camps where there is no Division are still behind with their reports for March 31st. These reports must be forwarded to these Headquarters immediately, and Divisions not getting in their reports promptly for the quarter ending June 30, will not be entitled to representation in the National Encampment.

XV. Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Encampment are ready for distribution. Colonels will draw on the Quartermaster General for the number they need.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
 NO. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, JUNE 20, 1887. }

*General Order No. 16.*

1. The Commander-in-Chief has for many months thought it best that our Order should be more thoroughly military, and has striven in every way he knew how to bring this about and make it such an organization. In a letter lately received from Col. E. B. Gray, Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic, he urges in very strong words the necessity of such steps being taken, for, says he, there has never been a time extending over thirty-two years in any country without war, and history is sure to repeat itself, and *who* so well as the Sons of those loyal men who saved our Country in its last severe struggle would or should be prepared to meet such an emergency when it comes. Those who are well drilled and well instructed in the school of the soldier as we should be will be the ones who will be selected to lead the less informed. Let us make a standing army of our Order; well drilled and disciplined. Then in case of war upon any of the rights of our Government, there would be enough of our Order ready and willing to go at a moment's notice to cut off the shoot of treason, rebellion or anarchy before it grew to be a tree. The incidents of the last few days show that there is a volcano underneath our Capitol which might make a fatal eruption and again bring war upon us as a Nation. We have reason to thank God that we have true men, positive men, loyal, not only to their country, but to God, who spoke with the lightning of the telegraph and subdued the fire while it was but a spark. These are the kind of men we need in our Order, and it is for this that we are trying to inculcate the principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty.

II. It is most earnestly urged upon every Camp of the Order to secure arms and equipments, and acquire as much proficiency as possible in the manual of arms and evolutions of the line, and become True Soldiers, for you will nearly always find that a True Soldier is a True *Gentleman*. Loyalty and love of country should go hand in hand, with a skilled ability to protect that which is so dear to every loyal son and daughter of this Great Country.

III. The State of Pennsylvania has passed a law giving the surplus arms and equipments of the State to the Order of the Sons of Veterans, and we hope other States will do likewise, and when we have a strictly loyal Congress we hope to have them constitute us the Militia of the United States.

IV. On the 14th, 15th and 16th of this month, at Altoona, Pa., the three Divisions of Pennsylvania, composing all the branches of the Sons of Veterans in existence in the State, were consolidated into one Division, and Col. E. J. Smith, of Harrisburg, elected to the command. This makes Pennsylvania the Banner Division of the Order, numbering about 175 Camps, with a membership of 4,309.

V. On the 14th and 15th of this month, as Baltimore, Md., the two factions or branches of Sons of Veterans existing in Maryland were consolidated into one Division, taking in with them the Camps in the District of Columbia, and elected Col. Miles W. Ross, of Baltimore, to the command of the Division. This promises to be a good, strong organization, and can be relied upon for its loyalty to the old Flag.

VI. In response to a request from a majority of Camps in Kentucky, the Division of Kentucky is hereby constituted, and Brother William West, of Newport, is hereby appointed Colonel. He will assume command immediately. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. He will appoint his Staff, and serve until his successor is elected and installed. The Lieutenant Colonel and Major will be announced in the next General Order.

VII. The Division of Tennessee is hereby constituted, and A. R. McKinzie, of Chattanooga, appointed Colonel, and Geo. W. Ford, of Knoxville, Lieutenant Colonel. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. The Colonel will select his Staff and assume command. The Major will be announced hereafter in General Order.

VIII. We have the promise of a good Division in Virginia. New Camps have lately been organized in that State, and Brothers are pushing the work as rapidly as possible.

IX. Since the issue of General Order No. 15, May 20, 1887, the following applications for Camp charters have been approved.

|         | Applicants                                  |     |                                      |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|
|         |                                             | 3,  | 6, Cool Creek, Colo . . . . . 12     |
|         |                                             | 4,  | 39, Eureka, Ill . . . . . 20         |
| May 21, | No. 34, Dawson, Minn . . . . . 21           | 4,  | 99, Burr Oaks, Mich . . . . . 10     |
| 21,     | 35, Jackson, Minn . . . . . 18              | 10, | 50, Jetmore, Kan . . . . . 17        |
| 21,     | 10, Santa Cruz, Cal . . . . . 13            | 11, | 195, Blair, E. Pa . . . . . 18       |
| 21,     | 187, Upper Sandusky, O . . . . . 43         | 11, | 25, Berwick, E. Pa . . . . . 21      |
| 23,     | 79, Columbus, Kan . . . . . 17              | 11, | 2, Ridgeville, Ind . . . . . 43      |
| 23,     | 194, Pittston, E. Pa . . . . . 29           | 11, | 9, Rushville, Ind . . . . . 17       |
| 23,     | 97, Wayne City, Ill . . . . . 16            | 11, | 23, Macksville, Ind . . . . . 27     |
| 23,     | 28, Joliet, Ill. (reorganized) . . . . . 41 | 11, | 196, Stonerville, W. Pa . . . . . 14 |
| 23,     | 8, Fairmont, W. Va . . . . . 23             | 17, | 100, Buckhanan, Mich . . . . . 25    |
| 23,     | 9, Austin, W. Va . . . . . 10               | 17, | 101, Baldwin Lake, Mich . . . . . 13 |
| 23,     | 17, Menasha, Wis . . . . . 14               | 17, | 18, Dubuque, Iowa . . . . . 24       |
| 23,     | 80, Carlton, Kan . . . . . 10               | 17, | 76, Glenwood, Iowa . . . . . 20      |
| 24,     | 138, Haskins, O . . . . . 20                | 17, | 77, Cambridge, Iowa . . . . . 22     |
| 24,     | 189, Enon, O . . . . . 21                   | 17, | 114, Mason City, Iowa . . . . . 27   |
| 24,     | 2, Chattanooga, Tenn . . . . . 25           | 17, | 115, Lettsville, Iowa . . . . . 14   |
| 25,     | 78, Lowell, Mass . . . . . 26               | 17, | 194, West Milton, O . . . . . 14     |
| 25,     | 25, Melrose, Mass . . . . . 19              | 17, | 81, Topeka, Kan . . . . . 25         |
| 25,     | 77, East Hampton, Mass . . . . . 19         | 17, | 51, Elk City, Kan . . . . . 21       |
| 27,     | 191, Sycamore, O . . . . . 22               | 17, | 21, Estelline, Dak . . . . . 17      |
| 30,     | 4, Brockton, Ind . . . . . 18               | 17, | 23, Parkton, Dak . . . . . 17        |
| 30,     | 12, Lawrenceburg, Ind . . . . . 19          | 17, | 2, Butte City, Montana . . . . . 13  |
| 30,     | 190, Mineral Point, O . . . . . 15          | 17, | 61, Union City, Ind . . . . . 16     |
| 30,     | 39, North Lewisburg, O . . . . . 22         | 17, | 62, Linton, Ind . . . . . 13         |
| 31,     | 192, Moscow, O . . . . . 15                 | 18, | 102, Frenton, Mich . . . . . 25      |
| June 2, | 98, Pittsfield, Ill . . . . . 19            | 18, | 80, Malden, Mass . . . . . 14        |
| 2,      | 71, Highland, N. Y. (oppo'n) . . . . . 19   |     |                                      |

Making a total of 52 Camps, and 1,070 applicants. This makes the total number of Camps organized since September 2d, 1886, to the present date, 472, with 9,065 applicants.

X. The Commander-in-Chief takes pleasure in announcing that our Order is entirely out of debt, and well established on a good financial basis with money in the treasury. This announcement is made to show the falseness of the report put in circulation in New York that our Order was financially embarrassed, which report is without the slightest foundation.

XI. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced: Louis Drechsler, of St. Louis, Mo., and G. Wm. Sollers, of Baltimore, Md., to be Aide-de-Camp with rank of Lt.-Colonel. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XII. We have had the new Roll books for Camps, made with copy of By-Laws printed in full, so that Recruits signing the Roll book, sign the Constitution and By-Laws. This has added one and one-sixth cents to the cost of Camp Packages, but the price of Camp Packages will not be increased during this administration.

XIII. Colonels of Divisions will furnish these headquarters immediately with Roster of newly-elected officers and a full list of delegates and alter-

nates to the National Encampment at DesMoines, Iowa, together with such recommendations for changes in Rituals and Constitution, R. and R., as may be desired, that they may be published in next General Order.

XIV. The National Encampment of our Order will be holden in the City of DesMoines, Iowa, August 17th, 18th and 19th, 1887. Lieutenant General J. L. Rake, Major General H. L. Wright, Inspector General G. B. Abbott, and Brother C. J. Post are hereby appointed a committee to examine and audit the books of the Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals. They will assemble at DesMoines on the 16th of August, at 7 o'clock P. M. Many of the Council-in-Chief are not installed and could not act, and it would incur too much expense to place this work upon them. Col. Jas. D. Rowen, of DesMoines, is Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, and will make the best arrangements possible.

XV. The date on all Charters issued are left blank, and must be filled in by Colonels of Divisions, to correspond with the date of the muster of the Camp. As Camps all rank from date of Charter, it is injustice to them to have the date of Charter any other than the date of Muster.

XVI. In General Orders No. 12, the Commander-in-Chief offered a sword as a prize to the Colonel who should muster the most Camps between November 15th and June 1st, and further stated that the second should not go wholly unrewarded. Col. Henry Frazee, of the Ohio Division, has mustered 68 new Camps within the time specified, and Col. G. B. Abbott, of the Illinois Division, has mustered 41 Camps in the same time. The presentation will be made at the National Encampment in DesMoines. The other Colonels have mustered in the same time Camps as follows: Michigan, 25; Indiana, 25; Kansas, 23; Iowa, 22; Missouri, 22; West Pennsylvania, 18; East Pennsylvania, 14; Massachusetts, 13; New York, 13; Wisconsin, 10; Connecticut, 9; Minnesota, 8; Vermont, 6; West Virginia, 4; Nebraska, 4; Kentucky, 4; Colorado, 3; Provisional Pennsylvania, 3; New Jersey, 2; California, 2; Dakota, 2; Tennessee, 2, and other States and Territories, one each.

XVII. The following are the newly-elected Colonels of Divisions:

|                        |                                                 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Connecticut.....       | Col. Engene Morehouse, Bridgeport, Conn.        |
| Dakota.....            | Col. J. R. Rockwell, Mitchell, Dak.             |
| Kentucky.....          | William West, Newport, Ky.                      |
| Massachusetts.....     | Col. J. H. Hinkley, Beverly, Mass.              |
| Missouri.....          | Col. A. H. Vandivert, Bethany, Mo.              |
| Minnesota.....         | Col. E. H. Milham, St. Paul, Minn., re-elected. |
| Michigan.....          | Col. M. E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich., re-elected.  |
| Maryland and D. C..... | Col. Miles W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.              |
| New York.....          | Col. E. F. Fellows, N. Y. (Brookport.)          |
| Pennsylvania.....      | Col. E. J. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.               |
| Vermont.....           | Col. J. B. Fox, Burlington, Vt.                 |

XVIII. We have several propositions from Posts, of the Post system, of New York, offering to come over to us, and we have completed arrangements with two of them. We are all working for the same grand purpose, and we could accomplish much more united under one banner, and it seems useless for a system with less than sixty Posts in their whole organization to struggle against the National Organization, which is so well organized and standing on such a firm financial basis. Brothers of the Post system, come with us, and we will do you good.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,  
 No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, July 13, 1887.)

*General Order No. 17.*

I. Colonels of Divisions will include in their Adjutant's report for June, the number of members in Camps that have not been reported, so we can get at the entire strength of each Division, and when these are consolidated it will give the total membership in the United States, which is very important to have at the Des Moines Encampment.

II. Division officers who have not received their commissions for the present year will please notify the Adjutant General at once.

III. All reports *must* be in at these Headquarters not later than August 1st.

IV. The Division of Montana is hereby constituted, and Geo. W. Gibbs, of Helena, Montana, appointed Colonel. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Other field officers will be appointed in next General Order.

V. The attention of the Commander-in-Chief has been called by Gen. Fairchild, of the G. A. R., to the importance of our Order as an Order giving preference, and doing all in the power of the members to secure situations for worthy Sons of Veterans, who are left orphans and in need of assistance. It is hoped that every brother will consider this when employing their help.

VI. Information is wanted in regard to a member of the Order who was taken to a hospital and there died from the effects of an injury received from falling timber. He went by the name of H. Spaulding and was buried by the local Camp. Address, Otis E. Conway, Jamestown, N. Y.

VII. F. Falkenberg, of Jamestown, Ky., is hereby appointed Lieutenant Colonel, and John T. Short, of Maysville, Ky., Major of the Division of Kentucky. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VIII. J. Y. Kinsman, of Streator, Ill., is hereby appointed Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IX. We have received the following from the Chairman of the Transportation Committee:

1. All railroads will make a rate of  $1\frac{1}{3}$  fare on the certificate plan. These certificates are in the form of a receipt, good only to terminal points, and must be signed by the ticket agent at starting point.

2. On the following roads, east of Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Salamanca, Pittsburg, Bellaire, Wheeling and Parkersburg, certificates must be obtained from James D. Rowen, Des Moines, Iowa, *before starting for Encampment*, as names of persons attending must be recorded on stub in book from which certificates are taken: Baltimore & Ohio (east of Parkersburg, Bellaire and Wheeling), Baltimore & Potomac, Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia, Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg, Camden & Atlantic, Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Fitchburg, Grand Trunk, Lehigh Valley, New York Central & Hudson River, New York, Lake Erie & Western, New York, Ontario & Western, Norfolk & Western, Northern Central, Pennsylvania (except locally between Philadelphia and New York), Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, Shenandoah Valley, West Jersey and West Shore. The roads above enumerated are in the Trunk Line Association.

3. Those living west of points designated will apply to the ticket agent at starting point for certificates.

4. Tickets will be good for three days after adjournment of meeting.

5. An explanatory circular will be mailed with each certificate. Applications for certificates should be made as soon as possible.

6. If possible, brothers east of Chicago will meet in Chicago on Monday, arriving on one train in Des Moines Tuesday. Trains arrive from the east in Des Moines as follows: C., R. I. & P., 12:10 p. m. and 2:55 a. m.; C., M. & St. P., 1:10 p. m.; C. & N. W., 1.25 p. m. and 3:25 a. m.; C., B. & Q., 2:10 p. m. and 4:45 a. m.

X. The following changes in the Constitution, R. & R. and Ritual have been recommended by the Divisions of the Order, action thereon to be taken at the National Encampment at Des Moines:

MAINE.—Resolved, That it is the sense of the convention that the rank straps now worn by the Division are satisfactory; that we will resist any attempt to displace them by the shoulder strap; that the representatives to the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to use their influence to this end; and that we heartily concur with the sentiment as expressed by the Colonel.

Extract from report of Committee on R. & R.: "We recommend that enough profit be charged for supplies to cover express and postage." Adopted.

Your committee on Ritual recommend that after the words "I now present you with the insignia of our Order," the following note be inserted: "Note.—The Captain here attaches the insignia of the Order to the coat or each recruit, at the same time proceeding with his charge." Adopted.

Voted, That the National Encampment be requested to leave to the option of Camps whether they adopt the metallic or the embroidered wreath.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Changes recommended in Constitution, R. & R.:

1. "Art. IV. Organization. Each Camp to have an appropriate name and number, said name to be of some deceased veteran of the late war; 2. That Chap. 3, Art. 2, Sec. 2, be worded so as to include Past Grand Division Commanders as life members of their respective Divisions; 3. That in Art 2, Sec. 2, December be struck out and April inserted; 4. That the silver cross, the gold star and the iron cross of the Order are sufficient evidence of past rank without the single rank strap; and that for all other past officers the ribbon peculiar to their rank is sufficient; 5. That the age of recruits should be left optional with the several Camps.

Changes in Ritual recommended: 1. That the word "Attention" be inserted immediately before the opening hymn, on page 8 of the Ritual; 2. That a sentence be inserted on page 15 directing the S. of G. to advance one pace to the front before saluting the Captain.

Resolved, That it is the unanimous opinion of this Division in convention assembled that a fair profit on supplies be established and shared with the different Divisions.

Resolved, That the Delegates from this Division to the National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, be instructed to work for the immediate adoption of the above resolution.

MICHIGAN.—Changes in Constitution, R. & R.: 1. That the phrase "At a stated meeting of the same" be stricken from Sec. 2 of Art. 4; further, that the phrase "At a stated meeting of same" and "At some subsequent meeting" be stricken from Sec. 3 of same article; 2. That the words "with rank of Second Lieutenant" be inserted in Sec. 1, Art. V, after the word Chaplain; 3. That Sec. 1, Art. 7, be changed to read as follows: "The Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant and alternate shall be elected by ballot;" 4. That the last paragraph of Art. 10, on page 43 of Commandery-in-Chief Constitution, be stricken from said Constitution; 5. That the words "and last" be substituted for the word "two" in the first line of the fourth paragraph of rule 6 of order of business for Division Encampment; 6. That the words "and shall make an annual report of deaths and Memorial Day services to the Division Chaplain at least ten days prior to the annual Division meeting" be inserted in Sec. 3, Art. 8, Camp Constitution, following the word "Camp."



The Encampment unanimously voted that in rules of order, in the Constitution, R. & R., rule 19, page 73, be stricken out or so altered that it can be understood by members of the Order; and that in Art. 14, page 64, in the fifth line, the words "points up" be changed to "points down," to conform with our present electrotypes.

Ritual changes recommended: That the Rituals be suitably and substantially bound in cloth, and that a sum be charged for them sufficient to cover the expense of said binding: 2. In muster ceremony, when guard presents arms, that the Captain recognize same by salute; 3. In dismissing the guard, bring them from a carry arms to an order arms, preparatory to stack arms; 4. On page 25, where the S. G. is giving recruits instructions as to use of gavel, change one rap from first to last, in the following manner: two raps calls the officers and staff to their feet, three raps calls up the entire Camp, and one rap calls the Camp to order and seats the same when standing, which will better exemplify the work to recruits; 5. In muster of recruits, when squad and recruits enter camp-room officers will draw swords and come to a carry; 6. That a committee be appointed to draft a memorial service to be used in assisting the G. A. R. to appropriately observe Memorial Day, and also a burial service for use of Camps; 7. In dismissing the guard after muster, S. G. gives command, "Twos right, column right, twos right into line, halt, right dress, front, order arms, stack arms, break ranks, march;" 8. In obligating comrades of G. A. R., S. G. presents them at altar, salutes and returns to his station; 9. That on page 25 of Ritual, after word "approaches" in third line all be stricken out until beginning of fifth line, and that the word "then" in fifth line be stricken out. Also that the entire clause relative to testing a stranger on the street or elsewhere to ascertain whether he is a brother or not, be stricken out, and that the said test be simply the word "friendship" in reverse, the challenger saying "ship" and the challenged replying "friend, to be followed by the grip. Also that the sign of distress and the clause relative thereto be eliminated from the unwritten work and Ritual.

MINNESOTA.—That Major A. P. Davis, the founder of our Order, be retained, under constitutional restrictions, in full charge of the badge and ribbon department: that the due observance of Memorial Day, under the rules and regulations as they have heretofore and may hereafter exist, be made obligatory upon each and every brother, with a penalty attached for the non-observance of said day; that the Captain of each Camp be ex-officio chairman of the Camp Council; that the delegates from this Division to the Commandery-in-Chief were instructed to use all honorable means to get the shoulder straps adopted in place of the collar tags; that all Camp officers be compelled, under penalty, to commit the Ritual to memory.

That the following uniform be adopted for the Sons of Veterans of this Division: The uniform to be the same as prescribed in the U. S. Army regulations for the U. S. Infantry, with the exception that, so far as practicable, we change the buttons, buckles and cap ornaments to conform with the Sons of Veterans Regulations. Also, that the stripe on the pants be:—for privates,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch wide; for corporals, 1 inch; for sergeants,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch; for commissioned officers,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. In the matter of accoutrements, the regulation S. V. sword and belt was recommended.

The following changes in the Ritual was recommended: 1. Asking for a Memorial Day and Burial service; 2. Changes—1st page, First Sergeant standing in front of the altar will call the roll, about face, salute, and take position in line. Principal musician taking place on right of staff, leaving space for First Sergeant; 3d, 6th page—Round of Camp having been made, etc., Sergeant of Guard will take position in front of altar, facing Captain, to report (instead of returning to station to report); 4. 15th page—After saluting at the altar, the Sergeant will take a musket from the stack and, standing in front and facing stack, etc.; 5. 16th page—Strike out "column"

in command "Column, forward march;"; 6. Change position of Sergeant of Guard in muster of recruits from right to left of detail; 7. 17th page—Erase "Column" in command, "Column, forward march."

**COLORADO.**—Your Committee respectfully recommends that the representatives of this Division to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment be instructed to use their best endeavors to procure the adoption of the regulation shoulder straps as an insignia of rank for all officers while in *active* command.

Your Committee respectfully recommends striking out the following from Art. XI, Sec. 5, of the Rules and Regulations: "The Commandery-in-Chief officers' ribbon, the Division officers' ribbon and the Camp officers' ribbon shall be attached to the regulation badge by officers only, while holding office," as it is in direct conflict with the remainder of paragraph first, Sec. 1, Art. 10, commencing with the words "As an evidence of past rank," etc.

Your Committee respectfully recommends that the representatives of this Division to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment be instructed to use their best endeavors to have the "ribbon" question settled for once and for all, granting unto Past Officers the privilege of wearing attached to their regulation badge the ribbon of the respective branch of the Order in which they earned their Past rank.

Your Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of Roberts' Rules of Order to govern the parliamentary proceedings of the several branches of the Order, in preference to Cushing's Manual, now in use.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE.**—That Sec. 6, Art. 5 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "seven" in the first line and inserting in place thereof the word "five," so that said section as amended shall read: "Sec. 5. Five members qualified to transact business shall constitute a quorum at any stated or special meeting."

**OHIO.**—Ritual changes recommended. Page 6 of the Ritual be amended by inserting after the words, "Sergeant of the Guard, you will make the rounds of the Camp and report if all present are entitled to remain," the words "and among such as are entitled to remain you will distribute the odes and service cards;" 2 That page 8 be amended by inserting after the opening prayer the words, "Camp, attention;" 3. That the Order of the Sons of Veterans having no burial service we would respectfully recommend that such steps be taken as to remedy this deficiency. We would further recommend that steps be taken to establish a proper ceremony to be used on Memorial Day.

Constitution, Rules and Regulations: Change 1. To amend Art. 10, page 18 so as to read, "7, Color Sergeant, 8, Sergeant of Guard;" 2. To strike out the word "subordinate" wherever it occurs in Cons., R. & R.; 3. That the election of Camp officers be on the first stated meeting in December, amending Sec. 1, Art. 7, page 13; 4. That the second resolution of appendix of Constitution be changed to read, "In their respective Divisions."

Resolutions: That we recommend the use of the miniature badge representing the shield of the Order as a button-hole or pin decoration as devised by Major A. P. Davis, Ordnance Officer.

**ILLINOIS.**—Constitution, Rules and Regulations: That in the preamble the word "sons" be substituted for "lineal descendants;" that "ing" be added to the word "follow" in the same; that the words "after published action of a Division Encampment" be stricken from the last paragraph of Sec. 5, Art. 10, of the Commandery-in-Chief Constitution; that Art. 10 and Sec. 3, Art. 11, be so altered as to require the wearing of the insignia of rank of the U. S. Regular Army, instead of the miniature rank straps now in use; that Sec. 4 of Art. 11 be stricken out; that the following words be

inserted in Sec. 5, Art. 8 of Camp Constitution, defining the duties of the First Sergeant: "7th, a list of all obligated comrades of the G. A. R.;" that the office of Chief Ordnance Officer be established, and that Major A. P. Davis be elected to the same during the term of his natural life.

Ritual: General instructions—Page 3, paragraph 7 to read: "During the opening muster or closing ceremonies no one will be permitted to leave the Camp-room or to enter during opening or closing exercises, except it be done in the performance of duty and under orders of the Captain;" page 4, paragraph 13 be struck out, and paragraphs 15 and 16 be transferred to secret work, page 24; page 6, Are there any members of the Grand Army present who have not been obligated in this Camp? If so they will please rise and the Sergeant of the Guard will present them at the altar, and give their names, number of Post, and Department. (The Sergeant will retire two paces to the rear, and after obligation escort the comrades to seats.) Sergeant of the Guard, you will make the rounds of the Camp and see if all are entitled to remain, and distribute the ode cards. (At the call of his name the S. G. will arise, turn to the Captain and salute, and then proceed in the performance of his duty, first approaching the Captain and whispering the password and countersign, that the Captain may know that he has them correct. Then, beginning the rounds at the right of the Captain, he will salute the First and Second Lieutenants as he approaches them, the members rising, stepping one pace in front of the first row of seats to communicate the password and countersign. In case he finds any one present unable to give the proper password and countersign, he will salute and report immediately to the Captain, who will inquire of the Q. M. S. if the member is in good standing. If so he will instruct S. G. to invest member with proper password and countersign); page 7, Captain rise and give one rap: "It is my will and pleasure that the officers and members of this Camp now come to order. May harmony and unity prevail among us. Let each Brother remember his solemn obligation and his duty to the Order. Camp Guard, you will secure the door and allow no one to enter until the Camp is duly opened and you are notified of the same;" page 8, after opening prayer, Captain will command "Attention!" page 11, Captain—"I hereby declare a recess of — minutes for collection of dues." (If a recess has been declared after muster, this is omitted); page 13, that last verse of closing hymn be omitted; page 24, under the instruction to members, on pages 24 and 25, entering other Camp-rooms, we would suggest the cutting out of the secret work, excepting the challenge for the grip and password and countersign to the Sergeant of the Guard. Also the paragraph pertaining to street hailing and sign of distress, and inserting here, in place of above paragraphs 15 and 16, page 4, of general instructions, adding to the last line of the demonstration of the gavel one rap; page 26, in the Captain's instructions to the Sergeant and Coporal of the Guard, we recommend adding to the last line the words, "and for the payment of dues;" page 27, insert the word "not" between the words "are members;" that the burial service of the G. A. R. be altered so as to be adapted to our Order; that the tactics used in the ritual be explained in back of ritual as per Upton's tactics; that the ritual be bound in heavy covers.

XI. Colonels of the following Divisions will forward at once to the Adjutant-General a complete list of the delegates and all entitled to vote in the Commandery-in-Chief at DesMoines: California, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and New York.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., No. 16 WOOD STREET,  
FOSTORIA, OHIO, AUGUST 1, 1887. }

*General Order No. 18.*

I. In General Order No. 16, the names of four members of the Council-in-Chief were mentioned as a committee to audit the books. The names of the following members of the Council-in-Chief are hereby added to that committee, in order to make a quorum: T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General; O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General; E. T. Roe, and the member of the Council-in-Chief from Iowa. These, with the Commander-in-Chief, will make a quorum. We have selected those whom it is known will be there, and who have but a short distance to travel, so that in case the Commandery-in-Chief decides to pay their expenses that expense will be as light as possible.

II. The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to announce that we are out of debt, and have over four hundred dollars in the treasury, and earnestly urges that every delegate goes to the Encampment with a firm resolve not to vote the organization in debt, as was done at Buffalo.

III. Colonel F. McCrillis, of Illinois Division, will have headquarters at the Brevoort House, Chicago, on the 14th and 15th of August, for the entertainment of brothers and delegates on their way to the Encampment, and he requests us to urge all to report there. Cheap rates have been secured at hotels in Chicago.

IV. General H. W. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief, is still in very poor health in Denver. He desires me to return to the Brothers and Camps of our noble Order his heartfelt thanks for the many substantial expressions of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty sent him from time to time. Rest assured, Brothers, it is duly appreciated.

V. The five Camps in St. Louis, Mo., have appointed a joint committee to look after and entertain the visiting brethren who may attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be holden in St. Louis in September. All Camps that can be present as Camps are requested to bring their colors. Captains of Camps are requested to communicate with Major Wm. M. Heath, Jr., 109 N. Eighth street, St. Louis, Mo., and let him know how many will be there from their respective Camps.

VI. All Brothers who intend to go to the Encampment, at Des Moines, should send their names at once to Colonel J. D. Rowen, at Des Moines, as Brothers in some parts of the country must have blank certificates from him to fill out *before they start from home*, in order to get reduced rates.

VII. The following additional recommendations for changes in Constitution, R. & R., etc., come to us too late to be considered (according to the Constitution). We publish them, and will recommend the Encampment to consider them:

PENNSYLVANIA.—Amendment to Art. 5, Sec. 1, Chap. 1, page 5.  
“Provided, that no person who has, or whose father has borne arms against the Government of the United States shall ever be eligible to membership in the Order.”

The following to take the place of Art. 18, Chap. 2, page 21: “A relief fund for the assistance of needy veterans of the war for the Union, the widows and orphans of said deceased veterans, and for needy members of the Order or families of deceased members, may be established, and funds donated or raised for this purpose shall be faithfully and sacredly applied.”

To strike out and insert the following in Art. 10, Chap. 3, page 30: “Strike out the word “at” in first line, and insert “upon the opening off;” also, strike out “on his accession to the office;” also, strike out “at the same time, or.”

Add new Article to Chap. 2, Division Constitution, as follows: State of the Order.—At least two weeks prior to the annual encampment, the Colo-

nel shall request the Captain of each Camp to prepare and forward to the Adjutant a report of the condition of his Camp, having especial reference to the influences that promote or retard the growth of the Camp, the attendance, and the general interest in the work of his Camp. He shall individually, or on advice of his Camp, make such recommendations and suggestions as he shall consider advisable and necessary to stimulate an interest among the members of the Order. These reports shall be presented to the Encampment and referred, without debate, to the Committee on "State of the Order."

Page 31, add to Encampment order of business: "Committee on State of the Order," and make order of the several committees as follows: (1) Committee on Ritual, (2) Committee on C., R. & R., (3) Committee on State of the Order, (4) Committee on Reports of Officers, (5) Committee on Resolutions. And in the second paragraph make "the duties of the first two committees" to read "the first three committees."

In Art. 9, Sec. 1. page 29, Chap. 3, make a new section out of all after the words "necessary expenditures," to be section 4, beginning as follows: "Section 4. The elective members of the Division Council, together with the Lieutenant Colonel and Major (the Lieutenant Colonel to be Chairman) are constituted a Board of Audit, who shall examine and pass upon," etc. (here follow with balance of section 1, and add at close), "a majority of the Board of Audit shall constitute a quorum."

That Sec. 3, Art. 8, Chap. 4, page 39, Commandery Constitution, it is recommended be changed in like manner.

That in Art. 10, Chap. 4, page 41, strike out 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th paragraphs, and insert: "Section 1. Alterations and amendments may be made to the several Constitutions, to the General Rules and Regulations, and to the established Ritual, under the following conditions: Section 2. All proposed alterations and amendments shall be presented in writing at a regular session of the Commandery-in-Chief, and shall be referred to the proper committee without debate."

In sixth paragraph, strike out "fifth," and insert "Sec. 3;" also, strike out "to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations;" also, strike out "and changes in Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Ritual."

Strike out last two paragraphs, and insert: "Sec. 4. Any article or section of the several Constitutions, Rules and Regulations, orders of business and rules of order, may be temporarily suspended during the session of a Division Encampment or Commandery-in-Chief, when it is for the purpose of facilitating business, by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting."

Strike out first and second sections of Art. 9, Chap. 3, page 17, and Sec. 3 to be Sec. 11 of Art. 13, page 15, Chap. 3.

Page 13, amend Art. 7, Chap. 3, to read: "The Captain, First and Second Lieutenants, the three members of the Camp Council, representatives and alternates shall be elected by ballot, to serve for one year, or until their successors are installed," and on page 24, strike out sections 2 and 4, rendered unnecessary by adopting the above.

On page 28, Chap 3, strike out all of Art. 8, and on page 23, Chap. 3, amend Art. 6, Sec. 1, to read: "The Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, the three acting members of the Division Council, the several representatives to the Commandery-in-Chief, with their alternates, shall be chosen," etc.

MISSOURI.—Chap. 2, Art. 2, Sec. 5, to be amended so as to read: "If any applicant be rejected, his admission fee shall be returned, and he shall be forever after ineligible for admission to any other Camp of the Sons of Veterans, without the consent, by a three-fourths vote of the Camp rejecting him, and not again eligible in the one in which he was rejected until one

year after such rejection. A second application shall be made in the same form and subject to the same conditions as the first.

Chap. 2, Art. 7, Sec. 1, to be altered so as to read: "The Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant and Chaplain shall be elected by ballot."

In Chap. 2, Art. 7, Sec. 3, the word Chaplain shall be omitted.

In Chap. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 3, the following words are to be inserted before the word "papers" and "shall be," etc.: "and all money in the Camp treasury which shall be placed in a Division relief fund for the purpose of aiding needy soldiers, sailors and brothers of this Order."

Chap. 6, Art. 11, Sec. 1, shall be changed to read: "All members of the Order, when in Camp or parade, or any other duty, shall have conspicuously on the left breast the regulation badge of the Order, with a miniature National United States flag attached (the same size as those worn by the G. A. R.)"

In Chap. 6, Art. 11, Section 4, the following words shall be stricken out: "Red, white and blue bar," and have substituted for the same the following: "Copper button containing the design of the belt, the same as that on the reverse of the regulation badge, with the monogram S. V. in center."

Chap. 6, Art. 11, Sec 5, shall be made to read as follows: "Section 5. There shall be four prescribed ribbons of the Order. All elective officers of the Commandery-in Chief shall wear attached to the regulation badge, while holding office, a dark blue ribbon; all elective Division officers shall be entitled to wear a dark red ribbon; the Captains, First and Second Lieutenants shall be entitled to wear a light blue ribbon; the members shall wear attached to their regulation badge a miniature National United States flag, same as that now worn by the G. A. R.; the Commandery-in-Chief officers' ribbon shall be attached to the regulation badge by *Officers only*; the Divisions officers' ribbon shall be worn the same way while holding office; also a provision for recognizing a G. A. R. man who has been expelled or dropped from the ranks of the G. A. R.; also a burial service to be provided for in our ritual; also to change the time of our National and Division Encampments so as to hold them at the same time and place as the G. A. R. hold theirs.

We recommend that the Captain order the odes and service cards gathered immediately after the closing ode, and before the Captain gives the closing instructions to the Camp.

ILLINOIS.—Ritual—That when a recruit takes the oath of membership, it be administered the same as a Notary Public swears a man, and that the recruit at the end says, "I do."

VIII. The following applications for Camp Charters have been approved since June 20th, 1887:

| Applicants.                                 |    | Applicants. |                                  |
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| June 21, No. 7, Trinidad, Col. . . . .      | 15 | 12,         | 103, Big Rapids, Mich. . . . .   |
| 22, 105, Lincoln, Ill. . . . .              | 24 | 13,         | 209, London, O. . . . .          |
| 22, 24, Gary, Dak. . . . .                  | 32 | 13,         | 210, Sinking Spring, O. . . . .  |
| 23, 193, Hamilton, O. . . . .               | 43 | 13,         | 211, Columbus Grove, O. . . . .  |
| 23, 196, Londonville, O. . . . .            | 13 | 13,         | 75, Long Lake, N. Y. . . . .     |
| 23, 197, Beverton, O. . . . .               | 22 | 14,         | 74, Felt Mills, N. Y. . . . .    |
| 23, 198, Hicksville, O. . . . .             | 25 | 15,         | 112, Mt. Pulaski, Ill. . . . .   |
| 23, 199, Fayetteville, O. . . . .           | 11 | 15,         | 16, Red Bank, N. J. . . . .      |
| 23, 3, Fort Custer, Mou. . . . .            | 12 | 15,         | 17, Port Norris, N. J. . . . .   |
| 23, 106, Galitia, Ill. . . . .              | 22 | 15,         | 35, Jerico, Mo. . . . .          |
| 23, 21, Gobleville, Mich. (reorg) . . . . . | 22 | 15,         | 3, Knoxville, Tenn. . . . .      |
| 24, 10, Hebron, W. Va. . . . .              | 26 | 18,         | 104, Swarts Creek, Mich. . . . . |
| 24, 11, Grafton, W. Va. . . . .             | 21 | 18,         | —, Ponca, Neb. . . . .           |
| 24, 63, Brooksville, Ind. . . . .           | 17 | 19,         | 72, Rosendale, N. Y. . . . .     |
| 25, 200, Bedford, O. . . . .                | 20 | 20,         | 18, Milburn, N. J. . . . .       |
| 25, 201, Larne, O. . . . .                  | 20 | 21,         | 195, Dexter City, O. . . . .     |
| 25, 18, Mineral Point, Wis. . . . .         | 17 | 21,         | 212, Alton, O. . . . .           |
| 25, 81, Whittensville, Mass. . . . .        | 24 | 21,         | 213, Gallipolis, O. . . . .      |
| 25, 11, Sacramento, Cal. . . . .            | 17 | 21,         | 214, Elyria, O. . . . .          |
| 25, —, Bridgeton, N. J. . . . .             | 21 | 21,         | 105, Staunton, Mich. . . . .     |

|      |     | Applicants.                       |     |     | Applicants.                          |      |
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|      | 27. | 292, Georgetown, O . . . . .      | 24  | 21. | 113, Murphysboro, Ill . . . . .      | 23   |
|      | 27. | 82, Chelsea, Mass . . . . .       | 197 | 21. | 116, Rockwell City, Ia . . . . .     | 12   |
|      | 29. | 3, Newport, R. I . . . . .        | 32  | 21. | 117, Nora Springs, Ia . . . . .      | 20   |
|      | 29. | 107, Paris, Ill . . . . .         | 49  | 21. | 118, Gilman Ia . . . . .             | 15   |
|      | 29. | 52, Marian, Ind . . . . .         | 17  | 21. | 119, North Boro, Ia . . . . .        | 18   |
|      | 30. | 108, Lexington, Ill . . . . .     | 38  | 21. | 120, Bloomfield, Ia . . . . .        | 45   |
| July | 1.  | 64, Pleasantville, Ill . . . . .  | 17  | 21. | 122, Sutherland, Ia . . . . .        | 22   |
|      | 1.  | 22, West Sullivan, Me . . . . .   | 20  | 22. | 25, Columbia, Dak . . . . .          | 10   |
|      | 1.  | 82, Howark, Kan. . . . .          | 15  | 23. | 100, New Florence, Pa . . . . .      | 23   |
|      | 1.  | 22, Xenia, Mo. . . . .            | 18  | 23. | 103, Black Lick, Pa . . . . .        | 22   |
|      | 1.  | 54, Clarksburg, Mo. . . . .       | 26  | 23. | 109, Wrightsville, Pa . . . . .      | 22   |
|      | 2.  | 100, Wheaton, Ill . . . . .       | 15  | 23. | 141, Harrisburg, Pa . . . . .        | 16   |
|      | 2.  | 101, Channahon, Ill . . . . .     | 13  | 23. | 144, Catasqua, Pa . . . . .          | 20   |
|      | 2.  | 102, Bowersburg, Ill. . . . .     | 18  | 23. | 197, Clearville, Pa . . . . .        | 29   |
|      | 2.  | 103, Carterville, Ill . . . . .   | 17  | 25. | 85, Norton, Kan . . . . .            | 21   |
|      | 2.  | 104, Hopedale, Ill . . . . .      | 15  | 25. | 67, Fishersburg, Ind. . . . .        | 22   |
|      | 2.  | 26, Biddleford, Me . . . . .      | 20  | 25. | 215, Mahees, O . . . . .             | 19   |
|      | 4.  | 203, Sparta, O . . . . .          | 15  | 25. | 57, Chillicothe, Mo . . . . .        | 26   |
|      | 4.  | 204, Weston, O . . . . .          | 18  | 25. | 4, Tekonsha, Mich . . . . .          | 24   |
|      | 4.  | 205, Newark, O . . . . .          | 15  | 26. | 11, Howard City, Mich. . . . .       | 15   |
|      | 5.  | 85, Moline, Kan . . . . .         | 13  | 26. | 12, Ionia, Mich . . . . .            | 27   |
|      | 7.  | 206, Brown, O . . . . .           | 10  | 26. | 2, River Side, R. I . . . . .        | 15   |
|      | 7.  | 207, Mt. Vernon, O . . . . .      | 25  | 29. | 166, Shick Shenny, Pa. . . . .       | 21   |
|      | 7.  | 208, Smithfield, O . . . . .      | 11  | 29. | 18, East Port, Me . . . . .          | 20   |
|      | 7.  | 109, Elsah, Ill . . . . .         | 19  | 29. | 92, Knox P. O. Pa . . . . .          | 20   |
|      | 7.  | 110, Ranson, Ill . . . . .        | 10  | 30. | 26, Fargo, Dak . . . . .             | 16   |
|      | 7.  | 68, Cummack, Ind . . . . .        | 19  | 30. | 58, Puxico, Mo . . . . .             | 10   |
|      | 8.  | 36, Cleveland, Minn . . . . .     | 27  | 30. | 53, Veronia, Mo. . . . .             | 20   |
|      | 9.  | 83, Boston, Mass . . . . .        | 16  | 30. | 56, Marble Hill, Mo . . . . .        | 12   |
|      | 11. | 111, Elmwood, Ill . . . . .       | 23  | 30. | 86, Townyville, Pa . . . . .         | 17   |
|      | 11. | 84, Fall River, Kan. . . . .      | 13  |     | Total number of Camps . . . . .      | 103  |
|      | 11. | 11, Livermore Falls, Me . . . . . | 19  |     | Total number of applicants . . . . . | 2155 |
|      | 11. | 66, Elizabethtown, Ind . . . . .  | 27  |     |                                      |      |

IX. O. F. Phillips, of Camp No. 2, Butte City, Montana, is hereby appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Montana Division. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

X. Every Officer and Brother is earnestly urged to make every effort necessary to enable him to be present at our coming Encampment, at Des Moines, August 17th, 18th and 19th, and we promise you a most enjoyable time. Extend the invitation most cordially to your fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic, and get as many of them to be present as possible. We assure them a most cordial and fraternal welcome. *Come!* Brothers and Fathers, and we will have a rousing camp-fire, whose smoke shall reach the heavens, and whose light shall reach the length and breadth of our glorious land.

XI. Colonels of Divisions are requested to bring or send to the Encampment, at Des Moines, the total number of members to date, including Camps failing to report.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, NOV. 1, 1886. }

*Circular No. 1.*

The Commander-in-Chief has been requested several times to render a decision as to whether the Council-in-Chief or Division Council were entitled to wear the Old Gold or the Division Ribbon. By a vote of a bare majority, the Encampment at Buffalo decided that the Councils might wear the Ribbon of the body to which they belonged. But inasmuch as the Constitution expressly says that "none but *officers* of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be entitled to wear the Old Gold Ribbon," and the same in the Division Constitution, the Commander-in-Chief has decided "That in accordance with the Constitution the Council-in-Chief or Division Council are not en-

titled to wear the Ribbons of their respective bodies." The Councils are an auditing and investment committee to audit the accounts and make any investments of the funds of the Order, *subject to the approval* of the Encampment. We find the Council-in-Chief an expensive luxury. We went to Buffalo with about \$500 in the treasury, and came away from there \$210 in debt. There was much hard work and close figuring at headquarters during the last year to get the Order on a solid financial basis. We start in this year \$210 in debt, and have added quite a number to our Council-in-Chief, so that at the rate we have just paid it it will take over \$1,200 to pay the expenses of our Council-in-Chief at Des Moines next August.

In view of the foregoing facts, it will be ordered by the Commander-in-Chief, in time for Division Encampments to take action, that Divisions instruct their delegates to vote to abolish the Council-in-Chief. That this be called up immediately after the report of the Committee on Credentials, and if passed, that the Encampment select by ballot a committee of three to audit the books and recommend to the Encampment such bills as they think should be paid, and that this committee shall receive no compensation, unless paid by the Division which they represent.

Due notice will be given in General Orders that it will be impossible to pay the expenses of the Council-in-Chief out of the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief, and they must not go to the Encampment expecting to receive it. The National Encampment of the G. A. R. positively refused at San Francisco to pay *any part* of the expenses of their Council-in-Chief. Why should we pay ours?

Divisions can all be properly represented by their delegates. The Divisions nearest to the Encampment have a full representation of their Delegates and Council-in-Chief, with perhaps an officer or two, while Divisions at a distance may have but one or perhaps no representative. These facts are given now that they may receive due consideration before the General Order is issued. We understand that a Commander-in-Chief has discretionary power in case of an emergency that would be so disastrous to the Order.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,  
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, MARCH 1, 1887 }

*Circular No. 2.*

The attention of the officers and brothers of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is called to a beautiful "Photograph Casket" combined in a large size Grand Army Badge, designed and patented by Rev. J. H. Lozier, the "fighting Chaplain," of Mt. Vernon, formerly of the 37th Indiana Infantry.

Your Commander-in-Chief was presented with one of these caskets or frames in San Francisco, and brought it all the way from there, showing it to thousands on the way, and by all it was pronounced to be beautiful, and just the thing for G. A. R. and Sons of Veteran halls.

We had one of these caskets or stars with us at the Encampment in Buffalo, and all were pleased with it. If every Camp in the Order would put one or more of these caskets in their Camp room, and put the photographs of their fathers—the comrades of the G. A. R.—and fill out his army record in the place designated for that purpose (each casket holds six photographs) the G. A. R. would see at once that the Sons were in earnest in their endeavors to perpetuate their memory.

Chaplain Lozier makes two styles of these caskets, one to hang on the wall and the other to be carried like a banner, and has a capital plan for Memorial Service to be carried out at the church and cemetery. I hope and



trust every Camp in the Order will write to Rev. J. H. Lozier, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, for circulars of this beautiful badge and casket, and if the Camps desire it, we will arrange to furnish the caskets direct from these Headquarters.

I would also call the attention of Camps and Brothers to the Acme Song Book, published by Col. J. C. O. Reddington, 178 Statestreet, Chicago, Ill. It is full of sweet and spirited Grand Army and Sons of Veterans songs, and will do much towards making your meetings enjoyable. Send to Col. Reddington for a copy; price, 10 cents each. Trusting the suggestions of this circular will be carried out, and that the bonds of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty will thereby be strengthened and cemented between the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,  
WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, MARCH 14, 1887 }

*Circular No. 3.*

"Circular No. 2," from these Headquarters called the attention of Officers and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans to the Banner-Casket recently invented by Comrade J. H. Lozier, Department Chaplain, of Iowa, designed for receiving and exhibiting the photographs of our fathers—the Veterans of the Union Armies.

As these portraits of our fathers are soon to become the heritage of their Sons and Daughters; and as, in the natural course of events, the more active work of Memorial Day services must gradually devolve upon these Sons and Daughter of Veterans, it is deemed advisable to issue this additional circular, in order that our Camps and individual members may thoroughly comprehend the importance of this undertaking, and also be prepared to take their part in the Memorial Services as soon as the G. A. R. shall find these services desirable.

First, then, the Sons of Veterans should inaugurate a movement in every locality where it is not already being done by the G. A. R., or our sister organizations, for *procuring and preserving the likeness and war record of every ex-Union Soldier, living or dead, to be found in that vicinity.* These likenesses and records we are to preserve in the best practicable manner, in pursuance of our general purpose—to *preserve and perpetuate the principles, the honor and the memories of our heroic Veteran Fathers.* Let no time be lost in procuring these pictures, for our Veterans are rapidly leaving us. Get them, if possible, with their G. A. R. badges on. You do not want full length portraits—only the face and breast below the badge. As a rule, a picture that will show the face and badge through an opening, the circumference of a silver dollar will be quite satisfactory. It should be remembered that while photographs are desirable, they are not indispensable, for a well prepared tintype is said to be as durable a picture as can be made, and its cost is but a trifle. No "dressing" is necessary, except a blouse over any ordinary suit, with the badge upon it. Photographs of deceased Veterans can be copied in any size by your artist.

Next, let it be arranged to exhibit these pictures and histories both in your Camp Hall and on Memorial Day, as set forth below.

The plan for that part of Memorial Service which relates to these likenesses, and which is now being adopted, is substantially as follows: Let the likenesses all be framed. (We have recommended and adopted Chaplain Lozier's "Banner-Casket," both because of its *appropriate design*, and also because it is very cheap for a thing so elegant and beautiful.) Prior to

each Memorial Day, let a committee be formed to confer with the G. A. R. and with any organization of Wives and Daughters of Veterans in the locality, and arrange for such part as the S. V. shall take in the Services. You will, of course, defer to the Veterans, and assume only such part as they may assign you. So long as Veterans remain, it may be agreeable with them to arrange a joint committee to perform the various Services. The committee will arrange in the Banner-Caskets the pictures of the dead Veterans, and some member of the committee shall familiarize himself with a sketch of the war record of each one in his Casket. In the procession, a Veteran or a Son of a Veteran shall carry the Banner-Casket, and a Wife or a Daughter of a Veteran shall carry the "stay ribbons" one on either side, each also carrying a wreath, one large, the other small. After the ceremony of strewing flowers upon the graves, let all repair to a suitable platform or public hall, upon which the committee having the Banner-Casket in charge will be seated in the order in which they marched. After appropriate introductory exercises, singing, etc., let the committee carrying the Banner-Casket to the right of the platform advance to the front, one lady supporting the Banner, and the other holding the wreaths. Then let the gentleman proceed to point out each Veteran by name, giving a sketch of his war record such as time and circumstances will permit. As he concludes, let the large wreath be placed around the entire group of faces, and the small one be placed over the top of the Banner encircling the spear. When they are seated, let the other committees do likewise until every deceased Veteran's name is repeated and all are wreathed with *immortals*. These ceremonies may be interspersed with music when time will permit. After the exercises are ended, let the wreathed Banner-Caskets be returned to the Hall and appropriately arranged.

We further recommend that in every *loyal home* where there is a portrait of a dead Veteran, a fresh wreath of evergreen be placed around that portrait on each Memorial Day. The Banner-Casket is equally adopted to the home where a Veteran is living, or his memory is cherished.

Nothing can do more to develop strong fraternal relations between the G. A. R. and the S. V. and our sister societies, and keep alive in the hearts of coming generations the principles and memories of our Grand Army than such a service as this. It is especially intended that all whose veins are honored with the blood of our Veterans *shall be present* on these occasions; and, as these faces are pointed out, and these names repeated, their hearts will thrill as would our hearts to-day if we were permitted to witness such a commemoration of the deeds of *our fathers* of the Revolution of 1812.

It is recommended that wherever there are dead comrades, the Posts, Corps, and Camps attend to this ceremony on *next Memorial Day*, and ever thereafter. The living owe it to the dead. It will not be long until there will be a Memorial service and a wreath for the last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic. The "white tents" are rapidly being pitched on our "last grand camping ground."

Officers of Posts, Camps and Corps are requested to preserve the foregoing for future reference and information.

For descriptive circulars, giving price of Banner-Casket, etc., send stamp to Lock Box 170, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Now, Brothers of the S. V., let us see our opportunity, and measure up to our responsibility in every particular. The future of our country rests upon none others so heavily as upon the Sons of Veterans. Let us work for justice to the living Veteran, honor to the dead, and to all generations the beneficent results of their heroic sacrifices.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

WALTER S. PAYNE,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

## INSTRUCTIONS TO INSPECTING OFFICERS.

## RULES.

I. Read carefully, and implicitly obey all General Orders and instructions, and comply with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Commandery-in-Chief.

II. Acknowledge at once the receipt of General Orders, Inspection blanks and appointments to Headquarters, and give notice of your acceptance of the same or your inability to comply therewith.

III. Study carefully every duty you are to perform, and commit the entire Ritualistic service; and especially familiarize yourself with the correct secret work that you may be enabled to give an honest, conscientious inspection.

IV. On receipt of blanks and notice of your appointment, notify the Commanding Officer of the Camp you are detailed to inspect, of the time you will inspect his Camp, stating the time and manner of your coming, and *keep your appointment without fail*.

V. If unforeseen circumstances at the last moment should prevent your keeping your appointment, notify the Colonel commanding, and do not presume to send any one in your place without instructions from your superior officers.

VI. An Inspecting Officer is a representative of the Division and Commandery-in-Chief for the time being, and should deport yourself with becoming dignity.

VII. Inspections are ordered, not as a mere matter of form, but to encourage the Camps that are doing well, and strengthen those that are in a weak condition. To this end you must prosecute your inquiries, discover where there are faults in administration, and report fully to the Inspector, that assistance may be given where needed. Your duties are only outlined by these instructions; and, whilst it is required that you answer all questions fully, it is also expected that you will make yourself thoroughly acquainted with the Camp and its affairs in detail, and make such additional suggestions of its condition as will enable the Division Officers to have a full understanding of its efficiency and activity.

VIII. In notifying the Captain of the time of your Inspection, request of him at the same time that the 1st Sergeant and the Quartermaster Sergeant meet you at the Camp room one hour previous to the time of opening the Camp. At that time you will meet them and go through the records and accounts of the Camp, and get the necessary information for answering questions Nos. 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33. When the Captain arrives still further satisfy yourself on the questions, and also upon Nos. 14, 34 and 35. In fact, answer every question you have to answer in your reports, *while in the Camp room* that your answers may be correct. During the ceremonies you will make no interruptions or suggestions unless requested to by the Commanding officer, but will take careful notes, and under the head of "The Good of the Order," you will call the attention of the Camp to such corrections as the occasion requires, giving the necessary instruction. The principal object of these inspections is to establish perfect and uniform work in every Camp. You will therefore fit yourself, and require the Camps you are inspecting to rehearse the entire work of opening, transacting its business, mustering in, and closing in due form.

IX. Assistant Inspectors will make duplicate reports of each Camp inspected and forward both within twenty-four hours after inspection to the Division Inspector, who will make three consolidated reports—one to be retained by himself; one he will forward with one set of Assistant Inspec-

tor's reports to the Division Adjutant, and the other one, and one set of Assistant Inspector's reports, to the Inspector General.

X. The authority of an Inspecting Officer will be the General Order of the Colonel Commanding, or a Commission regularly signed and sealed, emanating from Division Headquarters.

XI. Inspecting Officers are not entitled to compensation for services, nor will they be permitted to receive presents or pay from Camps inspected, but each Camp is required to meet the actual expenses of its inspection, unless otherwise ordered by the Colonel Commanding.

XII. Division Inspectors will report all Assistant Inspectors to Division Headquarters, who fail to report PROMPTLY after an Inspection of a Camp is ordered to take place.

XIII. Inspectors will see that Assistant Inspectors answer all questions and fill out correctly *all* blank spaces on the inspection blanks, or return the same for correction.

XIV. Inspecting Officers will see that the uniforms worn are in strict conformity to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Metallic wreaths, rank straps, and cap numbers, are not recognized by the Order; the embroidered *only* is regulation.

XV. Camps will conduct services according to the Ritual as revised at Buffalo, September, 1886, and the inspection in regard to Ritualistic work will be especially rigid.

XVI. Camps mustered within six weeks of inspection will not be inspected—unless especially desired—but Adjutants may fill out inspection blanks from Charter Application and Mustering Officer's report, and file the same with the Division Inspector, who will incorporate them in his reports, designating them as "New Camps."

XVII. The object of an Inspection is to ascertain the exact condition of each Camp, and every Inspecting Officer should guard against wronging other Camps by marking too leniently the Camp he may be inspecting, or doing injustice to it by giving it less than it deserves.

XVIII. The rank and standing of Camps and Divisions for the Inspector General's report, to be presented at the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, will be taken from the reports of this inspection. It is therefore necessary that each Camp be properly inspected, and that all reports are promptly forwarded on time.

XIX. The grip is to be used as a test only. It is not to be used when taking up the pass word and countersign in opening the Camp, nor when greeting one known to be a member of the Order, but as a further test when examining a stranger who claims to be a brother. This is to guard against its being discovered by strangers from its too frequent and public use.

XX. Members of the G. A. R. are not to be invested with the grip, nor the passwords and countersigns of this Order, but are permitted to be present at all times, if properly obligated.

XXI. No member of the G. A. R. or veteran who has not obtained membership in this Order by authority of Article 5, Chapter 1, of our Constitution, shall be privileged under any circumstances to appear in any Camp wearing the regulation badge of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., except those eight members designated by name in our Constitution, who, for honorable service for this Order, were granted this and certain other peculiar rights. Assistant Inspectors will report any transgression of this law.

XXII. Questions of secret work and Camp work fall in the department of the Inspector General, and all matters relating thereto should be referred to him, passing through the proper channels.

XXIII. Do not alter any question. In remarks explain *all* questions answered in the *negative* or "no." When in doubt regarding any question in this department, consult the Division Inspector at once. Every question

is inserted with an object in view, believed to be for the good of the Order, and must be answered in strict accord with the printed instructions on the inspection blanks.

XXIV. Inspecting Officers will satisfy themselves that all General Orders have been read to the Camp and placed on file. Furthermore, that Captains, in compliance with the obligation of office and the precepts of the Ritual, omit none of its entire service at each regular meeting of the Camp.

XXV. In States and Territories having no Division Headquarters, Captains of Camps will apply to the Adjutant General for blanks, inspect their respective Camps, and report to the Inspector General direct. With this exception, a Camp cannot be inspected by one of its own members, and under no circumstances will a Camp so inspected be accredited with a mark above 90.

XXVI. All reports must be forwarded by the time designated by General Orders, and any delinquent must be reported to the proper officers without delay.

XXVII. As the Assistant Inspectors are responsible and beholden to Division Inspectors, so are Division Inspectors under the authority of the Inspector General, and when in doubt regarding any question in this department of the Order, consult your superior officer at once. Inspecting officers will take especial pains to write their names and addresses very plainly in the proper places on the Inspection blanks.

XXVIII. Division Inspectors in consolidating their reports MUST MAKE ALL THE PROPER FOOTINGS. In questions Nos. 1, 7, 8, 9, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 31, 32 and 33, state the total sum, average of Camps, total gain or loss, total per cent. of gain or loss since last Inspection. In Nos. 24, 25 and 28, give the sum and average only. In questions Nos. 5, 10, 14, 17, 20, 22, 27, 29, 34 and 35, give the total "Yes" and the total "No," and the percentage of "Yes." In questions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 30, give the total "Yes" total "Part" or "Fair," and total "No;" also the percentage of "Yes." Get the grand total in No. 37, and strike the average. Also bring down and classify Nos. 36 and 38.

XXIX. Inspecting officers will mark and classify Camps according to report, as First Class—Those whose markings sum up 75 or above. Second Class—Those whose markings sum up 50 and above, and less than 75. Third Class—All below 50. Questions numbering 1 to 5, inclusive, will be marked on the scale of 10 each; Questions numbering from 6 to 15, inclusive, will be marked on the scale of 5 each. The total will determine the class.

#### GUIDE FOR ANSWERING AND MARKING QUESTIONS.

QUESTION No. 1. A member is in good standing until he is either dropped, discharged, transferred, suspended or dead. To determine the number in good standing add the number mustered, reinstated or admitted by transfer card to the number upon which per capita tax was paid in the last quarterly report of the First Sergeant and subtract the number lost by transfer or otherwise. An average Camp numbers 25 members and less than 50, and is marked  $7\frac{1}{2}$ . Less than 25 is marked 5, and over 50 is marked 10.

No. 2. Perfect Camp and Ritualistic work, committed to memory, is marked 10. Partially committed and imperfectly executed is marked 5. Less merit than this is marked nothing. In case an officer is absent and some one is acting *pro tem*, some favorable allowance may be made and occasional shadings in the marking is permissible in the good judgment of the Inspector. There is no excuse, however, for officers not knowing their work, and Inspectors must benefit the Order by marking this question especially rigid.

Nos. 3 and 4. Includes the three principal officers or Division and Commandery-in-Chief officers, who may be members of the Camp and Camp Council. They are required to wear the proper insignia of the offices they hold, rank straps, caps, etc., and the mark will be in proportion to the number who comply. The answers will be "Yes," "Part" or "No," as the case may be.

No. 5. It is required that Camps have a special fund set apart for charitable purposes only, and the answer is "Yes" or "No;" 10 or 0. It occasionally happens that the records show that certain sums have been voted out of the General fund for charitable purposes, or voluntary contributions have taken place in the Camp for the same. In such instances if there is no relief fund the Inspector may answer "Yes" and mark 5.

No. 6. Is answered similar to No. 3.

No. 7. A member is considered uniformed if he has the regulation cap and blouse, but a Camp having many Brothers with caps only may be given a small credit mark, and the answer may be "part."

No. 8. Is similar to No. 7. The stand of five muskets for the Camp room may be counted in this question.

No. 9. State the number having badges in figures, and give a mark in proportion to 5 as the number of members having badges is in proportion to the size of the Camp. This rule holds good in Nos. 7 and 8.

No. 10. "Yes" or "no," and marking accordingly.

No. 11. Answer "yes," "part" or "no," and mark proportionately as in No. 9.

No. 12. Same as No. 11.

No. 13. Same as No. 11. The records of a Camp include not only the minutes of the meetings, but *all* other records, such as financial transactions, nightly and monthly report of Quartermaster Sergeant, semi-annual report of Camp Council, etc., roll book of members and officers, with the proper markings, showing their presence and absence, constitution and by-laws, book for recruits to sign, a descriptive book, and black book properly kept.

No. 14. Same as No. 10.

No. 15. Same as No. 11.

No. 16. Same as No. 3, only no marking.

No. 17. Same as No. 10, only no marking. A Camp is only supposed to have the General Orders which have been issued since it has been mustered.

Nos. 18 and 19. Insert the total sum.

No. 20. Same as No. 10, only no marking. (In case the last quarterly reports have not been forwarded, they must be made out and with tax turned over to the Inspecting Officer before the Inspection can proceed.)

No. 21. Same as No. 18.

No. 22. Same as No. 10, only no marking.

No. 23. Same as No. 18.

No. 24. State the sum. In case the muster fees and dues are graded according to age, the several grades are added together and an average is struck, which will be the sum to be inserted.

No. 25. Same as No. 26. If there are "beneficial members," with special dues, they are not to be taken into consideration, but the dues only of the regular "non-beneficial" members.

No. 27. Same as No. 22.

No. 28. Same as No. 18.

No. 29. Same as No. 22.

No. 30. "Yes," "part" or "no." Camp equipments include a Bible, a charter, a drum, an altar flag, a ballot box, a Camp seal, two swords, five muskets, three Rituals, a cypher and a key to the same. The first, third,

fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth articles mentioned need not be the absolute property of the Camp, but the Camp must have such articles in use by it in order to be properly equipped.

No. 31. Same as No. 18.

No. 32. Same as No. 18. It includes members and their families and Veterans and their families.

No. 33. Same as No. 18.

No. 34. "Yes" or "no." Does not include the W. R. C. or ladies of the G. A. R.

No. 35. "Yes" or "no," and if "yes," state number held since last inspection.

No. 36. Camps may equip after the manner of any branch of the United States service, as infantry, cavalry, artillery, marines, etc.

No. 37. Insert here the total sum of the marks on the first fifteen questions as you have placed them on the back of the inspection blank.

No. 38. Inspect the class according to rule XXIX.

Assistant Inspectors will see that the Camp officers have their commissions.

These rules and instructions are binding for all inspections until otherwise ordered by the Commander-in-Chief.

G. B. ABBOTT,

*Inspector General.*

163 State street, Chicago, Ills.

I also enclose a list of Division Commanders with their post office addresses also a list of Captains who report direct to the National Headquarters with their post office address.

COLONELS.

California.....Colonel C. J. Callahan, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Colorado.....Colonel Harry D. Kendig, 815 16th St., Denver, Col.  
 Connecticut...Colonel Eugene Morehouse, P. O. Box 2149, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 Dakota.....Colonel J. R. Rockwell, Mitchell, Dak.  
 Florida.....Colonel M. E. Bishop, Brookville, Fla.  
 Illinois.....Colonel F. McCrillis, 65 North State St., Chicago, Ill.  
 Iowa.....Colonel James D. Rowen, Des Moines, Ia.  
 Indiana.....Colonel E. S. Walker, West Lebanon, Ind.  
 Kansas.....Colonel Clay D. Herod, Erie, Kans.  
 Kentucky.....Colonel Will West, Newport, Ky.  
 Maine.....Colonel Thomas G. Libby, Vinalhaven, Me.  
 Maryland and D. C. Col. Miles W. Ross, 422 & 424 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, Md.  
 Massachusetts.....Colonel J. H. Hinkley, Beverly, Mass.  
 Michigan.....Colonel M. E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich.  
 Minnesota.....Colonel E. H. Milham, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Missouri.....Colonel A. H. Vandevent, Bethany, Mo.  
 Montana.....Colonel Geo. W. Gibbs, Helena, Mon.  
 Nebraska.....Colonel B. W. Hawkins, Bever City, Neb.  
 New Hampshire.....Colonel F. M. Shackford, Lake Village, N. H.  
 New Jersey.....Colonel E. E. Jeffries, Camdem, N. J.  
 New York.....Colonel E. F. Fellows, Brockport, N. Y.  
 Ohio.....Colonel Henry Frazee, Cleveland, O.  
 Pennsylvania.....Colonel E. J. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Tennessee.....Colonel A. R. McKenzie, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 Vermont.....Colonel J. B. Fox, Burlington, Vt.  
 West Virginia.....Colonel R. H. Freer, Ritchie Court House, W. Va.  
 Wisconsin.....Colonel F. J. Walthers, Madison, Wis.

## CAPTAINS.

|                           |                                                      |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Oregon.....               | Captain John W. Gwilt, Portland, Ore.                |
| Oregon.....               | Captain Levi R. Snyder, Coquille City, Ore.          |
| Texas.....                | Captain Chas. E. Boyer, Fort Clark, Tex.             |
| Rhode Island.....         | Captain Nathaniel Green (Phoenix) River Point, R. I. |
| Washington Territory..... | Captain H. D. Wood, Walla Walla, W. T.               |
| “ “ .....                 | ...Captain W. W. Witherspoon, Spokane Falls, W. T.   |
| Arizona.....              | Captain H. J. Miller, Flagstaff, Ariz.               |
| Arkansas.....             | Captain W. T. Brooks, Huntsville, Ark.               |
| Virginia.....             | Captain J. Newman Kinney, Portsmouth, Va.            |
| Idaho.....                | Moscow, Idaho.                                       |

The correspondence of my office was at least three times greater than last year and I will be safe in saying that I have written five thousand letters during the year and I believe I have answered without delay all letters written me. I have not been able to keep up the roster of Camps and their officers in some Divisions by reason of the Mustering Officers failing to report to me, and then again at the beginning of the year when officers of the Camps were elected and installed there would no report of the Installing Officer be sent me, whereby I could complete the record, but in some of the Divisions the record is complete. Why, because the Colonels of those Divisions compelled the Mustering Officers to report and furnished Installing Officers with blanks and compelled them to report also, thereby I was able to keep the records of that Division up. In my consolidated report I will give you the number in good standing June 30th, 1886, and the number in good standing at the end of each quarter during the year and showing the gains in each Division, which are as follows:



CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

| FULL NAME OF DIVISION.         | No. in good standing at last Report. | Net Gain. | Aggregate. | Loss. | No. remaining in good standing. |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Ohio . . . . .                 | 2185                                 | 3842      | 5482       | 1390  | 5037                            |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .         | 3013                                 | 1746      | 5037       | . . . | 4759                            |
| Massachusetts . . . . .        | 1261                                 | 351       | 1656       | . . . | 1612                            |
| Michigan . . . . .             | 941                                  | 946       | 2152       | 532   | 1938                            |
| Illinois . . . . .             | 628                                  | 1586      | 3037       | 913   | 2514                            |
| Connecticut . . . . .          | 633                                  | 170       | 924        | 206   | 866                             |
| Iowa . . . . .                 | 1047                                 | 463       | 1892       | 840   | 1504                            |
| Kansas . . . . .               | 934                                  | 32        | 1277       | 130   | 966                             |
| Minnesota . . . . .            | 428                                  | 195       | 1190       | 613   | 722                             |
| New York . . . . .             | 631                                  | 143       | 767        | 347   | 774                             |
| New Hampshire . . . . .        | 491                                  | 38        | 1140       | 286   | 528                             |
| Maine . . . . .                | 412                                  | 72        | 738        | 170   | 630                             |
| Vermont . . . . .              | 312                                  | 102       | 662        | 387   | 384                             |
| Indiana . . . . .              | 341                                  | 819       | 419        | . . . | 1160                            |
| Missouri . . . . .             | 206                                  | 358       | 1553       | . . . | 758                             |
| New Jersey . . . . .           | 274                                  | 109       | 803        | . . . | 383                             |
| Colorado . . . . .             | 78                                   | 45        | 421        | . . . | 127                             |
| Dakota . . . . .               | 153                                  | . . .     | 158        | 115   | . . .                           |
| Wisconsin . . . . .            | 113                                  | 203       | . . .      | . . . | 319                             |
| Nebraska . . . . .             | 114                                  | 208       | 319        | . . . | 322                             |
| West Virginia . . . . .        | 52                                   | 107       | 322        | . . . | 159                             |
| California . . . . .           | 64                                   | . . .     | 159        | . . . | 160                             |
| Maryland . . . . .             | 56                                   | . . .     | 268        | . . . | 131                             |
| Washington Territory . . . . . | 21                                   | . . .     | 131        | . . . | 36                              |
| Montana . . . . .              | 32                                   | . . .     | 61         | . . . | 48                              |
| Florida . . . . .              | 15                                   | . . .     | 48         | . . . | 49                              |
| Washington, D. C. . . . .      | 16                                   | . . .     | 49         | . . . | . . .                           |
| Oregon . . . . .               | 16                                   | . . .     | 41         | . . . | 41                              |
| Arizona . . . . .              | . . .                                | . . .     | . . .      | . . . | 16                              |
| Rhode Island . . . . .         | . . .                                | . . .     | 60         | . . . | 60                              |
| Kentucky . . . . .             | . . .                                | . . .     | 67         | . . . | 67                              |
| Virginia . . . . .             | . . .                                | . . .     | 67         | . . . | 12                              |
| Idaho . . . . .                | . . .                                | . . .     | 12         | . . . | 15                              |
| Arkansas . . . . .             | . . .                                | . . .     | 15         | . . . | 16                              |
| Texas . . . . .                | . . .                                | . . .     | 16         | . . . | 25                              |
| Tennessee . . . . .            | . . .                                | . . .     | 26         | . . . | 67                              |
| Total . . . . .                | 15550                                |           |            |       | 27042                           |

In these reports, I have found a great many errors, but the reports being held so long before sending them to me I could not return them for correction, especially in the report for June 30th.

By your direction, I attended the Encampment of the Department of Ohio G. A. R. in the interest of the Order. I was well received and given the privilege of the floor. I explained to the comrades, the best I could, our mission, and asked their co-operation in advancing the Order. I found them eager and willing, and I there gave out one hundred blank applications for Camps, and could have given two hundred more if I had have them with me. And, knowing the good results derived from such visits, I would recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief ask the incoming Commander-in-Chief to send some brother of the Order, who is also a member of the G.A.R., to each Encampment of the G. A. R., at the expense of the Commandery-in-Chief (he to make his own selections), to work for the interest of the Order, and that this brother be provided with all the blanks necessary for that purpose by the Commander-in-Chief.

During this year, I made it a point to give my first attention to applications for Camps, approving them and returning with the application a

charter properly signed and sealed. By this method, the Camps have not found fault with us for not receiving their charter on time, and the Colonels have not been delayed in the mustering of the Camps by any neglect of duty in that line, and taking everything into consideration from the time the application was received at Division headquarters until the Camp was mustered. It has been worked with success in all departments in which it had to pass through, and in this matter alone I think the Order has made a big advancement.

And now in conclusion, I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me when you reappointed me as your Adjutant General. I have tried to do my duty in all things pertaining to my office the best I knew how, and I will always hold you in grateful remembrance for the same and the assistance you have given me during the year.

To the Colonels of the several Divisions and to their personal Staff I owe a great deal for the success of my labors. They have all done what they could to assist me in my work when called upon to do so. I thank you all, and I bespeak for my successor the same hearty support you have given me, and as the labors of the office are increasing, I would recommend that his salary be increased in proportion.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,

T. G. CARLISLE.

Quartermaster General O. T. Shutt then read his report, which was referred to Committee on Officers report

#### REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

FOSTORIA, OHIO, August 17th, 1887.

*Gen. Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

DEAR SIR AND COMMANDER:—In closing up the work in Quartermaster General's department for the year ending August 16th, we feel satisfied with our work. We have received many courtesies from the hands of our brothers, and the year is replete with memories, pleasant and profitable. We have aimed to do our whole duty, and work for the best interest of our Order. A large amount of laborious work has been done in our department, and we have been able to get supplies out in a short time after receiving a requisition. A few times we were obliged to delay, not being able to replenish our stock as fast as it ran out; not wishing to incur a large debt, we ordered in quantities we deemed sufficient. We have ordered and received the following supplies since September 1st, 1886:

25,000 requisitions for supplies, 907 descriptive books, 65,000 applications for membership, 11,000 transfers, 11,000 leaves of absence, 11,000 honorable discharges, 5,000 past officers' credentials, 6,000 delegates' credentials, 5,000 alternates' credentials, 976 receipts of evening blocks, 500 Quartermaster Sergeant's monthly reports of 20 each, 9,829 Commandery Constitution, R. and R., 12,936 Camp Constitutions (unbound), 7,994 Camp Constitutions (bound), 878 Quartermaster Sergeant's receipt books, 913 Ordnance Sergeant's req. books (to pay bills), 6,015 Rituals, 11,000 non-commissioned staff warrants, 25,000 odes and muster hymns, 5,000 Q. M. Sergeant and council bonds, 895 minute books, 899 ledgers, 890 cash books, 887 roll of members, 907 black books, 150 electros of badge, large; 150 electros of badge, 150 small coat of arms, 10,000 Orderly Sergeant's quarterly reports, 10,000 Q. M. Sergeant's reports, 2,720 Assistant Inspector's reports, 313 Division Inspector's reports, 3,000 Camp officer's commissions, 5,000 applications for Camp Charters.

I notice that Maine Division at her last Encampment recommend that Divisions be allowed to print their own supplies. This should not be allowed. All supplies should, I think, bear the imprint of the Commandery-in-Chief seal. The use and the procuring of supplies from any other source, should be declared illegal, and dealt with accordingly. In making an estimate of supplies needed for the coming year, I base my knowledge on the amount used this year, but if Divisions were allowed to print their own, no estimates can be made that will be anything but a wild guess. The Commandery-in-Chief cannot get as good price for its work, still it will be expected and required that the Q. M. General have supplies on hand, to supply any or all blanks. The importance of using all forms is not thoroughly understood. Form No. 1 Req. for supplies, should be used in ordering supplies, and accompany every order. Form No. 17 non-commissioned Staff-warrants, should be in every Camp, and a Staff officer should have his warrant properly attested by the First Sergeant and signed by the Captain.

The Captains, First and Second Lieutenants should not be allowed to discharge their duties as such, until commissioned by the Colonel Commanding.

I still hold to the opinion expressed at Buffalo, that Camps be allowed the use of four Rituals. One Camp ordered sixteen Rituals after receiving their Camp package, claiming that they could not properly run the Camp with three. I referred them to the rule of memorizing the parts; reference to its explanatory notes is a necessity.

I respectfully call your attention to the claim of \$94.65 against the Michigan Division; \$24.72 was due the Past Third Grand Division, the balance, \$69.93 was contracted by Col. Rowlson. The per capita tax of this Division amounted last year to \$115.75 and amount paid \$14.05. Col. Rowlson wanted the amount charged to him and not the Michigan Division. This I would not do. I since learn that Col. Rowlson only assumed to pay the tax for quarter ending June 30, 1886. Col. Rowlson had a claim of \$22.50 against the Commandery-in-Chief which he wanted to apply on per capita tax but it was credited to supplies ere his letter reached me. Still it does not change the amount of the bill. I sent Col. Hall a statement of the account; he positively refused to settle the account and refused to see the justness of the claim. Other Divisions have settled past indebtedness and Michigan Division should do so, too. If we had owed Michigan Division \$94.65, do you think Col. Hall would have refused to take the same? This year we have had our ledgers indexed, Camp constitutions printed in roll books and use another color for the alternate cards and revised inspection blanks. These are all the changes we have made in supplies this year. Last year Col. Crossman ordered his supplies sent by freight. This year Col. Walker did the same. They found this a large saving to Divisions. I would recommend the same to the attention of the Colonels in command.

I would recommend that Camp constitutions, bound and unbound, be dropped from the list of supplies and constitution, R. and R. be furnished bound and unbound.

The Divisions had a balance on hand for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1886, of \$1185.19; Dec. 31, 1886, \$2159.62; March 31, 1887, \$3059.58; June 30, 1887, \$2786.64. Camps: Sept. 30, 1886, \$18,396.78; Dec. 31, 1886, \$16,386.71; March 31, 1887, \$28,121.50; June 30, 1887, \$27,317.72.

Since writing the above Col. Rowlson has remitted \$20.90 on account of Michigan Division.

Since Aug. 13 there has been received \$475.32 that has not been entered in the ledger. Cash received since Aug. 17 will be turned over to the next Q. M. General without putting it in the past year's work.

It is with pain that we sever our connection in an official capacity for

our associations are pleasant and memory will recall the many words of encouragement we have received during the past year.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon and the trust reposed in me and all brothers for courtesies and favors rendered.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

O. T. SHUTT,

*Quartermaster General.*

The Adjutant General then read the reports of the Chief Mustering Officer, Judge Advocate General, and Chief Ordnance Officer, and they were referred to Committee on Officers Reports.

#### REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

QUINCY, MASS., AUGUST, 8, 1887.

*General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief:*

SIR:—I have the honor to report as Chief Mustering Officer for the past year, that I have responded to many calls for public work in connection with the Order, and have assisted in the institution of several Camps. As the office is simply an honorary one there is little that can be reported.

Laying down the mantle placed upon my shoulders as Chief Mustering Officer in Philadelphia, 1884, I return to you sir and all my associates in the past, my most hearty thanks, for their uniform courtesy and fraternity, and wish for them and the great Order we represent an abundance of prosperity in every department of their life.

The S. V. is the grandest organization of young men on the face of the globe, and I shall always be proud to claim membership in its ranks.

Regretting my inability to be with you at Des Moines, I trust you will have a harmonious session filled with progressive work for the Order. I am, sir,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEO. W. PENNIMAN,

*Chief Mustering Officer.*

#### REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, August 9, 1887.

*General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit my report as Judge Advocate General for the past year. My duties have not been laborious or difficult. But few questions have been submitted to me by the Commander-in-Chief, and my opinions thereon are on record in your office. I do not call to mind but one which is of sufficient importance to refer to in this report. In one of the eastern Divisions the question arose whether an illegitimate son of a Union soldier was eligible to membership in our Order, the soldier having recognized the relationship. I gave it as my opinion that the applicant was eligible for the reason that I found nothing in our rules and regulations which would prevent his muster, and if the son is in every respect worthy, it should be our duty to treat him as a man, extending to him the right hand of fellowship in Friendship, Charity and Loyalty. An over-nice distinction in the social relations of life might look upon such a proceeding being improper, but without stopping to discuss social relations, I thought then, and still think the opinion which I gave was right.

Many officers and brothers are in the habit of submitting questions to the Judge Advocate General without referring them to the proper commanding officer. The true proceeding is and should be for Captains of Camps to refer all of such questions to Colonels of Divisions; the latter can, if they so desire, submit such questions to the Judge Advocate of their respective Divisions, or they may submit them to the Commander-in-Chief. The Com

mander-in-Chief, if he so desires, can refer them to the Judge Advocate General, whose duty it is in all such cases to advise his superior officer. The Commander-in-Chief decides all questions referred to him, with or without the advice of his law officer; he may adopt the views of the latter, but he is not governed thereby, and in view of this, I refrained as far as possible from giving any opinion except when requested to do so by the Commander-in-Chief.

I did in one or two instances violate this rule, stating however at the time, that your decision and not mine must control. In one case the editor of the *National Reveille* asked my opinion concerning your order with reference to the Council-in-Chief; the *Reveille* published my opinion, and with all due deference to you, I respectfully submit that the legal questions in that matter were properly stated by me.

Another question referred to me was whether a son who served in the rebel army is eligible to membership in our Order. While he was trying to destroy this government, his father was fighting to preserve it. Upon examination of the constitution I found there was no provision therein applicable to such cases, but I advised against the admission of such persons, and I respectfully recommend the adoption of an amendment which will prohibit the muster of all such persons. I am a firm believer in the saying that "treason should be made odious." While the applicant may be, and no doubt is a good citizen, yet having once borne arms against the government of the United States, in my judgment the doors of our Order should forever be closed against him, and all others of that class.

I return my thanks to you and your Staff for the many fraternal courtesies extended me during my term of office, and in returning to the ranks, I wish to assure all that it shall be my endeavor in all things so far as I can, to promote the best interests of the Sons of Veterans.

Fraternally yours,  
LELAND J. WEBB.

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#### REPORT OF ORDNANCE OFFICER.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Aug. 13, 1887.

*General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief Sons Veterans, U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I beg leave to submit my report, as follows: During your closing I have been constantly employed in the duties incidental to my position and connected with the progress and interests of your Order.

These labors, pleasant in their nature and occupying my entire time as well as that of requiring more or less assistance, have, I trust, in the main brought results that are satisfactory to yourself and associates.

Experience has dictated, and I have from time to time made various changes and improvements in the management of my office to promote its more ready working and to render its service still more prompt and efficient, having in view the growth and extension of the Order.

I have had and still have in hand and mind some additions to my Department and duties that cannot fail to be acceptable to all as well as for the benefit of the Sons of Veterans generally.

These movements, while they are unavoidably accompanied by considerable expense and personal effort, are both congenial and pleasant to me especially when I realize that they have met with a very extended approval from the Brothers of the Order.

In conclusion I may say that I do not recall the omission of any measures on my part, to advance as far as possible, the interests of your honorable Association, and that to-day my Department is in a better, smoother and

more complete working system than I expected to have it on assuming charge. I have the honor to be, General, most respectfully,

Your obedient servant in F., C. & L.,  
A. P. DAVIS.

General G. B. Abbott, Inspector General, then read his report, which was referred to Committee on Officer's Reports.

#### INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Aug. 13, 1887.

*General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief Sons Veterans, U. S. A.:*

SIR: It was with great reluctance I undertook the task of conducting the office of the Inspector-General for a second time, knowing from my experience that the responsibilities were heavy and the detailed work full of anxiety; and while the work has been somewhat easier and regular than before, yet it falls far short of what it should be, and there is ample room for great improvement. The Order is gradually beginning to realize the necessity and value of inspections, and with changes in the forms to meet the shiftings and advancement of the Order, prompted by careful experiment, the good will be still more appreciated. I am still of the impression that the spirit of rivalry and the ambition which these inspections arouse, revert to the growth of the camp and the good of the Order, and in this line it may not be out of place to say that in some instances the true idea of the inspection has been lost by some assistant inspectors, in thinking that the chief thought and desire is to flatter a Camp by giving it an unjustly high mark. These inspections, to have value, should be *honest* and *square*, and that each Camp and each Division should receive no more nor no less than its true merit earns for it. I am sorry to say that in some instances the results of the inspections have been very perceptibly *forced*, and a careful scrutiny into the answers and a few inquiries from other sources has demonstrated this fact. With one or two exceptions these inspections have been allowed to stand. At first it was thought best to have them corrected, and in one or two Divisions inspections were returned for corrections which were made, but as the reports came in it became evident that an endless amount of correspondence would follow, it was deemed better to let them stand, trusting the future to improve in being more particular. In one Division the Inspector wrote up his report by guess, and in nearly all, in striking the percentages, the Division Inspectors did not include the camps not inspected, which should be done, as it was evident in one or two Divisions that the inspectors selected only the best camps of the Division for the consolidation, and thus created a false average of the Division; and, furthermore, Division officers should realize that all efforts must be made to have every camp inspected. Three Divisions of the Order succeeded in doing so. Why not all? This has necessitated a revision of all the percentages and general averages and will account for changes which will appear later on.

Our last inspection shows a wonderful improvement in the Order within the nine months which passed since the one previous. This inspection does not show the condition of the Order to-day, but its condition in April. Much advancement has taken place since then. My report must give the inspection on Pennsylvania in its three former Divisions as it occurred before the consolidation. All of the Divisions have held their own and more—the greatest progress being made, however, in Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Illinois. Twenty-two Divisions responded to the Inspection besides Maryland, which being small, for convenience, I have incorpo-

rated with the single Camps into a territorial Division. New Jersey and Dakota failed to forward reports.

The leading camps of the Order, judging from inspectors, are Capt. Schuyler No. 2, of Pennsylvania, (Prov. Division); St. Paul Camp, No. 1, of Minnesota; Daniel Chapin Camp, No. 3, of Maine; Ed. W. Ruble Camp, No. 33 and Geo. G. Meade Camp, No. 16, of East Pennsylvania, and Breckingham No. 3, of Connecticut, with many others, however, following close in the wake.

Of the Division Inspectors, several have taken special pains to make light my work by doing their own in the way it should be done, and to these I wish to express my full appreciation of their efforts, and in this line I particularly wish to mention Inspectors E. H. Archer, of Ohio, D. E. Ford, of Connecticut, K. M. Kendrick, of Iowa, John J. Lewis, of East Pennsylvania, the Colorado report being the most perfect work of penmanship and detail of footings which has reached my office.

Total number of Camps in the Order April 1st, 1887, 1,114; total number inspected, 811; largest number of Camps in Ohio, 151; smallest number of Camps in Colorado, 7; largest number inspected in Ohio, 131; smallest number inspected in Wisconsin, 5, a gain in inspected Camps of 380.

No. 1. Total membership in Inspected Camps, 24,372; largest membership in Ohio, 4,125; smallest membership in Colorado, 136; largest Camp is P. R. Schuyler No. 2, Philadelphia, 196; smallest Camp is McClelland No. 145, Philadelphia, 5, both of the Provisional Division of Pennsylvania. The largest average Camps are in the same Division, averaging 57. The smallest are West Virginia, averaging 18. The average Camp of the Order numbers 30, a gain of 2 over 1886; a gain in members in Inspected Camps of 12,190, or over 100 per cent.

No. 2. 189 Camps have the Ritualistic work committed to memory and perfect. Ohio leads with 38, and Prov. Div. Penn., least with 1. Maine leads with largest per cent, 56, and Missouri the smallest, 6 per cent. The Ritual is partly carried out in 351, Illinois leading with 57 and not carried; in 376 Camps Ohio leading with 73, a gain of 72 over 1886.

No. 3. Officers are uniformed in 265 Camps, Massachusetts leading with 39; Wisconsin and Nebraska least with 1. Partly uniformed in 172 Camps, Illinois leading with 27. Not uniformed in 329, Ohio leading with 82. Massachusetts has the greatest per cent. of uniformed officers, 78 per cent., the least being Wisconsin with 5 per cent., a gain of 60 over 1886.

No. 4. In 255 Camps the officers have proper rank straps, Ohio leading with 37; West Virginia least with 1. Part in 80 Camps, Indiana leading with 16; Colorado least with one. The largest per cent. being in Connecticut, 74 per cent., a gain of 85 over 1886.

No. 5. Three hundred and fifty-eight Camps have a relief fund, Ohio leading with 54; Wisconsin least with none. Provisional Division Pennsylvania having the largest per cent. of Camps having relief funds—75—a gain of 235 over 1886.

No. 6. In 220 Camps the officers wear side arms, Massachusetts leading with 38; Wisconsin least with none. Ohio the greatest number without—91. Massachusetts has 77 per cent. with arms, a gain of 76 over 1886.

No. 7. There are 9,082 uniformed men in the Order, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 1,428, a loss of 17 over 1886; Wisconsin least with 22. Massachusetts has the largest per cent.—71; Kansas smallest—16 per cent. a gain of 3,447 over 1886.

No. 8. There are 4,815 armed members, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 642; West Virginia least with none. Vermont having the largest per cent.—46—a gain of 3,022 over 1886.

No. 9. Seventeen thousand eight hundred and forty-six have membership badges, Ohio leading with 2,849; Colorado least with 114. Connecticut

leading with 100 per cent.; Missouri least with 50 per cent., a gain of 8,046 over 1886.

No. 10. In 653 Camps a badge is presented at muster. Ohio leading with 98. Not presented in 128 Camps. Connecticut greatest per cent., 100, a gain of 339 over 1886.

No. 11. Officers are regular in attendance in 612 Camps, Ohio leading in 95. New Hampshire leading with 93 per cent. In 98 Camps they are not regular, Eastern Pennsylvania leading in 30, a gain of 259 over 1886.

No. 12. Members are regular in attendance in 440 Camps, Ohio leading in 81. New Hampshire having the largest percentage—87 per cent.,—a gain of 126 over 1886.

No. 13. Records are well kept in 662 Camps, Ohio leading with 100. West Virginia leading with 100 per cent., a gain of 281 over 1886.

No. 14. The Quartermaster Sergeant's bond is filed in 586 Camps, Ohio leading with 79; Colorado least with 1. West Virginia leading with 100 per cent. filed, a gain of 251 over 1886.

No. 15. Dues are promptly collected in 644 Camps, Ohio leading with 96; West Virginia least with none. Likewise Ohio has the greatest number of Camps in which they are not collected promptly—15. In the Provisional Division of Pennsylvania 100 per cent. of the Camps collect promptly, a gain of 268 over 1886.

No. 16. In 189 Camps the Staff is provided with chevrons, Ohio leading with 25; West Virginia least with none. Provisional Division of Pennsylvania with largest per cent. with chevrons—62 per cent.

No. 17. General Orders are read in 741 Camps, Ohio leading with 108. Provisional Division of Pennsylvania leading with 100 per cent. Not read in 32 Camps, a gain of 331 over 1886.

No. 18. Two thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight members have been suspended and dropped during the last year. Ohio leading with 456; Colorado and West Virginia least with none.

No. 19. The total increase by muster and transfer cards, 7,272; Illinois leading with 1,403; Colorado least with one. Illinois largest per cent. of gain  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ; Maine least per cent. of gain, one-tenth per cent.

No. 20. Reports have been made in 745 Camps, Ohio leading with 108; Minnesota first with 100 per cent.

No. 21. There has been 1,012 regular meetings omitted, Illinois leading with 124; West Virginia least with none omitted.

No. 22. There are 710 Camps free from indebtedness, Ohio leading with 107; Provisional Division of Pennsylvania first with 100 per cent. There are 64 Camps in debt, Iowa leading with 9. California, Colorado, Provisional Division of Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Camps having no debt, a gain of 333 over 1886, and only a gain of 10 in indebted Camps.

No. 23. There have been 964 special meetings held, Ohio leading with 176; Colorado and West Virginia none. There being 48 less special meetings than omitted meetings.

No. 24. The average muster fee is \$1.85. The highest Division is Colorado, \$3.16; the lowest being New York, \$1.50, a gain of 11 cents in the average muster fee of 1886.

No. 25. Two dollars and thirty-two cents is the average amount charged for annual dues. The highest average being in California, \$4.43; the lowest in West Virginia, \$1, a reduction in the average dues of 4 cents of 1886.

No. 26. The total funds in the various Camps of the Order is \$23,335.12. The richest Division being Eastern Pennsylvania with \$6,692.38; the poorest, Colorado with \$37. The average funds in each Camp is \$24.14. The highest average is in the Provisional Division of Pennsylvania, \$128.04; the lowest being in Colorado, \$5.30. Several Camps have no



funds, and the richest single Camp is Capt. Schuyler, No. 2, Philadelphia, Provisional Division of Pennsylvania, marking \$2,345.03, a gain of \$9,295.32 over 1886, but a reduction in the average Camp funds of \$10.74.

No. 27. Stated sick benefits are paid in 151 Camps, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 30; Provisional Division Pennsylvania first with 100 per cent. In several Divisions no benefits are paid, a gain of 83 over 1886.

No. 28. The average amount of sick benefit paid per week is \$2.09. The highest—\$3.12—being in the Provisional Division of Pennsylvania; the lowest in Maine, 50 cents.

No. 29. There is a Relief Committee in 421 Camps, Ohio leading with 62; Provisional Division of Pennsylvania first with 100 per cent., a gain of 195 over 1886.

No. 30. Five hundred and seventy-eight Camp rooms are properly equipped, Ohio leading with 90; Maine first with 94 per cent., a gain of 253 over 1886.

No. 31. The total sum of the relief fund is \$4,508.91, Massachusetts leading with \$980.29; Provisional Division of Pennsylvania first, an average of \$16.92 to the Camp. The general average in all Camps being \$2.60; the lowest average—0—being in New York, a gain of \$1,834.31 over 1886, and a gain of \$10.72 per Camp over 1886.

No. 32. Four hundred and thirty-one persons have been relieved, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 189; West Virginia lowest with none, a gain of 227 over 1886.

No. 33. Two thousand eight hundred and eighty-two dollars and sixty-six cents have been expended in charity, Ohio leading with \$567.69, a gain of \$1,502.89 over 1886.

No. 34. There are 107 Ladies' Aid Societies attached to the Camps of the Order, Western Pennsylvania leading with 51; Minnesota has none, a total gain of 73 Aids.

No. 35. Two hundred and eighty-nine Camps hold Camp-fires and open meetings, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 34, a gain of 127 over 1886.

No. 36. Four hundred and fifty-seven Camps are equipped as Infantry, 11 as artillery, and 7 as cavalry. Ohio leading with 84, a gain of 301 over 1886.

No. 37. The average mark of the Camps in the United States is 56½, a gain of 1½ only over 1886. The highest average is 69 in Connecticut; the lowest 20 in New York.

No. 38. There are 19½ first-class Camps in the Order, a gain of 97 over 1886. Twenty-eight in Eastern Pennsylvania being the highest in any Division. There are 379 second-class Camps, and 268 third-class Camps. The Divisions rank on general average as follows: Connecticut, 69; New Hampshire, 66; Minnesota, 64; Eastern Pennsylvania, 63½; Maine, 61; Massachusetts, 60½; Provisional Division of Pennsylvania, 58; Indiana, 57; Colorado, 54; Illinois, 52.8; Iowa, 52; Michigan, 51½; Western Pennsylvania, 50½; Nebraska, 48; California, 47½; Ohio, 44; West Virginia, 40; Vermont, 39; Kansas, 37½; Wisconsin, 32; Missouri, 21; New York, 20.

In conclusion the following recommendations are believed to be for the good of the Order, and are offered for the consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief.

1. That a code of rules for the government of court martial be established.
2. That the Quartermaster General be instructed to procure a new draft of the coat of arms, in keeping with the description of the same in our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and that electros from the same be struck off and sold in his department.
3. That blanks be prepared for dispensation, for appointing installing

officers and for the application of a son of a Son of a Veteran for membership in our Order.

4. That in Art. X, Chapter 6, in the third paragraph of section 1, page 57, the words "one bar at each end; Assistant Inspector of Divisions." That to more easily designate the Division Staff, officers and Aids de Camps from Camp officers of similar rank, the field of their rank straps be either white or very light blue.

5. That a sufficient quantity of General Orders be issued to supply each member of the Order with a copy.

6. That the present uniform and insignia of rank of the Order be made the established fatigue uniform of the Order, but that Colonels commanding Divisions may issue a dispensation to Camps which have armed and equipped themselves in some branch of military service, to adopt a dress uniform and insignia of rank in keeping with the manner of their equipment, the same to be approved by the Colonel commanding the Division with this specification that it shall ever have the wreath letters and numbers upon either cap or helmet, or hat, as now designated by our Constitution and worn upon our caps.

With this I close my official career. The regret that the relations which have so pleasantly ran through the associates of your staff are so soon to be severed, and these two years just ending will be the bright particular stars to be remembered for all time to come.

Respectfully submitted, In F., C. & L.,  
G. B. ABBOTT,

*Inspector General.*

Moved by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, seconded by Davis, of Michigan, that the report of Committee on Credentials be reopened for the purpose of correction. Carried.

Moved by E. H. Archer, of Ohio, seconded by Delegate, that the roll of States be called and the names of delegates and by reference to the Adj't Gen'l's report, we proceed to decide who is entitled to representation.

Remarks by Bro. Crowley, of New Hampshire, and Col. Rowan, of Iowa, against the motion and by Bro. W. E. Bundy, of Ohio, in favor. The motion was put and declared carried.

On the call of the States and referring to the report of the Adj't Gen'l, it was found that Illinois and Kansas had one delegate more than they were entitled. By request of Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, the name of Bro. Earnest Vleet was stricken from the roll.

By motion of a Delegate and seconded, R. F. Stinson was recognized as the regular delegate from that Division, and the name of Geo. H. Dow was stricken from the roll.

By motion of W. C. Reeme, of Pa., seconded by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, the report of Committee on Credentials was adopted as corrected.

Moved by Col. Frazee, of Ohio, that a recess be taken until 8 o'clock P. M., when we meet promptly and hold session until 10 P. M., when we take a recess until to-morrow morning. Carried, and recess declared.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Called to order at 8 P. M. by Gen. Walter S. Payne in the Chair.

Gen'l G. B. Abbott obligated a number of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, after which the Encampment was declared open for business.

Bro. W. E. Bundy, of Ohio, arose and gave the love of an Ohio girl to all the unmarried brothers in attendance.

The roll of States were then called for recommendations. And as the the names of the States were called, the response from each was nothing more than that is published in General Orders Nos. 17 and 18.

Telegrams of greetings were read from Bros. H. H. Hammer, of Pa.; Chas. S. Crysler, of Mo.; F. P. Merrill and H. L. Wright, of Maine; and F. C. McArthur, of Colorado.

At the call has any brother anything to offer or bring before the Convention?

Bro. R. Loebenstein, of Mo., offered the following resolution: 1. *Resolved*, That hereafter all Camp packages include one regulation badge in order to perform completely the ritualistic work. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

By Bro. Goodale, of Iowa, Resolution 2. *Resolved*, That the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the U. S. A. subscribe to and pay for one copy of the *National Reveille* for each Camp of the Order for a period of six months at 37½ cents per copy. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution No. 3, offered by N. G. Cooper, of Mich., in reference to the Grand Army Pension Bill was read and referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Reports of Committees being next in order and none of the Committees being ready to report, the exemption of the secret work was had with Inspector General G. B. Abbott acting Captain, Ass't Adj't Gen'l W. F. Jenkins acting First Lieut., Capt. James I. Lyons acting Second Lieut., Col. Frank McCrillis acting Chaplain, Bro. Harry A. Douglass acting S. of the Guard, Bro. Hendricks acting Corp. of the Guard. R. M. Dewitt, of Des Moines, Iowa, was mustered into Camp.

Moved by Col. Harry M. Russell, of Pa. that we take a recess until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock and meet on the east side, corner East 6th and Locust St. Carried, and so ordered.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 18TH, 1887.

Encampment called to order at 9:15 by General Walter S. Payne in the chair, and declared open for the transaction of business.

L. J. Webb appointed Acting Lt. General.

Gen'l G. B. Abbott, Chairman of the Committee on Ritual, offered the following report, as a partial report:

Your Committee on Ritual after carefully considering the recommendations offered would respectfully recommend that in view of the following facts that no changes be made in the ritual except the typographical errors:

- 1st. New Rituals have but recently been furnished the Order and considerable expense and trouble would result from another change of Ritual.
- 2d. The recommendations presented are not deemed of vital importance and may well be laid over until our next Encampment.
- 3d. That the committee desire all possible time for the consideration and presentation of a suitable burial and memorial service.

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| G. B. ABBOTT,    | } Committee. |
| W. E. BUNDY,     |              |
| FREMONT GARRETT, |              |
| J. W. ANDERSON,  |              |
| C. J. POST.      |              |

Moved by Col. E. J. Smith, of Pa., to adopt the report as read. Carried. Committee on Resolution made the following report through their Chairman, Col. Clay D. Herod, of Kansas, as follows:

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following report for your consideration:

We recommend the adoption of the resolutions as follows:

No. 1, offered by R. Loebenstein, of Missouri:

*Resolved*, That hereafter all Camp Packages include one regulation badge in order to perform completely the ritualistic work.

Moved by Cato Sells, of Iowa, that we consider these resolutions separately. Carried.

Moved by Ford, of Conn., that Report of Committee on Resolution No. 1, by Loebenstein, be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 2, offered by Bro. Goodale, of Iowa:

*Resolved*, That the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, of the U. S. A., subscribe to and pay for one copy of the *National Reveille* for each Camp of the Order for a period of six months at 37½ cents per copy.

Moved by O. C. Springer, of Ohio, seconded by H. M. Russell, of Pa., that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 3, offered by Bro. N. G. Cooper, of Michigan:

*Resolved*, That, whereas, we recognize the fact that thousands of the heroes of the late war are to-day largely dependent upon charity for their daily bread, remembering that to their patriotic sacrifice we are indebted for a glorious nationality, and believing that the country whose honor they helped to save should care for the poor and afflicted patriots.

*Resolved*, That we take pride in urging Congress and the President of the United States to do their part in giving justice to those noble heroes by granting to them the honorable and righteous benefits expressed in the Grand Army Pension Bill recommended by the pension committee which is hereto attached: that we will do all we can to impress the people, the congressman and the executive, with our earnest desire to have such bill upon the statute books, in order that suffering patriots may be taken from the poor houses and dependent positions, and made to feel that republics such as ours will always honor the men whose lives were in danger through their noble devotion to duty.

Moved by Archer, of Ohio, seconded by delegate, that the report of the Committee be adopted.

The reading of the Pension Bill was called for and read by Bro. Cooper, of Mich., as follows:

SEC. 1. That in considering the pension claims of dependent parents, the fact and cause of death, and the fact that the soldier left no widow or minor child or children; having been shown, as required by law, it shall be necessary only to show by competent and sufficient evidence that such parent or parents are, or have been without other means of support than their own manual labor or the contributions of others not legally bound for their support; *provided*, That all pensions allowed under this section of this act shall commence from date of actual dependence if claim was filed prior to July 1, 1880, and in case of applications thereafter made, the pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the pension office, or from the date of subsequent dependence.

SEC. 2. That all persons who served three months in the military or naval service of the United States and who have been honorably discharged and are suffering from mental or physical debility, not the result of their own vicious habits, shall be entitled to receive \$2 per month; that persons who are not receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the pension office, may receive the benefits of this act; that no person shall receive more than one pension for the same period, and rank in the service shall not be considered.

SEC. 3. That if any invalid pensioner has died, or shall thereafter die, leaving a widow, minor children or children under 18 years of age, or in case there be no widow or minor child or children, a dependent mother or father, such widow, minor child or children, or mother or father, shall be placed upon the pension roll at the rates established by law for widows, minor children and parents, without regard to the cause of death of such pensioner; provided that said widow was married to the deceased pensioner prior to the passage of this act. That the increase of pensions for

minor children shall be at the rate of \$5 per month, instead of \$2 per month, as now provided by law, and in case a minor child is insane, idiotic or otherwise helpless the pension shall continue during the life of said child, or during the period of such disability.

**SEC. 4** Imposes a fine of \$500 or imprisonment at hard labor, not exceeding two years or both, in the discretion of the court, of agents or attorneys accepting a greater fee than \$10, payable only upon the order of the Commissioner of Pensions, by the Pension Agent making payment of the pension allowed.

After reading the above Bro. Cooper urged very earnestly the adoption of the report of the committee.

Moved, by Sells, of Iowa, seconded by Springer, of Ohio, that we expunge that part of the report that refers to the G. A. R. Pension bill. Remarks by Springer, of Ohio, Hatch, of New York, Rowen, of Iowa and Bundy, of Ohio.

Motion, by Bundy, of Ohio, that we amend by striking out "Grand Army" and insert "dependent" and strike out "Taken from the poor houses and dependent positions, and"

Bro. Sells withdrew his amendment and seconded Bro. Bundy's motion to amend.

Remarks against the amendment were made by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, Col. Herod, of Kansas, Col. Freer, of West Virginia, Bacon, of Illinois, Cooper, of Michigan, Herod, of Kansas, and Maccabe, of Massachusetts.

And for the amendment, Bro. Sells, of Iowa, and Reeme, of Pennsylvania.

The motion was put on the amendment and a division called for by Bro. Sells, of Iowa. The house being divided, the vote stood 13 for and 47 against. Declared lost.

The original motion was then put, the vote standing 53 for and 7 against. Declared carried.

Moved by Bro. Bundy, seconded by Bro. Sells, to make it unanimous. Carried.

Resolution No. 4:

*Resolved*, That to Col. Rowan and Adjutant Whiting, of Iowa, our heartfelt thanks are tendered for their efforts to make the sixth annual encampment of the S. of V., U. S. A. a success.

Moved, by Frank Miller, of Ohio, to adopt report of committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 5:

*Resolved*, That our most sincere thanks are tendered to Carey Camp No. 8, and Burnside Camp No. 21, for the cordial treatment we received at their hands, and the many favors shown us during the encampment. Our thanks are also extended to Kingman Post, No. 7, Crocker Post, No. 12, Joe Hooker Post, No. 21, to Gov. Larrabee, the city officials, the local press and the citizens of Des Moines for the treatment we have received at their hands, and we shall ever remember with pleasure our visit to Des Moines.

Moved, by Col. Frazee, of Ohio, seconded by Archer, of Ohio, to adopt report of the committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 6:

*Resolved*, That we hereby return to Gen. Walter S. Payne and all members of his staff our thanks for their zeal, ardor and self-sacrificing efforts for our Order during these two years. We will ever remember them as gentlemen and brothers worthy of our love and respect.

Moved, By Frazee, seconded by Springer, of Ohio, to adopt. Carried.

By motion of Judge Hatch, of N. Y., the rules were suspended and the following additional resolution was read and acted upon.

**Resolution No. 7, offered by Hatch, of N. Y.:**

*Resolved*, That Major A. P. Davis, the founder of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be and he hereby is, placed in permanent charge of the badges and decorative department of our Order, and that he be entrusted with the designs and patents upon badges and emblems of the Order, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief of our Order.

Moved, by M. Crowley, of N. H., to adopt the report as read by Hatch, of N. Y. Carried.

Report of Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Aug. 17, 1887.

*To the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V. U. S. A.:*

**BROTHERS:** We, your committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, beg leave to say that we have carefully considered all the proposed changes in our Constitution, Rules and Regulations that have been offered us, and recommend the following for your adoption:

Art. VII, Par. 2, Sec. 1, page 13 as follows: Change the word "last" to "first." Moved by Archer, of Ohio, to adopt. Carried.

Art. VIII, page 15, Sec. 5, add Seventh, a book in which shall be kept a list of all obligated members of the G. A. R. Adopted.

Art V, page 5, Sec. 1, be amended by adding, Provided they nor their fathers have ever borne arms against the Government of the United States of America. Adopted.

Art. IV, Par. 1, page 5, change as follows: Each Camp shall have an appropriate name and number, said name to be of some Union Veteran of the late war. Rejected.

Art. VIII, Sec. 3, page 14, addition to duties of Chaplain. After the words "closing of Camps" add the words "and shall make an annual report of deaths and Memorial Day services to the Division Chaplain at least ten days prior to the Annual Division Encampment. Adopted.

Strike out the word subordinate wherever it occurs. Adopted.

Art. II, Sec. 1, Par. 2, page 23, change as follows: "Second all Past Commanders-in-Chief, all Past Grand Division Commanders, and all Past Colonels in their respective Divisions. Adopted.

Order of Business, Rule 6, page 31, be changed as follows: Change places of Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations with Committee on Resolutions. Adopted.

Art. I V, page 36, strike out Commissary General and Chief Ordnance Officer, and one member elected from each Division, and insert "five elected." Adopted.

Art. VIII, Sec. 1, page 38, be amended to read as follows: The Council-in-Chief shall consist of the first three elective officers, the Chief-of-Staff, the Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, the Inspector General, the Chief Mustering Officer, Judge Advocate General, Surgeon General, Chaplain-in-Chief, and five members elected yearly by the Commandery-in-Chief. Adopted.

Art. VIII, Sec. 2, page 38, add to—The elective member of the Council-in-Chief shall be chosen at the stated yearly meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. Adopted.

Art. VI, Sec. 4, page 37, strike out "A Commissary General, a Chief Ordnance Officer, and." Adopted.

By motion of George W. Knowlton, of Minnesota, a recess was declared until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Commandery called to order at 2:20 P. M. by General Walter S. Payne in the chair, and declared open for business.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations continued their report as follows:

Chap. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 2, page 45, strike out "Deputy," and insert "Officer properly detailed." Adopted.

Art. IX, Sec. 1, page 55, be amended to read as follows: "And fatigue cap with gold cord embroidered, or metallic wreath in front, containing in silver bullion, embroidery or silver metal, the letters S. V. in old English or Roman characters respectively, and the number of the Camp." Adopted.

Art. IX, Sec. 2, page 55, be changed as follows: Omit words "shall not," and insert "may." Adopted.

Art. XI, Sec. 6, page 59, strike out Sec. 6, and make Sec. 7 Sec. 6. Moved and seconded to adopt. Objected to by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois; Goodale, Iowa; Crowley, New Hampshire; Loebenstein, of Missouri; and favored by Smith, of Pennsylvania.

