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1995-1996

Department of Pennsylvania

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. EDITH L. SNYDER

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT**1965-1966****Department of New York****Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Radisson Hotel
Columbus, Ohio
Sunday, August 11, 1996

- Musical Prelude **Keith Ashley**
Dept. Senior Vice Commander, OH, SUVCW
- Processional *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
Department Commanders, SUVCW
Department Presidents, Auxiliary to SUVCW
Department Presidents, Ladies of the GAR
- Lighting of Candles **David R. Medert**
Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
National President, Aux. to SUVCW
Leta B. Torrey
National President, Ladies of the GAR
- Invocation **Jennie Vertrees**
National Chaplain, Ladies of the GAR
- Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
- Reading **Dorothy Kern**
National Chaplain, Aux. to SUVCW
- Special Music "*Let There Be Peace On Earth*" **Choir**
Richard C. Schlenker
Director, PC-in-C, SUVCW
- Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic **Keith G. Harrison**
PC-in-C, SUVCW

Margaret E. Atkinson

EULOGY

- Edith L. Snyder, Past National President **Betty J. Baker**
Council Member #1, Aux. to SUVCW
- Irene Looker, Past National President **Bonnie Weld**
PNP, Ladies of the GAR
- Alma Blixt, Past National President
- Margaret Hills, Past National President

TRIBUTES OF MEMORY

- Past National Presidents, Aux. to SUVCW **Dorris W. Schlenker**
PNP, Aux. to SUVCW
- Past Commanders-in-Chief, SUVCW **Richard C. Schlenker**
PC-in-C, SUVCW
- Past National Presidents, Ladies of the GAR **Dolores Hubbard**
PNP, Ladies of the GAR
- Deceased Officers and Members, Aux. to SUVCW **Martha R. Wilson**
PDP, PA, Aux. to SUVCW
- Deceased Officers and Members, SUVCW **Al Kern**
PDC, PA, SUVCW
- Deceased Officers and Members, Ladies of the GAR **Leta B. Torrey**

National President, Ladies of the GAR
Special Music “*Battle Hymn of the Republic*”..... **Choir**

ROLL CALL AND PLACING OF FLOWERS

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War .. **Rev. Robert G. Caroon, Jr.**, Nat'l Chaplain
and Department Commanders
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War .. **Dorothy Kern**, Nat'l Chaplain
and Department Presidents
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic **Jennie Vertrees**, Nat'l Chaplain
and Department Presidents
Benediction..... **Rev. Dr. Robert G. Caroon, Jr.**
National Chaplain, SUVCW
Extinguishing of Candles **David R. Medert**
Margaret E. Atkinson
Leta B. Torrey
Taps **Ivan E. Frantz, Jr.**
Dept. Commander, PA, SUVCW
Recessional *God of Our Fathers*

EULOGY TO P.N.P. EDITH L. SNYDER

This is the hour that we pay tribute to one who thought the world of our Auxiliary. Sister Edith L. Snyder was born March 20, 1900 and passed away on July 31, 1996. It is impossible to pay tribute to someone so dedicated and loyal to our Organization.

Sister Edith joined Auxiliary #30, Albany, New York at an early age. She served as Department President of New York in 1958-1959. To her Sisters in the New York Department, she was our guiding light and well of information. She served as National President in 1965-1966. Her motto was: Effort-Loyalty-Service. She lived by her motto.

Loyalty and service to our Organization were her life. Sister Edith attended more than 50 Department and National Encampments until her failing health kept her from attending, but her heart was always with us.

With sadness we write the final pages of her Auxiliary history and bid farewell to one who gave us a lifetime of loyal service. Let us remember with love and gratitude what she gave us: Friendship, Inspiration, and Desire to follow in her footsteps.

TRIBUTE TO PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

We gather at this hour to pay tribute to the memory of 76 dedicated women who are no longer with us. They gave us leadership of which we can always be proud; wisdom beyond measure; understanding of the many problems we were faced with; and many examples of true patriotism, love of country, and respect for our fellow man, which have been our guidelines through the years.