The previous question was moved by Col. Hinkley, of Massachusetts.

The previous question was then put and carried and the report of committee adopted.

Art. X, Sec. 1, p. 56. Strike out all after the word "Coat" in paragraph first.

Moved by McCrillis not to concur in the report of the committee.

Remarks by Knowlton, Minn., Crowly, N. H., Webb, Kas., Gurney, Ill.

Gen. L. J. Webb moved the previous question be now put, which was done, and the report of the committee was not concurred in.

Moved by Gen. L. J. Webb, Kas., that we reconsider Sec. 6, Art. 11, page 59. Carried.

Moved by Smith, Pa., that we reconsider vote on Sec. 1, Art. 10, page 56. Carried.

Moved by Frazee, of Ohio. sec. by Webb, of Kas., to strike out all after the word "Coat" in Sec. 1, Art. 10, page 56, paragraph first. Carried.

Art. XIII. Sec. 2, page 61. That the first part of paragraph 2, be changed to read as follows: The fringe of the flags shall be of worsted, silk, gilt or gold bullion and the cord and tassels of worsted and silk, silk, or silk and gold, mixed. Both flags shall be provided with staffs and brass spear-heads or gilt eagles. The two small, or Camp colors, shall also be of blue with worsted, silk, gilt, or gold bullion fringe, and poles of convenient length, properly ornamented. In the centre of each color shall appear the number of the Camp. Adopted.

That the whole of the second resolution of the appendix be stricken out. Adopted.

Chap. 6, Art. XI., Sec. 5, page 58. Strike out the word elective wherever it occurs. Adopted.

Art 10., Sec. 1, Page 57. Third Paragraph. Strike out "one bar at each end." Adopted.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

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| MARVIN E. HALL,<br>JOS. B. MACCABE,<br>E. J. SMITH,<br>HENRY FRAZEE,<br>R. H. FREER,<br>F. L. EATON, | } | Committee. |
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Bro. W. E. Bundy, of Ohio, moved that the report of the Committee on

Constitution, Rules and Regulations be adopted as amended. Carried.

Report of the Council-in-Chief was read by Adj't Gen'l T. G. Carlisle, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

DES MOINES, August 16th, 1887.

*To the Commander-in-Chief:*

BROTHERS:—We respectfully submit the following as the minutes of the meeting of the Council-in-Chief held this day:

Meeting called to order at 8:15 P. M. by General W. S. Payne, with the following members present:

General W. S. Payne, Lieutenant General J. L. Rake, H. M. Russell, Acting Chief-of-Staff; T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General; O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General; G. B. Abbott, Inspector General; E. H. Archer, Acting Chief Mustering Officer; E. S. Walker, Acting Judge Advocate General; J. B. Maccabe, Commissary General, and G. Brainard Smith.

Bro. Maccabe offered the following motion:

In view of the acrimonious feeling liable to be developed by the offering of prizes for the largest number of Camps mustered in in any Division, we respectfully recommend that hereafter the practice be discontinued. Motion put and carried.

Adjourned at 11:15 P. M. to 8 A. M., August 17th.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH.

Meeting called to order at 9 A. M. The following members present:

General W. S. Payne, Lieutenant General J. L. Rake, H. M. Russell, Acting Chief-of-Staff; T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General; O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General; E. H. Archer, Acting Chief Mustering Officer; T. A. Spillman, Surgeon General; J. B. Maccabe, Commissary General; M. Crowley, C. J. Post, and G. Brainard Smith.

The following recommendations were read:

Relative to the Quartermaster General's report in the matter of the dispute of Commander-in-Chief and the Michigan Division over indebtedness, we respectfully recommend that the same be referred to the Commandery-in-Chief for settlement; also that the Commandery-in-Chief take into consideration the question at issue between General W. S. Payne and F. W. Rowlson, Past Commander of Michigan Division, relative to monies received for badges and seals.

We respectfully recommend that the per capita tax for the ensuing year be twelve (12) cents per annum, payable quarterly.

In view of the lax method displayed by several Divisions in remitting per capita tax, the Council-in-Chief would respectfully recommend that hereafter the Divisions throughout the Order be compelled to make a final settlement with Commander-in-Chief not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the annual meeting of Council-in-Chief for the final auditing of accounts of said Commandery-in-Chief.

Recommendations put to vote and carried.

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Quartermaster General, and find them to be correct.

Adjourned.

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| WALTER S. PAYNE,<br>J. L. RAKE,<br>H. M. RUSSELL,<br>T. G. CARLISLE,<br>OSCAR T. SHUTT,<br>JOS. B. MACCABE,<br>G. B. ABBOTT,<br>E. H. ARCHER,<br>E. S. WALKER,<br>S. A. SPILMAN,<br>G. BRAINARD SMITH,<br>MICHAEL CROWLEY,<br>C. J. POST. | } | For Council-in-Chief. |
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Moved by E. H. Archer, of Ohio, to adopt the Report of the Council-in-Chief as read by the Adj't Gen'l. Carried.

The matter in dispute between Gen'l Walter S. Payne and the Mich. Division was here brought up.

Moved by C. J. Post, of Mich., to refer to a committee of five, of whom Judge Advocate Gen'l L. J. Webb be made chairman, the rest of the Committee to be appointed by the Lt. General. Carried.

The Lt. General appointed Bros. L. J. Webb, R. Loebenstein, Mo.; W. C. Reeme, Pa.; Munn, of Neb.; and Sells, of Iowa.

Col. E. J. Smith, of Pa., offered the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That Speer Orr Camp, No. 14, S. V., U. S. A., Division of Pa., extend to Gen'l H. W. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief of S. V., U. S. A., all the privileges of Speer Orr Camp, as defined by By-Laws approved March 28th, 1887, and he be exempt from all dues and fines on account of said Camp from date.

Moved by Gen'l Abbott, seconded by Col. Frazee, of Ohio, that Speer

Orr Camp, No. 14, Division of Pennsylvania, be allowed to make Past Commander-in-Chief H. W. Arnold a life member of said Camp without payment of dues. Motion carried by a unanimous vote

The Committee on Ritual, through their Chairman, General G. B. Abbott, presented the following burial service for our Order: \*

Moved by Col. H. M. Russell, of Pennsylvania, that we adopt the burial service as read. Carried.

Lieutenant General J. L. Rake called to the Chair as General Walter S. Payne was wanted by the special committee appointed to settle the matter between himself and the Michigan Division.

Col. E. S. Walker, of Indiana, asked for the privilege of the floor, which privilege was granted the Indiana Colonel, who, in a well-worded speech, presented to Adjutant General T. G. Carlisle, on behalf of the Indiana Division, an elegant sword and belt as a token of their friendship towards him. The General was completely taken by surprise when he heard his name called to behold the Indiana Colonel before him and the cheering of the members of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Adjutant General replied in a feeling manner, saying that he had written to Col. Walker when invited to act as the Adjutant of the Indiana Division Encampment that he had helped to capture Richmond, Va., during the war, and would go with him and help capture Richmond, Ind., which he said, according to the papers, they had done, but he had no idea that he had captured the heart of the Indiana Division. He accepted the sword and belt, and said he would ever hold it and its donors in high esteem. Three cheers were given for the Adjutant General and the Indiana Division.

Committee on Officers' Reports presented the following report:

*Gen. Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

Your Committee on Reports of Officers beg leave to submit the following:

That we heartily concur in all the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief with the following exceptions, and we, therefore, present the following recommendations:

1st. That a sufficient additional amount be charged on supplies to cover the cost of shipment.

Moved by Bundy, of Ohio, to adopt. Smith, of Pennsylvania, and Freer, of West Virginia, Spoke against the motion. Motion put and declared LOST.

2nd. That we do not concur with the recommendation to change that part of Art. IX, Sec. 2, in regard to the number on cap of Commandery-in-Chief and Division Officers. "No action," as it was covered by report of Committee on Constitutions, Rules and Regulations.

3rd. That we object to any further concessions to the New York and New Jersey Post System, and respectfully recommend that hereafter members of said Post System mustered into this Order be admitted as recruits and not given any Post rank.

By motion of Col. Freer, of West Virginia, the recommendation was adopted.

4th. Adjutant General's report:

We heartily concur with the report and recommendations of the Adjutant General, and especially approve his recommendation that the Commander-in-Chief detail brothers of the Order who are also members of the G. A. R. to visit the several Department Encampments of the G. A. R., and lay before them the aims and objects of our Order and our claims to their recognition and encouragement.

\* See Official Burial Service, as published by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Moved by Freer, of West Virginia, to concur in the report of the Committee. Carried.

In reading the report of the Quartermaster-General, we find that his recommendations in relation to supplies, correspond with that found in the report of the Commander-in-Chief, and we therefore concur with the said recommendation.

We also approve and recommend the adoption of his report whereby Captains, First and Second Lieutenants are prohibited from assuming the duties of their respective positions until commissioned by the Colonel commanding.

Moved, by Bundy, of Ohio, to lay the recommendation upon the table. Carried.

His recommendation that Camps be allowed the use of Four (4) Rituals, we report adversely.

Moved, by Maccabe, of Massachusetts, that the report be not concurred in. Carried.

In relation to the claim of the Commandery-in-Chief against the Michigan Division for \$94.65, your committee are unable to arrive at any conclusion and respectfully report the matter back for the consideration of the Encampment. We respectfully call your attention to Art. III, Sec. 1, and Art. IV., Sec. 1, of the General Rules and Regulations.

Moved, by Bundy, of Ohio, to concur in report of committee. Carried.

We concur in his recommendation that Camp Constitutions be dropped from the list of supplies, and Constitutions, Rules and Regulations be furnished, bound and unbound. We report affirmatively. Adopted.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT. The recommendations of the committee on the report of the Inspector-General are as follows:

1. Court Martials. Committee report negatively and offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Commander-in-Chief have printed a copy of the U. S. rules governing courts martial and place the same on the list of supplies.

Moved, by Loebenstein, of Missouri, that the report of committee be concurred in. Carried.

2. Coat-of-Arms, committee report negatively, and we offer the following as a substitute: That Art. 14, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, be so amended to conform with the electros now in use.

Moved, by Herod, of Kansas. We do not concur in the report of the committee. Carried.

Inspector-General's recommendation adopted.

3. Installing officers, appointment blanks, suspensions and applications for sons of Sons of Veterans your committee report affirmatively.

By motion of Herod, of Kansas, report was adopted.

4. Stricken out.

5. General Orders. That the recommendation that a sufficient number be issued to supply each member of the Order with a copy, reported negatively.

Moved, by Bundy, to concur in report of committee. Carried.

6. Uniform and insignia of rank, the committee offer the following substitute:

*Resolved*, That the present fatigue uniform remain as at present, with the exception that the fatigue cap have on: Camps equipped as Infantry may wear on the front of the cap embroidered or metal crossed rifles with Camp number and letters as at present. Camps equipped as Artillery may wear embroidered or metal crossed cannon. Camps equipped as Cavalry may wear embroidered or metal crossed sabers. That equipped Camps desiring to adopt the U. S. dress-uniform can do so upon dispensa-

tion by the Colonel commanding.

Adopted, as amended, by Loebenstein, of Missouri.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL. We especially recommend the report of the Judge Advocate General, and heartily recommend the adoption of such rules as shall forever prohibit the admission to membership of such persons whose fathers served as Union soldiers, while they, the sons of such Fathers, served in the Rebel Army, and we recommend that the following words be inserted in form of application for membership: "I have never borne arms against the United States, and have never been convicted of any infamous crime."

Moved, by Col. H. M. Russell, that the report of committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved, by Herod, of Kansas, to adopt the report of the Committee on Officer's reports as a whole as amended. Carried.

C. J. Post, of Michigan, offered a resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That concurring in the request of several Divisions, all of Sec. 4, Art. IX, page 58, General Rules and Regulations that appear after the words "Constantly Wear" be stricken out, and that the words "The miniature badge representing the shield of the Order as a button-hole or pin decoration, as devised by Major A. P. Davis," be substituted therefor.

Amended, by adding, Provided, however, that Brothers who still desire to wear the bar-button-hole decoration heretofore in use, shall be at liberty to do so.

A motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution was lost, and it was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

General L. J. Webb, Chairman of Committee, made the following report on the matter of dispute between the Commander-in-Chief and the Michigan Division.

*Commander-in-Chief*: Your committee to whom was referred the matters in difference between the Commandery-in-Chief and Michigan Division, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully examined into the matters referred to us, and we find that there is due from the Michigan Division to the Commandery-in-Chief per capita tax and supplies the sum of \$89.55.

We further find that the Commander-in-Chief has expended for badges for the Michigan Division, the sum of \$67.00, and we recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief pay to the Commander-in-Chief that amount.

We find that the Michigan Division is indebted to the Commandery-in-Chief for per capita tax and supplies and six badges, the sum of \$135.65 which should be paid by the Michigan Division.

Your committee are of the opinion that the differences between the Michigan Division and its Past Colonel, F. W. Rowson, are not properly before this Encampment for its consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

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| L. J. WEBB,     | } Committee. |
| CATO SELLS,     |              |
| R. LOEBENSTEIN, |              |
| W. C. REEME,    |              |
| H. F. MUNN,     |              |

Report of Committee adopted.

Col. James D. Rowen, of Iowa, offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the charter prepared by Bro. Horace P. Kent be adopted by this Encampment, and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to have the same lithographed and furnish to all new Camps and to Camps already mustered upon application.

Moved that that the rules be suspended, and we proceed to the election

of officers at once. Motion carried.

Moved that we proceed to take an informal ballot. Carried.

Chair appointed as Tellers:

Bro. Kenington, of Pennsylvania; Bro. Sorter, of Iowa, and Bro. Post, of Michigan.

Result of informal ballot as follows:

L. J. Webb, 4; M. E. Hall, 6; G. B. Abbott, 30; J. L. Rake, 22.

Moved by Cato Sells, of Iowa, seconded by Bundy, of Ohio, to take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow to meet at G. A. R. Hall, corner Sixth and Mulberry streets. Carried and recess declared.

#### AUGUST 19TH, 1887.

Encampment called to order at 9:45 in G. A. R. Hall, corner Sixth and Mulberry streets by General Walter S. Payne in the chair.

Gen. L. J. Webb, of Kansas, offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The *Daily Iowa Capital*, in its issue of August 18th, published as a part of the proceedings of this Encampment the following false statement, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Commandery-in-Chief assembled deprecate the unfortunate language used in General Order No. 15, reflecting upon the loyalty of the Congress of the United States, and that we hereby declare that the imputation against our National Legislative body in our name be condemned.

AND WHEREAS, Said paper could not have received said statement except by the violation of duty on the part of some person or persons attending the Encampment, and

WHEREAS, Said publication does an injustice to our Commander-in-Chief, therefore it is

*Resolved*, That the author thereof deserves and should receive the censure of this Encampment.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Crowley, of New Hampshire, to adopt the resolution.

Moved by Archer, of Ohio, that the rules be suspended, and we proceed to adopt the resolution. Motion carried, and resolution of Bro. L. J. Webb was adopted.

Sells, of Iowa, seconded by Bundy, moved that we proceed to take an informal ballot for Commander-in-Chief. Motion lost.

Moved by Herod, of Kansas, seconded by Bundy, of Ohio, that we proceed to a formal ballot for Commander-in-Chief. Motion carried.

Tellers: Post, of Michigan; Kenington, of Pennsylvania, and Knowlton, of Minnesota.

Ballot was had with the following result:

G. B. Abbott, 42 votes; J. L. Rake, 1; L. J. Webb, 1; E. H. Milham, 20. Sixty-four votes being cast; necessary to a choice, 33.

G. B. Abbott having received a majority of the votes cast, Bro. Cato Sells, of Iowa, seconded by E. H. Milham, of Minnesota, moved to make this ballot unanimous. Motion carried.

One vote, Col. Smith, of Pennsylvania, voting nay, the Chair declared G. B. Abbott elected Commander-in-Chief by a vote of 42 to 22 for other candidates.

Col. R. H. Freer, of West Virginia, took the floor, and nominated Bro. E. W. Hatch, of New York, for Lieutenant General. General S. J. Webb seconded the nomination. Bro. Hatch took the floor, and very feelingly thanked the brothers for the nomination, and the Commandery-in-Chief for the courtesies extended him, and declined the nomination.

Bro. Cato Sells then nominated Col. Henry Frazee, of Ohio, for Lieu-

tenant General. Bro. Bundy, of Ohio, seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Col. Jas. D. Rowen moved, and was seconded by J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, that the Adjutant General cast the ballot of this Encampment for Col. Henry Frazee, of Ohio, for Lieutenant General. The motion was put and carried unanimously. The ballot was so cast, and Henry Frazee declared elected Lieutenant General.

General L. J. Webb took the floor, and put in nomination J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, for the office of Major General. Nomination seconded by Col. Frazee, of Ohio.

Moved by N. G. Cooper to suspend the rules and the Adjutant General cast the entire ballot for Bro. J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, for Major General. Motion carried.

Ballot so cast, and J. J. Speaker was declared duly elected Major General:

#### COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Bro. Munn, of Nebraska, nominated A. M. Appleget, of Nebraska; Bro. Loebenstein, of Missouri, nominated M. Crowley, of New Hampshire; Bro. Rowen, of Iowa, nominated J. W. Shawvan, of Iowa; Bro. Crowley, of New Hampshire, seconded nomination of J. W. Shawvan, of Iowa; Bro. Shutz, of Iowa, nominated Cato Sells, of Iowa; Bro. Freer, of West Virginia, nominated J. W. Anderson, of Pennsylvania; Bro. Garrett, of Indiana, nominated E. S. Walker, of Indiana; Bro. Hall, of Michigan, nominated N. G. Cooper, of Michigan; Bro. McCrillis, of Illinois, nominated G. B. Smith, of Connecticut, Bro. J. H. Hinkly, of Massachusetts, nominated Joe B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts; Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas, seconded nomination of N. G. Cooper, of Michigan; Bro. J. B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts, nominated J. L. Rake, of Pennsylvania; Bro. E. H. Milham, of Minnesota, nominated C. B. Cook, of Dakota.

By motion of Webb, of Kansas, with five names on each ticket, the ones receiving the highest votes to be declared elected.

A ballot was had with the following result:

A. M. Appleget, of Nebraska, 30; Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire, 27; Cato Sells, of Iowa, 25; J. W. Anderson, of Pennsylvania, 40; E. S. Walker, of Indiana, 11; N. G. Cooper, of Michigan, 24; G. B. Smith, of Connecticut, 34; Jos. B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts, 28; J. L. Rake, of Pennsylvania, 31; C. B. Cook, of Dakota, 36; F. M. Kenedy, of Ohio, 15; Brother J. W. Shawvan, of Iowa, withdrew.

J. W. Anderson, of Pennsylvania; C. B. Cook, of Dakota; G. B. Smith, of Connecticut; J. L. Rake, of Pennsylvania; A. M. Appleget, of Nebraska, were declared duly elected members of the Council-in-Chief.

By motion of Sells, of Iowa, the election was made unanimous.

Joe B. Maccabe moved that we hold our next Encampment at Wheeling, West Virginia; seconded by Crowley, of New Hampshire.

Moved by McCrillis that nominations close, and that the Adjutant General cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Wheeling, W. Va. Carried.

Ballot so cast, and Wheeling was declared the unanimous choice for the place of holding the next session of the Commandery-in-Chief in 1888.

General Payne then dismissed the tellers with the thanks of the Convention.

The following preamble and resolution, as a substitute to a resolution offered by Brother Bundy, of Ohio, was offered by General L. J. Webb, of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Exceptions have been taken to certain portions of General Order No. 16, issued by the Commander-in-Chief, and reflections have been cast upon the Order of Sons of Veterans by reason thereof, and

WHEREAS, Our Order of Sons of Veterans is strictly non-partisan, therefore it is

*Resolved, 1st,* That while we exonerate the Commander-in-Chief in this matter, we do not indorse any language therein that may reflect upon the loyalty of Congress or the President of the United States.

*Resolved, 2nd,* That we censure any and all Camps and brothers of the Sons of Veterans that act in bad faith in devulging any of the private work or the proceedings of our Order.

By motion, the rules were suspended, and the above preamble and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following final report, and asked to be discharged.

First. We recommend that the following resolutions be adopted:

*Resolved,* That, concurring in the requests of several Divisions, all of Sec. 4, Art. XI, page 58, General Rules and Regulations that appear after the words "constantly wear" be stricken out, and the words, "the miniature badge, representing the shield of the Order, as a button-hole or pin decoration, as devised by Major A. P. Davis, be substituted therefor, provided, however, that brothers who still desire to wear the bar button-hole decoration heretofore in use shall be at liberty to do so."

Second. *Resolved,* That the design of charter prepared by Bro. Horace P. Kent be adopted by this Encampment, and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to have the same lithographed, and furnish same to all new Camps and to Camps already mustered upon application.

We recommend the adoption, provided the charter shall be changed as follows:

First. That crossed swords in coat-of-arms shall point up instead of down.

Second. That a blank space of six (6) lines, instead of five (5), be left for inserting names.

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| Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L., | } Committee. |
| W. C. REEME, of Pennsylvania,            |              |
| R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri,             |              |
| CLAY D. HEROD, of Kansas,                |              |
| MICHAEL CROWLY, of New Hampshire,        |              |
| J. S. MARTIN, of Pennsylvania,           |              |

Herod, of Kansas, moved that the report of the committee be adopted and the committee discharged. Carried.

Resolutions from P. R. Schuyler Camp, No. 2, of Philadelphia, Pa., were read, asking the Commandery-in-Chief to allow them to retain their present number—2. Also one of the same character from No. 2, of Allegheny, Pa., were read by the Adjutant General.

By motion, they were referred back to the Division of Pennsylvania, with instructions to allow both Camps to retain their present numbers.

Bro. Herod, of Kansas, moved to amend Art. 4, page 5, paragraph first, to read after the word "number" "provided that the Division of Pennsylvania may have duplicate numbers as to Camps No. 2, 4, 9 and 33. Carried.

Moved that we suspend the rules and adopt the above amendment. Carried.

Bro. G. W. Knowlton, of Minnesota, extended to the members of the Encampment an invitation to the State Fair and Soldiers' Reunion of Minnesota on the 16th and 17th of September, 1887, to be held in St. Paul.

Moved by Bro. Archer, seconded by Col. McCrillis, to take a recess until 2:30. Motion lost.

Col. M. E. Hall moved that the Commandery-in-Chief officers, and the officers of the Council-in-Chief, who were present to audit the books, be

paid their expenses (railroad and hotel) to the Encampment. Carried  
 Moved by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, to take a recess until 2 o'clock  
 Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 19TH, 1887.

Called to order at 2 o'clock by Gen. Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, in the chair, who proceeded to public the officers elected for the ensuing year.

The following officers were then duly installed by Commander-in-Chief Walter S. Payne:

G. B. Abbott, of Illinois, Commander-in-Chief; J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, Major General; J. W. Anderson, of Pennsylvania; G. B. Smith, of Connecticut; A. M. Apleget, of Nebraska, and C. B. Cook, of Dakota, Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief then assumed command, and in a few well-chosen remarks thanked the members of the Sixth National Encampment for their kind and generous courtesies that they had extended him in electing him to the highest position in their gift.

Moved by Joe B. Maccabe that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Howe, President of Kinsman Women's Relief Corps, of Des Moines, for courtesies extended the Commandery-in-Chief while in session, August 16 to 19, 1887. Carried.

Moved by Rowen we take a recess to join in the parade to immediately assemble upon the breaking up of the parade. Carried and recess ordered.

Encampment re-assembled at 4:30 with Gen. G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, in the chair.

Lt.-Gen'l Henry Frazee, of Ohio, and J. L. Rake, member of Council-in-Chief duly elected, were duly installed by Gen'l G. B. Abbott.

Col. E. S. Walker, of Ind., was appointed Serg't of the Guard.

Moved by Rowen, of Iowa, seconded by Crowley, of N. H., that the next Encampment meet on the first Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the 10th of August, 1888, at Wheeling, West Va. Carried.

Moved by Rowen of Iowa, that a committee of five be appointed on transportation. Carried.

Chair appointed Col. R. H. Freer, West Va.; Col. F. McCrillis, Ill.; Col. F. M. Shackford, N. H.; Gen'l Henry Frazee, Ohio; Col. E. J. Smith, Pa.

Moved by W. F. Jenkins that the salary of the Adj't General be fixed at \$600 and the Q. M. General at \$400 for the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by Col. E. J. Smith, of Pa., that all Divisions be reimbursed for all stock on hand, rendered useless by action of the Commandery-in-Chief. After debate for and against the motion at considerable length, the motion was put and declared lost.

Col. Rowen, of Iowa, thanked the members of the Encampment for their presence here during the Encampment.

Capt. Shutz, of Burnside Camp, No. 21, Division of Iowa, invited the Encampment to visit them this evening at their regular meeting.

Moved by Loebenstein, of Mo., that we proceed to close. Carried.

Before closing Major A. P. Davis presented a bill of \$200, on which he said he had received \$75; he further stated his bill had been allowed but was not paid for want of funds. The bill was referred to the Council-in-Chief for final action, by motion of W. E. Bundy, of Ohio.

The Sixth National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was then closed in due form by Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott, to meet at Wheeling, West Va., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the 10th day of August, 1888.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General*.

W. F. JENKINS, *Ass't Adj't Gen'l*.

GEN'L G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*







# PROCEEDINGS

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## SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

— . OF THE: —

### Gons of Veterans, U. S. A.

— : HELD IN THE : —

## City of Wheeling, W. Va.,

August 15, 16 and 17, 1888.

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#### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., August 15, A. D., 1888, Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott in the chair.

Adjutant, Geo. H. Sheire, of Minnesota, was appointed Acting Corporal of the Guard.

Brother M. F. McFarren of Kentucky was appointed Acting Camp Guard.

Commandery-in-Chief was then opened in due form.

On roll call the following officers were found to be present: Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott; Lieutenant General, Henry Frazee; Major General, J. J. Speaker; Chief-of-Staff, Harry M. Russell; Adjutant General, C. J. Post; Quartermaster General, A. H. Easter; Inspector General, Marvin E. Hall; Chief Mustering officer, Jos. B. Maccabee; Judge Advocate General, Romeo H. Freer; Surgeon General, M. Retel, M. D.; Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod, and the following elective members of the Council-in-Chief: Brothers Rake of Pennsylvania, Smith of Connecticut, Cooke of Dakota and Appelget of Nebraska.



The Commander-in-Chief appointed as Committee on Credentials, Adjutant General C. J. Post of Illinois; Colonel Sherman J. Brown of Maryland; Brother Wm. O. McDowell of New Jersey; Colonel N. C. Upham of Massachusetts and Brother George Van Houten of Iowa.

Moved by Colonel Rowen of Iowa, seconded by Colonel Crowley of New Hampshire, that a recess of ten minutes be taken. Lost.

Moved by Captain C. T. Orner of Illinois, seconded by C. A. C. Garst of Illinois, that a recess be taken until one o'clock P. M. Lost.

Comrade W. J. Robb, of Wheeling, West Virginia, was then obligated.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

"We find the following Brothers are entitled to seats and votes in this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott.

Lieutenant General, Henry Frazee.

Major General, J. J. Speaker:

Chief of Staff, Harry M. Russell.

Adjutant General, C. J. Post.

Quartermaster General, A. H. Easter.

Inspector General, Marvin E. Hall.

Chief Mustering officer, Jos. B. Maccabe.

Judge Advocate General, R. H. Freer.

Surgeon General, M. Retel.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod.

Council-in-Chief, G. Brainard Smith, J. L. Rake, C. B. Cooke, A. M. Appelget.

Past Commanders-in-Chief, A. P. Davis, Frank P. Merrill, Harry W. Arnold, Walter S. Payne, Louis M. Wagner.

Constitutional Life Members, General W. E. W. Ross, Colonel R. M. J. Reed, Dr. Eldridge, General John A. Thompson, J. A. Rodrigo, General I. S. Bangs, General Wm. H. Pierpont.

#### PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION—F. H. Challis, H. P. Kent.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION—Raphael Tobias.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION—Leland J. Webb, Chas. S. Crysler.

CALIFORNIA.—Past Colonels, C. J. Callahan, Louis D. Callahan; Colonel Ed. C. Robinson.

COLORADO.—Past Colonel, Harry D. Kendig, Colonel Frank C. McArthur. Delegate-at-Large, L. W. Kennedy; Delegate, F. J. Trumbull.

CONNECTICUT.—Past Colonels, E. Z. Dow, L. F. Burpee, Eugene Morehouse; Colonel C. K. Farnham. Delegate-at-Large, Edward Reisel; Delegate, E. J. San Souci.

DAKOTA.—Past Colonels, E. G. Worden, J. R. Rockwell, Hamilton Kerr; Colonel, C. C. Bras; Delegate-at-Large, W. A. Rogers; Delegate, A. L. Huston.

FLORIDA.—Colonel, J. W. V. R. Plummer.

ILLINOIS.—Past Colonels, R. V. Mallory, A. W. McFarland; Colonel, Frank McCrillis; Delegate-at-Large, C. A. C. Garst; Delegates, C. T. Orner, E. T. Roe, J. B. Lidders, Geo. W. Whyte.

IOWA.—Past Colonels, P. V. Cary, Jas. D. Rowen; Colonel, Cato Sells; Delegate-at-Large, Geo. Van Houten; Delegates, Walter W. Hill, R. M. Dewitt.

INDIANA.—Colonel, Elmer S. Walker; Delegate-at-Large, Chas. F. Griffin; Delegates, D. W. Wood, Geo. Behler, G. C. Harvey.

KANSAS.—Past Colonels, A. C. Dolde, L. J. Webb; Colonel, Clay D. Herod; Alternate-at-Large, C. W. Isenburg; Delegates, Taylor Dawson, Geo. H. Dow.

KENTUCKY.—Past Colonel, Will K. West; Colonel, Nathan M. Pell; Delegate-at-Large, J. A. Averdick; Delegate, D. H. Niemeyer.

MAINE.—Past Colonels, Chas. H. Rice, A. S. Libby, Jno. E. Blake, Ed. K. Gould, Thos. G. Libby; Colonel, Waldo H. Perry; Delegate-at-Large, Horace L. Wright; Delegate, E. E. Philbrook.

MARYLAND.—Past Colonels, G. W. Collier, Miles W. Ross, Colonel, Sherman J. Brown; Delegate-at-Large, R. W. Wilson, Delegate E. E. Stainer.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Past Colonels, Joe B. Maccabe, C. F. Sargent, Jno J. McAndrews, H. S. Crossman, Geo. H. Cleveland, Jno. H. Hinkley; Colonel N. C. Upham; Delegate-at-Large, W. A. Tripp; Delegates, H. S. Lyons, D. B. Purbeck, Charles K. Darling.

MICHIGAN.—Past Colonels Herrick Hodges, Maryin E. Hall; Colonel Burt M. Fellows; Delegate-at-Large Earl Hemmenway. Delegates W. A. Huyck, W. T. Beale, M. J. Davis.

MINNESOTA.—Past Colonels, E. M. Van Cleve, F. W. Rowson; Colonel, E. H. Milham; Delegate-at-Large, A. S. Morgan; Delegate, Geo. W. Martin.

MISSOURI.—Past Colonels, Chas. S. Crysler, J. J. Speaker, A. H. Vandivert; Colonel, Ed. R. Durham; Delegate-at-Large, R. Loebenstein; Delegate F. Neudorff.

MONTANA TERRITORY.—Past Colonel, Geo. W. Gibbs; Colonel, Wm. H. Perkins.

NEBRASKA.—Past Colonels, A. W. Coglizer, B. W. Hawkins; Colonel, A. M. Appelget; Delegate-at-Large, W. J. Knepper; Delegate G. H. Palmer.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Past Colonels, Frank H. Challis, Edwin A. Badger, Frank E. Libby, Frank M. Shackford, Michael Crowley; Colonel Frank B. Perkins; Delegate-at-Large Eugene S. Davis; Delegate A. D. Farnham.

NEW JERSEY.—Past Colonels E. E. Jeffries, H. E. Hatfield, W. A. Crawford; Colonel F. D. Morse; Delegate-at-Large, Wm. O. McDowell; Delegate Geo. H. Perkins.

NEW YORK.—Past Colonels, C. J. Foster, C. T. Rain, E. F. Fellows; Colonel, M. Retel; Delegate-at-Large, E. M. Lamphere; Delegate, E. W. Hatch.

OHIO.—Past Colonels, E. W. Poe, W. C. Wykoff, Harry R. Bacon, E. H. Gilkey, F. W. Myers, Geo. A. Ensign, Henry Frazee; Colonel, Geo. W. Leonard; Delegate-at-Large, O. B. Brown; Delegates, Ben S. Johnson, R. H. Clarkson, W. E. Fundy, D. Q. Morrow, John Nevins, E. G. Rathbone, Geo. E. DeSteigener.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Past Colonels, J. H. Closson, R. M. J. Reed, H. W. Orth, F. M. Hartzell, R. E. Hopkins, E. W. Alexander, H. W. Arnold, W. S. Payne, W. H. Smith, L. M. Wagner, H. H. Hammer, A. K. Howard, H. M. Russell C. J. Miller, G. B. Brockway; Colonel, J. L. Rake; Delegate-at-Large, E. H. Ashcroft; Delegates, W. S. Parker, E. R. Kennington, E. M. Amies, Geo. W. Wagonseller A. C. Nahm.

RHODE ISLAND.—Colonel, Chas. H. West.

VERMONT.—Past Colonels C. F. R. Jenney, G. E. Terrill, John E. Fox; Colonel F. L. Eaton.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Past Colonel, R. H. Freer; Colonel, H. B. Baguley; Delegate-at-Large, Thos. H. B. Staggers; Delegate, D. K. Frazier.

WISCONSIN.—Past Colonels, F. S. Peacock, F. J. Walthers, J. P. Sheridan; Colonel, Chas. H. Hudson, Delegate-at-Large, C. A. Armstrong; Delegate, Wm. Rowe.

In reference to the Iowa delegation your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

They find that Past Colonels, P. V. Carey, James D. Rowen; Colonel Cato Sells; Delegate-at-Large, George Van Houten, Delegates, Walter W. Hill, R. M. Dewitt are entitled to the privileges of this Encampment from the Division of Iowa. The Division Adjutant claims that he forwarded their credentials to the Commandery-in-chief Headquarters by mail, and that they failed to reach Headquarters. We do, therefore, recommend that they be given seats and votes in this Encampment.

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| C. J. Post,         | } Committee. |
| S. J. Brown,        |              |
| Wm. O. McDowell,    |              |
| N. C. Upham,        |              |
| George Van Houten.) |              |

Moved by Colonel Rowen, seconded by Brother J. B. Lidders that the report of the Committee on Credentials be accepted and the Committee continued. Carried.

Moved by Colonel Rowen, seconded by Brother J. B. Lidders that the rules be suspended and Brother C. T. Orner, of Illinois, be allowed to introduce a resolution upon the death of General Phillip H. Sheridan. Carried.

(See report Committee on Resolutions)

Moved by Brother Orner, seconded by Brother Van Houten, of Iowa, that the resolutions be referred to the Committee on resolutions. Carried.

General Abbott then appointed the following Committees:

ON DISTRIBUTION OF WORK.—Brothers Russel, of Pennsylvania, San Souci, of Connecticut, Rogers of Dakota; Averdick, of Kentucky and Frazier, of West Virginia.

ON RITUAL.—Brothers Hall, of Michigan, Milham, of Minnesota, Loebenstein, of Missouri; Leonard, of Ohio and Hinkley, of Massachusetts,

ON RESOLUTIONS.—Rowen of Iowa, Roe of Illinois; Pell, of Kentucky; Rathbone, of Ohio; Griffin, of Indiana; Davis, of New Hampshire and Amies of Pennsylvania.

ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.—Brothers Hatch, of New York; Rowe, of Wisconsin; Parker, of Pennsylvania; Morgan, of Minnesota, Wood, of Ind.

ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.—Brothers Freer, of West Virginia; Maccabe, of Massachusetts; Webb, of Kansas; McCrillis, of Illinois and Brown of Ohio.

Moved by Colonel Webb, of Kansas, seconded by General Speaker, of Missouri, that a recess be taken until 3 o'clock, P. M. Carried.

#### WEDNESDAY P. M. SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 3 P. M. Commander-in-Chief Abbott in the chair and a quorum being present.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

Moved by Brother Garst, of Illinois, seconded by Brother Hemenway, of Michigan, that the name of Colonel H. A. Swazy, of the Provisional Division at Large be placed in the report of the Committee on Credentials, and that he be given a voice and vote in this Encampment. Carried.

Moved by Brother Wagenseller, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Brother Russell that all motions be recorded whether carried or lost. Commander-in-Chief Abbott declared that as a rule of order it be done.

Moved by Brother Bundy, of Ohio, seconded by Brother Speaker, that a committee of three be appointed to be known as the Press Committee. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed Brothers Bundy, of Ohio, Dewitt of Iowa and Perkins of New Jersey as such committee.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ABBOTT, ANNOUNCED REPORTS OF OFFICERS WOULD NOW BE RECEIVED, AND READ HIS ANNUAL REPORT AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 11, 1888.

*To the brothers of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. S. V., U. S. A.*

**BROTHERS:** Time, that unconquered warrior with his blade, before whom all must fall, has mown away the days and so vanquished the intervening hours since last we met, that to-day we are again assembled in accordance with our customs to report in detail the history of the events, defeats and victories of the Seventh Annual Campaign and to devise and counsel and plan for the future, choose our leader and renew our fealty to our principles and objects. In this spirit, I greet you.

The year has come and gone, and with it came honor, anxiety, labor and a reasonable proportion of success, accompanied with regrets for occasional failures of judgement and deep gratitude for the courtesy of those whose servants we were.

The criticisms which have opposed have been few indeed, considering the opportunities presented and these few, with one or two exceptions, were prompted by the purest of motives and the honest, earnest purpose of the critics was so apparent and frank that the most sensitive could not fail to appreciate and approve of the spirit that called them forth.

By the courtesy of the Sixth Annual Encampment, we were honored with the command of the Supreme body of our organization. We were not new in the Order, nor did we presume ourselves unfamiliar with many of its requirements and we supposed we had an approximate knowledge of the extent of the work we were to undertake, but in this we were certainly very much mistaken. The Order was an overgrown, ungoverned youth that neither knew its dimensions nor strength. The records, as we received them, were very incomplete and with the exception of the record of charters issued, we scarcely possessed any fixed data regarding the Organization, and to-day the Order is seriously crippled in the loss of records pertaining to its past history. Our predecessors, either for want of time or inclination, have failed to keep certain records, or at least to turn over to their successors certain records which were of vital importance to the Order; and to open books and make researches through the scraps and odds and ends which we had, to establish a beginning, entailed an endless amount of work and the continuation of which, (and the welfare of the Order certainly demands that it should continue), must needs increase the work of those which are to follow us. In the work which we undertook a year ago, we have failed in many things that we hoped and believed we would accomplish, but with the limited amount of help at our disposal, we feel that we have accomplished much toward the ends we looked for and believing that the generosity of our brothers which has so universally sustained us in the past will overlook our shortcomings we will make no further attempt to

trespass further on your time in making apologies, but recognizing the fact that we are here to transact business and with as much dispatch as possible, we will proceed directly with the review of those subjects in detail which especially require your consideration and legislation.

#### THE ORDER AT LARGE.

Throughout the length and breadth of our Organization, there is harmony on every side, there are no dissensions in the Divisions, no unhealed wound, no serious grievances, no complaints that in any way threaten the harmony and good will extending through the Order. The condition of affairs has never been heretofore quite as satisfactory as it is at the present time. There are localities where certain features of our Organization are not as popular as they are in others and in other sections, the situations are the reverse, but there is a spirit of harmony, a general desire among all Brothers to work for the best interests of the Order and to contentedly abide by all rules and regulations. This argues well for our future and by exercising a reasonable amount of care and by assuming a certain amount of conservatism in the work which is before us in this Encampment, we can return to our Camps resting assured that the work of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will advance prosperously, harmoniously and successfully in the future.

#### THE G. A. R.

Our relations with our fathers are in keeping with the instructions which we received in the Ten Commandments. The cordiality existing between the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and the Grand Army of the Republic verges closely on the point of absolute fraternity, and if our Organization heretofore has had reason to congratulate itself upon the courtesies and friendship extended to it, not only through the officers, but the rank and file of the Grand Army of the Republic, we certainly at the present time have every reason to feel proud and grateful for the assistance, encouragement and personal support which the present Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, his distinguished Staff and those following in succession to the honorable Comrades who compose the body of each Post. And it may not be amiss at this moment to call your attention earnestly, to the necessity of our Organization uniting in a combined effort to demonstrate its strength, its duty and fealty to the Grand Army of the Republic during its coming National Encampment, at Columbus, Ohio. This will be an occasion for us to make our most supreme effort, and you may rest assured that as our effort is, so will be our reward. Undoubtedly, questions pertaining to our Organization and its future welfare and success will be presented to this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and we would be neglectful in our duty to our Order if we fail to turn out *en masse* that we may not only impress upon the minds of the leaders of the Grand Army of the Republic some adequate idea of the proportions of our membership, but also to use our personal influence in the interests of our Order. The Brothers of Ohio, and particularly Governor Dennison Camp, No. 1, of Columbus, under the direction of Colonel George W. Leonard and Past Colonel E. H. Gilkey, are making complete arrangements which if carried out and supported by us, will not fail to bring around good results. Accommodations have been provided for the entertainment of us all and if we fail in this undertaking on this occasion, which is more or less essential for the future welfare of our Organization, we must blame it upon ourselves.

#### OUR MOTHERS, WIVES AND SISTERS.

Our Ladies Aid Society under the careful guidance of Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, of Ohio, has been making considerable progress and surely de-



serves the good will of our organization. The ladies which compose it are devoted and self-sacrificing for our interests, and they are deserving, at least, of our recognition. In many instances, this Organization has proven of great assistance to the Camps. The Womans Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R., are two other organizations which also deserve a word of appreciation from us for working in harmony and uniting with us for the further advancement of the principles and objects of our organization. They are important factors in this great loyal family of ours and we do well in making them our friends and we certainly must so consider them, in view of the many acts of kindness which they extend to us. The latter organization includes among its established objects, "A fostering care for the Sons of Veterans."

#### OUR DEPARTED HERO.

At this time, when we are greeting each other and are renewing former acquaintances, we are not without a cloud of sorrow resting over us, rising from the ashes of the hero of Winchester. It was my particular privilege to have personally known General Phillip Sheridan, and be assured, brothers, that in a personal acquaintance with this grand hero, this beloved soldier, that most exemplary man, one lost nothing, but he grew in the estimation and regard of those who knew him. Rapidly indeed are these heroes passing away and in a few years more, each will cease to be a living reality, but answering to the final reveille on the golden shore, will become to us a cherished memory and it is a comfort to us as an organization, that one of our objects is to remember those, our Nation's heroes, profit by their precepts, and honor their achievements. We thought it fitting on behalf of our organization to telegraph the sympathy and words of condolence of the Sons of Veterans to Mrs. Sheridan.

#### THE ENCAMPMENT AT WHEELING.

Out of justice to U. S. Grant Camp, No. 17, of Wheeling, it should be stated that we are their guests under peculiar circumstances. Not by their own solititation was this Encampment located at Wheeling, but without consulting with them. As a matter of fact, they were not in existence as a Camp at the time it was voted to come here, nor for several months afterwards were they an organization, and it became a serious question to the Commander-in-Chief of calling the attention of the Council-in-Chief to the necessity of looking elsewhere for a place of meeting, but upon visiting the Brothers of this Camp in January, it was found that while they were few in numbers, they had that true perseverance and moral courage which has ever characterized the Sons of Veterans, and were willing to do the best they could to entertain us, although at the time stating that they would not be able to do as much as they hoped to. With that understanding we have met here and seeming short-comings, if any can be discovered, should be over-looked in view of the circumstances under which these Brothers have labored.

#### FINANCES.

Undoubtedly, the most interesting subject to this body, is its financial condition. In view of recent events, it certainly should be carefully handled. The finances of our Organization during the past year has been a greater task to handle than one would presume it would have been. It has required considerable skirmishing at times to make both ends meet, and the anxiety caused, not by errors or inefficiency on our own part, but through the neglect and financial peculiarities on the part of others, has caused us much uneasiness. When assuming command, we presumed that we were in an easy financial condition, and therefore made our contracts

for supplies in accordance therewith, securing advantageous contracts, the meeting of which subsequently caused us a great deal of anxiety and had it not been for the kindness of that true, loyal friend of the Order, Major A. P. Davis and his confidence in us, it is doubtful, even to-day in what unfortunate position we might have found ourselves, but without security and without hesitation, unsolicited, he stepped to the front at a most pressing moment and assisted us through the one serious place of the Administration. We assumed command with the per capita tax reduced almost one-half from its former years with a subscription for the REVEILLE for \$450 to meet, with the design and engraving and the new Charter to be paid for with expenses of the Council-in-Chief to be met, with increased expenses generally, with a printing bill before us for supplies which were presumed to last us through the year, with several of our strong Divisions impoverished by the bad management of the Colonels Commanding, losing their membership, or squandering the finances of the Division thus cutting off a certain proportion of our expected income. With a few hundred dollars to start in our years' work, we have weathered the storm. There is not a single just claim unsettled against the Commandery-in-Chief and the balance in our treasury you will learn from the report of the Quartermaster General. Before leaving this subject of finances, it is absolutely necessary to recommend to this Encampment a most serious consideration of the question of the financial responsibility of Commanding Officers, more especially the Commander-in-Chief and the Colonels Commanding. In the first place, our Constitution should provide for these officers receiving a nominal salary so that any bond executed by them might be binding, and in the second place, before assuming the duties of office, they should be required to file with proper officers, a bond of unquestionable worth. While we do not care to go into the details at the present moment for the reasons that prompted this recommendation, in a general way, it may be said the Order has suffered greatly for the want of this precaution during the past year and there is nothing more discouraging to the growth of a young Order like ours, than want of confidence in the officers at its head and to whom the rank and file look to for responsibility and personal honesty, and rest assured, you can perform no greater services to the Order, than by so legislating that the Order may be furnished with absolute security. The financial prospect for the coming year may be considered about equal to the year just past. The running expenses can be materially less, as considerable expenditure of money was necessary for properly equipping the headquarters with records, letter files, electro plates and the expenses incurred by the preparation of the new Charter. The subscription for the REVEILLE, the register for the Charter applications and the lithographs for Commissions were expenses equaling something over \$1,000, which need not be incurred in coming year. On the other hand, the amount granted for the clerical work of the headquarters does not begin to pay for the services which the absolute demands of the Order require, and the Order will never receive first-class work from the clerical force at headquarters, until it is willing to pay for it.

#### SUPPLIES.

In the matter of supplies, the Order, in a certain measure, had outgrown the forms and blanks that were in use at the time we assumed command, and it became necessary to make many changes and to add new forms to enable the Order to more closely comply with the recent changes in the C., R. and R. Without any advancement in the cost, in some instances a reduction, we have succeeded in producing a better quality of supplies and a better grade of stock and it is recommended to my successor, that there be carried in the Quartermaster General's Department, two

grades of books. One class of the same grade and quality which we now have, and another of a more durable and lasting quality of stock, which must of necessity cost considerable more. These latter should be carried in a stock for the accommodation of the established and more wealthy Camps that can afford to pay for them. Among the new blanks which we have originated, is one for the use of the Quartermaster Sergeant in notifying delinquent members, with an extract of the law pertaining to suspension upon it, another is a blank for the use of the Camp Council and another is a dispensation blank for the use of Colonels blanks for Camp and Division Chaplains. At considerable expense, we have had prepared Commissions for the Commandery-in-Chief officers. The Order has existed up to this time without any appropriate blank for elective Commandery-in-Chief officers. At an expense of about \$125, we also had prepared books for each Division for the registration of applications for Charters, as those in a position to know, fully realize the fact that heretofore there has been no established manner to keep a record for Charter applications, and that they very soon became lost or worn out. The keeping of these records is very essential. We realized the fact that we could not force the Divisions to purchase these books, many of the Divisions not being in a financial condition to do so, and realizing also the absolute necessity of the keeping of these records, we prepared the books and presented one to each Division. By the direction of the last Annual Encampment, we procured lithographs of the design presented there for a new Charter, in the production of which, we have been reasonably successful and from the general satisfaction that this new Charter has given throughout the whole Order, the Encampment has reasons to congratulate itself upon its adoption. We encountered a little difficulty at first in having this Charter prepared. The designer of the Charter refused absolutely to furnish us with the lithographs and the stones from which it was produced and we eventually procured such a contract, and the stones are now the property of the Commandery-in-Chief, likewise in regard to our blanks, for nearly all of the forms that we use, with the exception of the Ritual, but including the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, the Commandery-in-Chief is owner of the electrotypes from which these forms were printed. The economy of possessing them, lies in the fact that hereafter, orders can be made in smaller quantities and thus obviate carrying dead stock and also supplies can be quickly produced should an unexpectedly large order exhaust the supply of any particular form carried in the department of the Quartermaster General.

#### GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The Order has grown with an even, regular course, speaking more for the substantibility and its maintainance, rather than by any uneven starts and shoots. The most rapid advancement occurring from the most thickly populated Divisions, in which are found the homes of the Union Soldier. The increase in membership has been as much as we could reasonably expect. Last Year the Adjutant General's official report established the membership at about 32,000 members. This year, according to the Adjutant General's report, we have in the Order 56,472 members. We all realize the difficulttiss that an organization composed of young men, as ours is, must encounter. The members are not yet established in life, and are continually changing from one place to another, and as a result, a large proportion of our membership, each year, is lost to us. Had we retained in the ranks of our Order, all that we have mustered into it since its origin, we would to-day have at least 70,000. Members are occasionally lost through the inefficiency or bad management of its officers. Again the Division Officers are deficient or are too much occupied with other matters to sustain the weak and struggling Camps. We organized three Divisions, the Division

of Kentucky, the Division of Rhode Island and the Division of Montana, who are regularly organized and chartered. We have Camps established in thirty-one States and five Territories. We are gradually working southward and getting into the country where the principals which we advocate are most needed. Our latest acquisition in this direction being a very healthy Camp under the guidance of Capt. Friedman, of Birmingham, Ala. We have approved of 678 applications for Charters with the aggregate number of applicants of 12,105. The month of April furnished us the greatest number of any month. We approved of eighty-six Charters during thirty days. With the exception of the Provisional Division of Florida, we report a gain in every State in which we are organized. The greatest percentage of gain being in the State of Indiana.

There is one noticeable feature connected with our growth which is this: That we are gathering into our ranks the more conservative and the more influential of those who are eligible to membership. We are daily getting those interested in our Organization whose personal influence and reputation will naturally assist us in our further advancement and whose experience and advice will undoubtedly lead us into higher and more prosperous paths.

Concerning the future growth of the Order, at least for the coming months, it is doubtful if we can expect to more than hold our own. The situation is serious and all influential Brothers should make special effort on behalf of the Order, and see to it that the excitement of a close political campaign is not permitted to attract our younger Brothers from their duty to the Sons of Veterans or through any partisan act of our own to subject the Order to unfavorable criticism from any political party. Let us stand steadfast to our own colors, principles and objects, which naturally represent more good to our country in the line of practical patriotism than can be gleaned from the political platform of all parties now seeking preferment at the hands of the American citizen, and raise our banners firmly upon a plane far above the strife of struggling office seekers.

#### THE POST SYSTEM.

When we accepted the duties of our office we devotedly hoped and believed that before our term had expired, we would have all organizations of the Sons of Veterans marching under the banner of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. In this we have failed and through no fault of our own. Unfortunately, the last Encampment completely tied our hands, so far as treating with any opposition was concerned, and at that Encampment resolutions were passed which we believe were un-American and calculated to brand us as ungenerous. There exists in the States of New York and New Jersey with four organizations in Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, known as the Post System. They are in no manner connected with our organization, they always have been an independent and separate body and in the State of New York their existence has materially retarded the growth of our own organization in this respect, that they equal, if they do not exceed us in numbers in that Division and the Grand Army of the Republic is at a loss to know which of the organizations they should encourage, naturally decline to encourage either one and as a result, in the Division where we should be our strongest, a Division that should have at least 10,000 members of our Order in it, we scarcely have more than 1,500 in it. It is not necessary to go into a description of this organization. Suffice it to say that it contains features which if adopted by our organization, would eventually result in our own destruction, while it is claimed by those of the Post System that we likewise possess features which they cannot accept. It is hoped that this Encampment will take some action in regard to this matter that may enable us either to place ourselves upon

record as willing to accept a fair proposition from these Brothers, or to secure absolutely the recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic, for it is unjust to our Brothers struggling under the many difficulties which they now encounter in the Divisions of New York and New Jersey, to leave them to struggle along without, apparently, caring whether they survive or perish, without offering them a hand of assistance.

#### DECISIONS AND RULINGS.

During his term of office your Commander-in-Chief has been compelled to make several official decisions and rulings, to which some worthy Brothers have taken exceptions and to the end that these decisions and rulings may be thoroughly discussed, they will be presented to this Encampment for consideration and that its decisions may stand as a future guide.

The first serious question which arose related to the per capita tax for the quarter ending September 30. The Council-in-Chief at the last Encampment brought in a resolution recommending that for the ensuing year the per capita tax be 12 cents—3 cents per quarter. Unfortunately the resolution failed to state when this reduction was to take place. It was adopted on the 18th day of August, over one-half of that current quarter having then transpired. The Commander-in-Chief ruled that the reduction should commence with the succeeding quarter. Thirteen out of the fifteen members of the Council-in-Chief, having this question submitted to them, sustained the Commander-in-Chief. It was a question of several hundred dollars, to the Commandery-in-Chief, which at that time, stood sorely in need of money. It is not necessary to mention the Brothers who took exceptions to this ruling. All of the Divisions paid the five cent tax for the third quarter of 1887, when notified of the decision of the Council-in-Chief. One Division paid under protest, a record of which is made by the Adjutant General. The ruling of the Commander-in-Chief should be sustained or rejected by this Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief made a ruling to the effect that those members of our Order who were also comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been dropped or dishonorably discharged from our Order, should not be permitted to visit the Camp from which they have been dropped or dishonorably discharged, but as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, they can visit other Camps, basing his decision upon the principle that our duty to our organization is paramount to any allegiance it owes to any other. That comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are permitted to visit our organization by courtesy and not by any constitutional right which they themselves possess. And further, that a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic becoming a member of our organization waives his peculiar prerogative as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and places himself upon the same plane and is subject to the same rules as any other member of the Order. Exceptions were taken to this ruling. The Encampment is asked to sustain or reverse the ruling of the Commander-in-Chief.

The next question which has disturbed some of our worthy brothers, was the proposition of the Commander-in-Chief to invest those comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing with the password and countersign of the Order. This was not, however, done for the reason that a better plan suggested itself, which was to invest the G. A. R. with our expiring password and countersign which ceases to be such by statute of limitation. The object which was, to prevent our Camps from being imposed upon by the admission of comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who were not in good standing in their own organization and also to more prominently bring our organization to the attention of the Grand



Army of the Republic. There are other features connected with this question which should be discussed by this body as a committee on the whole and in that connection, it is recommended that at each Encampment, commencing with this one that we go into an executive session of the whole for the consideration of certain questions which we do not desire to be entered either upon the printed reports of our Encampment or to become matter of record, and as an example, your attention is directed to the financial affairs connected with the past administration of the Commandery-in-Chief and also with several Divisions which need not here be mentioned.

#### PROVISIONAL DIVISION-AT-LARGE.

The Commandery-in-Chief headquarters was so actively engaged in attending to the affairs of the Divisions that it soon became evident that the isolated Camps in the outlying States and Territories were being neglected for absolute want of attention and as they afford a very promising field for growth, it was deemed necessary to provide for their welfare. It also seemed incongruous to that department of our Order which is supposed to deal exclusively with Divisions, to be compelled to look after nearly as many Camps sprinkled around in various parts of the United States. It was therefore decided to place all of those Camps under the control of a competent brother, centrally located, and create the Provisional Division-at-Large. The result at National Headquarters has been eminently satisfactory and this Encampment is asked to make some provision for the further consideration of this plan and investing it with some official power. With careful encouragement, these isolated Camps are reinforced by other Camps in their various States and Territories and when sufficiently strong to bear the expense, can be organized into Divisions, but the small Provisional Divisions of three Camps, from past experience as demonstrated in Tennessee and Florida prove themselves to be failures. In the first place, Brothers unfamiliar with the work are frequently called upon to fill the position of Provisional Colonels when they lack the knowledge and experience to make a success of the work before them, hence we have been compelled to recall the Provisional Division of Tennessee and it is doubtful if the Provisional Division of Florida can survive, notwithstanding a most excellent Brother and comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic is using his best endeavors to advance the interests of that Division. The Constitution should be amended that it require at least five Camps instead of three Camps to form a Provisional Division.

#### HEADQUARTERS.

During the official year, the Commandery-in-Chief headquarters have been visited by brothers from every Division in the union, where we are organized, among whom are a large number of our most prominent members.

During the year there has been issued from the National Headquarters, 60,000 General Orders. There have been about 57,000 circulars pertaining to the Order forwarded from these headquarters and nearly 2,500 personal letters. We have issued over 1,200 charters to Camps, including those issued to old Camps of the new design and about 175 commissions and several thousand Grand Army certificates. The Adjutant General has devoted his time exclusively to the work, from 8 o'clock in the morning until six at night and the majority of the evenings until 11 o'clock, six days in the week. The Commander-in-Chief has averaged eight hours a day at headquarters every day that official duties for the Order did not take him from the city. The Assistant Adjutant General has averaged four hours a day at headquarters and the Assistant Quartermaster General has put in

all his time, absolutely. In addition to this we have had the assistance of the Colonel of the Provisional Division-at-Large and his Adjutant. The amount of supplies handled by the Quartermaster General, you may learn from his report and it is hoped that in view of the work already entailed upon the National Headquarters that this Encampment will see fit to relieve the Quartermaster General from handling Camp packages. It is not business like to require the Quartermaster General to become a retailer of Camp supplies. A full line of supplies should be carried by Division Headquarters, and having supplies, it is a great saving of time and express charges in the aggregate for the Division Quartermasters to prepare Camp packages. For all this work the Order has been put to an *extremely large* expense of one thousand dollars. In this connection, it may be stated that the Order exacts from the Adjutant General all of his time. It requires him to leave any occupation he may be holding—give it up for a year to serve the Order, and it pays him the magnificent sum of \$600 for ability that in other legitimate occupation would pay him at least \$1,800 a year. The communications have been answered promptly, at least it is presumed so, judging from the fact that no complaints have been received at our Headquarters from this score. Supplies have been forwarded with as much promptness as circumstances would permit. It is impossible at all times to have on hand a complete stock of supplies and the Quartermaster General cannot be blamed if he unexpectedly finds that his stock has run short. Certain form will for a while be ordered sparingly and then requisitions will come in, perhaps, for many thousands in the course of two or three days and exhaust the supply at once. This necessitates, occasionally, the holding of requisitions, but very few complaints, however, have come in on this score. Attached to Headquarters is a vault, large and commodious, and sufficient in capacity to hold all our supplies and records, and was a safeguard against thieves and loss by fire. Brothers may occasionally find fault that the correspondence of the officers of the Staff have perhaps been pointed and contained nothing of personal interest beyond official information. This cannot be charged to the want of fraternal feeling, but to the fact that time was the one desideratum and wherever a minute could be saved, it was necessary to save it.

#### THE REVEILLE.

The Order is largely indebted to the Sons of Veterans' NATIONAL REVEILLE for the great aid it has lent in the diffusion of information and the extending of the fraternal spirit throughout the entire organization. As an educator to the rank and file of our Order, it has been of incalculable value. As a source of revenue to its publisher, he has not become so plethoric in pocket from his enterprise that he occupies himself exclusively in clipping coupons from the government bonds that he has purchased from the profits on his paper, but with true courage he has persisted in his labor, receiving a reasonable amount of encouragement from the Brotherhood and we have been provided with an organ, ably edited, neatly published and a decided credit to the Order. As a publication, it has never received the official stamp of the Order. We believe this is a question upon which this Encampment should take action.

#### GOOD FOR THE ORDER.

One question presented itself, which taxed the judgment of your Commander in Chief and required of him an action which the circumstances of the seemed to justify, but which was not provided for in the Constitution. The case was of a Colonel commanding a Division, who, without notice or leave of absence, packed his satchel and went abroad, and the date of his

return was extremely indefinite. The Division was in a poor condition when he left, with the Lieutenant Colonel at a loss as to what he should do, and the Division came near going to pieces. The Commander-in-Chief, after about six week's absence on the part of this Colonel, declared the office vacant and directed the Lieutenant Colonel to convene the Division Council and proceed with an election to fill the vacancy. In accordance therewith, the Council convened and elected a most estimable Brother to fill this vacancy, and from that moment, the star of this Division has been continually rising.

#### CASE OF F. O. WILKINSON.

The case of F. O. Wilkinson, formerly a member of Camp No. 75, of the Division of Ohio, is recommended to the Commandery-in-Chief for action. F. O. Wilkinson was at one time Captain of Noyes Camp, No. 75, of Cincinnati. He was tried by Court Martial and dishonorably discharged from the Order, for refusing to obey a special order. The findings of the Court were duly approved by the Colonel Commanding and the Commander-in-Chief, since which time, Brother Wilkinson has on several occasions expressed his regret for the conduct which caused his conviction. He was a Brother of unquestionable ability and while a member of the Order, did a great deal of work for its advancement and since being dishonorably discharged, he has ever been on the alert to advance the interests of the Order, and although not in a position to recommend applicants, he has brought many into the Order. He has long desired to have his disability removed, he appealed to the Commander-in-Chief directly, but he saw no way to re-open the Court Martial, but did recommend that he present his case to Noyes Camp, No. 75, and if the Brothers of that Camp saw fit to recommend to the Colonel for action that the Commander-in-Chief would recommend to this Encampment that his disability be removed, in other words, without re-instating him in the Order or in a Camp of which he was a member, you remove the disability from him and thus enable him to make application to any Camp that would receive him. It is entirely within the power of this Encampment to do this, it being in keeping with the rules and usages of the Grand Army of the Republic as defined in its blue book. Accordingly, Noyes Camp, No. 75, has asked the Colonel to recommend to the Commander-in-Chief that this be done and in compliance therewith, this Encampment is asked to take favorable action in the case of F. O. Wilkinson.

#### DIVISIONS.

During the year, your Commander-in-Chief has visited every Division except four. He has attended eleven Division Encampments, organized two Divisions, re-organized one other Division and has been to the Headquarters of sixteen Divisions, in the course of which he has travelled 18,854 miles and has been absent from Headquarters 132 days, all of which was exclusively in the interests of the Sons of Veterans. Several of the Divisions have been unfortunate in the selection of their Commanding Officers, one making four changes in its Commander in the course of twelve months. Several of the Divisions have been financial losers, but it is certainly gratifying to state, that there is not a single Division that is not now in most excellent hands, and the prospect for good work for the coming year, is at least very encouraging, if we have any reason to judge from the men who are in command. As a whole, the Order has never been so blessed with Commanders of Divisions, as at the present time. To deal with each Division individually, and the ability of its Commanding Officers, would so exhaust the supply of encomiums, that the tax would be too heavy upon



us, however, there are a few Divisions to which special attention may be directed and those who are not mentioned may be considered as having no point about them subject to criticism. Perhaps the greatest sufferer has been the Division of Pennsylvania, and a delicate situation it was indeed to handle successfully, and without the moral support of the Council-in-Chief, it is doubtful if we would have succeeded as well as we have. It is pleasing, however, to state that the Division was never in better hands than at the present time, for the storm that burst above it has passed over and the darkest clouds have rolled away, and expose a silver lining, and under the able management of Colonel Rake and Past Colonel Hammer, to say nothing of Quartermaster Diefenderfer, there is not a shadow of doubt but in a short time some of our other Divisions who are now basking in the sunshine of their glorious success, will be required to look sharply to their laurels. The details of the misfortune that have visited this Division may better be considered in executive session. Suffice it to say that the action of the Commander-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief was sustained by the recent Encampment of the re-organized Division of Pennsylvania. One of the most serious misfortunes connected with the Division of Pennsylvania was the loss through the neglect of ex-Colonel Smith, of nearly a thousand members. The next serious sufferer has been the Division of New Hampshire. Through the mismanagement and shameful neglect of its Colonel it came nearly going to pieces. When Brother Crowley assumed command, he did the best he could with the material in his hands to weather the storm, but sickness befell him and he in turn had to turn over the helm to Major Lathan. Major Lathan soon left the Division and it became necessary for the Division Council to meet, when their combined judgement placed that prince of good fellows, that loyal, faithful Son of a Veteran, Frank B. Perkins, at the helm and with one spring, he has landed the Division free from all indebtedness, wiped all stains from the fair name of New Hampshire, and now to-day, the Division of New Hampshire is on as good road to prosperity as any other Division in the Order. Through the neglect of the Division Adjutant of the Division of Iowa, once our banner Division, became sadly demoralized, but to-day we find at the helm our illustrious orator and leader, Cato Sells, who is ably supported by Adjutant Goodale, an untiring worker for the Order. Heretofore neglected and almost forgotten Division of Wisconsin, has at last become aroused. It was commanded by Colonel J. P. Sheridan, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Colonel Walthers, and for the first time in the history of the Division. Wisconsin is thoroughly organized and under the leadership of the present Colonel, Charles H. Hudson, of Madison, we have every reason to believe that the State of "Old Bald Eagle," will take her proper place among the other Divisions. The Division of Kentucky has been organized and under the command of Colonel Pell, of Louisville, we can expect this Division to assume a creditable position in the Order, and in the language of their motto, we can expect "Kentucky to the front." Rhode Island was organized on the 14th day of February, and what this Division lacks in territory, she certainly will make up in spirit, life and enthusiasm and we may warn the Brothers from the other Divisions of New England, that it will not be safe for them to look down on little Rhodey. Chief-of-Staff Russel has promised us that he will soon have a Division organized in Delaware, and from his record in the Order, we have every reason to believe that he will keep his word. The Division of Montana has held its first Encampment. The State of Tennessee and Washington Territory will soon be ready to organize. Of the old standbys of course "Ohio is on top, ably supported by Illinois" and among the very successful Divisions, we find the Divisions of

Indiana, Michigan, Massachusetts and that gem of all Divisions, Connecticut.

#### THE STAFF.

To my Staff I owe much, for without their able assistance and advice, my administration would have fallen short in many places. No Commander-in-Chief was ever blessed with a more loyal, faithful, earnest, devoted Staff than I have been. My associates, the Lieutenant General and the Major General, together with the elective members of the Council-in-Chief, have been to the Order what the positions they occupy should be, associates, counselors and advisors. They have ever been willing to respond to any duty which they have been called upon to fill, and have the essential qualifications possessing the ability to useful assistance. For their work, they deserve the special thanks of the Order. Our Council-in-Chief has not been an idle factor. I have frequently asked their advice and assistance, and have never failed to receive it and their influence throughout the Order in the various localities where they reside, is certainly for the best. My Chief-of-Staff has made a record for himself, of which he may well be proud. The office which he holds, had heretofore been a sinecure and an ornament, but Chief-of-Staff Russell has proven himself worthy of his position, and thoroughly competent to occupy it, deserving of all honors that is attached to it. Of my Adjutant General I can scarcely express myself, and beyond the faithful performance of his duties, he is always courteous and attentive and has been a faithful friend. Quartermaster General Gurney, owing to the duties of his private business, was compelled to resign his commission and Assistant Quartermaster General Easter, for faithful services, was promoted. He has performed his duties at all times without a murmur, without a complaint. The position to say the least, is a trying one and not attended with any particular glory, but is weighted down with a great deal of responsibility, and physical labor. My Inspector General has been a law unto himself. He has handled his department without any particular advice or assistance and in whose judgment, ability and integrity, I have absolute confidence and whose promptness has earned my praise. To my Mustering Officer, Brother Maccabe, I am indebted for the able advice and courtesies rarely credited to any member of the Order. My Judge Advocate General has faithfully performed his official duties, his decisions having been just and according to our usages. My Surgeon General has always been willing and ready to perform any duties called upon. My Chaplain-in-Chief, I am pleased to report, is a most excellent selection, a conscientious Christian Brother.

There is one Brother, although not a member of my Staff, who has been working under Special Orders, who deserves particular mention, and that is Mustering Officer E. H. Ashcraft, of Pennsylvania. The time, money and strength which he has given to the Order, should not pass unnoticed, and it is almost entirely due to his personal efforts that the Post system was prevented from making a deeper inroad into the Division of Pennsylvania than it has, and I wish to thank him as it is the only reward he is liable to receive other than the consciousness of having been faithful to the Order.

There are many Brothers and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, to whom we are deeply indebted for the attention they have displayed in seeking to increase our Organization and extend its influence, and if space permitted, there are many of them that it would be pleasing to mention by name.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

In closing my official relations with the Order, no extended farewell is necessary. As an officer of the Organization, I shall become a thing of the

past, yet I do not propose to waste the knowlege which I have obtained at the expense of the Organization. but in the future, in a humble way, I shall continue to labor in this chosen field for the advancement and success of this Order which has become so much a part of my life and existence. I have devoted almost exclusively three years of the best part of my life in a cause which I believe to be for the good of the country, and I shall go back into the ranks and take up the work in a more humble way. That I have been honored, none will deny, and in severing my official relations with the Order, it must of necessity bring thoughts of regret. It cannot help but be apparent to all that have occupied similiar positions, it is like parting with the beloved children of his family, to separate from those with whom he has labored and who have stood shoulder to shoulder with him in the building up and creating an Organization which inevitably in years, is destined to be one of the greatest, and at the same time useful in exerting a most commendable influence for the weal of this beloved Nation. For the courtesies which we have received, we formally extend our thanks, but these words are hollow, indeed, compared with the deep feelings which cannot be expressed, but which years will always deepen and enshrine in our hearts as most beautiful and sacred, which go to compose the pleasant things and well-to-be-remembered in our declining days.

G. B. ABBOTT.

The report of Lieutenant General Henry Frazee being called for, he arose and stated that he had not anticipated being called upon for a report and therefore had none prepared.

The report of Major General J. J. Speaker being called for, he stated that he had no written report to make, that he had performed the duties of the office as he understood them, to the best of his ability, and that he had cheerfully responded whenever called upon to do anything for the good of the Order.

Chief of Staff Harry M. Russell then presented the following report:

HEADQUARTERS CHIEF OF STAFF,  
2136 HANCOCK STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA., }

To General G. B. Abbott, *Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.*

MY DEAR GENERAL:—I herewith hand you my annual report as Chief of Staff and in doing so, I feel that the office could be made a useful one instead of only being a mark of honor as heretofore. As per your direction I have issued Official Circular No. 2, a copy of which I attach, the work of assigning Aids to the Chief of Staff Department this year was only an experiment, but I think has proven an exceedingly brilliant project and if properly carried out will without a doubt be a very beneficial feature for the advancement of the Order and also make use of a long list of Aids which previously have practically done nothing. I have received quite a list of reports, etc., but as they are of such a nugatory nature, I deemed it inadvisable to compile them for this Encampment, as the time was too short to get the system in regular working order, but I would advise that the next Administration be empowered to furnish blanks, etc., for this Department and by the next Encampment, there can be a good report compiled which will be a great aid in finding out the grand progress our glorious Order is making. In conclusion, permit me to extend to you my sincere thanks for the honor you bestowed upon me by appointing me your Chief of Staff and I trust our relations will be as harmonious and pleasant in the future as in the past, I have the honor to be General.

Your obedient servant in F., C. and L.,

HARRY M. RUSSELL,  
Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }  
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF, 2316 HANCOCK STREET. }

*Official Circular No. 2.*

Philadelphia, May 1st, 1888.

I. This circular is issued by order of the Commander-in-Chief to outline some of the work that is expected from the Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief and Colonels commanding.

II. The Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief will be required to direct and supervise the work of such Aides on the Staff of the Division Colonel as may be assigned to them by the Colonel commanding, and to see that they perform their duties as herein defined, and report from time to time to the Chief of Staff as he may require.

III. It is the first duty of all Aides to attend regularly each meeting of the Camp of which they are members. It is not the duty of an Aide to participate in the government of the Camp, or in any way officially direct its officers until authorized to do so by order of the authority under whose commission they are acting, but they will report to this authority such transactions and proceedings as they may deem contrary to the established laws, rules and usages of the Order, and also any failure to comply with the same and with General Orders.

IV. It is the duty of an Aide to note whether or not the General Orders are read in the Camp promptly on receipt of the same, and that such matter in them pertaining to the Camp or requiring of the Camp any particular work is fully executed.

V. It is the duty of the Aide to see that the Ritual is properly carried out, and that the Camp is supplied with all the necessary blanks, books and essential property for carrying on its work.

VI. It is the duty of each Aide to visit the neighboring Camps within reasonable distance, and to encourage them in their work, and to report these visits, as they occur from time to time, to the Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, within whose jurisdiction he may be, and also to the Colonel commanding. He is also to appear in uniform on these occasions, and to encourage all members of the Order to uniform and meet the reasonable requirements of the Organization, especially at this time of the year are the Aids expected to exert themselves in preparing the Order for participation in the coming Memorial Day exercises, and to see that each Camp acquits itself on this occasion with credit to itself and honor to the Organization.

VII. It is of interest to all members of the Order to know the progress we are making in all sections of the country, it is, therefore, enjoined upon all Aids to weekly, or at least semi-monthly, report items of interest of the doings of the Sons of Veterans in all the neighboring Camps. Let them be brief, spicy, but of a general interest to the Order, and send them to such persons as the Colonel of the Division may designate or the Aid, in whose jurisdiction they may be, who may in turn transcribe them into a brief article, and forward the same to the NATIONAL REVELLE in Chicago, or to the *National Tribune*, Washington, D. C., and also to such other papers as are published in the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans in the several cities of the Union.

VIII. But the great work that is expected of the Aides will be the establishment of new Camps in the vicinity of where they live, in the places where Camps have either gone to pieces heretofore, or have never existed. Much work and good results will be expected in this line, if carried out with that zeal and energy which every true loyal Brother should feel for this

Organization, and the way to do this is to confer with the prominent Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic where Aides desire to organize a Camp, get the names of their sons, get two or three of these together, lay the principles and the character of the Organization earnestly before them, and induce them to place their names upon the application for a Camp charter which you have already received from the Colonel of the Division, and urge them to take up the work and complete it as speedily as possible. The secret of success in this matter will rest upon the care taken in selecting the prime movers in the organizing of the Camp, they should be energetic, active, young men, who will devote the time, and who have the reputation, morally and socially, to make the enterprise a success, give them all the information for proceeding, and pledge them honest and faithful support in their work where they have started and be faithful and sure to keep your pledge.

Yours in F., C. and L.,  
 HARRY M. RUSSELL,  
 Chief of Staff.

Adjutant General C. J. Post then read his report as follows:

CHICAGO, ILL., August 10th, 1888.

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.,*

SIR:—In compliance with Sec. 5, Art. II, Chapter V, Page 43, C., R. and R., you will find transmitted herewith the consolidated quarterly report of the Adjutants for the second quarter of 1888. Also a copy of the reports of the three preceding quarters, and also a consolidated report of the whole years' work, now finished, and a complete file of all General and Special orders and circulars issued from these Headquarters, by your order.

Very respectfully your obedient servant, in F., C. and L.  
 C. J. Post,  
 Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
 NO. 78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, September 1, 1887. }

*General Orders, No. 1.*

I. G. B. Abbott having been elected General and Commander-in-Chief, command is hereby assumed and Headquarters established at 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

II. The Sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Des Moines, Iowa, August 17th, 18th and 19th, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott, Chicago, Ills.  
 Lieutenant-General, Henry Frazee, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Major-General, J. J. Speaker, Independence, Mo.

Council-in-Chief. { J. W. Anderson, Pittsburgh, Penn.  
 G. B. Smith, Hartford, Conn.  
 J. L. Rake, Reading, Penn.  
 C. B. Cooke, Arlington, Dak.  
 A. M. Appelget, Tecumseh, Nebraska.

Wheeling, W. Va., was chosen as the location for the Seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, August 15, 16 and 17, being the time set for the same.

III. The appointed officers of the Commandery-in-Chief are as follows:  
 Chief of Staff, Harry M. Russell, Philadelphia, Penn.  
 Adjutant-General, C. J. Post, Chicago, Ill.  
 Quartermaster General, F. A. Gurney, Chicago, Ill.  
 Inspector General, M. E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich.



Chief Mustering Officer, J. B. Maccabe, Boston, Mass.

Judge Advocate General, R. H. Freer, Ritchie C. H., W. Va.

Surgeon General, M. Retel, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod, Erie, Kan.

All with rank of Brigadier General from August 19, 1887. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. A. L. Guilford, of Chicago, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant General and A. H. Easter, of Chicago, Assistant Quartermaster General, with rank of Colonel from August 19, 1887. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Maj. A. P. Davis, 67 Fourth Avenue. Pittsburgh, Penn., was placed permanently in charge of the badge and decoration Department of the Order without rank. Supplies of this character will be obtained directly from him.

VI. The following rules will be strictly observed:

All general communications and reports will be addressed to the Adjutant General.

All requisitions for supplies addressed to the Quartermaster General.

All money must be forwarded in the form of postal note, money order, registered letter or drafts on New York or Chicago. Personal checks or drafts upon any other cities will not be accepted and will cause delay.

All drafts and money orders must be made payable to "F. A. Gurney, Q. M. G." No supplies will be forwarded unless the money accompanies the requisition.

All communications for these Headquarters should be addressed to 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago.

The Judge Advocate General is the attorney of the Commander-in-Chief, and all matters to be referred to him must pass through these Headquarters.

The Inspector General may be consulted directly by Colonels commanding and Division Inspectors.

All communications must pass through proper channels. Officers and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and past officers, also officers of Divisions forward communications directly to Headquarters. Camps and members will forward communications through Division Headquarters.

VII. All Aides and Special Aides of the previous administration are hereby relieved and ordered to report to their respective Captains for duty. All dispensations are likewise revoked but will be renewed upon application should the good of the Order require such action.

VIII. The Commandery-in-Chief having reduced the tax levied upon Divisions after the expiration of the present quarter, Divisions will only be required to pay three cents per member, on all in good standing, in place of five cents as heretofore. The blank reports for quarter ending September 30, will be forwarded to Divisions at once. The tax for the current quarter will be five cents per member.

IX. The Commandery-in-Chief adopted a design for a new Charter. When issued, any Camp in good standing can obtain the same free of charge in exchange for the one now held. No Charters will be issued to new Camps until the new Charter is completed, but certificates for Charters will be given to be redeemed as soon as the new Charters can be obtained.

X. The Commandery-in-Chief subscribed for one copy of **THE NATIONAL REVEILLE**, for each Camp in the Order for the period of six months. This paper will be the property of the Camp to be read by its members and deposited with the Camp books, and under no circumstance is it to be appropriated to the exclusive personal use of any particular

officer or member. These papers will be mailed to the First Sergeant of each Camp. Captains of Camps will therefore immediately forward to Division Adjutants the name and address of First Sergeant, and Division Adjutants will in turn forward the same to Assistant Adjutant General, A. L. Guilford.

XI. All Divisions Commanders are requested to carry a complete stock of supplies at Division Headquarters as required by the Constitution, and prepare the Camp packages from this stock. The Quartermaster General will only issue and ship supplies to Division Headquarters. Camp packages must always be forwarded from Division Headquarters and only to the person detailed to muster the Camp.

XII. Supplies are only to be furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief. No Division or Camp is constitutionally permitted to print any of the Constitutional supplies.

XIII. No change was made in the Ritual except the correction of a typographical error, the word "Attention" should be written in each Ritual before the opening ode on page 8. A burial service was adopted which will be printed separate from the Ritual and will be sold for a few cents per copy by the Quartermaster General. Each Camp will require four copies, and each Camp is permitted to have four copies of the Ritual.

XIV. All the changes in the Constitution have not been written up for want of time by the recent Adjutant General and his assistant, but will be mentioned in General Orders No. 2.

XV. The applications of the following Camps has been approved since August 1st:

| Applicants                       |    | Applicant                         |     |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Aug. 3, No. 27, Armour, Dak..... | 18 | Aug. 18, No 120, DeSoto, Ill..... | 28  |
| 4, 3, Laconia, N. H.....         | 13 | 20, 121, Vernon, Ill.....         | 14  |
| 4, 30, Keene, N. H.....          | 24 | 21, 119, Jacksonville, Ill.....   | 16  |
| 4, 3, Corydon, Ind.....          | 13 | 22, 3, Scottsville, Mich.....     | 22  |
| 5, 23, Escanaba, Mich.....       | 23 | 22, 30, Glenco, Mich.....         | 12  |
| 6, 12, Waverly, W. Va.....       | 25 | 22, 39, Monominee, Mich.....      | 20  |
| 8, 68, Vevay, Ind.....           | 17 | 24, 220, Carey, O.....            | 20  |
| 8, 52, Tiffin, Ohio.....         | 38 | 24, 221, Lima, O.....             | 12  |
| 8, 216, Viena, Ohio.....         | 16 | 24, 222, Summerfield, O.....      | 20  |
| 8, 217, West Newton, Ohio.....   | 22 | 24, 223, Wellington, O.....       | 26  |
| 8, 114, Canton, Ill.....         | 19 | 24, 55, Battle Creek, Mich.....   | 27  |
| 8, 115, Hillsboro, Ill.....      | 17 | 24, 90, Oronoque, Kan.....        | 16  |
| 9, 116, Peru, Ill.....           | 17 | 24, 91, Kingman, Kan.....         | 27  |
| 10, 19, Junction, N. J.....      | 26 | 25, 58, Breckenridge, Mich.....   | 20  |
| 10, 77, Wilson, N. Y.....        | 13 | 25, 106, Reed City, Mich.....     | 19  |
| 10, 37, Lamberton, Minn.....     | 15 | 25, 107, Mecosta, Mich.....       | 13  |
| 11, 86, Toronto, Kan.....        | 16 | 25, 2, Siloam Springs, Ark.....   | 19  |
| 12, 18, Uxbridge, Mass.....      | 20 | 25, 69, Rising Sun, Ind.....      | 16  |
| 12, 87, Grenola, Kan.....        | 21 | 26, 108, St. Louis, Mich.....     | 15  |
| 14, 117, Kewanee, Ill.....       | 19 | 26, 4 Niantic, R. I.....          | 12  |
| 14, 118, Rossville, Ill.....     | 17 | 27, 23, Reading, Mass.....        | 12  |
| 16, 218, Rutland, O.....         | 14 | 27, 122, Beardstown, Ill.....     | 16  |
| 16, 219, Troy, O.....            | 19 | 29, 225, North Georgetown, O..... | 11  |
| 16, 8, Denver, Col.....          | 10 | 29, 59, Campbell, Mo.....         | 17  |
| 17, 38, Wabasha, Minn.....       | 17 | 29, 123, Dixon, Ill.....          | 23  |
| 17, 88, Concordia, Kan.....      | 25 | 29, 89, Arkansas City, Kan.....   | 23  |
|                                  |    | 31, 39, Little Falls, Minn.....   | 13  |
|                                  |    | Total number of applicants.....   | 983 |
|                                  |    | Total number of Camps.....        | 53  |

XVI. The following Aides are hereby appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-chief with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from August 20th. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Senior, Fremont Garrett, Winchester, Ind.; C. S. Knight, Jr., Worcester, Mass.; A. Batchelder, Salem, Mass.; C. W. Wallis, Beverly, Mass.; Geo. W. Knowlton, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. E. Lathrop, Appleton, Minn.; A. J. Halsted,

Brainard, Minn.; A. S. Morgan, Duluth, Minn.; Chas. A. Gurney, Hart, Mich.; George S. Steere, Stanton, Mich.; H. C. Thompson, West Bay City, Mich.; F. E. Munn Omaha, Neb.; Harvey R. Newman, Chicago, Ill.

XVII. The 21st National Encampment of the G. A. R. will occur in St. Louis, Mo., September 27th, 28th and 29th. The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans and Staff will be in attendance. All members of the Order are urged to be present to lend all possible interest and courtesy to this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our Order is not organized to glorify itself but to honor our fathers and their memories; to teach Loyalty and Fraternity. Let every brother come who can find it possible. Headquarters will be established and full particulars can be obtained by writing to Captain Wm. H. Heath, Jr., 109 N. 8th St., St. Louis, Mo. The parade will occur on Tuesday, September 27, at 10 A. M., and the Sons of Veterans have been invited to participate. Let all be in readiness to prove that we are worthy of the name we bear and the sires we emulate.

XVIII The Commander-in-Chief wishes to express his appreciation of the many letters of congratulation and good wishes he has received since his election, and in so doing desires to impress upon the minds of all Brothers that the Camp is the corner stone and foundation of our Order, upon the success and growth of the Camp must the success of the Order depend. Every Brother, therefore, who is thoroughly wedded to the Order and whose faith is grounded in Friendship and Charity should bestir himself for his Camp. See that the field is completely canvassed and all eligible material is brought in to raise this temple of Loyalty higher and grander until it becomes the chief glory of our Nation.

By order of  
G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. POST,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November, 1, 1887. }

*General Orders, No. 2.*

I. Colonels commanding, will forward these Orders to Captains commanding *immediately* on receipt of the same. Several Colonels exhibited unnecessary delay in forwarding General Orders No. 1.

II. On the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, good and sufficient cause appearing, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Colonels of these Divisions will immediately issue transfer cards to any members that may be in good standing in said Camps. Kansas Division—Camps No. 26, 30, 31, 39, 45, 46 and 27. Ohio Division—Camps No. 20, 51, 63, 65, 90, 98, 127, 128, 145, 158, 160 and 162. Michigan Division—Camps No. 2, 8, 34, 37, 57 and 85. Illinois Division—Camp No. 19, 34, 40, 41, 49. Massachusetts Division—Camps No. 18, 19, 22, 23, 33, 36, 43 and 56.

III. Colonels will hereafter publish the names of all members dropped or dishonorably discharged from the Order, as reported by First Sergeants.

IV. Colonels Commanding will, under no circumstances, order the muster of Camps until the application for the same has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, unless working under a dispensation granting that privilege.

V. Colonels will see that all Commissions and Charters are duly recorded by the Adjutant before being forwarded. Books for registering Charters will be furnished Division, free of expense, on application to the Quartermaster-General.



VI. Division Adjutants will immediately forward to these Headquarters a perfect sample corp badge as adopted by the Division for cap mark of their respective Divisions.

VII. The Inspector-General has filed a ruling at these Headquarters, which has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief as follows: The chevron for the Quartermaster-Sergeant of a Camp shall be three bars with a tie of one bar, the same to be of blue silk for the fatigue uniform.

VIII. The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, from September 15, 1887; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly: E. G. Rathbone, Hamilton, O.; James C. Howe, Kenton, O.; C. F. Hall, Youngstown, O.; George H. Dow, Manhattan, Kan.; R. Frank Stinson, Phillipsbury, Kan.; E. B. White, Independence, Kan.; C. W. Isenburg, Fredonia, Kan.; H. E. Brown, Tecumseh, Neb.; William Miller, Friend, Neb.; Chas. F. Merrill, Wilmantic, Conn.; Noel M. Pease, Hartford, Conn.; H. C. McLean, Ansonia, Conn.; W. L. Stearns, Norwich, Conn.; W. L. Distin, Jr., Quincy, Ill.; R. E. Tyner, Carbondale, Ill.; J. W. Kilborn, Marshall, Ill.

IX. The new Charters are completed and will be delivered on surrender of receipts held by Colonels for same. Colonels will instruct Adjutants to attach two inches of the Division ribbon (the red centered ribbon with tri-colored edges) under the wafer upon which the impression of the Division seal is made—following the form of the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon and seal. This must not be over-looked as the beauty of the Charter depends upon it. Camps already having the old style Charters may receive the new ones free of cost, by sending the old Charters directly to these Headquarters (to save postage). The new Charters will be returned through Division Headquarters along with the old ones, which, though cancelled, may be retained by the Camp as a souvenir. Each Camp will retain its original rank and number—as indicated by the Charter they now hold.

X. Several Adjutants have neglected to forward to the Assistant Adjutant General, A. L. Guilford, a list of the First Sergeants of the Camps of their respective Divisions. As a result many Camps are not receiving THE NATIONAL REVEILLE which they are entitled to. Any Camp failing to receive THE REVEILLE should notify the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

XI. Considerable trouble is caused in Camps by the neglect of staff officers to attend to their duties promptly and regularly. Captains should bear in mind that it devolves upon *them* to see that these officers comply with the requirements of their offices; if they fail in this, the Captain should remove them *at once*.

XII. Camps are advised to require the Council to make quarterly reports the last meeting night before the close of each quarter. Blanks may be procured through Division Headquarters for these reports.

XIII. Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, of Springfield, Ohio, was chosen as National President of the Sons of Veterans' Ladies' Aid Society, at the recent Encampment held at Akron, Ohio. Wheeling W. Va., was selected as the place for the next Encampment. This Organization, every Son of a Veteran should encourage in every possible way.

XIV. The new supplies are now ready for distribution. Much delay has been caused owing to the necessity of a complete revision of almost every blank and in preparing new ones. The attention of Camps is especially directed to the "Notices to Delinquent Members."

XV. Brothers are warned to be on the lookout for a "Young Dandy" giving the name of Clem Plantz, who has secured a badge, cap and uniform of the Order and tries to pass himself as a member of Earnshaw Camp, No. 89, of Dayton, Ohio. He is not, and never was a member of No. 89.

XVI. The attention of Camps is especially directed to a change in Article VII, Section I, Page 13, of the old Constitution, regarding the date of the election of officers. It having been changed from the last meeting night in December to the first.

The following are the changes in Constitution:

ARTICLE IV. Paragraph first, page 5, strike out the word "subordinate" and add at the end after the word number, "and further provided, that the Division of Pennsylvania may have duplicate numbers of Camps No. 2, 4, 9 and 33."

ARTICLE V. Same page, add to it "Provided that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever borne arms against the Government of the United States."

ARTICLE VII. Section 1, page 13, change the word "last" to "first" in ninth line.

ARTICLE VIII. Page 14, Section 3, add after the word Camp, "He shall make an annual report of deaths, and Memorial Day services to the Division Chaplain at least ten days prior to the Annual Encampment of the Division."

Same Article, Section 5, insert after the word case "Seventh, a book in which shall be kept a list of all obligated Comrades of the G. A. R."

Chapter III, Article II, Section 1, second paragraph, page 23; insert before "Who have served," "All Past Commanders-in-Chief, all Past Grand Division Commanders, and all Past Colonels in their respective Divisions." In Section 2 of same article change "last" to "first" and strike out "subordinate," and in Section 4 strike out word "subordinate."

No. 9, page 32, strike out "subordinate."

Page 31. In next to last paragraph, first line, strike out "two" and insert "and last."

Page 36, Article IV, Paragraph first, strike out "Commissary General" and "Chief Ordinance Officer" "and one member elected from each Division," for the last insert "and five elective members."

Page 37, Article VI, Section 4, strike out "A Commissary General," and "A Chief Ordinance Officer and"

Page 38, Article, 8, Section 1. Strike out the "Commissary General," "the Chief Ordinance Officer," and "one member recommended by each Division," and in place of last insert "five members."

Page 45, Section 2, Article 1. Strike out word "Deputy" and insert "An Officer properly detailed." Strike out "admit" and insert *muster*.

Page 46, Article II, insert a new section between Section 2 and 3, to the effect that commanding officers of Divisions shall make a final settlement on behalf of their respective Divisions with the Commander-in-Chief, not later than fourteen days prior to the annual sitting of the Council-in-Chief for the final auditing of the accounts of said Commandery-in-Chief.

Page 54, Article VII. Additional Section added providing for the bond of the Commander-in-Chief.

Page 55, Article IX., Section 1. Amended to include metallic wreaths and letters. Section 2 is made Section 4, and Section 2 will provide for equipped Camps, wearing the crossed rifles, cannon, or sabres as the equipment may designate and Section 3 will describe fatigue uniform, and in Section 4, "shall not" before "omit" will be changed to "may," and an addition describing the new cap marks of the Commandery-in-Chief officers. A fifth Section will be added granting armed and equipped Camps the right to wear the shoulder-straps, upon receiving a dispensation from the Colonel commanding, adopting the U. S. Army regulation dress uniform.

Page 56, in paragraph "First," strike out all after the word coat and insert, officers of Camps, armed and equipped, may upon receiving a

dispensation from the Commander-in-Chief or Colonel commanding, wear the regulation shoulder-straps.

Page 57, strike out "one bar at each end Assistant Inspectors of Divisions."

Page 58, Section 4. Strike out all after "Constantly wear" and insert "the minature badge as devised by Major A. P. Davis, representing the shield of the Order as a button-hole or pin decoration, provided, however, that Brothers who still desire, shall be at liberty to wear the bar-pin or button-whole decoration, heretofore in use.

In Section 5, same page, strike out the word elective wherever it occurs in the Section.

Page 61, Article XIII., Section 2. Second paragraph amend to provide for worsted fringe and tassels, brass spear-head and strike out all after "number of Camp."

Page 67, Article XIX. Change "three" to "four."

First resolution in appendix is made Article XXIII on page 68, and Article XXIII is made Article XXIV. Balance of appendix is stricken out.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. Post,  
*Adjutant-General.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 1:

| Applicants. |                                | Applicants. |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sept. 1,    | No. 31, Boston, Mass.....29    | 30,         | 76, Glenn Falls, N. Y.....11         |
| 1,          | 226, Creston, O.....11         | 30,         | 78, Whitesville, N. Y.....10         |
| 1,          | 227, Franklin, O.....18        | 30,         | 112, Wales, Mich.....15              |
| 1,          | 1, Omaha, Neb.....22           | 30,         | 44, Creighton, Neb.....22            |
| 2,          | 109, Au Sable, Mich.....15     | Oct. 1,     | 62, Salem, Mo.....17                 |
| 3,          | 13, Elizabeth, W. Va.....21    | 3,          | 224, South Point, O.....28           |
| 6,          | 70, Remington, Ind.....13      | 3,          | 231, Bellefontaine, O.....34         |
| 7,          | 124, Polo, Ill.....12          | 4,          | 132, Pana, Ill.....18                |
| 7,          | 125, Barry, Ill.....11         | 4,          | 232, Kensington, O.....10            |
| 7,          | 126, Winchester, Ill.....15    | 5,          | 133, Makanda, Ill.....18             |
| 7,          | 127, Arthur, Ill.....13        | 6,          | 3, Beloit, Wis.....25                |
| 8,          | 128, Samoth, Ill.....12        | 8,          | 20, De Soto, Wis.....17              |
| 8,          | 92, Jamestown, Kan.....15      | 10,         | 76, Wyandotte, Kan.....13            |
| 8,          | 44, Ravenna, Mich.....17       | 11,         | 40, Pine City, Minn.....15           |
| 8,          | 40, Chapin, Ill.....11         | 12,         | 76, Mifflin, Ind.....11              |
| 10,         | 228, Castalia, O.....13        | 13,         | 233, Antwerp, O.....23               |
| 10,         | 5, Covington, Ky.....11        | 14,         | 79, Corning, N. Y.....21             |
| 10,         | 129, Illiopolis, Ill.....23    | 15,         | 12, Charleston, Me.....11            |
| 12,         | 110, Albion, Mich.....31       | 15,         | 126, Mediopolis, Iowa.....28         |
| 13,         | 93, Portis, Kan.....20         | 17,         | 234, Willshire, O.....18             |
| 13,         | 94, Galesburg, Kan.....14      | 17,         | 41, Peoria, Ill.....15               |
| 13,         | 19, Hancock, Wis.....29        | 17,         | 134, Dryden, Ill.....17              |
| 14,         | 111, Sturgis, Mich.....24      | 17,         | 135, Greenview, Ill.....17           |
| 14,         | 86, Georgetown, Penna.....13   | 18,         | 235, Cheshire, O.....16              |
| 16,         | 71, Pine Village, Ind.....16   | 19,         | 113, Mt. Clemens, Mich.....27        |
| 15,         | 72, Danville, Ind.....21       | 19,         | 136, Gibson City, Ill.....24         |
| 15,         | 73, Albion, Ind.....17         | 22,         | 114, Hesperia, Mich.....20           |
| 15,         | 74, Switz City, Ind.....10     | 22,         | 45, Waco, Neb.....10                 |
| 15,         | 84, Portersville, Penn.....15  | 24,         | 78, Connellsville, Pa.....32         |
| 15,         | 42, Holdrege, Neb.....12       | 24,         | 63, Concordia, Mo.....11             |
| 15,         | 43, Bloomingtou, Neb.....16    | 25,         | 115, Atlanta, Mich.....10            |
| 16,         | 130, Athens, Ill.....19        | 25,         | 12, Marysville, Cal.....20           |
| 16,         | 131, Chenoa, Ill.....17        | 26,         | 77, Pittsboro, Ind.....15            |
| 17,         | 229, Beaver, O.....27          | 27,         | 116, Union City, Mich.....29         |
| 17,         | 61, South St. Louis, Mo.....13 | 27,         | 236, Polk, (Ashland Co.), O.....18   |
| 19,         | 6, Dayton, Ky.....12           | 27,         | 137, Virginia (Cass Co.), Ill.....15 |
| 21,         | 37, West Randolph, Vt.....10   | 28,         | 117, Crosswell, Mich.....14          |
| 22,         | 230, Byhalia, O.....28         | 29,         | 77, Pleasant Valley, Pa.....14       |
| 22,         | 75, South Whitley, Ind.....16  | 31,         | 64, Fordland (Webster Co) Mo..17     |
| 22,         | 14, Rowlesburg, W. Va.....20   |             |                                      |
| 24,         | 71, Oxford, O.....23           |             |                                      |
| 24,         | 31, Litchfield, Conn.....12    |             |                                      |
| 30,         | 73, New Bremen N. Y.....14     |             |                                      |

Total number of Camps 82  
Total number of applicants 1,437

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.)  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 5th, 1887.)  
*General Orders, No. 3.*

I. The several Camps in the following States and Territories, not under the jurisdiction of any organized or Provisional Division, are hereby instituted a Provisional Division at Large, to-wit: Rhode Island, Texas, Arkansas, Virginia, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon and Washington Territory, and are placed under the command of H. A. Swazy who has been appointed Provisional Colonel of this Division with rank from November 21, 1887. He will appoint such officers as his Division may require and establish Headquarters at 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

II. Colonel F. J. Walthers having left the United States, the Council of the Division of Wisconsin, was convened at Janesville, October 18th, and Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Sheridan, of Eau Claire, was elected to fill the vacancy, and Captain C. H. Hudson, of Madison, was elected to the position of Lieutenant Colonel. A. B. Leith, of Madison, was elected to fill a vacancy in the Division Council.

III. Colonel F. M. Shackford having resigned, the Council of the Division of New Hampshire, was convened and elected Michael Crowley, of Portsmouth, to fill the vacancy.

IV. Section No. XV. of General Order No. 2, relating to Clem Plantz is hereby rescinded. Later advices from Colonel Frazee states that Plantz is a member of the Order in good standing.

V. Section IX. of General Order, No. 2, should have stated that Colonels will direct those Camps wishing to obtain the new Certificate of Charter, to forward the one they now hold directly to these Headquarters, the old and new being returned together. This is in compliance with instructions given by the Sixth Encampment at Des Moines.

VI. Colonels commanding must ascertain positively that each Camp of their respective Divisions is receiving THE NATIONAL REVBILLE through First Sergeant. These Headquarters must be apprised of all changes immediately after the New Year.

VII. Commanding Colonels must exercise special care in the appointment of installing officers; and, further, that each one is provided with proper evidence of authority to act, and blanks for returns. Under no circumstances should an installing officer be permitted to act until all reports and taxes due the Divisions from the Camp have been received.

VIII. The password and countersign for the ensuing six months has been forwarded to all Colonels who have made proper returns to these Headquarters for the quarter ending September 30th.

IX. The following Colonels have failed to make the required returns—(Reports and Per Capita Tax) for the quarter ending September 30, 1887: Colonel Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire; Colonel E. F. Fellows, of New York; Colonel E. J. Smith, of Pennsylvania; Colonel M. E. Bishop, of Florida; Colonel A. R. McKenzie, of Tennessee; Colonel Will West, of Kentucky; Colonel James D. Rowen, of Iowa; Colonel B. W. Hawkins, of Nebraska; Colonel J. R. Rockwell, of Dakota. Colonel E. E. Jeffries, of New Jersey, has failed to return tax and Quartermaster's report, his Adjutant having reported. The first Colonel reporting was Colonel R. H. Freer, of West Virginia, and receives the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief.

X. The Divisions of New Hampshire and Dakota are three quarters in arrears for per capita tax, and unless the tax is paid at once the Council-in-Chief will be asked to annul the charters of said Divisions, and they will be created Provisional Divisions and some Colonel appointed who will make the necessary returns.



XI. The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel from September 15, 1887. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly: J. M. Degelman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Louis Hettenger, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Harry R. Dietrich, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; Wm. H. Hensche, Richmond, Ind.; W. P. Chrissenger, Eau Claire, Wis.; F. B. Phelps, Janesville, Wis., B. R. Boynton, Ottumwa, Iowa and G. L. Goodale; Lenox, Iowa.

XII. The Commander-in-Chief and several members of the Staff, attended the Encampment of the G. A. R. at St. Louis. The courtesies received on all sides are duly appreciated, particularly from the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Sons of Veterans, of St. Louis, presented a fine soldiery appearance and received the thanks of their Commander-in-Chief. At this Encampment Judge John P. Rea, of Minnesota, was elected Commander-in-Chief, and Daniel Fish has been appointed his Adjutant-General—in both of whom the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will find as firm friends as in Past-Commander-in-Chief Lucius Fairchild and Adjutant General Gray.

XIII. Brothers in general, and especially those of New Jersey and New York, are warned against becoming unduly partisan and unjust in their intercourse with members of the Post system Sons of Veterans. It must be remembered that all are Sons of Loyal fathers, "Who stood elbow to elbow, shoulder to shoulder." While we may not agree, we can be courteous. In the cause of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty, we can at least *be friends* if not BROTHERS.

XIV. Commanding Colonels will require Camps to pay back Per Capita Tax on all members re instated for the time that they were suspended, as Colonels are required to pay, back Per Capita Tax to the Commander-in-Chief on all members re-instated for the period they were under suspension.

XV. The Colonels of the Divisions of Michigan and Connecticut are the only ones who have filed a sample of the official corps badge of their respective Divisions as required in General Orders No. 2. One or two Divisions have chosen duplicate marks, and those will be recognized which have been recorded at these Headquarters. Colonels will see to this at once.

XVI. Immediately after the first of the year extended official business will require the presence of the Commander-in-Chief in the East. For the good of the Order he will proceed via. Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, also the cities of Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Harrisburgh, Reading, Philadelphia and New York. He will afterward visit Baltimore, Washington and the Headquarters of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and possibly Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He will be pleased to meet members of the Order on the way.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. Post,

*Adjutant-General.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 2:

| Date.   | No.     | Place.                | No. Applicants. | Date.    | No. | Place                 | No. applicants. |
|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Nov. 1, | No. 79, | Batesville, Ind.....  | 13              | Nov. 14, | 21, | Millville, N. J.....  | 16              |
| 2,      | 80,     | Sardinia, Ind.....    | 13              | 15,      | 59, | Springdale, Pa.....   | 18              |
| 2,      | 19,     | Clinton Mass.....     | 24              | 17,      | 84, | Bremen, Ind.....      | 10              |
| 2,      | 30,     | Middleboro, Mass..... | 30              | 17,      | 15, | Sand Hill, W. Va..... | 18              |
| 2,      | 138,    | Chicago, Ill.....     | 20              | 17,      | 16, | Tunnelton, W. Va..... | 12              |
| 4,      | 77,     | Madison, Ind.....     | 31              | 17,      | 90, | Lebanon, Ohio.....    | 11              |
| 5,      | 41,     | Belle Plain, Kan..... | 17              | 18,      | 30, | Newton, Kan.....      | 19              |
| 7,      | 81,     | Decatur, Ind.....     | 15              | 18,      | 21, | Ashland, Wis.....     | 14              |
| 7,      | 82,     | Terre Haute, Ind..... | 24              | 19,      | 13, | Elsimore, Cal.....    | 13              |
|         | 20      | Covington, Ohio.....  | 14              | 21,      | 146 | Overton, Pa.....      | 12              |

| Applicants. |                                  | Applicants. |                                 |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 9,          | 139, Cero Gordo, Ill.....17      | 22,         | 147, Galetton, Pa.....26        |
| 9,          | 140, Vienna, Ill.....17          | 24,         | 65, Melrose, Mo.....25          |
| 9,          | 141, Perry, Ill.....15           | 25,         | 44, Williamsport, Pa.....53     |
| 9,          | 51, Ravenna, Ohio.....12         | 26,         | 148, Irwin, Pa.....20           |
| 10,         | 63, Shanes Crossing, Ohio.....22 | 26,         | 143, Glasford, Ill.....25       |
| 10,         | 69, Elkhorn, Pa.....14           | 26,         | 144, Payson, Ill.....13         |
| 10,         | 74, Euphrata, Pa.....19          | 26,         | 66, Carthage, Mo.....16         |
| 11,         | 80, Ilion N. Y.....24            | 28,         | 145, Springerton, Ill.....16    |
| 11,         | 81, Ontario, N. Y.....13         | 28,         | 82, Evans Mills, N. Y.....10    |
| 11,         | 118, Holland, Mich.....25        | 30,         | 85, Connersville, Ind.....30    |
| 11,         | 142, Mt. Vernon, Ill.....19      | 30,         | 86, Clark's Hill, Ind.....18    |
| 12,         | 83, Doolittles Mills, Ind.....10 |             | Total number of camps, 45       |
| 12,         | 10, Ogden, Kan.....13            |             | Total number of applicants, 839 |
| 14,         | 20, New Brunswick, N. J.....23   |             |                                 |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 2, 1888. }

*General Orders, No. 4.*

I. For the quarter ending December 31st Colonels commanding will pay a tax of 3 cents per capita on all members in good standing, to the Commandery-in-Chief. It must be borne in mind that back tax of 5 cents per capita must be forwarded on all reported as being re-instated *in addition* to the regular 3 cent tax.

II. Much complaint is made that Camps and charitable members of the Order are constantly being imposed upon by unworthy and black-listed members seeking aid. The Constitution should be strictly adhered to in every instance, (Chapter II, Article IV, Sec. 1. page 10). No Brother should leave the jurisdiction of his Camp without a Leave of Absence, and no Camp or Brother should grant assistance without the Leave of Absence being presented. This rule must be strictly observed to prevent imposition.

III. The Division officers of New York and Dakota have made full reports and paid tax since last General Orders.

IV. The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from Sept. 15th, 1887. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly. E. T. Beltz, Laramie, Wyoming Ter., (Division of Colorado); Frank H. Hale, Geneva, Ind., and Charles F. Hayes, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

V. The following Camps have voluntarily surrendered their Charters, the same are hereby annulled: Nos. 17, 47, 75, 83, Division of Penn., and No. 17, Division of Conn.

VI. Good and sufficient cause appearing on the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Nos. 28, 31, 60, 66, 87, 104, 113, Division of Penn., and No. 25, at Harrison, Division of Ind.

VII. Colonels will call the attention of the newly elected Camp officers to the fact that the annual Inspection of the Order will occur in April. This inspection will be most rigid, thorough and complete, and preparations should be commenced at once to insure a good mark and classification. The ritualistic work should be committed at once.

VIII. The month of December shows a decidedly encouraging progress in the muster of new Camps. The new year is before us and never did prospects seem brighter for a grand growth in our Order. Let every Officer and Brother do his duty, and advance all along the lines. We owe everything to our country and in paying the debt we enrich ourselves. A country that forgets its loyalty and neglects to cultivate a martial spirit, loses half of its manhood.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,  
Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. Post, Adjutant General

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 3:

| Date.   | No.  | Location.               | No. Applicants. | Date.    | No.  | Location.                       | No. Applicants. |
|---------|------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dec. 1, | 26,  | Marion, Kan.....        | 28              | Dec. 16, | 148, | Lima, Ill.....                  | 16              |
| 2,      | 146, | Saunemin, Ill.....      | 18              | 16,      | 149, | Paw Paw, Ill.....               | 17              |
| 3,      | 83,  | Eaton, N. Y.....        | 11              | 16,      | 150, | Champaign, Ill.....             | 20              |
| 3,      | 41,  | Winona, Minn.....       | 16              | 16,      | 128, | Tippecanoe City, O.....         | 22              |
| 3,      | 88,  | Hæcla, Ind.....         | 16              | 17,      | 150, | Port Trevorton, Pa.....         | 20              |
| 7,      | 149, | Bear Lake, Pa.....      | 16              | 17,      | 93,  | Wolcottville, Ind.....          | 22              |
| 8,      | 98,  | Mt Orab, O.....         | 30              | 19,      | 39,  | Urbana, Kan.....                | 20              |
| 10,     | 121, | Malvern, Ia.....        | 26              | 20,      | 4,   | Miles City, Montana.....        | 12              |
| 10,     | 123, | Griswold, Ia.....       | 19              | 21,      | 94,  | Greenfield, Ind.....            | 19              |
| 10,     | 124, | Onawa, Ia.....          | 36              | 21,      | 95,  | Zenia, Ind.....                 | 15              |
| 10,     | 125, | Prescott, Ia.....       | 11              | 21,      | 96,  | Greenwood, Ind.....             | 18              |
| 10,     | 127, | Agency, Ia.....         | 28              | 21,      | 97,  | Argos, Ind.....                 | 11              |
| 10,     | 128, | Red Oak, Ia.....        | 40              | 21,      | 116, | Waymart, Pa.....                | 15              |
| 10,     | 129, | Lisbon, Ia.....         | 17              | 22,      | 7,   | Ashland, Ky.....                | 25              |
| 10,     | 130, | Leighton, Ia.....       | 18              | 24,      | 82,  | Homer, N. Y.....                | 17              |
| 10,     | 131, | Anita, Ia.....          | 15              | 24,      | 85,  | Chateaugay, N. Y.....           | 21              |
| 10,     | 132, | West Liberty, Ia.....   | 10              | 24,      | 151, | Rush, Pa.....                   | 18              |
| 10,     | 133, | Maynard, Ia.....        | 22              | 26,      | 152, | Clarksville, Pa.....            | 15              |
| 12,     | 67,  | Billings, Mo.....       | 31              | 26,      | 18,  | Media, Pa.....                  | 22              |
| 12,     | 22,  | Asbury, Park, N. J..... | 27              | 26,      | 158, | Richmondale, O.....             | 18              |
| 12,     | 89,  | Cynthiana, Ind.....     | 16              | 26,      | 160, | Moody, O.....                   | 14              |
| 12,     | 127, | Chester, O.....         | 10              | 26,      | 162, | Malta, O.....                   | 56              |
| 13,     | 68,  | St. Genievieve, Mo..... | 20              | 27,      | 120, | Coleman, Mich.....              | 13              |
| 13,     | 31,  | Kanopolis, Kan.....     | 10              | 37,      | 69,  | Iberia, Mo.....                 | 27              |
| 14,     | 28,  | Watertown, Dak.....     | 11              | 22,      | 151, | Mansfield, Ill.....             | 18              |
| 14,     | 119, | Litchfield, Mich.....   | 24              | 30,      | 152, | Dallas City, Ill.....           | 25              |
| 15,     | 90,  | Burlington, Ind.....    | 21              | 30,      | 163, | Sycamore, Ill.....              | 12              |
| 15,     | 33,  | Charlestown, Mass.....  | 17              | 36,      | 154, | Lanark, Ill.....                | 19              |
| 16,     | 91,  | Russavielle, Ind.....   | 16              | 30,      | 155, | Bellair, Ill.....               | 18              |
| 16,     | 92,  | Merom, Ind.....         | 12              | 31,      | 28,  | Tionesta, Pa.....               | 22              |
| 16,     | 39,  | Jersey Shore, Pa.....   | 20              |          |      | Total number of camps.....      | 62              |
| 16,     | 147, | Yale, Ill.....          | 11              |          |      | Total number of applicants..... | 1,210           |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, February 1st, 1888. }

General Orders No. 5.

I. General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief will invariably come from the press not later than the second day of each month. Colonels commanding must forward General Orders to Camp officers without delay; the practice of some Colonels of holding Orders awaiting their convenience, is not calculated to promote the best interests of the Order, and must be discontinued. Division Headquarters—except on the Pacific Slope—should receive the Commander-in-Chief's General order not later than the 7th of the month. It has occurred that the General Orders have miscarried in the mail, and if not received by that date Colonels will so notify these Headquarters. Colonels commanding will place the names of all the officers, Staff and Council of the Commandery-in-Chief on their mailing lists, and see that copies of all Division General Orders are forwarded to them.

II. Colonels commanding will employ the strictest measures to enforce the reading of all General Orders in the Camps. Much laxity has crept into the Order in this direction on the part of Captains commanding.

III. The New Year should see each Camp fully equipped with all necessary supplies. Colonels will therefore forward to each Camp two copies of the Requisition for supplies,—current series, (form 1)—that Camps may provide themselves with new Constitutions and other necessary blanks and books which the coming inspection will require them to possess.

IV. Colonels commanding must be especially vigilant in scrutinizing the Quarterly Reports of First Sergeants, regarding the age of recruits admitted. Under no circumstances must a recruit be admitted into the Order until he has arrived at the Constitutional age of eighteen years.

V. Colonels will require the Captains of the Camps in their respective Divisions to exact an absolutely good bond from the Quartermaster Sergeant in sum sufficient to cover all amounts coming to the Camp. If a Quartermaster Sergeant has been re-appointed, he must be required to renew his bond to the Camp. During the past year many Camps have suffered losses through neglect of this precaution, and the evil must be remedied.

VI. Harry Rust Camp No. 42, of Norway, Maine, and C. E. Lippencott Camp, No. 18, of Edenburg, Ill., having disbanded, the Charters of the same are hereby annulled.

VII. The Major of the Division of Maine, having moved beyond the borders of the Division, the office is hereby declared vacated, and the Division Council will, under the direction of the Colonel Commanding, convene and elect a suitable Brother to fill the vacancy.

VIII. M. E. Bishop, of the Provisional Division of Florida, having resigned his Commission as Colonel, J. W. V. R. Plummer, of Key West, is hereby appointed Colonel, with rank from January 10th, 1888. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly. He will assume command at once and appoint such staff officers as his Division may require. Brother Bishop will forward all supplies to Colonel Plummer at once.

IX. Colonel Eugene Morehouse, of Connecticut, was the first to forward reports and returns to these Headquarters, for the quarter ending December 31, 1887, with Colonel J. P. Sheridan, of Wisconsin, a close second. For this promptness they are tendered the appreciative thanks of the Commander-in-Chief.

X. Maurice A. Reichert, of Chicago, has been appointed Chief Musician for the Commandery-in-Chief and the following additional Aides have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from January 2, 1888. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly: M. A. Pell, Louisville, Ky.; O. B. Brown, Dayton, Ohio; H. B. Baguley, Wheeling, W. Va.; P. H. Murphy, 37, 32d St., New York City; H. B. Marchbank, Newark, N. J.; H. M. Rebele, Allegheny, Pa.

XI. Comrades of the G. A. R., who have also become members of the Sons of Veterans (being sons of soldiers), must conform to, and be amenable to all the laws of our Order, and should they become suspended, dropped, or dishonorably discharged from the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., they will be denied the privilege of the Camp Room, as any other member would be, and under no circumstances will they be permitted to gain admission as comrades of the G. A. R., they having waived the right to courtesies granted members of that Organization, in becoming Constitutional members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

XII. Our Organization having failed to provide a means whereby our Camps could be protected against visits of comrades of the G. A. R., already obligated, but who have since been dropped or suspended from their respective posts; arrangements have been made through the courtesy of Judge John P. Rea, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, whereby the current password and countersign of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be issued through Department and Post Commanders to all comrades in good standing in the G. A. R. This will go into effect not later than April the first, next; therefore, after that date, Sergeants of the Guard will be required to take the password and countersign from all obligated visiting comrades of the G. A. R. A new blank has been added to the list of Camp supplies (not mentioned in the new requisition for supplies)—form 1½. It is a certificate to be issued by the Camp to each comrade at the time of his obligation. Any comrade presenting a certificate duly signed and sealed from any Camp, and having the current



password and countersign will be granted the privilege of any Camp of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., without being re-obligated. Unless in special session Camp officers will always admit all comrades of the G. A. R., in good standing, except those mentioned in Section eleven of these General Orders. Any Camp observing any special rule contrary to this, will discontinue its use forthwith.

XIII. Chief-of-Staff Harry M. Russell, No. 2316 Hancock St., Philadelphia, Pa., is hereby ordered on duty "for the good of the Order." All Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief will report to him at once for duty. Colonels commanding will divide and proportion equally the Camps in their respective Divisions into four sections, and recommend to Chief-of-Staff Russell, what Aide of the Commander-in-Chief shall be assigned to each particular section. They will also direct their own respective Aides in each Camp to report for duty to the Aide of the Commander-in Chief of their particular section. An effort is to be made to arouse a livelier interest in the Order than has heretofore existed, to assist in bringing about more uniformity and promptness in the business of the Camps, and in organizing new Camps in unworked territory; last, but not least, to get some work out of a long list of Aides.

XIV. Colonels will immediately furnish the Adjutant-General with a complete list of the names and addresses of the officers and staff (including council), of their respective Divisions for publication, together with the date and location of the coming Division Encampments.

XV. Through the instrumentality of an individual, laboring under a personal pique and poor digestion, a Cincinnati paper recently published an article doing great wrong to the Brothers of the Camps in Cincinnati, and questioning their hospitality. Justice demands that this error be corrected. The Commander-in-Chief was most generously entertained during his stay in Cincinnati, the leading lights of the Sons of Southern Ohio doing everything in their power for his entertainment, and in fact the loyal and fraternal spirit of the entire Brotherhood manifested towards your Commander "all along the line" is more than any ordinary man can stand without being deeply moved.

XVI. The older members of the Order—those who rocked its cradle anxiously through the precarious period of its tender young days, will no doubt be pleased to know that Past-Commander-in-Chief, H. W. Arnold, is at the old "Mecca," Johnstown, Pa., where he is enjoying reasonably fair health and would be pleased to receive a few words from the Brothers of "Auld Lang Syne."

Attest.

By order of

C. J. Post,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 4:

| Date. | No.        | Location.                  | No. Applicants. | Date. | No.          | Location.                  | No. Applicants. |
|-------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Jan.  | 2, No. 36, | Louisburg, Kan.....        | 13              | Jan.  | 19, No. 232, | Plymouth, O.....           | 23              |
|       | 2,         | 85, Shelbyville, Ind.....  | 15              |       | 19,          | 41, Waltham, Mass.....     | 16              |
|       | 2,         | 98, Washington, Ind.....   | 17              |       | 20,          | 70, Ash Grove, Mo.....     | 19              |
|       | 5,         | 156, Nauvoo, Ill.....      | 19              |       | 23,          | 44, Washington, Kan.....   | 16              |
|       | 5,         | 35, Lyons, Kan.....        | 18              |       | 23,          | 31, Bruin, Pa.....         | 21              |
|       | 5,         | 86, Cicero, N. Y.....      | 11              |       | 23,          | 163, Saybrook, Ill.....    | 16              |
|       | 7,         | 80, Pleasant Hill, O.....  | 16              |       | 24,          | 103, La Grange, Ind.....   | 20              |
|       | 7,         | 109, Harrisonville, O..... | 14              |       | 24,          | 161, Griggsville, Ill..... | 13              |
|       | 7,         | 237, Miamisburg, O.....    | 25              |       | 25,          | 104, Ewing, Ind.....       | 28              |
|       | 7,         | 238, Royaltown, O.....     | 14              |       | 25,          | 105, Pendleton, Ind.....   | 25              |
|       | 7,         | 239, Lucasville, O.....    | 13              |       | 25,          | 106, Kokomo, Ind.....      | 15              |
|       | 7,         | 240, Mt. Liberty, O.....   | 16              |       | 35,          | 27, Chicopee, Mass.....    | 20              |
|       | 9,         | 17, Wheeling, W. Va.....   | 28              |       | 25,          | 38, Waitsfield, Vt.....    | 30              |

| Applicants. |                                 | Applicants. |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 9,          | 157, Prairie City, Ill.....     | 25,         | 244, St. Paris, O.....          |
| 10,         | 168, Ava, Ill.....              | 25,         | 245, Lynchburg, O.....          |
| 11,         | 8, Lebanon, N. H.....           | 26,         | 122, Charlevoix, Mich.....      |
| 12,         | 5, Hurley, Turner Co., Dak...18 | 26,         | 162, Lerna, Ill.....            |
| 16,         | 4, Randolph, Mass.....          | 27,         | 159, Litchfield, Ill.....       |
| 17,         | 241, Sabina, O.....             | 27,         | 163, Hume, Ill.....             |
| 18,         | 99, Angola, Ind.....            | 30,         | 102, Winfall, Ind.....          |
| 19,         | 100, Jasper, Ind.....           | 30,         | 32, Norwalk, Conn.....          |
| 19,         | 101, Kentland, Ind.....         |             | Total number of Camps.....      |
|             |                                 |             | Total number of applicants..... |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. March 1st 1888. }

*General Orders, No. 6.*

I. In publishing General Orders hereafter Colonels Commanding will see that Adjutants adopt the same sized folio as that used by the Adjutant General. White paper, printed in one color of ink, the folio to be 5 $\frac{3}{8}$  inches by 8 $\frac{3}{8}$  inches, slightly smaller than the preceding Orders of the current series. The form of the heading will be uniform with these General Orders, and only the small cut of the badge may be used. The object to be obtained is uniformity for filing and binding. The Adjutant General has changed the size from former Orders to be in keeping with military usages other societies of a similiar nature.

II. The Quartermaster General will hereafter carry in store a blank book for filing General Orders, similiar to that used by the Grand Army of the Republic. It is well bound with leather calculated for durability and will last any Camp four years. These will be furnished Camps through Division Quartermasters for thirty-five cents each.

III. The Colonels of the following Divisions have failed to forward reports and per capita tax to these headquarters for the quarter ending December 31: Dakota, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Montana, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia. These returns must be forthcoming at once.

IV. The following Aides are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from January 2d, 1888, they will be respected and obeyed accordingly: W. G. McLain, St. Louis, Mo.; Chas. E. Merrill, Auburn, Me.; R. L. Whitcomb, Portland, Me.; C. H. Rice, Bangor, Me.; David A. Friend, Rockland, Me.; A. G. Hutchins, Dover, N. H.; W. E. McPherson, Meredith, N. H.; Frank Libby, Great Falls, N. H.; Henry S. Lyons, North Adams, Mass.; Paul Revere, Morristown, N. J.; W. P. Altman, Salida, Colorado; Franklin C. Monroe, Riverside, R. I.; C. F. R. Jenne, Brattleboro, Vt.; O. D. Clark, Montpelier, Vt.; Will R. Sargent, Saint Johnsbury, Vt.; B. B. Perkins, St. Albans, Vt.; and Geo. H. Craig, Keene, N. H.

V. Good and sufficient cause appearing and on the recommendation of the Colonels Commanding, the charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled and the Brothers in good standing in these Camps will be granted transfer cards by the Commanding Colonel: Camps No. 35, 73, 107, 139, 178 and 192, Division of Ohio; Camps No. 6, 17, 23, 28 and 47, Division of Kansas; Camps 6 and 8, Division of California.

VI. The charter of Camp No. 75, of Towanda, Division of Pennsylvania, having been annulled, is hereby re-instated by the request of the Colonel Commanding.

VII. Geo. Warren, Jr., recent Major of the Division of Connecticut, has been tried by Court Martial, found guilty, and dishonorably discharged

from the Order. The findings of the Court have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

VIII. The Division of Rhode Island was organized February 14th, at Providence, by the Commander-in-Chief. The Colonel-elect is Chas. H. West, of Newport, R. I.

IX. To place at rest some wild rumors which have gone abroad without authority, it may be stated that the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will occur at Wheeling, W. Virginia, August 15th, 16th and 17th, in accord with the vote of the last Encampment.

X. The following committees are announced for the Encampment at Wheeling, subject to such additions and changes as circumstances may necessitate:

On Constitution, Rules and Regulations: R. H. Freer, Lucien F. Burpee, E. J. Smith, Joseph B. Maccabe and Leland J. Webb. On Ritual: Marvin E. Hall, Henry Frazee, F. McCrillis, Miles W. Ross and Rudolph Loebenstein.

R. H. Freer, Leland J. Webb and Lucien F. Burpee will form the Committee on Digest as specified in Article XXII, Chapter 6, C., R. and R. The several committees will enter into the discharge of their duties at once.

XI. Colonels Commanding will furnish these Headquarters with a complete description of the Charters of their respective Divisions, to whom granted, date and by whom issued, to complete the records at these Headquarters.

XII. In justice to Colonel Crowley it should be stated that the neglected condition of the Division of New Hampshire should not be charged against him, but his predecessor. Colonel Crowley has made satisfactory arrangements with these Headquarters and the Charter of the New Hampshire Division will not be taken away from it.

XIII. An association has been organized in Lowell, Mass., styling itself the "Sons of Veterans' Benefit Association." This insurance company has no official connection with the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Several of its officers are dropped members of the Order, and for any small percentage which this association may offer Brothers to solicit members for it, it is not believed they will lend encouragement to this institution which the Commander-in-Chief, after a thorough inquiry into its affairs cannot recommend to the Order.

XIV. Inspector General Marvin E. Hall is ordered on duty for the coming annual inspection of each Camp. He will formulate such blanks, issue such orders and instructions as the needs of the Order, in his judgment may require, submitting the same for approval. He will also make a detail for the inspection of all Division Headquarters except the Provisional Division and the Division of Rhode Island.

XV. General Anderson, Chaplain-in-Chief of the G. A. R., has asked for a report from the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., of the extent to which the Sons of Veterans participate and assist in the observance of Memorial Day next. The Chaplain-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans will therefore require a report from each Division Chaplain, who in turn will receive reports from Camp Chaplains, of our work in this line. These reports will be furnished in blank by the Commandery-in-Chief. Colonels will call the attention of Camps to this important matter that they may arouse themselves and make a record that will bring joy to the hearts of the OLD SOLDIERS.

C. J. POST,  
*Adjutant General*

By order of  
G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders, No. 5.

| Applicants.                          |    | Applicants.                         |       |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Feb. 1, No. 71, Greenfield, Mo.....  | 25 | Feb. 15, No. 251, Bradford, O.....  | 22    |
| 1, 135, Humboldt, Iowa.....          | 24 | 16, 87, Ticonderoga, N. Y.....      | 14    |
| 1, 136, Farragut, Iowa.....          | 14 | 20, 35, Amelia, O.....              | 12    |
| 1, 46, Doniphan, Neb.....            | 12 | 20, 73, Manchester, O.....          | 35    |
| 2, 84, Dickinson Center, N. Y.....   | 10 | 20, 107, Cincinnati, Sta. C. O..... | 16    |
| 3, 164, Belle Rive, Ill.....         | 11 | 20, 139, Eaton, O.....              | 21    |
| 4, 24, Alma, Kan.....                | 19 | 20, 170, Blount, Ill.....           | 11    |
| 4, 243, Raysville, O.....            | 17 | 20, 171, Pecatonica, Ill.....       | 14    |
| 4, 246, New Plymouth, O.....         | 13 | 22, 178, Trimbal, O.....            | 24    |
| 4, 247, Homer, Licking, Co., O.....  | 17 | 22, 192, Byron, O.....              | 22    |
| 6, 107, Elkhart, Ind.....            | 27 | 22, 252, Dunkirk, O.....            | 24    |
| 6, 45, Salina, Kan.....              | 18 | 24, 253, Rushsylvania, O.....       | 20    |
| 6, 16, South Lyndeboro, N. H.....    | 14 | 24, 254, Wapakoneta, O.....         | 41    |
| 8, 123, Otsego, Mich.....            | 18 | 24, 255, Bridgeport, O.....         | 10    |
| 9, 134, Wapello, Iowa.....           | 14 | 25, 121, Clayton, Mich.....         | 17    |
| 9, 137, Sheldon, Iowa.....           | 25 | 25, 124, Port Huron, Mich.....      | 22    |
| 9, 138, Montrose, Iowa.....          | 21 | 27, 125, Dundee, Mich.....          | 41    |
| 9, 139, Carson, Iowa.....            | 30 | 27, 47, Wilbur, Neb.....            | 10    |
| 9, 46, Barretts, Kan.....            | 15 | 27, 128, Sheridan, Ind.....         | 23    |
| 9, 72, Lebanon, Laeude, Co., Mo..... | 33 | 27, 109, Hudson, Ind.....           | 25    |
| 11, 27, Thomaston, Me.....           | 18 | 28, 126, Mason, Mich.....           | 16    |
| 13, 165, Carlinville, Ill.....       | 23 | 28, 127, Saranac, Mich.....         | 23    |
| 13, 167, Chrisman, Ill.....          | 26 | 28, 108, Traverse City, Mich.....   | 17    |
| 13, 168, Nokomis, Ill.....           | 15 | 28, 22, Wautoma, Wis.....           | 29    |
| 13, 169, Newman, Ill.....            | 13 | 28, 172, West Point, Ill.....       | 15    |
| 13, 3, Spangle, Wash. Ter.....       | 11 | 28, 110, Portland, Ind.....         | 20    |
| 13, 248, Union, O.....               | 11 | 28, 166, Lake View, Ill.....        | 27    |
| 13, 249, Georgesville, O.....        | 24 | 29, 39, Calais, Vt.....             | 17    |
| 13, 250, Perryton, O.....            | 12 | 29, 40, Montgomery, Vt.....         | 13    |
| 13, 7, Paintsville, Ky.....          | 10 | 29, 153, Sharpesville, Pa.....      | 18    |
| 13, 23, Long Branch City, N. J.....  | 18 | 29, 154, Garland, Pa.....           | 22    |
| 13, 3, Washington, D. C.....         | 13 | 29, 129, Unionville, Mich.....      | 32    |
| 13, 5, Cumberland, Md.....           | 35 | Total number of Camps.....          | 66    |
| 16, 76, Nevada, O.....               | 18 | Total number of applicants.....     | 1,305 |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, April 1, 1888. }

*General Orders, No. 7.*

I. The resignation of Quartermaster General F. A. Gurney has been accepted, taking effect from March 15th. A. H. Easter has been promoted to fill the vacancy thus created, with rank from March 15th. A. J. Stone has been appointed to the position of Assistant Quartermaster General, with rank from the same date, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. Owing to the fact that many Camps are exchanging their Charters, the Colonel will see that the Inspectors will not mark against a Camp whose Charter is in transit for exchange.

III. Good and sufficient cause appearing and on the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Camp 14, Cohoes, N. Y. Camp 45, Utica, N. Y.

IV. The following Aides are hereby appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from January 2: C. M. Paul, Elmira, N. Y.; J. W. Camel, Chateaugay, N. Y.; George Hubbs, Syracuse, N. Y.; A. H. Donnelly, Trenton, N. J.; John A. Logan, Washington, D. C.; Truman Havens, San Jose, Cal.; S. A. McDonald, Eureka, Cal.; A. H. Ulm, Santa Anna, Cal.; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Colonels of the following Divisions have failed to comply with the two previous Orders, *i. e.* to forward to these Headquarters the official corps mark of their respective Divisions: Dakota, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland and District of Columbia, Massachusetts,

Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin. There is an imperative necessity for this being done at once, Colonels will therefor comply.

VI. The following Colonels have failed to forward to these Headquarters, reports for the Quarter, ending December 31: Iowa, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia.

VII. The attention of the Order is directed to Section 10, General Order No. 5, c. s.. This Order was promulgated to meet an emergency, therein stated, and, others of a very material character important to the welfare of the Organization, but which the good of the Order demanded should not be published, it is believed however, that the end to be desired, may be obtained by the use of the expiring Pass-word and Countersign, instead of the present one, therefore Camp Officers will receive from Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic the Pass-word and Countersign of the six months ending, December 31, 1887. Colonels commanding will see that the Camps mustered or re-instated since that date, are provided with that Pass-word and Countersign "Form 0000." Owing to unavoidable delay, this Pass-word has not been promulgated, through the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and this order will not go into effect before May 1st, instead of April 1st, as heretofore directed.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. Post,  
*Adjutant-General.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 6:

| Applicants.                         |    | Applicants.                          |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|----|
| March 1, No. 73, Edingburg, Mo..... | 15 | March 16, No. 263, Ottawa, O.....    | 15 |
| 2, 89, Niagara Falls, N. Y.....     | 21 | 16, 264, Milford, O.....             | 24 |
| 3, 256, Leipsic, O.....             | 17 | 19, 47, Milville Borough, Pa.....    | 15 |
| 3, 257, Rainsboro, O.....           | 11 | 21, 141, Salem, Ia.....              | 15 |
| 5, 173, Oregon, Ill.....            | 15 | 21, 142, Scranton, Ia.....           | 15 |
| 5, 45, Arlington, Mass.....         | 13 | 21, 35, Keokuk, Ia.....              | 41 |
| 5, 28, Calais, Me.....              | 19 | 21, 116, Valpariso, Ind.....         | 22 |
| 5, 28, New Albany, Kan.....         | 13 | 21, 117, Evansville, Ind.....        | 35 |
| 5, 57, Waterville, Me.....          | 21 | 21, 265, New Petersburg, O.....      | 14 |
| 5, 145, Galion, O.....              | 16 | 23, 57, St. Joseph, Mich.....        | 21 |
| 6, 155, Apollo, Pa.....             | 20 | 24, 60, New Oxford, Pa.....          | 20 |
| 6, 174, E. St. Louis, Ill.....      | 15 | 24, 42, Eagle Bend, Minn.....        | 18 |
| 7, 130, Ashland Center, Mich.....   | 16 | 24, 118, Kirkland, Ind.....          | 20 |
| 7, 88, Waverly, N. Y.....           | 40 | 24, 41, Waterbury, Vt.....           | 18 |
| 8, 259, Lakeview, O.....            | 18 | 24, 183, Hamilton, Ill.....          | 20 |
| 8, 112, Cicero, Ind.....            | 19 | 26, 23, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.....       | 24 |
| 10, 113, Swayze, Ind.....           | 18 | 26, 24, Hersey, Wis.....             | 11 |
| 10, 58, Sterling, Kan.....          | 27 | 26, 119, Kendallville, Ind.....      | 17 |
| 10, 178, Edwardsville, Ill.....     | 17 | 26, 120, Pike's Peak, Ind.....       | 18 |
| 10, 177, Blandinsville, Ill.....    | 17 | 26, 90, Ann Arbor, Mich.....         | 17 |
| 10, 175, Hoopston, Ill.....         | 24 | 26, 17, Weir City, Kan.....          | 20 |
| 10, 176, Sidell, Ill.....           | 14 | 26, 66, Wilkinsburg, Pa.....         | 22 |
| 12, 179, Glenburn, Ill.....         | 15 | 26, 87, Roddies Cross Roads, Pa..... | 12 |
| 12, 180, Cottage Home, Ill.....     | 18 | 27, 90, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.....     | 19 |
| 13, 156, Sciota, Pa.....            | 15 | 27, 74, Memphis, Mo.....             | 25 |
| 14, 181, Norris City, Ill.....      | 15 | 29, 184, Fairview, Ill.....          | 11 |
| 14, 182, Omaha, Ill.....            | 11 | 29, 43, Montevideo, Minn.....        | 24 |
| 15, 260, Enterprise, O.....         | 12 | 29, 36, East Weymouth, Mass.....     | 47 |
| 15, 261, Mendon, O.....             | 20 | 31, 123, Parsons, Kan.....           | 22 |
| 15, 262, Vandalia, O.....           | 10 | 31, 121, New Albany, Ind.....        | 12 |
| 15, 115, Bowling Green, Ind.....    | 14 | 31, 185, Monticillo, Ill.....        | 15 |
| 15, 114, Auburn, Ind.....           | 26 | Total number of Camps, 63            |    |
|                                     |    | Total number of applicants, 1,191    |    |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
 78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, May 1, 1888. }  
*General Order, No. 8.*

I. For the information of Colonels who may be re-elected and those who are to be elected, it is ordered that the incoming Colonels shall number their General Orders continuously with the current series of their Divisions. This is the rule adopted by the United States Government, no change of administration ever making any change in the consecutive number of the Orders. In adopting this new rule, it will save a great deal of confusion and each Camp will know when it has lost any Orders. This rule has been observed in the Connecticut Division and works very successfully. It will be observed hereafter by all Divisions, also Division Adjutants in getting out their General Orders must follow the instructions as laid down in General Order, No. 6, *i. e.*: following the form, size, quality of paper as that used by the Adjutant General and the same form of head, except that the General Orders shall be published without the Coat of Arms, but must be either without any cut whatever or there may be used the small cut of the Badge.

II. The Committee on Transportation for the Wheeling Encampment will consist of Colonel Frank McCrillis, 65 North State street, Chicago; Lieutenant General Henry Frazee, 213 Superior street, Cleveland, Ohio; Colonel E. J. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.; R. H. Freer, Ritchie Court House, W. Va.; Colonel J. H. Hinkley, Beverly, Mass.; to which Committee has been added Lieutenant Colonel H. B. Baguley, Wheeling, W. Va.; Captain E. R. Kennington, Philadelphia, Pa. This Committee will proceed to enter upon the discharge of its duties at once.

III. W. H. Brooks, of Newport, R. I., and T. B. Wales, of Iowa City, Iowa, have been placed upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from March 1, 1888. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. On recommendation of the Colonels Commanding, good and sufficient cause appearing, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked:— Camps No. 11, 12, 27, Division of Minnesota; Camps No. 17, 51, 73, 96, Division of Michigan; Camps No. 14, 43, 54, 56, 60, Division of Indiana; and Camps No. 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, Division of Dakota.

V. Blanks for the reports of Camp Chaplains (form 44) and blanks for the Consolidated Report of the Division Chaplain (form 43) are in stock subject to the requisition of Division Colonels. Each Camp Chaplain is required to report to the Division Chaplain all the duties performed and assistance rendered by the Sons of Veterans to the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial Day (See Section 3, Article 8, Chapter 2, Page 13, Constitution, R. and R.) These reports must be forwarded to the Division Chaplain, who will consolidate them on form 43, forwarding one copy to Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod, Erie, Kansas, before the first day of July and one copy to the Division Headquarters of the Division of which he is Chaplain.

VI. Each Colonel Commanding will require his Division Inspector to forward the Consolidated Reports to the office of the Inspector General, Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich., not later than May 15th, with the exception of the Division of Pennsylvania, which has been granted more time. Reports from this Division must be in the office of the Inspector General not later than May 25th.

VII. The Commander-in-Chief cannot let the occasion pass without especially complimenting the Division of Connecticut, it is certainly the model Division of the Order. By the 24th of April all of its inspections were completed, the inspections consolidated by the Division Inspector and forwarded



to the Inspector General. Not only this, but the Division of Connecticut was again the first Division to have its returns for the quarter ending March 31st, in at these Headquarters, with the Division of Michigan a close second, and again Colonels Morehouse and Hall receive the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief.

VIII. The results of the Inspection which is now transpiring are already becoming known and one thing that has particularly impressed the Inspectors is the negligence or want of information existing among First Sergeants in the keeping of the Black Book. The Black Book must not only contain the names of all dropped and rejected members of the Camp, but also of the Division in which the Camp is located and as published in the General Orders of the Colonel Commanding.

IX. The attention of Colonels Commanding is directed to the carelessness existing in most Camps, in regard to the admission of visiting Brothers. The Brother presents himself in the Camp room before the Camp is opened and if he possesses the the simple pass word and countersign at the time the Sergeant of the Guard makes his rounds, he is permitted to remain in the Camp room without further examination, this is not proper. No Brother shall be permitted to remain in the Camp room, unless he can be vouched for by some Brother of the Camp as being a member of the Order in good standing upon his personal knowledge, otherwise he must retire to the ante-room and pass the required examination before he can enter the the Camp room. Colonels must see that this is enforced.

X. In re-instatements of dropped and suspended members, Camps must invariably in making their reports to the Division Headquarters pay taxes for six months upon all re-instated members and for twelve months on all dropped members. On re-instated and dropped members, no Camp can demand of him more than one year's dues, no matter how long he may have been dropped or how long he may have been in arrears for dues before he was dropped. It is the duty of Camp Officers to suspend all members promptly, who are six months in arrears for dues and drop all members promptly who have been suspended six months.

XI. The attention of Colonels Commanding is directed to the different practices of many Camps in the admission of Brothers who are in arrears for dues and yet not suspended. A Brother is entitled to admission to the Camp room until he is six months in arrears for dues, but is only entitled to the pass word and countersign when he owes no dues, therefore on the first of January and the first of July there are many Brothers who are in arrears for dues who may be entitled to visit a Camp room but who are not entitled to the pass word and countersign. It has occurred in many instances where these Brothers, although but six months in arrears for dues have been barred from the Camp room because they did not have the pass word and countersign; this position is not correct according to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, nor can a Brother be barred from the Camp room until he has by official act been suspended, no matter how long he may have been in arrears for dues.

XII. The subscription of the Commandery-in-Chief for THE NATIONAL REVEILLE (one for each Camp) expired with the month of February. This subscription was made for the purpose of encouraging the publication of this paper in the interests of the Order and to disseminate its contents among the Camps. These objects are worthy of imitation and each Camp should continue the subscription by sending a dollar to Jas. I. Lyons, 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago. This is the only paper published exclusively in the interests of our Order and is a valuable means of exchanging views and

opinions — a necessary avenue of communication for us from all points of our wide spreading membership.

XIII. Several Divisions have failed to adopt an appropriate Cap Mark, the following are among the number:—Kentucky, Vermont, Iowa, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, West Virginia, New Jersey, Dakota and Nebraska. They will adopt a design for approval at these Headquarters which design is to be worn upon the caps of all members of their respective Divisions. The Division of Maine, through General Orders, has directed that the Cap Mark of Maine shall be worn only by the officers while holding office; this ruling is incorrect. The Cap Mark is not the exclusive mark of the officers, but is to distinguish members of one Divisions from those of another in all general parades and on all occasions where there may be members from several Divisions together. The Divisions of Missouri, New Hampshire, Maryland and Wisconsin may have selected Cap Marks but none are on file at these Headquarters and they have been repeatedly asked for, so the first Division to adopt any design not already adopted, and file the same at these Headquarters will be entitled to the same.

XIV. The Commander-in-Chief is in a position to procure guns for the Order at the following rates.

|                                    |                                   |        |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Calibre 45                         | Blue Barrel, refinished B. L..... | \$6 00 |
| " 45                               | " " new B. L.....                 | 8 50   |
| " 50                               | Bright " B. L.....                | 4 75   |
| " 58                               | " " Cadet B. L.....               | 3 50   |
| " 50                               | " " " ".....                      | 5 50   |
| " 58                               | " " Muzzle loading.....           | 2 25   |
| Army Blouses in regular sizes..... |                                   | 1 00   |

Those desiring equipments of this kind may communicate directly with the Quartermaster General on the subject.

XV. The Sons of Veterans have been allotted space in the Centennial Exposition of the Ohio Valley and Central States to be held in Cincinnati from July 4th to October 27th, and are invited to make such display of memorials and historic matter for patriotic purposes as they may desire. The attention of the membership in Ohio, Indiana and Western Pennsylvania is especially called to this matter and are requested to report their desires to the Colonel commanding the Division of Ohio, also to communicate with John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, Ohio.

XVI. The Commander-in-Chief would call the attention of the Order to the wonderful growth it is having, success and prosperity are attending us on every hand. During the month of April there were more applications for Camps approved at these Headquarters and more applicants for membership in the Order than has ever been recorded in one month in all of its history, for this we are greatly encouraged and believe that we should congratulate ourselves. Nowhere in the Organization is there any serious discord and each day the future seems brighter. Many of the Divisions are on the verge of their Division Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief offers a word of admonition and advice, that in the selection of Division officers the greatest care should be exercised, not necessarily to obtain the most brilliant minds at the head of the Division but to obtain faithful, earnest, and true workers, above all things let harmony and unity prevail, for by such a course alone we can promote the interests of the Organization. It will be necessary at these Encampments to make such recommendations for changes in the Constitution and Ritual as in the opinion of the Brotherhood are deemed necessary. Be slow to change, be sure the changes will be beneficial before recommending them to the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.



XVII. The attention of the Order is called to the action of the Grand Army of the Republic in requiring its membership to refer to the 30th of May as "Memorial Day" and not "Decoration Day." The latter does not meet with the approval of the Grand Army of the Republic and more fittingly expresses the object of that day. The Order generally is requested in all of its actions and in all places and upon all occasions to refer to this day as "Memorial Day." This day is near at hand, before another General Order is issued from these Headquarters, the day will have past away. The Order is again urged to put forth every effort and to prepare itself in every way to meet all that is expected of it upon that day, to assist in every conceivable manner toward observing it in a way fitting to the occasion, thus acquiting itself satisfactorily to the Grand Army of the Republic that they may indeed feel that we are worthy to perform the work we undertake and, when the occasion requires, to fill their places. All that is done by the Sons of Veterans on this Memorial Day will be fully reported not only to these Headquarters and our National Encampment at Wheeling, but also to the National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Columbus through the Chaplain-in-Chief of that Organization. Let as many men be in line as possible and let them perform their duties as becomes true soldiers.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. Post,

*Adjutant-Adjutant.*

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS 1888.

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Kansas, at Winchester.....       | February 21-22-23. |
| Indiana, at Indianapolis.....    | June 5 to 8.       |
| Michigan, at Owosso....          | 5 to 8.            |
| Pennsylvania, at Gettysburg..... | 5 to 8.            |
| Ohio, at Dayton.....             | May 8 to 10.       |
| Kentucky, at Newport.....        | May 11.            |
| Minnesota, at Minneapolis.....   | June 12 to 15.     |
| New York, at Schenectady.....    | 12 to 15.          |
| Nebraska.....                    | 13 to 15.          |
| Illinois, at Rock Island.....    | 25 to 30.          |
| Wisconsin, at Madison.....       | 29 to 30.          |
| Maine, at Portland.....          | May 9.             |
| Connecticut, at Hartford.....    | May 15.            |
| Maryland, at Baltimore.....      | June 14.           |
| Dakota, at Mt. Vernon.....       | May 8-9-10.        |
| New Jersey, at Cape May.....     | May 16.            |

Description of badges adopted by the several Divisions and worn on top of cap

California—A grizzly bear worked in gold on red field.

Colorado — Torch and cross flags on blue field enclosed in circle of gold lion.

Connecticut—Same as the 2d Army Corps, a trefoil of red.

Illinois—The 22d Army Corps, quinquefoliate with blue field and red center.

Indiana—The 10th Army Corps, for bastioned fort, red field.

Kansas—A grasshopper worked with appropriate colored silks on blue field.

Maine—The 6th Army Corps, Greek cross of red.

Michigan—The 7th Army Corps, gold crescent silver star.

Minnesota—The 5th Army Corps, a Maltese cross in gold with Greek cross in blue in center for officer, and for members a Maltese cross of blue.

New York—The 19th Army Corps, fan leafed cross with red, square center.

Ohio—The 12th and 20th Army Corps, gold star with small silver star over same.

Pennsylvania—A keystone of red with gold border.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the General Orders No. 7:

| Applicants.                         |    | Applicants.                          |       |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|-------|
| April 2, No. 186, Deland, Ill.....  | 16 | April 17, No. 32, LeRoy, Mich.....   | 19    |
| 2, 266, Waynesfield, O.....         | 12 | 17, 158, Wellsboro, Pa.....          | 13    |
| 2, 267, Fredericktown, O.....       | 17 | 18, 33, Windsor Locks, Conn.....     | 19    |
| 2, 268, Christiansburg, O.....      | 19 | 18, 25, Boscobel, Wis.....           | 19    |
| 3, 122, Carthage, Ind.....          | 14 | 19, 130, Perkinsville, Ind.....      | 19    |
| 4, 13, Winterport, Me.....          | 13 | 19, 133, Bannister, Mich.....        | 20    |
| 5, 132, Kingston Center, O.....     | 23 | 19, 5, Providence, R. I.....         | 27    |
| 6, 143, New Market, Ia.....         | 31 | 19, 2, Sibley, Iowa.....             | 16    |
| 6, 123, Alfordsville, Ind.....      | 15 | 19, 144, Avoca, Iowa.....            | 14    |
| 6, 31, West Stewartstown, N. H..... | 13 | 19, 63, Melford Center, O.....       | 11    |
| 6, 42, Hinesburg, Vt.....           | 15 | 20, 145, Macedonia, Iowa.....        | 17    |
| 6, 24, Freehold, N. J.....          | 27 | 20, 97, Burden, Kan.....             | 22    |
| 7, 91, Akron, N. Y.....             | 19 | 20, 159, Finleyville, Pa.....        | 15    |
| 7, 124, Thorntown, Ind.....         | 19 | 21, 188, Moore's Prairie, Ill.....   | 19    |
| 7, 269, Oberlin, O.....             | 22 | 21, 36, Drakes Creek, Ark.....       | 26    |
| 9, 47, Dexter, Kan.....             | 18 | 23, 43, Woodstock, Vt.....           | 19    |
| 9, 29, Rockham, Dak.....            | 13 | 23, 134, Maple City, Mich.....       | 17    |
| 9, 75, Montreal, Mo.....            | 18 | 23, 86, Ipswich, Mass.....           | 20    |
| 9, 92, Hornellsville, N. Y.....     | 46 | 23, 142, Baltimore, O.....           | 21    |
| 9, 43, Berlin, Mass.....            | 12 | 23, 276, Mt. Pleasant, O.....        | 20    |
| 9, 56, Cambridge, Mass.....         | 13 | 23, 277, Sherwood, O.....            | 24    |
| 9, 83, Barre, Mass.....             | 14 | 23, 278, Randolph, O.....            | 13    |
| 10, 125, Sharpville, Ind.....       | 19 | 23, 48, Stockham, Neb.....           | 12    |
| 10, 126, Odon, Ind.....             | 14 | 23, 49, Myrtle, Custer Co., Neb..... | 12    |
| 10, 127, Portersville, Ind.....     | 14 | 23, 69, Nonchalanta, Kan.....        | 12    |
| 10, 128, Farmland, Ind.....         | 28 | 24, 86, Stoneham, Mass.....          | 14    |
| 11, 84, Mansfield, Mass.....        | 12 | 25, 146, Delhi, Iowa.....            | 20    |
| 11, 113, Franklin Forks, Pa.....    | 21 | 25, 147, Fonda, Iowa.....            | 22    |
| 11, 15, Lee, Me.....                | 10 | 25, 279, Portsmouth, O.....          | 12    |
| 11, 25, Hamonton, N. J.....         | 20 | 25, 50, Plattsmouth, Neb.....        | 21    |
| 11, 270, Bradner, O.....            | 30 | 26, 131, Tippecanoetown, Ind.....    | 11    |
| 11, 271, Newtonville, O.....        | 14 | 27, 135, Stockbridge, Mich.....      | 15    |
| 12, 131, Freeport, Mich.....        | 12 | 27, 44, Granite Falls, Minn.....     | 26    |
| 13, 129, Hortonville, Ind.....      | 19 | 27, 189, Nebo, Ill.....              | 19    |
| 13, 272, Maumee, O.....             | 16 | 28, 190, Onarga, Ill.....            | 19    |
| 13, 273, Prairie Depot, O.....      | 27 | 28, 83, Fannettsburg, Pa.....        | 23    |
| 13, 95, Girard, Kan.....            | 16 | 28, 280, Chester Hill, O.....        | 11    |
| 14, 16, Ellsworth, Me.....          | 23 | 28, 98, Endora, Kan.....             | 14    |
| 14, 187, Piper City, Ind.....       | 12 | 30, 281, Belmore, O.....             | 23    |
| 16, 274, Doylestown, O.....         | 25 | 30, 199, Osceola, Pa.....            | 21    |
| 16, 275, Lynx, O.....               | 10 | 30, 200, Sabinsville, Pa.....        | 25    |
| 16, 32, Center Ossipee, N. H.....   | 21 | Total number Camps.....              | 84    |
| 17, 157, Osceola Mills, Pa.....     | 16 | Total number applicants.....         | 1,526 |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.)  
78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, June 1, 1888.)

*General Orders No. 9.*

I. Colonels commanding will see that these Headquarters are supplied with a copy of such By-Laws as may have been adopted for the government of their respective Divisions. In Divisions where no By-Laws have been adopted, the Colonels will appoint without delay, a committee for the purpose of formulating such By-Laws, that they may be submitted to the coming Encampments for adoption.

II. These Headquarters must be supplied with a copy of the recommendations of the various Division Encampments for changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and the Ritual that the same may be properly published prior to the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. These changes must be carefully prepared and certified to by the Colonel commanding and by the Adjutant of the Division under the Division seal.

III. The attention of the Order is again directed to the General Order files furnished by the Quartermaster General at thirty-five cents each. They are complete in every particular and durable. Camps desiring them should make requisition for them upon the Division Quartermaster. Several hundred Camps have already been supplied with them and they seem to fill a long felt want for preserving General Orders.

IV. Camps that have not already done so, may receive one of them we Charters by returning the old one direct to these Headquarters.

V. The Colonels elect for this year must see to it that those by whom they were installed forward immediately to the Adjutant General a statement of the officers they have installed and also the names of the Delegates who were elected to represent the Division in the National Encampment.

VI. Past Colonels, in order to avail themselves of the privilege of a vote in the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, must see that their credentials are properly forwarded through the Division Headquarters to the Adjutant General, showing them to be in good standing in the Order July 1, 1888. Colonels commanding will forward these credentials together with the credentials of the Delegates elect and the Alternates to the Adjutant General, and it is expected that these will be on file at the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters not later than July 20.

VII. Colonels commanding will call the attention of Camps to the necessity of at once ordering such supplies as may be required to keep them running until October 1, from Division Quartermasters, that the latter may stock their Departments with ample quantities of supplies before the Quartermaster General closes his office.

VIII. Colonel A. R. McKenzie commanding the Provisional Division of Tennessee is relieved from command for failing to perform the duties of his office and the provisional Division of Tennessee is hereby placed in command of Colonel H. A. Swazy, Commander of the Provisional Division at Large. Captains commanding Camps in Tennessee will report to him accordingly at these Headquarters.

IX. N. M. Pell, of Louisville, Ky.; has resigned from the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, having been promoted to Colonel of the Division of Kentucky.

X. Frank Staab, of Ashland, Ky., Daniel H. Niemeyer and Charles A. Jackson, of Covington, Ky.; are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief with rank from May 11, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XI. The appointment of H. A. Donnelly, of Trenton, N. J., announced as Aide on Staff of the Commander-in-Chief in General Orders No. 8, is hereby revoked, he not being in good standing in the Order.

XII. John Dempsey, of Atlantic City, N. J., and Millard F. Bird, of Asbury Park, N. J., are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief with rank from May 15, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XIII. The National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Des Moines, 1887, recommended that no profit should be charged on supplies. Contrary to this the recent Encampment of the Division of Maine

passed a resolution practically requiring the Camps of Maine to pay a large percentage of profit. This is unlawful. Therefore the Colonel commanding the Division of Maine, will furnish supplies to the Camps in his Division, at prices as indicated in Form 1, issued by the Quartermaster-General. Camps ordering supplies in that Division will be required to forward actual postage or receive supplies by express.

XIV. Colonels commanding will see that each of their Aides—and they should have one in every Camp—is supplied with a copy of Official Circular No. 2, issued from the office of the Chief-of-Staff, Russell.

XV. Since last General Orders, Quartermaster-General A. H. Easter has been able to procure two lots of rifles in addition to those mentioned in General Orders No. 8. One lot is of 32 breach-loading, 50 calibre, three band Springfields with bayonet, but without accoutrements, at \$3.50 each—must be sold in one lot; and one lot of about 250 same arm, only with two bands, and with accoutrements, except belt, and must be sold in lots of not less than ten at \$4.00 each. All arms furnished through these Headquarters are warranted in good condition, but the Quartermaster-General has too much to do to ship sample guns for inspection.

Colonels commanding must see that Camp officers forward reports and per capita tax promptly by July 1, to enable Division Headquarters to complete all reports to these Headquarters by July 20. No Division will be given representation in the National Encampment that is behind in its reports. Camp officers must be made to realize the necessity of reporting promptly by the last day of this month.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. POST,

*Adjutant-General.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders, No. 8.

| Applicants. |                                    | Applicants. |                                      |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| May         | 2, No. 282, Wharton, O.....18      | May         | 18, No. 149, Greene, Iowa.....11     |
|             | 2, 191, Metropolis, Ill.....21     |             | 18, 150, Oakland, Iowa.....17        |
|             | 3, 28, Corning, Iowa.....23        |             | 18, 284, Flushing, O.....16          |
|             | 4, 283, Cambridge, O.....18        |             | 18, 58, Warren, Me.....15            |
|             | 4, 284, Mineral Ridge, O.....17    |             | 18, 59, Bucksport, Me.....14         |
|             | 5, 285, Sandfork, O.....32         |             | 19, 135, Fremont, Ind.....18         |
|             | 5, 286, May Hill, O.....15         |             | 19, 3, Foreman, Dak.....16           |
|             | 5, 45, Elbow Lake, Minn.....13     |             | 19, 6, Ethan, Dak.....17             |
|             | 7, 193, Abingdon, Ill.....15       |             | 21, 87, Peabody, Mass.....13         |
|             | 7, 104, Tarrs Station, Pa.....14   |             | 21, 290, Sylvania, O.....17          |
|             | 7, 287, Sulphur Springs, O.....20  |             | 21, 21, Machias, Me.....14           |
|             | 7, 288, Westboro, O.....16         |             | 21, 196, Mulberry Grove, Ill.....27  |
|             | 7, 132, Loogootee, Ind.....22      |             | 21, 197, Nunda, Ill.....17           |
|             | 7, 133, New Point, Ind.....20      |             | 22, 138, South Chicago, Ill.....27   |
|             | 7, 14, Los Angeles, Cal.....12     |             | 22, 94, Ellenville, N. Y.....19      |
|             | 7, 44, Rutland, Vt.....12          |             | 22, 291, Bloomdale, O.....22         |
|             | 7, 2, Beulah, Mich.....19          |             | 22, 78, Stanberry, Mo.....30         |
|             | 9, 26, Austin, Minn.....26         |             | 22, 77, Clayton, Mo.....17           |
|             | 9, 194, Campbell Hill, Ill.....11  |             | 24, 18, Belington, W. Va.....21      |
|             | 9, 99, Lane, Kan.....23            |             | 24, 19, Glenville, W. V.....19       |
|             | 11, 93, Cherry Creek, N. Y.....14  |             | 24, 100, Valley Center, Kan.....16   |
|             | 11, 192, Athensville, Ill.....12   |             | 25, 17, Frankfort, Mich.....17       |
|             | 12, 195, Fairfield, Ill.....33     |             | 25, 252, Cedarville, O.....10        |
|             | 14, 45, Bethel, Vt.....19          |             | 25, 253, Hayesville, O.....22        |
|             | 14, 1, Birmingham, Ala.....15      |             | 26, 295, Oak Harbor, O.....16        |
|             | 15, 76, Kansas City, Mo.....11     |             | 26, 26, Delavan, Wis.....27          |
|             | 16, 124, Metz, Ind.....11          |             | 26, 101, Eldorado, Kan.....21        |
|             | 17, 294, Cleves, O.....19          |             | 28, 17, Union, Me.....11             |
|             | 17, 96, Middletown, N. Y.....13    |             | 28, 140, South English, Iowa.....21  |
|             | 18, 95, Moriah Center, N. Y.....19 |             | 28, 151, St. Charles, Iowa.....18    |
|             | 18, 201, New Milford, Pa.....17    |             | Total number of Camps.....1,02       |
|             | 18, 148 What Cheer, Iowa.....16    |             | Total number of applicants.....1,102 |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.)  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, July 2, 1888.)

*General Orders 10.*

I. Form 0000 has been issued to Division Headquarters for the ensuing six months, all Camps are entitled to the same who have made their returns to Division Headquarters for taxes and reports.

II. The proceedings of the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief have been printed. Division Quartermasters will make requisition on the Quartermaster General for sufficient quantity to present each Camp with a copy. These proceedings are furnished free of cost.

III. The sixteenth of this month will be published all proposed changes in Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Ritual which have been recommended by Division Encampments. Colonels commanding will see that these Headquarters are supplied before that date with a copy of such recommendations as have been adopted.

IV. Before elective Division officers will receive commissions from these Headquarters, a report of the officer installing them must be forwarded to the Adjutant General.

V. The office of the Quartermaster General will close on the fourth day of August, after which no requisitions will be filled nor supplies issued.

VI. The attention of Colonels commanding is directed to Section 3, Article II, Chapter 5, page 43, C., R. and R. They will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

VII. Camps desiring to attend the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Wheeling, in a body, are requested to so notify Colonel H. B. Baguley, Wheeling, W. Va., Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

VIII. The recent Encampment of the Division of Massachusetts by vote refused recognition of the Sons of Veterans' Benefit Association, of Lowell, Mass. The attention of the Order generally is called to this fact.

IX. In compliance with Section 3, Article III, Chapter 4, page 33, C., R. and R., notice is hereby given to Colonels Commanding and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, that the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held at Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 15, 16, and 17, 1888.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. Post,  
*Adjutant General.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders, No. 9.

| Applicants.                         |    | Applicants'                       |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----|
| June 1, No. 80, Manistee, Mich..... | 16 | 11, 136, Laketon, Ind.....        | 15 |
| 1, 202, Minersville, Pa.....        | 47 | 11, 137, Indianapolis, Ind.....   | 12 |
| 1, 200, Chicago, Ill.....           | 27 | 11, 301, Pemberville, O.....      | 21 |
| 2, 152, Spencer, Ia.....            | 17 | 11, 296, Shade, O.....            | 22 |
| 2, 4, Seddy, Tenn.....              | 16 | 12, 138, Charlestown, Ind.....    | 12 |
| 2, 6, Rockland, R. I.....           | 18 | 14, 79, Farmington, Mo.....       | 25 |
| 4, 117, Lone Elm, Kan.....          | 25 | 14, 80, Deepwater, Mo.....        | 22 |
| 4, 9, Louisville, Ky.....           | 10 | 14, 81, Mansfield, O.....         | 16 |
| 5, 297, Neptune, Ohio.....          | 28 | 15, 136, Monroe City, Mich.....   | 20 |
| 6, 203, Mansfield, Pa.....          | 10 | 15, 137, Milan, Mich.....         | 23 |
| 7, 9, Rice, Colo.....               | 12 | 15, 141, Lebanon, Ind.....        | 20 |
| 7, 292, Dawson, Pa.....             | 11 | 15, 302, Chandlersville, O.....   | 14 |
| 7, 153, Milford, Iowa.....          | 14 | 15, 142, Portland Mills, Ind..... | 17 |
| 8, 298, Shreve, Wayne Co., O.....   | 14 | 16, 303, Scio, O.....             | 15 |
| 8, —, Kimball, Dak.....             | 20 | 16, 51, Crete, Neb.....           | 16 |
| 8, 103, Cherryvale, Kan.....        | 17 | 16, 52, Lincoln, Neb.....         | 18 |
| 9, 299, Jasper, Ohio.....           | 14 | 18, 2, Webster, Day Co., Dak..... | 15 |
| 9, 360, Warren, Ohio.....           | 19 |                                   |    |

| Applicants.                         |    | Applicants.                               |       |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------|-------|
| June 19, No. 304, Richwood, O.....  | 15 | June 25, No. 47, Greensboro Bend, Vt..... | 12    |
| 19, 139, Westport, Ind.....         | 12 | 26, 210, South Forks, Pa.....             | 15    |
| 19, 169, Toulon, Ill.....           | 16 | 27, 306, Broadway, O.....                 | 21    |
| 19, 201, Newton, Ill.....           | 40 | 27, 10, Albany, Ky.....                   | 33    |
| 20, 205, Genesee Forks, Pa.....     | 17 | 27, 143, Star City, Ind.....              | 17    |
| 20, 207, Funkhannock, Pa.....       | 22 | 27, 14, Faribault, Minn.....              | 19    |
| 20, 202, Altamont, Ill.....         | 15 | 28, 139, Pentwater, Mich.....             | 12    |
| 21, 88, Scituate, Mass.....         | 15 | 28, 47, West Concord, Minn.....           | 14    |
| 21, 304, South Solon, Ohio.....     | 14 | 28, 154, Avery, Iowa.....                 | 25    |
| 21, 305, Cecil, Ohio.....           | 15 | 29, 140, Holton, Mich.....                | 17    |
| 21, 46, Cambridge, Vt.....          | 17 | 29, 141, Manton, Mich.....                | 22    |
| 21, 207, Tarentum, Pa.....          | 26 | 30, 155, Swan Lake, Iowa.....             | 15    |
| 21, 53, Wisner, Neb.....            | 19 | 30, 102, Meade Center, Kan.....           | 34    |
| 22, 138, Wayne, Mich.....           | 12 | 30, 4, Buckhannon, W. Va.....             | 12    |
| 22, 46, Osseo, Minn.....            | 16 | 30, 11, Peach Orchard, Ky.....            | 11    |
| 25, 268, Emans, Lehigh Co., Pa..... | 16 | Total number of Camps.....                | 67    |
| 25, 209, Williamstown, Pa.....      | 36 | Total number of applicants.....           | 1,247 |

**HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }**  
**78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO ILLINOIS, July 17, 1888. }**

**General Orders, No. 11.**

I. Elective Officers of Divisions and Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief who have not received their Commissions, will notify the Adjutant General forthwith.

II. The Executive Committee for the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Wheeling, W. Va., consists of Colonel H. B. Baguley, Chairman; T. O. Edwards, Secretary; D. W. Martin, Treasurer; J. E. Carlin, J. D. Hall, Wm. McAdam, and Geo. A. Dunnington. All arrangements pertaining to the Encampment are under the control of this committee, and information desired will be procured from it.

III. The Commander-in-Chief and Staff, together with many of the western representatives, will proceed to Wheeling by way of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R., leaving Chicago August 13, at 3 P. M., and arriving in Wheeling early Tuesday A. M., the 14th.

IV. The order of business at Wheeling, will be as follows: Tuesday, August 14, 1 P. M., sitting of the Council-in-Chief and Committee for the distribution of work, Ritual and Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Eight P. M., exemplification of Ritualistic work at Grand Army Hall, under the direction of the Inspector General. Wednesday, 9 A. M., eastern time, opening of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, in Grand Opera House. All Brothers in good standing will be permitted to attend the sessions of the Encampment. Eight P. M., grand Camp-fire in Grand Opera House. Thursday, 9 A. M., business session of the Encampment. Friday, 1 P. M., general parade, followed by an excursion to Wheeling park with lunch on the grounds, etc.

V. The Commander-in-Chief will establish Headquarters at the McLure House, where all delegates and visitors are requested to report.

VI. The Committee on Transportation have been enabled to secure round trip tickets at the rate of one fare and a third, upon the certificate plan. Delegates must invariably secure certificates with each purchase of tickets.

VII. General Orders No. 12, will be issued from these Headquarters August 1.

VIII. The reading of the following in the Camp room will be optional with the Captains commanding.

The following is a list of changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations proposed by the different Divisions:



**COLORADO**—Recommend: (I) The adoption of the shoulder strap as an insignia of rank for all Division Officers. While in active command—provided a majority of the Camps in such Division are armed and equipped.

2. Adoption of "Roberts' Rules of Order," to govern the several branches of the Order in lieu of "Cushing's Manual."

3. The establishing of an Insurance Department in connection with, and under the direct supervision of the Commandery-in-Chief.

**CONNECTICUT**—That such part of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as prescribe the manner of election of Commissioned Camp officers be so amended and changed as to provide for their election subject to approval and appointment by the Colonel of the Division.

That some Tactics be adopted for the government of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

That Sec. 2, Art. 1, Chap. 2, be amended to read as follows: "And also to the Colonel of the Division," to be added at end of Section.

**DAKOTA**.—1. Chap. 1, Art. V. That the words, "All sons of members of the Order in succeeding generations" be stricken out and the words, "All male lineal descendants of said deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines," be inserted in lieu thereof.

2. That Sec. 10 be added to Chap. 5, Art. VI, to read as follows: "When a charter member of any Camp is dishonorably discharged from the Order, the Camp or Camps of which he may be a charter member, may by a two-thirds vote, cause his name to be stricken from the Charter."

3. That the following be added to Chap. 5, Art. III, Sec. 3: "And shall be paid quarterly, in advance, upon the members in good standing at the close of the previous quarter."

**ILLINOIS**.—Page 6, Art. I, Sec. 3, that Sec. 3 be made to read as follows: "Camps shall rank from date of muster."

That the following be inserted before Art. XXIV, Page 65: Art.—Sec. 1. Resignation and leave of absence of Commissioned Officers shall be presented to the Commanding Officer for action by whom the commission was issued.

**SEC. 2.** The elective officers of Camps shall resign to the Colonel Commanding, and if accepted, the Colonel shall order the next ranking officer to assume command and proceed to call an election to fill the vacancy thus created according to Sec. 2, Art. VII, Chap. 2.

**SEC. 3.** Elective officers of a Division shall resign to Commander-in-Chief, and if accepted the Commander-in-Chief shall convene the Division Council and they shall proceed to fill the vacancy as provided for in Sec. 3, Art. VI, Chap. 3, Page 25.

**SEC. 4.** Elective officers of Camps absenting themselves from the jurisdiction of their Camps for thirty days or more, shall apply to the Colonel Commanding for leave of absence.

**SEC. 5.** Elective officers of Divisions absenting themselves from the Division sixty days or more shall apply to the Commander-in-Chief for leave of absence.

Page 12. Chap. 2, Art. VI, additional section, to read as follows: Captains of armed and equipped Camps may appoint an Ordinance Sergeant, with rank of Fifth Sergeant, with such duties as naturally pertain to his office.

Page 54, Chap. 5, Art. X, Sec. 3, change to read as follows. The rank of non-commissioned Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief, Division and Camps shall be marked by chevrons, the same size, form and color used and worn from 1861 to 1865 by U. S. Army, except Quartermaster Sergeant of Camp, who shall wear a tie of one bar.

**SEC. 4.** That Camp and Picket Guards shall wear as an insignia of rank, Corporals' chevrons.

Page 42, Chap. 5, Art. I, Sec. 4, strike out the word "shall" and insert the word "may."

Page 8, Chap. 2, Art. II, Sec. 6. Change so as to read as follows: The names of rejected applicants shall be forwarded immediately by the Captain commanding through Division Headquarters to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters for publication and shall also be entered upon the black books of all Camps, with date of rejection.

Page 9, Chap. 2, Art. II, Sec. 9. Strike out that part following the word "purpose."

**KANSAS.—1.** We suggest that that portion of Sec. 4, Art. II, "Camp Constitution," entitled "Admission to Membership," providing for number of black balls to reject an applicant, be amended to read: "If on a count of the balls deposited it appears that not more than twenty are cast and three or more of them are black," etc., the candidate shall be declared rejected.

2. We respectfully submit the recommendation that the Commandery-in-Chief, at its next session, adopt some regulation whereby the members of the W. R. C. and the L. A. S. may be admitted to our Camps on the same condition and terms as members of the G. A. R. in good standing are.

**KENTUCKY.—**Recommends the change of rank strap from collar to shoulder.

Also the adoption of stripes in pants legs, said changes to be governed by the U. S. Army Regulations of 1887.

**MASSACHUSETTS.—**That members of the Order be prohibited from wearing any badge or decoration which was presented to them by any government other than the United States of America.

*Resolved,* That Chaplains of Camps be elected instead of appointed, as at present.

**MICHIGAN.—**Recommend that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be so changed that Division Encampments be held not later than July 25, and Commandery-in-Chief Encampments not later than September 30.

**MINNESOTA.—**That an additional section be added to Art. 9, Camp Constitution, Pages 16 and 17. to read as follows. The Captain, first and Quartermaster Sergeants shall not serve on Camp Council.

Art. 19, Page 10. The Chaplain, under recommendation of Captain Commanding, shall be commissioned by the Colonel to rank as Second Lieutenant, without command.

That Art. 18, Page 26, be changed to read: Camps may assist needy soldiers, sailors or marines and the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines and members of the Order by appropriations from the General Camp fund.

Amend Sec. 1, page 20, to read: The Division Council shall consist of the Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major and the three elective members.

Amend Sec. 3, Art. 9, page 28, to read: Five members of the Division Council shall constitute a quorum.

Amend Sec. 1, Art. 8, page 36, to read: The Council-in-Chief shall consist of the first three elective officers and five members to be elected by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Art. 10, Sec. I, page 53, after word "officers," insert "non-commissioned officer;" after word "shoulder-straps" insert "chevron."



Art. 9, Sec. 2, page 52. Camps equipped as in the different branches of the U. S. Army may wear the uniform adopted by the War Department for such branches in the regular service.

That the second and third lines of Sec. 1, Art. 9, page 52, be altered by the abandonment of the letters "S. V." and that in lieu thereof be inserted the words "Regulation Sons of Veterans" in both cases, also that the same change be made on the fifth line of said section where the letters "S. V." appear.

That a new section be added to said Article IX, to read as follows: The regulation coat and vest buttons shall be of gilt, convex, with plain border, large size seven-eighths of an inch in exterior diameter, small size nine sixteenths of an inch. Device—crest of coat-of-arms of the Order; eagle to be surmounted by thirteen stars, according to original sample, on file at Headquarters of the badge and decoration department. Commandery-in-Chief and Division officers may, if they so elect, wear the same button, containing as a device the full coat-of-arms of the Order, according to sample on file at said Headquarters.

MISSOURI.—1. That the word "Surgeon-General" be inserted after the words "Judge Advocate General" in Sec. 1, Art. 8, page 36.

2. That the word "company" be changed to "commandery" in Sec. 4, Art. 7, page 35.

3. That the word "Commandery-in-Chief" be changed to "Commander-in-Chief" in Sec. 3, Art. 3, page 33.

4. That the word "incredibility" be changed to "credibility," in Sec. 5, Art. 6, page 49.

OHIO.—Page 6, Art. 1, Sec. 3, be changed to read. The rank of a Camp shall be determined from the date of its muster.

Page 40, Art. X, Chap. VI. To read Chap. V instead of VI and to strike out all the words after Commandery-in-Chief.

Page 49, Sec. 3, line 5. Change "Commander-in-Chief" to read "Division Colonel." Division Colonel shall be tried for alleged offences only by courts convened by Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief shall be tried for alleged offences only on request of five Division Colonels and Court convened by Lieutenant General.

Page 59, Sec. 4, par. 2, should read "Old Gold" instead of "French Flag." Also par. 3, same change.

Page 63, Art. 18, amended, is to read, in line *three* insert after word "Countersign:" To Divisions that have paid their per capita tax.

VERMONT.—Change Art. 5, Sec. 1, so as to read: That all lineal descendants of Sons of Veterans shall be eligible to membership in the Order upon attaining the age of twenty-one years.

WEST VIRGINIA.—1. To submit the following amendment to Art. VII, Sec. 1, of the Camp Constitution, viz: In the first sentence the words "Camp Council, delegates and their alternates to the Division Encampment" shall be added, and in the second sentence the words "Also on the night of election" shall be stricken out, so that the first and second sentences will read as follows: "The Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Camp Council, Delegates and their Alternates to the Division Encampment shall be elected by ballot. The nominations for these offices shall be made at one stated meeting prior to the time of election, and a majority of all votes present shall be necessary to a choice.

2. To submit the following amendment to the Division Constitution, Art. II, Sec. 3, viz. That the word "members" be stricken out and the word "delegates" be inserted.

3. To submit the following amendment to Art. 6, of the Camp Constitution: "2d. Uniformed and equipped Camps shall, in addition to the above officers and staff, have an additional Sergeant and five Corporals; Corporal of the Guard, Camp and Picket Guards being the first, second and third Corporals respectively.

WISCONSIN.—Page 6, Chap. 2, Sec. 1. Strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "fifteen," adding in parenthesis after the word "Veterans" in the sixth line "ten of whom must be present for muster."

Page 17, Chap. 2, Art. IX, Sec. 3. Strike out the words "at the end of each six months" and substituting the words "at the last meeting night of each quarter."

Page 17, Chap. 2, Art. XI, adding a section which shall read as follows: Sec. 2. For the non-payment of fines a member may be suspended and dropped in the same manner and form as provided for the non-payment of dues.

Page 18, Chap. 2, Art. XII, adding after the word "arrears," in the fifth line, "including the dues for the current quarter."

Page 19, Chap. 2, Art. XIII. Insert the words "and relief" after the word "visiting" in the second line.

Page 20, Chap. 2, Art. 18. Alter the word "marines" in second line, insert the words "or relief of members of the Order."

Page 21, Chap. 2, Art. XX, adding Rules and Regulations after the word "Constitution" in the first line and transferring the whole Article to Chap. 5.

Page 66. To become Art. XXV.

Page 22, Chap. 3, Art. 1, an additional Section to Art. 1, Chap. 3. All Camps not within the jurisdiction of any Chartered or Provisional Division shall form a Provisional Division-at-Large, under command of a Colonel, appointed each year by the Commander-in-Chief, and who shall rank as an elected Colonel, with equal powers.

Page 25, Chap. 3, Art. V, adding the words, "if present and assenting at the time of election," after the word "Division" in the second line.

Page 28, Chap. 3, Art. IX, Sec. 2. Strike out the word "two weeks" and inserting therefor the words "six days."

Page 28, Chap. 3, Art. IX, Sec. 4. Adding questions requiring the official vote of the Division Council may be submitted by the Commander by printed blanks for that purpose except for the election to fill vacancies.

Page 34, Chap. 4, Art. IV. Adding "after elective members and Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General with rank of Colonel."

Page 3, Chap. 4, Art. V. Changing this article to correspond with Art. V, Chap. 3, adding the words "if present and assenting at the time of election."

Page 34, Chap. 4, Art. VIII, Sec. 8. Adding "questions requiring the official vote of the Council-in-Chief may be submitted by the Commanding officer by printed blanks for that purpose, except for the election to fill vacancies."

Also, Sec. 4, Chap. 4, Art. VIII. Strike out the word "four" and insert "two" (weeks).

Page 29, Chap. 3, Art. XI. Insert before "Committee on Ritual," "Committee on Distribution of Work."

Page 65, Chap. 6, Art. XXIV, paragraph 7. An additional committee to be inserted to be known as the Committee on Distribution of Work.

The following Divisions have recommended that certain changes be made in the Ritual. The changes as recommended are on file at these

Headquarters and will be referred to the Committee on Ritual at Wheeling, Connecticut, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan, Missouri, Maine, Ohio and Vermont.

By order of  
G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. Post,  
*Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Aug. 1st, 1888. }

*General Orders, No. 12.*

I. Good and sufficient reasons appearing and on the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Camps number 59, 62, 63, 74 and 76 in the Division of Indiana; Camps 18, 30, 63 and 83 of the Michigan Division; Camps 19 and 25 of the Division of New Hampshire. The following Camps have voluntarily surrendered their charters and have disbanded: Camps No. 4, of the Division of Maryland; Camp No. 9, Division of Ohio; and Camps No. 102 and 103 of the Division of Illinois; and Camp No. 58, Division of Massachusetts.

II. Many Colonels of Divisions are complaining that the Captains of Camps have been very dilatory in forwarding their reports for the second quarter. All Colonels are advised to suspend Captains from office who fail to forward their reports on time and place the Lieutenant in command until such reports are forwarded. It is a direct violation of the obligation of office to fail to forward these reports promptly together with the required per capita tax. The wheels of the whole organization are retarded by the neglect of Captains to perform their duty. In this particular line, Colonels are requested to make a special effort to correct this evil.

III. The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., have been invited by the Committee of Arrangements of the Grand Army of the Republic to assist in the demonstration at the National Encampment of the G. A. R., in Columbus, Ohio, September 11. The invitation has been accepted and all Sons of Veterans are requested to make a special effort to be in attendance upon this occasion. We should ever show respect and fealty for the Grand Army of the Republic. Colonel Leonard, of Urbana, Ohio, is requested to make all necessary arrangements, and Brothers desiring information will direct their correspondence to him.

IV. As heretofore announced, the Commander-in-Chief and Staff will leave Chicago, via the B. & O. R. R., Monday, at 3 o'clock P. M., August 13. All Brothers attending the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief who can make it convenient to do so are invited to join our party.

V. Colonel John H. Hinkley, of Beverly, Massachusetts, has made arrangements for the transportation of the New England delegation to Wheeling, and all Brothers in New England are requested to confer with him on the subject.

VI. Captain E. R. Kennington, 918 Arch Street, Philadelphia, has made arrangements for Brothers attending the Encampment from that section of the country, going by way of the B. & O. R. R., leaving Philadelphia, August 13, 5 o'clock P. M., and arriving in Wheeling, Tuesday A. M. This will make a very pleasant trip for the Brothers who go that way. Round trip fare from Philadelphia to Wheeling and return will be \$12.50 with permission to stop off on return trip at such places as Baltimore, Washington, Harper's Ferry and Deer Park.



VII. Members of the Ladies' Aid Society may avail themselves of the same reduction of railroad rates in going to Wheeling as have been procured by the Sons of Veterans.

VIII. The attention of the Order is earnestly directed to Article XV., Chapter 2, page 20 of our Constitution which is as follows: "The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-political, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or political topics within the Camp is strictly prohibited under penalty of a fine, suspension or expulsion from the Order." Those of us who are deeply interested in the growth, harmony and the success of our Order are particularly anxious at this time when the whole country is stirred on political questions, well knowing the excitable nature of our younger Brothers at these times and until after the close of the political campaign, we must be especially guarded against committing any act which will bring criticism upon our Order which represents principles more dear and precious and more essential to our beloved land than all the political parties combined are able to propose and sustain. Let us religiously guard our Order and its interests, let not political excitement lure us from our chosen work. We build better than political parties.

We must desecrate the mentioning of political questions in the Camp room and as an organization, we must not participate in any political parade or any demonstration given in honor of any politician, no matter how eminent he may be, and Brothers who have been honored with high and influential offices in the Order should set a good example and avoid taking an active part in politics.

IX. This General Order will be the last issued by the present administration and the Commander-in-Chief in retiring from his office, desires to express his thanks and appreciation for the universal courtesy which has been extended to him by all the Brothers of the Order and the very many courtesies and honors which he has received at their hands. The labor connected with the office of Commander-in-Chief has been very great and much work has been accomplished and yet in retiring from office, your Commander-in-Chief feels that much more could have been done had his time and strength permitted. Some of his greatest hopes for the Order have not been realized, and in other directions, more has been done than could reasonably have been expected. Errors and mistakes have occurred but they have not been of the heart. It is with deep feelings that he severs his official connections with the Order, which has brought him so much pleasure in serving, and he sincerely hopes that his successor will be able to accomplish more for the Order than he has and that he will in a measure be able to make up for the short-comings of the present administration.

By order of  
G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. Post,  
*Adjutant-General.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 10 :

| Applicants.                        |    | Applicants.                              |    |
|------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------------|----|
| July 2, No. 142, Elmira, Mich..... | 18 | July 9, No. 309, West Manchester, O..... | 12 |
| 2, 156, New Virginia, Iowa.....    | 19 | 9, 310, Bolivar, O.....                  | 12 |
| 2, 307, West Union, O.....         | 19 | 9, 33, Peterboro, N. H.....              | 14 |
| 3, 308, Jeffersonville, O.....     | 13 | 9, 82, Unionville, Mo.....               | 18 |
| 5, 157, Winfield, Iowa.....        | 18 | 9, 83, Spickardsville, Mo.....           | 31 |
| 5, 1, Odessa, Del.....             | 13 | 9, 84, Joplin, Mo.....                   | 24 |
| 5, 144, Upland, Ind.....           | 11 | 11, 89, Brighton, Mass.....              | 30 |
| 6, 143, Kingsley, Mich.....        | 16 | 11, 212, Honesdale, Pa.....              | 19 |
| 6, 144, Greenville, Mich.....      | 25 | 11, 213, Millville, Pa.....              | 13 |
| 9, 211, Greencastle, Pa.....       | 19 | 11, 214, Myerstown, Pa.....              | 26 |

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| Applicants. |                                | Applicants. |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| July 11,    | 199, Macedonia, Ill.....27     | July 21,    | 26, Princeton, N. J.....19           |
| 11,         | 203, Albion, Ill.....12        | 23,         | 311, Delaware, O.....37              |
| 11,         | 204, Sheldon, Ill.....18       | 23,         | 239, Prospect, O.....19              |
| 11,         | 205, Chicago, Ill.....32       | 23,         | 6, Bakersfield, Cal.....12           |
| 12,         | 206, Grafton, Ill.....17       | 24,         | 140, Peru, Ind.....25                |
| 12,         | 85, St. Louis, Mo.....14       | 24,         | 146, Jonesborough, Ind.....22        |
| 13,         | 145, Columbia City, Ind.....32 | 25,         | 48, Barnet, Vt.....11                |
| 14,         | 145, Grayling, Mich.....12     | 26,         | 316, Washington, O.....10            |
| 14,         | 27, Plainfield, Wis.....27     | 26,         | 147, Rossville, Ind.....33           |
| 14,         | 104, Tribune, Kas.....16       | 27,         | 317, Canal Fulton, O.....12          |
| 16,         | 312, Sugar Grove, O.....16     | 27,         | 7, Wickford, R. I.....29             |
| 16,         | 313, Benton Ridge, O.....18    | 30,         | 86, Taggart, Mo.....10               |
| 17,         | 34, Claremont, N. H.....15     | 30,         | 87, Jackson, Mo.....11               |
| 18,         | 315, Buckeye City, O.....20    | 30,         | 209, Ripley, Ill.....13              |
| 20,         | 215, Beaumont, Pa.....21       | 31,         | 318, Montpelier, O.....20            |
| 20,         | 207, Genoa, Ill.....19         | 31,         | 148, Vermillion, Ind.....20          |
| 21,         | 2, Carthage, N. Y.....16       | 31,         | 216, Slatington, Pa.....16           |
| 21,         | 4, Cohoes, N. Y.....27         | 31,         | East Townsend, O.....14              |
| 21,         | 97, Jasper, N. Y.....11        |             | Total number of Camps.....58         |
| 21,         | 208, Bay City, Ill.....23      |             | Total number of applicants.....1,101 |

The following is a list of Camps and Applicants mustered, in the several Divisions during General Abbott's administration:

| No. Camps | State                     | Applicants. |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 4.....    | California.....           | 57          |
| 2.....    | Colorado.....             | 22          |
| 4.....    | Connecticut.....          | 74          |
| 7.....    | Dakota.....               | 110         |
| 98.....   | Illinois.....             | 1768        |
| 38.....   | Iowa.....                 | 814         |
| 83.....   | Indiana.....              | 1526        |
| 39.....   | Kansas.....               | 728         |
| 8.....    | Kentucky.....             | 124         |
| 11.....   | Maine.....                | 168         |
| 2.....    | Maryland.....             | 48          |
| 20.....   | Massachusetts.....        | 402         |
| 53.....   | Michigan.....             | 1018        |
| 13.....   | Minnesota.....            | 232         |
| 28.....   | Missouri.....             | 569         |
| 1.....    | Montana Territory.....    | 11          |
| 13.....   | Nebraska.....             | 211         |
| 6.....    | New Hampshire.....        | 89          |
| 8.....    | New Jersey.....           | 176         |
| 25.....   | New York.....             | 453         |
| 130.....  | Ohio.....                 | 1843        |
| 52.....   | Pennsylvania.....         | 1039        |
| 4.....    | Rhode Island.....         | 79          |
| 7.....    | Vermont.....              | 121         |
| 8.....    | West Virginia.....        | 151         |
| 10.....   | Wisconsin.....            | 218         |
| 1.....    | Washington Territory..... | 11          |
| 1.....    | Tennessee.....            | 16          |
| 1.....    | Delaware.....             | 13          |
| 1.....    | Alabama.....              | 15          |
| 678.....  | Total.....                | 12,105      |

The following is a list of States and Territories in which Camps of S. V., U. S. A. are located:

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Alabama.       | Michigan.             |
| Arizona.       | Minnesota.            |
| Arkansas.      | Missouri.             |
| California.    | Montana Territory.    |
| Colorado.      | Nebraska.             |
| Connecticut.   | New Hampshire.        |
| Dakota.        | New Jersey.           |
| Delaware.      | New York.             |
| Florida.       | Ohio.                 |
| Idaho.         | Oregon.               |
| Illinois.      | Pennsylvania.         |
| Indiana.       | Rhode Island.         |
| Iowa.          | Tennessee.            |
| Kansas.        | Texas.                |
| Kentucky.      | Vermont.              |
| Maine.         | Washington Territory. |
| Maryland.      | Wisconsin.            |
| Massachusetts. | West Virginia.        |

The following is a list of the number of Camps and members August 10, 1888:

|                        | No. Camps in good standing. | No. Members in good standing and reported. | No. Camps suspended. | Members suspended. |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| California.....        | 13                          | 299                                        | 6                    | 47                 |
| Colorado.....          | 7                           | 185                                        | 5                    | 87                 |
| Connecticut.....       | 28                          | 875                                        | 4                    | 134                |
| Dakota.....            | 86                          | 127                                        | 10                   | 37                 |
| Florida.....           | 3                           | 37                                         |                      |                    |
| Illinois.....          | 205                         | 5152                                       | 6                    | 498                |
| Iowa.....              | 69                          | 1302                                       | 36                   | 821                |
| Indiana.....           | 97                          | 2403                                       | 64                   | 1252               |
| Kansas.....            | 71                          | 1638                                       | 29                   | 699                |
| Kentucky.....          | 6                           | 91                                         | 6                    | 157                |
| Maine.....             | 29                          | 932                                        | 2                    | 76                 |
| Maryland.....          | 5                           | 148                                        | 1                    | 50                 |
| Massachusetts.....     | 89                          | 3088                                       | 1                    | 197                |
| Michigan.....          | 130                         | 2859                                       | 6                    | 274                |
| Minnesota.....         | 34                          | 878                                        |                      | 63                 |
| Missouri.....          | 73                          | 1382                                       | 1                    | 73                 |
| Montana Territory..... | 5                           | 104                                        |                      | 2                  |
| Nebraska.....          | 26                          | 523                                        | 8                    | 200                |

|                                  |             |              |            |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| New Hampshire.....               | 29          | 630          | 5          | 102         |
| New Jersey.....                  | 22          | 400          |            | 25          |
| New York.....                    | 37          | 877          | 28         | 703         |
| Ohio.....                        | 285         | 8284         | 7          | 735         |
| Pennsylvania.....                | 153         | 4892         | 31         | 1008        |
| Rhode Island.....                | 7           | 170          |            | 6           |
| Vermont.....                     | 24          | 597          | 5          | 151         |
| West Virginia.....               | 12          | 255          | 2          | 86          |
| Wisconsin.....                   | 23          | 423          | 1          | 123         |
| Prov. Div. at Large.....         | 14          | 340          |            |             |
| <b>Total.....</b>                | <b>1457</b> | <b>37292</b> | <b>263</b> | <b>7360</b> |
| Ohio and Mass. Supplemental..... | 50          | 1685         |            |             |
| <b>Total.....</b>                | <b>1507</b> | <b>38977</b> |            |             |
| Suspended.....                   | 263         | 7360         |            |             |
| <b>Total.....</b>                | <b>1770</b> | <b>46337</b> |            |             |

Quartermaster General A. H. Easter then presented his report.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS,  
U. S. A., CHICAGO, ILL., August 10, 1888.)

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

SIR: I have the honor to present to you the following financial report of the Commandery-in-Chief, for the year ending August 19, 1888:

|                                           |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance due from General W. S. Payne..... | \$ 1,647 48 |
| Received from all sources.....            | 10,693 00   |
| Amount expended.....                      | 10,254 91   |
| Balance cash on hand at date.....         | 438 09      |
| Balance stock on hand.....                | 2,042 67    |

| BALANCE DUE FROM DIVISIONS. | Per capita tax. | Charter fees. | Supplies.     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| California .....            |                 |               | 4 11          |
| Dakota.....                 | 37              | 16 00         | 14 63         |
| Indiana.....                |                 |               | 5 74          |
| Kentucky.....               | 2 37            |               | 36 55         |
| Michigan.....               |                 |               | 25 38         |
| Missouri.....               | 17 87           | 2 00          | 1 78          |
| Montana.....                |                 | 2 00          |               |
| New Jersey.....             |                 |               | 10 75         |
| New York.....               | 5 55            |               | 3 20          |
| Pennsylvania.....           |                 | 16 00         | 109 43        |
| West Virginia.....          |                 |               | 12 15         |
| Wisconsin.....              |                 | 1 00          |               |
| <b>Total.....</b>           | <b>26 16</b>    | <b>37 00</b>  | <b>223 72</b> |

| BALANCE DUE DIVISIONS. |  | Per capita<br>tax. | Cha rter fees. | Supplies. |
|------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Florida.....           |  |                    |                | 1 17      |
| Nebraska.....          |  | 10 00              |                | 37        |
|                        |  |                    |                | 10 00     |
| Total.....             |  | 10 00              |                | 11 54     |

| The amount of supplies handled<br>is as follows: | Received. | Disbursed. | On Hand. | Value. |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|--------|
| Req. for Supplies.....                           | 40 000    | 37 000     | 3 900    | 9 75   |
| Division Req. for Supplies.....                  | 3 000     | 2 000      | 1 000    | 5 00   |
| Applications for members.....                    | 80 000    | 73 000     | 7 000    | 17 50  |
| Chaplain's Cards.....                            | 4 000     | 2 275      | 1 725    | 17 25  |
| Transfers.....                                   | 17 000    | 15 000     | 2 000    | 7 25   |
| Leave of Absence.....                            | 5 000     | 4 500      | 500      | 1 00   |
| G. A. R. Credentials.....                        | 10 000    | 9 000      | 1 000    | 2 00   |
| Honorable Discharges.....                        | 10 000    | 8 400      | 1 600    | 4 80   |
| Credentials.....                                 | 35 000    | 30 450     | 4 550    | 9 10   |
| Receipts of evening.....                         | 110 000   | 71 250     | 38 600   | 25 40  |
| Q. M. Monthly Reports.....                       | 25 000    | 16 300     | 8 700    | 17 40  |
| C., R. and R.....                                | 31 000    | 26 600     | 4 900    | 10 80  |
| Camp Council and Reports.....                    | 25 500    | 22 300     | 2 700    | 6 75   |
| Notice delinquent Members.....                   | 100 000   | 67 500     | 32 500   | 65 00  |
| Court Martial Blanks.....                        | 500       | 474        | 26       | 22 60  |
| G. A. R. Certificates.....                       | 5 000     | 3 150      | 1 850    | 9 00   |
| Non-Com. Staff Warrants.....                     | 15 000    | 13 200     | 1 800    | 3 60   |
| Ode Cards.....                                   | 2 500     | 2 395      | 105      | 3 15   |
| Bonds.....                                       | 7 500     | 6 000      | 1 500    | 3 75   |
| Burial Service Books.....                        | 15 000    | 9 425      | 5 575    | 139 37 |
| Rituals.....                                     | 6 000     | 2 910      | 3 090    | 92 70  |
| Installing Officers Reports.....                 | 5 000     | 2 500      | 2 500    | 6 25   |
| Mustering Officers Report.....                   | 2 000     | 1 044      | 956      | 1 91   |
| Assistant Inspector's Report.....                | 6 000     | 4 780      | 1 220    | 9 00   |
| Division Inspector's Report.....                 | 500       | 497        | 3        | 06     |
| Camp Charter Applications.....                   | 10 000    | 8 460      | 1 540    | 7 60   |
| First Sergeant Reports.....                      | 17 000    | 11 780     | 5 220    | 39 00  |
| Q. M. Sergeant's Report.....                     | 17 000    | 13 200     | 3 800    | 9 50   |
| Dispensation Blanks.....                         | 10 000    | 2 250      | 7 750    | 26 30  |
| Com. Division Officer elected.....               | 5 000     | 3 000      | 2 000    | 15 00  |
| Com. Officers Appointed.....                     | 6 000     | 1 200      | 3 800    | 28 50  |
| Division Non-Com. Staff warrants                 |           |            | 1 000    | 2 50   |



|                                    |        |       |       |            |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|------------|
| Com. Camp Officers.....            | 6 000  | 4 860 | 1 140 | 8 30       |
| Com. Installing Officers.....      | 5 000  | 3 500 | 1 500 | 9 75       |
| G. A. R. Diplomas.....             |        |       | 500   | 1 50       |
| Adjutant's Consol'd Reports.....   | 1 000  | 850   | 150   | 1 13       |
| Q. M. Consol'd Reports.....        | 1 000  | 775   | 225   | 1 69       |
| Blank Bills.....                   | 5 000  | 4 100 | 900   | 7 75       |
| Division Council Voting Blanks.... | 10 000 | 1 000 | 9 000 | 27 00      |
| Court of Inquiry Blank.....        | 5 000  | 2 900 | 2 100 | 5 25       |
| Summons.....                       | 2 000  | 1 600 | 400   | 1 00       |
| Division Chaplain's Report.....    | 500    | 500   |       |            |
| Camp Chaplain's Report.....        | 5 000  | 4 000 | 1 000 | 2 00       |
| General Order files.....           | 400    | 238   | 162   | 24 30      |
| Descriptive Books. A.....          | 800    | 540   | 260   | 39 30      |
| Quartermaster's receipt Book. B..  | 1 000  | 749   | 251   | 50 20      |
| First Sergeant's Req. C.....       | 800    | 555   | 245   | 49 00      |
| Minute Book. D.....                | 1 100  | 669   | 431   | 86 20      |
| Ledger. E.....                     | 1 000  | 367   | 633   | 126 60     |
| Cash Book. F.....                  | 1 000  | 667   | 333   | 66 60      |
| Roll of Members. G.....            | 1 000  | 919   | 81    | 20 25      |
| Blank Book H.....                  | 1 000  | 659   | 341   | 68 20      |
| Infantry Tactics.....              | 350    | 332   | 18    | 6 30       |
| Artillery Tactics.....             | 36     | 33    | 3     | 1 05       |
| Signal Tactics.....                | 12     | 12    |       |            |
| Broom Tactics.....                 | 18     | 17    | 1     | 15         |
| Military Science.....              | 15     | 13    | 2     | 4 00       |
| Cuts of badge and Coat of Arms...  | 693    | 533   | 160   | 24 45      |
| Charters.....                      | 2 000  | 800   | 1 200 | 132 00     |
| Letter file.....                   |        |       |       | 50 00      |
| Office furniture.....              |        |       |       | 35 00      |
| Fixtures, books and records.....   |        |       |       | 350 00     |
| Electros and Plates.....           |        |       |       | 75 00      |
| Lith. Stone for Charters.....      |        |       |       | 150 00     |
| Total.....                         |        |       |       | \$2 042 67 |

Moved by Brother E. G. Rathbone, seconded by Brother E. W. Hatch, that the report of the Quartermaster General be referred to the proper Committee without reading. Carried.

The Inspector General, Marvin E. Hall, then read the following report:

HILLSDALE, Mich., August 11, 1888.

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In assuming the duties of Inspector General, I was fully aware that the Department could be made to stimulate a wholesome activity throughout the Order, and how best to accomplish this became my careful study. With your approval, a form containing nearly all the points carried by past inspections, with some additional ones—but marking upon a materially different scale,—was used, and with but few exceptions met with warm approval by Inspectors reporting; and I may justly say, that in a general sense the present year's inspection shows a marked improvement in the Order, yet the results discover room for important changes in forms and methods, to meet which I shall later herein submit certain suggestions. One serious impediment in arriving at correct conclusions as to the exact standing of Camps and Divisions, is the very apparent heedlessness of many assistants and in some cases Division Inspectors. The real condition cannot be gained from false ratings.

The form used during this inspection was in itself a detective, and cases of forced or improper ratings became therein quickly apparent. Above everything else, "Truth beareth the victory," and the only commendable feature about these unfortunate cases of mild deception, is the evident desire to exhibit the best possible result. Many Assistant Inspectors performed their duty thoroughly, honestly and impartially as well as correctly, at much personal inconvenience, and sometimes expense, and many Division Inspectors especially, deserve the warmest commendation from this Encampment. The most efficient ones were in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Montana, California and Maine; a total of eight Camps only were not inspected in those Divisions, while no inspections were made in the great Divisions of Iowa, Missouri and Dakota, and the smaller Divisions of Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, West Virginia and Provisional Division, largely the fault of Colonels commanding at time inspections should have occurred.

My report embodies results from only nineteen Divisions, and as the real merit of Camps or Divisions can only be found by comparison of efficiency—rather of numerical strength, I have made all ranking summaries by ratios.

Probably it is as well to wrap the draperies of Charity about the name of Inspectors whose work shows heedlessness and serious imperfections; but as this department should know no persons, but give only facts, I feel disposed to voice the names of some of the Inspectors whose self-sacrificing, pains-taking efforts so largely contributed to correct results. They form a company of congenial and efficient Brothers quite evidently captained by Brother McLean, of Connecticut, and with him, Blake, of Maine, Nash, of Vermont, Nation, of Kansas, Perkins, of Montana, Knight, of Massachusetts, Veon, of Minnesota, Davis, of Michigan, Leigh, of New Hampshire and Holmes, of New York. Inspector McLean's report reached me May 7, and recorded the result of twenty-four out of the twenty-five Camps in Connecticut Division. But one fact worth remembering, is duties of Inspectors in such Divisions as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, are enormous as compared with the duty in Colorado, Montana, Connecticut or the smaller Divisions, and therefore when as careful and complete reports as possible are submitted by Inspectors in the large Divisions, even though results are imperfect, Inspectors in such Divisions deserve something more than the customary vote of thanks for their conscientious and long continued labors. Another fact which must not be lost sight of while considering results of present inspection, is that the inspection covered only a little more than one-half of the Camps in our Order to-day.

The total number of Camps inspected was 1,007; largest number in any one Division (Ohio) with 202; smallest, Rhode Island, with 2. Proceeding with the regular numbered queries, I find as follows:

No. 1. Total membership in Camps inspected, 28,630; a gain in members in Camps inspected, of 4,258; largest membership in Ohio Division, 6,292; smallest membership, in Rhode Island, eighty-six; largest Camp is Phillip R. Schuyler, No. 2, Philadelphia, 211; smallest Camp is of ten members, reported in nearly all Divisions. Massachusetts averages the largest membership in Camps, 36.3; smallest, Nebraska, 19. The average Camp in the Order has a membership of 28.43; a loss of 1.57 per cent. from 1887.

No. 2. Two hundred and twelve (212) Camps have the Ritualistic work perfect Maine leading with a percentage of 38; smallest percentage being in Pennsylvania, 10.31.

The Ritual is worked partly from memory in 267 Camps (Ohio leading with 109) and not properly carried out in 173, (Ohio leading with 37. Inspection shows a decided improvement in this part of Camp work, over the year of 1887.

No. 3. Officers are regular in attendance in 661 Camps, a gain of 49 A per cent of 75 is shown in three Divisions; Massachusetts, Montana and New Hampshire; the smallest per cent., 32, being shown by California. In 346 Camps, officers are negligent and irregular in attendance.

No. 4. Members are regular in attendance in 392 Camps, a loss of 48. New Hampshire has the largest percentage, 71; smallest being in Colorado, 19 per cent.

No. 5. Well kept records are found in 750 Camps, a gain of 88. The best percentages were found in Montana Territory, Wisconsin, Connecticut, 100, 100 and 91 respectively. The lowest, 15 per cent., being in Vermont.

No. 6. Dues promptly collected in 739 Camps, a gain of 95 Montana leads in this, with a per cent. of 100. Colorado bringing up the rear with a per cent. of 33.

No. 7. The Quartermaster Sergeant's bond is filed in 651 Camps, a gain of 62. The best per cent. being 85, found in Colorado; the smallest, 40 per cent., being found in both Illinois and New York.

No. 8. Officers are uniformed in 358 Camps, a gain of 63. Massachusetts leads with 93, per cent.; closely followed by Colorado, 89 per cent.; Connecticut, with 87 per cent.; the smallest, 9 per cent., being in Wisconsin. 253 Camps report officers partly uniformed, while 346 Camp's officers appear always in citizen's dress. The largest percentages in this matter being found in Indiana and Ohio.

No. 9. Rank straps are worn in 346 Camps, a gain of 91 Camps. The best percentages being 91 and 90, found in Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively, while the poorest average appears in Wisconsin, which stands at zero. Kansas and Indiana keeping Wisconsin close company with averages of only 10 and 11 per cent. respectively.

No. 10. Two hundred and eighty-four (284) Camps have all officers with side arms, a gain of 64. The best proportion was found in Massachusetts, with 83 per cent., while Connecticut and Colorado report 79 and 72 respectively. The poorest showing coming from Kansas, 6 per cent.; Indiana, 11 per cent.; Wisconsin and Ohio, 18 per cent. each.

No. 11. In 260 Camps the Staff is provided with chevrons, a gain of 71. Colorado makes best showing with 74 per cent.; Massachusetts, with 69 per cent and Connecticut with 66 per cent., following., while no chevrons were found in Wisconsin, and only 7 per cent. in Indiana, Kansas and Maine.

No. 12. Eleven thousand three hundred and eight (11,308) members are uniformed, a gain of 2,226; the excellent percentages of 84, 79 and 78, being formed in Montana, Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively, while Wisconsin shows only 16 per cent. and Kansas and Indiana quietly report 17 per cent. each.

No. 13. Six thousand seven hundred and seventy-five (6,775) armed members are reported. A gain of 1,960, or 48 per cent. The best

percentages being found in Colorado, 58 per cent.; Vermont 42 per cent., and California 40 per cent.

No. 14. Membership badges were reported presented always in 844 Camps.

No. 15. Twenty-five thousand eight hundred and sixty-five (25,865) members were reported with membership badges.

No. 16. Four hundred and fifty-four (454) Camps have a relief fund, the leading percentage being found in Massachusetts 77 per cent., and California 76 per cent., with Connecticut and Vermont showing 58 per cent. each. The poorest being Colorado, 16 per cent.; Nebraska, 23 per cent., and Montana, 25 per cent. A gain over last year of 96 Camps.

No. 17. Members are reported familiar with Constitution, Rules and Regulations, in 427 Camps, partly so in 376 Camps, and not well informed in 204 Camps.

No. 18. General Orders are read and filed in 969 Camps. The Divisions of Colorado, Connecticut, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska and New Hampshire, each ranking 100 per cent. in this marking, while Rhode Island shows only 50 per cent.; Illinois 58 per cent., and Vermont, 67 per cent. A gain of 228 Camps over 1887.

No. 19. Six hundred and forty-one (641) Camp rooms are properly equipped, Montana leading with 100 per cent., followed by Vermont, 84 per cent., and Colorado 81 per cent.; the poorest averages appearing in Kansas, 36 per cent.; Pennsylvania, 45, and Rhode Island, 40 per cent.

No. 20. Reports and dues had been forwarded by 850 Camps, Connecticut, Minnesota, Wisconsin at par, followed by Michigan, 96 per cent., Vermont, 95 per cent. and New York at 94 per cent.; the poorest showing being made by Ohio, 54 per cent.; Pennsylvania, 56 per cent. and Illinois, 70 per cent.

No. 21. There were 1,867 regular meetings omitted, the best percentage of attendance being in Montana, New York and Indiana.

No. 22. Four hundred and twenty-six (426) Camps engage in military drill regularly, Michigan leading with 61 per cent., followed by California, 55 per cent., and Minnesota, 53; smallest being shown in Nebraska, 22 per cent., followed by Rhode Island, 25 per cent. and Kansas—26 per cent.

No. 23. There are 887 Camps free from indebtedness, a gain of 177, Montana and Wisconsin at 100 per cent., Minnesota, at 96 per cent., Connecticut at 95 per cent., and New Hampshire at 94 per cent., while Rhode Island shows only 50 per cent., Pennsylvania, 62 per cent., and Nebraska, 66 per cent.

No. 24. There is a relief committee in 517 Camps, a gain of 96 Camps, Montana leads with 100 per cent., followed by California, 90 per cent, Colorado, 83 per cent., while Rhode Island and Wisconsin report none.

No. 25. Stated weekly benefits are paid in 183 Camps, Connecticut leading with 37 per cent. followed by Minnesota, 34 per cent., and Massachusetts, 25 per cent., while Montana, New Hampshire Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin stand at zero, although they all report benefit paid as indicated by best judgment of Camp committee.



No. 26. Four thousand one hundred and ninety-four (4,194) members have been suspended and dropped during the last year, Pennsylvania leading with 927, Rhode Island least with 8.

No. 27. Nine thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (9,876) members have been added by muster and transfer, Ohio leading with 1,889, Rhode Island least with 12.

No. 28. Two dollars and thirty-three cents (\$2.33) is the average amount charged for annual dues, the highest average being \$4.58 in California, the lowest \$1.24 in Maine.

No. 29. The average muster fee is \$1.82, the highest \$1.83, in Colorado, the lowest Rhode Island, 87 cents. The Divisions of Indiana, Maine, Ohio and Rhode Island not complying with Section 8, page 8, Article II. of the Constitution in this particular.

No. 30. There has been 2,045 special meetings held, Ohio leading with 448, Illinois and Michigan following with 335 and 245 respectively, while Rhode Island reports none, followed by Montana with 5, and Colorado with 6. There were 184 more special meetings than omitted regular meetings.

No. 31. Thirty-four thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$34,566.68) were in the various Camps of the Order, the richest Division being Pennsylvania with \$16,210.53, the poorest being Rhode Island with \$18.13, the average for each Camp in the Order, being \$34.32, a gain of \$11,231.56, or 42 per cent over last year. The highest average being in Pennsylvania, \$87.62, the lowest in Wisconsin, \$8.14. Several Camps report no funds, the richest Camp being Phillip R. Schuyler Camp, No. 2 of Philadelphia, Pa., reporting \$3,141.20.

No. 32. The total sum in relief fund, is \$6,035.25, a gain of \$1,526.34, or 33 per cent over last year. Best percentages being California, 16.7 per cent, New Hampshire with 11 per cent, and Connecticut 8.29 per cent, while Rhode Island shows 0.

No. 33. Seven hundred and fifty-eight (758) persons have been relieved during the year, a gain of 327 or 43 per cent over 1887, Pennsylvania leading with 243, Montana, Rhode Island and Wisconsin 0.

No. 34. Five thousand six hundred and forty dollars and ninety cents (\$5,640.90) have been expended for charity, a gain of \$2,758.24, or nearly 100 per cent for the year. The best showing being made by Pennsylvania, \$1,487.90, Massachusetts, \$1,133.03, and Kansas, \$1,055.28, Montana and Wisconsin reporting 0.

No. 35. Seventy-five (75) Ladies' Aid Societies are reported, a loss of 32. The greatest number being Pennsylvania, 18, Ohio, 17 and Illinois 10 while Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire and Rhode Island report none.

No. 36. Six hundred and fifty-one (651) Camps report the G. A. R. as actively interested in the prosperity of our Order, while in 326 Camp, comrades are seldom present, and little assistance or encouragement given.

No. 37. Seven hundred and one (701) Camps hold camp-fires and open meetings, a gain of 412, or over 100 per cent. The best showing being Ohio 145, Illinois 84, and Michigan 66.

No. 38. Four hundred and forty-one (441) Camps equipped as infantry, 8 as artillery and 6 as cavalry. A loss of 20 from 1887. The best percentages being Michigan, 75 per cent, Connecticut 68 eight per cent., Minnesota 65 per cent.

No. 39. One thousand six hundred and eighty-five (1,685) members attended Division Encampments during 1887.

No. 40. Six hundred and nine (609) Camps have prospered during the year. Mainly attributed to earnest officers and a general interest among the members, while by question No. 41 it seems 398 Camps have had indifferent success, largely because of negligent Captains.

No. 42. The average mark of Camps throughout the Order is 63 per cent—a gain of and 6.51 per cent. over 1887. The highest average is 76.2 per cent. — in Massachusetts—the lowest, Pennsylvania — 33.8 per cent.

No. 43. There were 293 first-class Camps in the Order, a gain of 99 over 1887; 550 second-class and 164 third-class. The Divisions rank in percentage as follows: Massachusetts, 76.2, New Hampshire, 71½, Minnesota, 70.9, Montana, 69¼, Connecticut, 68.38, Illinois, 62.2, California, 60, Kansas, 59½, Wisconsin, 59.1, Maine, 58¼, Michigan, 57¼, New York, 57, Indiana, 54¾, Ohio, 50, Vermont, 47½, Colorado, 42, Rhode Island, 39¾, Pennsylvania, 33.8, Nebraska 60.

Believing permanent good will result to the Order by the adoption of the following recommendations, I submit for the consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief:

1st. That there shall be an inspection of Division Headquarters yearly, in April, by Inspectors appointed by Inspector General.

2d. That inspections of Camps shall cover a period of six consecutive weeks beginning on April 15, yearly.

3d. That Camps organized after February 1st shall not be added to the total of Camps in striking Division average.

4th. That a fixed form for inspections be prepared by the Inspector General, as early as December next, and that a printed copy of same, together with a circular of instructions, shall be forwarded Captains of Camps, through Division Headquarters, not later than March 1st, that Camps may thoroughly prepare for inspection.

5th. That in the military feature one system shall be made to prevail by the adoption of Reed's Tactics.

In closing my official career in this Department, I desire, General, to thank you for the many helpful suggestions and kindly counsel given, and to those quiet, unostentatious, yet earnest Brothers, who with me have shared the hard work and pleasures of this inspection throughout the Divisions, I render grateful acknowledgment, and as the years roll away, and the mellowing rays of the sundown of life show in review the experiences of the present, may no unperformed duty cast a lingering shadow through those rays to mar the reverie of a happy past, and with the earnest wish that our Order may so succeed and prosper that we may confidently invite the strictest inspection of the outside world at large, and compel and command universal respect, I am

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,  
MARVIN E. HALL,  
*Inspector General.*

The Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod, then read his report as follows:

ERIE, KANS., August 10, 1888.

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

I respectfully submit the following report:

Previous to the present administration there had been no system of re-

porting the part taken by the Sons of Veterans in the Memorial Day Services, but you have during the past year drafted forms of blank reports, and assigned to the Chaplain-in-Chief the duty of making a summary of these reports by Divisions. This I have tried to do to the best of my ability. The blanks sent to each Camp provided for six items of interest in regard to Memorial Day, viz.: Number of Brothers in line, number uniformed, number armed, number attending Sunday service, position in line, and number of deaths.

Seventeen (17) Divisions reported a total of 751 Camps, 15,589 Brothers in line, 9,244 uniformed, 3,643 armed, 11,370 in attendance at Sunday service, 179 Camps having the first place in line, 288 the second place, and 284 the third place and 89 deaths.

Ohio reported the greatest number of Camps taking part in Memorial Services, viz.: 235 Camps having 5,196 members in line; Pennsylvania was second, having 102 Camps and 2,573 members; Illinois 3, with 88 Camps and 1,783 members.

The Camp having the greatest number of Brothers in line in each Division was as follows:

California, No. 5, of Oakland, 32 members; Connecticut, No. 1, of New Haven, 40; Indiana, No. 31, of Bluffton, 48; Kansas, No. 70, of Fredonia, 52; Kentucky, No. 4, of Louisville, 32; Maine, No. 4, of Portland, 65; Massachusetts, No. 65, of Chelsea, 81; Minnesota, No. 1, of St. Paul, 40; Montana, Territory, No. 1, of Helena, 20; Nebraska, No. 1, of Omaha, 15; New Jersey, No. 8, of Patterson, 90; Ohio, No. 86, of Ironton, 89; Pennsylvania, No. 1, of Philadelphia, 100; Rhode Island, No. 3, of Newport, 37; Vermont, No. 36, of St. Albans, 56; Illinois, No. 1, of Chicago, 53.

The following is the number of Camps in each Division having 100 per cent. of Brothers in line uniformed.

California, 10; Connecticut, 12; Indiana, 5; Kansas, 3; Maine, 8; Massachusetts, 46; Minnesota, 9; Montana, 2; New Jersey, 6; Ohio, 16; Pennsylvania, 26; Rhode Island, 1 and Vermont, 8.

Camp, No. 1, of Philadelphia, had the greatest number of Brothers in line, viz.: 100, while Massachusetts had the greatest number of Camps, having 100 per cent. uniformed.

Letting the number of Brothers in line represent 100 per cent., the 3 Divisions having the greatest per cent. of members uniformed are: California, 98.7 per cent.; Massachusetts, 98 per cent., and Montana, 96 per cent.

The three Divisions having greatest per cent. of members armed are: Minnesota, 62 per cent., California, 51 per cent., and Montana 50 per cent.