Let us not mourn or grieve their passing . . . instead, let us remember with love and gratitude what they gave to us in friendship, inspiration, and desire to continue in their footsteps.

Let us remember them with respect and thank the Almighty for the privilege of having known these dedicated Sisters, our Past National Presidents.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

**Radisson Hotel
Columbus, OH
Friday, August 9, 1996**

- Master of Ceremonies** **Clark Mellor**
PC-in-C, SUVCW
- Concert** **44th Ohio Volunteer Inf. Band**
- Posting of Colors** **Color Guard**
Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp #1, Columbus, OH, SUVCW
- National Anthem** **44th Ohio Volunteer Inf. Band**
- Pledge of Allegiance** **David Turpin**
National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW
- Invocation** **Dorothy Kern**
National Chaplain, Aux. to SUVCW
- Greetings from the Ohio Department** **Herb Webb**
Commander, SUVCW
- Greetings from the State of Ohio** **The Honorable George V. Voinovich**
Governor of Ohio
- Greetings from the City of Columbus** **The Honorable Greg Lashutka**
Mayor of Columbus
- Greetings** **David R. Medert**
Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
- Greetings** **Margaret E. Atkinson**
National President, Aux. to SUVCW
- Greetings** **Leta B. Torrey**
National President, Ladies of the GAR
- Address: Johnson's Island** **Robert Hazel**
J.B. McPherson Camp, Toledo, OH, SUVCW
- Announcements** **Clark Mellor**
PC-in-C, SUVCW
- Benediction** **Jennie Vertrees**
National Chaplain, Ladies of the GAR
- Retiring of Colors** **Color Guard**
Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp #1, Columbus, OH, SUVCW

COURTESY HOUR

The Courtesy Hour was conducted by the National Chief of Staff Andrew Johnson

and National Chief of Staff Ora Moitoso. National President Margaret Atkinson and Commander-in-Chief David Medert were asked to take seats at the front of the room.

As the different states were called, they came forward and presented gifts to the National President and Commander-in-Chief. Some of the more unusual presentations were:

Maryland-Delaware sang special songs written for the occasion.

Pennsylvania sang *Sister Margaret Atkinson* to the tune of *So Long, Farewell* and *Commander* to the tune of *Good Night, Good Night, Lawrence Welk*.

Rhode Island sang *An Ode to an Old Commander and President* (which was *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* . . . slightly modified).

Other states sang their State songs. The Ohio Department Commander and President came in paddling a canoe with the moon and stars surrounding them and the delegation singing *Beautiful Ohio*.

Refreshments were served after the presentations and the evening was enjoyed by all present.

ALLIED ORDERS BANQUET

August 10, 1996

Welcome	Chris Honaker Ohio Dept. President, Ladies of the GAR
Master of Ceremonies	Robert Grim Council of Administration, SUVCW
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Connie Boros National Patriotic Instructor, Ladies of the GAR
National Anthem.....	Assembly
Invocation.....	Rev. Robert G. Caroon, Jr. National Chaplain, SUVCW

DINNER

Greetings	David R. Medert Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
Greetings	Margaret E. Atkinson National President, Aux. to SUVCW
Greetings	Leta B. Torrey National President, Ladies of the GAR
Tribute to Fathers.....	Barbara Tyler National Senior Vice, Ladies of the GAR
Tribute to Mothers	Dolores Hubbard National Junior Vice, Ladies of the GAR
Speaker	Doug Ball The Ohio Historical Society
Benediction.....	Dorothy Kern National Chaplain, Aux. to SUVCW
Pennsylvania Closing.....	Assembly
Open House	Headquarters

RETIRING OF COLORS

JOINT OPENING

Thursday, August 8, 1996
4:00 p.m.

The theme was "Second Time Around." At the front of the room was a large clock with the hands pointing at "2" and a sign stating that this was our National President's

“Second Time Around.”

Acting Chief of Staff of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Clark Mellor and the National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ora Moitoso were introduced. They marched together to the head of the room.

CHIEF OF STAFF CLARK MELLOR: Would the Commander-in-Chief and his Aide please come in.

CHIEF OF STAFF ORA MOITOSO: National President Margaret Atkinson and her Personal Aide.

CHIEF OF STAFF CLARK: Would the Aide to the Commander-in-Chief please escort him to a seat on my right.

CHIEF OF STAFF ORA: Would the Personal Aide please escort the National President to a seat on my left.

CHIEF OF STAFF CLARK: The National Officers with the men on my right and the ladies on my left will be escorted in with Alan Loomis and Betty Mellor leading.

The officers marched in two by two with the ladies carrying flowers. When they were introduced, they saluted their National Heads, presented their flowers to National President Margaret, and took their places on either side of the aisle.

CHIEF OF STAFF CLARK: Would the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief please come in.

They marched in two by two as they were introduced. The ladies carried large golden 2's, which they presented to National President Margaret before taking their places on either side of the aisle.

CHIEF OF STAFF CLARK: Will the National Aides please retire.

Sister Ora is afraid to explain the card! If the National President now will take a good look at the arrow, what do you see there? What is after the two? *(much laughter)*

Now will the Personal Aides please bring the Commander-in-Chief and National President to this station.

CHIEF OF STAFF ORA: Commander-In-Chief, would you like to say a few words?

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DAVE: I'm looking forward to the next two days . . . I think!

CHIEF OF STAFF ORA: National President Margaret Atkinson, would you like to say a few words?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I'd like to welcome everyone to this Encampment. I love the sign. I couldn't understand why this lady was walking around carrying this blank piece of cardboard up close to her so I couldn't see the front. I just want to thank you very much and I know we are looking forward to a great Encampment. I have two pleasant duties here I'd like to perform. Commander, this is a Love Gift from the Auxiliary to you. This is not for the Sons, but for you personally. And I'd also like to give you a personal gift from me and I hope that it reminds you of Philadelphia when you open it and look at it.

CHIEF OF STAFF CLARK: National President, here it is, your gavel of authority. Use

it well!

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much. Commander-in-Chief, do you have anything more to say?

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DAVE: I am probably going to be asked about 10 times to say something during the evening, and I want to save a little!

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I think at this point we will dismiss. I know that some of you have a banquet to go to, the rest of you want to jump in the pool, have meetings, whatever. Have fun; we'll see you tomorrow.

The National President closed the Joint Opening.

FIRST SESSION
Thursday Afternoon, August 8, 1996
1:00 p.m.

National President Margaret Atkinson called the meeting to order.

PRESIDENT MARGARET ATKINSON: I am so glad to see every one of you here! There were times this morning when I wondered if we were going to get this on the road; but we are. Before the official opening of business, I wish to present the officers with a gift. Sister National Secretary, will you please call the roll of National Officers, who, as their names are called, will take positions in front of my station.

One of our National Officers passed away and one, because of family problems, could not be here. I would appreciate their substitutes coming up in their place.

Sisters, these are your National Officers who worked very hard for the Order during the past year. I hope you all enjoy this reminder of my hometown, Philadelphia. Let's give them a round of applause. Thank you all very much.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: Thank you, Sister National President.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister National Secretary, would you please call the roll of the Past National Presidents who will take places in front of my station.

The following responded (9): Dorothy Hilyard, MD-DE; Emma Wheeler, NH; Eileen Coombs, ME; Dorris Schlenker, MD-DE; Esther Peiper, PA; Beatrice Greenwalt, NY; Ora Moitoso, RI; Frances Murray, ME; Florence Spring, NJ.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: The Past National Presidents are the backbone of the Organization and always a source of help. We certainly thank you all for your service and your continuing service. Oh, wonderful! Sister Eileen Coombs just told me this is her 25th year!

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS: Thank you, Sister National President.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister National Secretary, will you please call the roll of Department Presidents recently installed for the 1996-1997 term, who will take positions in front of my station.