The three Divisions having the greatest per cent. of members attending Sunday Service are: Kentucky, 117 per cent.; Indiana, 109 per cent., and Nebraska, 98 per cent.

|                           | No. of Camps. | No. of Brothers in line. | No. uniformed. | No. armed.  | No. attending Sunday service. | Position in line. |            |            | No. of deaths. |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| California.....           | 12            | 243                      | 239            | 126         | 191                           | 7                 | 5          | 0          | 8              |
| Connecticut.....          | 26            | 494                      | 405            | 113         | 325                           | 6                 | 20         | 0          | 8              |
| Illinois.....             | 88            | 1783                     | 971            | 685         | 1178                          | 36                | 25         | 27         | 8              |
| Indiana.....              | 55            | 767                      | 432            | 148         | 842                           | 11                | 14         | 30         |                |
| Kansas.....               | 26            | 495                      | 190            | 80          | 345                           | 7                 | 13         | 6          | 4              |
| Kentucky.....             | 2             | 52                       | 24             | 18          | 60                            | 1                 | 1          |            |                |
| Maine.....                | 30            | 509                      | 383            | 183         | 314                           | 13                | 17         |            | 2              |
| Massachusetts.....        | 65            | 1633                     | 1600           | 269         | 1244                          | 10                | 12         | 43         | 10             |
| Michigan.....             | 45            | 617                      | 401            | 209         | 366                           | 5                 | 30         | 10         | 5              |
| Minnesota.....            | 19            | 337                      | 272            | 210         | 240                           | 2                 | 9          | 8          | 3              |
| Montana Territory.....    | 4             | 46                       | 44             | 23          | 28                            |                   |            | 3          | 1              |
| Nebraska.....             | 4             | 51                       | 26             | 2           | 50                            | 1                 | 2          | 1          | 1              |
| New Jersey.....           | 13            | 342                      | 196            | 51          | 312                           | 4                 | 9          |            |                |
| Ohio.....                 | 235           | 5196                     | 1993           | 1047        | 4045                          | 55                | 84         | 96         | 26             |
| Pennsylvania.....         | 102           | 2573                     | 1819           | 374         | 1491                          | 15                | 39         | 48         | 19             |
| Rhode Island.....         | 5             | 101                      | 76             | 28          | 84                            | 2                 | 3          |            | 7              |
| Vermont.....              | 19            | 332                      | 164            | 77          | 240                           | 2                 | 5          | 12         | 2              |
| Washington Territory..... | 1             | 18                       | 9              |             | 15                            |                   | 1          |            |                |
| <b>Total.....</b>         | <b>751</b>    | <b>15589</b>             | <b>9244</b>    | <b>3643</b> | <b>11370</b>                  | <b>179</b>        | <b>288</b> | <b>284</b> | <b>89</b>      |
| Colorado                  | }             | No Report.               |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |
| Dakota                    |               |                          |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |
| Florida                   |               |                          |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |
| West Virginia             |               |                          |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |
| Wisconsin                 |               |                          |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |
| Iowa                      |               |                          |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |
| Maryland                  |               |                          |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |
| Missouri                  |               |                          |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |
| New York                  |               |                          |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |
| New Hampshire             |               |                          |                |             |                               |                   |            |            |                |

Thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in me, by appointing me a member of your staff, and for the fraternal treatment I have received at your hands while such, I herewith submit my consolidated report of Divisions, and remain in F., C. and L.,

CLAY D. HEROD,  
Chaplain-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

There being no objection all of the Officer's reports were referred to the Committee on Officers Reports.

Motion by Brother John Nevins seconded by Brother J. A. Averdick that a recess be taken until nine o'clock Thursday morning, August 16th.

Brother L. J. Webb, seconded by Brother E. G. Rathbone, moved to amend the same by making it 8 o'clock. Lost.

The original motion was then put and lost.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations then offered their report as follows:

WHEELING, W. VA., Aug. 15, 1888.

*General G. B. Abbott and Members of the 7th Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

We, your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg leave to submit the following report on the recommendations referred to us from the various Divisions:



COLORADO.—Recommend: (1) The adoption of the shoulder strap as an insignia of rank for all Division Officers. While in active command—provided a majority of the Camps in such Divisions are armed and equipped. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

2. Adoption of "Roberts' Rules of Order," to govern the several branches of the Order in lieu of "Cushing's Manual." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

3. The establishing of an Insurance Department in connection with, and under the direct supervision of the Commandery-in-Chief. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

1. CONNECTICUT. — That such part of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as prescribe the manner of election of Commissioned Camp Officers be so amended and changed as to provide for their election subject to approval and appointment by the Colonel of the Division. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

2. That some Tactics be adopted for the government of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

We recommend that a new Section (to be Section 1) of Article XXI, Page 64, be added to read as follows:

"The Order shall be military in its formation and organization, and all matters of drill shall be governed by the Regulation Tactics of the United States Army."

Also that Section 1 of this Article (XXI) be made Section 2. Recommendation concurred in.

That Section 2, Article 1, Chapter 2, be amended to read as follows: "And also to the Colonel of the Division," to be added at end of Section. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Moved by Brother Loebenstein, seconded by Brother Averdick, that Section 2, of Connecticut, as adopted be re-considered.

Moved by Brother Rowen, seconded by Brother Van Houten, that the motion to re-consider be laid on the table. Carried 26 to 21.

Moved by Brother Whyte, of Illinois, seconded by Brother Loebenstein, to take a recess till 8 o'clock a. m., August 16. Lost.

We recommend that two sections be added to Article VI, page 34, in reference to the bond of the Commander-in-Chief.

Moved by Brother Rowen, seconded by Brother Nevins, that the bond be \$10,000, and that it be purchased from some Fidelity Company, and that the cost be paid out of the funds of the Order.

Moved by Brother McDowell, seconded by a delegate that a recess be taken until 8 o'clock a. m. Carried.

The encampment was called to Order Thursday morning, August 16, 1888, at 9:45, with General Abbott in the chair.

Brother James Nevins, of Camp 31, Division Ohio, was appointed Corporal of the Guard.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Moved by Brother Webb, of Kansas, seconded by Brother McDowell, of New Jersey, that the last article relative to the Commander-in-Chief's bond be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

Brother Gilkey was given the floor to call the attention of the Encampment to the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment to be held at at Columbus, Ohio.

Moved by Brother Webb, of Kansas, seconded by Brother Dawson, of Kansas, that an order to be drawn on the Quartermaster General for \$100 to defray the expenses of the Sons of Veterans in carrying out their programme at the G. A. R. Encampment, to be held at Columbus, Ohio. Carried by rising vote of 43 to 20.

Moved by Brother Hatch, of New York, seconded by Brother Myers, of Ohio, as a substitute that the chair appoint some person to draw up a subscription paper to raise the above one hundred dollars (\$100). By motion of Brother Hall, of Michigan, the previous question was called for and seconded by Brother Freer, of West Virginia. Lost.

DAKOTA.—1. Chapter 1, Article V. That the words "All Sons of members of the Order in succeeding generations" be stricken out and the words "All male lineal descendants of said deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines," be inserted in lieu thereof. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

2. That Section 10 be added to Chapter 5, Article VI, to read as follows: "When a Charter member of any Camp is dishonorably discharged from the Order, the Camp or Camps of which he may be a Charter member, may by a two thirds vote, cause his name to be stricken from the Charter." We recommend its adoption. Lost.

Moved by Brother Webb, of Kansas, seconded by Brother Van Houton, that the report of the Committee be concurred in.

Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri called for the previous question which was carried. The original motion was then put and lost.

3. That the following be added to Chapter 5, Article III, Section 3: "And shall be paid quarterly, in advance, upon the members in good standing at the close of the previous quarter." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

ILLINOIS.—Page 6, Article I, Section 3, that Section 3 be made to read as follows: "Camps shall rank from date of muster." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

That the following be inserted before Article XXIV, page 65: Article—, Section 1. Resignation and leave of absence of Commissioned Officers shall be presented to the Commanding Officer for action by whom the commission was issued. We recommend that the following be made Section 1, Article XXII (page 64), under the caption of "Resignation and Leave of Absence."

"Leaves of Absence and Resignations shall be applied for and forwarded to respectively, the commanding Officer in charge of the Headquarters from whence the commission was issued." Recommendation concurred in.

Section 2. The elective officers of Camps shall resign to the Colonel commanding, and if accepted, the Colonel shall order the next ranking Officer to assume command and proceed to call an election to fill the vacancy thus created according to Section 2, Article VII, Chapter 2. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Section 3. Elective officers of a Division shall resign to Commander-in-Chief, and if accepted the Commander-in-Chief shall convene the Division Council and they shall proceed to fill the vacancy as provided for in Section 3, Article VI, Chapter 3, Page 25. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Section 4. Elective officers of Camps absenting themselves from the jurisdiction of their Camps for thirty (30) days or more shall apply to the Colonel Commanding for leave of absence. We recommend its adoption as Section 2 of Article XXII. Moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Russel that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

Section 5. Elective Officers of Divisions absenting themselves from the Division sixty (60) days or more shall apply to the Commander-in-Chief for leave of absence. We recommend its adoption as Section 3 of Article XXII. Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Van Houten, that thirty (30) be changed to sixty (60). Carried. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 12, Chapter 2, Article VI., additional section, to read as follows: Captains of armed and equipped Camps may appoint an Ordinance Ser-

geant, with rank of Fifth Sergeant, with such duties as naturally pertain to his office. We recommend its rejection. Objection being made it was moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Van Houten, report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

Page 54, Chapter 5, Article X, Section 3. Change to read as follows: The rank of non-commissioned Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief, Division and Camps shall be marked by chevrons, the same size, form and color used and worn from 1861 to 1865 by U. S. Army, except Quartermaster Sergeant of Camp, who shall wear a tie of one bar. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Section 4. That Camp and Picket Guards shall wear as an insignia of rank, Corporals' chevrons. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 42, Chapter 5, Article I, Section 4, strike out the word "shall" and insert the word "may." We recommend its adoption.

Page 8, Chapter 2, Article II, Section 6. Change so as to read as follows: The name of rejected applicants shall be forwarded immediately by the Captain Commanding through Division Headquarters to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters for publication and shall also be entered upon the black books of all Camps, with date of rejection. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 9, Chapter 2, Article II, Section 9. Strike out that part following the word "purpose." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

KANSAS.—1. We suggest that that portion of Section 4, Article II, "Camp Constitution," entitled "Admission to Membership," providing for number of black balls to reject an applicant, be amended to read. "If on a count of the balls deposited it appears that not more than twenty are cast and three or more of them are black," etc., the candidate shall be declared rejected. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

2. We respectfully submit the recommendation that the Commandery-in-Chief, at its next session, adopt some regulation whereby the members of the W. R. C. and the L. A. S. may be admitted to our Camps on the same conditions and terms as members of the G. A. R. in good standing are. We recommend its rejection. Objected to by Brother Isenburg.

Motion made by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Van Houten, of Iowa, that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

KENTUCKY.—Recommends the change of rank strap from collar to shoulder. We recommend its rejection.

Moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Van Houten that the report of the Committee be concurred in.

Motion by Brother Orner, seconded by Brother Hinkley, that the resolution be adopted. Substitute offered by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Isenburg, that the whole matter be referred back to the Committee. Carried, vote 40 to 12.

Also the adoption of stripes in pants legs, said changes to be governed by the U. S. Army Regulations of 1887. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

MASSACHUSETTS.—That members of the Order be prohibited from wearing any badge or decoration which was presented to them by any government other than the United States of America. We recommend its rejection.

Committee recommended a substitute. Objection raised. Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Lidders that the report of the

Committee be concurred in. Moved to substitute by Bro. Herod, seconded by Bro. Webb, that the resolution be adopted. Moved by Bro. Hatch, seconded by Brother Speaker, that it be changed by inserting "military" after the word any, in second line and that this be substituted for the whole matter. On point of order raised by Brother Roe, of Illinois, the Commander-in-Chief ruled that no proposed changes could be acted upon, unless offered by some Division as provided for in the Constitution. Brother Webb appealed from the decision of the Chair and on call of the roll, the Chair was sustained by vote of 42 to 28.

Moved by Brother Lidders, seconded by Brother Hatch, that we take a recess until 2 o'clock. Carried.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 2:30 p. m., by the Commander-in-Chief. Brother Sells, of Ohio, appointed Corporal of the Guard.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Reisel, that the reading of the minutes of the morning's session be postponed until to-morrow morning. Carried.

OHIO.—Page 6, Article I, Section 3, be changed to read: The rank of a Camp shall be determined from the date of its muster. Already handled in Illinois recommendations.

Page 40, Article X, Chapter 6. To read Chapter 5 instead of 6 and to strike out all the words after "Commander-in-Chief."

We recommend that this Section or clause be stricken from the Constitution, and that in its stead the following be added:

"Article XXVI. Any Article or Section of Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations, may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting during any session of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment." Recommendation concurred in.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Herod, to suspend the Rule. Carried.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Hall, that the Commandery-in-Chief confirm the action taken by the Commandery in the resolutions heretofore offered. Carried.

The Committee then took up the recommendations of the Divisions in their regular order, where dropped to consider the first two resolutions offered by Ohio.

The second resolution from Massachusetts:

*Resolved*, That Chaplains of Camps be elected instead of appointed, as at present. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

MICHIGAN.—Recommends that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be so changed that Division Encampments be held not later than July 25, and Commandery-in-Chief Encampments not later than September 30.

We recommend that "January" be substituted for "April" in Section 1, Article III, Page 24.

Amendment offered by Brother Miller, seconded by Brother Webb; to change the date from July 1 to July 10. Carried.

MINNESOTA.—That an additional Section be added to Article IX, Camp Constitution, Pages 16 and 17, to read as follows: The Captain, First and Quartermaster Sergeants shall not serve on Camp Council. We recommend its adoption as Section 4, Article IX, Page 17. Recommendation concurred in.

Article XIX, Page 10. The Chaplain, under recommendation of Captain Commanding shall be commissioned by the Colonel to rank as Second

Lieutenant without command. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

That Article XVIII, Page 20, be changed to read: Camps may assist needy soldiers, sailors or marines and the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines and members of the Order by appropriations from the general Camp fund. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Amend Section 1, Page 26, to read: The Division Council shall consist of the Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, and the three elective members. We recommend its rejection.

Objection being raised, on motion made by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Van Houten, it was concurred in. Carried by vote of 40 to 27.

Amend Section 3, Article IX, page 28, to read: Five members of the Division Council shall constitute a quorum. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Amend Section 1, Article VIII, page 36, to read: The Council-in-Chief shall consist of the first three elective officers and five members to be elected by the Commandery-in-Chief. We recommend its rejection. Recommendations concurred in.

Article X, Section 1, page 53, after word "officers," insert "non-commissioned officer;" after word "shoulder straps" insert "chevron." We recommend its rejection, as the same subject is handled in another recommendation. Recommendation concurred in.

Article IX, Section 2, page 52. Camps equipped as in the different branches of the U. S. Army may wear the uniform adopted by the War Department for such branches in the regular service. We recommend its rejection as it is handled in another recommendation. Recommendation concurred in.

That the second and third lines of Section 1, Article IX, page 52, be altered by the abandonment of the letters "S. V." and that in lieu thereof be inserted the words "Regulation Sons of Veterans" in both cases, also that the same change be made on the fifth line of said Section where the letters "S. V." appear. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

That a new Section be added to said Article IX, to read as follows: The regulation coat and vest buttons shall be of gilt, convex, with plain border, large size seven-eighths of an inch in exterior diameter, small size nine-sixteenths of an inch. Device—crest of a coat-of-arms of the Order; eagle to be surmounted by thirteen stars, according to original sample, on file at Headquarters of the badge and decoration department. Commandery-in-Chief and Division officer may, if they so elect, wear the same button, containing as a device the full coat-of-arms of the Order, according to sample on file at Headquarters. We recommend that the following be made Section 4 of Article IX, page 52: The regulation coat and vest buttons shall be of gilt, convex, with plain border, large size seven-eighths of an inch in exterior diameter, small size nine-sixteenths of an inch. Device—the full coat-of-arms of the Order, according to sample on file at said Headquarters, also that Section 4 of this Article be made Section 5, and Section 5 be made Section 6.

Objection being raised, on motion of Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Averdick that the report of the Committee be adopted, except that all buttons bear the coat-of-arms. Carried.

On Kentucky's second recommendation, Committee reported a substitute that the insignia of rank for all acting officers be the same as worn by



our fathers from 1861-65 that the insignia of past rank be the miniature rank strap worn over the badge. Objection being raised, moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Griffin, to adopt the report of the Committee.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Speaker, to strike out all pertaining to past rank.

Amendment offered by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother D. Q. Morrow, that all uniformed Camps and Division Officers wear shoulder straps and all officers of Camps not uniformed and equipped, be debarred from using them.

Moved as substitute by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Hall, that Section 1 of Article X, page 53 be amended to read as follows: insignia of actual rank in the several bodies of the Order to be worn by officers during their period of service, be the regulation shoulder strap of the U. S. Army of 1888, provided that officers of Camps not uniformed, armed and equipped, wear a single miniature rank strap on the left breast, diagonally over their membership badge. Carried.

On motion of Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Rathbone, that the balance of the Article be adopted as reported by the Committee. Concurred in.

MISSOURI.—1. That the word "Surgeon-General" be inserted after the words "Judge Advocate General" in Section 1, Article VIII, page 36. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

2. That the word "Company" be changed to "Commandery" in Section 4, Article VII, page 35. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

3. That the word "Commandery-in-Chief" be changed to "Commander-in-Chief" in Section 3, Article III, page 33. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

4. That the word "incredibility" be changed to "credibility," in Section 5, Article VI, page 49. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 49, Section 3, line 5. Change "Commander-in-Chief" to read "Division Colonel." Division Colonel shall be tried for alleged offences only by courts convened by Commander-in-Chief. \* Commander-in-Chief shall be tried for alleged offenses only on request of the five elective members of the Council-in-Chief, and on such request a court convened by the Lieutenant General, or the Lieutenant General shall on request of the five elective members of the Council-in-Chief, appoint a court of inquiry to investigate charges against the Commander-in-Chief. We recommend its adoption with corrections and additions as above. Recommendations concurred in.

Page 59, Section 4, paragraph 2, should read, "Old Gold" instead of "French Flag." Also paragraph 3, same change. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 63, Article XVIII, amended, is to read, in line *three* insert after word "Countersign:" To Divisions not in arrears for per capita tax. We recommend its adoption as corrected. Recommendation concurred in.

VERMONT.—Change Article V. Section 1, so as to read: That all lineal descendents of Sons of Veterans shall be eligible to membership in the Order upon attaining the age of twenty-one years. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

WEST VIRGINIA.—To submit the following amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Camp Constitution, viz: In the first sentence the words

"Camp Council, Delegates and their Alternates to the Division Encampment" shall be added, and in the second sentence the words "Also on the night of election" shall be stricken out, so that the first and second sentences will read as follows: The Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Camp Council, Delegates and their Alternates to the Division Encampment shall be elected by ballot. The nominations for these offices shall be made at one stated meeting prior to the time of election, and a majority of all votes present shall be necessary to a choice. We recommend its rejection.

Objection being raised, moved by Brother Hinkley, seconded by Brother Hemenway that the report be concurred in. Carried.

2. To submit the following amendment to the Division Constitution, Article II, Section 3, viz: That the word "members" be stricken out and the word "Delegates" be inserted. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

3. To submit the following amendment to Article VI, of the Camp Constitution: "2d. Uniformed and equipped Camps shall, in addition to the above officers and staff, have an additional Sergeant and five Corporals; Corporal of the Guard, Camp and Picket Guards being the first, second and third Corporals respectively. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

WISCONSIN.—Page 6, Chapter 2, Section 1. Strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "fifteen," adding in parenthesis after the word "Veterans" in the sixth line "ten of whom must be present for muster." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 17, Chapter 2, Article IX, Section 3. Strike out the words "at the end of each six months" and substitute the words "at the last meeting night of each quarter." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 17, Chapter 2, Article XI, adding a section which shall read as follows: Section 2. For the non-payment of fines a member may be suspended and dropped in the same manner and form as provided for the non-payment of dues. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 18, Chapter 2, Article XII, Adding after the word "arrears," in the fifth line, "including the dues for the current quarter." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 19, Chapter 2, Article XIII. Insert the words "and relief" after the word "visiting" in the second line. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 20, Chapter 2, Article XVIII. After the word "marines" in second line, insert the words "or relief of members of the Order." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 21, Chapter 2, Article XX. Adding Rules and Regulation after the word "Constitution" in the first line and transferring the whole Article to Chapter 5. We recommend that this entire Article, XX, Page 21, be stricken out. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 66 To become Article 25. We recommend its rejection, as it is handled elsewhere. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 22, Chapter 3, Article I, an additional Section to Article I, Chapter 3. All Camps not within the jurisdiction of any Chartered or Provisional Division, shall form a Provisional Division-at-Large, under command of a Colonel, appointed each year by the Commander-in-Chief, and who shall rank as an elected Colonel, with equal powers. We recommend its rejection.

Objection being raised, moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Hemenway report of Committee be adopted. Carried.

Page 25, Chapter 3, Article V, adding the words "if present and assenting at the time of election," after the word "Division" in the second line. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 28, Chapter 3, Article IX, Section 2. Strike out the words "two weeks" and inserting therefor the words "six days." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 28, Chapter 3, Article IX, Section 4. Adding questions requiring the official vote of the Division Council may be submitted by the Commander by printed blanks for that purpose except for the election to fill vacancies. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 34, Chapter 4, Article IV. Adding "after elective members and Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General with rank of Colonel. We recommend its rejection.

Objection being raised, moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Smith report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

Page 3, Chapter 4, Article V. Changing this Article to correspond with Article V, Chapter 3, adding the words "if present and assenting at the time of election." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 34, Chapter 4, Article VIII, Section 8. Adding "questions requiring the official vote of the Council-in-Chief may be submitted by the Commanding officer by printed blanks for that purpose, except for the election to fill vacancies. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Also, Section 4, Chapter 4, Article VIII. Strike out the word "four" and insert "two" (weeks.) We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 29, Chapter 3, Article XI. Insert before "Committee on Ritual," "Committee on Distribution of Work." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 65, Chapter 6, Article XXIV, paragraph 7. An additional committee to be inserted to be known as the Committee on Distribution of Work. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Loebenstein that the motion in reference to the tactics be taken from the table. Carried.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Garst that Reed's tactics be substituted for United States Army Tactics. Carried.

Moved by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Webb that the motion be now adopted. Carried.

Your committee would also respectfully recommend the following:  
Add to Section 3, Article VI., Page 49.

"The Commander-in-Chief shall whenever charges are preferred against any past officer, order a Court of Inquiry or Court Martial as may be deemed advisable and whenever any past officer shall be convicted of any offense, he may be punished as provided by these Rules and Regulations; and he shall also forfeit all honors of past rank, provided that all Past Commandery-in-Chief and Past Grand Division officers, and Past Colonels of Divisions shall be tried only by courts composed exclusively of members of the Commandery-in-Chief."

That Section 7 be added to Chapter 5, Article VII. "That all Colonels of Divisions shall within ten days from date of their installation give a bond in such sum and with such sureties and under such regulations as may be prescribed by their respective Divisions."



That Section 6, Article IX., Page 53 (was Section 5) be changed to read:

"Armed and equipped Camps may upon securing a dispensation from the Colonel Commanding, adopt and wear the United States Regulation Uniform."

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L. by

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| R. H. FERR,    | } | Committee<br>on C. R. and R. |
| J. B. MACCABE, |   |                              |
| L. J. WEBB,    |   |                              |
| O. B. BROWN,   |   |                              |
| F. McCRILLIS,  |   |                              |

The committee on Ritual being ready their report was called for.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Your Committee on Ritual respectfully recommend the adoption of the following recommendation from the Division of Vermont which recommends that they do not approve of any change in the Ritual at the present time believing it is not for the best interests of the Order to keep changing the work in minute details from time to time and your Committee would further respectfully recommend that a committee of five be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief whose duty it shall be to carefully revise the present Ritual and devise one or more degrees of a military character to be used by Camps and to submit their report to the Eighth Annual Session of the the Commandery-in-Chief.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. and L.

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| MARVIN E. HALL,  | } | Committee<br>on<br>Ritual. |
| J. H. HINKLEY,   |   |                            |
| GEO. W. LEONARD, |   |                            |
| R. LOEBENSTEIN,  |   |                            |
| E. H. MILHAM.    |   |                            |

Moved by Brother Wood, seconded by Brother Swazy that the report of the Committee on Ritual be accepted and adopted. Carried.

The committee on resolutions then reported as follows:

To the officers and members of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers, Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully beg leave to offer the following:

*Resolved*, That in the death of that gallant American patriot, General Phillip H. Sheridan, the cause of liberty has lost an able and conspicuous champion, and the United States of America one of the greatest Generals of modern times, and we hereby, as an Order commemorate his distinguished services as a citizen and soldier.

*Resolved*, That we wear the usual insignia of mourning during the session of this "Commandery-in-Chief," and that this memorial be spread upon the minutes and published in THE NATIONAL REVEILLE.

PENSION RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Many of the brave men who offered their lives in defense of the Union and for the preservation of the stars and stripes, are now languishing in alms-houses, sick, helpless, enfeebled and unable to support life by their own exertions, we therefore declare that we believe it to be the duty of every Nation to care for its defenders, and that the Congress of the United States should take prompt action to provide to these heroes such a competence as shall raise them above misery and pauperism, and protect

and sustain them in ill health and feeble old age, and we heartily endorse the recommendations by the Grand Army of the Republic heretofore made in this behalf.

WHEREAS, The officers and members of U. S. Grant Camp No. 17 of Wheeling, West Virginia, together with the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic have been unceasing in their efforts to entertain and make pleasant the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, and

WHEREAS, The local press has done all in its power to faithfully report the proceedings of this Encampment and has extended to our organization all the courtesies that we could reasonably expect, and

WHEREAS, The city officials and citizens of Wheeling, West Virginia have been most hospitable and cordial in receiving us, their guests, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our thanks and deep appreciation for these many favors and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Encampment.

WHEREAS, The Commander-in-Chief and his able Staff have been faithful in the performance of their duties and under their guidance the Order has prospered in every particular, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the special thanks of this Encampment be extended to Commander-in-Chief Abbott and his Staff for the faithful performance of their duties during the past year.

Moved by Brother Griffin, seconded by Brother San Soucie that the resolutions on the death of General Phillip Sheridan be adopted by a rising vote. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Brother DeWitt, seconded by Brother Van Houten that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Sheridan. Carried.

Moved by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Frazee that the case of Wilkinson, Court Martialed and dishonorably discharged be referred to a special committee of three to be appointed by the chair. Carried.

Chair appointed as such committee, Brother Parker, of Pennsylvania; Brother Wood, of Indiana; Brother Hemenway, of Michigan.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Maccabe that the motion be reconsidered. Lost.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Hall that the Committee on Officers reports be requested to report as soon as possible. Carried.

Moved by Brother McDowell of New Jersey, seconded by Brother Wood that the proper officers of this Commandery-in-Chief proceed at once to obtain a warrant for the arrest of Brother Walter S. Payne.

Moved as a substitute by Brother Rathbone of Ohio, seconded by Brother Bundy that a committee of three with full power to proceed both civilly and criminally against Walter S. Payne be appointed by the chair. Carried.

The chair appointed the following Brothers as such committee: D. Q. Morrows, E. G. Rathbone, and John S. Johnson, all of Ohio.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Van Houten that the Judge Advocate General be instructed to prepare Court Martial proceedings against Walter S. Payne. Carried.

Moved by Brother Nevins, seconded by Brother Webb to adjourn till 8 o'clock. Carried.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 8:20 p. m., Brother Abbott in the chair.

Brother Wm. O. McDowell of New Jersey on the part of Joe Hooker Camp, No. 3, of Newark that State presented with an appropriate address to the Commandery-in-Chief, a red white and blue celluloid silver bound gavel, which was accepted with words of thanks by the Commander-in-Chief.

The following resolution was offered by Brother Hatch who moved its adoption, seconded by Brother Russell. Carried.

WHEREAS there now in existence two Divisions or Orders of the Sons of Veterans in the United States one known as the Camp system and the other as the Post system, and whereas it is eminently desirable that said organizations should be consolidated under one head; therefore

Resolved That a committee of five be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief and that the Chairman of said Committee notify the Commander of the Post system of such appointment and its purposes and request the appointment of a like Committee by their Grand Encampment to meet and consult upon terms of consolidation and report their results to the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed as such committee, the following Brothers: Chairman, E. W. Hatch, H. M. Russell, M. Retel, H. B. Marchbank and the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Herod that the election of officers be made the special order of business to-morrow morning. Carried, 40 to 36.

Brother Edward Reisel offered the following resolution which was referred to the committee on resolutions.

WHEREAS, A full attendance of all members and delegates at each and all sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief is essential to the proper and full transaction of all business, therefore be it

Resolved that at some appointed time during the Convention the Adjutant General shall call the roll of all the States and the delegates and the said roll shall be recorded and that a copy of said roll shall be forwarded to the several Division Encampments for their information.

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| EDWARD REISEL,  | } Committee. |
| C. J. ORNER,    |              |
| R. LOEBENSTEIN, |              |
| MARVIN E. HALL, |              |

Brother McDowell, of New Jersey, then offered the following resolution which was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief recognize THE NATIONAL REVEILLE published by James I. Lyon as the official paper of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and that the Commandery-in-Chief subscribe and pay for one copy of the paper for each Camp of the Order, at \$1.00 per copy per annum. The subscription for Camps now in existence shall begin on the adoption of this resolution, and for new Camps on their muster.

Committee on Officers' reports then offered their report which was as follows:

*General G. A. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

Your Committee on Reports of Officers beg leave to submit the following:

1st. We concur in the recommendation that all efforts be put forth to demonstrate our strength at the Columbus Encampment of the G. A. R., and to that end we recommend that all Colonels of Divisions be requested to secure the attendance of as many Brothers as possible, and that each member use all possible efforts to be present.

2nd. Inasmuch as your committee is informed that the Council-in-Chief are about to report with respect to financial matters connected with the organization, we refrain from making any recommendation connected therewith.

3rd. We recommend in pursuance of your report that two grades of books be carried in stock, one like the present in use, and the other of a more durable and lasting quality.

4th. We recommend that the ruling of the Commander-in-Chief with respect to the per capita tax for the quarter ending September 30, 1887, be sustained.

5th. We recommend that the ruling of the Commander-in-Chief with respect to the status of Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who have become members of our Order, and been dropped or dishonorably discharged, be sustained.

6th. We recommend that the Commander-in-Chief invest the members of the G. A. R. with expiring pass words and countersigns, the same to be promulgated through regular G. A. R. channels.

7th. We approve of the recommendation to hold executive sessions, and recommend that such sessions be held at each Commandery, on the morning of the second day of each annual meeting, and that the proceedings be kept separate from the regular minutes and not published, and the results only of such executive session be entered in the general minutes.

8th. We concur in the recommendation that the Constitution should be so amended as to require five Camps instead of three Camps to form a Provisional Division.

9th. We recommend the adoption of the recommendation that the Quartermaster General be relieved from handling Camp packages, and that Division Headquarters carry sufficient stock to supply Camps.

10th. We recommend that the salary of the Adjutant General be increased from the sum of \$600 per year to a sum not exceeding \$1,000 per year. The sum, if any, so paid over \$600 per year to rest in the discretion of the Commandery-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief.

11th. We recommend that the Commander-in-Chief call to the attention of Division Colonels THE REVELLE, and request them to urge upon Camps and members to subscribe for the same.

12th. We recommend the approval of the action of the Commander-in-Chief in declaring vacant the office of a Colonel who, without leave of absence or notice to the Commander-in-Chief, left his charge for an indefinite time.

In conclusion, your committee commend the official acts of the Commander-in-Chief; his administration has been praiseworthy in every respect, as an exhibition of faithfulness and fidelity to duty, with a conscientious regard for the highest welfare of the Order. It meets our hearty approval.

#### REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.

We recommend the approval of the report, and commend its faithfulness to detail.

#### QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

We refrain from making any recommendation upon this report, as the subject-matter thereof has already been considered by the Council-in-Chief.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

1st. We recommend the approval of this report, and, in doing so, we desire to specially commend it as a model of its kind, which, in fidelity and painstaking care can scarcely be surpassed.

2d. We recommend its careful study to those officers who made and who have not made reports, and to those who may hereafter be required to make them.

3d. We concur in and recommend the adoption of its recommendations from 1 to 5, inclusive.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

We recommend the adoption and approval of this report.

CHIEF OF STAFF.

We recommend the approval and adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

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| EDWARD W. HATCH, | } Committee. |
| W. T. PARKER,    |              |
| D. W. WOOD,      |              |
| WILLIAM ROWE.    |              |

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Bundy, to adopt by Section.

Section 1, referring to Columbus, adopted.

Section 2, referring to finances, adopted.

Section 3, referring to two grades of books, adopted.

Section 4, Ruling on the 3rd quarters tax of 1887, adopted.

Section 5, in regard to double headers. Moved by Brother Leland J. Webb, seconded by Brother Barker, of New Jersey, to amend so as to read as follows:

That no member of the Grand Army of the Republic who is now, or hereafter may become a member of this Order, that may be dishonorably discharged from the Order of Sons of Veterans, shall be eligible to sit in any meeting of any Camp, Division Encampment, or Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. Carried.

Section 6, password for G. A. R.

Moved by Brother Orner, seconded by Brother Webb, that a semi-annual G. A. R. pass word be promulgated to the members of the Grand through the regular G. A. R. channel which shall admit them into all Camps of the S. V., U. S. A. Carried.

Seventh section, in regard to executive session. Concurred in.

Eighth section, in regard to Provisional Division. Objected to.

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Maccabe, that it be stricken out. Carried. Referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

In regard to Camp packets. Adopted.

Eleventh, salary of Adjutant General. Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother McCrillis, that it be rejected because embodied in the report of Council-in-Chief. Carried.

In regard to THE REVEILLE. Adopted.

Twelfth, Section regarding Colonels leaving Division. Adopted.

Adjutant General's report. Committee recommended that it be received and adopted. Concurred in.



Quartermaster's General's report be passed as it is to be acted upon by the Council-in-Chief.

Inspector General's Report:

First. Recommendation recommending Division inspections was adopted.

Second. Relative to Camp inspections covering six weeks be referred to the Committee on Constitution Rules and Regulations.

Third recommendation concurred in.

Fourth recommendation in regard to a fixed form. Moved by Brother Hinkley, seconded by Brother Hemenway, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Fifth. In reference to Reed's tactics. No action.

Chaplain-in-Chief's report adopted.

Chief of Staff's report adopted.

Resolution in reference to Colonel's bond referred to Committee on Constitution.

Committee on distribution of work reported as follows:

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 16, 1888.

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., Greeting:*

We, your Committee on Distribution of Work, respectfully report that we have attended to the duties assigned us.

Yours in F., C. and L.

H. M. RUSSELL, Chairman.

J. A. AVERDICK,

W. A. ROGERS,

E. J. SAN SOUCI,

D. K. FRAZIER.

Committee continued.

Sixth. Moved by Bro. C. T. Orner, seconded by Brother Bundy, that the following resolution be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations:

Be it resolved that a standing Committee of seven be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, whose duty it shall be to look after the homes of the soldier's orphans in the several States, and report annually to the Commandery-in-Chief, the condition of such homes and the treatment of the inmates thereof. Carried.

Moved by Brother R. M. J. Reed, seconded by Brother Amies, that the Commandery-in-Chief, in view of the meritorious services in behalf of the Pennsylvania Division, S. V., U. S. A. in particular, and the Order in general, confer the honor of the Golden Cross of the Order upon Past Colonels, Horace H. Hammer, James Lewis Rake and Quartermaster C. E. Diefenderfer. Carried.

Moved by Brother Wood, seconded by Brother DeWitt that the resolution adopted by this Commandery-in-Chief favoring pension legislation in behalf of Union soldiers and sailors be forwarded to Brother Alvin P. Hovey, President of the Union Veteran's Pension Association. Carried.

Moved by Brother Reed, seconded by Brother Frazee that the records be corrected so that Brothers Gilkey and Webb may be shown to be Past Division Commanders. Carried.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations made an additional report in reference to Colonel's bonds. Adopted on a motion of-

ferred by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Van Houten of Iowa. Moved by Brother Russell, seconded by Brother Garst that we do now take a recess until 9 a. m., Friday morning. Carried.

## MORNING SESSION Aug. 17th.

Meeting called to order at 10 a. m., Commander-in-Chief Abbott in the chair.

Minutes read and approved to date. Moved by Brother Nevins, seconded by Brother Neudorf that nominating speeches be limited to five minutes and seconding speeches to three minutes each. Carried.

Nominations for Commander-in-Chief was then declared in order.

Brother Hatch in a very able speech presented the claims of Brother Leland J. Webb of Kansas and nominated him for Commander-in-Chief.

The nomination of Brother Webb was seconded by Brother Jas. D. Rowen of Iowa.

The nomination of Brother Webb was further seconded by Brother Clay D. Herod of Kansas.

Brother Wm. E. Bundy of Ohio in a telling manner presented the name of Brother Henry Frazee of Ohio.

The nomination of Brother Frazee was seconded by Brother Ben S. Johnson of Ohio.

Brother Jos. B. Maccabe in his usual short terse and business manner presented the name of Brother George B. Abbott.

The nomination of Brother Abbott was seconded by Brother J. A. Averdick of Kentucky.

The nomination of Brother Abbott was further seconded by Brother Thos. H. B. Staggers of West Virginia.

The nomination of Brother Abbott was further seconded by Brother M. E. Hall of Michigan.

The nomination of Brother Abbott was further seconded by Brother C. A. Armstrong of Wisconsin.

Moved by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Maccabe to proceed to a formal ballott. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed as tellers Brother John H. Hinkley, of Massachusetts; Brother John G. Nevins of Ohio, and Brother Clay D. Herod of Kansas.

The ballot being declared closed, on count by the tellers it was found that there had been one more vote cast than there were voters present, therefore the Commander-in-Chief declared another ballot in order; another ballot being taken the vote stood:

Whole number votes cast, 81; necessary for a choice, 41, of which Brother Geo. B. Abbott received 41; Brother Leland J. Webb received 28; Brother Henry Frazee received 12.

Moved by Brother Henry Frazee, seconded by Brother Leland J. Webb that the ballot be declared unanimous by rising vote. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief then declared nominations for Lieutenant General in order. Brother L. J. Webb nominated Brother E. H. Milham of Minnesota; Brother Hall nominated Brother John H. Hinkley of Massachusetts.

Brother Hinkley's nomination was seconded by Brother Averdick of Kentucky. Brother Hinkley's nomination was further seconded by Brother Upham of Massachusetts.

Brother Henry Frazee of Ohio was nominated by Brother Whyte of Illinois.

Brother Milham's nomination was seconded by Brother Van Houten of Iowa.



Moved by Brother McDowell of New Jersey, seconded by Brother G. C. Harvey of Indiana, that nominations for Lieutenant General now close. Carried.

Ballot being taken it was found that the whole number of votes cast was 76. Necessary for a choice 38, of which Brother E. H. Milham of Minnesota, received 41; Brother John H. Hinkley of Massachusetts, 28; Brother Henry Frazee of Ohio 7.

Moved by Brother Hinkley of Massachusetts, seconded by Brother Geo. W. Whyte of Illinois that the ballot be declared unanimous for Brother E. H. Milham for Lieutenant General. Carried.

Moved by Brother Jno. C. Nevins, seconded by Brother McCrillis, that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of the Commandery-in-Chief for Brother Jno. H. Hinkley of Massachusetts for Major General. Carried.

Ballot was cast, and Brother Jno. H. Hinkley was declared elected. Nominations for elective members of the Council-in-Chief was then declared in order.

Brother Rudolph Loebenstein of Missouri was nominated by Brother Neudorf of Missouri; Brother C. B. Cook of Dakota was nominated by Brother Joe B. Maccabe of Massachusetts; Brother C. T. Orner of Illinois was nominated by Brother J. B. Lidders of Illinois; Brother Joe B. Maccabe of Massachusetts was nominated by Brother J. J. Speaker of Missouri; Brother G. Brainard Smith of Connecticut was nominated by Brother Edward Reisel of Connecticut; Brother Wm. E. Bundy of Ohio was nominated by Brother Jas. A. Averdick of Kentucky; Brother Geo. Van Houten of Iowa was nominated by Brother De Witt of Iowa; Brother Thos. H. B. Staggers of West Virginia was nominated by Brother H. B. Baguley of West Virginia.

Brother Thos. H. B. Stagger's nomination seconded by Brother Michael Crowley; Brother C. T. Orner's nomination seconded by Brother Geo. W. Whyte; Brother H. B. Baguley of W. Va., was nominated by Brother M. E. Hall of Michigan; Brother W. A. Rogers seconded the nomination of Brother C. B. Cook of Dakota; Brother G. Brainard Smith's nomination seconded by Brother W. A. Stevens of Massachusetts; also by Brother E. J. San Souci of Connecticut; Brother E. R. Kennington of Pennsylvania was nominated by Brother H. R. Russell of Pennsylvania.

Moved by Brother G. C. Harvey of Indiana, seconded by Brother H. B. Baguley of West Virginia that nominations close. Carried.

Brother H. B. Baguley withdrew his name from the list of nominees.

Moved by Brother Geo. Behler of Indiana, seconded by Brother C. D. Herod that the five Brothers receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected. Carried.

The report of the ballot by the tellers was as follows: Brothers J. B. Maccabe, 54; R. Loebenstein, 51; C. T. Orner, 44; G. B. Smith, 43; Wm. E. Bundy, 41; C. B. Cook, 37; Geo. Van Houten, 32; E. R. Kennington, 20; Thos. H. B. Staggers, 18; H. B. Baguley, 11; H. R. Russell, 1; A. M. Appelget, 1.

Brother J. B. Maccabee positively declined to accept the election or serve.

Moved by Brother Geo. Van Houten, seconded by Brother Clay D. Herod, that as Brother J. B. Maccabee declines to serve, Brother C. B. Cooke having the sixth largest vote, be declared elected as a member of the Council-in-Chief. Carried.

Nominations for the next place of meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief was then declared in order.

Brother F. Neudorf, of Missouri, presented the following invitations from Camp, No. 17, Division of Missouri, located at St. Joseph and the Manufacturer's Bureau, and nominated that city for the meeting place.

HEADQUARTERS LINCOLN CAMP, NO. 17, DIVISION OF MISSOURI.)  
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., August 10, 1888.)

*G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, and Delegates to Commandery-in-Chief:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—By request and on behalf of Lincoln Camp, No. 17, Division of Missouri, you are by this cordially invited to make the place of meeting for the Commandery-in-Chief for 1889, the City of St. Joseph, Mo. At this early date we cannot say what form of entertainment we shall prepare, but we can say that for genuine hospitality, the city which is our home, has few equals. We urge that you accept our invitation.

H. J. KLINE.

*Captain Commanding.*

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Aug. 10, 1888.

*To the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned extend a cordial invitation to your organization to hold its next annual meeting in St. Joseph, and bespeak for the delegates a hearty welcome from our citizens.

The Manufacturer's Bureau,  
HERSCHEL BARTLETT, *Chairman.*

OLIVER C. HUTCHINSON, *Secretary.*

Brother N. C. Upham, of Massachusetts, presented the claims and attractions of, and nominated Boston, Mass., the next place of meeting.

Brother Geo. H. Perkins, of N. J. nominated Paterson, N. J., as the next meeting place of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Brother J. J. Speaker seconded the nomination of St. Joseph; Brother J. B. Maccabe seconded the nomination of Boston; Brother Wm. O. McDowell seconded the nomination of Paterson.

Brother F. McCrillis seconded the nomination of Paterson. Brother S. J. Brown seconded the nomination of Paterson; Brother E. T. Roe seconded the nomination of Boston; Brother E. W. Hatch seconded the nomination of Paterson; Brother Thos. H. B. Staggers seconded the nomination of Paterson.

A ballot being taken the tellers reported as follows: Whole number votes cast 61, necessary for a choice 31, of which Paterson receives 29, Boston, 23, St. Joseph, 9.

No place receiving the necessary number of votes, another ballot was taken which resulted as follows: Whole number votes cast, 61, necessary for a choice 31, of which Paterson received 35, Boston 26.

Paterson having received the necessary number of votes was declared the next meeting place of the Commandery-in-Chief. Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Hall to take a recess till 3 o'clock, and then to meet in the G. A. R. Hall. Carried.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Brother McWiggin was appointed Picket Guard and Brother F. D. Morse was appointed Corporal of the Guard.

Moved by Brother William McDowell, seconded by Brother J. L. Rake that the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief take place the week in which the 20th of September, 1889 occurs. Moved as a substitute by Brother F. D. Morse, seconded by Brother C. A. C. Garst (which substitute

after discussion was accepted by the mover and seconder of the original motion) that the meeting be called for, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week in which the 21st day of August 1889 occurs. Carried.

The Committee on the case of T. O. Wilkinson reported as follows:

WHEELING, W. VA., August 17, 1888.

*Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.*

SIR: Your Committee appointed to consider and report upon the application of F. O. Wilkinson, formerly of Camp No. 75, Division of Ohio, for the removal of disabilities under which he now rests by virtue of the findings of a Court Martial and the sentence imposed thereunder, would respectfully report:

That upon due examination we find that the action taken by the proper authorities in the case of Brother Wilkinson, was entirely justified and proper.

That, however, believing the true objects of punishment to be the reformation of the offender and the general benefits arising from example, we regard these ends as having been satisfactorily accomplished, and respectfully recommend that said disabilities be removed in this case, in accordance with the express desire of all persons concerned.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

W. S. PARKER,

D. W. WOOD,

EARL HEMENWAY.

} Committee.

Moved by Brother R. Loebenstein, seconded by Brother J. A. Averdick that the report of the Committee be accepted and adopted and the Committee discharged. Carried.

Committee on resolutions offered the following resolution and moved its adoption which motion was seconded by Brother C. J. Miller and carried.

*Resolved*, That it is with much sorrow this Encampment learns of the sad affliction of Brother Horace P. Kent, Past Commander of the First Grand Division, in the recent decease of his beloved father and the present severe illness of his devoted wife, and that the heartfelt sympathy of this Encampment is with our Brother in his hour of bereavement and trial. Also the following resolution and moved its adoption which motion was seconded by Brother C. J. Miller and carried.

WHEREAS, A full attendance of all members and delegates at each and all sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief is essential to the proper and full transactions of all business. Therefore be it resolved, That at some appointed time during each session, the Adjutant General shall call the roll of all members and delegates, and the said call shall be recorded and that a copy of said roll call shall be forwarded to the several Division Encampments for their information. Also reported back the resolution referred to them in regard to THE REVEILLE without recommendation.

Moved by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Herod that the resolution be laid on the table. Carried 21 to 18.

Moved by Brother Averdick, seconded by Brother Miller that each Camp be instructed to subscribe to and pay for one copy of the THE REVEILLE.

Moved as a substitute by Brother Roe, seconded by Brother Lidders (which after discussion was accepted by the mover and seconder of the original motion) that the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations be instructed to report a clause, making it compulsory on every Camp to subscribe to and pay for a copy of THE NATIONAL REVEILLE. Carried.

It being necessary at this time for some of the officers elect to take the train for home Commander-in-Chief Abbott then installed the following

officers: E. H. Milham, Lieutenant General, John H. Hinkley, Major General, and the following Brothers as members of the Council-in-Chief, Rudolph Loebenstein, William E. Bundy, C. B. Cooke, C. T. Orner. Past Lieutenant General Speaker continued to act as Lieutenant General, as Lieutenant General E. H. Milham could not remain.

The Committee on Constitution Rules and Regulations made an additional report as follows: The regulation coat and vest buttons shall be of gilt, convex, with plain border, large size, seven-eighths of an inch in exterior diameter, small size nine sixteenths of an inch. Device—The full coat of arms of the Order, according to sample on file at Headquarters of the Badge and Decoration Department.

Moved by Brother Miller, seconded by Brother Van Houten to adopt the report of the Committee. Carried.

Also the following:

Article XXV. The Commandery-in-Chief shall, at each Annual Encampment, designate an official paper in which all Commandery-in-Chief orders and circulars shall be published; and it shall be the duty of the Quartermaster Sergeant of each Camp to subscribe in the name of the Camp, each year, for at least one copy of such official paper, and pay for the same out of the Camp funds. Such paper shall be kept on file by the First Sergeant. Also,

*Resolved*, That the Commandery-in-Chief hereby designate the Sons of Veterans NATIONAL REVEILLE, published in Chicago by James I. Lyons, as the *official paper* of the Order, to be published every two weeks at a subscription price of \$1 per year.

Moved by Brother Roe, seconded by Brother Lidders that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

Also the following that Section 6, Article VII, of Chapter V, that the Commander-in-Chief, within thirty days after his election, shall file a bond in such sum as the Council-in-Chief in annual sitting may determine; said bond to run to and be approved by the elective members of the Council-in-Chief, and held in custody by the ranking "member" not "officer" of the Council-in-Chief, rank to be determined by the largest number of votes received at time of said member's election.

SECTION 7. Colonels of Divisions shall, within ten days from the date of their installation, give a bond in such sums and with such sureties and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the respective Divisions.

Brother C. T. Orner offered the following: Be it

*Resolved*, That a Standing Committee of seven be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, whose duty it shall be to look after the Homes of Soldiers' Orphans in the several States and report annually to the Commandery-in-Chief the condition of such homes and the treatment of the inmates thereof, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Brother Roe. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief announced that the Committee would be appointed in General Orders.

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Morse, that a Committee of five, on transportation, be appointed. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief announced that the Committee would be appointed in General Orders.

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Van Houten, that the present Constitution, Rules and Regulations as now amended, be declared official. Carried.

Moved by Brother L. J. Webb, seconded by Brother J. B. Lidders, That the Commander-in-Chief cause the Commandery-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A., to be incorporated in some State. Carried.



Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Morrow, that the following resolution be adopted.

*Resolved*, That Major A. P. Davis, the head of the Badge and Decoration Department, of this Order, be requested to make over and assign by proper deeds of conveyance to the Commandery-in-Chief upon the due legal incorporation of the same, all such copyrights and patents of S. V. emblems, badges, buttons and designs, as may be at that time held by him and in his name. Carried.

The report of the Council-in-Chief was then presented by Adjutant General C. J. Post, which was as follows:

#### FIRST SESSION.

Meeting of the Council-in-Chief called to order at 2:30 p. m., August 14, 1888, by the Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott.

On roll call the following members were found to be present: Generals, G. B. Abbott, J. J. Speaker, H. M. Russell, C. J. Post, A. H. Easter, M. E. Hall, J. B. Maccabe, R. H. Freer, M. Retel, C. D. Herod and members, G. B. Smith, C. B. Cooke, A. M. Appleget.

Motion made by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother C. B. Cooke, that the Walter S. Payne matter be laid upon the table until 8 a. m., August 15. Carried.

Motion by Brother Russell, seconded by Brother Hall, that in the opinion of the Council, we are not legally bound to pay the claim of the Leader Publishing Company, that the Order of the Commander-in-Chief was to R. V. Mallory and not to the Leader Publishing Company, we further believe that the Leader Publishing Company acted in good faith, but in view of the fact that it is a dead loss to the Leader Publishing Company, and if we paid the bill, it would be to us, that we are willing to divide the loss and pay one-half the bill. Carried.

Moved by Brother M. E. Hall, seconded by E. T. Roe, that the bill be allowed and paid in full. Carried.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Smith, that Colonel Hinkley be allowed to withdraw the claim of John Low Camp, No. 6, Mass. Carried.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Speaker, seconded by Brother Freer, that the action of the Commander-in-Chief in Official Question No. 1, be sustained. Carried.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall, that the action of the Commander-in-Chief in Official Question, No. 2, be sustained.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall, that a Committee consisting of Brothers G. B. Smith, Russell and Appelget, be appointed to audit the accounts. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall to adjourn to 7:30 a. m., August 15, Carried.

#### SECOND SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a. m., August 15, 1888, Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott, in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother G. B. Smith, that the Commander-in-Chief by his request, be permitted to withdraw the bill for his expenses on his first Eastern trip, amounting to \$282.49. Carried.

Moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Appleget, that this Council-in-Chief recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief that the salary of the Adjutant General be increased to \$1,000 and the salary of the Quartermaster General be increased to \$600 for the coming year. Lost.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall, that the expenses of the Council-in-Chief to the Seventh Annual Encampment be paid. Carried.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Appleget that the Council-in-Chief recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief that the sum of \$1,400 be put at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief to pay the clerical force, which shall include the salary of Adjutant General and Quartermaster General at Headquarters for the coming year. Carried.

Moved by Brother Bundy seconded by Brother Hall that the action and recommendation of Council-in-Chief be concurred in. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Herod that the per capita tax be fixed at sixteen cents per member for the year beginning October 1, 1888. Carried.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Herod, that the action and report be concurred in. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall, that the cost of supplies furnished by the Quartermaster General be increased 10 per cent. this to include delivery of supplies at Division Headquarters. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Rake that the practice of handling guns, blouses, etc., by Headquarters without profit, be discontinued. Carried.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Maccabe, that a recess of the Council-in-Chief be taken, subject to the call of the Commander-in-Chief. Carried.

### THIRD SESSION.

Meeting of Council-in-Chief called to order August 16, 1888, at 9 a. m., to consider the Walter S. Payne matter.

[NOTE.]—(The Council-in-Chief having previously made a verbal report to the Commandery on the W. S. Payne matter which was acted upon.

On motion of Brother E. W. Hatch, seconded by Brother Webb, the reading of the minutes of the Council in regard to the matter was omitted.) The action of the Council-in-Chief in their meeting August 16, at 9 a. m., was as follows:

The Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott, made a statement to the Council-in-Chief, saying that there was still a balance due the Commandery-in-Chief, and unpaid from Walter S. Payne, amounting to \$1,647.48, which he, G. B. Abbott had made every effort and endeavor to collect from said W. S. Payne, but had not been able to collect the same.

Walter S. Payne being present then made statement admitting that he owed that amount \$1,647.48 to the Commandery-in-Chief and had not paid it over as he should have done to Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott. Walter S. Payne being questioned by member of Council-in-Chief, Brother J. B. Maccabe, as follows: Do you not know that you are criminally liable in this matter? To which W. S. Payne replied, Why yes, I know that, and it is something I would not approve of in another Brother.

Moved by Brother M. E. Hall, seconded by Brother G. B. Smith, that the matter be referred by the Council-in-Chief to the Commandery-in-Chief for their action. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall, that the Council-in-Chief take a recess subject to the call of Commander-in-Chief. Carried.

Minutes of Council-in-Chief read to date and approved by Council-in-Chief.

### FOURTH SESSION.

Council-in-Chief called to order at 9 a. m., August 17, 1888, Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott in the chair.

Moved by Brother M. E. Hall, seconded by Brother G. B. Smith, that the bond of the Commander-in-Chief be a Fidelity Bond, and in the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid from the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Dawson that the action of the Council-in-Chief in the matter be concurred in. Carried.

Moved by Brother G. B. Smith, seconded by Brother Hall that the salary of the Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year be one dollar. Carried.

Action Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Committee on Auditing books report that they have examined the books, vouchers and papers and find them correct. Report total receipt, \$10,693.00; total expenditures, \$10,254.91; leaving balance cash on hand \$438.09; balance due from W. S. Payne, \$1,647.48; making total, \$2,085.57.

Moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Speaker that the report of the Auditing Committee be received and committee discharged. Carried.

Minutes of Council-in-Chief meeting read to Council and approved.

Moved by Brother G. B. Smith, seconded by Brother J. J. Speaker that the committee adjourn sine die. Carried.

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Hall that the report of the Council-in-Chief be accepted as a whole and adopted as amended. Carried.

The following resolution was then offered by Brother L. J. Webb:

*Resolved*, That at all future meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief no Brother shall be admitted who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor; and it shall be the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to cause all Brothers guilty of being intoxicated during the sessions of the Encampment to be court martialed, which was after discussion lost.

Moved by Brother D. Q. Morrow that the minutes be approved without reading. Carried.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Hatch that all committees not standing committees be discharged. Carried.

The Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief was then closed in due form.

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. J. Post,  
*Adjutant General.*







PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
OF THE  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

HELD IN THE  
CITY OF PATERSON, N. J.,

September 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1889.

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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order in Washington Hall, at 9:40 A. M., with Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott in the chair.

Brother C. A. Garst, of Illinois, was appointed Chaplain-in-Chief *pro tem*.

Commandery-in-Chief was then opened in due form.

On roll call the following officers were found to be present: Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott, Lieutenant-General E. H. Milham, Major-General J. H. Hinkley, Chief-of-Staff Harry M. Russell, Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford, Quartermaster-General C. J. Post, Inspector-General M. E. Hall, Chief-Mustering-Officer J. B. Maccabe, Judge-Advocate-General A. M. Appelget, and Surgeon-General J. A. Averdick, M. D.

Chaplain-in-Chief F. M. Gee, having resigned, General Abbott stated that he would fill the position of Chaplain-in-Chief later on.

Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott then appointed the Committee on Credentials as follows: Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford, Chairman; Brother C. J. Deckman, of Ohio; Colonel M. D. Friedman, of Alabama; Brother A. W. Batchelder, of Massachusetts; Brother H. O. Rhodes, of Indiana, and Colonel C. D. Herod, of Kansas.

Commander-in-Chief Abbott then declared a recess of five minutes for the presentation of credentials to the Committee on Credentials.

Meeting called to order at 10:25 by the Commander-in-Chief.

Moved by Chief-of-Staff H. M. Russell, and seconded by Colonel Frazee, of Ohio, that we now proceed to the reading of the reports of officers of this Encampment.

BROTHER C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: "I am opposed to taking up the reports of the various officers out of the regular order of business, as there are a great many members who are on committees and will not be present during the reading of the reports if taken up at this time."

BROTHER TOBIAS, of New York: "I wish to ask you how we can proceed to take up the reports of officers before the Encampment has organized itself into an executive body. I rise to a point of order, and that is that the motion is out of order."

BROTHER MACCABE, of Massachusetts: "I suggest that the Brother withdraw his point of order, as there will be considerable time at the disposal of the Encampment while the Committee on Credentials makes out its report, and the Encampment could not do better than to hear the reports of its officers."

Brother Tobias withdrew his point of order.

BROTHER ORNER, of Illinois: "I rise to a point of order. The motion is not in order. The only motion in order would be to transpose the order of business."

General Abbott ruled the point of order well taken.

COLONEL LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: "I move that we transpose the order of business and proceed with the reports of officers."

Seconded by Major-General Hinkley. Carried.

In accordance with the motion just passed, the reading of the reports of officers was declared in order.

Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott then read his report to the Encampment, as follows:

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

CHICAGO, ILL., September 3, 1889.

*To the Officers and Brothers of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.:*

BROTHERS—We are again assembled to pass in annual review the grand organization of the Sons of Veterans, and on behalf of that organization, as Commander-in-Chief, we greet you and pray that the deliberations which are here to ensue will be characterized by thoughtful consideration for the good of the Order and for its continuous harmony and prosperity. The Order at large has invariably placed implicit confidence in its legislators and maintained true faith and allegiance to its law-makers, its laws and its executive officers, and we trust and believe that this confidence, so freely given, will be sacredly regarded, and that neither personal ambition, profit nor opinion will in the leastwise warp your good judgment from the true course which that magnificent organization we have the honor to represent is entitled to receive from your hands.

The closing year has been fraught with the cares and anxiety which previous experience has schooled us to expect. Many of the ambitions which we so earnestly sought have been accomplished. Others, equally as desirable, have failed either through the weakness of our own judgment or the culmination of events over which we entertained no possible control; but this is the lot of human affairs, and without a single regret for the past, living only in the future, let us review the past, that we may profit by the lessons therein contained, and with brotherly emulation let us devise new manœuvres and tactics for the future and press forward to still further extend our Order, that its lessons in patriotism, charity and loyalty may become a common theme for all true Americans; all for the glory of our beloved country. The Order of the Sons of Veterans is an Order based purely upon motives and principles entirely unselfish and impersonal to its own membership and, therefore, as an organization, must command the respect and regard of all charitable and patriotic citizens. Such being the foundation of this Order, its successful continuance must needs demand of those who attempt its domination a religious regard for these motives, else its growth and success must fail.

#### PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ARNOLD.

One of the saddest events within the closing year is the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Harry W. Arnold, of Speer Orr Camp; No. 14, Johnstown, Pa. The members who have been long in the Order will recall the true devotion and unceasing labor he gave towards establishing our Order, and it was during his term of office as Commander-in-Chief that he first developed the indications of the disease which eventually caused his death. He was elected Commander-in-Chief at the third annual encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Philadelphia in 1884, succeeding Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill in office, his term expiring at Grand Rapids, Mich., September 17, 1885. Brother Arnold brought to the office which he graced, dignity, courtesy, integrity and faithful attention, and died January 12, 1889, beloved by all. It is recommended that the Committee on Resolutions of this Encampment prepare a special memorial, a copy of which to be spread upon the records of the Commandery-in-Chief and furnished to his immediate friends, the Camp of which he was a member, and the official organ of the Order, and it is also recommended that suitable steps be taken to provide the place where rests his mortal remains with a proper marking, as a gift from the Order which he honored and commanded.

#### LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

In General Order No. 17, the request was made that the Camps throughout the Order generally hold appropriate services for the celebration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, on the 12th day of February. We believed it proper that the Sons of Veterans, an organization originating and resting upon principles so closely allied and based upon the important events which characterized the greatest achievements of our martyred President, should take cognizance of his natal day. It is pleasing to report that the occasion was largely observed, and many of the Camps were aroused and were deeply impressed with the necessity of ever keeping in mind before the American people the great principles of undying faith which, entertained by our fathers, preserved the country in unity in her hour of greatest peril; and it is recommended that the celebration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln be made one of the features of our organization, and provision made for its observance in the Constitution, and that it may hereafter be known as "Sons of Veterans' Day." There is no day in all the year, excepting that perhaps which celebrates the birth of our Savior and the birth of our nation, which should so arouse the enthusiasm and patriotism, and meet with the universal observance of the American people, as the 12th day of February.



## OUR RELATIONS WITH THE G. A. R.

It is our pleasure to again report that the relations existing between the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans is most pleasant in all particulars, and the most casual observer could but remark that the two Orders were daily growing nearer and nearer together, and the little orphan organization, fatherless and motherless, save for the fostering hand of Father Davis, which was born but a few years ago, and which our natural father, the Grand Army of the Republic, persistently refused to recognize as a legitimate offspring, has at last been received into the loyal family along with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps. This was by the grace of the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Columbus, Ohio, in 1888, where, through the efforts of the prominent Brothers of the Division of Ohio and the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, the following resolution was adopted almost unanimously:

*Resolved*, That this Encampment endorse the objects and principles of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and hereby give to the Order the official recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic, and recommend that it aid and encourage the institution of Camps of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

The Brothers instrumental in having this report adopted were Past Lieutenant-General Henry Frazee. Lieutenant-Colonel O. B. Brown and Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Rathbone. Again, at the recent Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Milwaukee, through the able assistance of General Leland J. Webb, of Kansas; Father Davis, of Pittsburgh, and Colonel Loebenstein, of Missouri, a much more earnest and absolute endorsement of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in all its particulars, was unanimously adopted. We feel that in the passing of these resolutions the Grand Army of the Republic has done all that we can reasonably ask of it, and certainly much more than it had previously done for our organization, and we can not ask for any stronger encouragement than that which we have already received. We should be appreciative of this favor and be careful never to do anything that will cause the Grand Army of the Republic to regret their action in this matter.

## CONSOLIDATION.

Pursuant to action taken by the last National Encampment, toward effecting a consolidation between the Sons of Veterans Post System and the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., a committee was appointed for that purpose, the action of which committee will be presented to this Encampment in the form of a report, and need not be anticipated by being referred to in detail in this report. There has never before in the history of the Order risen a question which has brought forth such universal debate and widely diverging ideas as this one question of consolidation, and while some of the contendants have waxed warm in supporting their views, the result has brought forth much good to the Order, by raising an interesting question for discussion and awakening a general interest in our organization, and for it in the Grand Army of the Republic. We have endeavored to maintain an honorable and dignified course in all matters pertaining to the consolidation, having a firm confidence in the loyalty of the members of our Order to abide by that which was deemed for the best interests of the Order, and an abiding faith that eventually the final results would be for the best. Our belief and faith has been justified, and we look with pleasure upon the result, and while we have not succeeded in bringing within our lines all the opposition that existed, yet we have with us many of those who were against us without any serious sacrifice on our part, and those who are with us are of the best and most devoted of those who were once opposed to us; and we trust their welcome within our ranks will partake of that true hospitality and generosity which has ever been one of the leading characteristics of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

## DISCIPLINE

There has been a decided improvement in the matter of discipline throughout the Order. The fact that the Order has declared it-elf to be strictly military has assisted materially in bringing about this happy result. The knowledge that a trial by court-martial surely awaited the evil doer has restrained and retained many within the lines of good conduct who might otherwise have been the cause of trouble and dissension. The cases which have been tried by court-martial have been serious ones, the transgressions being of such a character that no other remedy would have sufficed to answer the purpose. On the other hand, many trivial matters, too minor to be noticed, have been amicably adjusted within the Camp-room, rather than resort to a court-martial, and thus the question of discipline has been very equitably settled. The spirit which should prompt the administration of punishment should be that of correction and not revenge; therefore, in serious and flagrant cases, an example should be made, that it might have a proper effect upon others. As an example of the discipline within our ranks, the question of consolidation, which has been agitated so much within the last few months, furnishes the best illustration of the advantages accruing to an Order composed of young men in having it of a military character. While the opposition organization was in open rebellion from one end of its line to the other, many of the local organizations refusing absolutely to have anything to do with the consolidation under its proposed form, and other members withdrawing from the Order, with the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., it was entirely different. Sacrificing, proportionately, much more, not a single individual withdrew from the Order, not a single Camp threatened to withdraw from the Order; but while they were practically universal in a protest against giving up some of the features of the Camp system, on the other hand, they all expressed a determination to abide by the eventual results. In anything can there be any stronger argument offered in support of making our Order military than by enforcing strict and thorough discipline?

## COURT-MARTIAL OF WALTER S. PAYNE.

One of the most important occurrences of the official year just closing, was the trial by court-martial of a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Order. In compliance with instructions from the last Annual Encampment, under the direction of the Judge Advocate-General, charges were preferred against Walter S. Payne, for the failure on his part to turn over within the proper time the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief which came into his possession by virtue of the office he had held as Commander-in-Chief. The court was duly appointed and performed its duties, the proceedings of which court-martial have been duly published and furnished to the members of this Encampment for their consideration. The legal questions involved have been passed upon by the Judge Advocate-General and will be referred to in his report, to be submitted to this Encampment, and this Encampment will be asked to either affirm or overrule the findings and sentence of this court. The question of sentiment has not been permitted to enter into the case, and on account of the effect it may have on the Order at large, regarding good discipline in the future, it is hoped that sentiment in the case will not dethrone justice, right and reason. While it is to be regretted that any member of the Order should so far forget his obligations and his duty to the Order as to receive its official censure in the form of a court-martial, on the other hand, the Order should rise equal to any occasion, the general good of the Order being far superior to the interests of any one individual. The Order at large should realize that, be he ever so humble or ever so exalted a member, justice will be given him and that he will surely be punished for transgressions he may make against the laws of the Order.



## A CLAIM AGAINST THE ORDER.

Considerable annoyance has been brought to us by a law suit originating in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, against the Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania and the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the suit being brought by ex-Commander-in-Chief Rowley, for expenditures alleged to have been made for the establishment of the Sons of Veterans in Pennsylvania and the Commandery-in-Chief. It was a rehash of an old claim which had been presented to the Third Annual Encampment at Philadelphia and rejected because there were no specified details or vouchers for the claims. The suit was commenced while ex-Colonel Smith was commanding the Division of Pennsylvania, and, on behalf of that Division, Brother R. M. Linton, the then Judge-Advocate of the Division, accepted services on behalf of the Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania, and the Montooth Brothers, of Pittsburg, were retained by Colonel Smith for the defense. The Commandery-in-Chief not being at that time incorporated, no representation was made on the part of the Commander-in-Chief, nor has he at any time considered the Commandery-in-Chief as a party in the suit. The question was left to arbitration, and, notwithstanding most able testimony was brought to bear for the defense, a judgment was declared against the Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania and the Commandery-in-Chief for \$640. The attention of the Encampment is called to this matter for the purpose, if possible, of devising means to still further defend itself against this fraudulent claim and, if failing in this, to agree upon some just and equitable adjustment of the judgment between the Commandery-in-Chief and the Division of Pennsylvania, the co-defendants in the suit; and it is recommended that a committee, selected from the legal fraternity of this Encampment, be immediately formed to make a recommendation for a proper course for the Order to pursue.

## INCORPORATION.

As required by act of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the Commandery-in-Chief was duly incorporated according to the laws of the State of Illinois, on the first of October, 1888. The then sixteen members of the Council-in-Chief were designated as Trustees of the same. The object for which the corporation was formed is the conduct of the business of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and it is necessary that for each succeeding year that the official Council-in-Chief be reported to the Secretary of State of Illinois, at Springfield, to be there recorded. The charter of the incorporation was duly recorded in the county of Cook, Illinois.

## PATENTS.

It was recommended by the last National Encampment that all patents upon official supplies used by the Order should be assigned to the Commandery-in-Chief. The patent upon the official badge expired last June, but a portion of it has been so changed as to permit the issuing of a new patent, good for fourteen years. This patent, together with the official patents on the other decorations, have been placed in the hands of our honorable brother, E. W. Hatch, of Buffalo, that the papers may be properly drawn for the transfer of the same to the Commandery-in-Chief, which, we have no doubt, will be accomplished in a short space of time. Thus, the Order will be protected in all its rights, and in the future will stand in no danger of exorbitant prices or of being imposed upon by bad or imperfect work.

## SUPPLIES.

There has been very little, if any, change in the character of supplies which have been furnished to the Order within the last year. As was directed by the last Encampment, we are required to charge a profit of 10 per cent. on the cost of supplies in order that we might meet express charges on supplies to the various Division Headquarters. This has worked very satisfactorily as far as the divisions are concerned, and has been no particular trouble to the Quartermaster-General, except that the 10 per cent. profit has not been sufficient to pay the express charges, and we have, therefore, been handling our supplies during the past year at a slight loss.

## THE BADGE AND DECORATION DEPARTMENT.

It is pleasing to report that the Badge and Decoration Department has been handled during the past year to the complete satisfaction of the Commandery-in-Chief and the Order at large. The practice of presenting a badge to each recruit when mustered, which two years ago was an exception, is at the present time almost the universal custom. Camps are easily supplied with badges. The quality of the badges have been up to the grade, and the department could not have been in better hands than those of Father Davis. The official button which was adopted at the last National Encampment has become more generally distributed throughout the Order than we would naturally have expected during the short space of time that it has been at the disposal of the Order. Great care has been exercised in permitting uniform houses to handle buttons, and, while all the responsible houses throughout the country have been supplied with buttons, the irresponsible hucksters and general dealers have been restrained from peddling out the buttons to any person who might desire them, so it may safely be said that at the present time only members of the Order are enabled to procure buttons for use. There are several qualities and grades of buttons which are furnished to the Order at prices quite in keeping with the cost of production, and while we shall not go into a detailed report concerning this department, as Major Davis himself will present one, we believe that the good of the Order demands that the same policy which has been pursued during the last year in this department be continued.

Last year we undertook the organization of the Chaplain's Department, which had heretofore been a department in name only. More or less success followed the attempt, and much useful information concerning the Order's work on Memorial Day was obtained. This year the Chaplain's report will show quite an improvement from that department over last year. This year we have undertaken the organization of the Surgeon-General's Department, which has heretofore, like the Chaplain's Department, been a dead letter. The success which attended this attempt you will learn from the report of the Surgeon-General. This being the trial year of the department, we can not expect a great deal, but next year the Surgeon-General's Department will assume more extended proportions. The object of organizing the latter department was not so much for the purpose of obtaining data of the health of the Order as it was to ascertain the strength of the Order for military purposes in case the Sons of Veterans should be asked to respond to a call to arms in the defense of our country, as our fathers were in 1861; and also to procure statistics that might be useful to this Encampment should it see fit to formulate a scheme for life insurance under the auspices of the Order.

The Order has always felt the need of a digest or book of authority on disputed and uncertain constitutional points, and while the Constitution itself has provided for the preparation of such a digest, all efforts towards procuring the rulings for such a work have heretofore been a failure, probably for the reason that the Commanders-in-Chief have invariably filled the office of Judge Advocate-General, and their own legitimate work as Commander-in-Chief has so engrossed their time that they have been unable to formulate their rulings and get them in shape for a basis

for such a work. During the last year, however, we have harnessed the Judge Advocate-General into service, and have referred all disputed questions, court-martial, etc., to him and with not a single exception all of the rulings have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and will be presented to this Encampment for consideration, which, when acted upon, will at least be a beginning for the digest we are so much in need of.

An apology is due to Chief-of-Staff Russell, who, early in his second term as Chief-of-Staff, made strenuous efforts to organize his department, and suggested plans which, if carried out, would undoubtedly have resulted in much good to the Order and would have found employment for many Aids-de-camp, both of the Commandery-in-Chief and Division, but unfortunately, at the only time in the year when such plans could have been pushed and carried out we were so much engrossed with consolidation that the necessary assistance could not be rendered him at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters for the furthering of his ideas. This apology is made out of justice to Chief-of-Staff Russell, who has ever been faithful and earnest in behalf of the Order, and it is hoped that the succeeding administration may accept of his suggestions and give the Order the benefit of them, which we regret it did not receive during the past year.

#### BONDS.

Owing to the development of several flagrant cases of misappropriation of the funds of the Order by officers having access to its finances, the question of protecting the Order against these unfortunate occurrences became one of deep concern, and during the past year we have endeavored, by every possible means, to see that the Order was not imposed upon, and at the last National Encampment very commendable legislation was made concerning the bonding of the responsible officers. The laws, as passed, have certainly been an improvement upon those laws heretofore existing, but more definite legislation should be undertaken by this Encampment. The Constitution should be made very explicit regarding those to whom the bond should run, and who should be the custodian of the bond and approve of the same; and, what is still more important, it should express in plain terms what action should be taken to protect the Order in case those required to give bond fail to give bond within the prescribed time. On all these matters the Constitution is either indefinite or entirely silent.

#### STATE LEGISLATION.

Through the influence of the prominent members of the Order in several States, laws have been passed which make it an offense for any one to wear the official badge of our Order who is not entitled to, according to our Constitution, Rules and Regulations. This is a wise law, and the Brothers should make a united effort to see to it that in those States where it is not already a law, sufficient pressure should be brought to bear upon the legislature to cause such a law to be passed. It will have the double effect of preventing imposition upon the Order by those who are never entitled to membership in the Order, and also by those who, at some previous time, may have been a member of the Order, but who, by reason of being dropped, honorably or dishonorably discharged, are no longer members of the Order, but have in their possession a badge and frequently seek honors extended to our organization to which they are not justly entitled. Another matter of State legislation to which the Order should direct its attention is the matter of making provision for the Sons of Veterans to carry arms. Ours is a military organization. Unfortunately, the laws of some States prohibit the carrying of arms by any one excepting the State militia. This being the case, it naturally discourages the advancement of our Order in those States. We believe that we are as thoroughly loyal as any State militia, and that we make as brave and thorough soldiers, and

that instead of deterring the advancement of our organization, the laws of the State should be so formed as to encourage our growth, believing that any Order of the dimensions of ours, thoroughly armed and equipped, would be a desirable adjunct for the military protection of either State or National government in case a movement of serious danger should arise, and to procure the necessary legislation a united effort should be organized in such Divisions where the obnoxious law exists against our carrying arms, and the most proper and best time to apply this influence is previous to election day which is to select the legislators who enact the law, as well as on election day itself.

#### NEW DIVISIONS.

Since our last Encampment we can welcome within our sisterhood three new Divisions. The first to come in was the Division of Alabama and Tennessee, on the 12th day of March, at Birmingham, Ala., Col. M. D. Friedman, commanding. The next was the organization of the Division of Arkansas, Col. Otis E. Gulley, commanding, at Springdale. The United States Government having divided the Territory of Dakota into North and South Dakota, the old organization of Dakota was continued in South Dakota, and the Division of North Dakota was created and organized on the 23d day of July, at Grand Forks, Col. Frank V. Kent, commanding. These Divisions start out under very promising circumstances, with most excellent Brothers in command. Among the wise laws passed at the last Encampment was that one which increased the number of Camps from three to five, in order to create a provisional or permanent Division. We very soon may expect to form Divisions in Delaware, Oregon, Indian Territory, Washington Territory and Idaho. Two petitions were received from Southern California asking that that Division be divided into a North and South Division; but as it was believed that the spirit which prompted this request was a desire to provide an office for nearly every member of the Order in that particular section, and as it was undoubtedly unconstitutional, the request was refused. The Division is not a strong one, and it certainly would be bad policy to divide it and make two still smaller Divisions. The Seventh Annual Encampment having disapproved of the organization of the Provisional Division at large, and it being absolutely impossible to care for the isolated Camps in far distant places that were not within the boundary of any organized Divisions, by general orders, such isolated Camps were placed under command of the nearest contiguous Division. This has worked very satisfactory, except in one instance, where the Division Encampment of a Division to which had been attached Camps in the several adjoining States, attempted to re-number these outstanding Camps, depriving them of their rank and number in their own particular State, which certainly would be an injustice to them, and cause confusion when such a time would arrive when there would be a sufficient number of Camps in that particular State to form a Division.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

During the past year official business of the Order has required an unprecedented amount of travel on the part of the Commander-in-Chief. In the aggregate, we have traveled nearly 25,000 miles, the greater amount of which having been necessitated by the all-absorbing question of the consolidation. Much travel was also required in the organization of new Divisions and in official visits to several of the Division Encampments, and with all this travel we have been unable to comply with all of the requests and demands that were made upon us. State Encampments of the following Divisions were visited by the Commander-in-Chief: Alabama and Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania and North Dakota, the visits to Alabama and Tennessee and North Dakota

being for the purpose of organizing Divisions; and in addition to this, the Commander-in-Chief devoted the entire month of December to the organization of Camps in the Division of New York, which was sorely in need of this kind of encouragement. Among the Camps organized at this time was Camp 120, at Goshen, and Camp 140, in the city of New York, which have brought to the Order in the Division of New York a desirable standing and reputation by bringing within its folds the prominent young gentlemen who form these Camps.

#### THE NATIONAL REVEILLE.

Among the legislative acts of our last Encampment was one which provided for the designation of an official organ, and required the Quartermaster-Sergeants of Camps, on behalf of the Camp, to subscribe for the same. The *National Reveille* was designated as the official organ for the following year. A practical experience with this law demonstrates the fact that in some particulars it was unwise legislation, and while the recognition of an official organ for the Order is wise and proper and customary, on the other hand the compulsory subscription feature of the law, as passed, has been a failure, as the majority of Camps, either by neglect or by absolute refusal, have failed to comply with the provision requiring them to subscribe for the paper. In several instances official persuasion has been brought to bear to enforce the Constitution, Rules and Regulations in this particular; and for the sake of testing the question, it has been pushed almost to the verge of revoking the charters of Camps who refused to comply with this law of the Order. In no instance, however, has this been done, believing that such an act would in no way result in any good to the Order, but it being evident that this law is obnoxious to the majority of the Camps, and has proven of no special advantage to the designated official organ, it is recommended, and the recommendation here made is earnestly concurred in by the publisher of the *Reveille*, that the clause of the law designating the official organ of the Order which makes it compulsory for Camps to subscribe for the official organ of the Order, be stricken from the law, as it is always bad policy to have laws in our Constitution which will not and can not be enforced without injury to the Order.

In regard to the *National Reveille* itself, it is but simple justice to repeat what was said in our last Annual Encampment report, that it has been of inestimable service to the Order in promoting thought, useful discussion and general intelligence throughout the Order, and it is recommended that it be continued as the official organ of the Order without the compulsory subscription.

#### GOLD CROSSES.

In accordance with the expressed wish of the last Encampment, and in compliance with the request made at that time, at the instance of the Division of Pennsylvania, at the recent Encampment of that Division, for meritorious service on behalf of the Order, we conferred upon Past Colonel Rake, Past Colonel Hammer and Quartermaster Diefenderfer gold crosses of merit of the Order. The honor of wearing these crosses was worthily granted. The Brothers receiving them were most assuredly deserving of the special distinction which these crosses gave to them.

In continuation of this subject, we earnestly recommend the conferring of gold crosses upon three worthy Brothers of our Order. First may be mentioned Past Colonel Frank B. Perkins, of New Hampshire. The special service he having rendered the Order being the extrication of the Division of New Hampshire when in a most perilous condition, brought about through debt, neglect and other misdeeds that need not here be mentioned. Colonel Perkins, by true devotion and assiduity, raised the Division from its ruins, re-established confidence in the Order, paid off its indebtedness and placed it once more firmly in the ranks with its sister

New England Divisions, and we believe for this service he should be granted the privilege of wearing the gold cross. The next two brothers who should be mentioned for this honor have not devoted themselves so particularly to Division work as they have to the advancement of the welfare of the Order at large at their own personal sacrifice. We refer to our worthy Quartermaster-General, who for years has been a faithful servant to the Order, having devoted his time and attention and a most rigid and scrupulous discharge of duty, without any proportional financial reward for the work performed. He has been a faithful adviser in the Council-in-Chief for a matter of four years. He served the Division in Michigan faithfully as its Quartermaster when just emerging from the discouraging days of an unfortunate preceding administration.

During our first term of office he served as Adjutant-General on a meager salary, serving this closing year as Quartermaster-General upon the same salary, and for the thoroughness with which he has discharged his duties it will be only necessary for you to consult with any of the commanding officers of Divisions who have had business to transact with his department. Brother Post has never received at the hands of the Order any mark of distinction in the line of past honors, he never having been an aspirant for any elective office within the gift of the Order. The additional brother who we wish included is Captain J. I. Lyons the publisher of the *National Reveille*, a faithful, devoted and unassuming Brother, who at great personal and financial sacrifices to himself, furnished the Order with a paper, which the magnanimous generosity of the Order, up to the present time, has failed to make scarcely self-sustaining; yet, with true devotion to the Order, and realizing its necessities for such a paper, he continued with its publication. The advantage it is to the Order has already been referred to, but as a mark for this service, we believe that he should receive the Gold Cross of the Order, and we believe the expense of procuring the two latter crosses should be borne by the Commandery-in-Chief, as the order at large, and not any particular Division, has been the special recipient of the services for which these honorable badges are conferred.

#### SALARIES.

It has been unfortunate for the Order that heretofore the financial condition of the Commandery in-Chief did not warrant the payment of salaries to the clerical force of the Commandery-in-Chief sufficiently large to either adequately remunerate those who gave their time exclusively to the Order, nor to procure sufficient help to properly conduct the constantly increasing business of the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. The Council-in-Chief, in its wisdom, at the last National Encampment, only felt warranted in placing the entire salary list of the Headquarters at \$1,400, and while we did not question the Council-in-Chief in this act, believing ourselves that the financial outlook at that time scarcely warranted giving any more, yet it was not sufficient to procure the help absolutely necessary, and from our own private resources we have had to raise the necessary funds to increase this salary list, and even with that we have continuously through the entire year felt ourselves deficient in clerical help. It has entailed upon the Commander-in-Chief himself the devotion of his entire time to make up for the deficiency in office help, which is certainly asking too much of an officer who devotes his services for nothing, and it is earnestly recommended that in view of the splendid financial condition in which the Commandery-in-Chief finds itself to-day (and with proper management this condition can be continued) that sufficient provision be made to furnish adequate office help and fair remuneration for conducting the business of the Commandery-in-Chief, so that the work of that important branch of our Order may not become a drudge and a bugbear to the Commander-in-Chief and all of his immediate staff.

## THE SONS OF VETERANS' BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

For some time there has been a growing tendency to establish an insurance or benefit association in connection with the Order. The question was quite thoroughly discussed at the time of the Fifth Annual Encampment at Buffalo, but no definite action was taken. In 1887 several members of the Order at Lowell, Mass., established a Benefit Association, and appealed to the organization for support. It met with more or less encouragement until it became known that several objectionable persons were connected with the Association, who have since retired from its management. At the request of the officers of the Association a committee was appointed to investigate its affairs, last January, and made a brief report, the principal point of which was the recommendation for changes in its organic law, making it more of an accident insurance company than a protection against sickness. The brothers who were promoting this organization have expressed a desire to comply in all particulars with the wishes of the Commandery-in-Chief, and it is believed that the time has now arrived when some initiatory steps should be taken for the establishment of some beneficial features in connection with the Order, and the attention of the Encampment is called to this matter, with the hope that it will take some action upon the subject during this Encampment. The laws of the State of Massachusetts are very rigid on insurance matters, and an institution chartered under the laws of Massachusetts and governed by its insurance laws, would necessarily carry with it considerable confidence; and in considering this subject, it might be advisable to take into consideration the Association, which has already been formed at Lowell, Mass., of which Brother H. P. Staples, of that city, is Secretary.

## G. A. R. LIFE MEMBERS.

The two sections of Article XII, page 58, Rules and Regulations, seem to cause considerable confusion in the Order, and the attention of the Encampment is called to them for further legislation. Since the beginning of the first administration we have never deemed the first section of that article of any particular advantage to the Order, and we have persistently refrained from creating any Honorary Life Members, for the reason that it was creating officers for the Camp without any particular consent of the Camp, and the privileges of these life members thus created was very indefinite, and frequently led to confusion and trouble; and it is advised that this section be entirely done away with. In regard to the second section, which provides for the Advisory Board of a Camp, it is doubtful if any advantage accrues to the Camp through the provision of this Advisory Board. Camps frequently make unfortunate selections, or elect Comrades of the G. A. R. who presume upon their appointment to the Advisory Board to exercise authority over the Camp to the extent that it becomes distasteful to the majority of the members. Many of the Camps, however, do not attach to themselves any Advisory Board, and these Camps, as a general rule, are the most successful.

## INSPECTION OF DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

By direction of the encampment at Wheeling, the Inspector-General inaugurated the inspection of Division Headquarters, which has been conducted with more or less success, the details of which will undoubtedly be presented in the Inspector General's report. This inspection developed the condition of the several Division Headquarters, and enabled the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters to more thoroughly understand the deficiencies of Division officers, and the needs of the Divisions respectively, and in recommending the continuing of the inspection of Division Headquarters, under the jurisdiction of the Inspector-General, it is believed that the interests of the Order would be served by an annual inspection of



the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, to occur during the month of April of each year, to be conducted by the Lieutenant-General, the Major-General and some officer of the outgoing administration familiar with the Commandery-in-Chief work.

#### GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

As was foreshadowed in our last report, events of which we were cognizant at that time have more or less retarded the growth of the Order during the past year, and we stated at that time, that should we succeed in holding our own during the coming year we would be entirely satisfied. This we have been able to do and more, although the growth of the Order has not been as extensive as we would like to have reported on this occasion. While the increase by muster of Camps has been fully up to the previous year, the Camps otherwise have failed to increase in the same proportion. The losses in many instances, by members suspended and dropped, being equal and even greater than gains by muster. This being the case, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts on the part of the National Officers at National Headquarters, the aggregate growth of the Order will be considered by some perhaps as a disappointment. The exact membership will be found in the report of the Adjutant-General. Ohio still continues to be the banner Division, having the largest membership in any Division in the Order, and in this particular still continues to be "Ohio on Top." The race for second place is very evenly divided between Pennsylvania and Illinois, the latter Division being a very few members ahead. Illinois however, is one of those unfortunate Divisions, which has lost during the past year instead of gaining, having neither as many members nor as many Camps in good standing as one year ago at the same time. This state of affairs, however, should not be charged against Colonel Stadden, the present Commander of the Division, as he is resorting to every possible means to gain back the lost membership and re-establish the Hustler Division in all of her original glory. The political excitement of last fall attracted a great many of the young men of our Order from the Camp, and the enthusiasm and interest which had heretofore been devoted to the Sons of Veterans were drawn off in the interests of their political affiliations; but, notwithstanding all of this, at the close of the campaign we gathered together with a comparatively solid front and during the last few months the indications are once more reassuring for future prosperity. Another fact which may, in a certain degree, account for a relatively smaller growth than we might have expected, lies in this: That the Camps have become more thoroughly disciplined and conduct their affairs more upon a business basis, and instead of carrying members upon their records long since deserving of suspension or of being dropped, as has been a common practice heretofore, during the past year there has been a general movement on the part of the Camp officers to throw out from the Camp all useless and dead material, and only pay per capita tax upon such members as are entirely active and in good standing in the Camp. We can therefore figure upon the present basis of membership as something that we actually possess in active, live members.

For the future there is no reason for anticipating any wonderful or sudden growth in the Order, but with the splendid endorsement we have received from the Grand Army of the Republic, and with ordinary care and attention on the part of the National and Divisional officers it is fair to presume that the next year shall be at least as prosperous in the organization of Camps as the past one, and the recruiting of Camps already mustered should more than equal that of the past year, for the reason that the Camps will not be handicapped by political excitement.

There is one encouraging feature that we note with pleasure during the past year in the matter of recruits, which is this, that we are continually drawing to us the older and stronger element of the eligible sons of veterans. The conservative recruits who have heretofore held aloof from our organization are beginning to rap

at our doors for admission, and while the military features of our organization form a strong attraction for the younger element of our Order, one of the most important questions which could be brought before this Encampment would be the devising of some plan which would make our Order still more attractive and entertaining to the older members, who are not especially interested in military tactics, manœuvres and drills. It was hoped that the recent Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic might enact legislation that would in a certain degree open its doors for social purposes to members of our Order who had attained age and experience, and thus they would be attracted for the privilege of association with the Grand Army of the Republic to our Order; but the question of consolidation so occupied the attention of that Encampment that it was deemed advisable not to ask too much at this time, to further consider the Order of the Sons of Veterans and its relations to the Grand Army of the Republic. However, we are not without hope that the day is not far distant when some such plan as here suggested may be entered into between the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans. We are not without hope that some day the members of the Order of the Sons of Veterans may visit the Grand Army Posts on the same basis that Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic visit a Camp of Sons of Veterans.

#### FINANCES.

We are pleased to report that the Commandery-in-Chief is in good financial condition, and that all indebtedness against it has been met, except the doubtful claim of ex-Commander-in-Chief Rowley, and we have on hand a goodly sum with which to endow the ensuing administration. The office expenses of the Commander-in-Chief have been somewhat larger this year than last, in addition to which, paying the express charges on supplies, as heretofore referred to, has caused us to handle supplies at a loss. The Payne court-martial was a source of expense; likewise, the fact that the present administration has had to meet the expense of making a demonstration at two National Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic. The expenses of the Commander-in-Chief for traveling purposes in the interest of the Order have been exceedingly large, and the small increase in membership over the previous year has not necessarily made the increase in per capita tax over last year much larger. It has never been the policy of the Commander-in-Chief to neglect the interests and the advancement of the Order for the purpose of laying by money, believing that the money of the Order should be expended for its advancement and improvement; notwithstanding all this we have a larger financial balance in the treasury than we ever had before in the history of the Order. The exact details of the financial condition will be found in the report of the Quartermaster-General, and it is recommended that the present tax of sixteen cents per year per capita be continued for the ensuing year. A lesser tax than that might not meet with all the emergencies which might arise, but with the amount in the treasury at the present time, and what the tax will bring into the treasury during the ensuing year, it ought to be sufficient to conduct the business of Headquarters until the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

#### MEMORIAL HALL.

The request has been made that the attention of this Encampment be called to the establishment of a National Memorial Hall to be erected under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans, with such outside and additional aid as the Order may procure, in some central location, or, perhaps, in the city of Washington, D. C., which shall be used for the joint purpose of providing a permanent national meeting place and permanent headquarters for the Commandery-in-Chief, where the Adjutant-General and the Quartermaster-General shall be required to reside during

their term of office, and where all supplies and all of the records of the Order shall be preserved; likewise as a library and a museum, where there may be preserved such relics, trophies and mementoes of the late war that might get into the possession of the Order by gift, by purchase, or otherwise. Certain portions of this memorial building shall be placed at the disposal of the Grand Army of the Republic for similar and like purposes as employed by the Sons of Veterans. The plan as suggested carries with it the procuring of a suitable site for the location of this building by the Sons of Veterans, and that immediately a responsible Board of Trustees be selected and the means for raising the necessary funds by subscription, donation or otherwise be undertaken. The matter is submitted to the Encampment for its consideration.

#### THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The Committee of Arrangements of Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, and the Brothers of the Camp should not pass unnoticed in this report. The Delegates to our last National Encampment had scarcely reached their homes before the industrious Brothers at Paterson opened the campaign for our entertainment on this occasion, and they entered into the spirit of the work before them with an enthusiasm that has never been displayed before in the history of the Order under similar circumstances, and as a result the Eighth Annual Encampment, in all probability, will be the most successful of any in the history of the Order. We have had on several occasions an opportunity to visit with the Brothers of Paterson, and have observed their earnest desire to make this Encampment a success, and the untiring efforts which they have continuously displayed to make this the crowning feature of the closing administration. Brothers of the Committee and the Camp, accept of our personal thanks, and believe that we will ever endeavor to be duly appreciative of all you have done to make our stay among you pleasant.

#### THE STAFF.

In the selection of the National Staff we were especially fortunate in being able to procure for each particular office that Brother who, from a previous experience in the Order, was pre-eminently the best fitted to fill the position required of him. With one or two exceptions, they either were, or had been, Division Commanders; and the exceptions were taken from those especially adapted for the work of their respective offices. In speaking of their true devotion and untiring work, words fail to do them justice. Each was ever ready to do that which would most advance the interests of the Order and redound to the credit of their Chief, and the only sorrow marring the anticipation of the relief and rest to follow, in surrendering the cares of office, will be the breaking off of the pleasant and happy relations that have universally existed between the Staff, the Council and the Commander-in-Chief.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

In surrendering the sword of command to my successor, and again assuming my place in the ranks with the beloved thousands I but yesterday commanded, I can not but admit that I do so with a sense of relief and rest. The weight and burden attached to the office, which I so gladly lay aside, can only be realized by the one who will assume it, and while I can conceive of no higher honor than that which has been mine to hold within this organization, the commanding of such an honorable army, the seed of such noble sires, on the other hand the recompense to be given for this honor, to meet the natural expectations of such an intelligent and honorable body, exacting in the extreme, calls for unceasing devotion, continuous labor, anxiety and labor for its welfare, a relief from which can not but be

pleasant to contemplate; and yet, we are loath to officially separate from those who have become so much a part of one's very life and existence. Notwithstanding the responsibility, as surely as night follows day so surely will the recollection of official relations with the Sons of Veterans become the pleasantest theme of my reflections in future years. Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE B. ABBOTT.

BROTHER GARST, of Illinois: "I move that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 1:30 P. M."

Seconded by Colonel Harvey, of Indiana. Carried.

The Committee on Credentials stated that it was ready to report.

BROTHER HOLMES, of New York: "I move that we now receive the report of the Committee on Credentials."

Seconded by B. W. Frauenthal, of Missouri. Carried.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

We, your Committee on Credentials, find the following Brothers entitled to seats in this Encampment:

Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott.

Lieutenant-General E. H. Milham.

Major General J. H. Hinkley.

Chief-of-Staff H. M. Russell.

Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford.

Quartermaster-General C. J. Post.

Inspector-General M. E. Hall.

Judge Advocate-General A. M. Appelget.

Chief Mustering Officer J. B. Maccabe.

Surgeon-General J. A. Averdick.

*Elective Council-in-Chief*—R. Lobenstein, Henry Frazee, C. B. Cooke, C. T. Orner, G. B. Smith.

*Alabama and Tennessee*—Colonel M. D. Friedman.

*South Dakota*—Colonel C. C. Bras; Delegate W. A. Rogers.

*Illinois*—Colonel G. B. Stadden; Delegate-at-Large C. A. C. Garst; Delegates G. W. Whyte, J. B. Lidders and John Lynch, Jr.; Alternate E. T. Roe, delegate being absent.

*Indiana*—Colonel G. C. Harvey; Past Colonel E. S. Walker; Delegate-at-Large C. F. Griffin; Delegates J. G. Winfrey, H. O. Rodes, O. P. Ensley, W. S. Christian and D. W. Wood.

*Connecticut*—Colonel G. B. Smith; Past Colonels W. H. Pierpont, L. F. Burpee and Eugene Morehouse; Delegate-at-Large Edward Reisel; Delegate S. P. Jonas.

*Maine*—Colonel C. T. Hutchins; Past Commander-in-Chief F. P. Merrill; Past Colonels E. K. Gould, Waldo H. Perry and J. C. Blake; Delegate-at-Large H. L. Wright; Delegate E. E. Philbrook.

*Massachusetts*—Colonel D. B. Purbeck; Past Colonels N. C. Upham, H. L. Crossman, C. F. Sargent and J. J. McAndrews; Delegate-at-Large W. R. Davis; Delegates W. A. Stephens and A. W. Batchelder; Alternates D. F. Golding and H. S. Lyons, delegates being absent.

*Iowa*—Delegate R. J. Miller.

*Minnesota*—Delegates Geo. W. Knowlton and E. D. Morris.

*Michigan*—Colonel F. W. Williams; Delegates G. A. Steer and F. A. Rogers; Delegates-at-Large F. D. Eddy and F. M. Gier.

*Maryland*—Colonel S. J. Brown; Delegate-at-Large S. E. Thomason; Delegate E. R. Campbell.

*Vermont*—Colonel E. T. Griswold; Delegate-at-Large L. D. Taylor.

*Nebraska*—W. B. McArthur; Delegate M. P. O'Brien.

*Kansas*—Past Colonels Clay D. Herod and L. J. Webb; Delegate-at-Large C. E. Limbocker; Delegates E. B. White and C. D. Jones.

*Pennsylvania*—Colonel C. M. Cott; Delegate-at-Large E. M. Amies; Delegate W. S. Parker.

*New Hampshire*—Past Colonels F. M. Shackford, F. B. Perkins, F. H. Challis and M. Crowley; Delegate-at-Large F. S. Ritter; Delegate E. E. Bean.

*New York*—Past Commander Second Grand Division Raphael Tobias; Past Colonels E. W. Hatch and E. F. Fellows; Colonel G. Addington; Delegate-at-Large C. E. Holmes; Delegates H. A. Smalling and J. V. B. Clarkson; Past Commander-in-Chief G. W. Marks.

*New Jersey*—Colonel A. Derrom, Jr.; Past Colonels H. E. Hatfield, E. E. Jeffries, Ed. C. White and F. D. Morse; Delegate-at-Large W. O. McDowell; Delegate H. B. Marchbank.

*Ohio*—Colonel W. E. Bundy; Past Colonel Henry Frazee; Delegate-at-Large O. B. Brown; Delegates F. J. Hayes, F. S. Jones, H. S. Buckland, C. J. Deckman, H. D. Davis, R. H. Clarkson, W. D. A. O'Brien, H. C. Armstrong and J. G. Nevins.

*Rhode Island*—Colonel F. A. Barton; Past Colonel C. H. West; Delegate A. B. Spink; Delegates H. C. Armstrong and M. E. O. Riggs.

*West Virginia*—Colonel H. B. Baguley; Delegate T. H. B. Staggers; Alternate D. W. Martin, delegate being absent.

*Wisconsin*—Colonel Krackerwizer; Delegate W. Rowe; Past Colonel J. P. Sheridan.

*Missouri*—Colonel R. Loebenstein; Past Colonel Fred Neudorf; Delegate-at-Large B. W. Frauenthal; Delegate H. J. Kline, and Alternate F. E. Ernst.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. GUILFORD,  
C. J. DECKMAN,  
M. D. FRIEDMAN,  
A. W. BATCHELDER,  
H. O. RHODES,  
CLAY D. HEROD,  
*Committee.*

Moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. Carried.

BROTHER GARST, of Illinois: "I move that the Pennsylvania delegation be allowed a seat in the Encampment until their credentials arrive."

Seconded by Brother Limbocker, of Kansas. Carried.

A communication from Farragut Post 28, Department of New Jersey, was received. The communication was ordered spread upon the minutes of the Encampment.

PATERSON, N. J., September 10, 1889.

*Capt. Pollitt, Camp 8, Sons of Veterans:*

DEAR SIR—Will you kindly present the compliments of Farragut Post 28 to the G. A. R. Comrades, and say that we should be pleased to have them parade with us this afternoon as our guests. Our regular Encampment will be held to-morrow night, in Farragut Hall, and we extend a cordial invitation to all Grand Army of the Republic Comrades to meet with us.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS A. PIAGET,  
*Commander.*

Moved by Brother Frauenthal, and seconded by Adjutant General A. L. Guilford, that we now adjourn to 1:30 P. M. Carried.

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## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 1:40 P. M., Commander-in-Chief Abbott in the chair, a quorum being present.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

BROTHER ORNER, of Illinois: "Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a point of information. Are the elective members of the Council-in-Chief officers of the Encampment or not?"

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ABBOTT: "I will rule that they are not officers of the Encampment."

BROTHER ORNER, of Illinois: "I appeal from the decision of the chair. I base my position upon the fact that the elective members of the Council-in-Chief are included under the heading of officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, i. e., Article IV. of the Commandery-in-Chief Constitution, page 31."

Lieutenant-General Milham was called to the chair by General G. B. Abbott.

GENERAL G. B. ABBOTT: "I made the ruling that the elective members of the Council were not officers so that the Encampment might settle the question themselves, as this is the first time the question has ever been called up."

The Commandery-in-Chief then overruled the decision of the Commander-in-Chief, and decided that the elective members of the Council-in-Chief are officers of the Encampment.

BROTHER L. J. WEBB, of Kansas: "I rise to a question of privilege of the highest importance. I have just learned of the death of a child of Past Colonel Hammer, of Pennsylvania, and, therefore, I move that a committee of three be appointed to draft a set of resolutions of condolence from the Commandery-in-Chief to Past Colonel Hammer, of Pennsylvania, on the death of his child."

Seconded by Lidders, of Illinois. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief appointed Brothers Webb, Amies and Nevins as members of this committee.

General Abbott ordered the roll of the Encampment to be called.

BROTHER BROWN: "I move that we omit the roll-call."

Seconded by Brother Tobias.

COLONEL LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: "I move that this motion be tabled."

Seconded by Brother Kline, of Missouri. Carried.

The roll of the Encampment was then called.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions of condolence upon the death of the child of Colonel Hammer, of Pennsylvania, reported the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Commandery-in-Chief having just heard, with regret, of the death of the child of Past Colonel Hammer, of the division of Pennsylvania, this being the second great affliction of this character sustained by our worthy Brother and his wife; therefore, it is

*Resolved*, By the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., now in session, that we extend to Brother Hammer and his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the hour of their affliction and bereavement, and we commend them to the Supreme Commander for consolation, reminding them, in the language of the poet:

"She is not dead, the child of our affection,  
But gone into that school  
Where she no longer needs our poor protection,  
And Christ himself doth rule."

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the proceedings of this Encampment, and that an engrossed copy thereof be transmitted by the Adjutant-General to Brother Hammer.

L. J. WEBB,  
E. N. AMIES,  
JOHN G. NEVINS.

Moved by L. J. Webb that we adopt the resolution by a standing vote.

Seconded by Colonel Henry Frazee. Carried.

Moved by Brother Challis, of New Hampshire, and seconded by Brother Tobias, of New York, that this Encampment suspend the rules and give Walter S. Payne, of Ohio, a hearing to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to state any grievance that he has in reference to his court martial or any other matter.

BROTHER KRACKERWIZER, of Wisconsin: "I rise to a point of order. The motion is not in order, as we have a regular order of business to be taken up and gone through with, and this does not come up under the regular order of business."

General G. B. Abbott sustained the point of order.

Brother Challis appealed from the decision of the Commander-in-Chief. Being requested to do so, Brother Challis withdrew his appeal.

Moved by Brother Tobias, of New York, and seconded by C. T. Orner, of Illinois, that the previous question be put. Carried.

The previous question was then put and carried.

General G. B. Abbott declared that the first order of business in the morning would be the hearing of any grievance that Walter S. Payne may have against the Order of Sons of Veterans on account of his court-martial or any other matter.

Moved by Brother McDowell, and seconded by Lidders, of Illinois, that a committee of four be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as a committee on press. Carried.

General Abbott appointed Brothers Challis, Roe, McDowell and Miller.

Moved by Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford, and seconded by B. W. Frauenthal, that the five members of the local Executive Committee be granted the privilege of wearing the national delegates' badge. Carried.

Moved by Colonel Bundy, and seconded by Brother Challis, that the name of Brother Crowley be added to the list of delegates. Carried.

Moved by B. W. Frauenthal, and seconded by Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford, that we do now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.



## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 9.35 A. M., with General G. B. Abbott in the chair.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

Moved by Colonel H. B. Baguley, and seconded by Brother Garst, of Illinois, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to take action on a greeting received from Mrs. H. D. O'Brien, National President of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Carried.

General Abbott appointed Colonel H. B. Baguley, C. A. C. Garst and N. C. Upham.

The Committee on Credentials made the following supplementary report :

We, the Committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the names of the following brothers as being entitled to seats in this Encampment :

*Pennsylvania*—Past Colonels J. H. Clason, L. M. Wagner, E. W. Alexander, R. M. J. Reed, F. M. Hartzel, H. W. Arnold, R. E. Hopkins, W. H. Smith, H. H. Hammer, C. J. Miller, G. P. Brockway, J. L. Rake; Delegates C. E. Diefenderfer, W. J. Martin, W. S. Mathews, and Alternate W. J. Guthrie, delegate being absent.

*Kentucky*—Colonel G. H. Capito.

*Arkansas*—Colonel O. E. Gully.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. GUILFORD,  
C. D. HEROD,  
A. W. BATCHELDER,  
M. D. FRIEDMAN,  
C. J. DECKMAN,

*Committee.*

Moved by Brother Holmes, and seconded by Colonel Baguley, of West Virginia, that the report of the Committee on Credentials be accepted. Carried.

Brother Challis, of New Hampshire, called for the special order of business, *i. e.*, the hearing of Walter S. Payne.

BROTHER LIDDERS, of Illinois: "I move that we have the roll-call of officers and members present."

Seconded by Krackerwiser, of Wisconsin.

COLONEL BUNDY: "I move that——"

BROTHER LIDDERS, of Illinois: "I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that there is a motion before the house; therefore, Brother Bundy's motion is out of order."

Point of order sustained.

Roll of Encampment was then called.

BROTHER CHALLIS, of New Hampshire: "I insist upon having the special order of business."

COLONEL BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that in the case of Walter S. Payne that a limit be established, and only two arguments be allowed on each side."

Brother Lidders, of Illinois, seconded the motion.

BROTHER TOBIAS: "I move to amend the motion, and allow each Brother the privilege of speaking upon this question for five minutes."

Seconded by Brother Gould, of Maine.

Amendment of Brother Tobias was put and lost.

Colonel Herod moved the previous question.

Seconded by Brother Wright, of Maine. Carried.

BROTHER CHALLIS, of New Hampshire: "I call for a division of the house on the vote for previous question."

Vote resulted forty-six in favor of previous question and forty-three against.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, of Massachusetts, that the Commander-in-Chief designate two Brothers to represent the Commandery-in-Chief and the court-martial court in the hearing of Walter S. Payne.

Seconded by Brother Lidders. Carried.

Brother Challis called for a standing vote.

The vote resulted in fifty-two affirmative and fourteen negative votes being cast.

General Abbott appointed Brother O. B. Brown, of Ohio, as representative, and requested time to appoint the other representative. Colonel Brown withdrew.

BROTHER GUTHRIE, of Pennsylvania: "I move that General Payne make the opening statement, and the Commandery-in-Chief representative or representatives make two consecutive speeches, and Mr. Payne have the closing speech."

Seconded by Colonel Brown, of Washington, D. C.

BROTHER KRACKERWIZER, of Wisconsin, moved to substitute the following motion: "That Mr. Payne open with a statement of his case in person or by any Brother whom he may select, and that he have the privilege of speaking thirty minutes, he to be followed by a representative of the Commandery-in-Chief, and General Payne or representative to have the privilege of a ten-minute response, to be followed by the representative of the Commandery-in-Chief with a ten-minute speech."

Seconded by Brother Webb.

BROTHER BROWN, of Ohio, rose to a point of order, and said: "My point of order is that the Commandery-in-Chief decided, at yesterday afternoon's session, to permit Walter S. Payne to appear before the Encampment and state any grievance he may have on account of the court-martial or any other business, at 9 o'clock this morning, making it the first order of business; therefore, any other motion is out of order."

General Abbott ruled the point of order well taken.

Moved by Brother Bundy, of Ohio, and seconded by B. W. Frauenthal, of Missouri, that this convention adjourn, and meet as a Committee of the Whole immediately after the adjournment. Carried.

The Committee of the Whole was called to order, with General G. B. Abbott in the chair.

Chairman G. B. Abbott ordered the Chief-of-Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief to conduct Walter S. Payne into the committee room.

Walter S. Payne was presented to the Committee of the Whole by Chairman G. B. Abbott.

WALTER S. PAYNE: "Brothers, I wish to thank you for the privilege of appearing before you to state my case, but, before doing so, I wish to state that I have not said to any one that I have any grievance to bring before the Encampment. I

do not understand it in that way. I wish simply to present to you the position in which I am placed by the action of your court-martial, and give you a little of my side of the story, so that you may act intelligently in anything that you undertake to do in my case."

Walter S. Payne then made the following statement:

*First.* That he did not take the money of the Order with the intention of appropriating it to his own use.