The following responded (7): Dorothy Hilyard, MD-DE; Mary Willey, MA; Ruby Kissinger, NJ; Janice Dawson, NY; Wilda Brown, OH; Anne Iannitto, PA; Peggy Schaefer, WI.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I would like to ask the membership to give all these incoming Department Presidents your support. I attended several of the Encampments and we certainly appreciate your willingness to work for the Order in the coming year.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS: Thank you, Sister National President.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister National Secretary, will you please call the roll of Past Department Presidents who served their Departments during 1995-1996, who will take positions in front of my station.

The following responded (7): Emma Prince, CT; Dorris Schlenker, MD-DE; Mary Willey, MA; Janice Dawson, NY; Wilda Brown, OH; Dorothy Kern, PA; Peggy Schaefer, WI.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I certainly would like to congratulate these Department Presidents on their work last year. I see a couple that are going to do it again this year!

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS: Thank you, Sister National President.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I would like to mention that all the Department Presidents from my club last year, Margaret's Marvels, and the sitting Department Presidents should meet together with me in my room tomorrow morning for breakfast. Then you can discuss whether you wish to form a separate club or just merge.

I would like to ask all floor officers who have been appointed for this Encampment to please rise. In view of the fact that I had to change so many, maybe I better call them out to make sure everybody knows what they are doing here!

Parliamentarian.....	Esther Peiper, PA
Guide	Sarah Cherry, OH
Assistant Guide.....	Mary Scofield, CT
Color Guard #1	Linda Fields, NY
Color Guard #2	Catherine Hartman, PA
Inside Guard	Margaret Frantz, PA
Outside Guard.....	Emma Prince, CT
Musician	Ruth Huntington, CT
Stenographer.....	Jacquelyn Johnston, NH
Escorts	Martha Wilson, PA
	Jill Jamieson, NJ
	Kerri Spring, NJ
	Dawn Haynor , MD-DE
Pages.....	Whitney Ashley, OH
	Karen Powell, PA

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Will these appointees please take your places. Will the Past National Presidents sit on my left and Department Presidents sit on my right.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We will have a brief recess to allow members who will present the Exemplification of the Ritual to prepare.

*Exemplification of the Ritual was presented with Dorothy Kern, PDP, PA as President of the Degree Team. Kerry Spring, granddaughter of Florence Spring, PNP, NJ was initiated into the Auxiliary. MOVED by Frances Murray, National Secretary and SECONDED by Esther Peiper, PNP that the collection received during the Exemplification of the Ritual be divided between the National Chief of Staff Fund and National Patriotic Instructor Fund. SO VOTED
Each received \$21.50.*

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Arrangements: The arrangements were done by the Sons and Auxiliary Department of Ohio, Chairman James Hilton.

Credentials: Frances Murray, National Secretary; PNP, ME; Martha Wilson, PDP, PA;

and Dawn Haynor, MD-DE

Election Committee: Emma Prince, PDP, CT; Florence Spring, PNP, NJ; Maude Baker, PDP, NY

Officers' Reports: Dorris Schlenker, PNP, MD-DE, Chairlady; Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA; Linda Fields, PDP, NY; Florence Foight, PDP, MD-DE

Resolutions: Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE, Chairlady; Peggy Schaefer, DP, WI.

Restoration of Rank: Committee members were unable to attend. Anne Willeke, PNP, CT, Chairlady called me the other day to tell me that she could not come. She did not inform me that she had received any inquiry about Restoration of Rank.