*Second.* He took the money and placed it in real estate, as he did not consider the banks at Fostoria safe, and, therefore, did not like to risk the money belonging to the Order in the banks.

*Third.* That he offered to give the Encampment at Wheeling a mortgage on his property, which was worth ten times the amount of the money due to the Order, and it was refused.

*Fourth.* That he did not state to the Wheeling Encampment that the property was mortgaged already, and that the Encampment would have to release their mortgage in order to allow him to dispose of the property so as to pay them the money due.

*Fifth.* That he has at all times been ready to pay the money due the Order, and never had any intention to defraud or cheat them out of it.

*Conclusion.* I wish it understood I have no grievance against the Commander-in-Chief, and all I ask is, that if you wish to bury me, please don't put me any deeper or throw any more sods on my grave, and then try to whitewash the sods.

BROTHER BROWN, of Ohio: "I wish to ask Mr. Payne if he has any grievance to bring before the Encampment."

MR. PAYNE: "I did not understand that I was appearing before the Encampment with any grievance. I simply desired to make a statement of my side of the story."

BROTHER BROWN, of Ohio: "I move that we, sitting as a Committee of the Whole, do now rise."

Seconded by Brother O'Brien, of Nebraska. Carried.

Walter S. Payne then retired from the room.

Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott called the Encampment to order.

General G. B. Abbott appointed the following committees:

*On Distribution of Work.*—H. M. Russel, J. B. Lidders, A. B. Spink, Waldo H. Perry and Edward Reisel.

*On Constitution, Rules and Regulations.*—A. M. Appelget, O. B. Brown, J. B. Maccabe, Leland J. Webb and James L. Rake.

*Committee on Ritual.*—M. E. Hall, R. Loebenstein, H. Frazee, F. B. Perkins and George B. Stadden.

*Committee on Reports of Officers.*—F. P. Merrlll, C. M. Cott, S. E. Thomason, H. B. Marchbank and J. P. Sheridan.

*Committee on Resolutions.*—Charles F. Griffin, H. B. Baguley, Raphael Tobias, W. A. Rogers, E. T. Griswold and George W. Knowlton.

Colonel Bundy, of Ohio, called for the regular order of business.

Upon request, Brother Bundy withdrew his call, with the right to claim the floor during the afternoon session, immediately after the opening of the Encampment.

COLONEL PURBECK, of Massachusetts: "I move that we adjourn."

Seconded by Colonel West, of Rhode Island.

Moved by Colonel Frazee, and seconded by Brother B. W. Frauenthal, to amend the motion so as to adjourn until 1:30 P. M., and if the officers are not all present, those highest in rank shall open the Encampment. Amendment carried.

Encampment then adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment was called to order, with Major-General Hinkley in the chair, at 1:30 P. M., Colonel Sheridan acting as Lieutenant-General, Colonel Herod acting as Major-General, and Brother Challis acting as Sergeant-of-the-Guard.

Moved by L. J. Webb, of Kansas, that we proceed to call the roll of the Encampment.

Seconded by Ritter, of New Hampshire. Carried.

COLONEL BUNDY, of Ohio: "I rise to a point of order: My point of order is that all those entering during roll-call shall be credited as being present during the call." Point of order sustained by Major-General Hinkley.

Moved by Leland J. Webb, of Kansas, and seconded by Brother Lidders, of Illinois, that the roll, as called, be declared not to be the official roll-call. Motion lost.

Minutes of the morning session read, corrected and then approved.

BROTHER FRAZEE, of Ohio: "I wish to state that the Encampment pays the expenses of its officers, and the records should show whether those officers appear here in the Encampment room or not. I have noticed that two or three of the officers are always late."

BROTHER BROWN, of Ohio: "I wish to have the minutes show that the charge against Walter S. Payne, of Ohio, is for the embezzlement of \$1,600 of the Order, and desire this to appear upon the records of the Encampment. I wish it to be understood that I make this statement for the purpose of assisting the stenographer, so as to have our records show that there was an embezzlement, and that Walter S. Payne was found guilty of the charge of embezzlement, and not of simply withholding money belonging to the Order. Whether this finding was correct or incorrect, it should so appear upon the proceedings."

BROTHER SMITH, of Pennsylvania: "Commander-in-Chief, I was not here when your report was read, and would like to ask whether it shows any thing about this matter? I would like to know if any reference is made in your annual report, and whether it was submitted to the Encampment. The Brother across the room here [Brother Brown] has no more right to change the reading of the minutes, as I understand it, or the records as expounded to us here, than I have. Whether the minutes coincide with the findings of the court-martial or not, they should remain as handed in and taken by the stenographer."

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF G. B. ABBOTT: "The question is one which we have tried to make clear to you all. As you all know, there is a great deal of work done

during each session, and the stenographer simply makes a reference to the principal points brought up in the session, and does not attempt to make a *verbatim* report of each session. When the proceedings are written up in proper shape, the record will show what was said or what was not. In the brief time which the stenographer has to write up the proceedings of each session, he has not enough time to write them up in full. Another thing I wish to state is that everything placed in the records regarding the Payne matter will be informally entered, as the Committee of the Whole made no report to the Encampment."

Moved by Colonel Stadden, of Illinois, and seconded by Adjutant-General Guilford, of Illinois, that the minutes of the Encampment be approved as read and corrected. Carried.

BROTHER HEROD, of Kansas: "I would like to state that there is a very important matter to come up before this Encampment, and, therefore, I move that the nomination and election of officers be made the special order of business at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning."

Seconded by Colonel Stadden, of Illinois.

BROTHER PARKER: "I move to amend the motion and make it a special order of business at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon."

Seconded by Brother Hammer, of Pennsylvania. Amendment lost.

The original motion, making it the special order of business at 9 o'clock in the morning, was then put and carried.

The following communication from the Colonel of the Massachusetts Division was received and read:

SALEM, MASS., Sept. 10th, 1889.

*To the Members of the Eighth Annual Convention of the Commandery-in-Chief:*

In consideration of a petition of Colonel Henry Merritt Camp, No. 8, of Salem, Mass., I would respectfully petition the Commandery-in-Chief to reinstate Edward H. Dalton, dishonorably discharged by the Order May 24th, 1887.

In F., C. and L.,

D. B. PURBECK,  
*Colonel Massachusetts Division.*

BROTHER STEPHENS, of Massachusetts: "I move that this matter be referred to a special committee of three."

Seconded by Brother Jonas. Carried.

General Abbott appointed Brothers Lynch, of Illinois; Jonas, of Connecticut; J. G. Nevins, of Ohio.

General Abbott then called for the reports of the various officers not yet read.

#### REPORT OF LIEUTENANT-GENERAL E. H. MILHAM.

*Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:*

I wish to state that I have no official report to make. The reason of this is that I have had no official business to attend to, and was not called on to do any business during my term of office, except as connected with my own Division.

GENERAL ABBOTT: "The Lieutenant-General was always perfectly willing and ready to carry out any work that might be assigned to him, and whenever called upon assisted your Commander-in-Chief with his advice, but there was no necessity for his services during the past term."

REPORT OF MAJOR-GENERAL A. HINKLEY.

*Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:*

I wish to state that the same thing applies to me that Lieutenant-General Milham stated, and, therefore, I have no report to make to the Encampment.

I wish, however, to take this opportunity of stating that it has been my good fortune to spend several months in the Western States, and I wish to extend my thanks to the Brothers who made me so heartily welcome wherever I found myself, and I believe that the good of the Order would be furthered by placing the next National Encampment in some one of the Western States; that is, say west of the Mississippi river or on the Missouri river. I think that if we held the next Encampment somewhere near the the center of the country it would be money well expended to go there, as in the East it is not so necessary to have the National Encampment, as we are very strong in that section of the country. Now let us go West and give them this encouragement, and if we do decide to place our Encampment in the West, I know that as they have always given me a hearty welcome, so they will also be glad to welcome you all.

The Committee on Credentials made a supplementary report, and showed the following Brothers entitled to seats in the Encampment:

*Honorary Life Members*—A. P. Davis, Dr. Eldridge, I. S. Bangs, John A. Thompson, M. E. W. Ross, J. A. Rodrigo, W. H. Pierpont, R. M. J. Reed.

*Maryland*—Past Colonel M. W. Ross.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

A. L. GUILFORD,  
C. J. DECKMAN,  
CLAY D. HEROD,  
M. D. FRIEDMAN,  
H. O. RHODES.

BROTHER HALL, of Michigan: "I move that the report be received."

Seconded by Brother Crowley. Carried.

The Adjutant-General made the following report:

REPORT OF ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.  
CHICAGO, ILL., September, 1889.

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

GENERAL—I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the progress and condition for the year of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., of which I have the honor to be Adjutant-General.

I have been unable to complete my report until the last moment, on account of not receiving all of the consolidated reports from Divisions. I desired to present as perfect and full a report as possible, and if errors have crept into the report, I sincerely trust that yourself and the honorable members of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will overlook them.

I submit for your consideration copies of all General Orders issued from your Headquarters (same being Nos. 13 to 26, both inclusive), all circulars (Nos. 1 to 4, both inclusive), all Special Orders (Nos. 15 to 25, both inclusive), and the following tables:

No. 1.—List of Divisions organized, place, time of organization and who by.

No. 2.—Divisions chartered.

No. 3.—Division Encampments.

No. 4.—Roster of Colonels of Divisions.

No. 5.—Table showing the representation from each Division entitled to seats at the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at Paterson, N. J., giving Honorable Members Commandery-in-Chief, Commander-in-Chief, No. Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Colonels, Colonels, Delegates-at-Large, Delegates and No. of Alternates.

No. 6.—States that Camps of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are organized in.

No. 7.—States in which Divisions are not organized, and the Division under whose command they are.

No. 8.—Table giving number of Sons of Veterans out on transfer cards from different Divisions.

No. 9.—Table showing number of members court-martialed and dishonorably discharged from the Order, in all Divisions, during the months from October 1, 1888, to September 1, 1889.

No. 10.—Table showing the number of new Camps organized in different Divisions and during different months from August 1, 1888, to and including September 7, 1889.

No. 11.—Table showing the number of members the Order has gained by organization of new Camps in all Divisions, and during the months from August 1, 1888, to September 7, 1889.

No. 12.—Recapitulation: Table of recapitulation of the two foregoing tables, showing Camps and applicants mustered monthly in different Divisions, and showing Camps and applicants the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has gained by organization in all the Divisions from August 1, 1888, to September 7, 1889.

No. 13.—Table comparing the growth of the Order by muster of new Camps and applicants in all Divisions in the last three years.

No. 14.—Table comparing the number of Camps in good standing, suspended, and total number of Camps August 10, 1888, and the number of Camps in good standing, suspended, and total number Camps September 7, 1889.

No. 15.—Table comparing the number of members in good standing, suspended, and total number of members August 10, 1888, and the number of members in good standing, suspended, and total number of members September 7, 1889.

No. 16.—Table showing the number of new Camps and applicants the Order has gained by organization during the administration of General George B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., from September 1, 1887, to September 7, 1889.

No. 17.—Comparative table comparing the number of members under the jurisdiction of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the close of the last six administrations.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 1, 1888.

General Orders }  
No. 13. }

I. G. B. Abbott having been re elected Commander-in-Chief, command is hereby continued, with Headquarters established at 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

II. The Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Wheeling, W. Va., August 15, 16 and 17, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Commander-in-Chief—G. B. Abbott, Chicago, Illinois.

Lieutenant-General—E. H. Milham, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Major-General—John H. Hinkley, Beverly, Massachusetts.



**Council-in-Chief**—Rudolph Loebenstein, Warrensburg, Missouri; G. Brainard Smith, Hartford, Connecticut; C. T. Orner, Bloomington, Illinois; Wm. E. Bundy, Wellston, Ohio; C. B. Cooke, Arlington, Dakota.

Paterson, New Jersey, was chosen as the location of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, the week of August 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 being the time set for the same.

III. All brothers heretofore appointed upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby relieved, and will report to the Captains of their respective Camps for duty.

IV. The appointed officers of the Commandery-in-Chief for the ensuing official year will be as follows:

**Chief-of-Staff**—Harry M. Russell, 2316 Hancock Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Adjutant-General**—Will F. Jenkins, Chicago, Illinois.

**Quartermaster-General**—C. J. Post, Chicago, Illinois.

**Inspector-General**—Marvin E. Hall, Hilldale, Michigan.

**Chief Mustering Officer**—Joe B. Maccabe, Boston, Massachusetts.

**Judge Advocate-General**—A. M. Appelget, Tecumseh, Nebraska.

**Surgeon-General**—J. A. Averdick, Covington, Kentucky.

**Chaplain-in-Chief**—Frank W. Gee, West Lebanon, Indiana.

All with the rank of Brigadier-General from August 18, 1888. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. The following rules will be strictly observed:

All general communications and reports will be addressed to the Adjutant-General.

All requisitions for supplies addressed to the Quartermaster-General.

All money must be forwarded in the form of postal note, money order, registered letter or draft upon New York or Chicago. Personal checks or drafts upon any other cities will not be accepted and will cause delay.

All drafts and money orders must be made payable to "C. J. Post, Q. M. G." No supplies will be forwarded unless the money accompanies the requisition.

All communications for these Headquarters should be addressed to 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago.

The Judge Advocate-General is the attorney of the Commander-in-Chief, and all matters to be referred to him must pass through these Headquarters.

The Inspector-General may be consulted directly by Colonels commanding and Division Inspectors.

All communications must pass through their proper channels. Officers and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and past officers, also officers of Divisions, forward communications directly to Headquarters. Camps and members will forward communications through Division Headquarters.

VI. The Commandery-in-Chief having raised the tax levied upon Divisions, after the expiration of the present quarter Divisions will be required to pay four cents per member on all in good standing, in place of three cents as heretofore. The blank reports for quarter ending September 30 will be forwarded to Divisions at once. The tax for the current quarter will be three cents per member.

VII. A new requisition for supplies is now in press. Camps and Divisions in ordering supplies will be required to order exclusively by this new requisition and in compliance with a resolution passed by the Commandery-in-Chief the Quartermaster-General will hereafter pay transportation on supplies to Division Headquarters on all supplies ordered on the new requisition. The Encampment also passed a resolution relieving the Quartermaster-General from handling Camp packages. It will, therefore, be necessary for every Division Headquarters to be thoroughly provided with all manner of Camp supplies.

VIII. The Encampment at Wheeling recommended no changes in the Ritual, therefore there will be no necessity for exchange of Rituals this year.

IX. The Commandery-in-Chief having provided that Colonels commanding shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties, the Elective Council of each Division will at once proceed to the enforcement of this law and require the Colonels of their respective Divisions, without delay, to execute a bond in such sum as they may deem necessary to cover the amount of money handled. The bonds shall be drawn on Form 19, and shall be approved by the elective members of the Division Council. It shall run to and be retained in the custody of the Chairman of the Division Council, as defined on page 51, Sec. 6, Art. VII, Chap. 5, Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

X. The Commandery-in-Chief having passed a law providing for an official organ, requiring every Camp to subscribe for the same, and having passed a resolution making the Sons of Veterans' *National Reveille* the official organ for the ensuing year, Colonels commanding will call the attention of Camp officers to this fact, and see that these subscriptions are forwarded as soon as possible to the publisher of the *National Reveille*, James I. Lyons, 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago.

XI. Sons of Veterans visiting and passing through Chicago may have their mail addressed to these Headquarters, care of the Adjutant-General.

XII. General Orders No. 12 announced the revoking the Charter of Camp No. 25, Division of New Hampshire—instead of which, it should have been No. 26. Camps No. 13 and No. 24 of this Division having disbanded, the Charters of the same are hereby revoked. Camp No. 92, Division of Kansas, and Camp No 148, Division of Iowa, having voluntarily surrendered their Charters, the same are hereby declared cancelled.

The following are the changes in the Constitution :

Page 6, Art. I, add to: "and also to the Colonel of the Division."

Sec. 3, same article: "Camps shall rank from date of muster."

Page 17, Art. IX, Sec. 3, strike out "six months" and insert the word "quarter."

Add—Sec. 4, to Art. IX, "the Captain, First Sergeant and Quartermaster-Sergeant shall not serve on the Camp Council."

Add to Art. XI, same page, as follows: Sec. 2. "For the non-payment of fines a member may be suspended or dropped, in the same manner and form as provided for in the non-payment of dues"

Page 18, Art. XII, after the word "arrears," in the fifth line, insert "including the dues for current quarter."

Page 19, Art. XIII, second and fourth lines, after "visiting," insert "and relief."

Page 2, Art. XVIII, second line, after the word "Marine," insert "or relief of members of the Order."

Page 22, Art. I, Sec. 1, first line, strike out the word "three" and insert "five."

Page 23, Art. XI, Sec. 3, strike out the word "members" and insert "delegates."

Page 24, Art. III, Sec. 1, strike out "April" and insert "January."

Page 25, add to Art. V, "if present and assenting at the time of election."

Page 28, Art. IX, add Sec. 4, "Questions requiring the official vote of the Division Council may be submitted by the Commander by printed blanks for that purpose, except for the election to fill vacancies."

Page 29, Order of Business, insert after No. 6, "Committee on Distribution of Work."

Page 33, Art. III, Sec. 1, after "August," insert "or September."

Same page, Sec. 4, second line, strike out "y" in the word "Commandery."

Page 34, same article, add Sec. 5, "Questions requiring the official vote of the Council-in-Chief may be submitted by the Commanding Officers by printed blanks for that purpose, except for the election to fill vacancies"

Same page, Art. V, add to: "if present and assenting at the time of election."

Page 35, Art. VII, fifth line, Sec. 1, strike out "Company" and insert "Commandery."

Page 36, Art. VIII, Sec. 1, insert after "Judge Advocate-General" "the Surgeon-General."

Page 40, Art. X, strike out the words "(to facilitate business)."

Strike out all the balance of this article after the word "voting."

"Order of business, Commandery-in-Chief," after "Fourth" insert "Fifth, on distribution of work."

Page 42, Art. I, Sec. 4, after "Camps," strike out "shall," insert "may."

Page 47, Art. V, Section 1, strike out "during the month of April," insert "between April 15 and June 1."

Page 49, Art. VI, Sec. 7, provides for the trial of the Commander-in-Chief, Past Colonels and Past Officers.

Sec. 5, same article, strike out "in" of the last word.

Page 51, Art. VII, Sec. 7, provides for the bond of Division Colonels.

Page 52, second, third and fifth lines, strike out "S. V.," insert "regulation."

Insert "Sec. 4," which prescribes for the regulation button.

Page 53, same article, Sec. 6, so changed that armed and equipped Camps may wear the United States regulation uniform upon receiving dispensation.

Page 53, Art. X, is so changed that the insignia or rank is worn on the left breast immediately above the membership badge, except for armed and equipped Camps.

Page 59, Art. XIII, Sec. 4, strike out the last line, also first two lines on page 60, and insert "old gold."

Page 60, strike out "red, white and blue," and insert "old gold."

Page 63, Art. XVIII, provides for the password and countersign being issued to the Grand Army of the Republic and to Divisions not in arrears.

Page 64, Art. XXI, provides that Reed's Standard Tactics be used.

Same page, Art. XXII is changed to XXIII, Art. XXIII is changed to XXIV, and Art. XXII provides for leave of absence and resignations.

Page 65, add "Art. XXV," which is: "The Commandery-in-Chief shall at each Annual Encampment designate an official paper in which all Commandery-in-Chief orders and circulars shall be published, and it shall be the duty of the Quartermaster Sergeant of each Camp to subscribe, in the name of the Camp, each year, for at least one copy of such paper, and pay for the same out of the Camp funds. Such paper shall be kept on file by the First Sergeant."

Page 65, Art. XXVI, "Any article or section of Rules and Regulations may be temporarily suspended during the session of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting."

The 22d Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. will occur at Columbus, Ohio, September 10, 11, 12 and 13. Tuesday, the 11th, will be the day of the grand parade, which promises to be the grandest procession of the kind which will ever have been seen in this country. The Eighteenth Division will be composed of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., under command of the Commander-in-Chief. All members of the Order should make a special effort to be present and make this occasion one long to be remembered, and one that will bring credit to the Order, for the assistance and courtesy extended to our fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic. Colonel E. H. Gilkey, of Columbus, Ohio, will answer all communications and forward all necessary information. Sons of Veterans in attendance, either in detachments, or individually, will report at the General Headquarters of the Order in the Park street school building to register, and for orders. The Commander-in-Chief and Staff will be quartered at the American House. Brothers are requested to come uniformed and armed if possible.

The Aids appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief will be announced in General Orders No. 14.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 12:

| Applicants.       |                          |    | Applicants.       |                           |    |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----|-------------------|---------------------------|----|
| August 1, No. 88, | Flat Creek, Mo.          | 14 | August 23, No. 8, | Red Bluff, Cal.           | 11 |
| " 2, "            | 146, Allegan, Mich.      | 21 | " 24, "           | 7, Moundsville, W. Va.    | 12 |
| " 2, "            | 106, Holywood, Kan.      | 15 | " 24, "           | 150, Seymour, Ind.        | 20 |
| " 2, "            | 118, Chetopa, Kan.       | 20 | " 24, "           | 151, Carlos City, Ind.    | 12 |
| " 3, "            | 5, Anaconda, Mont.       | 11 | " 24, "           | 326, Kansas, O.           | 23 |
| " 3, "            | 158, Wellman, Iowa       | 11 | " 25, "           | 11, Philadelphia, Pa.     | 15 |
| " 4, "            | 319, Fletcher, O.        | 18 | " 27, "           | 210, Wauconda, Ill.       | 17 |
| " 4, "            | 49, Barton, Vt.          | 11 | " 27, "           | 211, Hazel Dell, Ill.     | 10 |
| " 6, "            | 12, Josephine, Ky.       | 12 | " 27, "           | 212, Kirkland, Ill.       | 10 |
| " 6, "            | 149, Indianapolis, Ind.  | 15 | " 27, "           | 213, Grayville, Ill.      | 16 |
| " 6, "            | 34, Cheshire, Conn.      | 21 | " 27, "           | 214, Washburn, Ill.       | 15 |
| " 8, "            | 217, Cherry Tree, Pa.    | 15 | " 27, "           | 215, Shawneetown, Ill.    | 22 |
| " 8, "            | 320, McConnellsville, O. | 30 | " 28, "           | 5, Olivers Springs, Tenn. | 35 |
| " 10, "           | 321, New Comerstown, O.  | 17 | " 28, "           | 153, Albany, Ind.         | 14 |
| " 10, "           | 35, Bennington, N. H.    | 14 | " 28, "           | 154, Ligonier, Ind.       | 23 |
| " 10, "           | 105, Pratt, Kan.         | 17 | " 28, "           | 159, Denmark, Iowa        | 11 |
| " 14, "           | 20, Wheeling, W. Va.     | 15 | " 29, "           | 50, Morrisville, Vt.      | 17 |
| " 17, "           | 322, Round Head, O.      | 20 | " 29, "           | 107, Hallowell, Kan.      | 19 |
| " 17, "           | 323, Crestline, O.       | 10 | " 30, "           | 2, East Pierre, Dak.      | 13 |
| " 17, "           | 324, Pataskala, O.       | 53 | " 30, "           | 4, Crystal Springs, Ark.  | 17 |
| " 20, "           | 147, Petoskey, Mich.     | 18 | " 30, "           | 89, Commerce, Mo.         | 10 |
| " 21, "           | 218, Braddock, Pa.       | 17 | " 30, "           | 90, Araline, Mo.          | 26 |
| " 21, "           | 325, Lancaster, O.       | 22 |                   |                           |    |
| " 23, "           | 90, Fall River, Mass.    | 81 |                   |                           |    |

T'l No. Camps 46, t'l No. of applicants, 1,247

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 1, 1888.

General Orders }  
No. 14. }

I. Colonels commanding will forward Commandery-in-Chief General Orders to Camps immediately upon receipt of the same from these Headquarters. Several flagrant cases of negligence in this line have occurred recently. Further failure to observe this Order will call forth a direct reprimand in General Orders.

II. The Councils of several Divisions have up to date failed to secure the bond of the Colonel commanding in compliance with Section 9, General Orders No. 13. This must be done forthwith.

III. The Commander-in-Chief has been requested by several Colonels to again call the attention of the Order to an attempt being made by the representatives of the Sons of Veterans' Mutual Benefit Association of Lowell, Mass., to secure encouragement from our Order. The Commander-in-Chief, after a careful investigation into the condition of the institution, finds that several of its principal representatives are not members of the Sons of Veterans in good standing, and advises the Order at large to have nothing to do with it. The institution failed to receive the endorsement of the Division of Massachusetts, within whose borders it exists, an endorsement which it would have received had it been deserving of it.

IV. In instances where Captains of Camps fail to have the quarterly reports due the Division Headquarters forwarded by the prescribed time, the Adjutant will prefer formal charges against such Captains, whereupon the Colonel commanding will suspend them, placing the First Lieutenant in command until such reports are forthcoming.

V. In compliance with a resolution adopted by the Seventh National Encampment, the following Brothers will constitute the Committee on Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Homes, and will report to the next Annual Encampment in accordance therewith: C. T. Orner, Bloomington, Ill., Chairman; Leland J. Webb, Topeka, Kan.; George Van Houten, Lenox, Iowa; Edwin Ames, Altoona, Pa.; Frank P. Merrill, Auburn, Me.; Wm. H. Pierpont, New Haven, Conn.; Harry R. Bacon, Toledo, Ohio.

VI. Camps No. 4, of Rhode Island, and Nos. 120 and 148, of Iowa, having disbanded, the charters of the same are annulled. The Colonels of these respective Divisions will issue transfer cards to all members of these Camps in good standing.

VII. The following special appointments are made on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Alvin L. Guilford, assigned to duty as Assistant Adjutant-General; Will H. Reed, assigned to duty as Assistant Quartermaster-General, and Maurice A. Reichert, as Musician-in-Chief.

VIII. Henry Frazee, of Cleveland, Ohio, is hereby appointed Senior Aid, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The following Aids, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. All above to rank from September 1:

California.—Philip A. Stanton, Los Angeles; W. E. Darracott, Pasadena; Truman Havens, San Jose.

Connecticut.—Wm. H. Pierpont, New Haven; Edward Reisel, Hartford.

Dakota.—W. A. Rogers, Mitchell.

Illinois.—J. B. Lidders, Rock Island; Henry Abels, Springfield; Wm. L. Diston, Jr., Quincy; Harvey R. Newman, Chicago.

Iowa.—B. R. Boynton, Algona; T. B. Wales, Jr., Iowa City; R. M. Kendrick, Ft. Madison.

Indiana.—Geo. Behler, Garrett; Fremont Garrett, Winchester; D. W. Wood, Anderson; Chas. F. Griffin, Indianapolis.

Kansas.—E. B. White, Independence; C. W. Isenburg, Vilas; Leland J. Webb, Topeka.

Kentucky.—D. H. Niemeyer, Covington; Ed. S. Staab, Ashland.

Maine.—Charles E. Merrill, Auburn; C. H. Rice, Bangor; D. A. Friend, Rockland; R. L. Whitcomb, Portland.

Massachusetts.—C. S. Knight, Jr., Worcester; A. Batchelder, Salem; H. S. Lyons, North Adams.

Michigan.—Charles E. Davis, Grand Rapids; Lucius E. Gould, Owosso; Earl Heminway, Hartford; Norman G. Cooper, Sturgis.

Minnesota.—A. S. Morgan, Duluth; F. W. Rowlston, St. Paul; E. M. Van Cleve, Minneapolis.

Missouri.—B. W. Frauenthal, St. Louis; F. E. Ernest, St. Joseph.

Nebraska.—G. H. Palmer, Plattsmouth; W. J. Knepper, ———; O. G. Eaton, ———; McAddo, ———.

New Hampshire.—Harry B. Clark, Manchester; E. S. Davis, Pennacook; Frank Libby, Great Falls.

New Jersey.—H. B. Marchbank, Newark; John Dempsey, Atlantic City; A. J. Vescelius, Paterson.

New York.—E. W. Hatch, Buffalo; N. L. Harrison, Hornellsville.

Ohio.—O. B. Brown, Dayton; E. G. Rathbone, Hamilton; T. J. Hayes, Iron-  
ton.

Pennsylvania.—Charles Reble, Allegheny; Geo. W. Wagenseller, Selinsgrove; M. G. Haupt, Scranton.

Rhode Island.—Theodore A. Barton, Providence.

Vermont.—John E. Fox, Burlington; C. F. R. Jenne, Brattleboro; Will R. Sergeant, St. Johnsbury.

West Virginia.—T. O. Edwards, Wheeling.

Wisconsin.—Wm. Rowe, Eau Claire; C. A. Armstrong, Boscobel; Arthur P. Cheek, Baraboo.

IX. It is with undoubted satisfaction and pleasure that the announcement is made of the adoption of the following resolution by the Grand Army of the Republic Twenty-Second National Encampment, recently held at Columbus, Ohio. The resolution speaks for itself, and is the first official encouragement the Order

has ever received from the Grand Army of the Republic. This is, indeed, encouragement to press forward in the grand work of the Sons of Veterans. The following is the resolution:

"Resolved, That this Encampment endorse the objects and purposes of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and hereby give to the Order the official recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic, and recommend that it aid and encourage the institution of Camps of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 13:

| Applicants.       |                                |    | Applicants.        |                         |     |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|----|--------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| Sept. 3, No. 219, | Bellewood, Pa.                 | 15 | Sept. 17, No. 51,  | Kearney, Neb.           | 18  |
| " 5, "            | 155, Colfax, Clinton Co., Ind. | 23 | " 17, "            | 99, Shongo, N. Y.       | 10  |
| " 5, "            | 27, Williamston, N. J.         | 24 | " 17, "            | 100, Batavia, N. Y.     | 10  |
| " 5, "            | 216, Naperville, Ill.          | 16 | " 18, "            | 5, Springdale, Ark.     | 19  |
| " 7, "            | 220, Cameron, Pa.              | 16 | " 18, "            | 156, Waveland, Ind.     | 22  |
| " 10, "           | 108, Long Island, Kan.         | 12 | " 18, "            | 152, Knightstown, Ind.  | 22  |
| " 11, "           | 91, West Plains, Mo.           | 23 | " 18, "            | 36, East Jaffrey, N. H. | 14  |
| " 11, "           | 92, Brunswick, Mo.             | 16 | " 20, "            | 9, Cincinnati, O.       | 29  |
| " 11, "           | 7, Philadelphia, Pa.           | 38 | " 20, "            | 1, New Berne, N. C.     | 14  |
| " 12, "           | 149, Flushing, Mich.           | 25 | " 21, "            | 157, Scipio, Ind.       | 14  |
| " 12, "           | 148, Sand Lake, Mich.          | 25 | " 22, "            | 218, Oquawka, Ill.      | 29  |
| " 13, "           | 328, Newells Run, Ohio.        | 12 | " 22, "            | 218, Highland, Ill.     | 10  |
| " 15, "           | 217, Dundee, Ill.              | 10 | " 25, "            | 158, Arthur, Ind.       | 16  |
| " 15, "           | 13, Berlin Falls, N. H.        | 21 | " 27, "            | 8, Bristol, R. I.       | 21  |
| " 17, "           | 3, Cobleskill, N. Y.           | 14 | " 29, "            | 330, Frankfort, Ohio.   | 20  |
| " 17, "           | 8, Sand Lake, N. Y.            | 13 | " 29, "            | 221, Zelenople, Pa.     | 21  |
| " 17, "           | 10, Keene Valley, N. Y.        | 22 |                    |                         |     |
| " 17, "           | 98, Binghamton, N. Y.          | 20 |                    |                         |     |
|                   |                                |    | T'l No. Camps, 34. | T'l No. Applicants.     | 627 |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 1, 1888.

General Orders }  
No. 15. }

I. The headquarters of the Divisions of Iowa and Missouri having failed to forward the Commandery-in-Chief General Orders to Camps within a reasonable length of time, are hereby reprimanded for neglect of duty. Second offense of this character will be cause for an official investigation.

II. The Councils of several Divisions have failed to designate the sum of the bond to be given by the Colonel commanding. Without delay, the Colonels of these divisions will file a bond to the sum of the total receipts of the Division for the last official year. Said bond to run to the ranking member of the Division Council as designated in Sec. 6, Art. VII., Chapter 5, Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

III. Good and sufficient cause appearing, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled: Camps Nos. 52, 56, 71, 75 and 77, Division of Kansas; Camps Nos. 18, 20 and 23, Division of Connecticut.

IV. The record of the proceedings of all courts-martial which have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief are hereby ordered to be returned to these Headquarters immediately. Colonels commanding will make search among all documents at Division Headquarters and see to it that this order is complied with. Colonels commanding will also impress upon the Order at large the fact that no Brother can be dishonorably discharged from the Order of the Sons of Veterans until he has been duly tried by a regularly constituted court-martial, blanks for which are furnished by these Headquarters, and the findings of the same shall



have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Camps which have dishonorably discharged members of the Order in any other way, manner or form, have not complied with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and the Brother so discharged can legally demand his reinstatement in the Order.

V. Past Commander-in-Chief General Walter S. Payne having been duly tried by a court-martial, by order of the Commandery-in-Chief, been found guilty and sentenced to dishonorable discharge, the sentence is hereby approved and he is dishonorably discharged from the Order of the Sons of Veterans.

Q. R. Shoemaker, of Minneapolis, Minn., was dishonorably discharged August 30.

Alva A. Rockland, of Melrose, Mass., was dishonorably discharged September 2.

H. T. Nail, of Sycamore, Ohio, was dishonorably discharged September 26.

George B. Sheetz, of Lebanon, Penn., was dishonorably discharged September 29.

With the exception of H. T. Nail, the charges brought were on account of the misappropriation of funds belonging to the Order. The attention of Brothers of the Order whose official duty, or as members of committees, impose upon them the necessity of handling funds of the Order should be impressed with this record. While it is to be deeply regretted that any Brother of the Order, no matter how exalted may have been his position or how lowly, should so deport himself as to bring upon himself condemnation by our laws; on the other hand, it speaks well for the integrity of the institution of the Sons of Veterans that, regardless of rank or reputation, justice must invariably overtake him who commits a wrong, and he must suffer the consequences of his unlawful acts, and from which there is no escape.

VI. At the request of several Colonels, the announcement is again made that Camps desiring the Charter struck from the new design adopted a year ago can do so by forwarding their old Charters directly to the Adjutant-General. The law having been changed at Wheeling to the effect that Camps shall rank from date of muster, and not from date of Charter, as heretofore, Camps will therefore not lose their rank by exchange or loss of Charter.

VII. In order to remove any misunderstanding regarding Section 4 of General Orders No. 14, it was not the intention that Captains suspended for non-performance of their duty in forwarding quarterly reports and per capita tax should be reinstated when the duties have been performed by a subordinate officer, but charges having been preferred, the matter should proceed to a trial, otherwise these negligent officers would be rewarded for work done by subordinates.

VIII. Business connected with the Order will require the presence of the Commander-in-Chief in the Division of New York the greater part of November and all of December. He will visit Toledo, Ohio, November 12, arriving at Buffalo, N. Y., November 14, and New York City, November 16. New York City address will be care of Astor House.

IX. The Quartermaster-General carries in stock a grade of books for Camps, bound substantially in cloth, extra thick and of better quality of paper. These include the minute, cash ledger, roll, black and descriptive books for Camps desiring better books with an increase of cost. Obtainable through Division Headquarters on requisition edition of 1888.

X. The political excitement has very materially interfered with the working progress of the Order, as it was expected it would do months ago. It is to be hoped that the enthusiasm which is now expending itself in political differences will be doubled by the Brothers forgetting their political differences the day after election and uniting in one grand campaign for the Order of the Sons of Veterans, an organization not political, but patriotic and superior to all political parties.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 1, 1888.

General Orders }  
No. 16. }

I. It appearing upon the records that there exists five organized Camps in the State of Arkansas, the same are hereby created the Provisional Division of Arkansas, and Brother Otis E. Gully, of Springdale, is hereby appointed Provisional Colonel, to rank from Nov. 1, 1888. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

II. Good and sufficient reasons appearing, the charters of Camps Nos. 1 and 15, Division of New Jersey; No. 84, Division of Kansas, and No. 47, Division of Michigan, are hereby annulled. Colonels will issue transfer cards to all members in good standing.

III. Many communications are addressed to these Headquarters for decisions concerning the eligibility clause of the Order. It is very plain. It admits only "Sons" over 18 years of age and does not include either adopted sons or stepsons. If Brothers would remember this, it would save these Headquarters much correspondence.

IV. H. S. Sneed, of Camp 45, Kansas, was tried by court-martial and dishonorably discharged from the Order, Nov. 19th. The cause was divulging of secret work and the names of Brothers casting black balls.

V. After careful observation upon the success of various Camps, Colonels are requested to urge upon Camps the necessity of meeting weekly instead of once or twice a month. The records show very clearly that best attended Camps and most prosperous are those that meet weekly.

VI. The new regulation button can be procured from Major A. P. Davis, 97 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa. He is the only one authorized to manufacture these new buttons, and those only are regulation struck from the die in his department.

VII. The Captain, First and Second Lieutenants of each Camp are entitled to commissions issued from Division Headquarters. Such officers not receiving them should make a demand for them upon the commanding officer of the Division.

VIII. The installation of Camp Officers for the ensuing year will occur the first meeting night in January. Colonels may grant dispensations to change the night of installation to some other night in January, if the good of the Order will best be met by so doing. Colonels may also grant permission to hold joint or open installation, but no person may install the officers of a Camp unless presenting a commission from the Colonel commanding upon Form No. 34.

IX. The password and countersign for the coming six months is this day issued to all Divisions not in arrears for per capita tax. Colonels will enclose it sealed in Form 45, to be presented to the Captain-elect on the night of installation of Camps not in arrears for dues.

X. Form 0000, G. A. R., is this day issued to Divisions not in arrears for tax. This will be the password and countersign to be given by comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic when visiting Camps of Sons of Veterans as a further evidence that they are entitled to the courtesies of the Camp-room. Colonels will promulgate it to Captains commanding, and direct them to give it to the Lieutenants, Acting Sergeants and Corporals of the Guard. It has been promulgated by Commander-in-Chief Warner, of the Grand Army of the Republic, through that organization, and will go into effect January 1, 1889.

XI. Colonels are advised to discourage the enlistment of Camps, as such, in the State militia. Where it has been done heretofore, it has invariably proved disastrous to the Camps; and it is further believed that military features should be one of the attractions in the Order, and not outside of it.

XII. In General Orders No. 14, issued from these Headquarters, reference was made to Sons of Veterans' Benefit Association, of Lowell, Massachusetts. Since the issuing of that order the Association has experienced a complete change of officers, and those now at its head are Brothers of the Order, and are entitled to its confidence. The Association has furthermore requested the Commander-in-Chief to appoint a committee to investigate and report to him concerning it, and its relation to the Order, and it proposes in the future to place itself more or less under the control and advice of the Commandery-in-Chief. And in compliance with this request the Commander-in-Chief designates the following brothers to constitute the committee: Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, of Malden, Massachusetts; Colonel F. L. Eaton, of Montpelier, Vermont, and Lieutenant-Colonel G. Brainard Smith, of Hartford, Connecticut.

XIII. Colonels commanding, on request of the Adjutant-General, will forward the names of all Camps that have failed to subscribe for the *National Reveille*. The order for the subscription emanated from the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. It became a law and must be obeyed.

XIV. Colonels commanding will instruct Installing Officers to send duplicate reports—one to the Adjutant and one direct to the Adjutant-General, Will F. Jenkins, 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, so that the records will show who is in command and not be as it has been before—six or eight months before we could get the names of Captains, etc.

XV. The following Aids on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are assigned to duty as Division correspondents to the *National Reveille*. It is expected that Camps will forward items of interest to the Brothers designated, who are hereby requested to prepare brief items of interest to the Order at large for each issue of the *National Reveille*, and for such papers of the Grand Army of the Republic as they may severally determine:

Henry Frazee, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 F. P. Merrill, Malden, Mass.  
 C. F. Barton, Providence, R. I.  
 C. F. Jenne, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 F. W. Rowson, St. Paul, Minn.  
 C. H. Rice, Bangor, Maine.  
 B. W. Frauenthal (Union Depot), St Louis, Mo.  
 Henry Abels, Springfield, Ill.  
 R. M. Kendrick, Fort Madison, Iowa.  
 N. L. Harrison, Hornellsville, N. Y.  
 Earl Hemenway, Hartford, Mich.  
 Daniel Neimeyer, Covington, Ky.  
 George W. Wagenseller, Selinsgrove, Pa.  
 George Palmer, Plattsburgh, Neb.  
 T. O. Edwards, Wheeling, W. Va.  
 H. B. Clark, Manchester, N. H.  
 E. R. Reisel, Hartford, Conn.  
 W. A. Rogers, Mitchell, Dakota.

XVI. The Colonels for the following Divisions have not reported for the quarter ending September 30: Colorado, Missouri and New York. They will instruct their Adjutants and Quartermasters to make out and forward the same at once.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 1, 1889.

General Orders }  
No. 17. }

I. Good and sufficient reasons appearing, the Charters of Camps Nos. 20 and 76 of Kansas, 31 of Indiana, 91 of Michigan, 22 and 180 of Ohio, and 32, 72, 107, 131, 140 and 144, of Illinois, are hereby annulled. The Colonels of the respective Divisions will issue transfer cards to all members in good standing.

II. The attention of the order is called to two typographical errors appearing in the recent issue of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations for the government of the order. The first will be found in Sec. 2, Art. II, Chap. 5, page 57. The words "on the collar" shall be stricken out, and the words "of rank immediately above the badge" inserted to conform to the regulation adopted at the recent Encampment at Wheeling, and as provided in Sec. 1, Art X, of the same chapter, page 55. The second error is found in Sec. 2, Art. XII, Chap. 5, page 59, in the third line of the section, where the word "meeting" should be stricken out and the word "committee" inserted.

III. In compliance with the resolution adopted at the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, the per capita tax due these Headquarters for each member in good standing for the quarter ending December 31 shall be four cents. Colonels commanding will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

IV. The Order is warned to be on the lookout for an imposter giving the name of Frank Wheeler and claiming to be a member of Camp No. 8, of Salem, Massachusetts. He wears a regulation badge and is about five feet, four inches in height, dresses in rather seedy attire, stiff hat and long black frock coat, gray hair, smooth face, and now operating upon the charity of the Brothers in central Illinois. The information was furnished by Captain Plumley, of Orme Camp, No. 7, Bloomington, Illinois. Brothers of the Order generally are requested to notify these Headquarters whenever they are satisfied that imposters are "working the Order."

V. Inspector-General M. E. Hall, of Hillsdale, Mich., is hereby ordered on duty, and in conformity with recommendations adopted by the recent Encampment, will formulate the official Inspection Blank and prepare a circular of instructions, both of which shall be forwarded, through proper channels, to every Camp in the Order, that proper preparations may be made in ample time for the ensuing annual inspection. He will also make the required detail for the inspection of the Headquarters of the several Divisions, to occur in the month of April, and forward the same to these Headquarters for approval.

VI. The following Aids are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel from January 1, 1889. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Chas. J. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. U. Garver, Carthage, Mo.; J. H. Vorst, Saint Genevieve, Mo.

VII. Appointees on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief who have failed to notify the Adjutant-General of the acceptance of the same or the receipt of their respective commissions, will be considered as having declined the appointment, and others will be appointed in their stead, unless acknowledgments are received before the issuing of the next General Order (February 1).

VIII. J. H. Mason, of Camp No. 13, Division of Ohio, having been tried by court-martial and dishonorably discharged from the Order, the same was approved December 6. Cause, conduct unbecoming a member of the Order and embezzlement.

IX. The twelfth day of February should be one dear to the hearts of every American citizen, for upon that day was born the typical American patriot, the sainted, martyred Lincoln. Not one of our countrymen has ever accomplished so much for the advancement of civilization and at so great a personal sacrifice, as

he who issued the Emancipation Proclamation, and eventually surrendered his life for the grand cause in which he enlisted. As an organization, there is no day in the calendar that we have particularly appropriated as our own. It is believed to be eminently fitting and proper that we should have such a day and it is especially recommended, and Colonels commanding are requested to encourage among all Camps, Brothers and citizens, the celebration of the birth of Lincoln, on the evening of the ensuing 12th of February. Let the observance be made universal throughout our entire organization. Let there be speech making. Let there be patriotic songs and an enthusiastic rising of our people in the name of Loyalty. Let the proper committees be set to work at once, so that arrangements may be completed. Request ministers to announce it from their pulpits and the children of the public schools be invited to attend, free and open for all, and make this day a great day, not only for this year, but all coming years, for special observance by the Sons of Veterans and Union soldiers.

By order of

WILL. F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 15:

| Applicants.                              |    | Applicants.                                |                            |
|------------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| No. 9, Pingree, Dakota . . . . .         | 10 | No. 29, Milwaukee, Wisconsin . . . . .     | 10                         |
| " 1, Plankinton, Dakota . . . . .        | 11 | " 337, West Salem, Ohio . . . . .          | 13                         |
| " 220, Dix, Illinois . . . . .           | 21 | " 159, Fort Wayne, Indiana . . . . .       | 24                         |
| " 93, Cabole, Missouri . . . . .         | 24 | " 163, Mt. Auburn, Iowa . . . . .          | 11                         |
| " 160, Shenadoah, Iowa . . . . .         | 17 | " 21, Morgantown, West Virginia . . . . .  | 29                         |
| " 222, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania . . . . .  | 15 | " 94, Palmyra, Missouri . . . . .          | 24                         |
| " 223, Blossburg, Pennsylvania . . . . . | 20 | " 229, Watson, Illinois . . . . .          | 17                         |
| " 28, Manston, Wisconsin . . . . .       | 23 | " 153, Lansing, Michigan . . . . .         | 20                         |
| " 10, Grand Forks, Dakota . . . . .      | 18 | " 227, Bethany, Illinois . . . . .         | 19                         |
| " 150, Ferry, Michigan . . . . .         | 17 | " 10, South Standish, Maine . . . . .      | 22                         |
| " 6, Bradford, Maine . . . . .           | 18 | " 30, Cambridge, Wisconsin . . . . .       | 22                         |
| " 51, Hyde Park, Vermont . . . . .       | 27 | " 10, Allentown, Pennsylvania . . . . .    | 31                         |
| " 321, W. Lafayette, Ohio . . . . .      | 16 | " 17, Waterford, Pennsylvania . . . . .    | 16                         |
| " 332, Kalida, Ohio . . . . .            | 10 | " 35, Nangatuck, Connecticut . . . . .     | 18                         |
| " 161, Frederica, Iowa . . . . .         | 11 | " 164, Rudolph, Iowa . . . . .             | 20                         |
| " 333, Warsaw, Ohio . . . . .            | 17 | " 55, Surard, Nebraska . . . . .           | 38                         |
| " 151, Pompei, Michigan . . . . .        | 13 | " 20, South Eaton, Pennsylvania . . . . .  | 37                         |
| " 329, Waynesville, Ohio . . . . .       | 15 | " 20, Edna, Kansas . . . . .               | 15                         |
| " 58, Foxboro, Massachusetts . . . . .   | 13 | " 27, Ft. Scott, Kansas . . . . .          | 47                         |
| " 221, Dalton City, Illinois . . . . .   | 16 | " 184, Curensville, Pennsylvania . . . . . | 18                         |
| " 334, Clarksburg, Ohio . . . . .        | 10 | " 338, Hollandsburg, Ohio . . . . .        | 12                         |
| " 152, Ypsilanti, Michigan . . . . .     | 16 | " 118, Suffern, New York . . . . .         | 13                         |
| " 162, Harlan, Iowa . . . . .            | 13 | " 120, Goshen, New York . . . . .          | 25                         |
| " 222, Landon Mills, Illinois . . . . .  | 16 | " 122, Port Jervis, New York . . . . .     | 24                         |
| " 11, Geneva, New York . . . . .         | 23 | " 124, Deposit, New York . . . . .         | 11                         |
| " 223, Carbondale, Illinois . . . . .    | 19 | " 140, N. Y. C., New York . . . . .        | 28                         |
| " 31, Homestead, Pennsylvania . . . . .  | 15 | " 31, Monroe, Wisconsin . . . . .          | 20                         |
| " 335, LaGrange, Ohio . . . . .          | 18 | " 338, Edgartown, Ohio . . . . .           | 15                         |
| " 48, Villard, Minnesota . . . . .       | 17 | " 340, Gahanna, Ohio . . . . .             | 15                         |
| " 54, Broken Bow, Nebraska . . . . .     | 24 | " 23, Freeport, Maine . . . . .            | 12                         |
| " 224, Knoxville, Illinois . . . . .     | 10 | " 10, Monte Vista, Colorado . . . . .      | 10                         |
| " 225, Paxton, Illinois . . . . .        | 10 | " 10, Woonsocket, Rhode Island . . . . .   | 27                         |
| " 91, Ware, Massachusetts . . . . .      | 22 | " 160, Morocco, Indiana . . . . .          | 12                         |
| " 336, Brooklyn, Ohio . . . . .          | 21 | " 22, Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . .           | 27                         |
| " 148, North Hampton, Iowa . . . . .     | 17 |                                            |                            |
| " 9, Pawtucket, Rhode Island . . . . .   | 25 |                                            |                            |
|                                          |    | T't No. Camps 70.                          | T't No. of applicants 1361 |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 12, 1889.

General Orders }  
No. 18. }

For the first time in the history of the Order has death invaded the ranks of the Commandery-in-Chief, and in that battle wherein each must eventually surrender, has vanquished and claimed for his own a Brother, brave for his principles

we love so well and who won for himself laurels and for us enviable advancement as an Order. Past Commander-in-Chief H. W. Arnold passed into rest January 12, 1889, at his home in Johnstown, Pa., aged thirty-three years. Brother Arnold was born in Norristown, Pa., December 19, 1855, and was just entering his thirty-fourth year at the time of his death. He united with the Order in 1882, served his Camp (Speer Orr, No. 14) as its first Captain (1883). He was soon promoted to the colonelcy of the Division of West Pennsylvania, and in Philadelphia, at the Third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief (1884), was chosen Commander-in-Chief, a trust which he discharged with fidelity, honor and credit. Proverbially courteous and just, it is but superfluous to add that he won the hearts and love of all of his associates and Brothers. In the spring of 1886, pulmonary difficulties manifesting themselves, he went to Colorado for his health, returning home to Johnstown, October 1, 1887, but little improved, where he remained until his untimely death.

In General Arnold we lose a faithful Brother and friend. The interests of the Sons of Veterans were always paramount to all others in all his relations in life. He sacrificed much for the Order, more than can ever be told, and the debt of gratitude can only be partially paid by ever revering his memory and in accepting his bright and shining example as a criterion for our own daily walks in life. None knew him but to love him. Kind and unpretentious, each found in him a friend. As a man and Brother he may be equaled; never excelled.

"Calm on the bosom of thy God,  
Young spirit! rest thee now,  
Even while with us thy footstep trod,  
His seal was on thy brow."

Past Commander-in-Chief H. W. Arnold having departed this life, let all Brothers unite in the appropriate demonstration of grief in keeping with the rank and merit of our illustrious dead. It is, therefore,

Ordered: That all Brothers shall drape their badges in mourning for a period of thirty days from the reading of this General Order in Camp, that the altar, Charter, furniture, side arms, gavel, flags and banners of Camps shall be draped in mourning for a like period, except that the Brothers and Camps in the Division of Pennsylvania shall remain in mourning for a period of sixty days; that all Division Charters shall be draped for a period of sixty days; that the badges and side arms of the Commandery-in-Chief Officers and Aids on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief shall be draped for a period of sixty days, and that Speer Orr Camp No. 14, Division of Pennsylvania, shall remain in mourning ninety days.

By order of

WILL. F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 1, 1889.

General Orders }  
No. 19. }

I. Owing to the failure on the part of the Headquarters of the Divisions of Maine and Michigan to forward General Orders No. 17 within the proper length of time after the same had been received, the commanding officers of these Divisions are hereby censured for neglect of official duty. General Orders No. 17 contained matter which was materially essential to be read in Camps at the earliest possible date and the neglect to forward these Orders will prevent many Camps from perfecting the arrangements for the successful observance of Lincoln's birthday, February 12. There is no possible excuse for this delay, and the failure in the future to forward General Orders promptly will occasion official investigation from these Headquarters, not only in the Divisions referred to, but in other Divisions.

II. The blanks for the annual inspection for the current year, which will occur during the month of April, are ready for distribution. Division Quartermasters will make requisition for sufficient number of these blanks to conduct the inspection properly, and also to immediately furnish each Camp with a copy, that Camps may be informed upon points covered by the inspection, requiring a total of four blanks for each Camp to be inspected. This is in accordance with instructions adopted by the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

III. Good and sufficient reasons appearing, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled: Nos. 20, 57, 58 and 68, Division of Massachusetts; Nos. 41, 131, 136 and 151, Division of Ohio; Nos. 47, 61 and 91, Division of Michigan. Colonels will issue transfer cards to all members shown to be in good standing from the records returned to Headquarters.

IV. The following brothers have been tried by court-martial and sentenced to dishonorable discharge, and the sentence has been approved. Their names will be entered upon all Black Books: January 7, George Row, Camp 21, Division of Ohio; cause, "crimes against the laws of the land." January 14, E. M. Strauss, Camp 39, Division of Indiana; cause, conduct unbecoming an officer. January 19, E. W. Brown, Camp 68, Division of Michigan; cause, conduct unbecoming a brother. January 22, J. T. Woodward, Camp 28, Division of Massachusetts; cause, embezzlement. January 30, William T. Morrow, Camp 139, Division of Ohio; cause, against the laws of the land. January 30, Thomas Gleason, Camp 20, Division of Dakota; cause, embezzlement.

While it is to be regretted that so many causes of discipline have occurred during the last thirty days, it does not necessarily follow that the morals of those who compose the organization have degenerated, but rather indicates a healthy and commendable condition, and that the Order is becoming more rigid in its discipline, and that members of it must conduct themselves with due propriety and honor or suffer the consequences; or, in other words, the days when Brothers could act regardless of their obligations and duties to the Order, disgrace themselves and the Order of the Sons of Veterans, have gone by, it is to be hoped, never to return.

V. The resignations of Fred J. Brown, Major of the Division of Michigan, and W. H. Geiger, Major of the Division of Missouri, have been accepted by the Commander-in-Chief. The Division Councils of these respective Divisions will await orders from these Headquarters to convene to fill the vacancies thus existing.

VI. The Division of Rhode Island is again entitled to the commendable mention of these Headquarters, it being the first Division to forward the consolidated reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31, 1888, an example worthy of imitation by many of the older Divisions.

VII. The following Aids have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank from January 1. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly: W. H. Brooks, of Newport, R. I., and Sears McHenry, of Denison, Iowa.

VIII. It appearing upon the records at these Headquarters that five Camps exist in the States of Alabama and Tennessee, the same are hereby created a Provisional Division. M. D. Friedman, of Birmingham, Alabama, is hereby appointed Colonel of the Provisional Division of Alabama and Tennessee, with Headquarters at Birmingham. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IX. The attention of the Order is directed to instructions from the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to the Committee on Ritual, to the effect that the same shall prepare and present for consideration a "Side Degree" to be used in the organization. Camps are therefore requested to formulate and submit to the Inspector-General such "Side Degrees" as they may originate, and if the same meets with the approval of the Inspector-General, a dispensation will be issued from these Headquarters for Camps to test the practical workings of their respective "Side Degrees," that the ensuing Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief may be enabled to select the one which presents the most merit. The Camp

providing the best "Side Degree" will certainly receive a complimentary notice, and possibly financial reward, from the Encampment. Camps are cautioned against the use of ideas gleaned from other organizations, those advertised in public print, anything not in keeping with a Military Order, or expensive in the manner of paraphernalia; all matter to pass through proper channels.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,  
Commander-in-Chief.

WILL F. JENKINS,  
Adjutant-General.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 17:

| Applicants. |          |                               | Applicants. |         |                            |
|-------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------------|
| January 2   | No. 341, | Clyde, O . . . . . 22         | January 21  | No. 56, | Speareville, Kans . . . 19 |
| " 4         | " 312,   | Berlin Heights, O . . . . 21  | " 21        | " 151,  | Martin's Ferry, O . . . 16 |
| " 4         | " 24,    | Dell Rapids, Dak . . . . 21   | " 21        | " 11,   | Britton, Dak . . . . . 20  |
| " 4         | " 343,   | Napoleon, O . . . . . 36      | " 21        | " 13,   | Woonsocket, Dak . . . 23   |
| " 4         | " 35,    | Copenhagen, N. Y . . . . 13   | " 22        | " 19,   | Lancaster, Pa. . . . . 20  |
| " 5         | " 49,    | Hancock, Minn . . . . . 12    | " 23        | " 41,   | Austinburg, O . . . . 13   |
| " 7         | " 344,   | Lorain, O . . . . . 24        | " 23        | " 52,   | Powlet, Vt . . . . . 25    |
| " 8         | " 58,    | Benderville, Pa . . . . . 15  | " 24        | " 20,   | South Boston, Mass . . 22  |
| " 8         | " 180,   | Spencerville, O . . . . . 14  | " 25        | " 4,    | Mandan, Dak . . . . . 17   |
| " 9         | " 109,   | Mt. Hope, Kan. . . . . 19     | " 25        | " 32,   | Lime Ridge, Wis . . . . 17 |
| " 10        | " 100,   | Phoenixville, Pa. . . . . 50  | " 28        | " 33,   | Merrill, Wis . . . . . 16  |
| " 11        | " 75     | Council Bluffs, Iowa . . . 12 | " 28        | " 57,   | N. Attleborough, Mass 36   |
| " 11        | " 166,   | Jefferson, Iowa . . . . . 33  | " 28        | " 348,  | Highland, O . . . . . 17   |
| " 11        | " 165,   | Vernon, Iowa . . . . . 30     | " 28        | " 8,    | Easton, Md. . . . . 14     |
| " 11        | " 345,   | South Webster, O . . . . 19   | " 28        | " 167,  | Woodbine, Iowa . . . . 14  |
| " 12        | " 95,    | Nashville, Mo . . . . . 35    | " 31        | " 168,  | Dysart, Iowa . . . . . 21  |
| " 12        | " 228,   | Nashville, Ill . . . . . 31   | " 31        | " 71,   | Burrton, Kans . . . . . 22 |
| " 12        | " 5,     | Caldwell, Kans . . . . . 18   | " 31        | " 114,  | Osage, Kans . . . . . 17   |
| " 14        | " 346,   | Canton, O . . . . . 33        | " 31        | " 34,   | Waukesha, Wis. . . . . 21  |
| " 17        | " 347,   | Redfield, O . . . . . 15      | " 31        | " 349,  | Marits, O . . . . . 19     |
| " 17        | " 229,   | Bement, Ill . . . . . 24      | " 31        | " 350,  | Fultonham, O. . . . . 14   |
| " 17        | " 6,     | Chattanooga, Tenn . . . . 20  | " 31        | " 351,  | Garrettsville, O. . . . 14 |
| " 17        | " 56,    | Shickley, Neb . . . . . 22    |             |         |                            |
| " 19        | " 161,   | Montpelier, Ind . . . . . 12  |             |         |                            |
| " 21        | " 75,    | Washington, Pa . . . . . 16   |             |         |                            |

T'l No. of Camps 47, T'l No. of applic'ts. 985

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., March 1, 1889.

General Orders }  
No. 20. }

I. Good and sufficient cause appearing, and on recommendation of the Colonel commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled: Nos. 7, 19, 29, 73 and 94, Division of Kansas; No. 50, Division of Ohio; Camps No. 20, 10 and 12, Division of Minnesota.

II. The good of the Order demands that the numbers of Camps left vacant by the annulling of Charters shall stand open. Hereafter the Commander-in-Chief will not approve of an application for a Camp Charter that is given the number of any other Camp that has existed in the Division from which the application emanates, except in case of re-organization in the same place at which the Camp disbanded.

III. Since the last General Orders the following Brothers have been dishonorably discharged from the Order: February 1st, T. J. Williams, Camp No. 14, Division of Kansas; cause, divulging the secret work. Feb. 4th, E. J. Smith, ex-Colonel of the Division of Pennsylvania; cause, embezzlement of Division funds. Feb. 26th, Wm. C. Farquhar, ex-Colonel of the Division of Maryland, Camp No. 2, Washington, D. C.; cause, conduct unbecoming a member of the Order. In last General Orders it was stated that Brother Rowe, dishonorably discharged from the Order, was a member of Camp No. 21. It should have been No. 219, Division of Ohio.



IV. Colonels of Divisions having occasion to forward money, must invariably follow the rule published in General Orders No. 13, Sec. 5, in order to avoid delay in receiving supplies by returning personal checks.

V. Colonels commanding will call the attention of the Order to the irregularity practiced by Camp officers in conveying changes in the password and countersign to members of the Camp who are beyond the jurisdiction of the Camp. It should not be conveyed directly by mail. A brother owing no dues to his Camp, desiring the password and countersign, should notify the Captain commanding his Camp of his location, and the name and address of the Captain of the Camp most convenient to him, with the request that he receive the current password and countersign. The Captain thus addressed will inform the Colonel commanding his Division of this fact. The Colonel will approve of the same and forward his communication to the Adjutant-General, and in case the Brother lives out of the jurisdiction of the Colonel commanding, the Adjutant-General will indorse his approval with the request that the same be granted and forward the communication to the Colonel commanding the Division wherein resides the Brother desiring the new password and countersign, and through the Division Headquarters of that Division to the Captain of the Camp in his vicinity, who will be directed to communicate the password and countersign to this visiting Brother when he may present himself. The reason for this is, that the Adjutant-General may know that the Divisions, from which, and to which, this Brother has traveled, are in good standing in the Order and, therefore, in possession of the password and countersign.

VI. Colonels of Divisions must invariably notify the Adjutant-General of the number of Camps and the date of surrendering their Charters, when surrendered.

VII. Some misunderstanding apparently exists regarding the admission of Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who have no password and countersign for admission into the Camp room of the Sons of Veterans. Comrades shall be admitted at all times, whether they possess the password or not provided they are properly vouched for by Comrades known to be in good standing in the Grand Army Republic.

VIII. Commanding officers should prohibit, in every instance, the loaning, by members of the Order, of their uniform, caps or insignia of rank where there is the least possibility that when so loaned they will be worn by persons not members of the Order.

IX. Numerous instances are known at these Headquarters where, in printed matter issued by various Camps, the members of the Camp who were not officers have been designated as "privates." Neither the Constitution nor the Ritual recognizes any such use of the word. The Order of Sons of Veterans is a fraternal one and the fraternal title should be used invariably.

X. Within the last few months there has arisen in various parts of the country an organization recognized by the name of "White Caps," which takes unto itself the prerogative of meting out punishment for supposed transgressions without regard for law and justice. This is simply another form of anarchy, the *personnel* of those who compose the organization having nothing to do with the case. An organization of the character of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., its chief foundation stone being a firm belief in loyalty and the maintenance of the Constitution and the law and authority of the land, should place itself uncompromisingly on record as against anything that savors of the character of such an organization as the "White Caps," and the Order is urged to exert itself in the suppression of this organization, and to boldly take a position with the recognized authorities and the law of the community in which they reside. If the laws of our country are not adequate to meet the demands of justice, it is within our power to change our laws peacefully, without resorting to the means adopted by the anarchists or any disorganizers of society.

XI. It is with no small degree of satisfaction that the announcement is made to the Order that within the last month the consolidation of the Post System of

Sons of Veterans with the Camp System, or the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has been accomplished. For seven years and over these organizations have been independent of each other, each striving for supremacy and the favor of the Grand Army of the Republic. This warfare is now ended, and for the first time all organized Sons of Veterans are united under one banner and in one Order, increasing our membership by over 6,000. This has been accomplished through the dictation of the official committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, appointed upon the relations of the Sons of Veterans, by order of the Twenty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. In this consolidation, while each organization is compelled to surrender features dear to each, the surrender is not made to the opposition, but to the Grand Army of the Republic, represented by a committee honorable and impartial. The Council-in-Chief empowered the Commander-in-Chief to proceed in submitting these questions, and to abide by the decision of this committee. The following is the report of the committee as made to Commander-in-Chief Warner, of the Grand Army of the Republic:

*"William Warner, Commander-in-Chief Grand Army of the Republic:*

"Your committee, to whom was referred the question of the relations of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans, would respectfully report as follows: That the committee convened at Cincinnati on the 9th day of January, and also in Chicago on the 23d day of February, and there had submitted to them questions for arbitration by the representatives of the Camp System of the Sons of Veterans and the Post System of the Sons of Veterans, and after due consideration of these questions would respectfully recommend that the organizations of the Sons of Veterans become consolidated, the organization shall be known as the Camp System, using the word 'Camp' instead of 'Post,' and that they shall use the fraternal title of Comrade instead of Brother; the titles of their officers shall conform to the Grand Army of the Republic, except that Camps may organize a drill corps which, when armed and equipped, may employ strict military titles. That the minor details of the consolidation shall be left to the two Commanders-in-Chief of the organizations consolidating, and the organization shall use the membership badge and charter of the Camp System and the insignia of rank of the Post System.

"In submitting this recommendation, we believe that the organization thus formed will best meet the views of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we respectfully urge upon you, through General Orders and such other means as present themselves to request all Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to support the new organization thus created, and make the way easy for the members of the organization to adapt themselves to the changes which necessarily follow, and to accept in good faith the conclusions of your committee.

"Further report will be made in due time upon the matter of the relations that should exist between the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans.

"A. L. CONGER,  
 "T. W. BENNET,  
 "C. M. DEVLIN,  
 "JAMES TANNER,  
 "J. W. BURST."

The report of this committee has been accepted and agreed to by the Commander-in-chief of each organization. It is necessary that the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., keep faith with the Grand Army of the Republic. Members of the Order will therefore take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. However, pending their present term of office, as a matter of economy, officers may continue to wear their present insignia of rank.

It has been agreed upon between the Commander-in-chief of each organization that the present forms and blanks of each Order shall be used respectively until the present supply is exhausted, and it was further agreed that the power and authority of the Commandery-in Chief of the Post System, Sons of Veterans, should be vested in the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

and that W. A. Hyde, of Walcott, N. Y., and his Staff shall have command of the Division of New York, Colonel Retel having consented; that F. D. Morse, of Elizabeth, N. J., shall have command of the consolidated Division of New Jersey, and that all Posts in Pennsylvania shall fall under the command of Commander J. L. Rake, of Reading, Pa.

XII. Hereafter all Camps must be attached to some Division. National Headquarters are so encumbered by the regular business of the Commandery-in-Chief that it can not care for the Camps-at-large; therefore, all Camps in the State of Oregon and Territories of Washington and Idaho shall be under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Montana. All Camps in the Territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming shall be under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Colorado. All Camps in Texas shall be under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Arkansas. All Camps in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia shall be under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Alabama and Tennessee. All Camps in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Delaware shall be under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Maryland.

XIII. George W. Marks, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank from March 1. He is assigned to duty as Assistant Mustering Officer. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

XIV. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to express his appreciation of the almost unanimous response of the Camps of the Order in celebrating the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The observance was more general than was anticipated, and stamps our Order as one composed of young Americans who propose to be leaders in loyalty and patriotism. This last exhibition of our principles has brought favorable comment from all quarters, especially the Grand Army of the Republic, which in many instances lent material assistance. It is to be hoped that the observance of this day will in future become a permanent feature of the Order.

WILL F. JENKINS,  
Adjutant-General.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,  
Commander-in-Chief.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 19:

| Applicants.          |                            | Applicants.           |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| February 4, No. 162, | Ellsworth, Ind. . . . 17   | February 16, No. 233, | Bone Gap, Ill. . . . 15    |
| " 4, " 35,           | Milwaukee, Wis. . . . 13   | " 16, " 97,           | Rogerville, Mo. . . . 16   |
| " 4, " 92,           | Jamestown, Kan. . . . 13   | " 16, " 355,          | Bellaire, O. . . . 20      |
| " 4, " 95,           | Sedgwick, Kan. . . . 16    | " 16, " 36,           | Gays Mill . . . . 13       |
| " 4, " 96,           | Climax, Mo. . . . 25       | " 16, " 37,           | Sheboygan, Wis. . . . 14   |
| " 4, " 225,          | Watsonstown, Pa. . . . 31  | " 16, " 22,           | Parkersburg, W. Va. 34     |
| " 4, " 230,          | Heyworth, Ill. . . . 10    | " 16, " 23,           | Flemington, W. Va. 28      |
| " 4, " 84,           | Augusta, Kan. . . . 18     | " 18, " 11,           | Pueblo, Col. . . . 14      |
| " 5, " 2,            | Albert Lea, Minn. . . . 32 | " 19, " 234,          | Hardin, Ill. . . . 15      |
| " 5, " 13,           | Louisville, Ky. . . . 29   | " 20, " 356,          | New Holland, O. . . . 36   |
| " 5, " 2,            | Wilmington, Del. . . . 19  | " 21, " 357,          | Fredericksburg, O. . . 16  |
| " 5, " 169,          | Colfax, Iowa. . . . 25     | " 21, " 24,           | Greencastle, Ind. . . 14   |
| " 6, " 1,            | Flagstaff, Arizona. . 10   | " 21, " 57,           | Atkinson, Neb. . . . 23    |
| " 6, " 22,           | Lisbon, Dak. . . . 18      | " 25, " 92,           | Saugus, Mass. . . . 22     |
| " 7, " 352,          | Holgate, Ohio . . . . 17   | " 25, " 25,           | Walcott, Ind. . . . 14     |
| " 7, " 353,          | Mantua, Ohio . . . . 22    | " 25, " 26,           | Salem Center, Ind. . . 21  |
| " 7, " 154,          | Hudson, Mich. . . . 15     | " 25, " 25,           | Miller, Dak. . . . 36      |
| " 8, " 53,           | Corinth, Vt. . . . 17      | " 26, " 24,           | Cameron, W. Va. . . 30     |
| " 9, " 7,            | Bluff City, Kan. . . . 11  | " 27, " 98,           | Licking, Mo. . . . 29      |
| " 9, " 19,           | Garden City, Kan. . . 10   | " 27, " 37,           | New Ipswich, N. H. . 12    |
| " 9, " 163,          | Kewanna, Ind. . . . 17     | " 27, " 358,          | Chicago, O. . . . 22       |
| " 9, " 164,          | St. Joe, Ind. . . . 18     | " 27, " 43,           | Winamac, Ind. . . . 19     |
| " 9, " 165,          | Saluda, Ind. . . . 27      | " 27, " 57,           | Browns Corners, Ind 14     |
| " 11, " 231,         | Macon, Ill. . . . 15       | " 28, " 359,          | Nashville, O. . . . 20     |
| " 11, " 2,           | Denison, Tex. . . . 16     | " 28, " 360,          | Sparta, O. . . . 12        |
| " 12, " 354,         | Waldo, O. . . . 16         | " 28, " 56,           | Andrews, Ind. . . . 17     |
| " 13, " 68,          | Ludlow, Mass. . . . 18     | " 28, " 232,          | Alton, Ill. . . . 15       |
| " 13, " 3,           | Hillsdale, Ind. . . . 13   | " 28, " 99,           | Norwood, Mo. . . . 19      |
| " 14, " 155,         | Davison, Mich. . . . 15    |                       |                            |
| " 14, " 104,         | Barnes, Kan. . . . 14      |                       |                            |
| " 15, " 2,           | Cullman, Ala. . . . 11     |                       |                            |
|                      |                            | Total No. Camps 59,   | T'l No. applic'nts . 1,111 |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., April 1, 1889.

General Orders }  
No. 21.

I. Good and sufficient cause appearing, and on recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled: Nos. 58 and 255, Division of Ohio; Nos. 24, 25, 56, 67, 75, 82, 100, 128, 132, 165 and 185, Division of Pennsylvania; Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7, Division of Colorado; No. 9, Division of Iowa; No. 1, Division of Texas. Colonels will issue transfer cards to all members shown to be in good standing from the records returned to Headquarters.

II. C. S. Nation, of Fredonia, Kan., was duly elected and installed Colonel of the Division of Kansas at its recent Encampment. Colonels commanding will extend to him all courtesies accorded to Division Colonels.

At the recent meeting of the Division Council of Missouri, the vacancy caused by the resignation of Major Geiger was filled by the election of S. W. Greaves, of St. Louis. He was duly installed and will be respected and accorded all honors due his position. The affairs of the Division of Missouri were duly inspected and found to be in a commendable condition.

III. On the 12th of March the Division of Alabama and Tennessee was duly organized in Birmingham by the Commander-in-Chief, with M. D. Friedman, of the city of Birmingham, in command. The Division Colonels will accord to him all honors and courtesies due the position he holds.

IV. M. Retel has been suspended from the command of the Division of New York. Lieutenant Colonel Howard A. Smalling, of Cohoes, has been ordered on duty, and will perform the duties of Division Colonel until otherwise directed.

V. The following detail has been made for the inspection of Division Headquarters by the Inspector-General, and the assignments have been approved.

- Alabama and Tennessee.—The Commander-in-Chief.
- Arkansas.—Colonel Otis E. Gulley.
- California.—W. E. Darracott, Aid-de-Camp.
- Colorado.—W. D. Thomas, Past Chief-of-Staff.
- Connecticut.—Past Colonel T. F. Burpee.
- Dakota.—W. A. Rogers, Aid-de-Camp.
- Illinois.—The Inspector-General.
- Iowa.—B. R. Boynton, Aid-de-Camp.
- Indiana.—The Commander-in-Chief.
- Kansas.—L. J. Webb, Aid-de-Camp.
- Kentucky.—The Surgeon-General.
- Maine.—The Chief Mustering Officer.
- Maryland.—The Chief-of-Staff.
- Massachusetts.—G. Brainard Smith, Council-in-Chief.
- Michigan.—The Inspector-General.
- Minnesota.—The Quartermaster-General.
- Missouri.—Rudolph Lobenstein, Council-in-Chief.
- Montana.—Colonel Wm. H. Perkins.
- Nebraska.—Lieutenant Colonel Moses P. O'Brien.
- New Hampshire.—C. F. R. Jenne, Aid-de-Camp.
- New Jersey.—The Chief of Staff.
- New York.—The Commander-in-Chief.
- Ohio.—The Adjutant-General.
- Pennsylvania.—The Chief of Staff.
- Rhode Island.—Lieutenant Colonel D. B. Purbeck.
- Vermont.—John E. Fox, Aid-de-Camp.
- West Virginia.—T. O. Edwards, Aid-de-Camp.
- Wisconsin.—The Quartermaster-General.

The expenses of these Inspectors will be borne by the Division inspected.

VI. Robert G. Tyler, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been appointed Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank from March 20. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VII. On March 21st, George Whetstone, of Camp No. 91, Division of Ohio, was tried by court-martial and sentenced to dishonorable discharge for theft, and the sentence has been approved. His name will be entered upon all Black Books.

VIII. By a vote of 13 to 3, the Council-in-Chief has accepted the terms of the consolidation of the Post System with the Camp System, as recommended by the official committee of the Grand Army of the Republic. By a vote of 14 to 2, the Council-in-Chief has also declared itself in favor of changing the date of the ensuing Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief from the third week in August to the second week in September. The reason for this action is to have the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief follow the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

IX. The official coat and vest buttons of the Order are manufactured under the direct supervision of Major A. P. Davis, 97 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., and can only be obtained by members of the Order directly from him or through dealers who are supplied by him.

X. The Colonels of the Divisions of Connecticut and New York have failed to forward consolidated reports, together with the per capita tax, for the quarter ending December 31, to the Adjutant-General. The same are hereby suspended. Lieutenant-Colonels will assume command and forward reports, and this will be their authority for so doing.

XI. The attention of Colonels commanding is called to the neglect of their Adjutants in conforming to the last clause on the application for Charter, and as a consequence of said neglect Camps are sometimes without a Charter for six or eight weeks after they are mustered, as no Charters are forwarded from these Headquarters until Form 23 is received. Adjutant Joe E. Watson, of the Michigan Division, is the only one who sends in Form No. 23 in accordance with said section.

XII. The attention of commanding officers is called to the near approach of Memorial Day, and it is their duty to see that Forms 43 and 44 are properly forwarded. One copy of Form 44 should be sent to the Captain of every Camp in the Order. Colonels will see that the Quartermasters have the necessary blanks on hand.

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 20:

| Applicants.                                 |    | Applicants.                                 |    |
|---------------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------------|----|
| March 1, No. 156, Jonesville, Mich. . . . . | 26 | March 9, No. 364, New Vienna, Ohio. . . . . | 21 |
| " 1, " 59, Cadiz, Ind. . . . .              | 14 | " 9, " 224, Duncansville, Pa. . . . .       | 31 |
| " 4, " 170, Gosport, Iowa . . . . .         | 22 | " 11, " 15, St. Lawrence, Dak. . . . .      | 31 |
| " 4, " 171, Marble Rock, Iowa . . . . .     | 15 | " 11, " 226, Houtzdale, Pa. . . . .         | 16 |
| " 4, " 172, Belle Plaine, Iowa . . . . .    | 22 | " 11, " 227, Ebensburg, Pa. . . . .         | 25 |
| " 4, " 85, Sligo, Pa. . . . .               | 20 | " 11, " 229, Cambridgeboro, Pa. . . . .     | 17 |
| " 4, " 62, Millerton, Pa. . . . .           | 20 | " 11, " 230, Oriental, Pa. . . . .          | 35 |
| " 4, " 60, Fredericksbury, Ind. . . . .     | 16 | " 11, " 108, Mound Valley, Kan. . . . .     | 22 |
| " 4, " 361, Liberty Center, Ohio . . . . .  | 20 | " 11, " 14, London, Ky. . . . .             | 20 |
| " 4, " 93, Avon, Mass. . . . .              | 17 | " 11, " 36, Torrington, Conn. . . . .       | 21 |
| " 5, " 6, McCune, Kan. . . . .              | 19 | " 11, " 11, Providence, R. I. . . . .       | 28 |
| " 5, " 10, White Bear, Minn. . . . .        | 18 | " 12, " 166, Annapolis, Ind. . . . .        | 11 |
| " 5, " 15, San Francisco, Cal. . . . .      | 12 | " 12, " 6, Boise City, Idaho . . . . .      | 20 |
| " 6, " 235, Waukegan, Ill. . . . .          | 21 | " 13, " 38, Clinton, Wis. . . . .           | 20 |
| " 6, " 236, Casey, Ill. . . . .             | 23 | " 14, " 46, Bath, Me. . . . .               | 22 |
| " 6, " 362, West Mill Grove, Ohio . . . . . | 18 | " 14, " 58, Adams, Neb. . . . .             | 20 |
| " 6, " 237, Calhoun, Ill. . . . .           | 11 | " 16, " 174, Bagley, Iowa . . . . .         | 23 |
| " 6, " 7, Montgomery, Ala. . . . .          | 10 | " 16, " 167, Houston, Ind. . . . .          | 15 |
| " 7, " 5, Mentone, Ind. . . . .             | 22 | " 18, " 157, Barrien Center, Mich. . . . .  | 15 |
| " 7, " 9, Norfolk, Va. . . . .              | 11 | " 18, " 101, Marshfield, Mo. . . . .        | 24 |
| " 8, " 363, Apple Creek, Ohio. . . . .      | 24 | " 18, " 47, North Berwick, Me. . . . .      | 22 |

| Applicants. |          |                                     | Applicants.                                  |          |                                 |
|-------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| March 19,   | No. 175, | Buffalo, Iowa . . . . . 17          | March 23,                                    | No. 240, | Aledo, Ill. . . . . 21          |
| " 19,       | " 158,   | Wacousta, Mich . . . . . 18         | " 25,                                        | " 369,   | Marion, Ohio . . . . . 42       |
| " 19,       | " 38,    | Milford, N. H . . . . . 13          | " 25,                                        | " 370,   | Rockbridge, Ohio . . . . . 18   |
| " 18,       | " 100,   | St. Louis, Mo . . . . . 15          | " 25,                                        | " 94,    | Marlboro, Ohio . . . . . 13     |
| " 19,       | " 8,     | Nashville, Tenn . . . . . 17        | " 25,                                        | " 231,   | Warren, Pa. . . . . 23          |
| " 20,       | " 159,   | Homer, Mich . . . . . 23            | " 26,                                        | " 103,   | Leora, Mo . . . . . 12          |
| " 20,       | " 238,   | Ingraham, Ill . . . . . 20          | " 26,                                        | " 104,   | Webb City, Mo . . . . . 16      |
| " 21,       | " 160,   | Frankfort, Mich . . . . . 13        | " 26,                                        | " 171,   | Fulton, Ind . . . . . 17        |
| " 21,       | " 176,   | Cromwell, Iowa . . . . . 28         | " 27,                                        | " 110,   | Coffeyville, Kan . . . . . 15   |
| " 21,       | " 39,    | Burlington, Wis . . . . . 15        | " 28,                                        | " 241,   | Salem, Ill . . . . . 17         |
| " 21,       | " 40,    | Stoughton, Wis . . . . . 17         | " 28,                                        | " 61,    | Bartlett, Neb. . . . . 13       |
| " 21,       | " 1,     | New Orleans, La . . . . . 18        | " 28,                                        | " 111,   | Blue Rapids, Kan . . . . . 19   |
| " 21,       | " 168,   | West Lafayette, Ind . . . . . 41    | " 29,                                        | " 371,   | Braceville, Ohio . . . . . 12   |
| " 21,       | " 169,   | Bloomington, Ind . . . . . 20       | " 29,                                        | " 372,   | Dunbridge, Ohio . . . . . 20    |
| " 21,       | " 365,   | Jerry City, Ohio . . . . . 29       | " 29,                                        | " 39,    | Whitefield, N. H . . . . . 15   |
| " 21,       | " 366,   | St. Marys, Ohio . . . . . 18        | " 29,                                        | " 242,   | Buffalo, Ill . . . . . 21       |
| " 21,       | " 367,   | Orwell, Ohio . . . . . 16           | " 30,                                        | " 62,    | Weeping Water, Neb. . . . . 20  |
| " 21,       | " 368,   | Rossville, Ohio . . . . . 20        | " 30,                                        | " 112,   | Seneca, Kan . . . . . 30        |
| " 22,       | " 239,   | Latona, Ill . . . . . 19            | " 30,                                        | " 373,   | West Farmington, O . . . . . 22 |
| " 22,       | " 102,   | Polo, Mo . . . . . 16               | " 30,                                        | " 41,    | Waupaca, Wis . . . . . 17       |
| " 23,       | " 59,    | Rising City, Neb . . . . . 15       | " 30,                                        | " 42,    | LaCrosse, Wis . . . . . 40      |
| " 23,       | " 60,    | Superior, Neb . . . . . 15          | " 30,                                        | " 105,   | Huston, Mo . . . . . 15         |
| " 23,       | " 170,   | Laporte, Ind . . . . . 29           | " 30,                                        | " 106,   | Sedalia, Mo . . . . . 21        |
| " 23,       | " 25,    | N. Martinsville, W. Va . . . . . 22 | T'l No. Camps, 89. T'l No. applicants, 1,773 |          |                                 |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., May 1, 1889.

General Orders }  
No. 22. }

I. Good and sufficient cause appearing, and on recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled: Camp No. 85, Division of Ohio; Camp No. 12, New Hampshire; Camps Nos. 12, 22, 33, 62, 86, 98, 102, Division of Kansas.

II. The following Aids have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank from January 1, 1889. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly: John A. Logan, Jr., Youngstown, Ohio; C. T. Enos, Odessa, Del.; E. B. Campbell, Washington, D. C. All for the Division of Maryland.

III. The attention of Colonels commanding is called to the fact that many Camps throughout the Order are following an unlawful practice of receiving applications of recruits and mustering the applicants into the Camp on the evening on which the application is made without a dispensation for so doing. This is a fault which should be corrected.

IV. Recently several Camps have been making a general appeal to the other Camps of the Order for assistance for various purposes, which has caused numerous letters of inquiry concerning the merits of these appeals to be sent to these Headquarters, and for the government of these Camps, hereafter, the following rule is made: That any Camp seeking aid or assistance for any particular purpose, shall set forth the facts in a statement to the Colonel commanding the Division, and after a thorough investigation of the case, if the Colonel commanding is of the opinion that the case is one that should receive the charitable consideration of the members of the Order in his Division, he may forward his approval and recommendation to be published in the Circular, and if it is desired that such appeals be circulated outside of the Division wherein the Camp exists, this statement together with the Colonel's recommendation must be forwarded to the Adjutant-General for the approval and recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, which must also be published with the appeal when forwarded to Camps, otherwise Camps will hereafter pay no heed to appeals for charity.

V. It appears upon the inspection reports that several Divisions are without Division by-laws. Colonels commanding these Divisions will proceed at once and appoint a committee to draft proper by-laws and report the same for consideration and adoption at their ensuing respective Division Encampments. The Commander-in-Chief respectfully suggests the by-laws of the Division of Pennsylvania as operating about as successfully as any yet coming under his notice. A copy of the same can be obtained by addressing Adjutant H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa., Box 154.

VI. The children of Comrade Nels. P. Peterson, who enlisted from Carver County, Minn., in Company "A," 4th Regiment Minnesota Infantry, want information as to his whereabouts if living, and if dead they desire the particulars of his last illness and the location of his grave. When last heard from he was an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Milwaukee, Wis., from which he was discharged in 1878. Any information regarding Comrade Peterson sent to Captain Charles J. Stees, 321 Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minn., will be most gratefully received and prove of great consolation to his distressed children.

VII. The following Brothers have been tried by court-martial and sentenced to dishonorable discharge, and the sentences were approved April 27: W. A. Salisbury, Camp No. 26, Division of Illinois; cause, committing a crime against the laws of the land. Fred L. Field, Camp No. 8, Division of Massachusetts; cause, embezzlement from Camp. Perry S. Gibson, Camp No. 64, Division of Kansas; cause, conduct unbecoming a member of the Order. E. A. Badger, ex-Colonel of the Division of New Hampshire, Camp No. 2; cause, embezzlement from Division. Ex-Adjutant Harry B. Clark, Camp No. 1, Division of New Hampshire; cause, embezzlement from Order. C. E. Cooper, Camp No. 21, Division of New Hampshire; cause, embezzlement from Order. First Sergeants will enter the same upon the Black Books.

VIII. Colonels commanding will urge upon all Camps and Brothers the duty of the Order on Memorial Day. Each Camp Chaplain should be provided with blank Form 44, upon which to report to the Division Chaplain the record of what each respective Camp does on Memorial Day towards fulfilling its obligation to the memory of the Union soldier, its duty in manifesting its appreciation of this free government and the free institutions of our land. This blank sets forth the number of men in line on Memorial Day, the number uniformed, the number armed and other matters of importance, from which a consolidated report will be made of interest to the Division and Commandery-in-Chief Encampments, that we may know to a certainty whether the individual members of the Order and the individual Camps are meeting the reasonable requirements that are expected of them. A record of these reports, showing the work of the entire Order, will be furnished by the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans to the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, that he may present the same to the National Encampment at its next annual session, and that this report may be satisfactory to us and receive the approval of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is not only necessary, but essential, that each member of the Order should do his duty. Each Camp should immediately appoint a committee to call upon every member of the Order in their respective jurisdictions, whether they are members of that particular Camp or not, and urge upon them to appear in line on Memorial Day. Not only this, but a record will be made of all those who attend divine services on Memorial Sunday, to go into the same report.

By order of

WILL. F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*



The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 21:

| Applicants. |    |                                       | Applicants. |               |     |                                       |       |
|-------------|----|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----|---------------------------------------|-------|
| April       | 1  | No. 107, Pattonsburg, Mo . . . . .    | 13          | April         | 17  | No. 30, Lake Preston, Dak . . . . .   | 10    |
| "           | 1  | " 113, Galva, Kan . . . . .           | 13          | "             | 18  | " 235, Williamsburg, Pa . . . . .     | 15    |
| "           | 1  | " 115, Haddam, Kan . . . . .          | 11          | "             | 19  | " 113, Savannah, Mo . . . . .         | 12    |
| "           | 2  | " 177, Hopeville, Iowa . . . . .      | 15          | "             | 19  | " 114, Lamar, Mo . . . . .            | 19    |
| "           | 2  | " 374, North Amherst, Ohio . . . . .  | 29          | "             | 19  | " 172, Tipton, Ind. . . . .           | 15    |
| "           | 3  | " 375, East Trumbull, Ohio . . . . .  | 13          | "             | 19  | " 66, Stratton, Neb . . . . .         | 20    |
| "           | 3  | " 116, Dighton, Kan . . . . .         | 18          | "             | 19  | " 44, Colby, Wis . . . . .            | 12    |
| "           | 3  | " 376, Milan, Ohio . . . . .          | 15          | "             | 19  | " 378, Mt. Washington, Ohio . . . . . | 16    |
| "           | 3  | " 243, Plano, Ill. . . . .            | 31          | "             | 22  | " 122, Altamont, Kan . . . . .        | 15    |
| "           | 4  | " 108, Tina, Mo . . . . .             | 21          | "             | 23  | " 65, Palmyra, Neb . . . . .          | 16    |
| "           | 5  | " 244, Capron, Ill. . . . .           | 27          | "             | 23  | " 164, Centreville, Mich . . . . .    | 18    |
| "           | 5  | " 63, Ohiowa, Neb . . . . .           | 30          | "             | 23  | " 32, Henry, Dak . . . . .            | 16    |
| "           | 5  | " 64, Nelson, Neb . . . . .           | 29          | "             | 24  | " 96, Boston, Mass. . . . .           | 21    |
| "           | 5  | " 232, LeRaysville, Pa . . . . .      | 17          | "             | 24  | " 97, Brookline, Mass . . . . .       | 26    |
| "           | 6  | " 161, Mançelona, Mich. . . . .       | 11          | "             | 24  | " 112, Jefferson City, Mo . . . . .   | 31    |
| "           | 6  | " 54, Newport, Vt . . . . .           | 22          | "             | 24  | " 115, Corneau, Mo . . . . .          | 24    |
| "           | 8  | " 49, Hallowell, Me . . . . .         | 23          | "             | 24  | " 159, Litchfield, Ill . . . . .      | 21    |
| "           | 8  | " 109, Meadville, Mo . . . . .        | 15          | "             | 24  | " 248, Armington, Ill . . . . .       | 14    |
| "           | 8  | " 233, Easton, Pa . . . . .           | 28          | "             | 24  | " 6, Livingston, Mont . . . . .       | 12    |
| "           | 9  | " 245, Rantoul, Ill . . . . .         | 19          | "             | 25  | " 180, Rock Rapids, Iowa . . . . .    | 20    |
| "           | 9  | " 162, Britton, Mich . . . . .        | 21          | "             | 25  | " 249, Potomac, Ill . . . . .         | 11    |
| "           | 10 | " 246, White Hall, Ill. . . . .       | 15          | "             | 26  | " 116, Humansville, Mo . . . . .      | 16    |
| "           | 10 | " 40, Derry, N. H . . . . .           | 14          | "             | 26  | " 67, Table Rock, Neb . . . . .       | 19    |
| "           | 10 | " 41, Candia, N. H . . . . .          | 11          | "             | 26  | " 236, Frankfort, Pa . . . . .        | 20    |
| "           | 10 | " 163, McBride, Mich . . . . .        | 10          | "             | 26  | " 55, Vergennes, Vt . . . . .         | 21    |
| "           | 10 | " 43, Marinette, Wis . . . . .        | 20          | "             | 26  | " 117, Bear Creek, Mo . . . . .       | 33    |
| "           | 10 | " 119, Buffalo, Kan . . . . .         | 11          | "             | 26  | " 118, Nevada, Mo . . . . .           | 17    |
| "           | 10 | " 178, Grand Junction, Iowa . . . . . | 17          | "             | 26  | " 68, Indianola, Neb . . . . .        | 17    |
| "           | 11 | " 179, Calliope, Iowa . . . . .       | 32          | "             | 27  | " 165, Vicksburg, Mich . . . . .      | 21    |
| "           | 11 | " 110, Brashere, Mo . . . . .         | 19          | "             | 27  | " 136, Susquehanna, Pa . . . . .      | 21    |
| "           | 11 | " 10, Forest Hill, Md . . . . .       | 15          | "             | 27  | " 238, Webster, Pa . . . . .          | 18    |
| "           | 11 | " 111, Grant City, Mo . . . . .       | 16          | "             | 29  | " 100, Andover, N. Y . . . . .        | 27    |
| "           | 12 | " 1, Albuquerque, N. Mexico. 16       |             | "             | 27  | " 15, Lebanon, Ky . . . . .           | 14    |
| "           | 12 | " 120, Narcutar, Kan . . . . .        | 14          | "             | 29  | " 11, Savageville, Md . . . . .       | 14    |
| "           | 12 | " 247, Ellery, Ill . . . . .          | 18          | "             | 29  | " 379, Harrison, Ohio . . . . .       | 20    |
| "           | 15 | " 121, Chico, Kan . . . . .           | 15          | "             | 29  | " 250, Benton, Ill . . . . .          | 17    |
| "           | 16 | " 377, Bellvue, Ohio . . . . .        | 14          |               |     |                                       |       |
| "           | 17 | " 29, Altoona, Kan (re-orge'd) 23     |             |               |     |                                       |       |
|             |    |                                       |             | T't No. Camps | 74, | T't No. applicants                    | 1,342 |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., June 1, 1889.

General Orders }  
- No. 23. }

I. The attention of Division Commanders is again called to the necessity of requiring Camp Chaplains to report immediately to the Division Chaplain on Form 44. These reports should be forwarded at once.

II. It is due to Camp No. 39, Division of Indiana, to state that E. M. Strauss, who was dishonorably discharged from the Order, mention of which was made in General Orders No. 19, was a member of Camp No. 30, and not No. 39, of the Division of Indiana.

III. In compliance with a resolution passed by the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, the following will constitute the Committee on Transportation for the ensuing Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Paterson N. J.; Wm. O. McDowell, Newark, N. J.; Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, Malden, Mass.; Colonel Wm. E. Bundy, Hotel Emery, Cincinnati, O.; Past Colonel Will K. West, Kansas City, Mo., and the Commander-in-Chief, of Chicago.

IV. Colonel Otis E. Gulley, Springdale, Ark. commanding the Provisional Division of Arkansas, will proceed with arrangements for a Division Encampment and the organization of the permanent Division of Arkansas.

V. The Territory of Dakota, by act of Congress, having been divided, and provision having been made for separate Statehood in the Union, the Division of Dakota, as heretofore existing, is hereby divided into two divisions and the organization heretofore known as the "Division of Dakota" will hereafter be known as

the "Division of South Dakota," and will be under the command of the officers elected at the recent Encampment of the Division of Dakota. The Provisional Division of North Dakota is hereby created, and Frank V. Kent, of Grand Forks, Dak., is hereby appointed Provisional Colonel. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly, and Captains commanding Camps located in North Dakota will report to him for orders.

VI. Colonel Sherman J. Brown, of Washington, D. C., and Colonel C. C. Bras, of Mount Vernon, Dak., have been re-elected to command their respective Divisions. William E. Bundy, Hotel Emery, Cincinnati, Ohio; G. Brainard Smith, Hartford, Conn.; George H. Capito, Louisville, Ky.; Charles F. Hutchins, Bangor, Me.; John R. Miller, Helena, Mont., have been duly elected and installed Commanders of their respective Divisions, and they will be accorded all courtesies which are due them as Colonels commanding.

VII. W. A. Ellsworth, of Forman, North Dak., and N. J. O'Brien of Butte City, Montana, are hereby appointed Aids on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. They will rank from date. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VIII. S. R. Sanderson, of Camp No. 169, Division of Ohio, and William Long, of Camp No. 71, Division of Missouri, for conduct unbecoming members of the Order, have been tried by court-martial and dishonorably discharged. Their names will be entered upon all Black Books.

IX. Form 0000 (P. W. and C.) will be mailed on the 10th of June by the Adjutant-General to Colonels commanding all Divisions not in arrears for reports and per capita tax. The same will be promulgated to commanding officers of all Camps having made reports and forwarded tax for the quarter ending June 30.

X. The officers elect at the ensuing Division Encampments must not be installed unless the installing officer is shown the receipt of the Quartermaster-General for per capita tax for the quarter ending March 31. Division officers shall be installed by the ranking representative of the Commander-in-Chief present, or in case there be none present at the Encampment, they may be installed by the retiring Colonel or the ranking Past Colonel present. Installing officers will make their reports to the Adjutant-General of the names and addresses of all the officers installed and the names and addresses of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment.

XI. Good and sufficient cause appearing, and upon the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled: Camp No. 4, Division of Montana; Camp No. 5, Division of Vermont; Camp No. 26, Division of New Jersey, and Camps Nos. 6, 62, 117, 137, 174, 179, 206, 228 and 284 of the Division of Ohio.

XII. The Surgeon-General is hereby ordered on duty. He will formulate the necessary blanks to be Forms 47 and 48, which will be forwarded through the proper channels to the Captain of each Camp and to the Surgeon of each Division. These blanks are for the purpose of ascertaining the strength and availability of the Order of the Sons of Veterans for military purposes. For Camps, the blank will be filled out by the Captain, under the seal of the Camp and attested by the First Sergeant, and forwarded to the Division Surgeon, who will consolidate the same and forward the consolidated report to the Surgeon-General, James A. Averdick, M. D., corner Eighth and Bakewell streets, Covington, Kentucky.

XIII. Complete arrangements have been effected for the accommodation of the Sons of Veterans at Milwaukee the last week in August, during the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. A beautiful plot of ground, located upon the shore of Lake Michigan, with tents and commissary arrangements, has been set aside for the exclusive use of visiting Sons of Veterans. The Commander-in-Chief has promised a thousand armed members of the Order for the purpose of participating in a grand naval battle which is to take place at that time. In addition to this, the good of the Order demands that as large a demonstration of the Sons of Veterans as is possible should be made at that time, as matters of great importance will go before the ensuing Encampment of the Grand

Army of the Republic, and all Brothers, especially all armed Camps, should at once make preparations for attending this Encampment. Besides the naval battle, there has been a special day set aside exclusively for the Sons of Veterans and also the usual Sons of Veterans' Camp fire. Camps intending to visit Milwaukee at this time should notify the Adjutant-General of their intention for assignment to quarters, and also the calibre and character of the arms they will have, that ammunition may be provided for them. Such communications may be sent direct to these Headquarters.

XIV. W. F. Jenkins, the recent Adjutant-General, has severed his connection with these Headquarters. Until his successor is duly announced in General Orders, all official documents from these Headquarters will bear the signature of "A. L. Guilford, Acting Adjutant-General." Communications bearing the name of "H. M. Topping, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General," will also be official. Money orders and drafts, no matter for what purpose, should be made payable to C. J. Post, Quartermaster-General.

By order of

A. L. GUILFORD,  
*Acting Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 22.

|     |        | Applicants.                        |    |     |         | Applicants.                        |    |
|-----|--------|------------------------------------|----|-----|---------|------------------------------------|----|
| May | 1, No. | 95, East Boston, Mass . . . . .    | 58 | May | 16, No. | 30, Charlton, Iowa . . . . .       | 37 |
| "   | 1, "   | 119, Kirksville, Mo . . . . .      | 24 | "   | 16, "   | 175, Edinburg, Ind . . . . .       | 13 |
| "   | 3, "   | 380, Semmersville, O . . . . .     | 17 | "   | 17, "   | 48, Lubec, Me . . . . .            | 15 |
| "   | 3, "   | 120, Novelty, Mo . . . . .         | 30 | "   | 17, "   | 70, Trumbull, Neb . . . . .        | 16 |
| "   | 3, "   | 36, New Hartford, Conn . . . . .   | 13 | "   | 18, "   | 122, Lamonte, Mo . . . . .         | 15 |
| "   | 4, "   | 3, Pleasant Home, Mont . . . . .   | 13 | "   | 18, "   | 123, Brookline, Mo . . . . .       | 18 |
| "   | 6, "   | 3, Canon City, Colo . . . . .      | 24 | "   | 18, "   | 251, Downers Grove, Ill . . . . .  | 22 |
| "   | 6, "   | 50, Alexandria, Minn . . . . .     | 29 | "   | 18, "   | 254, Oak Park, Ill . . . . .       | 33 |
| "   | 6, "   | 42, Hanover, N. H . . . . .        | 14 | "   | 20, "   | 19, Vallejo, Cal . . . . .         | 12 |
| "   | 6, "   | 43, Wilton, N. H . . . . .         | 17 | "   | 20, "   | 48, West Salem, Wis . . . . .      | 14 |
| "   | 6, "   | 45, Stevens Point, Wis . . . . .   | 30 | "   | 20, "   | 9, Mountain City, Tenn . . . . .   | 19 |
| "   | 6, "   | 381, Norwalk, O . . . . .          | 24 | "   | 20, "   | 240, Pleasant Grove, Pa . . . . .  | 18 |
| "   | 6, "   | 44, Kingston, N. H . . . . .       | 12 | "   | 20, "   | 124, Trenton, Mo . . . . .         | 29 |
| "   | 6, "   | 16, Woodland, Cal . . . . .        | 16 | "   | 20, "   | 98, South Boston, Mass . . . . .   | 17 |
| "   | 6, "   | 252, Equality, Ill . . . . .       | 20 | "   | 20, "   | 255, Vandalia, Ill . . . . .       | 23 |
| "   | 6, "   | 253, Minier, Ill . . . . .         | 23 | "   | 20, "   | 256, Palmyra, Ill . . . . .        | 11 |
| "   | 7, "   | 123, Hartford, Kan . . . . .       | 23 | "   | 20, "   | 257, Earlville, Ill . . . . .      | 21 |
| "   | 8, "   | 45, Weave, N. H . . . . .          | 13 | "   | 20, "   | 258, Irving, Ill . . . . .         | 21 |
| "   | 8, "   | 166, Ortonville, Mich . . . . .    | 11 | "   | 20, "   | 7, Western Grove, Ark . . . . .    | 21 |
| "   | 8, "   | 6, Eureka Springs, Ark . . . . .   | 25 | "   | 20, "   | 173, Clearfield, Iowa . . . . .    | 19 |
| "   | 10, "  | 237, Kane, Pa . . . . .            | 18 | "   | 22, "   | 259, Pekin, Ill . . . . .          | 34 |
| "   | 10, "  | 124, Beloit, Kan . . . . .         | 15 | "   | 22, "   | 382, Deersville, O . . . . .       | 17 |
| "   | 10, "  | 173, Laurel, Ind . . . . .         | 12 | "   | 22, "   | 383, Millbury, O . . . . .         | 26 |
| "   | 11, "  | 174, Jeffersonville, Ind . . . . . | 17 | "   | 22, "   | 384, Melrose, O . . . . .          | 38 |
| "   | 11, "  | 181, Coggon, Iowa . . . . .        | 12 | "   | 22, "   | 49, Berlin, Wis . . . . .          | 22 |
| "   | 11, "  | 17, Redding, Cal . . . . .         | 14 | "   | 22, "   | 125, O'Day, Mo . . . . .           | 23 |
| "   | 11, "  | 18, Chico, Cal . . . . .           | 24 | "   | 22, "   | 12, Colorado City, Col . . . . .   | 17 |
| "   | 11, "  | 100, Newton, Mass . . . . .        | 15 | "   | 22, "   | 168, Marquette, Mich . . . . .     | 19 |
| "   | 11, "  | 125, Smith Centre, Kan . . . . .   | 12 | "   | 23, "   | 47, Greenville, N. H . . . . .     | 16 |
| "   | 11, "  | 126, Oswego, Kan . . . . .         | 13 | "   | 23, "   | 38, Hillsbonbridge, N. H . . . . . | 12 |
| "   | 11, "  | 121, Fenton, Mo . . . . .          | 16 | "   | 23, "   | 8, West Fork, Ark . . . . .        | 21 |
| "   | 13, "  | 8, Warrensburg, Mo . . . . .       | 14 | "   | 25, "   | 241, Canton, Pa . . . . .          | 10 |
| "   | 13, "  | 46, Piermont, N. H . . . . .       | 10 | "   | 25, "   | 242, Howard, Pa . . . . .          | 15 |
| "   | 13, "  | 127, Leavenworth, Kan . . . . .    | 22 | "   | 25, "   | 15, Decatur, Ill . . . . .         | 37 |
| "   | 13, "  | 46, West Superior, Wis . . . . .   | 17 | "   | 25, "   | 260, Mason, Ill . . . . .          | 10 |
| "   | 13, "  | 30, Jersey City, N. J . . . . .    | 31 | "   | 27, "   | 176, Orland, Ind . . . . .         | 17 |
| "   | 13, "  | 31, Dover, N. J . . . . .          | 29 | "   | 27, "   | 261, Brooklyn, Ill . . . . .       | 15 |
| "   | 13, "  | 32, Red Bank, N. J . . . . .       | 16 | "   | 29, "   | 50, Spring Green, Wis . . . . .    | 13 |
| "   | 14, "  | 239, Chester, Pa . . . . .         | 15 | "   | 29, "   | 33, Brookings, Dak . . . . .       | 19 |
| "   | 14, "  | 128, Galena, Kan . . . . .         | 11 | "   | 29, "   | 101, West Minster, Mass . . . . .  | 17 |
| "   | 15, "  | 99, Shelburn Falls, Mass . . . . . | 16 | "   | 30, "   | 243, Kingston, Pa . . . . .        | 20 |
| "   | 15, "  | 167, Newaygo, Mich . . . . .       | 20 |     |         |                                    |    |
| "   | 16, "  | 147, Oconomowoc, Wis . . . . .     | 26 |     |         |                                    |    |
| "   | 16, "  | 69, Exeter, Neb . . . . .          | 12 |     |         |                                    |    |

T't No. of Camps 85, T't No. of applicants 1661

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., July 1, 1889.

General Orders }  
No 24. }

I. In compliance with Article X, Chapter 4, of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Division Adjutants will forward to the Adjutant-General all proposed changes or alterations in the Constitution or Ritual adopted by the recent Division Encampments, that the same may be published in the next General Orders issued from these Headquarters.

II. The following Colonels have been duly elected and installed since last General Orders: Theo A. Barton, Providence, Rhode Island; Frank M. Williams, Grand Rapids, Michigan; D. B. Purbeck, Salem, Massachusetts; G. C. Harvey, Danville, Indiana; Rudolph Loebenstein, Warrensburg, Missouri; E. T. Griswold, Bennington, Vermont; B. O. Roby, Nashua, New Hampshire; H. B. Baguley, Wheeling, West Virginia; Alfred S. Morgan, Duluth, Minnesota; A. M. Appleget, Tecumseh, Nebraska; C. H. Hudson, Madison, Wisconsin; Fred W. White, Waterloo, Iowa; Andrew Derrom, Jr., Paterson, New Jersey; E. W. Conant, San Jose, California; E. T. Beltz, Laramie City, Wyoming; Geo. B. Stadden, Springfield, Illinois. They will be accorded all courtesies due them as Colonels commanding.

III. Assistant Adjutant A. L. Guilford has been promoted to Adjutant-General, with rank from June 20. Acting Assistant Adjutant-General H. M. Topping has been appointed Assistant Adjutant-General, with rank as Colonel from July 1. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. The resignations of A. S. Morgan and Theo. A. Barton as Aids-de-Camp, and Maurice A. Reichert as Musician-in-Chief, are hereby accepted, and they are relieved from duty on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief. Arthur B. Spink, of Bristol, R. I.; George W. Knowlton, of Minneapolis, Minn.; C. R. Baugh, of Camp No. 14, and Otis Mouser, of Camp No. 15, Division of Kentucky; C. C. Cather, of Grafton; A. W. W. Westfall, of Auburn, W. Va., and Past Captain Ford, of Knoxville, Tenn., are hereby appointed Aids-de-Camp on the Staff of Commander-in-Chief, with rank from date. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Colonel F. McCrillis, having resigned the command of the Division of Illinois, C. T. Orner, of Bloomington, Ill., was duly elected by the Division Council to fill the vacancy thus created. He will be accorded all honors due to a Past-Colonel of the Division of Illinois.

VI. The Order at large is warned against a person by the name of Rose, who is imposing upon the Order, particularly in New York and Pennsylvania, claiming to be a member of Lyons Camp No. 1, of Los Angeles, Cal. He is not entitled to any consideration from the members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in any manner whatever.

VII. The Commander-in-Chief desires to express his thanks and appreciation to the officers and Brothers of Theodore Winthrop Camp No. 81, of Chelsea, Mass., for their courtesy to him on the occasion of the centennial celebration of the inauguration of President Washington in New York City. The military bearing of the Camp and its devotion to the Order, as indicated by its long journey, entitles it not only to the personal thanks of the Commander-in-Chief, but an honored position in the hearts of the Order at large.

VIII. As yet but few applications have been received for accommodation at the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, holding at Milwaukee the last week in August. This is a matter that should not be neglected. Brothers expecting accommodations there should notify the Adjutant-General at once.

IX. The latest reports from Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8, of Paterson, N. J., indicate that the necessary arrangements for entertaining the Annual Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief in that city, the second week in September, are

progressing with more than flattering success. It is already beyond doubt that this will be the greatest and most successful meeting of the Order that has ever been held in this country.

X. V. J. Rose, of Camp No. 49, Division of Nebraska, having been tried by court-martial on the charge of conduct, unbecoming a member of the Order, the sentence was dishonorable discharge from the Order. The same has been approved. His name should be placed upon all Black Books.

XI. Good and sufficient cause appearing, and on the recommendation of the Colonel commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled: Camp No. 15, Division of West Virginia, also Camps Nos. 6 and 13, of West Virginia. The Colonel commanding will issue transfer cards to all members in good standing in those Camps.

XII. The Brothers will be pained to learn of the serious illness of Quartermaster-General Post. For nearly a month he has been confined to his bed and unable to attend to the affairs of his office, but at the date of this order he is improving. For this reason, and for the reason that the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant General have been obliged to attend several of the State Encampments during the past three weeks, the work at Headquarters has not received that prompt attention which has heretofore been the invariable custom. It is hoped that those doing business with these Headquarters will be as lenient in their criticisms as is possible, for the above reasons, and are given the assurance that affairs will be disposed of as rapidly as it is within the power of the present force at Headquarters to do. The magnanimity of the last National Encampment in providing for the office expenses is not such as enables the Headquarters to provide for sufficient clerk hire to half conduct the constantly increasing business of the Commandery-in-Chief, and entails more work upon the meager force than can be disposed of without delay when the officers are away from their respective posts, either sick or on official business.

XIII. The attention of the newly elected Colonels is directed to Section 1, of General Orders No. 6, and Section 1, of General Orders No. 8, issued from these Headquarters, pertaining to Division General Orders and to see that the same are duly complied with.

XIV. Colonel W. E. Bundy having tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Transportation to the Encampment at Paterson, the same is hereby accepted, and Surgeon-General J. A. Averdick, of Covington, Kentucky, is appointed to fill the vacancy thus created.

XV. Since the issuing of the last General Orders, there has occurred in the Valley of the Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, a most heart-rending disaster, the details of which are sufficiently familiar to the public that they need not here be mentioned in detail. Suffice it to say that among the thousands that perished and were left homeless and destitute were many members of the Order of Sons of Veterans, and while a charitable public has been generous in administering to the wants of these sufferers, there is yet a commendable opportunity to exercise that grand principle of our Order, Charity. A more worthy object has never appealed to the generosity of the Order, and it is hoped that the occasion may never arise again to call forth contributions from those who are in a position to give. Colonel J. L. Rake, of Reading, Pennsylvania, commanding the Division of Pennsylvania, has kindly consented to act as treasurer for any contributions that may be sent for the purpose of relieving the distress of the Brothers of Pennsylvania. This is an occasion of real distress, and any amount, be it ever so small, will be most worthily bestowed, and every member of the Order is urged to contribute his mite in the name of Charity.

By order of

A. L. GUILFORD,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 22:

| Applicants.     |                                       | Applicants.                             |                                        |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| June 3, No. 10, | Bear Creek Valley, Ala. . . . . 14    | June 17, No. 131,                       | Brookfield, Mo. . . . . 20             |
| " 4, "          | and Tenn. . . . . 11                  | " 17, "                                 | 36, Frankfort, Dak . . . . . 17        |
| " 4, "          | 4, Palatka, Fla. . . . . 11           | " 18, "                                 | 244, Morrilton, Pa. . . . . 21         |
| " 4, "          | 129, Iola, Kan. . . . . 33            | " 19, "                                 | 387, Byesville, O. . . . . 26          |
| " 4, "          | 126, Bethel, Mo. . . . . 10           | " 19, "                                 | 388, Ada, O. . . . . 15                |
| " 4, "          | 127, Mo. . . . . 27                   | " 20, "                                 | 26, Ceredo, W. Va. . . . . 17          |
| " 4, "          | 51, Pittsville, Wis. . . . . 16       | " 21, "                                 | 132, Seneca, Mo. . . . . 20            |
| " 5, "          | 15, Washington, Md. . . . . 13        | " 21, "                                 | 245, Plains, Pa. . . . . 16            |
| " 5, "          | 128, Linn Creek, Mo. . . . . 23       | " 21, "                                 | 131, Chapman, Kan. . . . . 16          |
| " 10, "         | 130, Kansas City, Kan. . . . . 15     | " 22, "                                 | 133, Ponce-de-Leon, Mo. . . . . 25     |
| " 10, "         | 262, Kirkwood, Ill. . . . . 10        | " 22, "                                 | 246, Centralia, Pa. . . . . 21         |
| " 10, "         | 263, Mt. Zion, Ill. . . . . 20        | " 22, "                                 | 74, Alexandria, Neb. . . . . 18        |
| " 10, "         | 264, Milledgeville, Ill. . . . . 17   | " 22, "                                 | 75, Western, Neb. . . . . 18           |
| " 10, "         | 265, Elco, Ill. . . . . 18            | " 22, "                                 | 76, Leigh, Neb. . . . . 33             |
| " 10, "         | 182, West Branch, Iowa . . . . . 12   | " 22, "                                 | 77, Stanton, Neb. . . . . 20           |
| " 10, "         | 183, New London, Iowa . . . . . 11    | " 22, "                                 | 389, Waller, O. . . . . 14             |
| " 10, "         | 34, Beresford, Dak. . . . . 12        | " 22, "                                 | 390, Galboa, O. . . . . 14             |
| " 10, "         | 38, New Cannon, Con. . . . . 16       | " 24, "                                 | 171, South Arm, Mich. . . . . 16       |
| " 12, "         | 35, Lead City, Dak. . . . . 12        | " 24, "                                 | 172, Berrien Springs, Mich. . . . . 16 |
| " 13, "         | 184, Cherokee, Iowa . . . . . 17      | " 24, "                                 | 173, North Port, Mich. . . . . 15      |
| " 13, "         | 169, Cedar Run, Mich. . . . . 13      | " 24, "                                 | 101, Rochester, N. Y. . . . . 10       |
| " 13, "         | 385, Blanchester, O. . . . . 15       | " 24, "                                 | 78, Harvard, Neb. . . . . 30           |
| " 14, "         | 52, Seymore, Wis. . . . . 20          | " 29, "                                 | 132, Halstead, Kan. . . . . 14         |
| " 14, "         | 386, Spring Valley, O. . . . . 25     | " 29, "                                 | 12, Chanute, Kan. . . . . 21           |
| " 14, "         | 266, Farmington, Ill. . . . . 17      | " 29, "                                 | 54, Necilda, Wis. . . . . 20           |
| " 15, "         | 143, Exira, Iowa. . . . . 17          | " 29, "                                 | 16, Winfield, Md. . . . . 14           |
| " 15, "         | 9, St. Paul, Ark. . . . . 17          | " 29, "                                 | 134, Brumley, Mo. . . . . 38           |
| " 17, "         | 99, Correctionville, Iowa. . . . . 16 | " 29, "                                 | 126, West Troy, N. Y. . . . . 24       |
| " 17, "         | 53, Loyal, Wis. . . . . 19            | " 29, "                                 | 247, Oxford, Pa. . . . . 20            |
| " 17, "         | 170, Sherwood, Mich. . . . . 14       | " 29, "                                 | 71, Pawnee City, Neb. . . . . 24       |
| " 17, "         | 73, Vocoma, Neb. . . . . 10           | " 29, "                                 | 174, Mendon, Mich. . . . . 17          |
| " 17, "         | 267, Woodstock, Ill. . . . . 18       | " 29, "                                 | 177, Salem, Ind. . . . . 10            |
| " 17, "         | 268, Carrollton, Ill. . . . . 15      | " 29, "                                 | 49, Colebrook, N. H. . . . . 29        |
| " 17, "         | 269, Cairo, Ill. . . . . 16           |                                         |                                        |
| " 17, "         | 129, Pottersville, Mo. . . . . 17     |                                         |                                        |
| " 17, "         | 130, Purdy, Mo. . . . . 20            |                                         |                                        |
|                 |                                       | T'l No. Camps 68, T'l No. of applicants | 1,229                                  |

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., August 1, 1889.

General Orders }  
No. 25. }

I. Good and sufficient cause appearing, and on the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Camps Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 32, 37, 38, 40, 41, 45, 48, 54 and 70, Division of Missouri; Camps Nos. 10, 83 and 105, Division of Kansas. Colonels commanding will issue transfer cards to all those appearing in good standing upon the surrender of the records of the Camp.

II. A party under the name of George W. Heyward is soliciting aid in the Division of New York, claiming to be a member of the order in the Division of Connecticut. He has never been a member of the Order in that Division, and is not deserving of any consideration from the Order of the Sons of Veterans.

III. The recent Colonel of the Division of New York having resigned, the Council of that Division elected Edward W. Hatch, of Buffalo, to fill the unexpired term. He was duly elected and installed, and will be accorded all the honors due a Past Colonel commanding of the Order of the Sons of Veterans.

IV. At the recent organization of the Division of North Dakota, Frank V. Kent, Grand Forks, was elected Commander; George Addington, of Albany, has been elected Commander of the Division of New York; Charles M. Cott, of Meadville, Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania, and Otis E. Gulley, Commander at the recent organization of the Division of Arkansas. They will be accorded all the courtesies and honors due commanding officers of Divisions.

V. The attention of Commanders of Divisions is called to Section 3, Article II., Chapter V., page 44, Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans. The Delegates of Divisions failing to comply with same will not be granted representation in the Commandery-in-Chief; therefore, all accounts between the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions must be settled in full prior to the 26th day of August, at which time the Quartermaster-General will close his accounts.

VI. All consolidated quarterly reports must be in the hands of the Adjutant-General not later than the 20th day of August.

VII. The supply department of the Quartermaster-General will be closed promptly on the 20th day of August, and between that date and the 1st of October there will be no opportunity for Divisions to obtain supplies. It is, therefore, necessary that Commanders of Divisions should forward requisitions for sufficient supplies to carry them until the 1st of October, and the probabilities are that the succeeding administration will not be in condition to furnish supplies before the 15th of October.

VIII. The proceedings of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief (Wheeling) are printed and ready for distribution. Division Commanders will make requisition upon the Quartermaster-General for sufficient number *only* to supply each Camp reporting and paying per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30 with one copy. One copy for each Division officer except Aids-de-Camp on the Staff of the Colonel, and each member of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Seventh and Eighth Annual Encampments residing within the Division. As these proceedings are furnished free of cost, they will be forwarded to Division Headquarters at the expense of the Division.

IX. Lieutenant Howard A. Smalling, of Cohoes, N. Y., is hereby tendered the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief for the able and conscientious manner in which he conducted the affairs of the Division of New York when left demoralized by the recent Colonel. M. Retel, of Buffalo.

X. The Council-in-Chief will convene in regular annual session at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, September 9, in the temporary headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, in the Hamilton House, Paterson, N. J. Every member of the Council-in-Chief is expected to be present.

XI. The Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will occur at Paterson, N. J., the second week of September, commencing Tuesday, the 10th.

XII. The Chaplain-in-Chief, the Rev. Frank M. Gee, of Fowler, Indiana, reports that the Chaplains of the following Divisions have failed to report to him the services rendered by the Sons of Veterans in the proper observance of Memorial Day of the current year: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin. This is a flagrant neglect of duty. The report of the Division Chaplain is an official report required by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, and Divisions expecting to maintain standing in the Commandery-in-Chief must have these reports properly filed before the ensuing meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and the present Commanders of Divisions will at once take the necessary steps to see that these reports are promptly made and filed with the Chaplain-in-Chief.

XIII. The Inspector-General reports that the Inspectors of the Divisions of Indiana, Kentucky, Montana, New York, West Virginia and Wisconsin have failed to forward the required report of the inspection of their respective Divisions. The Commanders of these Divisions have been duly notified of this dereliction on the part of their Division Inspectors, and the same rule will apply in regard to these reports that applies to the wanting reports in the Department of the Chaplain-in-Chief. These reports are just as necessary as consolidation reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster.

XIV. The attention of the Order is again called to the magnificent preparations being made for the entertainment of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the



Commandery-in-Chief at Paterson, N. J. Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8, of that city, will be the host on this occasion, and is the largest Camp in the Order of the Sons of Veterans, and nothing will be spared to add to the enjoyment and entertainment of the visiting Brothers. Address all communications pertaining to the Encampment to Captain George W. Pollitt, Paterson, N. J.

XV. The Commander-in-Chief and Staff, together with a large number of Western delegates, will leave Chicago Saturday afternoon, September 7, for Paterson, N. J. Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society and all Brothers desiring to attend the National Encampment are invited to join the party, and those intending to do so should notify the Adjutant-General at once, that special and commodious accommodations may be arranged for them. At the issuing of this General Order the route of travel has not been fully determined upon, but it will be that road which will furnish the best accommodations at the least possible expense. Those desiring sleeping-car accommodations should so specify in their communications to the Adjutant-General. The prospects are good for two special cars.

XVI. Members of the Order, particularly in the Central and Western Divisions, are urgently requested to make a special effort to attend the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Milwaukee during the last week of this month. While the organization of the Sons of Veterans entertains the closest sympathy with the Grand Army of the Republic in protesting against the unjust and unwarranted discrimination against that organization on the question of rates for transportation, and it does not care to place itself in opposition to the spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the desires of the Comrades composing it, yet the Order of Sons of Veterans must employ the same principles and logic which will be observed by the Grand Army of the Republic in the one particular of representation. The Grand Army of the Republic insists upon the attendance of its official representative in the National body for the purpose of effecting the necessary legislation for the good of the Order. The Sons of Veterans, as an Order, has no voice in the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. but matters of the deepest interest pertaining to this Order will come before that Encampment, and to secure legislation favorable to the Sons of Veterans, it is absolutely necessary that a large representation of the Order shall be present, and upon this basis the foregoing request is made. Even at best, presuming that 3,000 members of the Order of the Sons of Veterans shall be in attendance, it is a small number in comparison to the large attendance expected from the Grand Army of the Republic. We do not become a significant factor nor could it be construed in a triumphant way by the railroad corporations in their uncharitable discrimination against the Union soldiers whose bravery left them in peaceable possession of their property.

XVII. The following Divisions have made recommendations for changes in the Ritual, which have been duly filed with the Adjutant-General, and will be presented to the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief for consideration: Alabama and Tennessee, New Hampshire, Vermont, Nebraska, Michigan, Missouri, Maine and Iowa.

XVIII. Divisions made recommendations for changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee.—That the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be so changed as to conform to the terms of the consolidation as recommended by the committee of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Iowa.—Section 1, Article XI, page 29, shall be as follows: "Colonel assumes his position with the Major, Adjutant, Sergeant-Major, Quartermaster Sergeant and Mustering Officer on his right; Lieutenant-Colonel, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Chaplain and members of the Council on his left, the altar being removed to near the entrance, the door in charge of an Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard and four Guards. The meeting then opens in due form. Brothers, upon entering, will salute the Officer of the Day instead of the Colonel. The Officer of the Day will obligate Grand Army of the Republic Comrades."

**Maine.**—That the Constitution be so changed that Camps may decide for themselves whether or not they shall subscribe for the *Reveille*.

In Section 2, Article IV, Chapter II, Page 10, insert the words "verbal or" after the word "on."

Section 5, Article VIII, Chapter II, page 14, strike out in the fourteenth line the clause "Fourth, an Order Book in which shall be entered all Orders and circulars of the Camp Commander."

Chapter II, Article XIV, Section 1, page 19, after the word "Committees," in the first line add "unless otherwise directed by the Camp."

Chapter III, Article V, page 25, strike out the words "if present."

Section 5, Article VI, Chapter III, page 26, strike out the words "and for the Inspector, Judge-Advocate and Mustering Officer as Sergeants."

Page 29, Article XI, strike out the words "Committee on Distribution of Work."

Page 46, add another section, to be placed between Sections 2 and 3, to be designated as Section 3, as follows: "Any Camp that is in arrears for reports on per capita tax three months shall be suspended by the Colonel in General Orders, and shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Camp of the Order until such reports and dues are forwarded."

Article XXV, page 68, to be expunged.

Section 1, Article II, Chapter III, page 23, third clause, add "or the Order."

**Missouri.**—Section 1, Article VIII, Chapter III, so as to read, "The Division Council shall consist of the Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, and three elective members, of which the Lieutenant-Colonel shall be ex-officio Chairman."

Section 5, Article II, Chapter II, page 8, strike out in the third line, "be forever after," and insert the words "for a period of six months be."

That a certificate of membership be designed which shall be presented to every member upon his muster into the Order.

**Nebraska.**—That the Colonel be empowered to fill, by appointment, any vacancies that may occur in the delegation to the next Annual Encampment of the Order.

Section 1, Article V, Chapter I, be amended to read as follows: "All male descendants not less than 18 years of age, of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union Army or Navy from 1861-65, shall be eligible to membership, provided that no person shall be eligible to membership who has, or whose father ever has, borne arms against the Government of the United States.

That Section 4, of Article II, Chapter II, be amended to read "that if, on inspection of the ballot cast, there shall be found one or more black balls, the candidate shall be declared rejected."

Section 1, Article III, Chapter V, page 45, be amended so as to have all reports from Camps and Divisions made on the first of January and first of July, instead of quarterly, and to amend each section of the Constitution to conform with the proposed change.

**Ohio.**—Section 6, Article IX, Chapter V, add after the word "uniform" "or Zouave uniform as worn during the war from 1861-65."

Section 1, Article VII, Chapter V, add after the words "Quartermaster-Sergeant" the words "First Sergeant."

Section 1, Article V, Chapter IV, amended so as to increase the elective members of the Council-in-Chief to ten, and removing therefrom the three elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Adjutant-General, the Quartermaster-General, and making the Chief-of-Staff President of said Council.

Section 1, Article V, Chapter V, amended so as to read, "There shall be a thorough inspection of each Camp in the Order between November 1 and December 1 each year.

By order of

A. L. GUILFORD,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 24:

|      |     | Applicants.                             |    |      | Applicants. |                                          |    |
|------|-----|-----------------------------------------|----|------|-------------|------------------------------------------|----|
| July | 1,  | No. 178, Charlottesville, Ind . . . . . | 13 | July | 13,         | No. 134, Bonner Springs, Kan . . . . .   | 16 |
| "    | 1,  | " 179, Otterbein, Ind . . . . .         | 13 | "    | 15,         | " 55, Ellsworth, Wis . . . . .           | 15 |
| "    | 1,  | " 180, Medora, Ind . . . . .            | 19 | "    | 15,         | " 7, Fort Keogh, Mont . . . . .          | 10 |
| "    | 1,  | " 181, Newark, Ind . . . . .            | 14 | "    | 18,         | " 79, Plainview, Neb . . . . .           | 15 |
| "    | 1,  | " 391, Newton, Ohio . . . . .           | 22 | "    | 19,         | " 139, Decaturville, Mo . . . . .        | 10 |
| "    | 1,  | " 392, Peninsula, Ohio . . . . .        | 10 | "    | 19,         | " 398, Thurman, Ohio . . . . .           | 18 |
| "    | 1,  | " 187, Massena, Iowa . . . . .          | 17 | "    | 19,         | " 250, Wyoming, Pa . . . . .             | 16 |
| "    | 1,  | " 186, Modale, Iowa . . . . .           | 14 | "    | 19,         | " 251, Lansford, Pa . . . . .            | 25 |
| "    | 1,  | " 11, Rutlege, Tenn . . . . .           | 17 | "    | 20,         | " 180, Dunkirk, Ind . . . . .            | 10 |
| "    | 1,  | " 102, Watertown, Mass . . . . .        | 21 | "    | 20,         | " 181, Petersburg, Ind . . . . .         | 27 |
| "    | 3,  | " 175, Port Sanilac, Mich . . . . .     | 13 | "    | 20,         | " 182, Haney's Corner, Ind . . . . .     | 12 |
| "    | 3,  | " 248, Freeland, Pa . . . . .           | 20 | "    | 20,         | " 116, Petersburg, Ky . . . . .          | 25 |
| "    | 3,  | " 249, New Castle, Pa . . . . .         | 22 | "    | 20,         | " 179, Tecumseh, Mich . . . . .          | 24 |
| "    | 5,  | " 176, Jackson, Mich . . . . .          | 27 | "    | 20,         | " 80, Litchfield, Neb . . . . .          | 16 |
| "    | 5,  | " 135, Kahoka, Mo . . . . .             | 20 | "    | 22,         | " 271, Toledo, Ill . . . . .             | 20 |
| "    | 5,  | " 3, Grant's Pass, Ore . . . . .        | 19 | "    | 22,         | " 188, Brooklyn, Iowa . . . . .          | 19 |
| "    | 8,  | " 393, Onega, Ohio . . . . .            | 27 | "    | 22,         | " 2, Wilmington, Del . . . . .           | 10 |
| "    | 8,  | " 391, Evansport, Ohio . . . . .        | 22 | "    | 22,         | " 135, Effingham, Kan . . . . .          | 11 |
| "    | 8,  | " 133, Santa Fe, Kan . . . . .          | 11 | "    | 26,         | " 272, Alto Pass, Ill . . . . .          | 22 |
| "    | 8,  | " 182, Hamilton, Ind . . . . .          | 11 | "    | 26,         | " 273, Cuba, Ill . . . . .               | 39 |
| "    | 8,  | " 183, Owensville, Ind . . . . .        | 12 | "    | 26,         | " 183, Churubusco, Ind . . . . .         | 21 |
| "    | 9,  | " 187, Akron, Iowa . . . . .            | 16 | "    | 27,         | " 399, Jefferson Furnace, Ohio . . . . . | 17 |
| "    | 10, | " 72, South Omaha, Neb . . . . .        | 12 | "    | 27,         | " 56, Sparta, Wis . . . . .              | 35 |
| "    | 10, | " 177, Imlay City, Mich . . . . .       | 17 | "    | 27,         | " 57, Wonewoc, Wis . . . . .             | 15 |
| "    | 10, | " 395, Corning, Ohio . . . . .          | 15 | "    | 27,         | " 51, Sauk Center, Minn . . . . .        | 18 |
| "    | 10, | " 270, Dwight, Ill . . . . .            | 12 | "    | 27,         | " 181, North Collins, N. Y . . . . .     | 16 |
| "    | 11, | " 178, Eau Claire, Mich . . . . .       | 13 | "    | 29,         | " 180, Baryne, Mich . . . . .            | 20 |
| "    | 11, | " 396, A1, Ohio . . . . .               | 18 | "    | 29,         | " 1, Fort Gibson, I. T . . . . .         | 13 |
| "    | 11, | " 136, Onega, Mo . . . . .              | 10 | "    | 29,         | " 103, Morstfield, Mass . . . . .        | 13 |
| "    | 12, | " 37, Onida, Dak . . . . .              | 19 | "    | 30,         | " 52, Royalton, Minn . . . . .           | 22 |
| "    | 12, | " 137, Maryville, Mo . . . . .          | 22 | "    | 30,         | " 10, Strickler, Ark . . . . .           | 20 |
| "    | 12, | " 397, St. Louisville, Ohio . . . . .   | 11 |      |             |                                          |    |
| "    | 13, | " 138, Hermann, Mo . . . . .            | 18 |      |             |                                          |    |

T'1 No. Camps, 64. T'1 No. applicants, 1,117

ROSTER OF COLONELS OF DIVISIONS, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.—1889-90.

- Alabama and Tennessee.—M. D. Friedman, Birmingham.
- Arkansas.—Otis E. Gulley, Springdale.
- California.—E. W. Conant, San Jose.
- Colorado.—E. T. Beltz, Laramie, Wyoming.
- Connecticut.—G. Brainard Smith, Hartford.
- North Dakota.—Frank V. Kent, Grand Forks.
- South Dakota.—C. C. Bras, Mitchell.
- Florida.—J. W. V. R. Plummer, Key West.
- Illinois.—Geo. B. Stadden, Springfield.
- Indiana.—Geo. C. Harvey, Danville.
- Iowa.—F. W. White, Waterloo.
- Kansas.—C. S. Nation, Fredonia.
- Kentucky.—Geo. H. Captio, 925 W. Jefferson St., Louisville.
- Maine.—Chas. F. Hutchins, Bangor.
- Maryland.—Sherman J. Brown, Washington, D. C., Box 641.
- Massachusetts.—Dudley B. Purbeck, Salem.
- Michigan.—F. M. Williams, 72 Monroe St., Grand Rapids.
- Minnesota.—A. S. Morgan, Duluth.
- Missouri.—Rudolph Loebenstein, Warrensburg.
- Montana.—John R. Miller, Helena.
- Nebraska.—A. M. Appelget, Tecumseh.
- New Hampshire.—B. O. Roby, Nashua.
- New Jersey.—A. Derrom, Jr., Paterson.
- New York.—Geo. Addington, Albany.

Ohio.—Wm. E. Bundy, Lincoln Inn Court, Cincinnati.

Pennsylvania.—C. M. Cott, Meadville.

Rhode Island.—Theo. A. Barton, Providence.

Vermont.—E. T. Griswold, Bennington.

West Virginia.—H. B. Baguley, Wheeling.

Wisconsin.—C. H. Hudson, Madison.

All Camps in the State of Oregon and Territories of Washington and Idaho are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Montana. All Camps in the Territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Colorado. All Camps in Texas are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Arkansas. All Camps in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Alabama and Tennessee. All Camps in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Delaware are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Maryland. All Camps in Oklahoma are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Kansas.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 2, 1889.

General Orders }  
No. 26. }

I. These will be the last General Orders issued by this administration.

II. The Adjutant-General will forward blanks for consolidated reports for Adjutants and Quartermasters, together with receipts for same. The receipts are to be returned immediately to these headquarters by Colonels Commanding. The consolidated reports are to be forwarded to the Adjutant-General of the ensuing administration, who will be designated in the next General Orders.

III. George A. Abbott, in Providence, R. I., is hereby appointed Aid-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank from date. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

IV. Good and sufficient cause appearing, and on the recommendation of the Colonel commanding, the charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Camps 12, 13 and 144 Division of Michigan. The Colonel commanding will see that transfer cards are issued to all members of the Camps in good standing.

V. The elective officers of Divisions and Aids-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief who have not yet received commissions from these Headquarters will inform the Adjutant-General at once before the close of the present administration.

VI. Recommendations for changes in the Ritual, Constitution, Rules and Regulations have been received from the following Divisions since last General Orders: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and West Virginia. These should have been received previous to the issuing of General Orders No. 25, as required by General Orders No. 24, and the time having elapsed for the publishing of the same, they will be submitted to the respective committees to which they belong without publication.

VII. A change of time having been necessary for the departure of the Headquarters train, leaving Chicago in time to accommodate delegates arriving from the West, the Commander-in-Chief and Staff will not leave Chicago until Sunday morning at ten o'clock, and as a consequence thereof the meeting of the Council-in-Chief, as designated in General Orders No. 25, has been changed from the hour mentioned to 7 o'clock P. M., at temporary Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief at Paterson.

VIII. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to officially thank Commander-in-Chief Warner, of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the many favors extended

to the Sons of Veterans during his administration just closed, and especially for the kind attention and encouragement he gave the Order at the recent Encampment of the G. A. R. at Milwaukee. He further wishes to extend his thanks to the many Sons of Veterans who lent their time and aid toward making that part of the exercises at Milwaukee assigned to the Sons of Veterans a success in every particular, the result of which is plainly manifest by the action taken by the Grand Army of the Republic in adopting the resolution following these General Orders.

IX. The Order at large will undoubtedly be interested in learning the action of the Grand Army of the Republic upon the proposed basis of consolidation, as recommended by the Committee on Sons of Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. The committee, in submitting its report, submitted, together with it, a protest on the part of certain members of the "Post System" of Sons of Veterans in New York, under command of State Commander J. E. Hedges, repudiating the action of Commander-in-Chief Marks and the endorsement of the special National Encampment of the "Post System." As a consequence, all matter pertaining to the report of said Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic was referred to the Committee on Resolutions, which rejected the terms of the consolidation as proposed by the said Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, as heretofore published in General Orders No. 20, and offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

"WHEREAS, On the twenty-third day of February, 1889, the committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, pursuant to the authority given by the Twenty-Second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, reported to the Commander-in-Chief a basis of consolidation of the two branches of the Order of Sons of Veterans, which report was acquiesced in by the commanding officers of said two branches at that time; and,

"WHEREAS, The branch known as the 'Post System' now repudiates said action and refuses to consolidate on the basis reported by said Committee and has re-organized said system; and,

"WHEREAS, The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., number about eighty thousand members, and the branch known as the 'Post System' number less than two thousand members; and,

"WHEREAS, The principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are such as every Comrade and every son of a veteran can consistently support; said principles and objects being the embodiment of the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty; therefore, it is

"Resolved, By the Twenty-Third National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, that the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be and is hereby recognized as the Order of the Sons of Veterans, and we bid them Godspeed in their noble and patriotic work, and we recommend to all sons of ex-Union soldiers and sailors over the age of eighteen years, that they may unite with that Order to be prepared to take up and carry on the work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and the maintenance of the Federal Union as saved and preserved by their fathers."

As a result of the foregoing resolution, the question of consolidation on the terms proposed by the Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic becomes null and void, it having failed to secure the endorsement of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Order of the Sons of Veterans has reason to congratulate itself upon the honorable course it has pursued in this matter. It took the initiatory step by offering to effect a consolidation, and when the official committees of both organizations for that purpose failed to agree, it offered to submit the arbitration to the committee and abide by the results of that arbitration. And while it subsequently developed that the conditions as submitted by the Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic were exceedingly distasteful to our Order, it, with becoming dignity, gracefully submitted, proposing to abide by the course it had chosen, believing, however that the Grand Army of the Republic would take the necessary

action to proceed with the establishment of an Order of Sons of Veterans that would best meet with its ideas of what such an order should be. The result is entirely satisfactory, and while the proposed consolidation has fallen far short of having been effected, three important matters have been brought about. First, the willingness of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to enter into any plan to unite disaffected factions and further extend the organization, its principles and its purposes in a legitimate way. Second, a clear, concise and unanimous endorsement of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., by the Grand Army of the Republic, which should forever put at rest all controversy concerning the principal features of our Order; and third, that there existed in the "Post System" of Sons of Veterans many earnest and patriotic sons of veterans whose only desire has been to unite the two organizations and to act with honor and good faith in all things that would tend to bring about that happy result, prominent among whom may be mentioned Commander-in-Chief Marks, of the "Post System," Commander Addington, of Albany; Commander Bogart, of New Jersey, and many of their immediate associates.

Much credit should be given to Father A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, General Webb, of Kansas, and Colonel Loebenstein, of Missouri, for the efficient efforts they made at Milwaukee on behalf of our organization.

In this connection, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., owes a debt of gratitude to Commander J. E. Hedges, of the "Post System of New York, for the indirect but able assistance he gave toward bringing about the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

X. The following is an extract from the annual address of Commander-in-Chief Warner:

"In accordance with instructions of the last National Encampment, a committee was ordered to report to this body 'A plan defining and establishing our relations with the Sons of Veterans.' Without anticipating the recommendations of the committee, I earnestly hope that this Encampment will take such action as will draw the young men, if possible, closer to us. They are our sons, our cause is their cause; they are justly proud of the records of their fathers; being young and knowing their strength, they feel that they should be assigned a place in the line to help us fight our battles. They have read the story of liberty, they sing the songs we sang, and aglow with the fires of patriotism, they stand ready to march to our assistance. They do not come as conscripts but as volunteers. They constitute the great reserve of the Grand Army of the Republic. I say, let us have the boys with us. They are 'bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh'; in them we see the counterpart of the boys who did the fighting for home, country and liberty from Fort Sumter to Appomattox—in their veins course the blood of patriots. Hail their coming, welcome them with open arms."

XI. In closing our administration, we wish to express our thanks for the universal courtesy which has been extended to us from all Brothers of the Order. In an administration of twenty-five months, many important matters must of necessity arise, and in disposing of these, it would be quite superhuman to do so with absolute perfect judgment and to the complete satisfaction of the many differing minds in so large an organization as the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., therefore we are not disappointed that honorable and conscientious Brothers have differed with us, but we are pleased to know that through it all there have been no deserters, nor any serious dissensions, but the Order has been harmonious, its growth forward and upward, and that true loyalty to its principles is still among its dominant characteristics, and in expressing our appreciation for past favors and courtesies, we ask the one further consideration, that you extend to the succeeding administration the same devotion that you have to this. May God bless and prosper our country and our beloved Order.

By order of

A. L. GUILFORD,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 25:

| Applicants. |          |                                | Applicants. |                   |                              |                                |      |
|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Aug. 1,     | No. 188, | Amo, Ind . . . . .             | 16          | Aug. 19,          | No. 139,                     | Kirwin, Kan. . . . .           | 12   |
| " 1,        | " 136,   | Armourdale, Kan . . . . .      | 16          | " 19,             | " 275,                       | Brownstown, Ill. . . . .       | 22   |
| " 1,        | " 12,    | Greenville, Ala . . . . .      | 21          | " 20,             | " 140,                       | Sedan, Kan . . . . .           | 44   |
| " 2,        | " 50,    | Presque Isle, Me. . . . .      | 12          | " 20,             | " 252,                       | Hunterstown, Pa . . . . .      | 19   |
| " 2,        | " 181,   | West Branch, Mich . . . . .    | 24          | " 21,             | " 293,                       | Ontario, Ind. . . . .          | 10   |
| " 2,        | " 182,   | Eaton Rapids, Mich. . . . .    | 13          | " 21,             | " 404,                       | Eifort, Ohio . . . . .         | 12   |
| " 3,        | " 189,   | Navinville, Iowa . . . . .     | 14          | " 21,             | " 405,                       | Zanesville, Ohio . . . . .     | 18   |
| " 3,        | " 11,    | Graphic, Ark . . . . .         | 15          | " 22,             | " 34,                        | Lambertville, N. J. . . . .    | 26   |
| " 3,        | " 400,   | Black Creek, Ohio. . . . .     | 22          | " 22,             | " 142,                       | Hermitage, Mo. . . . .         | 28   |
| " 5,        | " 12,    | East Providence, R. I. . . . . | 16          | " 22,             | " 53,                        | Montrose, Minn. . . . .        | 22   |
| " 5,        | " 183,   | Evart, Mich . . . . .          | 20          | " 24,             | " 35,                        | LaFayette, N. J. . . . .       | 15   |
| " 5,        | " 140,   | Cassville, Mo . . . . .        | 15          | " 23,             | " 253,                       | Everett, Pa . . . . .          | 32   |
| " 5,        | " 137,   | Wellington Kan. . . . .        | 19          | " 24,             | " 406,                       | Van Wert, Ohio . . . . .       | 14   |
| " 9,        | " 184,   | Akron, Mich. . . . .           | 12          | " 24,             | " 59,                        | Chippewa Falls, Iowa . . . . . | 20   |
| " 9,        | " 401,   | Independence, Ohio . . . . .   | 22          | " 28,             | " 194,                       | Harlan, Ind . . . . .          | 15   |
| " 9,        | " 402,   | Navarre, Ohio . . . . .        | 13          | " 28,             | " 195,                       | Indianapolis, Ind . . . . .    | 37   |
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The following resolution was adopted by the Twenty-Second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Columbus, Ohio, September, 1888, and was promulgated in General Orders No. 3, of Commander-in-Chief Wm. Warner:

*Resolved*, That this Encampment endorse the objects and purposes of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and hereby give to the Order the official recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic, and recommend that Comrades aid and encourage the institution of Camps of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

*To the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

This circular is issued to call your attention to the organization of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

ORIGIN.

In 1877, the sons of the Comrades of several of the prominent Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in Philadelphia, organized under the title of the "Cadets of the G. A. R." There were several of these organizations and they continued until April of 1879, when they organized themselves into independent "Camps of Sons of Veterans." Their example was followed by other sons of soldiers in the various cities in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and later, in November, 1881, Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburgh, formulated a Constitution, Rules and Regulations providing for a general national organization under the title of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. From this beginning an organization which numbers sixty thousand, and organized in thirty-one States and five Territories has resulted. This growth has been remarkable, and it has gathered within its folds the most prominent of the rising young Americans in the land. As an organization, it teaches loyalty to the government, and a deep and lasting regard for the services and achievements of the soldiers who saved the Union and the inculcation of substantial charity for the comfort of their declining days.



**MEMBERSHIP.**

None are admitted into the organization without the closest scrutiny, basing their title upon the honorable services of their fathers. They must be 18 years of age, their fathers must have been deceased or honorably discharged Union soldiers of the army of 1861-65, or they must be sons of members of this organization, for it is believed that the principles and objects which are represented in this organization if worthy of the consideration of the Grand Army of the Republic, if worthy of the consideration of our own organization, should certainly be worthy of perpetuation through the rising generations, namely: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

As an organization, we have studiously avoided any infringement upon the peculiar and special features of that grandest of all organizations, the Grand Army of the Republic. In the earlier years of our existence we used the same titles as are now used by the Grand Army of the Republic, but this course became so unpopular with that organization and caused so much confusion, that at our following Encampment we altered our Constitution to correct a fault which we discovered was working us a great damage. We do not call our organizations "Posts" for the same reason, nor do we presume to call each other "Comrade," for, being sons in one grand loyal family, we consider it right and proper to address each other as "Brother," and not to trespass upon the sacredness of that word "Comrade," which in this land has a peculiar and special meaning, and comprehended only by those who earned the title most honorably on the field of battle. The word "Comrade" means the weary marches;

Mud and sleet  
For a bed and sheet;

it means Libby Prison; it means Andersonville; it means hard-tack or go hungry; it means the crutch; the widow and the orphan; and we presume not to enter the sacred precincts of the Grand Army of the Republic until we have earned it as our fathers did. We have been criticized for calling our organizations "Camps," claiming that we were copying after the organization of the Confederate soldiers. This possibly might prove a criticism were it not for the fact that the Confederate soldiers organized their "Camps" subsequently to our organizing them, and as our fathers refused to surrender their camps to the Southern soldiers, we believe in standing by our own tents. Another one of the criticisms is our manner of designating our rank, which has been termed the "collar tag." At our recent Encampment at Wheeling, we dispensed with the "collar tag," and designate our rank in a more becoming and modest manner.

**A MILITARY ORDER.**

We are constitutionally, and have so declared ourselves to be, a military organization absolutely. We therefore employ the military titles. Our Camps are organized in strict company formation, each officer discharging his duties in the same manner and form as he would were he regularly enlisted. At no expense to the government, we form a National Militia, a bulwark of safety which can ever and always be relied upon for faithful services whenever the "Old Flag" may be attacked either from foe without or within. We are a standing army, twice the size of that of the nation, ready and willing to offer our services at any moment. We believe in teaching the young men of this country, upon whom its defense must rely for the next thirty years, not only loyalty to the Constitution of the land, but the manner and way in which to physically maintain it. Neither are our military titles out of proportion to the size of our organization, nor do our commanding officers average of younger age than were our fathers twenty-five years ago. Many of our Colonels command from five to eight thousand men, our Captains command from fifty to sixty men, with their Lieutenants, Sergeants and Corporals, while our State organizations assume only regimental formation.

Thus far we have received no official recognition or encouragement from the Grand Army of the Republic, the advancement of whose interests is one of our chief objects. Individually, we have received from the Grand Army of the Republic and from its officers all the encouragement that we could reasonably ask for. We have no desire in any way, shape or manner to become attached to, or to be auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, but our doors are always open to receive any Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic as a visitor. We are pleased to have them with us, they impart to us many notes of interest of their personal experiences, all of which must needs be of great interest to us. We do believe, however, that organized as we are, willing and ready at any time to make our organization conform to any expressed desires the Grand Army of the Republic may recommend as advisable, that it would at least be encouraging to us, if the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, by some official act, would recognize in the organization of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., their legitimate heirs and successors in the principles and objects that they teach and the cause which they represent, and thus encourage their own members to stimulate the growth of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO.

Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott.  
Adjutant-General, Will F. Jenkins.  
Quartermaster-General, C. J. Post.

DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Alabama and Tennessee, M. D. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.  
Arkansas, Otis E. Gulley, Springdale.  
California, Ed. C. Robinson, 906 Broadway, Oakland.  
Colorado, F. C. McArthur, Box 2078, Denver.  
Connecticut, G. Brainard Smith, Box 968, Hartford.  
South Dakota, C. C. Bras, Mt. Vernon.  
North Dakota, Frank V. Kent, Grand Forks.  
Florida, J. W. V. R. Plummer, Key West.  
Illinois, F. McCrillis, Room 3, 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago.  
Iowa, Cato Sells, Vinton.  
Indiana, E. S. Walker, West Lebanon.  
Kansas, C. S. Nation, Fredonia.  
Kentucky, Nathan M. Pell, Louisville.  
Maine, Waldo H. Perry, Portland.  
Maryland, S. J. Brown, Box 641, Washington, D. C.  
Massachusetts, N. C. Upham, Fitchburg.  
Michigan, Burt M. Fellows, Bronson.  
Minnesota, E. H. Milham, St. Paul.  
Missouri, Ed. R. Durham, Bethany.  
Montana, Wm. H. Perkins, Box 152, Helena.  
Nebraska, A. M. Appleget, Tecumseh.  
New Hampshire, Frank B. Perkins, Manchester.  
New Jersey, F. D. Morse, Elizabeth.  
New York, H. A. Smalling, Cohoes.  
Ohio, George W. Leonard, Urbana.  
Pennsylvania, J. L. Rake, P. O Box 154, Reading.  
Rhode Island, Chas. H. West, Newport.  
Vermont, F. L. Eaton, Montpelier.  
West Virginia, H. B. Baguley, Wheeling.  
Wisconsin, Chas. H. Hudson, Madison.

## OUR ORGANIZATION.

In answer to numerous inquiries concerning the origin, principles, objects, membership, etc., of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and for the purpose of giving information regarding the formation of Camps of the Order, the following is published :

## ORIGIN.

The first idea of such an organization grew out of the Cadet Corps associated with Posts Nos. 1 and 2, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Philadelphia, in 1877. These Cadet Corps, in April, 1879, organized themselves into independent Camps of Sons of Veterans, but it was not until November, 1881, that the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., with National pretensions, was organized by Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., a prominent Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Charter for the first Camp was granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and from this Camp there has radiated an influence which has extended throughout the length and breadth of our land, from Maine to California, and from Minnesota to Louisiana and Florida. Our tree has grown to such massive proportions that its branches are to be found in thirty-one States, five Territories and the District of Columbia, and to-day we number fully 80,000 members.

The components of the Order are:

*First.* Local organizations, known as Camps.

*Second.* State organizations, known as Divisions.

*Third.* The National organization, known as the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Order is military in its character and ceremonial work, and is officered in accordance with army regulations.

Camps maintain the same order and work as companies. Divisions correspond to regiments, and the Commandery-in-Chief to the army.

The Captain, First and Second Lieutenants are elected by ballot. The Captain appoints his staff as follows: First Sergeant, Q. M. Sergeant, Chaplain, Color Sergeant, Sergeant of the Guard, Corporal of the Guard, Musician, Camp Guard and Picket Guard. Divisions are officered as a regiment, the Commandery-in-Chief as an army.

The duties of the Camp officers are as follows: The Captain presides at the meetings of the Camp, and in his absence the First and Second Lieutenants take his place in the order of their rank. The Chaplain's duties are indicated by his title. The First Sergeant keeps the records of the Camp and makes a quarterly report to the Division Headquarters through the Captain. The Quartermaster-Sergeant keeps the funds of the Camp and also makes a quarterly report to the Division Headquarters through his Captain, forwarding therewith the *per capita* tax due from the Camp to Division Headquarters, which is twelve and one-half cents or less, per quarter from each member in good standing.

## PRINCIPLES.

A firm belief and trust in Almighty God, and a recognition of His beneficent guidance in the preservation of the life and integrity of the Nation.

True allegiance to the government of the United States of America, a respect for and fidelity to its constitutional laws, and opposition to any system or power that in any manner tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our National Union.

## OBJECTS.

To keep green the memories of our fathers and their sacrifices to maintain the Union, and to promote their interests and welfare as opportunity may offer or necessity may demand; to aid and assist in caring for their helpless and disabled veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate

the memory of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day; to aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order; to inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only amongst our membership, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty, and justice to all.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The sons, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-5, who have never borne arms against the government of the United States, are eligible to membership. No one is eligible who has ever been convicted of an infamous crime.

#### HOW TO ORGANIZE A CAMP.

Camps are organized by authority of the Division Commander, and are mustered by a Staff Officer of the Division, or a member of the G. A. R. selected for that purpose.

Upon receipt of the application for the Charter you can proceed as follows: Secure the names of at least ten eligible men, and obtain their fathers' record while in the army. This may be done by reference to the descriptive book of the Post, if he is a member of the G. A. R. If he is not, the record may be obtained from the Adjutant-General of the State in whose Regiment he served during the war, or from his honorable discharge papers. Make the record complete, and then call a special meeting for consultation, the selection of a Camp name, election of officers, etc. Collect the charter fee and the amount of supplies, and forward the same, with the information that you are ready for muster to the Commander of the Division, and he will detail an officer to do the work, and notify you of the date of muster. The charter fee is \$15, and includes Camp supplies, except badges. The expenses of the mustering officer—*i. e.*, his traveling expenses and hotel bills—must be paid by the Camp mustered.

It is customary in places where no Camp exists for the G. A. R. Post to appoint a committee from among the Comrades to take the matter in charge of circulating the application for a charter, and to supervise and encourage the formation of the Camp.

All members of the G. A. R. are privileged to visit any Camp in the Order, and may remain during the entire ceremony. We always give them a cordial welcome.

#### CAMP CEREMONIES

Are simple and beautiful in form, and our meetings not only provide a pleasant evening's entertainment, but furnish a means of self-improvement that should be embraced by all eligible.

The Order is neither political nor sectarian, and the discussion of such topics in Camp-room is strictly prohibited.

The lessons presented and inculcated are impressive and helpful, and aim, not only to teach true patriotism and the highest duties of citizenship, but seek the development of the inherent and essential qualities of a true and symmetrical manhood.

We have builded upon the firm foundations of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty, and aim to make our work practical by devoting our best energies to the welfare and happiness of the men who fought and bled that we might enjoy life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness in a land of freedom, where equal rights and equal justice are guaranteed to all.

While we do not desire to take unto ourselves any of the honor and glories purchased by the blood of our fathers, nor the continuation of sectional strife, we

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do believe in the perpetuity of Government, its Constitution and its flag, and we believe as the sons of such sires we may band together to further their principles, to teach loyalty, love of our native land, and its free institutions; and that in doing this we will form an impregnable bulwark for the Nation's safety against treason and anarchy.

The "boys of 61-65" are one by one crossing the pontoon bridge to the other shore, joining their comrades who have "gone before." In a few years the ranks will be thinned by the "Great Reaper," and but a remnant of the Nation's defenders—who upheld our flag from the shadow of Sumter to the sunlight of Appomattox—will be left.

Like the G. A. R., the Order of Sons of Veterans is not a political organization. It is not our province or work to have anything to do with sectarianism in religion or partisanship in politics. We do believe, however, that the Government of the United States is under lasting obligations to the veterans of the civil war, and that other things being equal, they should be recognized in a material and practical manner in the service of the Nation which they did so much to preserve and maintain.

All veterans are earnestly requested to assist us in "pushing" our noble work.

Blanks will be furnished on application.

If you can not give this your personal attention, will you kindly place it in good hands?

The Twenty-second National Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., at Columbus, Ohio, adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That this Encampment endorse the objects and purposes of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and hereby give to the Order the official recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic, and recommend that it aid and encourage the institution of Camps of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

Respectfully yours,

JOS. B. MACCABE,  
*Chief Mustering Officer.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 20, 1889.

Official Circular }  
No. 4. }

The Commander-in-Chief, and the Western members of his staff and the Council-in-Chief, will start for Paterson, New Jersey, Sunday Morning, September 8, at 10 A. M., on the Chicago and Atlantic Vestibled limited, leaving Chicago from Polk street Depot (Dearbon Station). This train will arrive at Marion, Ohio, Sunday afternoon at 6:20, and will there receive the Ohio and Southern delegates, arriving at Hornellsville at 7:21 Monday morning, traveling by day through the beautiful scenery along the Erie road and Delaware river, arriving at Paterson at 4:45 Monday afternoon.

The fare for the round trip will be one and one-third limited fare, or \$24.50 from Chicago and return. The train will be elegantly equipped throughout. Sleeping-car accommodations all the way through will be \$5.00 each double berth, or \$2.00 for the night only.

Persons desiring accommodations should address the Adjutant-General, A. L. Guilford, at once.

All Sons of Veterans, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, members of the Ladies' Aid Society, and all friends desiring to go east at this time, may avail themselves of these rates and accommodations.

All Brothers in the following Divisions intending to go to Paterson, are particularly requested to go by this train: Illinois, and all Divisions south, west and north of Illinois, and the Divisions of Michigan and Indiana.

The official dates of the Encampment at Paterson will be September 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. Tickets will be good returning three days after the close of the Encampment.

The western traffic association, which includes the territory lying west of Chicago and east of the Missouri river, has refused to grant a reduction of rate. The transcontinental association has made the rate as published herewith.

The central traffic association, southern passenger association, and the trunk line passenger committee give the rate of one fare and a third for the round trip, and instructions to delegates are appended herewith.

By order of

A. L. GUILFORD,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
CHICAGO, ILL., September 12, 1888.

Special Order }  
No. 15. }

A court is hereby appointed to meet at the Phillips House, Dayton, Ohio, on the fourth day of October, 1888, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the trial of Brother Walter S. Payne.

*Details for the Court.* 1. Lieutenant-Colonel O. B. Brown. 2. Captain R. M. Clarkson. 3. Lieutenant-Colonel D. H. Neimeyer. 4. Captain W. E. Bundy. 5. Ben S. Johnson. 6. A. W. Gates. 7. John G. Nevins. 8. D. W. Wood. 9. Colonel Harry Bacon. 10. Colonel H. B. Baguley. General A. M. Appelget, Judge Advocate-General.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
CHICAGO, ILL., January 2, 1889.

Special Order }  
No. 16. }

*Colonel Geo. W. Leonard, Urbana, Ohio:*

The appeal from Rollo Bland Camp, No. 13, under the official seal of the Camp, has this day reached these Headquarters, from your order for a new election in said Camp. You will therefore issue another order to said Camp, suspending your former one, until these Headquarters shall investigate the facts of the case and forward you further instructions.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 7, 1889.

Special Order }  
No. 17. }

*Colonel George W. Leonard, Urbana, Ohio:*

SIR AND BROTHER—Special Order No. 16, issued from these Headquarters, in relation to the matter of Rollo Bland Camp, Division of Ohio, is herewith rescinded. You will, therefore, proceed in the case as in your judgment the situation requires.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 19, 1889.

*Colonel George W. Leonard, Urbana, Ohio:*

SIR AND BROTHER—You will suspend the Charter of Julius Cushman Camp, No. 122, of the Division of Ohio, located at Woodstock, pending the investigation of charges and specifications which are on file at these Headquarters.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 15, 1889.

Special Order }  
No. 19. }

*Colonel Ed. R. Durham, Commanding the Division of Missouri, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
Bethany, Mo.:*

SIR AND BROTHER—You will convene the Division Council of Missouri in the city of St. Louis, at 10 o'clock Monday, the 11th of March, at such place as you may designate, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Major Geiger, and for the Division officers to inspect the accounts of the Division, and such other matters as they may desire to investigate. You will, therefore, have the accounts, vouchers and official papers of your Headquarters, also of the Adjutant's and Quartermaster's Departments, present and at the disposition of the Council.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
CHICAGO, ILL., March 23, 1889.

Special Order }  
No. 19—B. }

*M. Retel, 258 Broadway. Buffalo, N. Y.:*

SIR—You are hereby suspended from office pending investigations concerning the manner in which you have discharged your duties as Commander of the Division of New York. You will surrender your command and all property and funds of the Division in your possession, or within the possession of your Staff, to the Lieutenant-Colonel, Howard A. Smalling, Cohoes, N. Y., taking his receipt therefor.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
CHICAGO, ILL., March 23, 1889.

Special Order }  
No. 20. }

*Lieutenant-Colonel Howard A. Smalling, Division of New York, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
Cohoes, N. Y.:*

SIR AND COMRADE—You will assume command of the Division of New York, and administer its affairs in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. M. Retel having been suspended from



office, you will demand of him all property and funds of the Division of New York in his possession, or in the possession of his Staff; and this will be your authority for conforming to the above order.

Report all your acts, under this order, in detail, to the Adjutant-General.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Special Order No. 21 not promulgated.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 27, 1889.

Special Order }  
No. 22. }

*Colonel J. L. Rake, Commanding Division of Pennsylvania :*

SIR AND BROTHER—Good and sufficient cause appearing, the Charter of Camp No. 40, located at Erie, Division of Pennsylvania, is hereby suspended until such time as in your judgment the Charter should either be revoked or the Camp reinstated. Permission is further granted you to act in this matter as, in your judgment, the circumstances demand. You will so notify the officers and members of this Camp, and proceed to carry out this order.

By order of

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Special Orders Nos. 22 and 24 never promulgated.

Special Order No. 25 not promulgated.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 3, 1889.

*Colonel George B. Stadden, Springfield, Ill. :*

SIR—Good and sufficient cause appearing, and upon your recommendation, the original Charter of Black Eagle Camp, No. 51, Division of Illinois, is hereby annulled and declared void. You will proceed forthwith to re-Charter said Camp, placing upon the Charter-list the original Charter members of the Black Eagle Camp, No. 51, with rank from the original date, locating the Camp at Pullman, and this will be your authority for so doing.

By order of

A. L. GUILFORD,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

TABLE NO. 1.—*Divisions Organized.*

| DIVISION.                 | PLACE.              | DATE.           | BY.          |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Alabama and Tennessee . . | Birmingham, Ala . . | Mar. 13, 1889 . | Gen. Abbott. |
| Arkansas . . . . .        | Springdale, Ark . . | July 12, 1889 . | Gen. Abbott. |
| North Dakota . . . . .    | Grand Forks, N. D.  | July 22, 1889 . | Gen. Abbott. |
| South Dakota . . . . .    | Jamestown, S. D. .  | Mar. 14, 1889 . |              |

TABLE NO. 2.—*Divisions Chartered.*

Charters have been issued to the following Divisions :

| DIVISION.                       | DATE.          |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Alabama and Tennessee . . . . . | Mar. 13, 1889. |
| Arkansas. . . . .               | Sept. 2, 1889. |
| North Dakota . . . . .          | Sept. 2, 1889. |
| Nebraska. . . . .               | Sept. 2, 1889. |
| South Dakota. . . . .           | Sept. 2, 1889. |

TABLE NO. 3.

I also have the honor to report the Division Encampments held during the year, place and time of meeting :

| DIVISION.                       | PLACE.                        | DATE.               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Alabama and Tennessee . . . . . | Birmingham, Ala. . . . .      | March 18, 19, 1889. |
| Arkansas. . . . .               | Springdale, Ark . . . . .     | July 12, 1889.      |
| California. . . . .             | . . . . .                     | . . . . .           |
| Colorado . . . . .              | Laramie City, Wyo. . . . .    | May 24, 1889.       |
| Connecticut . . . . .           | Meriden, Conn . . . . .       | May 13, 14, 1889.   |
| South Dakota . . . . .          | Jamestown, S. Dak . . . . .   | May 14, 15, 1889.   |
| North Dakota . . . . .          | Grand Forks, N. Dak . . . . . | July 22, 1889.      |
| Illinois. . . . .               | Olney, Ill . . . . .          | June 25, 30, 1889.  |
| Indiana. . . . .                | Logansport, Ind . . . . .     | June 10, 12, 1889.  |
| Iowa . . . . .                  | Iowa, City, Ia . . . . .      | June 19, 20, 1889.  |
| Kansas . . . . .                | Emporia, Kan . . . . .        | March 12, 16, 1889. |
| Kentucky. . . . .               | Ashland, Ky . . . . .         | May 14, 1889.       |
| Maine . . . . .                 | Bangor, Me . . . . .          | May 8, 1889.        |
| Maryland. . . . .               | Washington, D. C. . . . .     | May 8, 9, 1889.     |
| Massachusetts . . . . .         | Lynn, Mass . . . . .          | June 5, 1889.       |
| Michigan . . . . .              | St. Joseph, Mich . . . . .    | June 4, 8, 1889.    |
| Minnesota. . . . .              | Duluth, Minn . . . . .        | June 17, 19, 1889.  |
| Missouri . . . . .              | St. Louis, Mo. . . . .        | June 11, 15, 1889.  |
| Montana . . . . .               | Helena, Mont. . . . .         | May 13, 1889.       |
| Nebraska . . . . .              | Holdrege, Neb. . . . .        | June 18, 20, 1889.  |
| New Hampshire. . . . .          | Dover, N. H . . . . .         | June 12, 1889.      |
| New Jersey . . . . .            | Long Branch, N. J . . . . .   | June 17, 1889.      |
| New York. . . . .               | Peekskill, N. Y. . . . .      | July, 8, 9, 1889.   |
| Ohio . . . . .                  | Cincinnati, O. . . . .        | May 14, 17, 1889.   |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .          | Renova, Pa. . . . .           | July 10, 12, 1889.  |
| Rhode Island . . . . .          | Providence, R. I . . . . .    | June 3, 1889.       |
| Vermont . . . . .               | Bennington, Vt. . . . .       | June 12, 13, 1889.  |
| West Virginia. . . . .          | Fairmont, W. Va. . . . .      | June 12, 13, 1889.  |
| Wisconsin. . . . .              | Menasha, Wis . . . . .        | June 1, 1889.       |

Attached hereto see "Roster of Colonels of Divisions of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

TABLE NO. 4.

## Roster of Colonels of Divisions, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., 1889-90:

Alabama and Tennessee, M. D. Friedman, Birmingham.  
 Arkansas, Otis E. Gulley, Springdale.  
 California, E. W. Conant, San Jose.  
 Colorado, E. T. Beltz, Laramie, Wyoming.  
 Connecticut, G. Brainard Smith, Hartford.  
 North Dakota, Frank V. Kent, Grand Forks.  
 South Dakota, C. C. Bras, Mitchell.  
 Florida, J. W. V. R. Plummer, Key West.  
 Illinois, Geo. B. Stadden, Springfield.  
 Indiana, Geo. C. Harvey, Danville.  
 Iowa, F. W. White, Waterloo.  
 Kansas, C. S. Nation, Fredonia.  
 Kentucky, Geo. H. Capito, 925 W. Jefferson street, Louisville.  
 Maine, Chas. F. Hutchins, Bangor.  
 Maryland, Sherman J. Brown, Washington, D. C., Box 641.  
 Massachusetts, Dudley P. Purbeck, Salem.  
 Michigan, F. M. Williams, 72 Monroe street, Grand Rapids.  
 Minnesota, A. S. Morgan, Duluth.  
 Missouri, Rudolph Loebenstein, Warrensburg.  
 Montana, John R. Miller, Helena.  
 Nebraska, A. M. Appelget, Tecumseh.  
 New Hampshire, B. O. Roby, Nashua.  
 New Jersey, A. Derron, Jr., Paterson.  
 New York, Geo. Addington, Albany.  
 Ohio, Wm. E. Bundy, Lincoln Inn Court, Cincinnati.  
 Pennsylvania, C. M. Cott, Meadville.  
 Rhode Island, Theo. A. Barton, Providence.  
 Vermont, E. T. Griswold, Bennington.  
 West Virginia, H. B. Baguley, Wheeling.  
 Wisconsin, C. H. Hudson, Madison.

All Camps in the State of Oregon and Territories of Washington and Idaho are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Montana. All Camps in the Territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Colorado. All Camps in Texas are under the jurisdiction of the Division of Arkansas. All Camps in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Alabama and Tennessee. All Camps in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Delaware are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Maryland. All Camps in Oklahoma are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Kansas.

TABLE No. 5.

Table showing the representation from each Division entitled to seats at the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at Paterson, N. J., giving Commander-in-Chief, number Past Commanders-in-Chief, Colonels, Past Colonels, Delegates-at-Large, Delegates, and number of alternates, also giving the Honorary Members Commandery-in-Chief.

| DIVISIONS.                     | Hon. Members. | Past Com-in-Chief. | Com-in Chief. | Council-in-Chief. | Past-Colonel. | Colonels. | Del-at-Large. | Delegates. | Total. | Alt-at-Large. | Alternates. | Total. |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|------------|--------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| Alabama and Tennessee. . . . . |               |                    |               |                   | 1             | 1         | 1             | 3          | 1      | 1             |             | 5      |
| Arkansas. . . . .              |               |                    |               |                   | 1             | 1         | 1             | 3          | 1      | 1             |             | 5      |
| California. . . . .            |               |                    |               |                   | 3             | 1         | 1             | 6          | 1      | 1             |             | 8      |
| Colorado. . . . .              |               |                    |               |                   | 2             | 1         | 1             | 5          | 1      | 1             |             | 7      |
| Connecticut. . . . .           | 1             |                    |               |                   | 3             | 1         | 1             | 7          | 1      | 1             |             | 9      |
| North Dakota. . . . .          |               |                    |               |                   | 1             | 1         | 1             | 3          | 1      | 1             |             | 5      |
| South Dakota. . . . .          |               |                    |               | 1                 | 2             | 1         | 1             | 6          | 1      | 1             |             | 8      |
| Florida. . . . .               |               |                    |               |                   | 1             | 1         | 1             | 1          |        |               |             | 1      |
| Illinois. . . . .              |               |                    | 1             | 2                 | 3             | 1         | 1             | 5          | 12     | 1             | 4           | 17     |
| Indiana. . . . .               |               |                    |               | 1                 | 1             | 1         | 1             | 3          | 7      | 1             | 3           | 11     |
| Iowa. . . . .                  |               |                    |               |                   | 4             | 1         | 1             | 3          | 9      | 1             | 3           | 13     |
| Kansas. . . . .                |               |                    |               |                   | 3             | 1         | 1             | 3          | 8      | 1             | 3           | 12     |
| Kentucky. . . . .              |               |                    |               | 1                 | 2             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 6      | 1             | 1           | 8      |
| Maine. . . . .                 | 2             | 1                  |               |                   | 6             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 12     | 1             | 1           | 14     |
| Maryland. . . . .              | 2             |                    |               |                   | 1             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 6      | 1             | 1           | 8      |
| Massachusetts. . . . .         |               | 1                  |               |                   | 6             | 1         | 1             | 4          | 13     | 1             | 4           | 18     |
| Michigan. . . . .              |               |                    |               |                   | 3             | 1         | 1             | 3          | 8      | 1             | 3           | 12     |
| Minnesota. . . . .             |               |                    |               |                   | 2             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 5      | 1             | 1           | 7      |
| Missouri. . . . .              |               |                    |               |                   | 4             | 1         | 1             | 2          | 8      | 1             | 2           | 11     |
| Montana. . . . .               |               |                    |               |                   | 2             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 5      | 1             | 1           | 7      |
| Nebraska. . . . .              |               |                    |               |                   | 1             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 4      | 1             | 1           | 6      |
| New Hampshire. . . . .         |               |                    |               |                   | 5             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 8      | 1             | 1           | 10     |
| New Jersey. . . . .            |               |                    |               |                   | 6             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 9      | 1             | 1           | 11     |
| New York. . . . .              | 1             | 1                  |               |                   | 4             | 1         | 1             | 3          | 11     | 1             | 3           | 15     |
| Ohio. . . . .                  |               |                    |               |                   | 6             | 1         | 1             | 10         | 18     | 1             | 10          | 29     |
| Pennsylvania. . . . .          | 2             | 1                  |               |                   | 12            | 1         | 1             | 5          | 22     | 1             | 5           | 28     |
| Rhode Island. . . . .          |               |                    |               |                   | 1             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 4      | 1             | 1           | 6      |
| Vermont. . . . .               |               |                    |               |                   | 7             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 10     | 1             | 1           | 12     |
| West Virginia. . . . .         |               |                    |               |                   | 1             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 4      | 1             | 1           | 6      |
| Wisconsin. . . . .             |               |                    |               |                   | 3             | 1         | 1             | 1          | 6      | 1             | 1           | 8      |
| Totals. . . . .                | 8             | 4                  | 1             | 5                 | 93            | 30        | 29            | 59         | 229    | 29            | 59          | 317    |

Of honorary members, Commandery-in-Chief, 8; Past Commanders-in-Chief, 4; Commanders-in-Chief, 1; Council-in-Chief, 5; Past Colonels, 93; Colonels, 30; Delegates-at-Large, 29; Delegates, 59; total, 229.

All members of Council-in-Chief who are Colonels commanding are in the above table counted as Colonels, and Members of Council-in-Chief who are Past Colonels are counted in the above table as Past Colonels.

TABLE NO. 6.

I have the honor to report that Camps of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are now organized in the following States and Territories:

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Alabama,          | Michigan,           |
| Arizona,          | Minnesota,          |
| Arkansas,         | Mississippi,        |
| California,       | Missouri,           |
| Colorado,         | Montana,            |
| Connecticut,      | Nebraska,           |
| North Carolina,   | New Hampshire,      |
| South Carolina,   | New Jersey,         |
| Delaware,         | New Mexico,         |
| North Dakota,     | New York,           |
| South Dakota,     | Ohio,               |
| Florida,          | Oklahoma Territory, |
| Georgia,          | Oregon,             |
| Idaho,            | Pennsylvania,       |
| Illinois,         | Rhode Island,       |
| Indiana,          | Tennessee,          |
| Indian Territory, | Texas,              |
| Iowa,             | Vermont,            |
| Kansas,           | Virginia,           |
| Kentucky,         | Washington,         |
| Louisiana,        | West Virginia,      |
| Maine,            | Wisconsin,          |
| Maryland,         | Wyoming.            |
| Massachusetts,    |                     |

TABLE NO. 7.

The Camps in Oregon, Idaho Territory and Washington Territory are under the command of the Commander of Montana Division.

The Camps in Arizona Territory, New Mexico Territory and Wyoming Territory are under the command of the Commander of Colorado Division.

The Camps in Texas are under the command of the Commander of Arkansas Division.

The Camps in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia are under the command of the Commander of Division of Alabama and Tennessee.

The Camps in North Carolina, South Carolina, Delaware and Virginia are under the command of the Commander of Maryland Division.

The Camps in Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory are under the command of the Commander of Kansas Division.

TABLE NO. 8.

Members of the Sons of Veterans holding transfer cards from the Order, who are, of course, still members of the Order:

|                                 |    |                                |     |
|---------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Alabama and Tennessee . . . . . | 0  | Minnesota . . . . .            | 6   |
| Arkansas . . . . .              | 0  | Missouri . . . . .             | 3   |
| California . . . . .            | 11 | Montana . . . . .              | 1   |
| Colorado . . . . .              | 5  | Nebraska . . . . .             | 8   |
| Connecticut . . . . .           | 10 | New Hampshire . . . . .        | 7   |
| North Dakota . . . . .          | 0  | New Jersey . . . . .           | 7   |
| South Dakota . . . . .          | 0  | New York . . . . .             | 87  |
| Florida . . . . .               | 0  | Ohio . . . . .                 | 105 |
| Illinois . . . . .              | 79 | Pennsylvania . . . . .         | 12  |
| Indiana . . . . .               | 25 | Rhode Island . . . . .         | 5   |
| Iowa . . . . .                  | 10 | Vermont . . . . .              | 8   |
| Kansas . . . . .                | 57 | West Virginia . . . . .        | 2   |
| Kentucky . . . . .              | 4  | Wisconsin . . . . .            | 3   |
| Maine . . . . .                 | 4  |                                |     |
| Maryland . . . . .              | 6  |                                |     |
| Massachusetts . . . . .         | 73 | Total number members on trans- |     |
| Michigan . . . . .              | 27 | fer July 1, 1889 . . . . .     | 555 |

TABLE NO. 9.

Table showing members court-martialed and dishonorably discharged from the Order, in all Divisions, during months from October 1 to September 1, 1889:

| DIVISIONS               | Oct., 1888. | Nov., 1888. | Dec., 1888. | Jan., 1889. | Feb., 1889. | March, 1889. | April, 1889. | May, 1889. | June, 1889. | July, 1889. | August, 1889. | Totals. |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------|
| North Dakota . . . . .  |             |             |             | 1           |             |              |              |            |             |             |               | 1       |
| Illinois . . . . .      |             |             |             |             |             |              | 1            |            |             |             |               | 1       |
| Indiana . . . . .       |             |             |             | 1           |             |              |              |            |             |             |               | 1       |
| Kansas . . . . .        |             | 1           |             |             | 1           |              | 1            |            |             |             |               | 3       |
| Maryland . . . . .      |             |             |             |             | 1           |              |              |            |             |             |               | 1       |
| Massachusetts . . . . . | 1           |             |             | 1           |             |              | 1            |            |             |             |               | 3       |
| Michigan . . . . .      |             |             |             | 1           |             |              |              |            |             |             |               | 1       |
| Minnesota . . . . .     | 1           |             |             |             |             |              |              |            |             |             |               | 1       |
| Missouri . . . . .      |             |             |             |             |             |              |              | 1          |             |             |               | 1       |
| Nebraska . . . . .      |             |             |             |             |             |              |              |            | 1           |             |               | 1       |
| New Hampshire . . . . . |             |             |             |             |             |              | 3            |            |             |             |               | 3       |
| Ohio . . . . .          | 2           |             | 1           | 2           |             | 1            |              | 1          |             |             |               | 7       |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .  | 1           |             |             |             | 1           |              |              |            |             |             |               | 2       |
| Totals . . . . .        | 5           | 1           | 1           | 6           | 3           | 1            | 6            | 2          | 1           |             |               | 26      |

Although it is discouraging to us to have Brothers of our Order so conduct themselves as to render them liable to punishment under our laws, it is encouraging to the hard-working, honest members of the Order that dishonesty and crime against the laws of our beloved land and our Order are not overlooked, and that he who commits unlawful acts must and does suffer therefor, in accordance with our laws, while he who conducts himself properly is given credit therefor.

TABLE No. 10.

Table showing number new Camps organized in different Divisions and during different months, from August 1, 1888, to, and including, September 7, 1889 :

| DIVISIONS.                       | Aug., 1888. | Sept., 1888. | 1888. |      |      | Jan., 1889. | Feb., 1889. | Mar., 1889. | Apr., 1889. | May, 1889. | June, 1889. | July, 1889. | Aug., 1889. | Totals. |     |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------|------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-----|
|                                  |             |              | Oct.  | Nov. | Dec. |             |             |             |             |            |             |             |             |         |     |
| Alabama and Tennessee . . . . .  | 1           | .            | .     | .    | .    | 1           | 1           | 3           | 1           | .          | 1           | 1           | 1           | 10      |     |
| Arkansas . . . . .               | 1           | 1            | .     | .    | .    | .           | 1           | .           | .           | 3          | 1           | 1           | 2           | 10      |     |
| California . . . . .             | 1           | .            | .     | .    | .    | .           | .           | 1           | .           | 4          | .           | .           | 1           | 7       |     |
| Colorado . . . . .               | .           | .            | .     | .    | 1    | .           | 2           | .           | 1           | 2          | .           | 1           | .           | 7       |     |
| Connecticut . . . . .            | 1           | .            | .     | 1    | .    | .           | .           | .           | .           | 1          | 1           | .           | .           | 4       |     |
| North and South Dakota . . . . . | 1           | .            | .     | .    | 3    | 4           | 2           | 1           | 2           | 1          | 3           | 1           | .           | 18      |     |
| Florida . . . . .                | .           | .            | .     | .    | .    | .           | .           | .           | .           | .          | 1           | .           | .           | 1       |     |
| Illinois . . . . .               | 6           | 4            | .     | .    | .    | 8           | 2           | 5           | 8           | 9          | 12          | 8           | 4           | 70      |     |
| Indiana . . . . .                | 5           | 5            | .     | .    | .    | 2           | 1           | 11          | 9           | 1          | 4           | 1           | 12          | 9       | 60  |
| Iowa . . . . .                   | 2           | .            | .     | .    | .    | 6           | 5           | 1           | 6           | 4          | 4           | 5           | 4           | 2       | 39  |
| Kansas . . . . .                 | 4           | 1            | .     | .    | .    | 2           | 5           | 6           | 5           | 8          | 6           | 5           | 4           | 5       | 51  |
| Kentucky . . . . .               | 1           | .            | .     | .    | .    | .           | 1           | 2           | 1           | .          | .           | 1           | .           | 6       |     |
| Maine . . . . .                  | .           | .            | .     | .    | 3    | .           | .           | 2           | 1           | 1          | .           | .           | 1           | 8       |     |
| Maryland . . . . .               | .           | 1            | .     | .    | .    | 1           | .           | 2           | 1           | .          | 2           | .           | .           | 7       |     |
| Massachusetts . . . . .          | 1           | .            | .     | .    | .    | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2          | 5           | .           | 2           | 18      |     |
| Michigan . . . . .               | 2           | 2            | .     | .    | .    | 4           | .           | 2           | 5           | 5          | 3           | 6           | 6           | 5       | 40  |
| Minnesota . . . . .              | .           | .            | .     | .    | .    | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | .          | 1           | .           | 2           | 1       | 8   |
| Missouri . . . . .               | 3           | 2            | .     | .    | .    | 2           | 1           | 5           | 7           | 12         | 8           | 9           | 4           | 7       | 60  |
| Montana . . . . .                | 1           | .            | .     | .    | .    | .           | .           | 1           | 1           | 1          | .           | 1           | .           | 5       |     |
| Nebraska . . . . .               | .           | 1            | .     | .    | .    | 2           | 1           | 1           | 4           | 6          | 2           | 7           | 3           | .       | 27  |
| New Hampshire . . . . .          | 1           | 2            | .     | .    | .    | .           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 7          | 1           | .           | .           | 16      |     |
| New Jersey . . . . .             | .           | 1            | .     | .    | .    | .           | .           | .           | .           | 3          | .           | .           | .           | 2       | 6   |
| New York . . . . .               | .           | 6            | .     | .    | .    | 6           | 1           | .           | .           | 1          | .           | 2           | 1           | 1       | 18  |
| Ohio . . . . .                   | 8           | 3            | .     | .    | .    | 12          | 14          | 10          | 13          | 6          | 5           | 6           | 9           | 10      | 96  |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .           | 3           | 4            | .     | .    | .    | 7           | 4           | 1           | 8           | 6          | 6           | 4           | 4           | 2       | 49  |
| Rhode Island . . . . .           | .           | 1            | .     | .    | .    | 2           | .           | .           | 1           | .          | .           | .           | .           | 2       | 6   |
| Vermont . . . . .                | 2           | .            | .     | .    | .    | 1           | 1           | 1           | .           | 2          | .           | .           | .           | .       | 7   |
| West Virginia . . . . .          | 2           | .            | .     | .    | .    | 1           | .           | 3           | 1           | .          | .           | 1           | .           | 1       | 9   |
| Wisconsin . . . . .              | .           | .            | .     | .    | .    | 4           | 3           | 2           | 5           | 2          | 6           | 4           | 3           | 1       | 30  |
| Total . . . . .                  | 46          | 34           | .     | .    | .    | 70          | 47          | 59          | 89          | 74         | 85          | 68          | 64          | 57      | 693 |

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|                                                                   |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Camps mustered to September 1, 1889 . . . . .                     | 693 |
| Camps mustered in all Divisions since September 1, 1889 . . . . . | 13  |
| Total number Camps organized during the year . . . . .            | 706 |
| Gain over 1886-7 (615) . . . . .                                  | 91  |
| Gain over 1887-8 (678) . . . . .                                  | 28  |



TABLE No. 11.

Table giving the number of members the Order has gained by organization of new Camps in all Divisions, and during months from August 1, 1888, to September 7, 1889.

| DIVISIONS.                | Aug, 1888. | Sept., 1888. | 1888. |      |      | Jan., 1889. | Feb, 1889. | March, 1889. | April, 1889. | May, 1889. | June, 1889. | July, 1889. | Aug., 1889. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|------|------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
|                           |            |              | Oct.  | Nov. | Dec. |             |            |              |              |            |             |             |             |        |
| Alabama and Tenn. . . . . | 35         | .            | .     | .    | .    | 20          | 11         | 45           | .            | 19         | 14          | 17          | 21          | 182    |
| Arkansas . . . . .        | 17         | 19           | .     | .    | .    | .           | 16         | .            | .            | 67         | 17          | 20          | 38          | 194    |
| California . . . . .      | 11         | .            | .     | .    | .    | .           | .          | 12           | .            | 66         | .           | .           | 20          | 109    |
| Colorado . . . . .        | .          | .            | .     | 10   | .    | .           | 24         | .            | .            | 41         | .           | 19          | .           | 94     |
| Connecticut . . . . .     | 21         | .            | .     | 18   | .    | .           | .          | 21           | 16           | 13         | 16          | .           | .           | 105    |
| Dakotas . . . . .         | 13         | .            | .     | 39   | .    | 81          | 54         | 31           | 26           | 19         | 41          | 19          | .           | 323    |
| Florida . . . . .         | .          | .            | .     | .    | .    | .           | .          | .            | .            | .          | 11          | .           | .           | 11     |
| Illinois . . . . .        | 90         | 65           | 128   | 55   | 70   | 153         | 173        | 271          | 187          | 98         | 83          | 1373        |             | 1373   |
| Indiana . . . . .         | 84         | 90           | 36    | 12   | 191  | 185         | 15         | 59           | 10           | 160        | 177         | 1019        |             | 1019   |
| Iowa . . . . .            | 22         | .            | 89    | 110  | 25   | 127         | 84         | 83           | 74           | 63         | 39          | 716         |             | 716    |
| Kansas . . . . .          | 71         | 12           | 62    | 95   | 82   | 105         | 120        | 91           | 99           | 51         | 119         | 907         |             | 907    |
| Kentucky . . . . .        | 12         | .            | .     | .    | 29   | 20          | 14         | .            | .            | 25         | .           | 100         |             | 100    |
| Maine . . . . .           | .          | .            | 52    | .    | .    | 44          | 23         | 15           | .            | .          | .           | 12          |             | 146    |
| Maryland . . . . .        | .          | 14           | .     | .    | .    | .           | 11         | 14           | .            | 27         | 10          | 90          |             | 90     |
| Massachusetts . . . . .   | 81         | .            | 35    | 58   | 40   | 17          | 47         | 123          | .            | 34         | .           | 435         |             | 435    |
| Michigan . . . . .        | 39         | 50           | 66    | .    | 31   | 95          | 81         | 50           | 91           | 114        | 85          | 702         |             | 702    |
| Minnesota . . . . .       | .          | .            | 17    | 12   | 32   | 18          | .          | 29           | .            | 40         | 22          | 170         |             | 170    |
| Missouri . . . . .        | 50         | 39           | 48    | 35   | 108  | 119         | 236        | 169          | 200          | 58         | 201         | 1263        |             | 1263   |
| Montana . . . . .         | 11         | .            | .     | .    | .    | 20          | 12         | 13           | .            | 15         | .           | 71          |             | 71     |
| Nebraska . . . . .        | .          | 18           | 62    | 22   | 23   | 83          | 131        | 28           | 159          | 59         | .           | 576         |             | 576    |
| New Hampshire . . . . .   | 14         | 35           | .     | .    | 12   | 28          | 25         | 94           | 29           | .          | .           | 237         |             | 237    |
| New Jersey . . . . .      | .          | 24           | .     | .    | .    | .           | .          | 76           | .            | .          | .           | 141         |             | 141    |
| New York . . . . .        | .          | 89           | 124   | 13   | .    | .           | 27         | .            | 34           | 16         | 10          | 313         |             | 313    |
| Ohio . . . . .            | 193        | 61           | 189   | 278  | 194  | 293         | 107        | 117          | 110          | 160        | 156         | 1858        |             | 1858   |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .    | 47         | 90           | 152   | 101  | 31   | 187         | 116        | 96           | 78           | 83         | 51          | 1032        |             | 1032   |
| Rhode Island . . . . .    | .          | 21           | 52    | .    | .    | 28          | .          | .            | .            | .          | 43          | 144         |             | 144    |
| Vermont . . . . .         | 28         | .            | 27    | 25   | 17   | .           | 43         | .            | .            | .          | .           | 140         |             | 140    |
| West Virginia . . . . .   | 27         | .            | 29    | .    | 92   | 22          | .          | .            | 17           | .          | 11          | 198         |             | 198    |
| Wisconsin . . . . .       | .          | .            | 81    | 54   | 29   | 109         | 32         | 122          | 73           | 65         | 22          | 587         |             | 587    |
| Totals . . . . .          | 866        | 627          | 1316  | 985  | 1111 | 1773        | 1342       | 1661         | 1287         | 1117       | 1151        | 13236       |             | 13236  |

## SUPPLEMENTAL.

|                                                               |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Members mustered to September 1, 1889 . . . . .               | 13,236 |
| Members mustered since September 1, 1889 . . . . .            | 3,331  |
| Total mustered by organization of Camps during year . . . . . | 13,567 |
| Gain over 1886-7 (11,858). . . . .                            | 1,709  |
| Gain over 1887-8 (12,105). . . . .                            | 1,462  |

TABLE No. 12—*Recapitulation.*

The following table is a recapitulation of the two foregoing tables (showing Camps and Applicants mustered monthly in different Divisions), and showing Camps and Applicants the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has gained by organization in all the Divisions from August 1, 1888, to September 1, 1889:

| CAMPS.        | DIVISIONS.                       | APPLICANTS. |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 10 . . . . .  | Alabama and Tennessee . . . . .  | 182         |
| 10 . . . . .  | Arkansas . . . . .               | 194         |
| 7 . . . . .   | California . . . . .             | 109         |
| 7 . . . . .   | Colorado . . . . .               | 94          |
| 4 . . . . .   | Connecticut . . . . .            | 105         |
| 18 . . . . .  | North and South Dakota . . . . . | 323         |
| 1 . . . . .   | Florida . . . . .                | 11          |
| 70 . . . . .  | Illinois . . . . .               | 1,373       |
| 60 . . . . .  | Indiana . . . . .                | 1,019       |
| 39 . . . . .  | Iowa . . . . .                   | 716         |
| 51 . . . . .  | Kansas . . . . .                 | 907         |
| 6 . . . . .   | Kentucky . . . . .               | 100         |
| 8 . . . . .   | Maine . . . . .                  | 146         |
| 7 . . . . .   | Maryland . . . . .               | 90          |
| 18 . . . . .  | Massachusetts . . . . .          | 435         |
| 40 . . . . .  | Michigan . . . . .               | 702         |
| 8 . . . . .   | Minnesota . . . . .              | 170         |
| 60 . . . . .  | Missouri . . . . .               | 1,263       |
| 5 . . . . .   | Montana . . . . .                | 71          |
| 27 . . . . .  | Nebraska . . . . .               | 576         |
| 16 . . . . .  | New Hampshire . . . . .          | 237         |
| 6 . . . . .   | New Jersey . . . . .             | 141         |
| 18 . . . . .  | New York . . . . .               | 313         |
| 96 . . . . .  | Ohio . . . . .                   | 1,858       |
| 49 . . . . .  | Pennsylvania . . . . .           | 1,032       |
| 6 . . . . .   | Rhode Island . . . . .           | 144         |
| 7 . . . . .   | Vermont . . . . .                | 140         |
| 9 . . . . .   | West Virginia . . . . .          | 198         |
| 30 . . . . .  | Wisconsin . . . . .              | 857         |
| <hr/>         |                                  | <hr/>       |
| 603 . . . . . | Totals . . . . .                 | 13,236      |

SUPPLEMENTAL.

|               |                                                 |        |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 693 . . . . . | All Divisions . . . . .                         | 13,236 |
| 13 . . . . .  | By Camps mustered since Sept. 1, 1889 . . . . . | 3,331  |
| <hr/>         |                                                 | <hr/>  |
| 706 . . . . . | Totals . . . . .                                | 12,567 |

CAMPS.

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Gain over 1886-7 (615) . . . . . | 91 |
| Gain over 1887-8 (678) . . . . . | 28 |

APPLICANTS.

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Gain over 1886-7 (11,858) . . . . . | 1,709 |
| Gain over 1887-8 (12,105) . . . . . | 1,462 |

TABLE NO. 13.

Table comparing the growth of the Order, by muster of new Camps and applicants, in all Divisions, in the last three years:

| CAMPS. |        |        | DIVISIONS.            | APPLICANTS. |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| 1886-7 | 1887-8 | 1888-9 |                       | 1886-7      | 1887-8 | 1888-9 |
| 3      | 2      | 10     | Alabama and Tennessee | 67          | 31     | 182    |
| 2      | .      | 10     | Arkansas              | 26          | .      | 194    |
| 7      | 4      | 7      | California            | 122         | 57     | 109    |
| 6      | 2      | 7      | Colorado              | 94          | 22     | 94     |
| 8      | 4      | 4      | Connecticut           | 156         | 74     | 105    |
| 11     | 7      | 18     | N. and S. Dakota      | 212         | 110    | 323    |
| 73     | 98     | 70     | Illinois              | 1470        | 1768   | 1378   |
| 1      | .      | 1      | Florida               | 10          | .      | 11     |
| 41     | 38     | 60     | Iowa                  | 824         | 814    | 1019   |
| 45     | 83     | 39     | Indiana               | 874         | 1526   | 716    |
| 36     | 39     | 51     | Kansas                | 703         | 728    | 907    |
| 4      | 8      | 6      | Kentucky              | 67          | 124    | 100    |
| 5      | 11     | 8      | Maine                 | 106         | 168    | 146    |
| 4      | 3      | 7      | Maryland              | 80          | 61     | 90     |
| 25     | 20     | 18     | Massachusetts         | 691         | 402    | 435    |
| 59     | 53     | 40     | Michigan              | 857         | 1018   | 702    |
| 12     | 13     | 8      | Minnesota             | 266         | 232    | 170    |
| 40     | 28     | 60     | Missouri              | 677         | 569    | 1263   |
| 5      | 2      | 5      | Montana               | 70          | 22     | 71     |
| 7      | 13     | 27     | Nebraska              | 142         | 211    | 576    |
| 2      | 6      | 16     | New Hampshire         | 37          | 89     | 237    |
| 7      | 8      | 6      | New Jersey            | 142         | 176    | 141    |
| 20     | 25     | 18     | New York              | 354         | 453    | 313    |
| 110    | 130    | 96     | Ohio                  | 2971        | 1843   | 1858   |
| 65     | 52     | 49     | Pennsylvania          | 1265        | 1039   | 1032   |
| 3      | 4      | 6      | Rhode Island          | 60          | 79     | 144    |
| 6      | 7      | 7      | Vermont               | 97          | 121    | 140    |
| 7      | 8      | 9      | West Virginia         | 128         | 151    | 198    |
| 11     | 10     | 30     | Wisconsin             | 235         | 218    | 857    |
| 615    | 678    | 693    | Totals                | 11858       | 12105  | 13236  |
| .      | .      | 13     | Supplemental          |             |        | 3331   |
| 615    | 678    | 706    | Totals                | 11858       | 12105  | 13567  |

| CAMPS.                 |    | APPLICANTS.              |      |
|------------------------|----|--------------------------|------|
| Gain over 1886-7 (615) | 91 | Gain over 1886-7 (11858) | 1709 |
| Gain over 1887-8 (678) | 28 | Gain over 1887-8 (12105) | 1642 |

It is very gratifying to note the increase in number of new Camps and applicants during each succeeding year, which indicates that the enthusiasm toward the sustainment and furtherment of our principles and objects is increasing.

TABLE No. 14.

Comparing the number of Camps in good standing, suspended, and total number of Camps August 10, 1888, and the number of Camps in good standing, suspended, and total number of Camps September 7, 1889:

| DIVISIONS.                             | Camps in good standing Aug. 10, 1888. | Camps suspended Aug. 10, 1888. | No. Camps Aug. 10, 1888. | Camps in good standing Aug. 10, 1889. | Camps suspended Aug. 10, 1889. | No. Camps Aug. 10, 1889. |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alabama and Tennessee . . . . .        |                                       |                                |                          | 9                                     | 3                              | 12                       |
| Arkansas . . . . .                     |                                       |                                |                          |                                       |                                |                          |
| California . . . . .                   | 13                                    | 6                              | 19                       | 10                                    | 6                              | 16                       |
| Colorado . . . . .                     | 7                                     | 5                              | 12                       | 7                                     | 1                              | 8                        |
| Connecticut . . . . .                  | 28                                    | 4                              | 32                       | 23                                    |                                | 23                       |
| North Dakota . . . . .                 | 86                                    | 10                             | 96                       | 7                                     |                                | 7                        |
| South Dakota . . . . .                 |                                       |                                |                          | 17                                    | 4                              | 21                       |
| Florida . . . . .                      | 3                                     |                                | 3                        | 3                                     |                                | 3                        |
| Illinois . . . . .                     | 205                                   | 6                              | 211                      | 168                                   | 39                             | 197                      |
| Indiana . . . . .                      | 97                                    | 64                             | 161                      | 121                                   |                                | 121                      |
| Iowa . . . . .                         | 69                                    | 36                             | 105                      | 77                                    | 20                             | 97                       |
| Kansas . . . . .                       | 71                                    | 29                             | 100                      | 103                                   | 10                             | 113                      |
| Kentucky . . . . .                     | 6                                     | 6                              | 12                       | 6                                     | 5                              | 11                       |
| Maine . . . . .                        | 29                                    | 2                              | 31                       | 31                                    | 4                              | 35                       |
| Maryland . . . . .                     | 5                                     | 1                              | 6                        | 10                                    | 2                              | 12                       |
| Massachusetts . . . . .                | 89                                    | 1                              | 90                       | 100                                   |                                | 100                      |
| Michigan . . . . .                     | 130                                   | 6                              | 136                      | 129                                   | 3                              | 132                      |
| Minnesota . . . . .                    | 34                                    |                                | 34                       | 31                                    | 5                              | 36                       |
| Missouri . . . . .                     | 73                                    | 1                              | 74                       | 67                                    | 17                             | 84                       |
| Montana . . . . .                      | 5                                     |                                | 5                        | 8                                     |                                | 8                        |
| Nebraska . . . . .                     | 26                                    | 8                              | 36                       | 38                                    | 1                              | 39                       |
| New Hampshire . . . . .                | 29                                    | 5                              | 34                       | 35                                    | 8                              | 43                       |
| New Jersey . . . . .                   | 22                                    |                                | 22                       | 23                                    | 6                              | 29                       |
| New York . . . . .                     | 37                                    | 28                             | 65                       | 87                                    |                                | 87                       |
| Ohio . . . . .                         | 285                                   | 7                              | 292                      | 324                                   | 35                             | 359                      |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .                 | 153                                   | 31                             | 184                      | 149                                   | 27                             | 176                      |
| Rhode Island . . . . .                 | 7                                     |                                | 7                        | 10                                    |                                | 10                       |
| Vermont . . . . .                      | 24                                    | 5                              | 29                       | 33                                    | 3                              | 36                       |
| West Virginia . . . . .                | 12                                    | 2                              | 14                       | 12                                    | 3                              | 15                       |
| Wisconsin . . . . .                    | 23                                    | 1                              | 24                       | 21                                    | 4                              | 25                       |
| Provisonal Division-at-Large . . . . . | 14                                    |                                | 14                       |                                       |                                |                          |
| Ohio and Massachusetts, Sup. . . . .   | 50                                    |                                | 50                       |                                       |                                |                          |
| <b>Totals . . . . .</b>                | <b>1,507</b>                          | <b>263</b>                     | <b>1,770</b>             | <b>1,659</b>                          | <b>196</b>                     | <b>1,855</b>             |
| By muster . . . . .                    |                                       |                                |                          | 121                                   |                                | 121                      |
| New Camps since July 1, 1889 . . . . . |                                       |                                |                          | 13                                    |                                | 13                       |
| <b>Totals . . . . .</b>                | <b>1,507</b>                          | <b>263</b>                     | <b>1,770</b>             | <b>1,793</b>                          | <b>196</b>                     | <b>1,989</b>             |

Camps in good standing over last year. . . . . 286  
 Gain in total number Camps over last year . . . . . 119

TABLE No. 15.

Comparing the number of members in good standing, suspended and total number of members August 10, 1888, and the number of members in good standing, suspended, and total number of members September 7, 1889:

| DIVISIONS.                                    | Members in good standing Aug. 10, 1888. | Members suspended Aug. 10, 1888. | Total No. members Aug. 10, 1888. | Members in good standing Aug. 10, 1889. | Members suspended Aug. 10, 1889. | Total No. members Aug. 10, 1889. |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Alabama and Tennessee . . . . .               |                                         |                                  |                                  | 177                                     | 106                              | 283                              |
| Arkansas . . . . .                            |                                         |                                  |                                  | 51                                      |                                  | 51                               |
| California . . . . .                          | 299                                     | 47                               | 346                              | 392                                     | 10                               | 402                              |
| Colorado . . . . .                            | 185                                     | 87                               | 272                              | 192                                     | 7                                | 199                              |
| Connecticut . . . . .                         | 875                                     | 134                              | 1,009                            | 696                                     | 26                               | 722                              |
| North Dakota . . . . .                        | 127                                     | 37                               | 164                              | 123                                     | 3                                | 126                              |
| South Dakota . . . . .                        |                                         |                                  |                                  | 349                                     | 81                               | 430                              |
| Florida . . . . .                             | 37                                      |                                  | 37                               | 42                                      |                                  | 42                               |
| Illinois . . . . .                            | 5,152                                   | 498                              | 5,650                            | 4,222                                   | 902                              | 5,124                            |
| Indiana . . . . .                             | 2,403                                   | 1,252                            | 3,655                            | 3,558                                   | 513                              | 4,071                            |
| Iowa . . . . .                                | 1,302                                   | 821                              | 2,123                            | 1,849                                   | 444                              | 2,293                            |
| Kansas . . . . .                              | 1,598                                   | 699                              | 2,297                            | 2,159                                   | 442                              | 2,601                            |
| Kentucky . . . . .                            | 91                                      | 157                              | 248                              | 119                                     | 97                               | 216                              |
| Maine . . . . .                               | 932                                     | 76                               | 1,008                            | 1,027                                   | 171                              | 1,198                            |
| Maryland . . . . .                            | 148                                     | 50                               | 198                              | 312                                     | 95                               | 407                              |
| Massachusetts . . . . .                       | 3,088                                   | 197                              | 3,285                            | 3,507                                   | 146                              | 3,653                            |
| Michigan . . . . .                            | 2,859                                   | 274                              | 3,133                            | 2,820                                   | 144                              | 2,964                            |
| Minnesota . . . . .                           | 878                                     | 63                               | 941                              | 856                                     | 121                              | 977                              |
| Missouri . . . . .                            | 1,382                                   | 73                               | 1,455                            | 2,142                                   |                                  | 2,142                            |
| Montana . . . . .                             | 104                                     | 2                                | 106                              | 189                                     | 10                               | 199                              |
| Nebraska . . . . .                            | 523                                     | 200                              | 723                              | 788                                     | 44                               | 832                              |
| New Hampshire . . . . .                       | 630                                     | 102                              | 732                              | 715                                     | 142                              | 957                              |
| New Jersey . . . . .                          | 400                                     | 25                               | 425                              | 656                                     | 99                               | 755                              |
| New York . . . . .                            | 877                                     | 703                              | 1,680                            | 1,522                                   | 77                               | 1,599                            |
| Ohio . . . . .                                | 8,284                                   | 735                              | 9,019                            | 9,728                                   | 1,215                            | 10,943                           |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .                        | 4,892                                   | 1,008                            | 5,900                            | 4,503                                   | 370                              | 4,873                            |
| Rhode Island . . . . .                        | 170                                     | 6                                | 176                              | 365                                     | 5                                | 370                              |
| Vermont . . . . .                             | 597                                     | 151                              | 748                              | 901                                     | 87                               | 988                              |
| West Virginia . . . . .                       | 255                                     | 86                               | 341                              | 318                                     | 57                               | 375                              |
| Wisconsin . . . . .                           | 423                                     | 123                              | 546                              | 700                                     | 96                               | 796                              |
| Prov. Division L . . . . .                    | 340                                     |                                  | 340                              |                                         |                                  |                                  |
| O. and Mass. Sub . . . . .                    | 1,685                                   |                                  | 1,685                            |                                         |                                  |                                  |
| Totals . . . . .                              | 38,977                                  | 7,360                            | 46,337                           | 44,978                                  | 4,555                            | 49,533                           |
| By muster new Camps }<br>since July 1, 1889 } |                                         |                                  |                                  | 2,268                                   |                                  | 2,268                            |
|                                               |                                         |                                  |                                  | 331                                     |                                  | 331                              |
| Totals . . . . .                              | 38,977                                  | 7,360                            | 46,337                           | 47,577                                  | 45,555                           | 52,132                           |

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS.

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|                                                                   |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Members suspended first quarter, 1889 . . . . .                   | 4,018  |
| Members out on transfer first and second quarters, 1889 . . . . . | 559    |
|                                                                   | 56,707 |
|                                                                   | 8      |
| Total No. Members. . . . .                                        | 56,695 |
| Gain in members in good standing over last year . . . . .         | 8,600  |
| Gain in total number of members over last year. . . . .           | 10,302 |

TABLE NO. 16.

Showing the number of new Camps and applicants the Order has gained by organization during the administration of General George B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., from September 1, 1887, to September 8, 1889:

| ADMINISTRATIONS.                                                          | CAMPS | APPLTS. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| No. during administration of 1887-1888. . . . .                           | 678   | 12,105  |
| No. during administration of 1888-1889, to September 1 . . . . .          | 693   | 13,236  |
| No. during administration of 1888-1889, from Sept. 1 to Sept. 7 . . . . . | 13    | 331     |
| Total No. Camps and Applts. mustered during your adm . . . . .            | 1,384 | 25,672  |

TABLE NO. 17.—Comparative Table.

Comparing the number of members under the jurisdiction of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the close of the last six administrations.

| ADMINISTRATIONS.                   | GOOD<br>STANDING. | SUSPEND'D | TOTAL No.<br>MEMBERS. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Administration 1883-1884 . . . . . | 4,316             | . . . . . | 4,316                 |
| Administration 1884-1885 . . . . . | 6,309             | 2,000     | 8,903                 |
| Administration 1885-1886 . . . . . | 15,550            | 917       | 16,467                |
| Administration 1886-1887 . . . . . | 27,042            | . . . . . | 27,042                |
| Administration 1887-1888 . . . . . | 38,977            | 7,360     | 46,337                |
| Administration 1888-1889 . . . . . | 49,642            | 8,571     | 57,633                |
| Gain from 1884 to 1885 . . . . .   |                   |           | 3,857                 |
| Gain from 1885 to 1886 . . . . .   |                   |           | 7,564                 |
| Gain from 1886 to 1887 . . . . .   |                   |           | 10,575                |
| Gain from 1887 to 1888 . . . . .   |                   |           | 19,275                |
| Gain from 1888 to 1889 . . . . .   |                   |           | 11,296                |
| Total gain 1883 to 1889. . . . .   |                   |           | 52,567                |

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## RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have the honor to submit herewith the following recommendations for the consideration of your honorable body in conclave at this Encampment:

*Recommendation 1.*—Applications for Charters.

It has long been known among the Headquarters Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief that it is next to impossible to sufficiently impress upon the minds of the Division Officers the importance of their numbering consecutively applications for Camp Charters, the result being that there are in many Divisions two or more Camps bearing the same number. This is not as it should be, and I would therefore respectfully recommend that hereafter all applications for Charters shall be numbered at the Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief.

*Recommendation 2.*—Courts-martial of Past Officers of Commandery-in-Chief, Grand Divisions and Past Colonels.

One law enacted by the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief should receive revision by this Encampment, or considerable expense and difficulty may arise in maintaining discipline. The law referred to is the last provision of Section 3, Article VI, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, page 50, requiring that the only Court competent to try Past Officers of Commandery-in-Chief, Grand Division and Past Colonels shall be members of the Commandery-in-Chief. This includes a long list of members, numbering many hundred, and it is quite possible that out-going Colonels become Past Colonels before it becomes known that they deserve the attention of a court-martial. Members of the Commandery-in-Chief are few and far between, and one or two trials each year would entail great expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

*Recommendation 3.*—Division Adjutants' Consolidated Reports.

I now have a suggestion to offer, the truth of which, I think, every Son of Veteran who has ever held the office of Adjutant-General can appreciate. It is, perhaps, not a new one. I refer to the incorrectness of reports from Division Headquarters. Many of them are not due to the negligence of Division Adjutant and Colonel, but in some instances to the negligence of the First Sergeants. There is, however, in my opinion, no excuse for Division Adjutants to say, for instance, in one report, number remaining in good standing 4,000, and in the next report state, number remaining in good standing at last report 3,500 or 4,500, as has been done in several instances. Adjutants should be careful to state the number of members reinstated in the proper place on the Adjutant's Consolidated Report, and Division Quartermasters should be exceedingly careful to see that the back per capita tax on members reinstated is forwarded to National Headquarters. Division Adjutants and Colonels should bear in mind that a Brother is counted out in recapitulation part of Consolidated Reports when the Brother is suspended, and should employ caution and see to it that the Brother is not counted out again when dropped, as that would be counting out two men, when in reality there is a loss of but one man.

*Recommendation 4.*—Records Commandery-in-Chief and Division.

As is the case of all orders for many years after they are organized, the records of the Commandery-in-Chief of our Order are incomplete, and many books for important records are necessary at the present time, prominent among them being the "Roster of Divisions, S. V., U. S. A.," which includes the Roster of all Camps, Captains, First and Second Lieutenants, First and Quartermaster-Sergeants. In the ones in use at present many of the Divisions are completely filled in and I, therefore, recommend that new and more modern ones be purchased, and at the same time enough be purchased to furnish Divisions with Rosters which are at present in need of them.



Among the Divisions in need of Rosters are: Alabama and Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Montana, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota and West Virginia.

*Recommendation 5.—General Orders—Orders.*

The Encampment should make provision for a uniform rule for the size and numbering of the General Orders.

1st. All Divisions should be required to have all orders of the size as that used during the past year by the Commander-in-Chief, that being the size most convenient to file in the "General Order File" used by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

2d. General Officers only issue General Orders, hence the Commander-in-Chief is the only one who should issue General Orders. Division and Camp Officers issue orders only.

3d. To conform to the United States Army Regulations all orders should be issued in series, each series commencing with No. 1, at the beginning of each calendar year. The orders could conveniently be referred to as "Current Series" or "Series '88 or '89," as the case might be.

COMMISSIONS.

There have been in all 339 commissions issued from the Headquarters during the year, and to National officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, Aids-de-Camp on Staff of Commander-in-Chief, Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors of Divisions.

MAILING LIST.

The General Order Mailing List is composed of Past National officers, National officers, honorary members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Colonels, Past Colonels, Aids-de-Camp, Staff Commander-in-Chief, newspapers, officers of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Sons of Veterans and prominent Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, in all numbering over 350 single orders, and the postage on the same is quite an item.

CAMPS.

A few of the largest Camps in the Order are:

- Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, Division of New Jersey, 220 members.
- P. R. Schuyler Camp, No. 2, Division of Pennsylvania, 206 members.
- G. B. Mead Camp, No. 16, Division of Pennsylvania, 174 members.
- Theo. Winthrop Camp, No. 81, Division of Massachusetts, 143 members.
- Anna M. Ross Camp, No. 1, Division of Pennsylvania, 130 members.
- Ernshaw Camp, No. 89, Division of Ohio, 127 members.
- Will Winter Camp, No. 86, Division of Ohio, 115 members.
- Chicago Camp, No. 1, Division of Illinois, 108 members.
- Akron Camp, No. 27, Division of Ohio, 105 members.

In closing my report, permit me to suggest that my duty would be imperfectly performed were I to omit making mention, on behalf of my associates on the Staff of Commander-in-Chief of the many courtesies extended to each of us by General Abbott. Our hope is, that he may be spared to us and that he may be permitted to be with us many years to enjoy the honors he has achieved; that in his declining years he will see our Order, which he has so ably assisted, still flourishing; its members increased beyond our most sanguine expectations, and, when he shall be called to sever his connection with us here, may he be received into the Grand Commandery-in-Chief above, there to be welcomed as we now greet him,

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Fraternally submitted, in F., C. and L.,

A. L. GUILFORD,  
*Adjutant-General, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

The Adjutant-General's report was referred to the Committee on Reports of Officers.

The Quartermaster-General made the following report:

### QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

CHICAGO, ILL., September 7, 1889.

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A., and Brothers of the Eighth Annual Encampment Assembled:*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to present to you the following report of the finances of the Commandery-in-Chief for the period ending September 7, 1889:

Received from all sources, \$13,758 87, of which \$5,982.27 was for per capita tax, as against \$4,590.96 received last year; \$1,355 was for charter fees, as against \$1,330 last year; \$6,284.04 was for supplies, as against \$4,488.91 last year. The amount of expenditures is \$10,923.12, as against \$10,254.91 last year, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$2,835.75, as against \$438.09 cash balance on hand last year. The value of the property on hand is \$1,746.38, as against \$2,042.67 last year. The balance due from Divisions is as follows:

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| California . . . . .    | \$1 99          |
| South Dakota . . . . .  | 45 23           |
| Florida . . . . .       | 61              |
| Kansas . . . . .        | 6 00            |
| Maryland . . . . .      | 3 37            |
| Michigan . . . . .      | 2 88            |
| Missouri . . . . .      | 24 75           |
| Montana . . . . .       | 12 85           |
| New Jersey . . . . .    | 10 75           |
| New York . . . . .      | 16 75           |
| Ohio . . . . .          | 8 00            |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .  | 97 03           |
| Rhode Island . . . . .  | 2 00            |
| Vermont . . . . .       | 2 00            |
| West Virginia . . . . . | 10 15           |
| Total . . . . .         | <u>\$244 27</u> |

The balance due Divisions is as follows:

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| Nebraska . . . . .  | \$4 37         |
| Wisconsin . . . . . | 7 00           |
| Total . . . . .     | <u>\$11 37</u> |

I would respectfully recommend that the practice of paying express charges on supplies from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters to Division Headquarters of the several Divisions be continued.

I would respectfully recommend also that the resolution passed by the Seventh Annual Encampment requiring that an extra quantity of books be kept on hand be rescinded, for the reason that there has been but very little demand for the books the past year. There is probably a sufficient quantity on hand to meet all the requisitions for at least two years to come and after that time any Camp that desires a larger book than the regular stock carried can, by paying the difference in price, have two or three of the kind of books which they require bound together and have as good a book as we furnish without additional expense to themselves.

I would also recommend that the profit on supplies be continued at the present rate of 10 per cent. While the profit on supplies for the past year has not met the cost of express charges, yet it has nearly done so, and if Division Commanders would order in somewhat larger quantities, making their requisitions at least \$5, the cost of expressage would be covered thereby.

Thanking all the brothers with whom I have had dealings in my official capacity for their universal kindness and courtesy, I am, sirs,

Very respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,

C. J. Post,  
*Quartermaster-General.*

The report of the Quartermaster-General was referred to the Committee on Reports of Officers.

Brother L. J. WEBB, of Kansas: "I move that the Council-in-Chief be instructed to refer back this report, or the committee to whom it is referred should refer it to the Quartermaster-General for an itemized statement of his accounts."

Seconded by Brother Gould, of Maine. Carried.

Brother LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: "I wish to state that at the Wheeling Encampment a report was made that I did not hear, and I was informed it would be placed in the records of the proceeding of the Commandery-in-Chief. Now nearly a year afterwards we are furnished with a statement of what purports to be the proceedings of that Encampment, and in this is included the statement of the Quartermaster-General that he has received over ten thousand dollars and expended about ten thousand dollars, and yet does not show where every dollar was expended. We do not know whether supplies were bought or not. Now we have a report showing something over thirteen thousand dollars for the expenditures of the Commandery-in-Chief, but without having anything to show for it. It is getting to be a big thing in our organization, this matter of expenditures, and we ought to be able to go back to our Divisions and show to them what the different accounts are for, and I made the motion to that effect, so that a statement could be made showing what the expenses are for which the money is paid out of the treasury."

General G. B. ABBOTT: "I wish to state that vouchers are given for every dollar of money that is paid out."

LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: "I wish to state that I want to know what it is expended for. I want to be able to tell the members of my Division what the money was expended for."

Brother E. W. HATCH, of New York: "This, I apprehend, is a subject matter which should be called to the attention of the Commandery-in-Chief, as it is, perhaps, the most important matter which will come up before the Encampment. I understand from Brother Webb's remarks that we do not get a statement of expenses for supplies, etc. I understand that he complains of this, that nowhere in any published report of the Commander-in-Chief, or the Council-in-Chief, has there been, since he has been a member of the Order, anything to show for what this money was expended. I look upon this report of the Quartermaster-General made before us to-day as being a report of a national officer, and it should be something more than a mere total, and not only give the amount of money received and expended, but should give to this Commandery-in-Chief an itemized account of the money expended, and that is what I understand the Brother wants,

and although I know it gives considerable trouble to make it, that is just one reason why we want it. I looked for a statement of this kind in the report of the Wheeling Encampment, and all that I found was ten thousand dollars received and ten thousand dollars expended. I am, therefore, heartily in favor of the motion."

Brother FRAZEE, of Ohio: "I move that the Quartermaster-General be instructed by this Commandery-in-Chief Encampment to at once prepare this report of expenses and receipts, so as to enable the Council-in-Chief to make this report as requested, and we will then report to the Commandery-in-Chief."

Seconded by Gould, of Maine.

Quartermaster-General C. J. Post: "I desire to say that every item is in the cash book, and I can get the cash book and will read it to the Encampment if it takes two weeks to do it. It is all there."

Brother C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: "I will state that this matter is generally attended to by the Council-in-Chief, and they check over and audit the accounts; but, as yet, the matter has not been taken up by them, as the books were not present at the time of their meetings, and since the arrival of the books we have been too busy in the Encampment."

LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: "I trust no member of the Commandery-in-Chief will take exception to what I have said, yet I think a statement of the Quartermaster-General's office, as set out in my motion, is right, and some one should make the report."

Brother FRAZEE, of Ohio: "I will state that we pay the Quartermaster-General and that it is his duty, if any one's, to make it up."

Brother HATCH, of New York: "The object of this motion, as I understand it, is that this report be entered in the official proceedings, where every member of the Order can examine it. You have it in the Commandery-in-Chief's cash book and can have the items read from that."

Brother CHALLIS, of New Hampshire: "I think the intention of the Brothers is that we would like to know how much is paid for salary, how much for expenses of the office, how much for traveling expenses, how much for printing, how much for postage, how much for the expressage of the year. I will say further, that it was the duty, or at least the practice, of the Council-in-Chief, while I was a member, to meet the night before the Commandery-in-Chief met, and compare the vouchers with the books for themselves, and I think, when they have the examination made, the Quartermaster-General should bring in a report showing the items of expenditure."

GENERAL G. B. ABBOTT: "The Council-in-Chief has held three sessions, and, as I have tried to explain before, the books only arrived here last night, and the late sessions and early ones of the Commandery-in-Chief have prevented the Council-in-Chief taking any action in the matter."

Brother SARGENT, of Massachusetts: "I move that the matter of the investigation of the books of the Quartermaster-General be made the special order of business for Saturday morning."

Seconded by Colonel Purbeck, of Massachusetts.

General G. B. Abbott declared the motion out of order.

Brother Hatch, of New York, made the suggestion that the entries from the cash book be taken direct, so as to save time and trouble.

Brother WEBB, of Kansas: "I only want to have a condensed statement of the amount of salary paid each employe, and the expenses of the office and of supplies. This will be needed in determining the amount of per capita for the ensuing year."

Brother DECKMAN, of Ohio: "I would respectfully suggest that the Council-in-Chief take these vouchers and place them in the hands of the city press and have them printed, so that each one of the delegates can obtain a copy."

Moved by Brother Lyons, of Massachusetts, that we have the previous question.

Seconded by Brother Woods, of Massachusetts. Carried.

Previous question put and carried.

Moved by Brother Tobias, of New York, and seconded by Brother Addington, of New York, that we reconsider the previous vote. Motion lost.

Inspector-General Marvin E. Hall read his report.

### INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF MARVIN E. HALL, INSPECTOR-GENERAL,  
HILLSDALE, MICH., Sept. 6, 1889.

*To the Commandery-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.:*

The position at the head of the Inspection Department was accepted by me a second time, with the lamp of a somewhat arduous experience to illumine my labors, but no adequate idea of the added labors of the position controlled, else the work had been left for another. In a word, I will explain that, while in *nearly* all cases Division Inspectors have been willing and earnest workers, and have performed their duties as they understood them with signal earnestness, it is a strange fact that not a single Division report was correct; and the result has been a complete revision of all reports, using the data supplied by Assistant Inspectors of Camps as the basis. This work has consumed weeks of time, but I could not see any avoidance of it if approximately correct results were to be furnished you in this Encampment. This great labor can be largely avoided in future if the Inspector-General will, during the opening week of the Camp inspections, insist upon each Division Inspector filling out in blank a single sheet of a Division report as he understands it, and then having same returned to him, corrected by Inspector-General.

Colonels, as a rule, are singularly careless about this important matter of inspection. Only three Divisions of our Order report complete inspection, viz: Alabama, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, although some others lacked only a very few Camps. But when such Divisions as Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Kansas, Minnesota and others furnish my department reports covering, in some cases, less than 40 per cent. of the Camps within their jurisdiction (in case of New York no report at all), it shows that some one is seriously in fault. This condition should be, and can be, corrected, and the next National Encampment should have presented to it, through this department, a report covering at least 95 per cent. of all Camps in the Order, instead of about 80 per cent., as at present.

But there is a cheerful presentment of this topic as well as the unpleasant features just rehearsed, and that is a comparison of present with past conditions. I believe this feature will be fully developed when you listen to the statistics I

shall presently bring forward. The question of details, blanks, queries, etc., seems to have found small discussion. With scarce an exception, Colonels and prominent Brothers wrote me, warmly commending the forms used. You will notice that ritualistic proficiency has been made really the unit of merit, 15 per cent. of the ranking questions falling to this important feature of Camp work.

Before passing to the discussion of formulated results I desire, as the best reward of merit I can offer, to speak of the earnestness and skill of the Brothers controlling inspections in the land of the Pilgrim Fathers and Bunker Hill. Colonel Upham, Adjutant Darling and Inspector Couch, of Massachusetts, form a triumvirate of workers in this department unequalled, and whose example is verily worthy of emulation. They were constantly in communication with me, either one or all, throughout the entire inspection, and to their energy and earnestness in the matter Massachusetts largely owes her proud position as the banner Division. At the time of inspection the Colonel had ninety-two Camps in his Division, and on May 29 (note the early date) I received from Inspector Couch one of the most carefully prepared reports reaching me, covering the entire ninety-two Camps of the Division. Another Division worthy of especial commendation is Pennsylvania.

Colonel Rake's experience enabled him to so assign Assistant Inspectors, and so control matters with his Inspectors that Inspector DuFour, although a heavy loser by the appalling Johnstown disaster, and consequently grievously handicapped, gave a very careful report on 152 out of 154 Camps, which, under the circumstances, must have been a Herculean task.

Although weak in number of Camps, and to a great extent ostracised by the social system surrounding them, the boys of Alabama and Tennessee deserve your cheers.

Colonel Friedman's resolution and earnestness brought, through his Inspector, a report of inspection in each Camp in his Division.

Rhode Island also, though small in number of Camps, deserves her meed of praise for the thorough results reported. It would be pleasant to name for merit each zealous worker whose labors have contributed to the results we shall present, but were I to do so, I should certainly be compelled to omit calling the names of some who would instantly condemn me for directing attention to their negative qualities. So, allowing each one to pass judgment upon his own work, and, in fact, self-consciousness of duty well done is the brightest jewel man can wear, I will at once bring to your consideration the real conditions as we found them, and in doing so I will first give compiled results of Division inspections.

#### DIVISION INSPECTIONS.

The seventh annual Encampment, acting upon a recommendation embodied in my report, ordered an inspection of Division headquarters. General Orders No. 21 of Commander-in-Chief, Section 5, made a detail for this purpose; and I am happy to report that all Brothers detailed acted promptly, save Colonel Burpee for inspection of Division of Connecticut. My present report, therefore, does not embrace Connecticut. The questions formulated by me were for the purpose of presenting to this Encampment, if possible, the exact condition of affairs at each Division headquarters, and with this end in view it must be expected that some very unsatisfactory conditions were found. But the comments of inspecting officers lead me to believe that where errors were found they are, in most cases, remedied ere this.

In response to Question 1, I found all Divisions properly chartered except Arkansas, Nebraska, New Hampshire and Wisconsin, but Nebraska, Arkansas and Wisconsin have since been properly chartered; while Question 2 develops the fact that, although several Divisions reported as without by-laws, were framing same. At time of inspection only the Divisions of Alabama and Tennessee, Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania had by-laws for their government.

Charters, commissions and official documents are recorded in proper books for that purpose in Alabama and Tennessee, California, Dakota, Iowa (only during present administration of the Division), Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Wisconsin; while Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois, Maine and West Virginia have recorded Charters only, leaving Colorado, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey and Rhode Island without proper records in any of these essentials. All the Divisions, except Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York have their Division Camp rosters and registers of Charters fully written up.

All reports and dues had been fully forwarded from all Divisions, except Massachusetts and New York. The records of Indiana Division were reported incomplete in this particular.

Question 6 develops the fact that the finances are carefully looked after and accounts properly kept in all Divisions, except Illinois, where only the cash book was found, and in Indiana, where none of the financial records were turned over to the present Colonel, and in Kentucky, where the records were reported incomplete, while New Jersey, was not in first-class condition and New York in very bad shape.

All Divisions were reported out of debt, except Alabama and Tennessee, but the sum in Kentucky Division treasury was unreported. The total cash in all Divisions was \$5,255.75—Ohio having \$1,753.25, the largest sum, while Iowa had only \$1.42, the smallest sum. All Divisions were found with supplies, except Arkansas, but the value of those in Kentucky was unknown. All other Divisions combined had supplies valued at \$1,272.36, the largest quantity, worth \$204.64, being found in Pennsylvania, the smallest, \$3, being found in Maryland, and all Divisions comply with our rules for the purchase of supplies, except Vermont, which has not supplies of the current series issued by the Commander-in-Chief.

Colonels and Division Councils were found violating Section 7 of Article VII, Rules and Regulations, in reference to Colonel's bond in the Divisions of Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, New York and Ohio (in the latter case because Chairman of Division Council seemed to *disagree* with the Constitution, so that he might save for his Division the premium of a fidelity bond offered by Colonel Leonard), while the Colonels of the Divisions of Indiana, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and West Virginia saw fit *not* to comply with Section 3 of above Article, allowing Division funds to care of Quartermasters without bonds. All other Colonels were particular in the matter. The largest bond given by Colonels was \$3,000, by the Colonel of Massachusetts, and the smallest \$150, by Montana's Colonel, the average bond being \$900.

The average bond of Quartermasters was \$550, the highest \$1,000 and the lowest \$50, the latter in Dakota.

The records at Division Headquarters at the time of their inspection gave a total of 42,411 members in good standing, and the number of Camps 1,574. Several Divisions, viz., Kentucky, Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania, gave no evidence as to whole number of Camps which had been organized, but the remaining Divisions reported having organized 1,680. Of Camps disbanded no information was given in Arkansas and Massachusetts, but the 24 other Divisions reporting gave a total of 392 Camps disbanded. It is to be regretted that exact information was not had from all Divisions on the above two important questions, and I sincerely trust present officials in the Divisions now delinquent will take especial pains to collect correct data on these subjects.

Massachusetts alone does not report her suspensions. The others report having suspended and not reinstated 255 Camps, while of Camps suspended within one year all Divisions save Kansas report a loss of 322. The highest number was found in Illinois (77) and lowest in Alabama and Tennessee, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana and Vermont with none.

The data furnished shows that 199 electors are entitled to a voice in the present Encampment, the highest from Pennsylvania, 20, and the lowest from



Alabama and Tennessee, Arkansas and West Virginia, 3 each; while the reports quoted the presumable attendance at 115, and it may be a matter of interest to verify the work on this query by saying that Adjutant-General Guilford has accredited 121 present as electors.

Question 20 of the form develops the fact that of the Divisions reporting only Dakota and New York were indebted to the Commander-in-Chief, and Number 21 shows correspondence and official business promptly attended to in all. National General Orders are promptly forwarded from all as well as the filling of Camp requisitions.

All Divisions except Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey and West Virginia have official correspondents to the *National Reveille* and all Divisions except Alabama and Tennessee, Arkansas and Dakota have official cap-marks on file at national Headquarters. It is a mark of great credit to those having Divisions in charge that they are all reported as familiar with our unwritten work, except in Maryland. It is also worthy of especial mention that greater care is now the rule in the muster of new Camps, unusual exertion by all Division officials being mentioned in this work.

The eligibility clause of our Constitution is carefully carried out by all Colonels, and in the organization of new Camps special efforts are made by all except in Colorado and Kentucky, through correspondence with the Grand Army of the Republic, and issuance of explanatory circulars, urgent appeals, etc.

The information we have through Question 30 regarding the interest taken by the Grand Army of the Republic in our Order, must, of course, be colored more or less by the various experiences of Division Colonels. It seems, however, that satisfactory conditions exist in all Divisions except California, Indiana (and in reference to the latter it would seem controverted by the fair treatment recently shown Colonel Harvey and his Division at the laying of the corner-stone of the State Soldiers' monument), Kentucky, Maryland and New Jersey.

We have with us in Paterson to day the representative members of the Ladies' Aid Society.

With the object in view of bringing before this Encampment some official record of the workings of our auxiliary, Question 31 was propounded, and the Colonels of the Divisions of Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio, Vermont and West Virginia report the organization helpful and advantageous; while in Illinois, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island it is believed no advantage is found through the Ladies' Aid Society, and the Divisions of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Dakota, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire and Wisconsin have had no trial of its merits. The military feature predominates in the Divisions of Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Wisconsin and West Virginia; while in Indiana the line seems about equally drawn between the military and social feature, and Missouri reports a strong military sentiment which is unfortunately suppressed by arbitrary statutes. The social feature prevails in all other Divisions. The usual Charter fee is \$15.00; but California puts it at \$13.00, Colorado, Iowa, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont at \$10.00, Maine at \$12.00, Massachusetts and Ohio at \$13.50, and Kansas at \$14.60. Complete sets of supplies are furnished by all Divisions except Colorado, Maryland, New Jersey and Vermont, which furnish Charters only for Charter fees named. General order file additional to regular supplies is furnished by Minnesota. Illinois furnishes Reed's Tactics and pays mustering officer's expenses additional. Ohio adds twenty Constitutions, Rules and Regulations to each set of supplies, while Wisconsin puts in tactics and general order file.

## CAMP INSPECTIONS.

Proceeding with Camp inspections, we find reports from twenty-four Divisions, embracing 1,345 out of 1,522 camps. Ohio reports on 300, the largest number, and Colorado the smallest, 6.

From the first twenty, or ranking questions, it is found that Rhode Island has the best average, 84.78; closely followed by Massachusetts, 83.04; California, 81.91; Connecticut, 79; New Hampshire, 78.29. The poorest average was made by Alabama and Tennessee, 51.56.

The average Camp of the Order has a marking of 71.04, a gain of 8.04 over 1888.

There was reported 540 first-class camps, a gain of 247; second-class, 680; third-class, 125. Please note carefully that in the following digest of interrogations percentages refer to number of Camps answering yes or no, compared with the whole number inspected in the particular Division under discussion, while averages refer to the markings on a scale of five. The regular numberd queries are answered as follows:

Number 1. Three hundred and seventy-two (372) Captains have ritualistic work committed to memory, Rhode Island leading with 67 per cent., smallest percentage being in Alabama and Tennessee and West Virginia, each 11 per cent.; five hundred and fourteen (514) have committed work partly, while four hundred and seventy-nine (479) read from the Ritual. The best Division in this question is Rhode Island, with an average of 4; poorest, New Jersey, averaging 2.11.

Number 2. Lieutenants and Chaplains do perfect work in four hundred and fifty (450) Camps. Rhode Island with 67 per cent., and California with 64 per cent., while Alabama and Tennessee has but 11 per cent. These officers have partly learned work in six hundred and twenty-six (626) Camps, and read in two hundred and seventy nine (279). Rhode Island has the best average marking of 4, Nebraska the poorest, with 1.65.

Number 3. Five hundred and eleven (511) Sergeants of the Guard use no Ritual. Dakota leading with 67 per cent., and Alabama and Tennessee in the rear with 11 per cent. Five hundred and three (503) Sergeants have partly, and three hundred and fifty one (351) have none of their work committed. Dakota's average of 3.73 is the highest, Colorado's of 1.83, is the lowest.

Number 4. In eight hundred and thirty-six (836) Camps, a gain of one hundred and seventy-five (175) over last year, the officers are regular in attendance, California excelling with 91 per cent., while West Virginia and Alabama and Tennessee have but 33 per cent. Part of the officers attended regularly in four hundred and twenty-six (426) Camps, and none are regular in one hundred and three (103). On this question California has the highest average, 4.91; Kansas lowest, 3.15.

Number 5. The members attend regularity in three hundred and seven (307) Camps, a loss of eighty-five (85), Nebraska reporting regularly in 76 per cent. of her Camps, Ohio in 31 per cent. In nine hundred and forty (940) Camps part of the members are regular; in 118, none. The average marking of Pennsylvania is 3.95; of West Virginia, 2.33.

Number 6. Well kept records were found in one thousand and thirty-one (1,031) Camps, a gain of 281. Best averages were found in Dakota and Alabama and Tennessee, each 5, and in Nebraska, 4.94; lowest, 3.39, found in Kansas.

Number 7. Dues promptly collected in nine hundred and ninety-six (986) Camps, a gain of 257; Dakota reporting highest, 94 per cent.; Alabama and Tennessee lowest, 22 per cent. In two hundred and forty-three (243) Camps part of dues are promptly collected; in ninety-one (91) none. New Hampshire has the highest marking, 4.88, Alabama and Tennessee lowest, 2.71.

Number 8. The Quartermaster-Sergeant's bond is filed in one thousand and three (1,003) Camps, 352 more than last year. In this Colorado leads with 100 per cent.; Maine last, 34 per cent.

Number 9. Officers are uniformed in four hundred and sixty-seven (467) Camps, a gain of 109. The largest percentage is in Massachusetts, 83 per cent. Alabama and Tennessee and West Virginia are lowest, having each 11 per cent. In 318 Camps officers are partly uniformed, while in 571 they always wear citizens' clothes. In markings Massachusetts has 4.46, closely followed by Rhode Island with 4.22, while Alabama and Tennessee and West Virginia average .43 and 1.22 respectively.

Number 10. In four hundred and ninety-four (494) Camps, a gain of 148, the officers wear rank straps; best percentage 81, 78 and 75, found in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts respectively; lowest, 11 per cent., found in West Virginia. A part of the officers in one hundred and eleven (111) Camps have rank straps.

Number 11. Side arms are worn by the officers of three hundred and seventy-four (374) Camps, a gain of 90. One hundred and eighteen (118) have part of officers armed. The best mark is 4.27, won by Massachusetts; poorest, 71, by Alabama and Tennessee.

Number 12. In three hundred and seventy-four (374) Camps the staff is provided with proper chevrons, a gain of 114. Rhode Island averages 4.44, West Virginia but .33.

Number 13. Fifteen thousand seven hundred and thirty (15,730) members are uniformed, a gain of 4,422. The excellent showings of 83, 80 and 73 per cent. are found in Massachusetts, Maryland and Connecticut respectively, while Nebraska and Alabama and Tennessee have 11 and 8 per cent. respectively. Forty-two per cent. of all members in Camps inspected wear uniforms.

Number 14. A badge is presented to each recruit in 1,204 Camps, while one hundred and forty-one (141) fail in this particular. California, Colorado and Nebraska have each 100 per cent. Missouri and New Hampshire 68 and 67 per cent. respectively.

Number 15. In twelve hundred and ninety-three (1,293) Camps General Orders are read and filed, while fifty-two (52) are disregarding the Constitution in this respect. Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, Rhode Island, West Virginia and Wisconsin, each rank 100 per cent., while New Hampshire shows 67 per cent., and Alabama and Tennessee 77 per cent. There is a gain of 322 Camps over 1888.

Number 16. Eight hundred and seventy-four (874) Camp rooms are properly equipped, a gain of 233. New Jersey has a percentage of 83, Pennsylvania of 80, while Maryland and Alabama and Tennessee report but 33 per cent. each, and Missouri 43 per cent.

Number 17. Reports and dues have been forwarded from twelve hundred and seventy-five (1,275) Camps. Colorado, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia, each 100 per cent.; Illinois and Minnesota, 97 per cent.; Alabama and Tennessee, but 55 per cent.

Number 18. Three thousand four hundred and twenty-one (3,421) regular meetings were missed, 1,554 more than last year. Rhode Island has the highest average mark of 4.78; Wisconsin and Maine each 4.60; Iowa, 4.22; Indiana, 4.31. The lowest average, 2.14, is calculated from the report of Alabama and Tennessee.

Number 19. Eleven hundred and ninety (1,190) Camps are free from indebtedness, a gain of 203, but a slight decrease in percentage when compared with the whole number. All the Camps of Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin have no indebtedness, while only 67 per cent. of those in New Hampshire and 55 per cent. in Alabama and Tennessee can boast the same.

Number 20. Thirty-five thousand two hundred and ninety-two (35,292) members are provided with membership badges.

Number 21. There were thirty-seven thousand one hundred and eighty-four (37,184) members in good standing in Camps inspected, a gain of 8,554; largest membership, in Ohio, 8,727; smallest, Alabama and Tennessee, 120. Largest Camp is Hugh C. Irish, Paterson, New Jersey, with 207 members; second, Philip R. Schuyler, No. 2, of Philadelphia, 202 members. Camps as small as ten men in nearly all Divisions. Average Camp in the Order, 27.65 men, a slight decrease from last year.

Number 22. Four thousand nine hundred and sixty (4,960) members have been dropped during the year, Ohio leading with 1,047; Alabama and Tennessee and Rhode Island only 1 and 4 respectively.

Number 23. A total increase of fourteen thousand five hundred and ninety-four (14,594) by muster and transfer card is reported. Ohio, 5,595; West Virginia, 23.

Number 24. Total value of Camp property was found to be one hundred and twelve thousand seven hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty-six cents (\$112,748.86). Pennsylvania Division is richest, having twenty-four thousand nine hundred and forty dollars and fifty-six cents (\$24,940.56) invested. Alabama and Tennessee poorest—forty-five dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$45.38). The average Camp has \$82.60 in Camp property.

Number 25. In general Camp funds there was a total over all indebtedness of forty-eight thousand six hundred and thirteen dollars and six cents (\$48,613.06). Pennsylvania highest, with \$17,975.43; Alabama and Tennessee lowest, with \$21.20. The General George G. Meade Camp No. 16, of Reading, Pa., had \$3,608.19; Captain Philip R. Schuyler Camp, No. 2, Philadelphia, \$2,800; Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, Paterson, N. J., \$2,000. Average amount in Camp fund is \$35.61.

Number 26. Amount in Relief Fund is seven thousand one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and seventy cents (\$7,157.70). Massachusetts reports the largest amount, \$2,724.35; while Alabama and Tennessee has no fund for relief.

Number 27. Average annual dues two dollars and forty-six cents (\$2.46). California, largest, \$5.45; the lowest, in Indiana, \$1.50.

Number 28. One dollar and ninety-two cents (\$1.92) is the average muster fee. Colorado averages \$3.91; Michigan, \$1.28; others intermediate.

Number 29. Two thousand seven hundred and thirty-two (2,732) special meetings were held during the year; Ohio leading with 789; Alabama and Tennessee, none.

It is worthy of note that while last year the special meetings exceeded the omitted regular meetings by 184, this year the number of omitted meetings is the greater by 689.

Number 30. Four hundred and seventy-seven (477) Camps, a gain of 51, engage regularly in military drill. In Connecticut, 57 per cent.; in Wisconsin, 50 per cent.; while Rhode Island reports but 11 per cent., and West Virginia, none whatever.

Number 31. One thousand and sixty-three (1,063) members have been relieved since last inspection; Ohio reporting 223; Pennsylvania, 203; Alabama and Tennessee, none. There is a gain of 305 over last year's report.

Number 32. For charity we find that nine thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars and sixty cents (\$9,860.60) have been expended; highest, in Pennsylvania, \$2,403.60; lowest, in Dakota, \$1.00. Inspection shows \$4,219.70 gain over last year.

Number 33. One hundred and thirty-two (132) Ladies' Aid Societies are reported, a gain of 57. Illinois reports 43; Ohio, 29; Pennsylvania, 21; Alabama and Tennessee, Dakota, Minnesota, New Hampshire and West Virginia, none.

Number 34. Eight hundred and fifty-four (854) Camps report that the local Posts, Grand Army of the Republic, attend their meetings, and give assistance and encouragement; while in 491 Camps the Grand Army of the Republic are not actively interested.

Number 35. Nine hundred and sixty-three (963) Camps hold entertainments or camp-fires, a gain of 262. Ohio reports 233; Pennsylvania, 103; Illinois, 94. Maine, however, has the best percentage.

Number 36. Six hundred and forty (640) Camps are equipped as infantry, 11 as cavalry, 10 as artillery, a gain of 206 over 1888. Wisconsin reports all Camps equipped. Next best are Connecticut, 86 per cent.; Alabama and Tennessee, 78 per cent.; Nebraska, 71 per cent.; Michigan, 68 per cent.

Number 37. Two thousand nine hundred and eighty-six (2,986) members attended the Division Encampments, a gain of 1,301.

Number 38. Eight thousand six hundred and seventy-three (8,673) members are armed and equipped, a gain of 1,898, or 28 per cent. Ohio reports 548; Michigan, 475; Illinois, 289.

Number 39. The average cost of inspecting a Camp was one dollar and fifty-seven cents (\$1.57). In Maine was found the highest average, \$4.61; while inspections in Alabama and Tennessee, Colorado and Connecticut are reported as costing Camps nothing.

Number 40. Seven hundred and one (701) Camps have subscribed for the official organ of the Order, while the remaining 644 have not obeyed the constitutional requirement in this matter.

I here insert a table showing the average markings of each Division upon the ranking question. I would suggest to Colonels commanding a careful study of the same, with a view to recommendations whereby their respective commands may be strengthened in those points in which inspection shows them lacking :

TABLE SHOWING THE AVERAGE MARKINGS OF EACH DIVISION.

| STATES.                         | 1. Has the Captain committed his ritualistic work to memory? | 2. Have the Lieuts. and Chaps. committed their ritualistic work to memory? | 3. Has Sergeant of Guard committed his ritualistic work to memory? | 4. Are the officers regular in their attendance? | 5. Are the members regular in their attendance? | 6. Are the records complete and well kept? | 7. Are the dues promptly collected? | 8. Is the bond of the Q. M. S. duly filed, as prescribed? | 9. Are the officers uniformed? | 10. Do the officers wear rank straps as prescribed in R. and R.? | 11. Do the officers wear side arms? | 12. Are the members of the staff provided with proper chevrons? | 13. Number members uniformed, as provided by Art. IX, R. and R. | 14. Is a badge presented to each recruit when mustered? | 15. Are General Orders read in Camp and filed? | 16. Is the Camp room properly equipped? | 17. Have all reports and dues been forwarded to Div. Headquarters? | 18. How many regular meetings have been omitted since last inspection? | 19. Is the Camp free from indebtedness? | 20. Number of members having membership badge? | General average.* | First-class Camps. | Second-class Camps. | Third-class Camps. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Alabama and Tennessee . . . . . | 3.29                                                         | 2.86                                                                       | 2.43                                                               | 3.29                                             | 2.86                                            | 5.00                                       | 2.71                                | 3.57                                                      | .43                            | 2.29                                                             | .71                                 | .43                                                             | .29                                                             | 1.43                                                    | 5.00                                           | 2.43                                    | 4.00                                                               | 2.14                                                                   | 3.57                                    | 2.57                                           | 51                | 56                 | 2                   | 3                  |
| California . . . . .            | 3.18                                                         | 3.91                                                                       | 3.55                                                               | 4.91                                             | 3.45                                            | 4.64                                       | 4.36                                | 3.64                                                      | 4.00                           | 2.33                                                             | 3.27                                | 2.45                                                            | 3.64                                                            | 5.00                                                    | 4.82                                           | 4.64                                    | 4.73                                                               | 4.27                                                                   | 4.91                                    | 4.91                                           | 81                | 91                 | 1                   | 1                  |
| Colorado . . . . .              | 2.67                                                         | 2.17                                                                       | 1.83                                                               | 4.00                                             | 3.00                                            | 4.67                                       | 4.17                                | 5.00                                                      | 2.17                           | 2.33                                                             | 2.00                                | 2.17                                                            | 1.87                                                            | 5.00                                                    | 5.00                                           | 3.50                                    | 5.00                                                               | 4.37                                                                   | 4.67                                    | 5.00                                           | 69                | 50                 | 2                   | 3                  |
| Connecticut . . . . .           | 2.90                                                         | 3.19                                                                       | 2.90                                                               | 4.31                                             | 2.62                                            | 4.57                                       | 4.43                                | 3.81                                                      | 4.05                           | 4.05                                                             | 3.81                                | 3.00                                                            | 3.57                                                            | 4.76                                                    | 5.00                                           | 4.33                                    | 4.76                                                               | 4.05                                                                   | 4.05                                    | 4.81                                           | 79                | 50                 | 16                  | 3                  |
| Dakota . . . . .                | 3.33                                                         | 3.33                                                                       | 3.73                                                               | 4.53                                             | 3.73                                            | 5.00                                       | 4.80                                | 4.53                                                      | 1.27                           | 1.47                                                             | 1.53                                | .66                                                             | 1.06                                                            | 4.67                                                    | 5.00                                           | 4.13                                    | 4.87                                                               | 5.00                                                                   | 4.67                                    | 77                                             | 13                | 4                  | 11                  | 2                  |
| Illinois . . . . .              | 2.39                                                         | 2.70                                                                       | 2.34                                                               | 4.24                                             | 3.17                                            | 3.86                                       | 4.46                                | 3.81                                                      | 2.19                           | 1.76                                                             | 1.52                                | 1.29                                                            | 1.72                                                            | 4.74                                                    | 4.96                                           | 4.71                                    | 4.85                                                               | 4.01                                                                   | 4.87                                    | 69                                             | 30                | 43                 | 86                  | 7                  |
| Indiana . . . . .               | 2.69                                                         | 3.31                                                                       | 2.07                                                               | 4.27                                             | 3.54                                            | 4.61                                       | 4.61                                | 3.81                                                      | 1.37                           | .77                                                              | .83                                 | .61                                                             | 1.37                                                            | 4.27                                                    | 4.91                                           | 4.27                                    | 4.66                                                               | 4.21                                                                   | 4.66                                    | 66                                             | 90                | 33                 | 66                  | 5                  |
| Iowa . . . . .                  | 3.13                                                         | 3.16                                                                       | 3.13                                                               | 4.07                                             | 3.33                                            | 4.74                                       | 4.26                                | 3.56                                                      | 1.93                           | 1.60                                                             | 1.06                                | 1.37                                                            | 1.93                                                            | 4.27                                                    | 4.91                                           | 4.22                                    | 4.59                                                               | 4.21                                                                   | 4.59                                    | 64                                             | 81                | 21                 | 46                  | 4                  |
| Kansas . . . . .                | 2.75                                                         | 3.17                                                                       | 3.24                                                               | 3.15                                             | 3.15                                            | 3.39                                       | 4.50                                | 3.96                                                      | 2.06                           | 1.27                                                             | .73                                 | .73                                                             | 1.69                                                            | 4.55                                                    | 4.83                                           | 4.19                                    | 3.61                                                               | 4.00                                                                   | 4.27                                    | 44                                             | 63                | 57                 | 23                  | 8                  |
| Maine . . . . .                 | 3.00                                                         | 3.10                                                                       | 2.67                                                               | 4.44                                             | 2.74                                            | 4.17                                       | 4.60                                | 4.42                                                      | 3.37                           | 2.31                                                             | 2.17                                | 1.92                                                            | 2.44                                                            | 5.00                                                    | 4.92                                           | 4.67                                    | 5.00                                                               | 4.50                                                                   | 4.81                                    | 4.96                                           | 75                | 88                 | 14                  | 12                 |
| Maryland . . . . .              | 2.70                                                         | 2.90                                                                       | 3.60                                                               | 4.30                                             | 3.50                                            | 3.60                                       | 4.60                                | 3.30                                                      | 3.20                           | 3.20                                                             | 1.00                                | 1.00                                                            | 2.50                                                            | 4.50                                                    | 5.00                                           | 4.30                                    | 4.80                                                               | 4.40                                                                   | 4.00                                    | 4.80                                           | 70                | 80                 | 4                   | 6                  |
| Massachusetts . . . . .         | 3.29                                                         | 3.70                                                                       | 3.08                                                               | 4.12                                             | 2.99                                            | 4.10                                       | 4.23                                | 4.10                                                      | 1.46                           | 4.30                                                             | 4.27                                | 3.42                                                            | 2.07                                                            | 4.89                                                    | 4.71                                           | 4.22                                    | 5.00                                                               | 4.13                                                                   | 4.63                                    | 83                                             | 04                | 76                 | 16                  | 6                  |
| Michigan . . . . .              | 2.30                                                         | 2.92                                                                       | 2.84                                                               | 4.29                                             | 3.36                                            | 4.56                                       | 4.38                                | 3.91                                                      | 2.40                           | 2.35                                                             | 1.81                                | 1.12                                                            | 2.04                                                            | 4.49                                                    | 4.95                                           | 4.49                                    | 4.82                                                               | 4.09                                                                   | 4.49                                    | 55                                             | 18                | 37                 | 49                  | 7                  |
| Minnesota . . . . .             | 3.11                                                         | 3.44                                                                       | 3.22                                                               | 4.15                                             | 3.41                                            | 4.77                                       | 4.31                                | 4.44                                                      | 2.22                           | 1.81                                                             | 1.48                                | 2.15                                                            | 2.15                                                            | 4.81                                                    | 4.91                                           | 4.39                                    | 4.61                                                               | 4.44                                                                   | 4.44                                    | 91                                             | 28                | 10                 | 17                  | 5                  |
| Missouri . . . . .              | 3.13                                                         | 3.07                                                                       | 2.93                                                               | 4.39                                             | 3.46                                            | 3.79                                       | 4.00                                | 3.21                                                      | 1.93                           | 1.14                                                             | .79                                 | 1.18                                                            | 2.57                                                            | 4.43                                                    | 4.29                                           | 3.50                                    | 4.43                                                               | 4.29                                                                   | 4.29                                    | 43                                             | 86                | 6                  | 16                  | 1                  |
| Nebraska . . . . .              | 2.71                                                         | 1.65                                                                       | 2.91                                                               | 3.65                                             | 3.41                                            | 4.94                                       | 4.53                                | 4.23                                                      | 1.88                           | 1.34                                                             | 1.29                                | .59                                                             | 1.41                                                            | 4.94                                                    | 5.00                                           | 4.06                                    | 4.82                                                               | 3.76                                                                   | 3.65                                    | 4.88                                           | 65                | 71                 | 3                   | 13                 |
| New Hampshire . . . . .         | 2.67                                                         | 3.29                                                                       | 2.92                                                               | 4.42                                             | 3.21                                            | 4.25                                       | 4.88                                | 4.46                                                      | 3.51                           | 3.33                                                             | 3.29                                | 2.79                                                            | 2.79                                                            | 4.79                                                    | 5.00                                           | 4.50                                    | 4.75                                                               | 3.71                                                                   | 4.92                                    | 4.83                                           | 78                | 29                 | 17                  | 5                  |
| New Jersey . . . . .            | 2.11                                                         | 2.28                                                                       | 2.39                                                               | 3.72                                             | 3.00                                            | 3.89                                       | 3.83                                | 2.22                                                      | 2.78                           | 1.83                                                             | 2.00                                | 2.61                                                            | 3.00                                                            | 4.44                                                    | 5.00                                           | 4.72                                    | 4.83                                                               | 4.06                                                                   | 4.28                                    | 4.89                                           | 68                | 78                 | 7                   | 9                  |
| Ohio . . . . .                  | 2.52                                                         | 3.04                                                                       | 2.87                                                               | 4.35                                             | 3.23                                            | 4.46                                       | 4.44                                | 3.86                                                      | 2.18                           | 1.88                                                             | 1.20                                | 1.29                                                            | 1.74                                                            | 4.67                                                    | 4.86                                           | 4.30                                    | 4.75                                                               | 4.19                                                                   | 4.52                                    | 4.76                                           | 69                | 11                 | 109                 | 17                 |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .          | 2.09                                                         | 2.28                                                                       | 2.47                                                               | 4.37                                             | 3.95                                            | 4.63                                       | 4.59                                | 3.68                                                      | 3.40                           | 2.57                                                             | 1.23                                | 2.36                                                            | 2.69                                                            | 4.44                                                    | 5.00                                           | 4.52                                    | 4.74                                                               | 4.69                                                                   | 4.72                                    | 72                                             | 50                | 74                 | 70                  | 8                  |
| Rhode Island . . . . .          | 4.00                                                         | 4.00                                                                       | 3.00                                                               | 4.44                                             | 3.56                                            | 4.67                                       | 4.78                                | 3.89                                                      | 4.22                           | 2.22                                                             | 3.56                                | 4.41                                                            | 3.22                                                            | 4.40                                                    | 5.00                                           | 4.67                                    | 5.00                                                               | 4.78                                                                   | 4.41                                    | 4.44                                           | 84                | 78                 | 8                   | 1                  |
| Vermont . . . . .               | 2.83                                                         | 3.10                                                                       | 2.57                                                               | 4.23                                             | 3.67                                            | 4.60                                       | 4.27                                | 3.50                                                      | 2.70                           | 2.17                                                             | 1.20                                | 1.33                                                            | 2.00                                                            | 4.33                                                    | 4.60                                           | 4.27                                    | 5.00                                                               | 3.97                                                                   | 4.80                                    | 4.40                                           | 72                | 37                 | 12                  | 15                 |
| West Virginia . . . . .         | 2.67                                                         | 2.78                                                                       | 2.89                                                               | 3.67                                             | 2.33                                            | 4.56                                       | 4.67                                | 3.33                                                      | 1.22                           | .78                                                              | .89                                 | .33                                                             | 1.22                                                            | 4.44                                                    | 5.00                                           | 4.56                                    | 5.00                                                               | 5.00                                                                   | 5.00                                    | 4.44                                           | 63                | 67                 | 2                   | 6                  |
| Wisconsin . . . . .             | 3.35                                                         | 3.65                                                                       | 3.40                                                               | 4.55                                             | 3.30                                            | 4.85                                       | 4.65                                | 4.00                                                      | 1.80                           | 2.15                                                             | 1.15                                | .95                                                             | 1.60                                                            | 4.05                                                    | 5.00                                           | 3.80                                    | 4.95                                                               | 5.00                                                                   | 4.05                                    | 70                                             | 95                | 8                  | 11                  | 1                  |

\* Calculated from totals as found in Division Reports.

A careful review of the work performed by every Assistant Inspector leads me to offer the suggestion that in too many cases altogether too little attention is paid to business methods, and too much friendship and charity is exercised, thereby really eliminating loyalty as applicable to this work, and giving us, in a great many Camps, really illegitimate results. I am convinced that all appointments of Assistant Inspectors should be made by Colonels, and, where possible, Division Inspectors should inspect all Camps, and by them only with knowledge of fitness and ability of the Brother appointed. Further, I am convinced that much more satisfactory results will be attained if each Camp knows its standing from year to year, and I therefore respectfully recommend that this Encampment order: First, that each Assistant Inspector leave with the Captain of the Camp inspected a copy of his report, to be considered by the Camp and filed; second, for sake of system and uniformity, that a constitutional regulation describing in detail all rank straps and chevrons, as well as belts for commissioned officers, and third, that our Ritual be so changed as to give full instructions in military orders and salutes for both officers and men to conform to U. S. Army regulations.

UNIFORM DESCRIPTIVE BOOK FOR DIVISIONS.

Since writing my report I have been shown a descriptive book for the Order by Divisions, prepared by the present Colonel of the Pennsylvania Division by order of their State Encampment. The plan seems to be an excellent method, and as the question of having a proper and complete descriptive list of the entire membership of the Order is an exceedingly important one, in view of the feature of our eligibility clause making the Order perpetual, I would recommend that Divisions contemplating the preparation of a descriptive book await the result of a test of the books prepared by the Pennsylvania Division, so that if they prove acceptable, a similar system can be adopted by all Divisions.

In terminating my official relations with the Order, I desire, General, to sincerely thank you for the unnumbered favors and constant confidence with which you have honored me, and to the Brothers and Order at large, to heartily acknowledge an obligation I can never repay for the almost universal respect and courtesy shown and generous assistance given me during the two years just past. Retrospection of these happy conditions will afford a fragrant memory as enduring as life.

I believe a careful consideration of the facts we have been able to develop through this department justifies the hope that our nation, founded by our forefathers as a visible memorial to civil and religious freedom, and preserved through our fathers' faith in the blood-illuminated truth of universal liberty, may, with confidence, look to our Order to forever guard sacredly the priceless heritage so dearly bought and so confidently bequeathed to us.

May our Order ever be guided by that valor, discretion and energy which will make it as enduring as the nation itself.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,

MARVIN E. HALL,  
*Inspector-General.*

Report of Inspector-General referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

Brother Baguley, for the Committee on Resolutions to the Ladies' Aid Society, stated that the committee had forwarded a greeting to the Ladies' Aid Society, as requested by the Encampment.

BROTHER HATCH, of New York: "I move that the Quartermaster-General be required to report to this Encampment at the earliest possible moment a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Commandery-in-Chief from the date of the Seventh Annual Encampment to this date, said supplementary report to be published as a part of the Quartermaster-General's report.

Seconded by Raphael Tobias, of New York. Carried.



Judge Advocate-General A. M. Appelget made his report.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE-GENERAL.

OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I beg leave to submit the following report of the business transacted by this department during the present official year. Necessarily, of course, such a report must be documentary, consisting, as it must, largely of opinions rendered, too lengthy to incorporate herein, but duplicates of all opinions rendered are herewith submitted, and I desire only to call your attention to a few of the more important matters.

COURTS-MARTIAL.

The following courts martial have been submitted and passed upon by me:

William Lang, Camp No. 71, Division of Missouri.  
 Henry Stough, Camp No. 71, Division of Missouri.  
 J. R. Sanderson, Camp No. 71, Division of Missouri.  
 C. E. Cooper, Camp No. 21, Division of New Hampshire.  
 John Sarsfield, Camp No. 21, Division of New Hampshire.  
 Edwin A. Badger, Camp No. 21, Division of New Hampshire.  
 Fred L. Field, Camp No. 8, Division of Massachusetts.  
 Perry I. Gibson, Camp No. 64, Division of Kansas.  
 W. A. Salisbury, Camp No. 26, Division of Illinois.  
 Harry B. Clark, Camp No. 1, Division of New Hampshire.  
 Alburus R. Hall, Camp No. 1, Division of Ohio.  
 Walter F. Carter, Camp No. 7, Division of Connecticut.  
 James Hensley, Camp No. 199, Division of Illinois.  
 James E. Gillett, Camp No. 158, Division of Ohio.  
 F. S. Spears, Camp No. 24, Division of West Virginia.  
 H. A. Seible, Camp No. 6, Division of Connecticut.  
 William Eaton, Camp No. 121, Division of Michigan.  
 A. L. Tabor, Camp No. 70, Division of Kansas.  
 W. Felter, Camp No. 7, Division of Montana.

I found it necessary in a number of these cases to reverse the finding of the court, because of the insufficiency of the testimony. Many of them were rendered on hearsay testimony alone, thus rendering it possible to do the accused great injustice. It is not infrequent that statements are made by individuals, actuated by malice, unfounded in fact and accepted as true by those who make the statement to the court. I deem it very bad policy, and still worse practice, to admit such testimony upon the trial and upon such evidence alone to render a finding of guilty.

The proceedings in almost all of these cases have been very irregular—in fact, should have been reversed upon technical grounds alone—but whenever the evidence has been amply sufficient, I have deemed it to the best interests of the Order to approve the findings. Our present procedure, based as it is upon the United States Army regulations, is not generally understood, and recognized authority is, generally speaking, inaccessible to Camps, and for this reason I would recommend that a code be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief, to be printed by it and to be furnished Camps with Camp packages. A uniformity and regularity is absolutely necessary in these trials, and the practice should be so outlined that every Camp might become familiarized with it.

7—S. of V.

## COURT-MARTIAL OF PAST-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF W. S. PAYNE.

Acting upon your suggestion I appointed Bro. J. Q. Morrow, of Ohio, as special Judge Advocate-General for the purpose of this trial. I have made a careful examination of the evidence offered, and, in my judgment, the finding of the court and the rulings made by it are fully sustained by the authorities and the evidence introduced. In fact, there is no conflict in the testimony in any material part. The admissions made by the accused, both on the witness stand and in letters written to you, are of themselves sufficient to sustain a finding of guilty. The only real defense made, or attempted to be made, is that after the Commandery-in-Chief had ordered his trial by court-martial he accounted for the moneys remaining in his hands and held a receipt therefor, arguing from this that he was not an embezzler. Such is not the law, as I understand it. The ingredients of the crime of embezzlement are briefly: A position of trust and a refusal or neglect to account for the fund to the proper parties, such being the ones entitled to its custody upon demand. And it makes no difference whether the money has been misapplied wilfully, or whether it be an error of judgment.

We may sympathize with the unfortunate, but it can not change his legal status. Walter S. Payne may be a victim of circumstances, but other men, controlled by similar motives, with no more abandoned or malignant heart, are incarcerated as punishment for the doing of deeds partaking of the same nature as his. No doubt but when he applied the money belonging to the Order to his private affairs he intended to replace it—so do they all. When we consider that he is a man of mature years, of more than ordinary business sagacity, fully capable of discerning right from wrong, his case scarcely admits of sympathy, much less any modification of the finding of the court.

## DIVISION BY-LAWS.

During the year the following By-Laws have been submitted to, and passed upon, by this department:

Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Kansas, Illinois, Maine, Kentucky, Maryland, West Virginia, New Hampshire and Connecticut.

While the By-Laws of the Division of Nebraska, containing some very peculiar provisions, still remain in my hands.

Many of these By-Laws contained a provision that the Colonel commanding should fix the time for the holding of the next succeeding Encampment. Such provision is clearly unconstitutional, Section —, Article —, page —, providing that the place, day and hour shall be fixed by the Encampment, and by-laws providing for the fixing of the time of holding such Encampment in any other manner than that provided by the Constitution can not be approved. No power exists to enlarge or vary the Constitution except the enacting body. So in nearly all of the By-Laws submitted, in providing for and authorizing a method for changing names of Camps, contained a provision requiring the First Sergeant to report to the Division Adjutant the names of all voting on such question and the way each voted. This clause, while it may be constitutional, as a matter of policy should not be incorporated in the By-Laws of any organization, much less in ours. It is un-American. It is essential to good government that a free and fair expression of sentiment be not only permitted but encouraged, and this is the prime object of a secret ballot. Do away with this freedom of expression and you have removed the principal barrier between despotism and free government.

## REVELLE CONTROVERSY.

A protest was entered by—\*—Camp No —, Division of Michigan, against the action taken by the Commandery-in-Chief in providing for compulsory subscriptions by Camps to this publication, and which was submitted to this department. The only question involved, as a matter of course, was the constitutionality of the action taken. It is laid down by text writers upon constitutional law that where the same power which enacts the constitution also enacts the ordinary laws that in so far as the ordinary law conflicts with constitution, the law being subsequent in date operates as a modification or nullification, as the case may be, of the constitutional provisions, and such being the case it was immaterial whether the action taken by the Commandery-in-Chief be denominated constitutional law or rules and regulations, as each are of equal validity and equally obligatory upon Camps. There is no power to abrogate or modify the action of the Encampment except that body, it being in itself the supreme power. This department has nothing to do with the policy or justness of the action taken by the Encampment, only to construe the law as we find it; therefore, it was necessary to hold that the action was valid and binding.

## THE SQUIRREL HUNTERS.

Quite a serious question is involved in the request for a ruling made by Chicago Camp No. 1, Division of Illinois, respecting the eligibility of Past Colonel Frank McCrillis, of that Division, to membership in this Order. A brief statement of the facts as submitted to this department is as follows: In September, 1862, the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, "was menaced by the enemies of our Union," and Governor Todd, for the protection of the city and surrounding country, called upon all loyal men to assemble in her defense. Samuel McCrillis, the father of Frank, was one of those who answered to this call, and served, as it is shown by his discharge issued under legislative authority by the State of Ohio, and signed by its then Adjutant-General. The whole length of service was from September 3, 1862, until September 28, 1862. The record does not disclose that any member of the Army of Squirrel Hunters was enlisted or mustered into the service of the United States, or in fact ever mustered by any authority. The discharge given repudiates the idea of formal enlistment. It recites: "David Todd, Governor of Ohio, called on the minute men of the State, and the squirrel hunters came by the thousands to the rescue." It is necessary, as I understand it, that one to be eligible to membership in our Order must be the son or grandson of one who done service for the government of the United States during the Rebellion of '61 to '65. It has been held repeatedly by the Grand Army of the Republic that such service is necessary in order to entitle one to membership in that organization, and decisions to this effect are reported in the Grand Army blue book. There has been no ruling made by that organization relative to the "Squirrel Hunters," but they are in no different position substantially than those whose cases have been passed upon. In addition to this, I find that the Squirrel Hunters are not accepted and mustered into the Grand Army in the Department of Ohio. To entitle the son to membership into our Order, his father must be entitled to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic; otherwise he can not properly be said to be a son of a veteran. It is therefore necessary to hold that Frank McCrillis is not eligible to membership. From this point the complications begin. The Camp is absolutely without jurisdiction to muster into this Order one who has not the requisite qualifications, and the taking of the obligation of one who has not and can not make him a member. Therefore, it is necessary to hold that Frank McCrillis never was a member of the organization, and not being, was not eligible to hold office, and calls in question

the validity of official acts when he was acting as Adjutant and Colonel of the Division of Illinois. I call these matters to your attention that such steps may be taken as shall be deemed necessary to rectify the errors growing out of his illegal muster.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

A. M. APPÉLGET,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

The Judge Advocate-General, after reading the first portion of his report, asked if the Encampment desired him to read his legal decisions.

Brother GOULD, of Maine: "I would like to ask the Judge Advocate-General how many decisions there are."

By the Judge Advocate-General: "Perhaps ten or a dozen which are of national importance; the other decisions are on questions of facts, and raise no particular points of interest."

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move you that the decisions of the Judge Advocate-General be referred to a special committee of five to prepare them so as to place them in proper form before the Encampment to-morrow morning, and that this committee be called the Committee on Digest."

Seconded by Brother Purbeck, of Massachusetts. Carried.

General Abbott appointed Brothers Bundy, Gould, Steer, Sargent and Harvey as members of the above committee.

The Surgeon-General then made his report, as follows:

#### REPORT OF SURGEON-GENERAL.

*To the Members of the Eighth Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.:*

BROTHERS—I present the first report of my position as Surgeon-General that has ever been made; it is far from complete, not caused by any fault of mine, but the fault of the Camp officers. Hardly any Division has failed to note in its report: "I can not make a full report, as there are many Camps that have failed to send in Form 47." All Division Surgeons, excepting the States of Kansas, North Dakota, Florida and Indiana have sent in Form 48. I certainly hope that the Commanders of the above-named Divisions will make it a duty to ascertain the reason of this negligence. If it is the intention that our Order shall live and prosper, I hope question 14 will be much smaller in the report of your next Surgeon-General.

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| 1. No. members mustered . . . . .                     | 33,721 |
| 2. No. in good standing . . . . .                     | 27,635 |
| 3. No. in State Militia: . . . . .                    | 925    |
| 4. No. in U. S. Army . . . . .                        | 130    |
| 5. No. in U. S. Navy . . . . .                        | 6      |
| 6. No. of deaths within one year . . . . .            | 158    |
| 7. No. cases of sickness . . . . .                    | 1,106  |
| 8. No. of injuries. . . . .                           | 307    |
| 9. Total No. of weeks sickness of all members.. . . . | 5,990  |
| 10. No. of members able to bear arms . . . . .        | 36,770 |
| 11. No. of members over 45 years of age. . . . .      | 234    |
| 12. Age of oldest member . . . . . (N. Y.)            | 66     |
| 13. Average age of all members . . . . .              | 24     |
| 14. No. of unmarried members . . . . .                | 19,584 |

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| 15. No. of widowers . . . . .                          | 256   |
| 16. No. of married members. . . . .                    | 7,446 |
| 17. No. of foreign born. . . . .                       | 311   |
| 18. No. of Grand Army of the Republic members. . . . . | 713   |
| 19. No. of ministers . . . . .                         | 97    |
| 20. No. of physicians. . . . .                         | 213   |
| 21. No. of lawyers. . . . .                            | 228   |
| 22. No. of teachers. . . . .                           | 715   |
| 23. No. of literary men. . . . .                       | 255   |
| 24. No. of artists. . . . .                            | 170   |
| 25. No. of merchants. . . . .                          | 1,112 |
| 26. No. of farmers. . . . .                            | 6,214 |
| 27. No. of clerks and book-keepers. . . . .            | 2,737 |
| 28. No. of mechanics. . . . .                          | 3,821 |
| 29. No. of printers. . . . .                           | 531   |
| 30. No. of students. . . . .                           | 871   |
| 31. No. of salesmen . . . . .                          | 589   |
| 32. No. of telegraph operators. . . . .                | 262   |
| 33. No. of miners . . . . .                            | 389   |
| 34. No. of skilled laborers. . . . .                   | 1,904 |
| 35. No. of laborers. . . . .                           | 4,422 |
| 36. No. of R. R. conductors. . . . .                   | 72    |
| 37. No. of engineers. . . . .                          | 305   |
| 38. No. of musicians. . . . .                          | 816   |
| 39. Miscellaneous . . . . .                            | 1,822 |
| 40. No. of Camps . . . . .                             | 1,825 |
| 41. No. Camps reporting . . . . .                      | 922   |

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. A. AVERDICK,  
*Surgeon-General.*

Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Brother GARST, of Illinois, handed in the following resolution from the Division of Illinois:

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 10, 1889.

*To the Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., in Session at the Eighth Annual Encampment of Commandery-in-Chief:*

We, the delegates of the Illinois Division, S. V., U. S. A., respectfully represent that at the Seventh Annual Encampment of said Division, held at Olney, Ill., from the 25th to the 28th day of June, 1889, inclusive, were instructed by resolution of said Encampment to present to said Council-in-Chief the protest of said Division against a certain official order of Commander-in-Chief Abbott, commanding Colonel F. McCrillis, then in command of said Division, to deliver into the custody of Chicago Camp, No. 1, the surrendered Charter of Garfield Camp, No. 1, and confer upon said Chicago Camp, No. 1, the rank held by said Garfield Camp, No. 1, during its existence.

Now, therefore, we, the said delegates of said Division, respectfully protest to the Council-in-Chief in the above regard, and request that the matter receive such action as the Council-in-Chief shall deem just and proper.

C. A. C. GARST,  
E. T. ROE,  
G. W. WHYTE,  
JOHN LYNCH, JR.,  
JAMES B. LIDDERS,  
*Delegates.*

[SEAL]

Official:  
GEORGE B. STADDEN,  
*Colonel Illinois Division, S. V., U. S. A., Commanding Division.*

Colonel Baguley offered the following, which was adopted :

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 11, 1889.

*To the Ladies' Aid Societies of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Third Annual Encampment Assembled, Greeting :*

The Eighth Annual Encampment of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., have received your kind words of encouragement. We are not unmindful of the services rendered to our government in the time of need by the noble-hearted women of our land, and we hope, and firmly believe, that their daughters are inspired with the same deep reverence for the principles of liberty that sustained their mothers in their ardent endeavors. We greet you in this spirit, and hope your Third Annual Encampment will meet with the success it merits.

H. B. BAGULEY,  
W. C. UPHAM,  
C. A. C. GARST,  
*Committee.*

Brother C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: "I move that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Digest."

Seconded by Major-General Hinkley. Carried.

Brother BROWN, of Washington, D. C.: "Commander, I wish to state that I have some changes to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations which I desire to place before the proper committee, providing the Encampment will permit me to do so, as the changes were not forwarded from Division headquarters as required."

General G. B. ABBOTT: "All Brothers of the Encampment have the privilege of presenting any change to the Constitution to the Committee on Distribution of Work."

The committee appointed in the case of Edward Dalton, reported as follows:

*To the Commandery-in-Chief:*

Your special committee appointed to consider the petition for the reinstatement of Edward H. Dalton, would respectfully report that the Colonel of the Division of Massachusetts, and the President of the Court that tried said Edward H. Dalton, and Frank H. Jewett, Captain of the Camp to which said Dalton belonged, were called before the committee and their statements taken in regard to the charges preferred and the evidence heard by the court in the trial of said Dalton, and upon a full consideration of all the facts as presented, conclude that an error was committed and an injustice done said Edward H. Dalton, and therefore we respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

JOHN LYNCH, JR.,  
JOHN G. NEVINS,  
SIMEON P. JONES,  
*Committee.*

Brother SPINK, of Rhode Island: "I move that the report of the committee be adopted."

Seconded by Brother Davis, of Massachusetts. Carried.

The following telegrams were received:

From Valentine Gibbs, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala.: "May God speed you in your good work."

From C. F. R. Jenne, of Brattleboro, Vt.: "Greeting to the Eighth National Encampment. Would be with you, but am home recruiting for the good of the Order. Son two weeks old."

From E. H. Gilkey, of Columbus, Ohio: "Greetings to the Commandery. May the work of this session only add to the beauty of our banners on which are fixed the eyes of all loyal people. Greetings to General Abbott and his successor."

From A. W. Gates, of Andover, Ohio: "I am with you in spirit. Give my regards to all the boys."

Brother HOLMES, of New York: "I move that the committee appointed at Wheeling, on the matter of the consolidation of the Sons of Veterans, now make their report."

Seconded by Brother Clarkson, of New York.

Brother GOULD, of Maine: "I move that the proceedings of this present Encampment be printed and distributed three months after the closing of the Encampment."

Seconded by Brother Dean, of New Hampshire.

Brother WEBB: "I rise to a point of order. There is already a motion before the house."

Point of order sustained and motion of Brother Gould declared out of order.

Brother HATCH, of New York: "Commander, I wish to state that the committee on the matter of the consolidation was placed in an embarrassing position by the disposition of this matter of consolidation. The committee only had one meeting and that was in New York, and the proceedings of that meeting were printed in full and a copy sent to every member of the Encampment present. The Commander-in-Chief has a report of the subsequent matter arising concerning the matter of consolidation. It was that the best disposition of the matter would be to refer the whole thing to the Council-in-Chief, and let them take action thereon. I move to amend the motion so as to read as follows: 'That all documents and papers pertaining to the matter of consolidation, as submitted by the Commander-in-Chief, be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.'"

Seconded by Brother Tobias, of New York. Carried.

The motion as amended was then placed before the Encampment and carried.

Brother GOULD, of Maine: "I move that the proceedings of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be printed in three months from the date of the closing of the Encampment."

Seconded by Brother Bean, of New Hampshire. Carried.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that we adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, September 12th."

Seconded by B. W. Frauenthal, of Missouri.

Upon the request of General G. B. Abbott, Brothers Bundy and Frauenthal allowed Brother Rathbone the privilege of the floor to make his report in relation to the Payne indebtedness.

Brother Rathbone made the following report:

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 11, 1889.

*Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.:*

Your committee appointed under a resolution of August 16, 1888, at the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Wheeling, W. Va., which resolution appears of record as follows:



"Moved, as a substitute, by Rathbone, of Ohio, that a committee of three be appointed, with full power to act and proceed, both civilly and criminally, to settle the Walter S. Payne matter," which substitute motion prevailed, and the Commander-in-Chief appointed as a committee D. Q. Morrow, of Hillsboro, O., E. G. Rathbone, of Hamilton, O., and Ben S Johnson, of Bellefontaine, O., who beg leave to report as follows :

The committee met immediately, and appointed Brother E. G. Rathbone as Secretary. After a full discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Rathbone should proceed in an endeavor to collect \$1,647.48, a balance due the Commandery-in-Chief since August 19, 1887, by ex-Commander-in Chief Walter S. Payne.

Pursuant to this understanding, your Secretary addressed a communication to General Payne, from Hamilton, Ohio, August 20, 1888, a copy of which is transmitted herewith, marked Exhibit "B," which simply calls attention to the fact that a committee was appointed for that purpose, and requesting an early adjustment of the matter; to which Gen. Payne responded promptly, under date of August 22, 1888, (see Exhibit marked "C"), stating, in effect, that under a resolution passed at Des Moines, Iowa, that he could not turn over to his successor, General Abbott, the moneys in his hands until he (Abbott) gave bond and those bonds were approved by the Council-in-Chief; that he was ready to turn over the money as soon as General Abbott gave bond as above indicated; to which the Secretary replied, under date of August 23, 1888, (see Exhibit "D"), that we would give him an indemnity bond in the sum of five or ten thousand dollars, or any reasonable amount, to secure him against loss in the matter. On the same date I addressed a communication to General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, enclosing the letter from General Payne, and suggesting that he furnish me with evidence that he had given a bond in accordance with enactments at Wheeling, in August, 1888, (see Exhibit "E"). In response to my communication of August 23, to General Payne, in which I offered to indemnify him against loss, the Secretary received a communication from him, dated Fostoria, Ohio, August 24, 1888, (see Exhibit "F"), in which he states that we will have no trouble in settling the matter, and requesting the Secretary to send an indemnity bond to the First National Bank, of Fostoria, Ohio, for \$1,700; that he would mail me a draft or check, certified by the bank, for the full amount due the Sons of Veterans.

Exhibit "G" is a communication from the Commander-in-Chief, General Abbott, dated Chicago, Ill., August 25, 1888, containing some pointed observations concerning his efforts in endeavoring to secure from General Payne the money due the organization, and stating that the question of exacting interest from General Payne was discussed in the Council-in-Chief, at Wheeling, and that it was decided that we should not accept interest, for the reason that it would put the matter in the shape of a loan and would bar us from criminal action, and stating further that he did not believe, as a committee, we had any right to bar the organization from any course of that kind that it might want to pursue. The Secretary of the committee took legal advice on this point, and determined that to accept interest would bar prosecution, and, after a conference by letter with his colleagues, he only asked for the principal, to-wit: \$1,647.48. General Abbott further stated in his letter that he made an application to the Guarantee Company of North America for a bond, and would soon comply with the requirements of the Seventh Annual Encampment in respect thereto. The Secretary's response to General Abbott's letter above referred to, dated August 27, 1888, is marked Exhibit "H," stating in substance that the committee did not contemplate taking any action that would jeopardize the rights of the Commandery-in-Chief, either civilly or criminally. On August 27, 1888, the Secretary addressed a communication to General Payne, Fostoria, Ohio, stating that he had on that day sent to the First National Bank, of Fostoria, a receipt in full for \$1,647.48, together with an indemnity bond for \$1,700, which bond was ample. (See Exhibit "I.")

Exhibit "J" is a copy of a letter to the President of the First National Bank, of Fostoria, Ohio, enclosing a receipt to General Payne for the amount, together

with an indemnity bond for \$1,700, with instructions to turn over the bond and receipt to General Payne upon the payment of \$1,647.48.

Exhibit "K" is a letter from General Payne, dated August 31, 1888, in which he acknowledges receipt of the indemnity bond and receipt, and encloses a certified check on the First National Bank of Fostoria, Ohio, to the order of the Secretary of your committee, for \$1,647.48.

Exhibit "L" is a copy of the Secretary's receipt given to General Payne for the money.

Exhibit "M" is a copy of the Secretary's letter of acknowledgment of the check, under date of September 1, 1888.

Exhibit "N" is a copy of a communication from the Secretary, dated September 1, 1888, addressed to General Abbott, Chicago, notifying him that he had received a certified check for \$1,647.48 from General Walter S. Payne, and suggesting that the committee meet at Columbus, Ohio, on the week in which the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held their meeting, at which time and place the committee could confer.

Exhibit "O" is a communication from General Abbott, dated September 4, addressed to the Secretary, expressing his gratification in the matter of recovering the money from General Payne, and stating that he had made an application for the fidelity bond, which he expected to hear from every day, and asking the Secretary to retain the \$1,647.48 until his bond had been approved according to the wishes of the Encampment as expressed at Wheeling; also requesting the committee to meet in Columbus the week of the Grand Army Encampment, for conference.

Exhibit "P" is a communication from the Secretary, dated Hamilton, Ohio, September 14, 1888, addressed to General Abbott, transmitting Cincinnati exchange for \$500, and stating to General Abbott that the balance was held subject to his call.

During the week of the National Encampment of the Grand Army at Columbus, General Abbott stated to the committee that he was short of funds, and requested them to turn over to him \$500 for present use. At a meeting of your committee the matter of turning over the funds to the Commander-in-Chief was discussed, and it was considered that it would be the wish of all the members of the Order that the funds be placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief for the use of the Order, which was done upon his call.

Exhibit "Q" is a copy of a letter to General Abbott, by the Secretary, enclosing \$647.48, balance of the money collected from General Payne.

Exhibit "R" is an acknowledgment from C. J. Post, Quartermaster-General, of the balance of the \$1,647.48, which is the amount in full collected by this committee from General Payne.

At the meeting of the committee at Columbus during the Grand Army week, above referred to, the Commander-in-Chief, General Abbott, and some members of his staff, were present, at which time and place we discussed the propriety of commencing criminal proceedings against General Payne in the State courts. After a thorough canvass of the situation it was determined that the Order had ample law under which to proceed against its offenders, and it was not considered advisable to proceed in other than our own courts.

Your committee's duties having ended in the premises, we submit this, our report, with the expressed hope that its actions will be satisfactory to the Commandery-in-Chief.

E. G. RATHBONE, *Sec'y.*

GENERAL PAYNE—THE ACTUAL FACTS ABOUT THAT SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS.  
—SIMPLY A CONTEMPTIBLE ATTEMPT TO MAKE PARTY CAPITAL.

## EXHIBIT A.

OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, 78 FIFTH AVE.,  
CHICAGO, ILL., August 21, 1888.

## OFFICIAL.

Extract from the proceedings of the afternoon session of Thursday, August 16, of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Wheeling, W. Va.:

"Moved, as a substitute, by Rathbone, of Ohio, that a committee of three be appointed, with full power to act, to proceed both civilly and criminally to settle the Walter S. Payne matter." (Referring to the indebtedness of \$1,647.48 of Walter S. Payne to the Commandery-in-Chief.) The substitute motion prevailed, and the Commandery-in-Chief appointed as a committee, D. Q. Morrow, of Hillsboro, Ohio; E. G. Rathbone, of Hamilton, Ohio, and Ben S. Johnson, of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

ATTEST:

C. J. Post,  
*Adjutant-General.*

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

## EXHIBIT B.

MIAMI VALLEY NATIONAL BANK,  
HAMILTON, OHIO, August 20, 1888.

*General H. B. Payne, Fostoria, Ohio:*

DEAR SIR—At the Encampment last week in Wheeling, by virtue of a resolution, a committee of three was appointed with full power to act for the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, in the matter of the balance due the Commandery-in-Chief from you of something over \$1,600.00. I believe \$1,647.48 is the exact amount not turned over by you. That committee is composed of D. Q. Morrow, of Hillsboro; Ben Johnson, of Bellefontaine, and myself; Morrow chairman and myself Secretary.

I am directed by the committee to correspond with you on the matter. Please let me hear from you on the subject at the earliest practicable date, as you know there is considerable anxiety about the matter, and I trust you will see the importance of an early adjustment.

Yours very truly,  
E. G. RATHBONE,  
*Secretary of Committee.*

## EXHIBIT C.

FOSTORIA, O, Aug. 22, 1888.

*E. G. Rathbone, Esq., Secretary Committee:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Your kind favor of 20th received last evening, on my return from the East. I don't remember of meeting you at Wheeling, but I went before the Council-in-Chief twice, at my own suggestion, and not "summoned," as stated in the papers, and proposed to them to deed them, or give a mortgage (to a trustee whom they should appoint), on my house and lot in Fostoria, worth \$8,000.00, or give them a deed or mortgage of or on as many acres of land in my farm of 505 acres, which has no incumbrance upon it whatever, they to hold to said deed or mortgage till matters were arranged satisfactorily. You know that under the resolution passed at Des Moines, I can not turn over to my successor, General Abbott, the moneys in my hands (about \$1,600.00) till he shall have given bonds, and those bonds approved by the Council-in-Chief.

I will be ready to turn over the money as soon as General Abbott has given his bond, and it is approved by the Council-in-Chief. The interests of the Commandery in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., have never been in jeopardy a moment since I took command of the Order. I assure you there will not be the slightest difficulty in getting matters fixed up, at least not on my part.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.

WALTER S. PAYNE.

HAMILTON, O., August 22, 1888.

*General Walter S. Payne, Fostoria, O. :*

Wrote you 20th, addressed General H. B. Payne, Fostoria, O. Get letter and answer when I can see you.

E. G. RATHBONE.

EXHIBIT D.

HAMILTON, O., August 23, 1888.

*General Walter S. Payne, Fostoria, O. :*

MY DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of your favor of August 22, in which you state that you are ready to pay the amount when General Abbott shall have complied with a resolution at Des Moines, concerning the giving of bonds as Commander-in-Chief.

I will say in this connection that I stand ready to give you an indemnity bond in the sum of \$5,000 or \$10,000, or a reasonable amount to secure you. It strikes me that it would be no more of a violation of the Des Moines resolution, to which you refer, to turn over the balance of funds on hand than it was to turn over a part, as you did. The balance due is \$1,647.48 since August 19, 1887.

Your letter indicates fairness in this matter, and I sincerely trust that we can adjust it soon, as it is exceedingly annoying to all, particularly to you.

Meet me half way, and I will guarantee that we can adjust this thing to the entire satisfaction of the Commandery-in-Chief, and with perfect security to you. Let us lay aside technicalities and all other matters of an obstructive nature, bring our good sense to bear and fix it up; thus relieving us of much embarrassment.

I will meet you at any time and place for conference. If you are not prepared to pay cash down, as would seem to be the case by your letter, we can adjust that, you having the property indicated in your letter, and being willing to give security. With this feeling and disposition on your part, the problem is easily solved.

I regret exceedingly the newspaper publications to which you refer. They were ill-timed, to say the least.

Yours fraternally,

E. G. RATHBONE,  
*Secretary Committee.*

EXHIBIT E.

HAMILTON, O., August 23, 1888.

*General G. B. Abbott, No. 73 Fifth Avenue, Chicago :*

DEAR SIR—I enclose letter from General Payne (which please return soon, as I wish to keep all correspondence in the matter), in which he says in substance that he is ready to adjust the matter whenever you shall have given bond under a certain resolution passed at Des Moines, etc. I believe another law was enacted at Wheeling pertaining to the Commander-in-Chief giving bonds.

I suggest the propriety of furnishing me at once a certificate from the proper officer or officers, under seal, etc., showing that you have complied with the law in this respect. I have just written General Payne that if he desires it I will give him an indemnity bond in the sum of \$5,000 or \$10,000.

As soon as I get evidence of your having given bond in accordance with recent enactments, which will remove that objection, I will proceed to Fostoria, and have the money or a fight.

Fraternally,

E. G. RATHBONE.

## EXHIBIT F.

FOSTORIA, OHIO, August 24, 1888.

*E. G. Rathbone, Esq., Hamilton, Ohio:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Your kind favor of 23d just received, and sounds the most like business of anything I have had from any Brother of the Order, and I can assure you we will have no trouble in settling the matter at once. Please send to the First National Bank of Fostoria an indemnity bond for \$1,700.00, so they will have it here by the first day of September. I leave home early in the morning to make several speeches and will be home the 31st, and will mail you a draft or my check certified by the bank for the full amount due the Sons of Veterans.

I am sorry to see the boys turning the Order into politics. It will hurt the Order, I fear, and it was intended for a better purpose. I fear some of them have forgotten the motto, "Friendship, Charity and Loyalty," but as they grow older they will learn more.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

WALTER S. PAYNE.

## EXHIBIT G.

OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, NO. 78 FIFTH AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILL., August 25, 1888.*E. G. Rathbone, Hamilton, Ohio:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Yours of August 23d is before me containing a letter from Walter S. Payne and also a copy of your reply. There is nothing in his letter new to me; it is the same old story; it is all talk and no turkey. The order has given him ample and plenty of time to square himself. He made no objection whatever to paying me the money on the score of the bond, and as a matter of fact, no such resolution as he refers to was passed by the Encampment at Des Moines regarding the bond. He made the recommendation in his annual address to that effect, and the report was approved as a whole, and this particular thing was not referred to, and in his recommendation he states that the Commander-in-Chief should give a bond in such sum as the Council-in-Chief might determine. The Council-in-Chief have never determined the amount of the bond that I would have to file until this last meeting at Wheeling. I was ready at any time to file a bond.

I further informed General Payne that I was the owner of unencumbered real estate in this county of more than three times the amount of money that would pass through my hands during my term of office, and that a judgment was collectible against me, which it is not against him. He wrote me a letter, which I have, in which he said that he would pay me the money at once. He also several times wrote me and also told me that he would have the money to turn over at Wheeling. The Council made the demand that he should turn it over to them. Why did he not do so? It so happens that I am worth about as much money as Walter S. Payne. His house and lot at Fostoria is encumbered for just about as much money as it is worth, and he can not get a second mortgage on it. The question of our receiving interest on this money was discussed in the Council-in-Chief, and we decided that we should not accept interest, for then it would appear that this was a matter of a loan and would bar us from criminal action, and I do not believe as a committee you have any right to bar out the organization from any course of that kind it may want to pursue.

In you, General Payne has a new man to work and he can repeat his same old stories that I have been listening to the entire year. However, I would much prefer that he would settle with you and that you get the bond that you mention, then I should have no direct dealings with him. I do not want to shoulder any of the responsibility.

I have already filed an application with the Guarantee Company of North America for a bond, but I am a little doubtful about receiving it, not for the reason that they do not consider me as reliable, but from the fact that the character of the bond and the peculiar position I hold, is out of their ordinary course of business, as they deal almost exclusively in furnishing bonds to employes of corporations, banks, etc. I can, however, in a few hours, get an ordinary bond signed by freeholders for any amount that is necessary.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

EXHIBIT H.

HAMILTON, O., Aug. 27, 1888.

*General G. B. Abbott, No. 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Referring to yours of 25th instant, will say I fully appreciate the fact that no resolution was passed at Des Moines concerning Commander-in-Chief giving bond, except as noted by you, to-wit: A simple recommendation by Payne in his address, which was adopted by the Commandery. Of course, we all understand that it was a flimsy pretext to avoid payment. Even were his ground well taken, he violated the law in turning over to you \$700.00 at Des Moines, and it would be no more a violation to turn over \$1,647.48, at least we are willing to stand a "heap" of such violations.

The committee do not contemplate any action that will jeopardize the rights, either civil or criminal, in the premises. "The tree is known by its fruits," and judging General Payne by this standard, it seems to promise delay in payment. Still I have a letter, dated the 24th, asking me to send indemnity bond to First National Bank, Fostoria, by September 1, and he will pay. I have some hopes of this. It is the calm and deliberate intention of the committee to have our money, or a fight in the very near future.

Yours truly,

E. G. RATHBONE.

EXHIBIT I.

HAMILTON, O., Aug. 27, 1888.

*General Walter S. Payne, Fostoria, O. :*

MY DEAR SIR—Referring to yours of the 24th instant, I have this day sent to the First National Bank, Fostoria, receipt in full for \$1,647.48, amount due Sons of Veterans, together with a bond signed by F. W. Whittaker, assistant cashier of this bank, and myself, to indemnify you against being required by the Order to pay the sum again.

The bond is absolutely good, either surety being ample.

Very truly,

E. G. RATHBONE.

EXHIBIT J.

HAMILTON, O., August 27, 1888.

*Mr. Andrew Ermine, President First National Bank, Fostoria, O. :*

DEAR SIR—I hand you herewith a statement—properly receipted—of sums due the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., from General Walter S. Payne, Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., amounting to \$1,647.48;

also an indemnity bond, signed by myself and F. W. Whittaker, Assistant Cashier of this bank, for \$1,700, which please deliver to General Walter S. Payne, upon receipt of \$1,647.48.

Very truly,

E. G. RATHBONE,  
*Vice-President.*

P. S.—This money is to be paid September 1st, according to proposition of General Payne.

EXHIBIT K.

FOSTORIA, O., August 31, 1888.

*E. G. Rathbone, Esq., Secretary, Hamilton, O.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have just returned home and find your kind favor of 27th. Have also been to the bank and find the indemnity bond there from you, which makes this S. of V. matter all straight, and I take pleasure in handing you herewith my certified check on First National Bank of Fostoria for \$1,647.48, and they have given me your receipt in full for amount due the Sons of Veterans. Thanking you for your business-like manner in taking hold of this thing, and feeling thankful that some one has qualified to receive the money from me, I remain, as ever,

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,  
WALTER S. PAYNE.

EXHIBIT L.

HAMILTON, O., Sept. 1, 1888.

General Walter S. Payne, Past Commander-in-Chief Sons of the Veterans, U. S.

A., to the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Dr.

To amount due August 19, 1887 . . . . . \$1,647.48  
Received payment in full.

The Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., by E. G. Rathbone, Secretary of Committee, appointed under resolution passed at Wheeling, W. Va., August, 1888.

EXHIBIT M.

HAMILTON, OHIO, September 1, 1888.

*General Walter S. Payne, Fostoria, Ohio:*

DEAR SIR—I am just in receipt of your favor of 31st ult., enclosing check on First National Bank, Fostoria, certified by the President of the bank for \$1,647.48.

Fraternally,  
E. G. RATHBONE,  
*Secretary of Committee.*

EXHIBIT N.

HAMILTON, OHIO, September 1, 1888.

*Gen. G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief S. of V., 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.:*

DEAR GENERAL—I have the honor to report that I have this day received from General Walter S. Payne his check on First National Bank, Fostoria, Ohio, and certified by the President of the bank for \$1,647.48.

The committee will probably meet in Columbus, O., Grand Army of Republic week, for conference, at which time and place I hope to meet you.

Fraternally,  
E. G. RATHBONE.



## EXHIBIT O.

OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, 78 FIFTH AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILL., September 4, 1888.

*E. G. Rathbone, Hamilton, Ohio :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Yours of September 1 is before me. I am delighted with the report which you make in regard to the Payne matter. I have made application for a fidelity bond which I expect to hear from every day. I will ask you to retain the \$1,647.48 until my bond has been approved according to the wishes of the Encampment, as expressed at Wheeling.

I wish you would see that the other members of your committee would be at Columbus, where we can confer. I shall arrive there Monday morning, and will make my headquarters at the American House.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

G. B. ABBOTT,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

## EXHIBIT P.

HAMILTON, OHIO, September 14, 1888.

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief S. of V., U. S. A., No. 78 Fifth Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.*

MY DEAR GENERAL—I enclose herewith the check of this bank, No. 393, on the Franklin Bank, Cincinnati, O., to my order, and by me endorsed to you, for the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500 00), the same being a part of the money collected from Walter S. Payne, amounting to \$1,647.48.

The balance is subject to your call. I did not send Chicago exchange, as you requested, because we do not draw there, so I send you Cincinnati, as that is the nearest point to go where we keep an account.

Yours fraternally,

E. G. RATHBONE.

## EXHIBIT Q.

HAMILTON, O., December 3, 1888.

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A., No. 78 Fifth Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill. :*

DEAR SIR—I hand you herewith a check of Bradford National Bank, on Mercantile National Bank, New York, to my order, and by me endorsed to you, No. 217,441, for \$248.50, also Miami Valley National Bank check on Chase National Bank, New York, to my order, and by me endorsed to you, No. 701, for \$398 98, aggregating \$647.48, which, with the two amounts, \$500 each, previously sent you, makes \$1,647 48, the amount collected by me from Walter S. Payne. I enclose receipt, which please sign and return, as I have mislaid one of the others.

Fraternally,

E. G. RATHBONE.

## EXHIBIT R.

OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, 78 FIFTH AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, Dec. 4, 1888.

*Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Rathbone, Hamilton, Ohio:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Your favor of December 3, with two drafts enclosed as stated and receipt, came to hand to-day. I have sent the receipt to General Abbott, who is in New York City, and presume that he will forward it direct to you.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. Post,  
*Quartermaster-General.*

Brother HATCH, of New York: "I move you, sir, that this report of the committee be received, and that the thanks of this Encampment be extended to the committee for their efforts in this matter, and that the committee be discharged."

Seconded by B. W. Frauenthal, of Missouri. Carried.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that this Encampment approve of the finding in the case of Walter S. Payne."

Seconded by Brother Lynch, of Illinois. Carried.

The previous motion to adjourn was then put and carried.

Meeting adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order with General G. B. Abbott in the chair. All the officers were present with the exception of Lieutenant-General E. H. Milham.

Colonel Rake, of Pennsylvania, was appointed acting Lieutenant-General.

The Committee on Credentials reported W. F. Jenkins, Chaplain-in-Chief, Alternates Ernst, of Missouri, and Riggs, of Rhode Island, entitled to seats in this Encampment.

By RITTER, of New Hampshire: "I move that the report of the committee be accepted."

Seconded by Brother Jonas, of Connecticut. Carried.

Minutes of previous session read, and ordered approved as read and corrected.

Brother TOBIAS, of New York: "I move that all nominating speeches be limited to ten minutes, and seconding speeches be limited to five minutes."

Seconded by Brother Brown.

Brother SHERIDAN: "I move to amend the motion, and make the limit for nominating speeches five minutes and limit for seconding speeches two minutes."

Seconded by Brother Loebenstein, of Missouri. Carried.

The original motion, as amended, was then put and carried.

Brother STAGGERS, of West Virginia: "I move that in calling for nominations it be done by States."

Seconded by Brother Amies. Carried.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I rise to a point of information. If a man from Arkansas nominates a man from Colorado, will it be necessary to wait until that State is called before he can be brought before the Encampment as a candidate from that State?"

General G. B. ABBOTT. "I will rule that when a State is called, if there is a candidate to be presented by that State, any brother who has been selected to do so, whether he is from that State or any other, will have the privilege of the floor for the purpose of presenting the candidate."

Brother CHALLIS, of New Hampshire: "Is it the intention of the Encampment to have the seconds by roll-call of the States also?"

General ABBOTT: "When a name is proposed, those desiring to second the nomination may do so without calling for the roll of the States."

The roll-call by States was then taken up.

Brother Winfrey, of Indiana, made a speech setting forth the past record of Charles F. Griffin, both as a member of the Order of Sons of Veterans and as a citizen, and concluded by nominating Brother Charles F. Griffin, of Indiana, for the position of Commander-in-Chief.

Nomination of Charles F. Griffin was seconded by Colonel Stadden, of Illinois, and Colonel Gulley, of Arkansas.

Brother Jones, of Kansas, nominated Leland J. Webb, of Kansas, for the position of Commander-in-Chief.

Nomination of Leland J. Webb was seconded by Brother Hatch, of New York; Brother Garst, of Illinois; Brother Krakerweitzer, of Wisconsin, and Brother Whyte, of Illinois.

Brother Brown, of Ohio, nominated Joseph B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts, for Commander-in-Chief.

Nomination of J. B. Maccabe was seconded by Brother Lyons, of Massachusetts.

Brother Staers, of Michigan, nominated Marvin E. Hall, for the position of Commander-in-Chief.

Nomination of Marvin E. Hall was seconded by R. Loebenstein, of Missouri; Brother Barton, of Rhode Island, and Brother Appelget, of Nebraska.

Brother Challis, of New Hampshire, nominated Brother Frank B. Perkins, of New Hampshire.

Nomination of Brother Perkins was seconded by Brother Gould, of Maine, and Brother Taylor, of Vermont.

Brother Aimes, of Pennsylvania, nominated Past Colonel Lewis Rake, of Pennsylvania.

Nomination of Brother L. Rake was seconded by Brother Thompson, of Maryland.

The roll call of States was then completed without any further nominations being made.

8—S. of V.

Brother **KRAKERWEITZER**, of Wisconsin: "I move that we proceed to an informal ballot for Commander-in-Chief."

Seconded by Brother **Stare**, of Michigan. Carried.

The informal ballot resulted as follows :

|                   |    |                   |    |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Griffin . . . . . | 26 | Rake . . . . .    | 17 |
| Hall . . . . .    | 18 | Maccabe . . . . . | 29 |
| Webb . . . . .    | 22 | Perkins . . . . . | 16 |

Total . . . . . 128

Necessary to a choice, 65.

Moved by Colonel **Loebenstein**, of Missouri, and seconded by **Clay Herod**, of Kansas, that we take first formal ballot. Carried.

The first formal ballot was then taken, and resulted as follows :

| 1ST FORMAL.             |    | 2D FORMAL.              |    | 3D. FORMAL.             |    |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| Griffin . . . . .       | 27 | Griffin . . . . .       | 25 | Griffin . . . . .       | 25 |
| Rake . . . . .          | 17 | Rake . . . . .          | 18 | Rake . . . . .          | 21 |
| Hall . . . . .          | 19 | Hall . . . . .          | 19 | Hall . . . . .          | 19 |
| Maccabe . . . . .       | 26 | Maccabe . . . . .       | 26 | Maccabe . . . . .       | 26 |
| Webb . . . . .          | 22 | Webb . . . . .          | 21 | Webb . . . . .          | 17 |
| Perkins . . . . .       | 16 | Perkins . . . . .       | 17 | Perkins . . . . .       | 19 |
| Total . . . . . 127     |    | Total . . . . . 126     |    | Total . . . . . 127     |    |
| Necessary choice . . 64 |    | Necessary choice . . 64 |    | Necessary choice . . 64 |    |

| 4TH FORMAL.             |    | 5TH FORMAL.             |    | 6TH FORMAL.             |    |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| Griffin . . . . .       | 25 | Griffin . . . . .       | 25 | Griffin . . . . .       | 26 |
| Rake . . . . .          | 19 | Rake . . . . .          | 21 | Rake . . . . .          | 19 |
| Hall . . . . .          | 18 | Hall . . . . .          | 17 | Hall . . . . .          | 18 |
| Maccabe . . . . .       | 27 | Maccabe . . . . .       | 27 | Maccabe . . . . .       | 28 |
| Webb . . . . .          | 20 | Webb . . . . .          | 21 | Webb . . . . .          | 20 |
| Perkins . . . . .       | 17 | Perkins . . . . .       | 15 | Perkins . . . . .       | 15 |
| Total . . . . . 126     |    | Total . . . . . 126     |    | Total . . . . . 126     |    |
| Necessary choice . . 64 |    | Necessary choice . . 64 |    | Necessary choice . . 64 |    |

| 7TH FORMAL.             |    | 8TH FORMAL.             |    | 9TH FORMAL.             |    |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| Griffin . . . . .       | 27 | Griffin . . . . .       | 24 | Griffin . . . . .       | 30 |
| Rake . . . . .          | 18 | Rake . . . . .          | 17 | Rake . . . . .          | 18 |
| Hall . . . . .          | 15 | Hall . . . . .          | 17 | Hall . . . . .          | 14 |
| Maccabe . . . . .       | 28 | Maccabe . . . . .       | 28 | Maccabe . . . . .       | 28 |
| Webb . . . . .          | 21 | Webb . . . . .          | 20 | Webb . . . . .          | 19 |
| Perkins . . . . .       | 18 | Perkins . . . . .       | 18 | Perkins . . . . .       | 18 |
| Total . . . . . 127     |    | Total . . . . . 124     |    | Total . . . . . 127     |    |
| Necessary choice . . 64 |    | Necessary choice . . 63 |    | Necessary choice . . 64 |    |

Brother BROWN, of Ohio: "I move that the lowest man on the next ballot, and so on in each succeeding ballot, be dropped."

Seconded by Brother Martin. Motion lost.

| 10TH FORMAL.         |     | 11TH FORMAL.         |     | 12TH FORMAL.         |     |
|----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Griffin . . . . .    | 27  | Griffin . . . . .    | 24  | Griffin . . . . .    | 25  |
| Rake . . . . .       | 17  | Rake . . . . .       | 30  | Rake . . . . .       | 19  |
| Hall . . . . .       | 14  | Hall . . . . .       | 2   | Hall . . . . .       | 19  |
| Maccabe . . . . .    | 28  | Maccabe . . . . .    | 29  | Maccabe . . . . .    | 30  |
| Webb . . . . .       | 22  | Webb . . . . .       | 24  | Webb . . . . .       | 18  |
| Perkins . . . . .    | 17  | Perkins . . . . .    | 18  | Perkins . . . . .    | 15  |
| <hr/>                |     | <hr/>                |     | <hr/>                |     |
| Total. . . . .       | 125 | Total. . . . .       | 127 | Total. . . . .       | 127 |
| Necessary choice . . | 63  | Necessary choice . . | 64  | Necessary choice . . | 64  |

Brother MACCABE, of Massachusetts: "I ask the privilege of the floor before the next ballot is called for."

The privilege of the floor was granted.

Brother Maccabe withdrew his name in favor of Charles F. Griffin, of Indiana.

Brother F. B. Perkins being granted the privilege of the floor, withdrew his name in favor of Colonel Lewis Rake, of Pennsylvania.

Brother L. J. Webb, of Kansas, withdrew in favor of Charles F. Griffin, of Indiana.

Brother Hall, of Michigan, withdrew in favor of Charles F. Griffin, of Indiana.

Brother RAKE, of Pennsylvania: "I move that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant-General be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brother Charles F. Griffin, of Indiana."

Seconded by Brother Hall, of Michigan. Carried.

Adjutant-General Guilford then proceeded to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Charles F. Griffin, of Indiana, for Commander-in-Chief.

General G. B. Abbott declared Charles F. Griffin elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the ensuing year.

Brother Charles F. Griffin was then called for, and made the following address:

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND BRETHERN—This is not a time for speech-making. I scarcely need say to you that I thank you for this honor you have conferred upon me, in electing me to the highest office in our noble Order. I appreciate the honor and the responsibility of this great trust reposed in me, and I desire to say to you, that in the performance of my official duties it shall be my chief endeavor to merit your trust and confidence and promote the interests of our Order, and in the performance of those duties I earnestly desire, and believe I shall receive, the honest support of every Brother in the Order. I may make mistakes, but they will be the fault of the mind, and not of the heart. Again I thank you.

Nominations for the position of Lieutenant-General were then declared in order.

Brother Stagers, of West Virginia, presented the name of H. B. Baguley, of West Virginia, for the position of Lieutenant-General.

Nomination of H. B. Baguley was seconded by Brother Wood, of Indiana; Brother Milham, of Minnesota; Brother McDowell, of New Jersey, and Brother O'Brian, of Nebraska.

Brother HARVEY, of Indiana: "I move that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant-General be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Colonel Baguley, of West Virginia, for the position of Lieutenant-General."

Seconded by Brother B. W. Frauenthal, of Missouri. Carried.

Adjutant-General Guilford cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for H. B. Baguley, of West Virginia, for the position of Lieutenant-General of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

General G. B. Abbott declared H. B. Baguley, of West Virginia, duly elected Lieutenant-General of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the position of Major-General were then declared in order.

Brother Webb, of Kansas, nominated Colonel Derrom, of New Jersey, for Major-General.

Nomination of Colonel Derrom was seconded by Brother Reisel, of Connecticut, and Brother Tobias, of New York.

Brother Marchbank, of New Jersey, nominated Brother McDowell, of New Jersey.

Nomination of Brother McDowell was seconded by Brother Stagers, of West Virginia; Brother Bundy, of Ohio; Brother Orner, of Illinois; Brother Roderigo, of New Jersey, and Brother Averdick, of Kentucky.

Brother Brown, of Ohio, nominated Brother George W. Pollitt, of New Jersey.

Nomination of Captain George W. Pollitt was seconded by Brother Maccabe, of Massachusetts; Brother Hall, of Michigan, and Brother Lynch, of Illinois.

Colonel Derrom, of New Jersey, withdrew his name from the list of candidates for the position of Major-General.

Brother KRAKERWEITZER: "I move you that the Delegates of the New Jersey Division be allowed to choose themselves as to who shall be the Major-General from their Division."

Brother AVERDICK, of Kentucky: "I rise to a point of order. I wish to state that the New Jersey Division is not the National Encampment and therefore can not decide for us who shall be the Major-General."

General Abbott ruled the point of order well taken, and declared the motion out of order.

The first formal ballot was then held upon the names of Brother McDowell and Brother Pollitt, of New Jersey, for the position of Major-General.

The ballot resulted as follows: McDowell, 39; Irish, 1; Pollitt, 79. Total, 119. Necessary for a choice, 60.

General G. B. Abbott declared George W. Pollitt elected to the position of Major-General, having received a majority of the votes cast.

Captain George W. Pollitt thanked the Brothers for their kindness in electing him and thus honoring Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8.

Nominations for the elective Council-in-Chief were then declared in order.

Brother Maccabe, of Massachusetts, nominated Brother Frazee, of Ohio.

Nomination of Brother Frazee was seconded by Brother Averdick, of Kentucky.

Brother Garst, of Illinois, nominated Brother Roe, of Illinois.

Brother Herod, of Kansas, nominated Brother Jones, of Kansas.

Brother Limbocker, of Kansas, seconded the nomination of Brother Jones.  
 Brother Reisel, of Connecticut, nominated Brother Hinkley, of Massachusetts.  
 Nomination of Brother Hinkley was seconded by Brother Appelget, of Nebraska.

Brother Marchbank, of New Jersey, nominated Brother McDowell.  
 Nomination of Brother McDowell was seconded by Brother Krakerweitzer.  
 Brother Hall, of Michigan, nominated Brother Friedman, of Alabama and Tennessee.

Brother GARST: "I move that the five Brothers receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected as members of the elective Council-in-Chief."

Seconded by Brother H. M. Russell. Carried.

Brother Riggs, of Rhode Island, nominated Brother Taylor, of Vermont.  
 Brother Tobias, of New York, nominated Brother Smalling, of New York.  
 Brother Armstrong, of Ohio, nominated Brother Averdick, of Kentucky.  
 Colonel Barton, of Rhode Island, nominated Adjutant-General Guilford.  
 There being no further nominations, the Encampment proceeded to ballot.

The election resulted as follows:

|                    |    |                    |    |
|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Taylor . . . . .   | 57 | Frazee. . . . .    | 73 |
| Averdick . . . . . | 51 | Hinkley. . . . .   | 62 |
| Guilford . . . . . | 35 | Roe. . . . .       | 66 |
| Friedman. . . . .  | 30 | McDowell . . . . . | 61 |
| Jones. . . . .     | 68 | Smalling. . . . .  | 42 |
| Russell. . . . .   | 14 | Wright . . . . .   | 1  |
| Upham. . . . .     | 1  | Brown. . . . .     | 1  |
| Abbott . . . . .   | 1  | Clarkson. . . . .  | 1  |
| Capito . . . . .   | 1  |                    |    |

Brothers Frazee, Hinkley, Rowe, McDowell and Jones, being the five receiving the highest number of votes cast, were declared duly elected members of the elective Council-in-Chief by General G. B. Abbott.

Brother GARST, of Illinois: "I move we proceed to ballot for the next place of holding the National Encampment."

Seconded by Brother Frauenthal, of Missouri. Carried.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kline, of Missouri, handed in the following letter of invitation from Lincoln Camp, No. 17, of St. Joseph, Mo.:

ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS—At the meeting of Lincoln Camp, No. 17, held August 12, 1889, among other proceedings, was the following:

"Moved by Past Colonel Neudorf, seconded by Brother Ed. Siemens, that the Captain of Lincoln Camp be instructed to invite the Commandery-in-Chief to hold its session of 1890 in St. Joseph, Mo. Carried unanimously."

Therefore, in pursuance with these instructions, I take great pleasure in inviting the Commandery-in-Chief to meet in St. Joseph in 1890, and assure you that one of the representative cities of the great West will do all in its power to make your visit a pleasant one.

Yours in F., C. and L.

HOMER G. CLINE,  
 Captain Commanding, Lincoln Camp, No. 17, Division Missouri.

Also the following invitation from the Board of Trade :

ST. JOSEPH, September, 7, 1889.

*To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

On behalf of the people of this city we extend to your body a cordial invitation to hold your session of 1890 in the city of St Joseph, Mo.

We take pleasure in being able to assure you of a hearty reception and a warm welcome. The city not only offers first-class railroad facilities for a session of this character, but such attractions, natural and otherwise, as will contribute to the enjoyment of the guests—parks, theaters, etc.

In the event of the acceptance of this invitation, the St. Joseph Board of Trade will cheerfully place at the disposal of the Commandery its spacious hall for headquarters and reception purposes free of charge.

Respectfully,

FRED F. SCHRADER,  
*Secretary.*

E. L. MARNEY,  
*President.*

Brother Capito, of Kentucky, handed in an invitation from the city of Louisville, Kentucky, as follows :

HEADQUARTERS LOVELL H. ROUSSEAU CAMP, No. 4, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
LOUISVILLE, KY., August 15, 1889.

*To Past Colonel N. M. Pell, Colonel Geo. H. Capito, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles E. Currie, City :*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—You are hereby notified that at the last meeting of the Camp the Captain appointed you to act as a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to solicit an invitation to be sent to the National Encampment convening at Paterson, N. J., September 10, that they hold their next annual Encampment in this city.

You will proceed to your duties at once and report upon completion at these Headquarters.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

HARRY REES,  
*First Sergeant.*

GEO. C. ROBERTS,  
*Captain Commanding.*

LOUISVILLE, KY., August 28, 1889.

*James T. Buckner, Jr., Superintendent Board of Trade :*

DEAR SIR—The Sons of Veterans, a national organization of which you are not acquainted, will hold their annual Encampment at Paterson, New Jersey, first week in September.

The Sons of Veterans of Kentucky, and especially Louisville, are anxious to have the next Encampment brought to Louisville, which would occur about September, 1890.

We are desirous that an invitation be forwarded by our delegation from our city Mayor, Board of Trade and Commercial Club.

If we succeed in bringing to Louisville the Encampment of 1890 it would bring to our city two or three thousand of the most prominent in the Order, embracing in the delegates all avocations, commercial and professional. We would be glad if you could have a suitable letter written, emanating and representing to the National Encampment that our Board of Trade would be glad to have the Encampment of '90 held in the city they represent.

Allow me to hear from you at an early date, as our delegation will likely leave near the 1st of September.

I am sir, yours respectfully,

NATHAN M. PELL.



LOUISVILLE, KY., August 31, 1889.

*Mr. Charles F. Huhlein, President The Commercial Club, City :*

MY DEAR SIR—Lovell H. Rosseau Camp, of this city (the Order of the Sons of Veterans), has appointed me on a committee of three which is to solicit from the important institutions of this city an invitation to the National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., convening at Paterson, N. J., September 10th next, that they hold their next annual Encampment in this city.

I would be obliged if you would lay this matter before the Club, and secure, if possible, such an invitation as I ask.

I would esteem this a personal favor upon your part and, in behalf of the committee which I am representing, will say, such a favor would be greatly appreciated and long remembered. Trusting to hear from you, I remain

Yours very truly,

CHARLES E. CURRIE,  
*Lieutenant-Colonel, Division of Kentucky.*

Colonel George H. Capito called on our Mayor in person and was seen leaving the Mayor's office a few moments after, his face wreathed in the brightest smiles—the generous invitation attached was the cause.

THE COMMITTEE.

LOUISVILLE BOARD OF TRADE,  
LOUISVILLE, September 5, 1889.

*Mr. Nathan M. Pell, Louisville, Ky. :*

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the board of directors of the Louisville Board of Trade, held on Wednesday, the 4th instant, authorizing and requesting you and the delegates from Louisville to the annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, shortly to be held at Paterson, N. J., in inviting the order to hold its next Encampment in this city, to extend the most cordial invitation from the Board of Trade, and to assure the members that this body will do all in its power to make their visit a pleasant one.

Very truly, etc.,

JAMES F. BUCKNER, JR.  
*Superintendent Louisville Board of Trade.*

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB,  
LOUISVILLE, KY., September 3, 1889.

*Chas. E. Curtis, Esq., Lieutenant-Colonel Division  
of Kentucky, Order Sons of Veterans :*

DEAR SIR—By order of the board of directors of the Commercial Club, I have the honor to extend through your committee from Lovell H. Rousseau Camp, of this city, a most hearty invitation to the Order of the Sons of Veterans to hold their next annual Encampment in the city of Louisville. We assure them a most cordial welcome should they decide to honor us. We trust you to present the many advantages our city offers for such a convention as this.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. F. HUHLEIN,  
*President.*

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,  
LOUISVILLE, September 4, 1889.

*George H. Capito, Colonel Division of Kentucky, Sons of Veterans :*

MY DEAR SIR—I beg leave to urge that you will do all in your power to have the next Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held in this city. It is unnecessary that I should suggest the mutual advantages of holding the Encampment here. You will know what to urge on that score. I can only assure you that both in my official and social capacity I will put forth every effort to make the visitors thoroughly at home in Louisville, if they should come here.

RIDGELY,  
*Secretary.*

CHARLES D. JACOBS,  
*Mayor.*

LOUISVILLE, KY., September 5, 1889.

*To the Officers and Members Eighth Annual Encampment, Paterson, N. J.:*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—Our pleasant duty is at an end. We, as the committee appointed for securing invitations for you to visit us next year, have been successful.

The invitations which we hand you emanate from the highest in importance of our representative institutions. They are written in a spirit of the truest sincerity, with the full expectation that you are going to accept.

Come and see us. We will make it pleasant for you.

Yours very truly in F., C. and L.,

NATHAN M. PELL,  
GEO. H. CAPITO,  
CHARLES E. CURRIE,  
*Committee.*

Brother Moses P. O'Brien extended an invitation from the city of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother Knowlton, of Minneapolis, extended an invitation from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Brother Campbell, of Washington, D. C., seconded the nomination of Louisville.

Brother McAndrews, of Massachusetts, seconded the nomination of Louisville.

Brother Orner, of Illinois, seconded the nomination of St. Joseph.

Brother Jones, of Kansas, seconded the nomination of St. Joseph.

Brother Appelget, of Nebraska, withdrew the name of Lincoln, Nebraska, from the consideration of the Encampment, and seconded the nomination of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Brother Gulley, of Arkansas, seconded the nomination of St. Joseph.

Brother GARST, of Illinois: "I move the nominations close."

Seconded by Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford. Carried.

General Abbott then read a letter from the Colonel of the Minnesota Division, inviting the Encampment to that State.

Brother SHERIDAN, of Wisconsin: "I move that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning."

Seconded by B. W. Frauenthal, of Missouri. Carried.

The following invitation was received from the Ladies' Aid Society :

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 12, 1889.

*General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. :*

SIR—The officers and delegates of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are cordially invited to attend a reception at Washington Hall, at 8 P. M. to-day, tendered by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, Society No. 3, Division of New Jersey.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

MRS. GEORGE W. POLLITT,  
*Chairman of Committee of Arrangements.*

Moved by Brother Roderigo, and seconded by Brother Garst, that we accept the invitation. Carried.

Moved by Brother Garst, and seconded by Brother Frauenthal, that we select the place of holding the next annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief by a plurality vote. Carried.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Louisville, 22; Minneapolis, 24; ———, 2; St. Joseph, 64. Total, 112.

St. Joseph having received the plurality, as well as the majority, vote, General G. B. Abbott declared that to be the place selected for holding the next annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Moved by Brother Jones, and seconded by Brother Frauenthal, that we do now take a recess, in pursuance to the former motion, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

The Encampment then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., September 13.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 9:30 A. M., with General G. B. Abbott presiding.

All officers of the Encampment were present.

The following telegram was received and ordered spread upon the proceedings of the Encampment :

EDGEWATER PARK, September 12, 1889.

*George W. Pollitt :*

Thirty-seventh Regiment, N. J., in reunion assembled, send cordial greetings to the Sons of Veterans. May they prove worthy sons of patriot sires. The Association assures them of their appreciation and good wishes.

J. D. MOORE,  
*Secretary.*

LEESUI D. WARD,  
*President.*

Brother BAGUELY, of West Virginia: "I move that the minutes of the preceding session be approved without reading."

Seconded by Brother Spink, of Rhode Island. Carried.

Brother KLINE, of Missouri: "I now move that we proceed to determine the date of holding the next annual Encampment."

Seconded by Brother Jonas, of Connecticut. Carried.

Brother GARST, of Illinois: "I move that we hold the next annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief during the second week in August, 1890."

Seconded by Brother Harvey, of Indiana. Carried.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio, rose to a point of privilege: "I desire to know which is the proper committee to refer a copy of side degrees received by me to-day by mail."

General ABBOTT: "To the Committee on Rituals."

Brother CHALLIS, of New Hampshire: "I wish to ask the privilege of the floor to introduce a matter of great importance to the Commandery-in-Chief, and a matter that caused my appearance here to-day. The matter that I refer to is this, that the Encampment take some further action in the case of Walter S. Payne. I bring the matter up at this point, because it is necessary that I leave for home to-day, and the delegation from my State is placed in the same condition, and therefore I wish to be allowed to place a resolution before the Encampment."

Brother TOBIAS, of New York: "I move that the rules be suspended to permit the introduction of the resolution of Brother Challis, of New Hampshire, in the case of Walter S. Payne."

Seconded by Brother Stagers, of West Virginia. Carried.

Brother Challis arose to give his reasons for introducing this resolution.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I rise to a point of order. The resolution should be introduced before any explanations are made, so that we may be able to judge whether it is in order or not."

General Abbott sustained the point of order.

Brother Challis handed in the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Walter S. Payne, of Fostoria, Ohio, has been tried by a court-martial and sentenced to a dishonorable discharge from the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and

WHEREAS, While the verdict of said court was in accordance with the evidence submitted thereat, this Commandery-in-Chief is of the opinion that the sentence in this case was excessive, there being no evidence that said Walter S. Payne intended to defraud this Order, or did defraud this Order, to the value of anything; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Commandery-in-Chief hereby records its condemnation, disapproval and prohibition of the use of funds of this Order by any officer or member thereof, for his private purposes under any pretext or under any circumstances.

*Resolved*, That in view of the past services of said Walter S. Payne to this Order, and of the punishment he has already undergone, that the sentence of said court-martial be hereby mitigated and revoked, and that said Walter S. Payne be restored to membership and past rank in this Order."

Brother BROWN, of Ohio: "I move that the resolution be tabled."

Seconded by Brother Bundy, of Ohio.

After discussion, Brother Brown and Brother Bundy consented to withdraw their motion to table the resolution.

Brother CHALLIS: "I do not wish to antagonize any of the members of this Encampment by this resolution, and I therefore wish to make a simple statement

in connection with this resolution. This resolution, as I intended to draw it, does not reflect upon any of the Brothers in this convention, nor is it intended to reflect upon the judgment of the court-martial, and I think if the Brothers will stop to think over it they will find that it does not do so. I was present when the motion to accept the findings of the court-martial was made, and did not wish to object for the very purpose of showing the members of the court-martial that we supported them in their judgment, and so that when this resolution came up the members of that committee could feel that they could vote upon the matter."

Brother WEBB, of Kansas: "I am heartily in favor of the preamble of that resolution, but I am also heartily opposed to the conclusion detailed therein, and I move you that he be restored to eligibility with the right to apply to his former Camp, or any other Camp, but that he have no past rank."

Seconded by Brother Brown.

Amendment accepted by Brother Challis.

Brother GARST, of Illinois: "I wish to have all the Brothers pay attention to the question I am about to ask. I desire to know whether this resolution will restore Walter S. Payne to his past honors or not.

General ABBOTT: "As I understand it, the amendment of Brother Webb, which was accepted by Brother Challis, did away with the last portion of the resolution which restored Walter S. Payne to his past rank."

Brother CHALLIS: "I so understood it."

The resolution was then withdrawn so as to be prepared in proper form to be passed upon by the Encampment.

Brother Hinkley called for the previous question, which was delayed to give the committee time to revise the resolution.

Seconded by Brother Baguley and Brother Holmes. Carried.

The resolution was then read as follows:

WHEREAS, Walter S. Payne, of Fostoria, Ohio, has been tried by a court-martial, and sentenced to a dishonorable discharge from the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and

WHEREAS, The verdict of said court was in accordance with the evidence submitted thereat; be it

*Resolved*, That this Commandery-in-Chief hereby records its condemnation, disapproval and prohibition of the use of funds of this Order by any officer or member thereof for his private purposes, under any pretext or under any circumstances. Be it further

*Resolved*, That in view of the past services of said Walter S. Payne to this Order, and of the punishment he has already undergone, that he be restored to eligibility to membership with the right to apply therefor to Camp No. 60, of the Ohio Division, or any other Camp.

After discussion, the above resolution was carried.

Brother HINKLEY: "I move we proceed with the regular order of business."

Seconded by Brother Guilford. Carried.

Brother GRIFFIN, of Indiana, arose on the question of privilege: "I was appointed on the Committee on Resolutions at the beginning of the Encampment, and now, under the circumstances, I desire to be excused from acting, as there will

be matters brought up before that committee concerning the coming administration, and I do not care to form an opinion on those matters."

Brother Griffin was excused from serving on the committee.

Brother GARST, of Illinois: "I move that a warrant be drawn on the Quartermaster-General for a sum sufficient to purchase the Golden Cross of the Order to be presented to General Leland J. Webb, for his services all along the line in the interests of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

Seconded by Brother Orner, of Illinois. Carried.

The Quartermaster-General handed in the following supplementary report, which was referred to the Committee on Reports of Officers:

TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

|           |                                                                                                                                            |            |  |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--|
| 1888.     |                                                                                                                                            |            |  |
| Sept. 10. | Expenses of self and staff to and from Columbus . . . . .                                                                                  | \$113 35   |  |
| Sept. 12. | Presentation flowers to Commander-in-Chief Warner . . . . .                                                                                | 8 00       |  |
| Sept. 18. | Expenses to St. Louis, Belleville and DuQuoin, Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Veterans' reunions . . . . .                         | 33 50      |  |
| Oct. 4.   | Expenses for three persons (Abbott, Post and stenographer) to Dayton (Payne court-martial) . . . . .                                       | 53 00      |  |
| Oct. 20.  | Expenses to St. Louis (Sons of Veterans' demonstration) . . . . .                                                                          | 30 00      |  |
| Nov. 7.   | Expenses to St. Louis and to Kansas City . . . . .                                                                                         | 30 00      |  |
| Nov. 9.   | Expenses to Kansas and St. Louis, and return to Chicago on conference with Commander-in-Chief Warner . . . . .                             | 31 00      |  |
| Nov. 15.  | Expenses in Division of New York, seven weeks' trip (Consolidating and organizing Camps) . . . . .                                         | 292 62     |  |
| 1889.     |                                                                                                                                            |            |  |
| Jan. 6.   | Expenses to Manchester, Detroit, Toledo, Fort Wayne, Richmond, Cincinnati, on consolidation . . . . .                                      | 71 00      |  |
| Feb. 19.  | Expenses to Buffalo (Colonel Retel), Binghamton, N. Y., Grand Army of the Republic Encampment . . . . .                                    | 85 12      |  |
| Feb. 25.  | Springfield for State legislation, Taylorsville . . . . .                                                                                  | 16 20      |  |
| Mar. 9.   | St. Louis (Division Council), Alabama (organization of Division), New Orleans (organization of Camp) . . . . .                             | 82 95      |  |
| Mar. 25.  | To Philadelphia, New York, Hartford, New Haven (Colonel Farnham), Albany (consolidation Encampment Post System), Buffalo (Retel) . . . . . | 80 70      |  |
| April 30. | New York, special invitation from Grand Army of the Republic to talk Sons of Veterans . . . . .                                            | 65 00      |  |
| May 10.   | Expenses self and Adjutant-General to Milwaukee to arrange for Grand Army of the Republic Encampment . . . . .                             | 26 00      |  |
| May 14.   | Ohio Encampment . . . . .                                                                                                                  | 32 00      |  |
| June 4.   | Michigan Encampment (two) all week. . . . .                                                                                                | 24 00      |  |
| June 11.  | Missouri Encampment (two), Adjutant-General and self. . . . .                                                                              | 44 00      |  |
| June 25.  | Illinois Encampment (two) all week. . . . .                                                                                                | 26 00      |  |
| July 4.   | Expenses to Belleville, Sons of Veterans' celebration . . . . .                                                                            | 20 00      |  |
| July 7.   | New York and Pennsylvania Encampments . . . . .                                                                                            | 84 00      |  |
| July 23.  | Expense to North Dakota, organizing Division . . . . .                                                                                     | 72 00      |  |
| Aug. 14.  | Expense to Monticello, Sons of Veterans' reunion. . . . .                                                                                  | 12 00      |  |
| Aug. 27.  | For parade purposes in Milwaukee . . . . .                                                                                                 | 85 00      |  |
| Aug. 27.  | Self and Staff to Milwaukee . . . . .                                                                                                      | 39 00      |  |
|           |                                                                                                                                            | <hr/>      |  |
|           |                                                                                                                                            | \$1,456 44 |  |
|           | Credit by five Charter fees, Division of New York . . . . .                                                                                | 75 00      |  |
|           |                                                                                                                                            | <hr/>      |  |
|           | Total. . . . .                                                                                                                             | \$1,381 44 |  |

Chaplain-in-Chief W. F. Jenkins handed in a report from the Chaplain-in-Chief, which was referred to the Committee on Reports of Officers.

OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF, August 22, 1889.

*General Geo. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. :*

I respectfully submit the following report:

Nineteen Divisions report a total of 1,030 Camps, 16,437 Brothers in line, 9,328 uniformed, 3,688 armed, 12,564 in attendance at Sunday services, and 119 deaths, 207 Camps having the first place in line of march, 206 the second place, 91 the third place, and 177 the fourth place.

Ohio is still at the head in having 259 Camps taking part in Memorial exercises, with 4,800 members in line. Pennsylvania is second, with 141 Camps and 3,451 members in line, and Indiana is third, with 69 Camps and 1,376 members in line. Illinois 1,800.

The Camps having the greatest number of Brothers in line in each of the Divisions are as follows:

|                                                       |     |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Maine, No. 3, of Bangor . . . . .                     | 52  | members. |
| Maryland, No. 2, of Wilmington . . . . .              | 33  | "        |
| Michigan, No. 14, of Grand Rapids . . . . .           | 24  | "        |
| Kansas, No. 65, of Fredonia . . . . .                 | 65  | "        |
| Colorado, No. 1, of Denver . . . . .                  | 65  | "        |
| Pennsylvania, No. 2, of Philadelphia . . . . .        | 165 | "        |
| Connecticut, No. 22, of Bristol. . . . .              | 40  | "        |
| Alabama and Tennessee, No. 6, of Chattanooga. . . . . | 24  | "        |
| Vermont, No. 36, of St. Albans. . . . .               | 64  | "        |
| Minnesota, No 1, of St. Paul. . . . .                 | 52  | "        |
| Dakota, No. 11, of Britton . . . . .                  | 22  | "        |
| Nebraska, No. 62, of Weeping Water . . . . .          | 40  | "        |
| New Jersey, No. 8, of Paterson . . . . .              | 154 | "        |
| Kentucky, No. 4, of Louisville . . . . .              | 31  | "        |
| Rhode Island, No. 5, of Providence . . . . .          | 48  | "        |
| New York, No. 31, of New York Mills. . . . .          | 34  | "        |
| Ohio, No. 1, of Columbus. . . . .                     | 65  | "        |
| Indiana, No. 72, of Danville . . . . .                | 50  | "        |

This showing places No. 2, of Philadelphia, with 165 members in line, the first; No. 8, of Paterson, New Jersey, with 154 members, the second, and No. 16, of Reading, Pennsylvania, with 125 members, the third in the nineteen Divisions reporting.

Ohio reports the greatest number of members in line, 4,800, while Pennsylvania has the greatest number uniformed, 2,431. Ohio has the greatest number armed, 1,098.

The three Divisions showing the greatest number in attendance at the Sunday service are:

Ohio, with 4,675 members; Pennsylvania, with 1,876 members; Indiana, with 1,301 members.

The Camps having the greatest number uniformed are as follows :

|                                                |      |          |
|------------------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Indiana, No. 121, of New Albany . . . . .      | 37   | members. |
| Ohio, No. 27, of Akron. . . . .                | 52   | "        |
| New York, No. 31, of New York Mills. . . . .   | } 30 | "        |
| New York, No. 120, of Goshen . . . . .         |      |          |
| Rhode Island, No. 9, of Providence . . . . .   | 48   | "        |
| Kentucky, No. 4, of Louisville . . . . .       | 31   | "        |
| New Jersey, No. 8, of Paterson . . . . .       | 144  | "        |
| Nebraska, No. 44, of— . . . . .                | 21   | "        |
| Dakota, No. 27, of— . . . . .                  | 15   | "        |
| Minnesota, No. 1, of St. Paul . . . . .        | 52   | "        |
| Vermont, No. 2, of Brattleboro . . . . .       | 26   | "        |
| Alabama, No. 1, of Birmingham. . . . .         | 10   | "        |
| Connecticut, No. 1, of New Haven. . . . .      | 38   | "        |
| Connecticut, No. 22, of Bristol. . . . .       | 38   | "        |
| Pennsylvania, No. 2, of Philadelphia . . . . . | 163  | "        |
| Colorado, No. 1, of Denver . . . . .           | 54   | "        |
| Kansas, No. 45, of Saline. . . . .             | 62   | "        |
| Michigan, No. 14, of Grand Rapids . . . . .    | 24   | "        |
| Maryland, No. 2, of Wilmington . . . . .       | 33   | "        |
| Maine, No. 3, of Bangor . . . . .              | 52   | "        |
| Iowa, No. 27, of Creston . . . . .             | 28   | "        |

| DIVISION.                       | No. of<br>Camps. | No. in<br>Line. | Uni-<br>formed. | Armed. | Att'd. S.<br>Service. |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Indiana . . . . .               | 78               | 1376            | 449             | 289    | 1301                  |
| Ohio . . . . .                  | 372              | 4800            | 2345            | 1098   | 4675                  |
| New York . . . . .              | 31               | 595             | 401             | 125    | 443                   |
| Rhode Island . . . . .          | 10               | 251             | 214             | 47     | 206                   |
| Kentucky . . . . .              | 14               | 63              | 39              | 38     | 38                    |
| New Jersey . . . . .            | 19               | 462             | 406             | 42     | 357                   |
| Nebraska . . . . .              | 18               | 291             | 96              | 50     | 166                   |
| Dakota . . . . .                | 28               | 261             | 69              | 19     | 221                   |
| Minnesota . . . . .             | 27               | 490             | 278             | 146    | 258                   |
| Vermont. . . . .                | 36               | 620             | 328             | 137    | 420                   |
| Alabama and Tennessee . . . . . | 9                | 105             | 18              | 7      | 27                    |
| Connecticut . . . . .           | 36               | 446             | 377             | 169    | 302                   |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .          | 141              | 3451            | 2431            | 710    | 1876                  |
| Maine . . . . .                 | 33               | 692             | 535             | 179    | 497                   |
| New Hampshire . . . . .         | 48               | 443             | 329             | 49     | 269                   |
| Kansas . . . . .                | 63               | 1196            | 372             | 203    | 811                   |
| Michigan . . . . .              | 37               | 384             | 219             | 154    | 383                   |
| Colorado . . . . .              | 9                | 124             | 95              | 89     | 79                    |
| Maryland . . . . .              | 7                | 114             | 97              | 72     | 101                   |
| Iowa . . . . .                  | 14               | 273             | 130             | 65     | 154                   |
| Illinois . . . . .              | 240              | 1827            | 846             | . . .  | 2023                  |



POSITION AND NUMBER OF CAMPS IN LINE OF MARCH.

| DIVISION.                       | 1st<br>Position. | 2d<br>Position. | 3d<br>Position. | 4th<br>Position. |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Iowa . . . . .                  | 4                | . . . . .       | 6               | . . . . .        |
| Maryland . . . . .              | 1                | . . . . .       | . . . . .       | 6                |
| Michigan . . . . .              | 7                | 4               | 5               | . . . . .        |
| Colorado . . . . .              | 2                | . . . . .       | 3               | . . . . .        |
| Kansas . . . . .                | 14               | 10              | 9               | 26               |
| New Hampshire . . . . .         | 16               | 2               | 7               | . . . . .        |
| Maine . . . . .                 | 11               | 18              | . . . . .       | . . . . .        |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .          | 26               | 27              | 9               | 58               |
| Connecticut . . . . .           | 9                | 1               | 12              | . . . . .        |
| Alabama and Tennessee . . . . . | 2                | . . . . .       | . . . . .       | . . . . .        |
| Vermont . . . . .               | 13               | 2               | 13              | . . . . .        |
| Minnesota . . . . .             | . . . . .        | 13              | 6               | . . . . .        |
| Dakota . . . . .                | 3                | 10              | 6               | . . . . .        |
| Nebraska . . . . .              | . . . . .        | 17              | 1               | . . . . .        |
| New Jersey . . . . .            | 4                | 9               | 1               | 3                |
| Kentucky . . . . .              | 1                | . . . . .       | 1               | . . . . .        |
| Rhode Island . . . . .          | 4                | . . . . .       | 5               | . . . . .        |
| New York . . . . .              | 8                | 3               | 10              | . . . . .        |
| Ohio . . . . .                  | 66               | 67              | 15              | 17               |
| Indiana . . . . .               | 17               | 23              | 2               | 6                |

Indiana reports 15 deaths, Ohio 42, New York 4, Kentucky 1, New Jersey 6, Nebraska 1, Minnesota 5, Vermont 4, Connecticut 3, Pennsylvania 24, Maine 4, Kansas 1, Colorado 2, Michigan 5, Iowa 2.

Thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in me, and thanking you especially for the honor of being a member of your staff, and the fraternal treatment I have received from you, I herewith submit my consolidated report of Divisions, and remain,  
Yours in F., C. and L.,

WILL F. JENKINS,  
*Chaplain-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

Brother Gould, of Maine, handed in the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief that any Brother who has served, or shall hereafter serve, a full term as Commander-in-Chief of this Order should be forever after ineligible to re-election to that office.

Brother GOULD, of Maine: "I move this resolution be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations."

Seconded by Brother Tobias, of New York. Motion lost.

Brother GOULD, of Maine: I move that we adopt the resolution."

Seconded by Brother Clarkson. Carried.

Brother Tobias raised a point of order on the ground that the resolution was unconstitutional.

General Abbott ruled the point of order not well taken.

Committee on Ritual made its report.

*Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

Your committee present the following communications and recommendations thereon for your consideration :

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., Sept. 2, 1889.

*Marvin E. Hall, Paterson, N. J.:*

MY DEAR GENERAL—As I am the son of an honorably discharged sailor, I would like, if you see merit in the suggestion, for you to so change the wording of the Ritual in several places where the reading is something similar to the Second Lieutenant's charge to new recruits, also in the obligation, to make it read : "The veteran soldier, sailor and marine, and the Grand Army of the Republic have claims," etc.

I sincerely hope you may be elected our next Commander-in-Chief, thereby honoring our noble State.

Your friend in F., C. and L.,

J. C. SCHULER.

WATERLOO, IOWA, July 10, 1889.

*A. L. Guilford, Adjutant-General, Chicago, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I append herewith the recommendations adopted at our last Division Encampment with regard to changes in the Ritual and in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order.

First (Addition to Ritual)—That a Memorial Service for use on Memorial Day, May 30 of each year, be devised, added to and made a part of the Ritual of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Second (Change in Constitution, Rules and Regulations)—That Section 1, of the Order of Business, page 29 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans, be changed as follows :

"SECTION 1. Colonel assumes his position, with the Major, Adjutant, Sergeant-Major, Quartermaster and Mustering Officer on his right, and Lieutenant-Colonel, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Chaplain and members of Division Council on his left.

"The altar to be removed to near the entrance.

"The door in charge of an officer of the day, officer of the guard, and four guards.

"When all have assumed their stations, the Colonel shall direct the Chaplain to offer prayer, after which he will order the Officer of the Day and the Officer of the Guard to take the password and countersign, and ascertain if all are entitled to remain.

"He shall then say : 'By the virtue of the power and authority vested in me, I now declare this Encampment open for the transaction of such business that may legally and properly come before it. May harmony and unity prevail among us; let each Brother remember his solemn obligation and his duty to the Order. We will now proceed with the order of business.'

"Brothers who may wish to enter the Encampment will gain admission in the manner and form already described for Camps, except they will salute the Officer of the Day, who will be stationed at the altar, instead of the Colonel, and take their seats.

"Obligated members of the Grand Army of the Republic will gain admission in the same manner and form. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic not obligated will inform the Officer of the Day, who will proceed with them to the ante-room, where he will obligate them, after which he will return with them to the Encampment and seat them."

E. S. MILLER,  
*Adjutant.*

BENNINGTON, VT.

The clauses in the oath, "do most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear," and "I furthermore promise and swear," being contrary to the laws of the State, under a penalty of not less than \$50 or more than \$200, it is suggested that the word "declare" be substituted for the word "swear" in the above clauses.

O. W. HARWOOD,  
*Adjutant.*

E. T. GRISWOLD,  
*Colonel Commanding.*

At the Third Annual Encampment of the Indiana Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the various committees reported as follows:

I. On Constitution, Rules and Regulations:

1. "Resolved, That the delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to use all honorable means to secure such change in Article XXV, page 68, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as will omit all after the word 'published' in the fourth line.

2. "Resolved, That they be instructed to secure, if possible, the substitution of the words 'Roberts' Rules of Order' wherever the words 'Cushing's Manual' occur in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

3. "Resolved, That they be instructed to secure the passage of this amendment to Section 1, of Article V, viz., that it shall read as follows: 'The Division Inspector shall appoint an Assistant Inspector from each Camp to assist him in the annual inspections.'

II. On Recommending Changes in the Ritual:

1. "Resolved, That the delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to vote for and use all honorable means to secure the passage of the following amendments to the Ritual: Page 3, Paragraph 7—No one will be permitted to leave or enter the Camp room while any obligation is being administered, or during opening or closing ceremonies.

2. "Page 4, paragraph 10—Omit all after the word 'altar.'

3. "Page 5, Paragraph 1—After the words 'the staff will' insert 'except the Chaplain, who will arise and stand at his station.' Also after the word 'roll' insert the words 'of the Staff.'

4. "Page 8—After the response, 'Amen,' insert the words of command, 'Camp attention!'

5. "Page 10—Captain: 'First Sergeant, you will report officers absent at last meeting. [Excuses of those absent will here be received.] You will call the roll of members of this Camp and credit those present. [This may be omitted if desired.] You will read the minutes,' etc.

6. "Page 14, Paragraph 2—Insert parenthetical clause: (After the Sergeant of the Guard has examined the candidate he returns to his station, salutes and takes his seat.)

7. "Page 16, Paragraph 5—The Sergeant of the Guard will place the candidate at the left of the escort in the line of march.

8. "Page 24, Paragraph 2, Line 9—After the word 'Guard' insert the words, 'will salute the First Lieutenant and report, 'There is an alarm at the door' The First Lieutenant will instruct him to attend the alarm. He will open the wicket, etc.

9. "Page 25, last paragraph—After the word 'whenever' insert 'you are addressed by the Captain, called to your feet by the gavel, or you arise to address the Camp, you will salute the Captain.'

10. "Page 33, Paragraph 2—After the word 'business' insert 'unless a motion to adjourn has been put and carried.'"

The above is a correct copy of the resolutions passed by the Third Annual Encampment of the Indiana Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

ATTEST:  
H. G. OGDEN,  
*Division Adjutant.*

GEORGE C. HARVEY,  
*Colonel Commanding.*

9—S. of V.

MEADVILLE, Pa., July 24, 1889.

*Colonel H. M. Topping, No. 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor to submit the following changes, proposed for the Constitution, at the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Division of Pennsylvania:

“That a change be made in the muster ceremony, that is, making it shorter.

“Have adopted some style of Sons of Veterans’ certificate to be given to the members of the Camp.”

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. M. FELL,  
Adjutant.

BRONSON, Mich.

*A. L. Guilford, Acting Adjutant-General, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

The Michigan Division, in Sixth Annual Encampment assembled, June 6, 1889, adopted the following as their recommendations to the next annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

## RITUAL.

“We would recommend that the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to favor a change in the Ritual, as regards installing the Staff of the Camp, believing that the present form is altogether too lengthy.

“WHEREAS, It becomes evident that in the near future the Sons of Veterans must take the place of the Grand Army of the Republic in memorial and decorative services; and,

“WHEREAS, The ritualistic work of our Order contains no such services for that occasion; now, therefore, be it

“Resolved, That the Michigan delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to advocate such measures as will lead to the construction of such ritualistic work.”

OFFICE OF ADJUTANT, BANGOR, JUNE 8, 1889.

*A. L. Guilford, Acting Adjutant-General:*

The following are a part of the proceedings of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Maine Division, held at Bangor, May 8, 1889:

“WHEREAS, The Commander-in-Chief has ordered the several Camps of the Order to subscribe for the *National Reveille*, be it

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that Camps should decide for themselves whether or not they should subscribe for this paper.”

The above is a partial report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Report of the Committee on Ritual recommended that the Ritual be changed as follows: That in the muster-in ceremony the Camp remain seated from the time the detail is halted before the Second Lieutenant, until before the obligation; or in other words, that the Camp be called up and remain standing only during the oath of membership, prayer and singing of muster-in ode. Recommended that an addition be made to Ritual, providing for opening and closing of Division Encampment, and for installation of Division officers.

FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

MERIDEN, CONN., May 13, 1889.

*Lieutenant-Colonel G. Brainard Smith:*

DEAR SIR AND COLONEL—Your Committee on Ritual beg leave to submit the following report: Recommended that Section 9, page 4, in General Instructions, be made to read as follows: "The general salute, to be used at all times, shall be the prescribed military salute for enlisted men in Reed's Tactics." Recommended that line 23, page 23, be changed to read as follows: "Right dress; front; order arms; stack arms; right face; break ranks; march."

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

F. W. INGRAHAM,  
FRED. MCGAR,  
ALFRED O. WARNER,  
CHAS. A. GROSVENOR,  
JAS. J. WHEELER,

*Committee.*

The above adopted by the Connecticut Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,  
May 13, 1889.

F. G. BLAKESLEE,  
*First Lieutenant and Adjutant.*

CHANGE IN RITUAL.

That it is the sense of the New Hampshire Division that the Ritual should be so annulled that in the election of recruits, the ballot box should be inspected by the Lieutenants as well as by the Captain, but that the latter alone should make the declaration of the result.

A true copy of the records.

WM. C. HOBART,  
*Adjutant.*

Resolutions adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention of Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., on Ritual.

1. To amend the Ritual so as to require the Sergeant-of-Guard to salute First and Second Lieutenant in passing, during muster, same as Captain.

2. Resolved, That the Massachusetts delegation be instructed by this Encampment to use their best efforts at the National Encampment to have Ritual so revised as to embody all the minor details of the work so as to bring about a greater uniformity in Camp work.

3. Ritual be revised so that all military orders and positions given therein may conform strictly to the military tactics now used in the United States Army, and that the salutes for the commissioned officers and members be as provided for the same rank in the army.

4. Amend Ritual so as to require recruits to retire to ante-room after having been instructed in the unwritten work and work their way into the Camp room.

5. Recommend that the Rituals be bound with cloth covers.

6. That whenever the words "veteran soldier" occur, in lieu thereof, the words, "defenders of the Republic" be substituted.

WARRENSBURG, MO., July 11, 1889.

*Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford, Chicago:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I hereby certify that the Fifth Annual Encampment of the Missouri Division, held at St. Louis, June 11-13, 1889, recommended to the National Encampment for adoption, the following addition to the Ritual:

## VOTING SIGN.

"Raise the right hand to the height of the right eye, keeping the elbow close to the body, the back of the hand outermost, and the thumb being closed across the palm."

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ATTEST:

GEO. A. COOK,  
*Adjutant.*

R. LOEBENSTEIN,  
*Colonel.*

We respectfully recommend :

1. That the recommendation from St. Joseph, Michigan, adding the words "sailor or marine" after the word "soldier" wherever it occurs in the Ritual, be adopted.
2. That the recommendation from Iowa, in reference to memorial services, be rejected.
3. That the recommendation from Iowa, in reference to opening Division Encampments, be rejected.
4. That the recommendation from Vermont, in reference to obligations, striking out the word "swear" wherever it occurs and inserting in its place the word "declare," be adopted.
5. That the recommendation from Iowa, to strike out the words "oath and," in all obligations, be adopted.
6. That the recommendation from Indiana, amending Article VII, page 3, be rejected.
7. That the recommendation from Indiana, striking out all after the word "altar" in Section 10, page 4, be adopted.
8. That the recommendation from Indiana, amending Section 1, page 5, be rejected, and instead, insert after the word "station," in third line, the words, "and remain standing."
9. That the recommendation from Indiana, amending page 8, by inserting after the word "amen," the words of command, "Camp, attention!" be adopted.
10. That the recommendation from Indiana, amending page 10, be rejected, and the committee offers the following substitute: "First Sergeant, you will report officers absent at our last meeting, and their excuses will then be received." The present Paragraph 1 will then become Paragraph 2 on page 10, and the clause in parentheses be stricken out.
11. That the recommendation from Indiana, amending Paragraph 2, page 4, be rejected.
12. That the recommendation from Indiana, amending Paragraph 2, page 24, be rejected.
13. That the recommendation from Indiana, amending last paragraph on page 25, be rejected.
14. That the recommendation from Indiana, amending Paragraph 2, page 33, be rejected.
15. That no action be taken on the Pennsylvania recommendation.
16. That no action be taken on the Michigan recommendation.
17. That the recommendation from Maine be rejected.
18. That the recommendation from Connecticut amending Section 9, page 4, in general instructions, be rejected.
19. That the recommendation from Connecticut amending Paragraph 13, page 23, by inserting after the word "front" the command "order arms," be adopted.
20. That the recommendation from New Hampshire be rejected.
21. That recommendation No. 1 from Massachusetts be rejected.
22. That recommendation No. 2 from Massachusetts be rejected.
23. That recommendation No. 3 from Massachusetts be rejected.

24. That recommendation No. 4 from Massachusetts be adopted.
25. That recommendation No. 5 from Massachusetts be adopted.
26. That recommendation No. 6 from Massachusetts be rejected.
27. That Paragraph 10, page 4, as amended, be transferred to Paragraph 4, page 24.
28. That on page 10, strike out the first three and one-half lines referring to the position of the Sergeant of the Guard, and substitute therefor the following: "The Sergeant of the Guard will present the ballot-box to the Captain for his inspection, and then place it on the altar, taking his position two paces in rear of same during the balloting"
29. That the recommendation from Missouri be inserted on page 26, Paragraph 8.
30. That on page 25, Paragraph 3, strike out the entire paragraph.
31. This committee not having the time at their command at present to properly give the attention necessary to consider the various side degrees presented for their consideration, would respectfully recommend that this Encampment have a special committee appointed, whose duty it shall be to take these several degrees, and recommend to the incoming Commander-in-Chief at a very early date, their opinion upon the advisability of adopting some one or none of them for use by this Order.
32. We recommend that the burial service hymns be entirely abolished, and others, of an entirely non-sectarian character, be substituted for the same.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

MARVIN E. HALL,  
 GEORGE D. STADDEN,  
 F. B. PERKINS,  
 R. LOEBENSTEIN,  
*Committee.*

HENRY FRAZEE,  
*Secretary.*

Moved by Colonel Loebenstein, of Missouri, and seconded by Brother Limbocker, that the committee report by sections, and each recommendation be accepted without a motion, if there be no objection made. Carried.

Recommendation No. 1 adopted.

Recommendation No. 2 adopted.

Recommendation No. 3 adopted.

Recommendation No. 4 adopted.

Recommendation No. 5 adopted.

Brother KRAKERWEIZER, of Wisconsin: "I move to reconsider the vote on recommendation No. 4."

Seconded by Brother Holmes, of New York. Motion lost.

Recommendation No. 6 adopted.

Recommendation No. 7 adopted.

Recommendation No. 8 adopted.

Moved that we insert in recommendation No. 8 the words "except Camp Council," which shall follow the word "Chaplain."

Seconded by Brother Orner, of Illinois. Carried.

Recommendations Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 adopted.

Brother ORNER: "I move that recommendation No. 16 be laid on the table."

Seconded by Brother Upham, of Massachusetts. Carried.

Recommendations Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 were adopted.

Brother H. C. UPHAM, of Massachusetts: "I move that the report of the Committee on Ritual on recommendation No. 24 be not concurred in."

Seconded by Brother H. G. Kline, of Missouri. Carried.

Moved by Brother Davis, and seconded by Brother Rodrigo, that we reconsider the previous vote and adopt recommendation No. 24 of the committee. Carried.

Recommendations Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 were adopted.

Colonel BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that the report of the committee, as amended, be adopted as a whole."

Seconded by Adjutant-General Guilford, of Illinois. Carried.

Moved by Brother Orner, of Illinois, and seconded by Brother Kline, of Missouri, that we adjourn until 1:30 P. M. Carried.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 1:45 P. M., with General G. B. Abbott in the chair.

Colonel Derrom appointed acting Chief-of-Staff.

Colonel Sheridan appointed acting Inspector-General.

The roll was then called.

Moved by Colonel Gould, of Maine, and seconded by Brother Guilford, of Illinois, that the minutes be approved without reading. Carried.

The Quartermaster-General handed in an itemized statement of the expenses of the Commander-in-Chief while traveling for the interests of the Order:

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

|                                                                                |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Postage . . . . .                                                              | \$299 26    |
| Supplies and printing. . . . .                                                 | 5,673 79    |
| Salaries . . . . .                                                             | 3,516 66    |
| Rent . . . . .                                                                 | 380 00      |
| Express . . . . .                                                              | 350 46      |
| Expense of Council and bills passed at the Seventh Annual Encampment . . . . . | 827 16      |
| Office furniture and expenses . . . . .                                        | 128 50      |
| Gas. . . . .                                                                   | 73 55       |
| Telegrams. . . . .                                                             | 10 65       |
| Payne court-martial . . . . .                                                  | 155 25      |
| Grand Army of the Republic Encampment, Milwaukee . . . . .                     | 85 00       |
| Traveling expenses of the Commander-in-Chief . . . . .                         | 1,322 84    |
| Cash on hand . . . . .                                                         | 2,835 75    |
| Total . . . . .                                                                | \$13,758 87 |

C. J. Post,  
Quartermaster-General.

The report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.



Brother Bundy, of Ohio: "I move that some Brother be delegated to install the members of the Council-in-Chief who can not remain until the regular installation."

Seconded by Brother Guilford, of Illinois. Carried.

Brother Bundy, as Chairman of the Committee of Digest, made the following report:

PATERSON, N. J., September 13, 1889.

Your Committee on Law and Digest beg leave to report that the decision of the Judge Advocate-General regarding Camp No. 1, of Illinois, based upon the facts as presented to him, should be sustained. It is further recommended that our committee be continued, or another be appointed to take the opinions of the Judge Advocate-General and all official opinions rendered upon legal matters, and to prepare therefrom a Blue Book to be presented to the Ninth Annual Encampment for their consideration.

A motion prevailed that we approve, without qualification, all other decisions of the Judge Advocate-General submitted to the committee.

The committee further decided that the particular opinion above mentioned, regarding Camp No. 1 of Illinois, covers all points within the jurisdiction of the committee, and we therefore recommend that no change be made as to the number and rank of this Camp.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

WM. E. BUNDY,  
E. K. GOULD,  
C. F. SARGENT,  
GEO. C. HARVEY,  
G. S. STEER,  
*Committee.*

Brother HATCH, of New York: "I move that the report of the Committee of Digest in reference to Camp No. 1 be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, to which all papers and other documents shall be referred, and that the parties interested in the matter shall have the right to appear before that committee and give their statement of the case, said committee to report at the next National Encampment."

Seconded by Brother Garst, of Illinois. Carried.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that the balance of the Committee of Digest report be accepted."

Seconded by Brother Hinkley. Carried.

Moved by Brother Bundy, and seconded by Brother Garst, that a Committee of Digest be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Moved by Brother Krakerweizer, and seconded by Brother Marchbank, that the following be substituted for the above motion: "I move that a Committee of Digest be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, to be composed of members not serving on the Camp No. 1 case. Carried.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

*General George B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, E. of V., U. S. A.:*

Your Committee on Officers' Reports would respectfully submit the following:

1. That they approve the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief in reference to a proper observance of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, but would recommend that instead of denominating it as "Sons of Veterans' Day," that the

same shall be known as "Union Defenders' Day," and that the Commander-in-Chief issue proper orders providing for its observance by the Order.

2. We recommend that the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, in reference to the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold, be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the chair, who shall draft suitable resolutions; and we would further recommend that proper arrangements be made to decorate his grave on each Memorial Day, the expense of which shall be provided for by the Commandery-in-Chief.

3. The low price at which supplies are furnished to the Order is very gratifying, and should be appreciated by all the camps, and we recommend that the present prices and manner of distribution of the same be maintained.

4. The recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief concerning the Badge and Decoration Department is fully indorsed by the Committee.

5. The recommendation in respect to officers' bonds, your committee would recommend that the subject be referred to the Committee on Constitution, who shall formulate a plan that will properly protect the Order from loss.

6. Your committee would recommend that Article XXV be stricken from the Constitution, and that while we favor the continuance of the *National Reveille* as an official organ, it is plainly evident that the Order at large is not fully satisfied with the manner in which the paper has been conducted.

7. We fully indorse the recommendation of our Commander-in-Chief to permit Past Colonel Perkins, of New Hampshire, to wear the gold cross in consideration of exceptional and meritorious services to the Order, and that the Commandery-in-Chief purchase a similar cross for our efficient Quartermaster General, C. J. Post, whose personal labors and sacrifices are so fully known to us.

8. In the matter of salaries we recommend that the salary list be increased from \$1,400.00 to \$2,000.00 per annum; the same to be placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief.

9. We recommend that Sections 1 and 2, Article XII, be stricken out, in accordance with the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief. This is not to be understood, however, to affect the eight Constitutional Life Members elected at the Third Annual Encampment held at Philadelphia in 1884, and whose names should appear in our Constitution.

10. We recommend that the present rate of sixteen (16) cents per capita be continued.

11. We recommend that a committee of five (5) be appointed by the chair to consider the advisability of a Memorial Hall, the committee to report at the next annual Encampment.

12. We heartily endorse the words of commendation of our Commander-in-Chief in regard to the committee of arrangements from Hugh C. Irish Camp, and recommend that a committee of five (5) be appointed by the chair, one of which shall be the Commander-in-Chief, to prepare a set of resolutions and have the same suitably engrossed and framed, and presented to Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, Division of New Jersey, for the grand and substantial manner in which the Eighth Annual Encampment had been entertained.

13. In reference to the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief in respect to the "Sons of Veterans' Benefit Association," your committee have no recommendation to make, but submit the matter to the individual members of the Order.

#### ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

1. Your committee can not approve recommendation No. 1, in the Adjutant-General's report, in reference to the numbering of Charter applications at National Headquarters, but recommend that Colonels of Divisions number consecutively all Charter applications before forwarding the same to the Commander-in-chief for his approval.

2. Recommendation No. 2, referring to court-martial or past officers, we would refer to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

3. We would respectfully recommend that recommendation No. 4 be referred to the incoming administration.

4. Your committee recommend that the first, second and third sections of recommendation No. 5 be concurred in, and your committee further recommend that the size of pages of all orders, National and Division, shall be five and one-half (5½) inches by eight and one-half (8½) inches.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

1. Recommendations No. 1 and No. 3, having been referred to by the Commander-in-Chief in his report, and recommendations having been made by this committee, we omit any action thereon.

2. Recommendation No. 2, referring to extra quality of Camp books now kept in stock, is concurred in, and we recommend that no further duplication of same be made.

3. With reference to supplemental report of the Quartermaster-General, showing traveling expenses of the Commander-in-Chief for the past year, we would recommend that some action be taken by this Encampment, limiting the expenses of the Commander-in-Chief and Staff.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

1. Recommendation No. 1 of the Inspector-General's report, referring to Camp inspection, is concurred in, and your committee recommend that each Inspector or Assistant-Inspector leave with the Captain of the Camp inspected, a duplicate copy of his report, the same to be read in the Camp and filed.

2. Recommendation No. 2, in reference to rank straps and chevrons, your committee recommend that a special committee be appointed by the next Commander-in-Chief to prepare an article clearly defining all rank straps, chevrons and uniforms, and that an illustrated chart of the same be prepared and furnished to the Camps.

3. We also concur in the recommendation that our Ritual be so changed as to give full information in military orders and salutes for both the officers and members, to conform to U. S. Army Regulations.

4. Your committee also concur in the recommendation of the adoption of the uniform descriptive book for Divisions, and suggest that Divisions wait its adoption until the new one, now being made for the Pennsylvania Division, is complete.

In conclusion your committee wish to call the attention of the Commandery-in-Chief to the able manner in which all the reports have been made, and the detailed manner in which they are submitted.

F. P. MERRILL,  
C. M. COTT,  
S. E. THOMASON,  
J. P. SHERIDAN,  
H. B. MARCHBANK,  
*Committee.*

## ON REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF G. B. ABBOTT.

Recommendation No. 1 adopted.

Moved that we substitute the following in place of recommendation No. 2 of the committee:

Brother MILHAM: "I move that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the purpose of placing a suitable headstone or other monument at the head of the grave of General Arnold, at Johnstown, Pa.

Seconded by Brother Morris. Carried.

Recommendations Nos. 3, 4 and 5 adopted.

Recommendation No. 6 held for Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Brother FRAZEE, of Ohio: "I move we do not concur in the first portion of the committee's recommendation No. 7."

Seconded by Brother Hinkley. Carried.

Brother TOBIAS, of New York: "I move that we do not concur in the second portion of the committee's recommendation No. 7."

Seconded by Brother Bundy, of Ohio. Carried.

Recommendations Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 adopted.

## ON REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the committee adopted.

## ON INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT.

Recommendations Nos. 1 and 2 adopted.

Recommendation No. 3 rejected.

Recommendation No. 4 of the committee adopted.

## ON QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

Recommendations Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of the committee adopted.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that everything in recommendation No. 4 of the committee that is at all especially complimentary to any member of the Commandery-in-Chief be stricken out."

Seconded by Brother Tobias, of New York. Carried.

Moved by Brother Sheridan, and seconded by Brother Rodriego, that the report of the committee as a whole be now accepted, with the corrections as made. Motion withdrawn.

Adjutant-General Guilford read a supplementary report of the Quartermaster-General showing the expenses of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Brother Hatch introduced the following:

*Resolved*, That hereafter the Commander-in-Chief furnish to the Council-in-Chief, in his expense account, a statement of the items constituting the same, and that the Quartermaster-General embrace the same in his annual report, and that the same be published in the annual report, and that no bill be audited by the Council-in-Chief unless so itemized.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that this Encampment place itself on record as not having impugned the motives of General G. B. Abbott in the resolution just introduced."

Seconded by Brother Frauenthal. Carried.

The resolution of Brother Hatch was then put and carried.

Brother L. J. WEBB: "I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, as amended."

Seconded by Brother Loebenstein. Carried.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations reported as follows:

*To the Officers and Members of the Eighth*

*Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg leave to report that they recommend that no other changes be made in the present Constitution, Rules and Regulations, than the following:

1. That Article XXV, page 68, be repealed.
2. That Section 2, Article XI, page 57, be amended by striking out the words "the insignia on the coat collar," and amend so that the same shall read "and if in active command the insignia of rank be worn as provided for in the first clause of Section 1, Article X, page 55."

A. M. APPELGET,  
J. B. MACCABE,  
O. B. BROWN,  
L. J. WEBB,  
*Committee.*

Recommendations Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations then submitted the following additional report:

*Commander-in-Chief:*

SIR—Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations have had under consideration the matter of attempted consolidation by the Commander-in-Chief, and submit the following report:

In pursuance of the resolution adopted at the Seventh Annual Encampment authorizing the appointment of a committee by our Commander-in-Chief, and requesting the Commander-in-Chief of the Post System to appoint a similar committee to meet and consult on terms of consolidation, and report their results to this, the Eighth Annual Encampment, a committee was appointed whose action is familiar to the membership of this Order, having been published in the official organ of the Order and General Orders from Headquarters, copies of which are herewith submitted. [See Exhibit D.]

A basis of consolidation was agreed upon between our Commander-in-Chief and the Commander-in-Chief of the Post System, which was attempted to be carried into effect by our Commander-in-Chief, as is shown by General Orders promulgated and on file. Your committee are of the opinion that the action of the committee agreeing to consolidate was not authorized by the terms of the resolution authorizing their appointment. And your committee are further of the opinion that the action of our Commander-in-Chief was unauthorized and directly in conflict with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Your committee further finds that Commander-in-Chief Marks, of the Post System, accepted in good faith the agreement made between the two committees and the agreement made by our Commander-in-Chief, and in good faith carried out the same as far as it was possible for him to do so. Your committee further finds that the Commander-in-Chief of the Post System was misled as to the powers of the committee appointed

by our Commander-in-Chief, and as to the powers of General Abbott in that respect. We further find that, after articles of consolidation had been agreed upon between the two Commanders-in-Chief, General Abbott issued Charters to the Posts which accepted said basis of consolidation, and caused to be printed and issued Charters to such Posts under the name of Camps, which Charters are directly in conflict with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Your committee further find that, in many respects, General Abbott acted in this matter without authority from the committee appointed by him in pursuance to the resolution aforesaid. But we do not impute to him any unworthy motive, but simply a desire to consolidate the two branches of the Sons of Veterans, notwithstanding his action in the premises from first to last was directly in conflict with the laws which govern our organization.

Your committee are unable to agree upon any terms of settlement of the difficulty arising by virtue of this unauthorized action, but we are agreed upon the proposition that justice and good faith demands such action upon the part of the Commandery-in-Chief as will do justice to Commander-in-Chief Marks, of the Post System, and to the members of that organization who acted in good faith of the agreement of consolidation.

Your committee submit herewith the result reported to the National Encampment by the Grand Army committee, the protest of Job E. Hedges, claiming to be Department Commander of the Post System of New York, and the resolutions adopted by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic as a substitute for the report of the Grand Army committee, recognizing officially the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. These documents are officially attested by the Adjutant-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we recommend that they be printed with the proceedings of this Encampment.

A. M. APPELGET,  
J. B. MACCABE,  
O. B. BROWN,  
L. J. WEBB.

#### EXHIBIT D.

XI. It is with no small degree of satisfaction that the announcement is made to the Order that within the last month the consolidation of the Post System of Sons of Veterans with the Camp System, or the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has been accomplished. For seven years and over those organizations have been independent of each other, each striving for supremacy and the favor of the Grand Army of the Republic. This warfare is now ended, and for the first time all organized Sons of Veterans are united under one banner and in one Order, increasing our membership by over 6,000. This has been accomplished through the dictation of the official committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, appointed upon the relations of the Sons of Veterans, by order of the Twenty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. In this consolidation, while each organization is compelled to surrender features dear to each, the surrender is not made to the opposition, but to the Grand Army of the Republic, represented by a committee honorable and impartial. The Council-in-Chief empowered the Commander-in-Chief to proceed in submitting these questions, and to abide by the decision of this committee. The following is the report of the committee as made to Commander-in-Chief Warner, of the Grand Army of the Republic:

*"William Warner, Commander-in-Chief Grand Army of the Republic:*

*"Your committee, to whom was referred the question of the relations of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans, would respectfully report as follows: That the committee convened at Cincinnati on 9th day of January, and also in the city of Chicago on the 23d day of February, and there had submitted to them questions for arbitration by the representatives of the 'Camp System' of the Sons of Veterans and the 'Post System' of the Sons of Veterans, and after*

due consideration of these questions would respectfully recommend that the organizations of the Sons of Veterans be consolidated, the organization shall be known as the 'Camp System,' using the word 'Camp' instead of 'Post,' and that they shall use the fraternal title of 'Comrade' in place of 'Brother,' the titles of their officers shall conform to the Grand Army of the Republic, except that Camps may organize a drill corps, which, when armed and equipped, may employ strict military titles. That the minor details of the consolidation shall be left to the two Commanders-in-Chief of the organizations consolidating, and the organization shall use the membership badge and charter of the Camp System and the insignia of rank of the Post System.

"In submitting this recommendation, we believe that the organization thus formed will best meet the views of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we respectfully urge upon you, through General Orders and such other means as present themselves, to request all Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to support the new organization thus created and make the way easy for the members of the organization to adapt themselves to the changes which necessarily follow and to accept in good faith the conclusions of your committee.

"Further report will be made in due time upon the matter of the relations that should exist between the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans.

"A. L. CONGER,  
"T. W. BENNET,  
"C. M. DEVLIN,  
"JAMES TANNER,  
"J. W. BURST."

The report of this committee has been accepted and agreed to by the Commander-in-Chief of each organization. It is necessary that the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., keep faith with G. A. R. Members of the Order will, therefore, take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. However, pending their present term of office, as a matter of economy, officers may continue to wear their present insignia of rank.

It has been agreed upon between the Commander-in-Chief of each organization that the present forms and blanks of each Order shall be used respectively until the present supply is exhausted, and it was further agreed that the power and authority of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Post System, Sons of Veterans, should be vested in the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and that W. A. Hyde, of Walcott, N. Y., and his Staff, shall have command of the Division of New York, Col. Retel having consented. That F. D. Morse, of Elizabeth, N. J., shall have command of the consolidated Division of New Jersey and that all Posts in Pennsylvania shall fall under the command of Commander J. L. Rake, of Reading, Penn.

Past-Commander-in-Chief Marks, of the Post System, Sons of Veterans, stated that he would be compelled to leave the Encampment for his home and would like the question of the consolidation of the Camp and Post Systems settled in some way, if possible, before he left.

Moved by Leland J. Webb, of Kansas, and seconded by Brother Tobias, of New York, that we take up the matter of consolidation at this point. Carried.

By General ABBOTT: "Brothers—I wish to say that no Son of a Veteran has done more for the Order of Sons of Veterans since his admission, and done more for the consolidation of the two Orders of Sons of Veterans than Past Commander-in-Chief Marks, of the Post System. He has worked both earnestly and honestly for the Division of New York since being a member, and he is fully entitled to any honors that he may get, and I take great pleasure in presenting him to the Encampment."

Brother GARST, of Illinois: "I move that the rules be suspended so as to permit Brothers desiring to do so, to enter into a full discussion of the consolidation, after Commander Marks makes his statement, without any limit in the matter of time."

Seconded by Brother Guilford, of Illinois. Carried,

### SPEECHES ON THE MATTER OF CONSOLIDATION.

#### COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MARKS, OF THE POST SYSTEM, OF NEW YORK.

*Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:*

I only wish I could find language in which to form and give to you the expressions of my heart, but it is impossible for me to do so.

After being elected to the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Post System, a little over a year ago, or not a year ago until October, one of the first duties devolving upon me was the appointing of a committee from the Post System of the Sons of Veterans to meet with a like committee from the Camp System of the Sons of Veterans.

I knew that in former years committees had been formed and appointed whose only object was to separate the two systems and not to unite them. I appointed, therefore on this committee Comrades of the Post System whom I knew were in favor of but one organization of the Sons of Veterans, and who would do their duty faithfully.

When I first joined the Order of the Sons of Veterans I knew nothing about the Camp System, and I wish to say right here that, until the time the articles of agreement were signed I was opposed to everything referring to the Camp System of the Sons of Veterans, but I pledged my word of honor, and the Commandery-in-Chief pledged their word of honor, and pledged themselves individually to abide by any decision that the committee appointed by the Grand Army of the Republic might make, and I wish to state that Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott and myself have lived up to the very terms made at that time.

There was a committee meeting called in the city of New York consisting of the members of the Grand Army committee and the two Commandery-in-Chief committees. At this meeting I asked that at least one Comrade of the Grand Army be appointed from the State of New York, to serve on this committee, who would be familiar with the workings of the Post System. Commander-in-Chief Abbott and his committee gave their consent, and the Comrades gave their consent also, and I then had the honor to present the name of Comrade Tanner, of New York, for the position. This committee rendered their decision at Chicago, and Commander-in-Chief Abbott and myself signed the agreement of the committee.

There was immediately thereafter articles of agreement drawn up, by which within twenty (20) days after the promulgation of this code of agreement, the Post System was to be turned over to the Camp System.

On the 10th of April I called a special meeting of the Post System, and after a hard and bitter fight, and I never want to go through it again, the Post System accepted the terms, and on the 25th of May I wrote that the National Department of the Post System was no longer in existence.

You may imagine somewhat my feelings to have a Past Commander-in-Chief rise upon the floor of that Encampment and dispute the right of myself to have a seat in that Encampment, and to be told that I was too low to sit with Sons of Veterans because I had sold the Post System out.

I can not begin to explain to you how, for four hours, I endured this sort of talk, and not only in public meetings, but also in the press, and I will say that I feel for General Abbott to-day, because I have been placed in the same position



that he is, not that there has been any reflection cast upon him, and I do not believe that any member of this Encampment will cast any reflection upon him in any shape, manner or form. Well, we are all liable to make mistakes—they are of the head and not of the heart—and to-day, as I stand here before you, I feel that as far as my actions have been concerned, in relation to the scheme of the consolidation of the Sons of Veterans, those actions will bear the closest investigation both by the Comrades and Brothers of the two Orders.

Brothers, the position that I am placed in compels me to ask, not demand, that the decision of the Grand Army should be abided by. I come to you as a son of a veteran and ask charity. I go back to Brooklyn, where there were thirteen Posts of the Sons of Veterans, and they are all in the Camp System now except three, I go back to Brooklyn and am pointed out as a traitor to the Post System and held up to the scorn of its members, and there are four Comrades in this room who can bear me out in this. I have devoted all my time, and the goods God has given me, in the interests of the Sons of Veterans, and I have only one object before me, and that is to see but one Order of the Sons of Veterans in the United States. You can believe me when I tell you that I have but one thing to give for the benefit of the Sons of Veterans now, and that is my life, and if my life would bring about the consolidation of the Sons of Veterans, I would give it gladly, believing that it is but the same spirit moving me that actuated my father in 1861, to leave mother and children alone to go fight for his country and flag; this spirit actuates us all. I knew in those days what it was to suffer for want of food, and as I said before to-day, my only object in life is to see but one Order of the Sons of Veterans in the United States, and I say this, that the work of your present Commander-in-Chief, General G. B. Abbott, for the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has been the means of stopping the progress of the Post System. I have shown letters to your Commander-in-Chief, letters from parties desiring to go into the Post System while the terms of the consolidation were going on, to whom I replied that we were not organizing Posts any longer, and I am free to say to you that if I do not stay in the Camp System of the Sons of Veterans, I can not conscientiously go back to the Post System again. I will state to you that I have never been in a more intelligent body of men than that assembled here to-day, and I can say Brother to you just as easy as I can say Comrade, and just as easily say Captain as Commander. I will say this in regard to the consolidation: On my return from Chicago I obligated Camps of the Post System into your system of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and they now have your grips, passwords, etc., and I still claim that notwithstanding your sweeping resolution passed at the Milwaukee Encampment of the G. A. R., I still think that you ought to accept the terms of agreement made before that Encampment met. As Commander-in-Chief of the Post System, and on account of the position in which I am placed by the Camp System, I think you should ratify the agreement. The States of New York and New Jersey turned over to you all their books and papers, and are now in the ranks of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and you may feel proud of them. I say again that on account of this, some concession should be made, and I am afraid that unless something is done, a majority of the old Posts will go back into the old system. I can assure you of this, though, consolidation or no consolidation, four Camps, formerly in the Post System at Brooklyn, will remain Camps as they are to-day. We have also one in New York State that will stay a Camp, and that one is at Albany, and it will still stay as Camp No. 1.

My position is an embarrassing one, and I really do not know where I stand myself, and as far as the honor of a Past Commander-in-Chief is concerned, I think nothing of it. I did want the privilege of a vote in your Encampment so that I might come before you and give you a statement of what had been done, and all that has been done has been done for the good of the Order of the Sons of Veterans. The sentiments of my heart are, "God bless the Grand Army of the Republic" and "God speed the Sons of Veterans of the United States."

I felt proud when I came here and brought this Charter, upon which is the name Comrade, and I say I felt proud when this Charter was given to me, and although I find now that it is not in force and binding, I assure you that all the money that the Camp System has accumulated or spent, or five times the amount, will not purchase it from Camp No. 5.

While I am disappointed, I can say Brother with just as full a heart of friendship and loyalty as if the word was Comrade.

I extend to Commander-in-Chief Abbott here, in behalf of the Camps that are now in existence, our more than heartfelt thanks for the kindness and able assistance which he has given to us, and I assure you that you have been derided and decried in the Post System of the Sons of Veterans, but those who have had any dealings with you since the consolidation was broached have found earnest friends amongst you whom we will long remember.

I want to say one thing more and then I will be through, and that is that we do not ask you to violate your constitution to take up and ratify the agreement, but we ask you to at least make some concessions, providing you can do so without violating the Constitution of your Order.

Brothers, I thank you for your courtesy and for the many kindnesses I have received from your Commander-in-Chief.

#### SPEECH OF COLONEL ADDINGTON ON THE CONSOLIDATION.

I must say that I am somewhat in a muddled condition at present, and I am afraid that I might say something that will mar the effect of Past Commander-in-Chief Marks' remarks, but for fear that I may do so, I will state here that I have a Camp at Albany, formerly in the Post System, and I will say that it is a Camp of considerable worth, and I have no cause to regret the step taken by us. I was one of those comprising the Special Encampment at Albany to consider the matter of the consolidation, and was bitterly opposed to it—not on account of the terms—I was satisfied with the terms. I disagreed with the Commander-in-Chief as I did not think it was proper for us to act or to agree to these articles and act under them several months before either side took any action, but I stated that we would abide by the rule of the Encampment. Department Commander Hyde sent out a general order ordering the Posts to change their names within fifteen days, which order we readily obeyed and received the obligation of the Camp System of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and have been acting under the Camp System ever since that time.

Shortly before the 10th of July, Department Commander Hyde issued an order setting aside everything done in reference to the consolidation, thereby taking the power upon himself of setting aside the action of the National Encampment. We didn't like this, so we looked up the matter, and finally I was elected Commander of the Division of New York. Believe me, it is not for this reason that we are satisfied. I assure you that if it was not for Camp No. 1, I would not have accepted the position, for if you knew the condition of affairs in New York, you would be satisfied that the position is no sinecure.

As Commander-in-Chief Marks says, the Camp System is villified in the Post System, and I am satisfied that if certain members of the Post System knew more about the Camp System, we would not have had all this trouble, and we would have been consolidated long since.

There are a great many Posts that followed out Commander Hyde's order, which I am certain would come into the Camp System if the articles of agreement were ratified, and within six months after the ratification I am positive you would have at least nine out of every ten Posts in the State in your Order. The reason that Commander Hyde issued this General Order was that he heard from Colonels in the West that the Camp System would not ratify this code of agreement, and so he issued the order, and if we go home without this Encampment having ratified the agreement, they will say, "I told you so; our Commander was right."

I don't suppose this agreement will be ratified, and do not expect it to be, and I am not so much opposed to some of the things the Camp System were to give way to, and some of the other things granted us I would not care for any way. Our Camp is named after a good soldier, and we consulted him on the subject, and he said go in. I have some objections to the use of the military titles, as it seems to me that military titles should not be used except where camps are armed and equipped. I would like to have this body do as much as they can for us in order to help us out in the State of New York, and not help our opponents in their argument in saying that the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., would not ratify the agreement of their committee. I would like them to give us some concession in this matter to counteract their arguments.

Colonel Addington was followed by Commander-in-Chief Abbott, who briefly endorsed the statements of Commander Marks and Colonel Addington.

It was then moved that the agreement of consolidation, entered into by Commander-in-Chief Abbott and Commander Marks, of the Post System, in accordance with the basis of consolidation as reported by the Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, be ratified, and adopted.

Speeches were then made by Colonel E. W. Hatch, of New York; General Leland J. Webb, of Kansas; Brothers W. O. McDowell and Harry Marchbank, of New Jersey, and Colonel Geo. C. Harvey, of Indiana, all of whom eloquently advocated the ratification of the the agreement of consolidation. Brother Charles F. Griffin, of Indiana, Commander-in-Chief-elect, then rose and spoke as follows :

ADDRESS OF CHARLES F. GRIFFIN, COMMANDER IN-CHIEF-ELECT.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND BROTHERS—I had not desired to enter into this discussion. As your incoming Commander-in-Chief, whose duty it will be to enforce whatever action may be taken by this Encampment upon this question, I had desired to occupy in its discussion and determination an entirely neutral position, so that when I shall assume the duties of your chief officer, I might do so with my judgment entirely unbiased and without having been previously committed. But, sirs, I realize that this is a question of *vital importance* to the Order which you and I are here to represent, and whose interests it is our duty to defend. Though your Commander-in-Chief-elect, I have not yet been installed or assumed the duties of that position, and I therefore stand upon this floor as a *delegate* representing the Division of Indiana, and, as such representative of my Division, I should not be doing my duty to the brothers who commissioned me to represent them, in part, did I not *protest against the adoption of this motion and the ratification of the agreement of consolidation under discussion.*

I have listened attentively and with great interest and alarm to the very eloquent appeals upon this floor by the most prominent members of our Order in favor of the ratification of this consolidation agreement, and I feel that our usually cool-headed leaders are allowing sympathy and sentiment to take the place of calm and deliberate judgment. Col. Harvey, of Indiana Division, has just stated to you upon this floor that within the last hour his views have undergone a radical change upon this question, and that he now proposes to cast his vote in favor of the consolidation agreement. I am sorry to disagree with the Colonel of my Division, but I desire to say to you that, while Col. Harvey must be his own judge as to the right of this question, believing, as I do, that such action would be a death-blow to our noble Order, there is at least one delegate from Indiana who will vote against the motion.

I am as ready as any of you to take a charitable view of the action of the committees of the Camp and Post Systems. I am ready to assume that our Commander-in-Chief acted in good faith, as he saw his duty, in agreeing to this consolidation. I appreciate the situation of Commander Marks of the Post System. I will not permit any member of this Encampment to outdo me in charitable action, but I say to you that in this case "charity begins at home." The only argument that has been or can be adduced in favor of this consolidation is this: "That it was agreed upon by the two committees and the two Commanders-in-Chief, and that *because* of that action Commander Marks, of the Post System, has been ousted from that Order, has been abused and villified by his former brothers, and branded as a traitor to their cause. I say to you that I am as ready as any of you to sympathize with Commander Marks, but this question rises above one of sympathy, and I appeal to you, as men of judgment and discretion, can we, as representatives of eighty thousand Sons of Veterans, afford to adopt this consolidation agreement, which will disrupt our organization and check its progress, simply as a matter of sympathy and charity to Commander Marks, or to anybody else? Let us first be charitable to ourselves and to the interests which we represent. But what ground is there for this claim of charity toward our brothers of the Post System, who claim that they are the victims of misplaced confidence? Our committee and our Commander-in-Chief, in assuming to enter into any agreement with the Post System, and in assuming to carry out and ratify any such agreement, *exceeded their authority*, acted unlawfully and without color of right. It was the duty of Commander Marks, and of his committee, to have inquired into the authority of the committee with whom they were dealing, to have investigated the question, if they did not do so, as to the limit of authority of that committee and of our Commander-in-Chief. As sensible, intelligent business men (and no man who has heard their arguments upon this floor will deny that they are sensible and intelligent men); I say that, as such, it was their duty to have inquired into the powers of the committee and of the Commander-in-Chief with whom they were dealing, and if they neglected so to do and were misled thereby, then they should be the ones to suffer by their own carelessness—not the eighty thousand Sons of Veterans who are not parties to that carelessness, and who are in no manner to blame for any injury which they may have received by reason of their own neglect. If one of the two must suffer, which shall it be, the *eighty thousand* Sons of Veterans who are members of this organization, and *who are innocent*, or the *few members of the Post System* who are themselves guilty of the very negligence of which they are here complaining, and *parties* to the very wrong which they now seek to saddle upon us? Let us look at this question, my brothers, from a sensible and logical standpoint. What is the foundation of this whole business? What were the powers of the committee whom we appointed at Wheeling to act in this matter of consolidation? On page 73 of the proceedings of our last Encampment, you will find the resolution which was there adopted, authorizing the appointment of this committee on behalf of our organization, *and defining its powers and duties*. Whatever authority and power was conferred upon this committee in behalf of our organization was conferred by that resolution appointing them, and in so far as they exceeded the powers conferred upon them by that resolution, their action was illegal and is not and can not be binding upon this organization. Now, then, let us see what powers were given to them by that resolution.

It reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, and that the chairman of said committee notify the Commander of the Post System of such appointment and its purposes, and request the appointment of a like committee by their Grand Encampment to"—what? Notice now what the powers of the committee are. "*To meet and consult*." Not to meet and agree upon a plan of consolidation; not to enter into any agreement; not to proceed to devise plans and put them into operation; but the resolution reads "*to meet and consult upon terms of consolidation and report their results to the next National Encampment of*

*the Commandery-in-Chief.*" The only power, then, of that committee, as embodied in the resolution which gives it existence, was to meet and consult with a like committee from the Post System and simply to *report* to this Encampment, in order that we might *here* devise and adopt some plan of consolidation. Instead of simply meeting and *consulting* and *making a report to this Encampment*, that we might here, in accordance with the methods provided by our constitution, take action upon and *devise* means for consolidation, that committee proceeded, in excess of its authority, to *enter into an agreement* with the committee of the Post System, and then Commander-in-Chief Abbott proceeded, *in clear violation of his authority, to ratify and carry out that agreement.* It is because of this excess of authority that Commander Marks and Colonel Addington are making complaint to day and drawing upon your sympathy and asking your charity. Why, sir, they, themselves, were parties to that violation of authority upon the part of our committee, and should, therefore, be the last to make a complaint. You will notice that it is provided in the resolution appointing our committee that "the chairman of said committee notify the Commander of the Post System of such appointment *and its purposes.*" Now, then, if the chairman of our committee did notify Commander Marks of the appointment of this committee *and its purposes*, (and there has not been any denial of that fact here, and I believe it is admitted to be a fact that Commander Marks and his committee did know the purposes and powers of our committee) then, I say, he, himself, was a *party* to its violation of authority and usurpation of power, and he is in no position here to complain. I say, again, shall the innocent suffer or shall the guilty?

Go a little further, if you please, and consider why it is that Commander Marks has been abused by members of the Post System for his action in this matter. I understand that their chief cause of complaint against him is because he exceeded his authority in entering into such an agreement, precisely as did our committee and Commander-in-Chief, and, therefore, while it may be true that he has been abused and unjustly and uncharitably dealt with by the members of his organization, yet that abuse was called down upon him by his own usurpation of authority and because he exceeded his powers, as did those who were appointed to represent us.

It seems that the two committees entered into an agreement to submit this question of consolidation to a committee whom *they* should select from the Grand Army of the Republic, and we have it from Commander Marks himself, that they pledged themselves individually to abide by any decision that this Grand Army Committee might make. Now, think of it for a moment. What right had this committee in behalf of the Camp System to submit this question to a Grand Army committee or any other committee? Where did they get their authority for so doing? Certainly not in the resolution appointing them, which I have read to you, and if not there, then they had no such authority. The action of that committee—the action of the two committees, in fact, submitting this question to a *sub-committee*, and agreeing to abide by its decision, is absolutely void, and we are not bound, in right or in honor, to abide by that decision; and that being true, no man who was a party to that usurpation of authority has now any right to complain. The question is: Shall eighty thousand innocent men suffer because their committee has exceeded its powers, or shall he suffer who was guilty of aiding and abetting that committee in that excess of authority, and with full knowledge of the fact? It is claimed by brothers upon this floor, out of an over-abundance of sympathy, wrought up as they are to fever heat by the burning eloquence of the gentlemen who have preceded me in favor of this consolidation: it is claimed, I say, that Commander Marks and his followers have been injured and should be charitably dealt with, because they accepted the terms of consolidation in good faith, and because Commander-in-Chief Abbott (who was, by virtue of his office, a member of that committee) ratified the terms of agreement, and by general orders, proceeded to recognize and put them in force. I am willing to admit that Commander-in-Chief Abbott and Commander Marks and the committee that was appointed to represent

us, acted in good faith in that matter, but the *fact* remains that *they exceeded their authority*. Why, sir, Commander-in-Chief Abbott had no more authority to ratify and enforce the terms of that consolidation than had any other Brother of this organization who never held an office in it. The terms of this agreement require an absolute reconstruction of our Constitution. In order to put it into force and effect, it is necessary that our Constitution should be very radically amended. Dare any member upon this floor maintain that the Commander-in-Chief, or any other officer of this organization, has the authority to amend our Constitution and put such amendment into force. If so, where does he get that authority? The Commander-in-Chief has no authority except that which is expressly conferred upon him by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this organization; and any act of his not expressly provided for by that Constitution which gives him official life, is absolutely null and void, and not binding upon any member of the Order. There is but one way in which our Constitution may be amended, namely: By recommendation adopted by a Division Encampment duly published before the meeting of this National Encampment, and here adopted by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present, or else by a suspension of the rules of this National Encampment and the adoption of the proposed amendment by a two-thirds vote.

Why, sir, it is expressly provided on page 31, Chapter IV, Article I, of our Constitution, that "The Commandery-in-Chief shall be the supreme source of power in the Sons of Veterans. *No form of government, either general or local, shall be considered as legally established until the same has been submitted to, and duly approved by, the Commandery-in-Chief at a stated yearly meeting of the same.*" It was because of this provision of the Constitution that in the appointing of our committee by the last Encampment it was provided that that committee should consult and report to this National Encampment. It is so plain as to be beyond contradiction that by the expressed terms of the section of our Constitution to which I have just referred, the Commander-in-Chief had no power to declare in force and operation the terms of the consolidation agreement, and I say again, it was the duty of the members of the Post System, who were accepting that alleged agreement of consolidation, to have inquired into the authority and powers of those with whom they were dealing; and if they failed to do this, they are the ones to suffer because of their negligence—not us. The fact is, they *did* know full well that our representatives were exceeding their authority, and they voluntarily entered into the arrangement with full knowledge of all the facts. They are, therefore, in no position to complain of the consequences.

The question, then, resolves itself to this: Can we, as representatives of the hundred thousand Sons of Veterans in our Order, afford to endorse and adopt the terms of consolidation as here presented to us? It is our duty to do that which is for the good of the Order at large. I can not so fully speak for the members of the Order in the East, but I do know that in the Western States the sentiment is unanimously opposed to consolidation upon the terms proposed. I do know that if this motion be adopted, our membership in the Western States will fall off one-half before the close of the next twelve months. I do know that the adoption of this resolution would absolutely disrupt and cripple our organization for years to come.

Why, sir, the one great feature of our organization, which, more than any other, binds and cements us together, the one great feature which gives it life and vim and interest is the military feature. The cultivation of the martial spirit, the military pomp and display, the uniform and the drill, are the great drawing cards which secure for us a vastly more regular attendance and bring into our organization a larger number of sons than any other feature of it.

Now, then, the adoption of the proposed consolidation agreement would necessarily wipe out the military features of our organization. It must not be forgotten that it is provided by the terms of consolidation that instead of Brothers we shall be known as "Comrades," and instead of Captain and Colonel we shall be known as "Post Commander" and "Commander," thus wiping out our military

titles, and with them, necessarily, the larger part of the military feature of our organization; and that fact is made all the plainer by the statement just made upon this floor by Colonel Addington, late of the Post System, when he says, by way of justification, that he is opposed to the use of military titles.

I, in common with many thousands of the brothers in our Order, *am in favor* of the use of military titles, as we use them, and *am therefore opposed* to this agreement, which would wipe them out.

Again, I am opposed to the proposed terms of consolidation, because, by them we are to address each other as "*Comrades*," and not as *Brothers*. We are brothers, because we are the sons of veterans who fought and suffered, shed their blood and offered their lives in a common cause. In that sense we are brothers, but we are not comrades. The term "*Comrade*" has a higher and broader meaning. Our fathers, who together followed the flag through long years of suffering and privation, slept under the same blanket, occupied the same bunk, divided their meagre rations, and shared each others' joys and sorrows, the men who touched elbows in the bayonet charge, and side by side faced the belching cannon, the shriek of bullets, and the thrust of bayonets, I say these men—our fathers—by reason of such associations, are indeed comrades in a higher, broader and nobler sense than you and I can ever be, and I am therefore opposed to appropriating their titles or aping their customs, and especially to adopting for ourselves this term, which to them has become endeared by the tenderest associations and the noblest recollections. I am opposed to it, too, because I have yet to talk with one member of the Grand Army who is not opposed to the use of the term "*Comrade*" by the Sons of Veterans. They feel that that term has been justly appropriated by them, and that the use of it by us is a kind of unauthorized and unwarranted theft; and we can not, as an organization, afford, in any respect, to put ourselves in the position of aping them or detracting from the affectionate interest and the sweet recollections that cluster around the word "*Comrade*." To them it seems crowned with a halo of glory, with which it would be sacrilege in us to interfere.

Consider again, for a moment, what are we to gain by this consolidation? We number in good standing in the neighborhood of a hundred thousand. The Post System numbers about two thousand. By the adoption of this agreement, we shall drive from our ranks twenty-five thousand of our own membership and gain two thousand from them. Again, it should not be forgotten that the Grand Army of the Republic, in its National Encampment lately held at Milwaukee, has recognized ours as *the* Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has recommended us to all ex-Union soldiers and sailors, and stands ready to-day, as an organization, to back up and to aid us in the promotion of all our interests. And, therefore, with our magnificent membership, with the indorsement, the encouragement, and the intelligent assistance of the Grand Army of the Republic, I say to you that we have nothing to fear from any rival organization, and nothing to gain by consolidation.

In conclusion, I abjure you to remember that we can not indorse this agreement of consolidation without an expressed and premeditated usurpation and violation of the express terms of our Constitution. It is no small matter for us to establish such a precedent. Disregard of the provisions of our Constitution is dangerous, and would confront us at all times as a standing menace to the very existence of our Order. Our Constitution is the bed-rock upon which we are anchored. By and in it are defined every power and duty of each officer and member of the Order, and when we overstep the line, then there is no limit. If we may overstep it in one regard we may in another. And if this Encampment deliberately violates the provisions of that Constitution in one particular, then we may expect its violation in the future in still other particulars.

I have but one desire in this discussion, and that is *the good of the Order*. I do not desire to be understood as criticising in the spirit of bitterness or uncharitableness the action of our Commander-in-Chief or of our committee. On the contrary,

I admit, as I have said before, in the fullest sense that they have acted in good faith and believed that they were acting in the interest of the Order. But this belief on their part can, in no sense, *change the facts*, and it becomes our duty to sit in deliberate and unprejudiced judgment upon their action and to determine this question once for all, as the interests of the Order at large seem to us to demand. If we do this we shall make no mistake. Anything *less* than that will be a fatal blunder.

I desire to add but one word more. It must not be understood that I am opposed to accepting into our organization members of the Post System. I say to you that I desire to see every son of a veteran in the United States marching under one flag. Our interests are identical, our purposes and our objects the same. It is simply a question of ways and means, and I say to you that, whatever action this Commandery-in-Chief may take upon this question, as your incoming Commander-in-Chief I shall faithfully and rigidly carry out that action, whether it meet with my approval or my disapproval. As your Commander-in-Chief, there is not a brother in the Order who will more cheerfully extend the right hand of fraternity and charity to every son of a veteran than I. I am ready to meet them with open arms. And I trust before the meeting of our next National Encampment there shall be but one organization of Sons of Veterans, marching in solid phalanx toward the accomplishment of one great end and rallying around one standard.

At the close of the address of Bro. Griffin, the following motion was put and carried by unanimous vote:

Brother ORNER, of Illinois: "I move as a substitute, that we refer this matter to a committee of one from each Division present in the Encampment, with orders to report to the Commandery-in Chief a basis of consolidation at 7 o'clock this evening, each Division delegation to select its representative on said committee."

Seconded by Brother Frauenthal, of Missouri. Carried.

Moved by Brother Baguley, of West Virginia, and seconded by Brother Bookwalter, that we reconsider the previous motion. Motion lost:

The committee was then appointed, as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, Colonel Friedman.  
 Connecticut, Brother Jones.  
 South Dakota, Brother Brass.  
 Illinois, Brother C. T. Roe.  
 Indiana, Brother Charles A. Bookwalter.  
 Iowa, Brother R. G. Miller.  
 Kansas, Colonel Herod.  
 Nebraska, Brother Appelget.  
 Maine, Brother F. P. Merrill.  
 Maryland, Brother Brown.  
 Massachusetts, Brother Batchelder.  
 Minnesota, Brother Morris.  
 Missouri, Brother H. G. Kline.  
 New Hampshire, Brother McDowell.  
 New York, Brother Hatch.  
 Ohio, Colonel Bundy.  
 Pennsylvania, Brother Parker.  
 West Virginia, Brother Baguley.  
 Wisconsin, Brother Rowe.



The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations made the following additional report:

We respectfully recommend that the words "in the one in which he was rejected," in Section 5, Article II, be stricken out, and the words "any Camp" be inserted.

And that the words "by a three-fourths vote of the Camp" be stricken out, and the words "as provided in Article III, Section 2," be inserted.

A. M. APPELGET,  
J. B. MACCABE,  
O. B. BROWN,  
L. A. WEBB.

Moved by Brother Jenkins, and seconded by Brother Hinkley, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Brother Amies, of Pennsylvania, and seconded by Brother Frauenthal, of Missouri, that we do now take a recess until 7:30 P. M. Carried.

## FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 7:45 P. M., with General Abbott presiding.

Moved by Brother L. J. Webb, and seconded by Brother Deckman, that we omit roll-call. Motion lost.

Roll-call was then proceeded with.

Moved by Brother Clarkson, of New York, and seconded by Brother Tobias, of New York, that the minutes of the afternoon session be approved without reading. Carried.

Committee on Resolutions made its report as follows:

We respectfully make the following report to the Commandery-in-Chief:

Your committee reports on the resolution concerning the Sons of Veterans' Benefit Association—that as the same has been referred to by the Commander-in-Chief in his report, which is before the Committee on Officers' Reports, we see no necessity of taking any action.

That the following resolution of Brother Shackleford, of New Hampshire, regarding the Paterson press, be adopted:

"Resolved, By the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Eighth Annual Encampment assembled, that the thanks of this Encampment are due and hereby tendered to the newspaper press of the city of Paterson for their full, appreciative and satisfactory reports of this session, and for their great assistance in rendering this Encampment the success that it is, and in contributing so effectively and enthusiastically as they have done to the spread of the principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty inculcated and exemplified by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

On the resolution of the New Jersey Division regarding the location of permanent National Headquarters at Washington, D. C., we recommend its rejection.

On the resolution from Camp No. 60, Ohio Division, praying for the reinstatement to membership of Walter S. Payne, we have no recommendation to make, it having been acted upon by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Yours in F., C. and L.,  
WILLIAM ROWE,  
W. A. ROGERS,  
RAPHAEL TOBIAS,  
GEO. W. KNOWLTON.

Recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Moved by Brother Loebenstein, and seconded by Brother Fraueuthal, that the report of the Committee on Resolutions as a whole be concurred in. Carried.

The Council-in-Chief made the following report:

FIRST SESSION.

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY, September 9, 1889.

Meeting of the Council-in-Chief called to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M., with General G. B. Abbott in the chair.

There was present, Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott, Major-General John H. Hinckley, Chief-of-Staff H. M. Russell, Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford, Quartermaster-General C. J. Post, Inspector-General M. E. Hall, Surgeon-General J. A. Averdick, Judge Advocate-General A. M. Appleget, Chief Mustering Officer J. B. Maccabe.

Members of elective Council-in-Chief, R. Loebenstein, C. T. Orner and William E. Bundy.

Absent: Lieutenant-General E. H. Milham; members of elective Council, G. B. Smith and C. B. Cooke.

General Abbott announced that there was a vacancy in the Commandery-in-Chief caused by the resignation of Chaplain-in-Chief, which he would fill in the morning.

General Abbott stated that he had received a telegram from Lieutenant-General Milham, that on account of a wreck on his train he would not be present until later, and stated that he also received word from Brother Smith that he would not be here until later.

Adjutant-General read resignation of W. E. Bundy as a member of elective Council-in-Chief.

Moved by Brother Russell, and seconded by Brother Averdick, that the resignation be accepted. Carried.

Surgeon-General Averdick nominated Colonel Frazee.

Nomination of Frazee for elective Council-in-Chief seconded by Q. M. G. Post.

Brother McDowell was nominated by Brother Orner. Nomination seconded by R. Loebenstein.

Moved by Brother Hinckley, and seconded by Brother Hall, that the nominations be closed. Carried.

General Abbott then appointed Brothers Loebenstein and Averdick as tellers.

The vote resulted in the election of Brother Frazee, he having received 9 votes and Brother McDowell 2.

Moved by Brother Orner, and seconded by Hinckley, that the election of Brother Frazee be made unanimous. Carried.

General Abbott declared Colonel Frazee elected as a member of Council-in-Chief.

Moved that we take a recess until 10 o'clock to-night.

Seconded by Brother Appelget. Carried.

The Council-in-Chief then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock.

SECOND SESSION.

PATERSON, September 9, 1889.

Meeting was called to order, with General Abbott in the chair, at 10:30 P. M.

There was present at this meeting: General G. B. Abbott, Lieutenant-General E. H. Milham, Major-General J. H. Hinckley, Chief-of-Staff H. M. Russell, Judge Advocate-General A. M. Appleget, Inspector-General M. E. Hall, Surgeon-General

J. A. Averdick, Chief Mustering Officer J. B. Maccabe, Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford, Quartermaster-General C. J. Post; members of elective Council, R. Loebenstein, C. T. Orner, C. B. Cooke and Colonel Frazee.

Absent: G. B. Smith.

General Abbott stated that the official questions for the year were in a trunk which will not arrive until some time to-morrow afternoon or evening.

Moved by Brother Loebenstein, and seconded by Brother Averdick, that the additional sum of two dollars and ninety cents be paid to Brother O'Brien. Carried.

Moved by Brother Frazee, and seconded by Brother Russell, that the balance of seven dollars and seventy cents be allowed to Brother Carlyle for his expenses to Michigan. Carried.

Moved by Brother Orner, and seconded by Brother Frazee, that a committee of three be appointed from the Commandery-in-Chief, one of whom shall be the Judge Advocate-General, who shall investigate, and report to the Commandery-in-Chief Council, in regard to the alleged indebtedness to Rowley. Carried.

General Abbott appointed, as members of this committee, Brothers Appelget, Parker and Judge E. W. Hatch.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, and seconded by Brother Frazee, that the per capita tax for the ensuing year be sixteen cents, payable in quarterly installments of four cents each quarter. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, and seconded by Brother Orner, that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of paying the salaries of the clerical force of the Commandery-in Chief for the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, and seconded by Brother Frazee, that the salary of the Commander-in-Chief be fixed at one dollar for the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by Brother Frazee, and seconded by Brother Cooke, that the bond of the Commander-in-Chief shall be fixed at ten thousand dollars for the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by Brother Orner, and seconded by Brother Frazee, that the Council-in-Chief advise that the sum of five hundred dollars be placed in the hands of the incoming Commander-in-Chief, to be used by him for the payment of expenses connected with headquarters, and the remaining portion shall remain in the hands of the present Commander-in-Chief until he be duly notified by the Council-in-Chief of his successor having properly qualified to assume his office. Carried.

Moved by Brother Orner, and seconded by Brother Appelget, that we take a recess until to-morrow, September 10, at 8 o'clock. Carried.

The Council-in-Chief then adjourned to meet September 10, at 8:00 A. M.

THIRD SESSION.

PATERSON, N. J., September 10, 1889.

Meeting of Council-in-Chief called to order at 8:30 A. M., with General Abbott in the chair.

Minutes of the first session read and approved.

Minutes of the second session read and approved.

The following members were present: Commander-in-Chief General G. B. Abbott, Lieutenant-General E. H. Milham, Major-General J. H. Hinckley, Chief-of-Staff H. Russell, Quartermaster-General C. J. Post, Judge Advocate-General A. M. Appelget, Surgeon-General J. A. Averdick, Adjutant-General A. L. Guilford; Council-in-Chief: Loebenstein, Orner, Frazee, C. B. Cooke; Chief Mustering Officer J. B. Maccabe, Inspector-General M. E. Hall.

Absent at roll call: Elective Council-in-Chief G. B. Smith.

There being no immediate business to come before the Council-in-Chief, General G. B. Abbott proceeded to install Colonel Frazee as a member of the elective Council-in-Chief.

Moved by Brother Frazee, and seconded by Brother Milham, that we adjourn subject to the call of the Commander-in Chief. Carried.

Council-in-Chief then adjourned.

## FOURTH SESSION.

PATERSON, N. J., September 11, 1889.

Council-in-Chief called to order at 10 P. M., with General Abbott in the chair.

The following members were present: General G. B. Abbott, General E. H. Milham, General J. H. Hinckley, General H. Russell, General A. L. Guilford, General C. J. Post, General M. E. Hall, General J. B. Maccabe, R. Loebenstein, C. T. Orner, H. Frazee, C. B. Cooke, G. B. Smith.

Brother Hatch stated he had four contracts with Major A. P. Davis, covering four different patents, and would read one of the contracts, as the others are all of similar effect. (Reads contract.)

Moved by Brother Frazee, and seconded by Brother Post, that the Council-in-Chief recommend the adoption of the resolution concerning Major A. P. Davis, under the terms of the contract as set forth by Brother Hatch. Carried.

Colonel Frazee presented a bill of the New York Division.

Brother Appelget: "I move that the Council recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief that the sum of \$33.35 be allowed and paid to the Division of New York on account of money received by the Commander-in-Chief, and that the sum of \$16.75, with which they are charged, be credited to them."

Seconded by Brother Loebenstein. Carried.

Brother Loebenstein: "I move that upon receipt of a voucher from M. Retel, for the sum of \$24.85, that the person presenting the voucher will be credited with the sum of \$14.85."

Seconded by Brother Appelget. Carried.

Minutes of the third session, of September 10, 1889, read and approved.

Brother Maccabe: "I move that a committee consisting of Brothers Russell and Smith be appointed to audit the books."

Seconded by Brother Loebenstein. Carried.

Brother Orner: "I move that General Abbott be authorized to pay the expenses of the Council-in-Chief at the end of this Encampment."

Seconded by Brother Frazee. Carried.

Moved by Brother Orner that we allow the bill of Brother Averdick for \$3.50, for circulars and mailing same, on account of changing the time of official train leaving Cincinnati for the Encampment.

Seconded by Brother Hall. Carried.

Moved by Brother Hall, and seconded by Brother Frazee, that Lieutenant-General Milham, Major-General Hinkley and Surgeon-General Averdick be appointed to audit the vouchers. Carried.

Brother Maccabe: "I move you that the sum of \$600 be allowed for the payment of clerical services for the past year to the Commander-in-Chief, by him to be distributed to his clerical help."

Seconded by Brother Frazee. Carried.

Brother Orner: "I move you that we now take a recess, subject to the call of the Commander-in-Chief."

Seconded by Brother Maccabe. Carried.

## FIFTH SESSION.

PATERSON, N. J., September 12, 1889.

Meeting of Council-in Chief called to order at 8 o'clock A. M.

There were present: General G. B. Abbott, General E. H. Milham, General J. H. Hinkley, General A. L. Guilford, General C. J. Post, General M. E. Hall, General J. B. Maccabe, W. F. Jenkins, R. Loebenstein, Henry Frazee, C. B. Cook.

Absent: General H. Russell, C. T. Orner, G. B. Smith.

Major Hinkley reported that the committee went over the vouchers, compared them with the books and found them correct.

Moved by Frazee, and seconded by Hall, that the report of the Committee on Examination of Vouchers be accepted. Carried.

The Adjutant read the report of the Committee on Examination of Accounts as follows:

*"To the Council-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. :*

"We, your committee appointed to audit the books of the Commandery-in-Chief, beg to report that we have examined the same and found them correct. The total receipts have been \$13,758.87. The total expenses have been \$10,923.12, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,835.75. Errors corrected to credit \$10.00, to debtor \$7.00, leaving a balance to credit \$3.00, making balance on hand of \$2,832.75.

"Submitted in F., C. and L.,

"H. M. RUSSELL,  
"G. B. SMITH."

Moved by Brother Hall, and seconded by Brother Hinkley, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Brother Hall moved that a committee consisting of the elective members of the Council-in-Chief present count the cash.

Seconded by General Guilford. Carried.

The committee consisted of Frazee, Loebenstein and Cooke.

Col. Loebenstein reported that they found the amount of cash on hand to correspond with the figures given by the auditing committee.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, and seconded by Brother Hall, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Brother Loebenstein that the balance due on the bond of the Commander-in-Chief be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief for the term just past, during the month of September. Carried.

Brother MACCABE: "I move that the contract between the Commander-in-Chief and his stenographer be ratified." Carried.

Brother ORNER: "I move that the sum of \$150.00 be set aside for the purchase, each year, of a badge for the Commander-in-Chief. This rule to be enforced from year to year."

Seconded by Maccabe. Carried.

Moved by Brother Orner, and seconded by Brother Maccabe, that the procuring of this badge be placed in the hands of the ranking member of the elective Council-in-Chief. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe that the Division of South Dakota have the compliments of the Commandery-in-Chief conveyed to them with a receipted bill of its indebtedness.

Seconded by Jenkins. Carried

Moved by Brother Maccabe, and seconded by Brother Hall, that the bill for the use of the typewriter during this session be allowed. Carried.

Moved by Brother W. T. Jenkins, and seconded by General A. L. Guilford, that the bills of the Council-in-Chief be allowed as presented. Carried.

Moved by Brother Loebenstein, and seconded by Brother Frazee, that the Council-in-Chief do now adjourn and that the minutes be approved without reading. Carried.

Brother FRAZEE, of Ohio: "I move that in the Council-in-Chief's report the Division of New York be credited with \$75, and be debited with the amount of supplies received."

Seconded by Brother Clarkson, of New York. Carried.

Brother HARVEY, of Indiana: "I move that the report of the Council-in-Chief, as corrected, be accepted.

Seconded by Brother Herod, of Kansas. Carried.

Committee on Consolidation reported that they desired the Encampment to take up the regular order of business.

Brother POSE, of Illinois: "I move that we proceed to the installation of the officers-elect."

Seconded by Brother Jenkins of Illinois. Carried.

General Abbott installed W. F. Jenkins as Chaplain-in-Chief.

Brother Frazee stated that he was compelled to leave, and desired to be placed on record as voting for any reasonable terms of consolidation.

Brother L. J. WEBB, of Kansas: "I move that a committee of three, of which Brother Krackerweiser be chairman, be appointed to draft resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Paterson.

Seconded by Moses P. O'Brien, of Nebraska. Carried.

General Abbott appointed Brothers Krackerweiser, Webb and Miller.

Brother JENKINS, of Illinois: "I move that only the most essential parts of the nominating and seconding speeches be published."

Seconded by Brother Guilford. Carried.

Brother ROE, of Illinois: "I move that the out-going administration prepare the proceedings of this Encampment for publication."

Seconded by Brother Lidders, of Illinois. Carried.

Brother TOBIAS, of New York: "I move that all speeches be cut, only those absolutely essential being printed, and those be condensed."

Seconded by Brother Garst, of Illinois. Carried.

Brother RAKE, of Pennsylvania: "I move that the addresses of Commander-in-Chief-elect Griffin, Commander-in-Chief Marks and Colonel Addington be incorporated in the proceedings in full."

Seconded by Brother Frauenthal. Carried.

Brother BUNDY: "I move that an abstract of General Payne's address before the committee of the whole be made."

Seconded by Brother Tobias, of New York. Carried.

The Adjutant-General read a contract to be entered into with Major A. P. Davis, as follows:

WHEREAS, Augustus P. Davis, of the City of Pittsburgh, State of Pennsylvania, has invented a new and useful improvement, the same being a design for a badge for the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which design was, on the 8th day of March, 1887, duly patented, as evidenced by letters patent of the United States of America of that date, bearing number of 17,167; and

WHEREAS, Said Augustus P. Davis is desirous of assigning said letters patent and the design therein named to said Order;

Now, therefore, For and in consideration of the agreements hereinafter set forth, I, the said Augustus P. Davis, do assign, transfer and set over unto the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, the whole right, title and interest in and to the said designs, and in and to the letters patent aforesaid, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the benefit of the members thereof, to the full end and term for which said letters patent are or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me, had this assignment and sale not been made.

Provided, however, That whereas, the said Augustus P. Davis, under and by virtue of a resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

adopted on the 18th day of August, 1887, at Des Moines, Iowa, as published on page 58 of the Journal of Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., having been entrusted with the designs and patents upon badges and emblems of the Order, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Which position is now held by me under and by virtue of said resolution.

Now if the Commandery, under and by virtue of said resolution, shall continue me, the said Augustus P. Davis, in said position, with the right and privileges to manufacture said badges, emblems and designs, as specified in said resolution, during my lifetime or my ability to furnish the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., with said designs, emblems and badges then, and in that case, this assignment be and remain in full force and effect, otherwise to be void.

The acceptance hereof to be by resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at its Eighth Annual Encampment, to be convened in the city of Paterson, State of New Jersey, on the 10th day of September, 1889. And upon the acceptance thereof as aforesaid, this assignment shall immediately become operative and in full force and effect, together with the agreements as herein expressed.

Witness my hand at the city of Paterson, State of New Jersey, this 9th day of September, 1889.

WHEREAS, Augustus P. Davis, of the city of Pittsburgh, State of Pennsylvania, has invented a new and useful improvement, the same being a design for a badge of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which design on the 10th day of May, 1887, duly patented as evidenced by letters patent of the United States of America of that date, bearing number 17,340; and

WHEREAS, Said Augustus P. Davis, being desirous of assigning said letters patent and the design therein named, to said Order;

Now, therefore, For and in consideration of the agreement hereinafter set forth, I, the said Augustus P. Davis, do assign, transfer and set over unto the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, the whole right, title and interest in and to the said designs and in and to the letters patent aforesaid, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the benefit of the members thereof to the full end and term for which said letters patent are, or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me, had this assignment and sale not been made;

Provided, however, That whereas the said Augustus P. Davis, under and by virtue of a resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., adopted on the 18th day of August, 1887, at Des Moines, Iowa, as published on page 58 of the Journal of Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., having been entrusted with the designs and patents upon badges and emblems of the Order, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Which position is now held by me under and by virtue of said resolution.

Now, if the Commandery-in-Chief, under and by virtue of said resolution, shall continue me, the said Augustus P. Davis, in said position, with the right and privilege to manufacture said badges, emblems and designs, as specified in said resolution, during my life time or ability to furnish the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., with said designs, emblems and badges, then, and in that case, this assignment be and remain in full force and effect, otherwise to be void.

The acceptance hereof to be by resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at its Eighth Annual Encampment, to be convened in the city of Paterson, State of New Jersey, on the 10th day of September, 1889. And upon the acceptance thereof, as aforesaid, this assignment shall immediately become operative, and in full force and effect, together with the agreements as herein expressed.

Witness my hand at the city of Paterson, State of New Jersey, this ninth day of September, 1889.

WHEREAS, Augustus P. Davis, of the city of Pittsburg, State of Pennsylvania, has invented a new and useful improvement, the same being a design for a Camp Seal for the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which design was, on the 20th day of December, 1887, duly patented, as evidenced by letters patent of the United States of America of that date, bearing number of 17,954; and,

WHEREAS, Said Augustus P. Davis, desirous of assigning said letters patent and the design therein named to said Order;

*Now, therefore,* For and in consideration of the agreement hereinafter set forth, I, the said Augustus P. Davis, do assign, transfer and set over unto the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, the whole right, title and interest in and to the said designs, and in and to the letters patent aforesaid, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the benefit of the members thereof, to the full end and term for which said letters patent are or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

*Provided, however,* That whereas the said Augustus P. Davis, under and by virtue of a resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., adopted on the 18th day of August, 1887, at Des Moines, Iowa, as published on page 58 of the Journal of Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., having been entrusted with the designs and patents upon badges and emblems of the Order, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may, from time to time, be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Which position is now held by me under and by virtue of said resolution.

Now, if the Commandery under and by virtue of said resolution shall continue me, the said Augustus P. Davis, in said position with the right and privilege to manufacture said badges, emblems and designs, as specified in said resolution, during my lifetime or my ability to furnish the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., with said designs emblems and badges, then, and in that case, this assignment be and remain in full force and effect, otherwise to be void.

The acceptance hereof to be by resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at its Eighth Annual Encampment, to be convened in the city of Paterson, State of New Jersey, on the 10th day of September, 1889. And upon the acceptance thereof, as aforesaid, this assignment shall immediately become operative and in full force and effect, together with the agreements as herein expressed.

Witness my hand at the city of Paterson, State of New Jersey, this 9th day of September, 1889.

WHEREAS, Augustus P. Davis, of the City of Pittsburgh, State of Pennsylvania, has invented a new and useful improvement, the same being a design for a button for the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which design was, on the 20th day of November, 1888, duly patented, as evidenced by letters patent of the United States of America of that date, bearing number of 18,740, and

WHEREAS, Said Augustus P. Davis, desirous of assigning said letters patent and the design therein named to said Order;

*Now, therefore,* For and in consideration of the agreements hereinafter set forth, I, the said Augustus P. Davis, do assign, transfer and set over unto the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, the whole right, title and interest in and to the said designs, and in, and to the letters patent aforesaid, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the benefit of the members thereof to the full end and term for which said letters patent are, or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me, had this assignment and sale not been made,



*Provided, however,* That whereas the said Augustus P. Davis, under and by virtue of a resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., adopted on the 18th day of August, 1887, at Des Moines, Iowa, as published on page 58 of the Journal of Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., having been entrusted with the designs and patents upon badges and emblems of the Order, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Which position is now held by me under and by virtue of said resolution.

Now, if the Commandery, under and by virtue of said resolution, shall continue me, the said Augustus P. Davis, in said position with the right and privilege to manufacture said badges, emblems and designs, as specified in said resolution, during my lifetime or my ability to furnish the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., with said designs, emblems and badges, then, and in that case, this assignment be and remain in full force and effect, otherwise to be void.

The acceptance hereof to be by resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at its Eighth Annual Encampment, to be convened in the city of Paterson, State of New Jersey, on the 10th day of September, 1889. And upon the acceptance thereof, as aforesaid, this assignment shall immediately become operative and in full force and effect, together with the agreements as herein expressed.

Witness my hand, at the city of Paterson, State of New Jersey, this 9th day of September, 1889.

By Brother L. J. WEBB, of Kansas: "I move the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the four several assignments executed by Augustus P. Davis to the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be, and the same are, hereby accepted by the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., upon the terms and conditions therein recited."

The motion was seconded by Brother Lynch, of Illinois. Carried.

The committee appointed to draft a set of resolutions to the citizens of Paterson, made the following report:

The Commandery-in-Chief, in eighth annual session assembled, finds itself embarrassed in the selection of appropriate terms for the comprehensive and truthful expression of its heartfelt appreciation of all the courtesies and hospitalities extended to its members, individually and in a body. Conventional phraseology can not do the matter adequate justice; therefore

*Resolved,* That we do hereby assure the citizens of Paterson, N. J., of our cordial thanks, and ask our brother members of Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, to assure all the ladies and gentlemen who have thus contributed to our reception and entertainment of the fact that mere words can not express the sense of obligation which we shall ever entertain toward them.

C. W. KRAKERWIZER,  
L. J. WEBB,  
R. J. MILLER.

Brother FRAUENTHAL, of Missouri: "I move we adopt the resolution by a standing vote."

Seconded by Brother Krakerwizer, of Wisconsin. Carried.

The Special Committee on Consolidation made the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of consolidation beg leave to report the following resolution:

WHEREAS, At the Seventh Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., a committee was appointed, under resolutions, a copy of which is hereto attached, to confer with a committee of the Post System, Sons of Veterans, and report upon some terms of consolidation; and,

WHEREAS, Said committee duly appointed met in consultation, and, failing to agree upon terms of consolidation, entered into an agreement to refer their differences to a committee theretofore appointed by Commander-in-Chief Warner, of the Grand Army of the Republic; and,

WHEREAS, The Grand Army of the Republic Committee of Arbitration having submitted terms of consolidation, [See Exhibit D, p. 156], the respective National Commanders of the two systems agreed to said terms, and issued orders carrying into effect the details thereof; and,

WHEREAS, Commander-in-Chief Marks, of the Post System, relying upon the action of the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., brought under the jurisdiction of this Commandery Posts of his Order, and is now, with such of his loyal followers as kept faith with the agreement of their officers, presenting, for ratification, to this Encampment, the terms acquiesced in by our Commander-in-Chief; and,

WHEREAS, One Hedges, representing certain parts of that system, as Commander of the Department of New York, entered, at the Milwaukee National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, a protest in behalf of said Posts (a certified copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this report) [Exhibit A], repudiating said agreement heretofore mentioned, following which said action on the part of Hedges the said National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, refused to adopt the report of the Grand Army of the Republic Committee of Arbitration as to terms of consolidation (a copy of which report is herewith submitted) [Exhibit B], and adopted instead thereof a resolution endorsing unqualifiedly our Order as the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (a certified copy of said resolution is herewith submitted) [Exhibit C]; and

WHEREAS, While denying the authority of said Committee of Conference or the Commander-in-Chief of our Order to bind or commit us to any terms of consolidation, nevertheless, we recognize the position of Commander-in-Chief Marks and members of the Post System, who with him ratified and adopted the said terms of consolidation and came under the jurisdiction of the Camp System, and notwithstanding the repudiation of the said agreement by the said Hedges, or the action of the Grand Army of the Republic, we feel that some recognition is due Commander Marks and those who came with him into our Order; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That our Constitution, Rules and Regulations be so changed as to make legal the use of either the term "Comrade" or "Brother," in the designation of members, and the titles of Camp officers may be as they now exist under the C., R. and R. of either system, at the option of Camps.

*Resolved*, That the Commander in-Chief be instructed to promulgate this report, together with the papers herewith submitted, in the next General Order.

M. D. Friedman, Alabama.  
C. C. Brass, South Dakota.  
C. A. Bookwalter, Indiana.  
Clay D. Herod, Kansas.  
Frank P. Merrill, Maine.  
A. W. Batchelder, Massachusetts.  
H. J. Kline, Missouri.  
W. O. McDowell, New Jersey.  
William E. Bundy, Ohio.  
H. B. Baguley, West Virginia.  
George W. Marks.

S. P. Jonas, Connecticut.  
E. T. Roe, Illinois.  
R. J. Miller, Iowa.  
George H. Capito, Kentucky.  
S. J. Brown, Maryland.  
E. D. Morris, Minnesota.  
Moses P. O'Brien, Nebraska.  
Edward W. Hatch, New York.  
W. S. Parker, Pennsylvania.  
William Roe, Wisconsin.

Moved by Brother Brown, of Maryland, and seconded by Brother Guthrie, of Pennsylvania, that the report be adopted. Carried.

## EXHIBIT A.

The present alleged consolidation between the Post and Camp Systems is ineffectual and of no effect, for the following reasons:

"1. The representative of the Post System had merely the authority to jointly discuss the report. There is no evidence that the representative of the Camp System was otherwise empowered.

"2. The consolidation was irregularly and improperly ratified by the Post System. It was adopted by a majority vote at a Special Encampment, held April 10, 1889, in Albany.

"The rules and regulations of the Department of the Sons of Veterans Post System provide that they shall only be amended by a two-thirds vote at a regular election.

"3. There is no evidence that the proposed consolidation has ever been adopted by the National Department of the Camp System.

"4. The Post System of the State of New York, an incorporated body, has repudiated it.

"5. It is reported that some of the Camp States have likewise repudiated it.

"6. Admitting the proposed consolidation adopted, its terms have not been lived up to by those outside the Post System. The National Commander of the Post System either has or stands ready to turn over, as far as he personally can, the organization.

"7. The Camp System in the State of New York has utterly failed to do so, although required to that effect by the alleged Articles of Consolidation.

"8. At present in the State of New York the Post System outnumbered, at least four to one, the regularly organized Camps, together with those Posts that have without authority given up their charters.

"9. An attempt to force the alleged Articles of Consolidation will, in the present chaotic state of affairs, destroy the Post System in the State of New York, or force it, according to its rules, to become a distinct organization."

We therefore pray your honorable committee to offer no report to the Grand Army of the Republic upon this particular subject; relegate the entire matter to the point when efforts at consolidation were first made. We respectfully suggest the following tenets and status of the Post System:

"1. The welfare of the Republic demands that the time shall never come when there will be no Grand Army of the Republic. The encroachments of time will soon obliterate, however sad the fact, the present Grand Army of the Republic. Its place can only be taken by the sons, who naturally succeed to their birthright. For efficiency and permanency judgment dictates that but one generation should be enlisted at a time.

"2. The Post System exists for the following purposes, as set forth in its Rules and Regulations:

"RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SONS OF VETERANS.

"We, the sons of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the army, navy and marine corps of the United States, whose fathers aided in maintaining the honor, integrity and supremacy of the National Government during the late Rebellion, do unite to establish a permanent association for the objects hereinafter set forth, and through our National Encampment do ordain and establish the following rules and regulations for the government of this association:

"CHAPTER I.—ARTICLE I.—*Title.*

"This association shall be known as the *Sons of Veterans.*

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"ARTICLE II—*Objects.*

"The objects to be accomplished by this organization are as follows:

"1. To preserve and strengthen those fraternal feelings which bind together the sons of soldiers and marines who suppressed the late rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead.

"2. To assist such soldiers as need help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of fallen heroes.

"3. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for, and fidelity to the National Constitution and laws, to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and incite insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions, and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights, and justice to all men."

No loftier or more sacred aim ever actuated a social organization outside the limits of the present Grand Army of the Republic.

"3. Such an organization can only exist properly and permanently when modeled, as far as may be, directly in the line of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"4. To compromise on any other basis, means to destroy the vitality of one or the other of the present two systems.

"5. The Post System, so named after the Grand Army of the Republic, was first organized, and yet has no desire to exempt the field.

"6. The Grand Army of the Republic has the inherent and exclusive right to name its successors. It should, therefore, logically examine the two systems carefully, and decide between them peremptorily, or, better still, appoint a committee to draft a new scheme of organization, including rituals and rules to govern the Sons of Veterans. This system, when adopted in the several States, would naturally fall into the control of the strongest bodies there existing, and remove finally any strife for individual or personal preferment.

"7. It would settle once for all the question of address between members, the question of titles of officers, and all questions incidental thereto. It would increase the Order numerically, and divorced therefrom the attrition incident to strife between the present Order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOB E. HEDGES,  
*Dept't Commander State of New York, S. O. V.*

A correct copy:

EUGENE F. WEIGEL,  
*Adjutant-General.*

## EXHIBIT B.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SONS OF VETERANS.

*Commander-in-Chief and Comrades:*

Your committee beg leave to report that soon after their appointment they received notice from the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans representing the Camp System, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans representing the Post System, that steps were being taken looking to the consolidation of the two organizations, and asking that certain differences be referred to your committee, and in accordance with this request the committee convened in Cincinnati on the 9th day of January last, when the Commanders-in-Chief of the two organizations appeared before them and stated the respective merits of the two organizations.

Another meeting was held in Chicago on the 23d day of February last, when the differences received further consideration, and an agreement was reached, whereby the Commanders-in-Chief of the two organizations agreed upon a basis of consolidation. The committee approved of the basis, and recommended its approval, and adopted by each organization. Up to the present time, neither organization has notified this committee of any action having been taken, and your committee have not deemed it wise at this time to make recommendations establishing relations between the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans, preferring to wait until the two organizations have settled their differences by consolidation.

And we therefore recommend that a committee of five be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, who shall continue the work begun by this committee, and if possible bring about the consolidation of the two organizations and report at the next National Encampment a plan establishing relations that should exist between the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CONGER,  
G. M. DEVLIN,  
T. W. BENNETT,  
*Committee.*

Report read and referred to Committee on Resolutions, August 29, 1889.

EUGENE F. WEIGEL,  
*Adjutant-General.*

#### EXHIBIT C.

WHEREAS, On the 23d day of February, 1889, the committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief pursuant to the authority given by the twenty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, reported to the Commander-in-Chief a basis of consolidation of the two branches of Sons of Veterans, which report was acquiesced in by the commanding officers of both branches at that time; and,

WHEREAS, The branch known as the "Post System" now repudiates that action, and refuses to consolidate on the basis reported by the committee, and has reorganized said system; and,

WHEREAS, The Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., now numbers nearly 80,000 members, and the branch known as the "Post System" numbers less than 2,000 members; and,

WHEREAS, The principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are such as every Comrade and every Son of Veteran can consistently support, said principles and objects being the embodiment of the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the twenty-third National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, that the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be and it is hereby recognized as the Order of Sons of Veterans, and we bid them God speed in their noble and patriotic work, and we recommend to all sons of ex-Union soldiers and sailors, over the age of eighteen years, that they unite with that Order, to be prepared to take up and carry on the work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and the maintenance of the Federal Union, saved and preserved by their fathers.

L. J. WEBB,  
*Department of Kansas.*

Referred to the Committee on Resolutions, reported back favorably and adopted by the twenty-third National Encampment, August 29, 1889.

EUGENE F. WEIGEL,  
*Adjutant-General.*

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that the matter of the past rank of Post Department Commanders Phoere, Hyde and Hedges, be referred to the ensuing Commandery-in-Chief.

Seconded by Brother Capito, of Kentucky. Carried.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that Section 6, Article II, page 58, be entirely stricken out of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations."

Seconded by Brother Jenkins, of Illinois. Carried.

The special committee appointed to investigate the law suit instituted against the Commandery-in-Chief and the Division of Pennsylvania reports as follows:

"PITTSBURGH, PA., July 25, 1889.

"*Dear General Abbott*—It is with great regret that I have to inform you that H. T. Rowley has won his suit in spite of all the exertions that were made to defeat him.

"You will recall that during the January term of court, 1888, he commenced a suit against the 'Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., or the Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania,' and that Mr. E. J. Smith, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, attorney at law, and at that time Commander of the Pennsylvania Division of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., came here and entered an appearance and defense, employing Messrs. Montooth Brothers, corner of Grant Street and 4th Avenue, city, as the attorneys to attend to the case.

"You are also aware that the case dragged along some months with no conclusion being reached; also that it was at last decided by the attorneys above named that a trial before arbitrators was, for certain reasons, preferable to a jury trial, and that in due time this course was taken.

"After the removal of the command of the Division from Mr. Smith to Colonel James L. Rake, of Reading, Pa., I was requested by him to look after the matter and aid the attorneys employed, thus saving much time and expense to the Division Officers. This I most cheerfully did. I have, to the neglect of my own affairs, spared neither time nor money to assist the attorneys and help defeat what was to my mind a claim which the general sentiments and feelings of the Order indicated should not, if possible, be paid.

"I beg to assure you that I left no means of defense undeveloped or unused, and, in short, not a single thing undone that would in any degree aid in serving and protecting the interests of the cause I was requested to look after. Being deeply impressed with the justice of the defense, I did this heartily and freely, and the unpleasant conclusion of the case has been a sorrow and heartbreak to myself and the few in this city who rightfully understood the matter.

"The arbitrators awarded the plaintiff \$578.05; the costs were \$39.50; total, \$617.55. The finding was against both bodies as named on the first page of this sheet.

"I wish you would write to Messrs. Montooth Brothers as to the matter. They are very moderate, their charges being only \$25.00, while the work involved was considerable, using up much time.

"Again assuring you that I left no stone unturned to protect you all, and again expressing my regrets, I am,

"Yours most fraternally in F., C. and L.,  
"A. P. DAVIS."

*General G. B. Abbott and members of the Eighth Annual  
Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

Your special committee appointed to investigate and report upon the subject and present legal status of the judgment obtained against the Division of Pennsylvania and the Commandery-in-Chief, by Harry M. Rowley, beg leave to report that they have made inquiry of persons who are somewhat conversant with the case, but are unable to make any intelligible statement or reconsideration as to the proper course to pursue by reason of the lack of information. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the subject matter be referred to Brother W. S. Parker, of Pennsylvania to investigate and report to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and the Judge Advocate-General for their action. And your committee further recommend that if, upon investigation, it was found that there existed a valid judgment, then that an order be drawn by the Commander-in-Chief for its payment and the same be paid.

E. W. HATCH.

Moved by Brother Webb, of Kansas, and seconded by Brother Frauenthal, of Missouri, that the honors of past rank be bestowed on all of the officers of the Post System who have heretofore entered our Order in good faith. Carried.

Brother TOBIAS, of New York: "I move that all Camps belonging to the Post System desiring to turn over to our Order be furnished with all supplies necessary and a Charter, except badges, without charging the Divisions for the supplies and Charter."

Seconded by Brother Amies, of Pennsylvania. Carried.

Brother LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: "I move that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of five to make arrangements for the next annual Encampment at St. Joseph, as soon as possible after he assumes command."

Seconded by Brother H. G. Kline, of Missouri. Carried.

Brother BUNDY, of Ohio: "I move that the Commandery-in Chief have the amendments to the Constitution printed on slips of the necessary size so as to allow their being placed in the Constitution at the proper places and such slips to have the heading amendment printed on them."

Seconded by Brother Harvey, of Indiana. Carried.

Brother M. P. O'BRIEN: "I move we now proceed to install the officers elect."

Seconded by Brother Loebenstein. Motion lost.

Brother AMIES, of Pennsylvania: "I move that the minutes of this session be approved without reading."

Seconded by Brother Tobias, of New York. Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Encampment, General Abbott proceeded to install the officers for the ensuing year.

General G. B. Abbott installed Charles F. Griffin as Commander-in-Chief, H. B. Baguley as Lieutenant-General, and George W. Pollitt as Major-General.

Brother Bundy, of Ohio, then presented General G. B. Abbott with a beautiful diamond badge as a token of the appreciation of his services from the members of the Order and his personal staff.

Brother FRAUENTHAL: "I move that we proceed to close the Encampment in due form."

Seconded by Brother Harvey, of Indiana. Carried.

General Charles F. Griffin then closed the Encampment in due form.

ATTEST:

CHARLES A. BOOKWALTER,  
*Adjutant-General.*

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*