Press: Marguerite Plante, National Press Correspondent, PDP, RI, Chairlady; Sarah Cherry, Encampment Press Correspondent, DVP, OH

GREETINGS COMMITTEES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Esther Peiper, PNP, PA, Chairlady; Wilda Brown, DP, OH; and Ohio Delegation

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME, Chairlady; Michelle Langley, PDP, NY; and Ann Iannitto, DP, PA

Response to the Sons: Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY

Response to the Commander-in-Chief: Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

Response to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Florence Spring, PNP, NJ

Response to the Recipient of the Patriotic Instructor's Gift: Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE

Response to all other Guests: Florence Spring, PNP, NJ

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Mary Jo Long, National Vice President, PDP, PA, Chairlady; all Department and Auxiliary Vice Presidents

Legislative: Peggy Schaefer, DP, WI, Chairlady; Mary Mierka, DP, RI

Constitution, Rules, & Regulations: Esther Peiper, PNP, PA, Chairlady; Catherine Zapatka, PNP, CT; Emma Prince, DP, CT

Ritual Committee: Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI, Chairlady; Margaret Joy, PDP, ME; Betty Coen, PDP, OH

Revision of Blanks: Frances Murray, National Secretary, PNP, ME, Chairlady; Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE; Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA

Rehabilitation: Mary Scofield, PDP, CT, Chairlady; Ruth Huntington, PDP, CT

SPECIAL APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Encampment Site: Frances Murray, National Secretary, PNP, ME

New Auxiliary: Margaret Atkinson, NP, PA; and Frances Murray, Nat'l Secretary, PNP, ME

Publicity: Jacqueline Barnett, PA, Chairlady, who was replaced during the year by Sarah Cherry, PDP, OH; and Jeanette Ullrich, PA

Membership List Coordinator: Dawn Hayner, MD-DE

Allied Orders Banquet Representatives: Wilda Brown, DP, OH; and Anita Davis, OH

Officers' Job Description Committee: Michelle Langley, PDP, NY, Chairlady; Marguerite Plante, PDP, RI; Martha Johnson, PDP, PA [In case anyone hasn't heard, Martha had emergency surgery on Monday. She is doing very well but, unfortunately, could not be with us.]

Proceedings Update and Study: Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH, Chairlady; Frances Murray, National Secretary, PNP, ME; Judy Trepanier, CT

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I have a very, very pleasant duty to perform. It is not something we have done before, but I think it is something we should do. We have Sisters and groups in this Organization that spend countless hours and days every week on the work of the National Organization. A piece of paper is not very much, but I wanted them to know that we appreciate what they do. We now have a Certificate of Appreciation and I cannot think of anyone better in this Organization to receive the very first one than our National Secretary, Frances Murray. (*applause*) Unless you have been

National President or had a two-year stint as I did as National Secretary, but particularly if you have worked with her as National President, I do not think anyone in this Organization realizes the hours this lady puts into the work for the Organization. I felt it was a very small way to show our appreciation.

FRANCES MURRAY, NATIONAL SECRETARY, PNP, ME: Thank you very much. I hope you gave yourself one!

PRESIDENT MARGARET: The second thing I would like to do is honor a Department. I would like to ask Marguerite Plante from the Department of Rhode Island to come up. The Rhode Island Department is very small, but they are very, very hard working ladies. They helped to sponsor, with the Sons, a Civil War Expo at a mall in Warwick, Rhode Island, which attracted thousands of visitors over the weekend. They managed to get the Mayor of Warwick to judge the exhibits. They got lots of groups to come in and put on exhibits showing the artifacts, the life of the Civil War soldiers, and the women. They gave out numerous brochures. It got in the papers and they had TV coverage. I felt this National Auxiliary should present this Certificate of Appreciation to the Rhode Island Department for their efforts on behalf of the Order. On behalf of Rhode Island, would you please accept this?

MARGUERITE PLANTE, PDP, RI: I'm very pleased to accept this and I thank you in the name of our Department of Rhode Island who will be so pleased to get this. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: My next certificate is going to a member who has also worked very hard for the Auxiliary for many years. She performed a very unique and different service this past year. If you notice our Charter in front here, it is in a new frame. It has been re-framed and preserved as much as possible. This was done by the Ohio Department Vice President, Sarah Cherry. She has refused to take any compensation for this work, and this would have been extremely expensive to have this done. Please come up and receive this Certificate.

Although these next three Sisters are not here, they are here in the hearts of those who have known them from before. They have not been able to attend the last several years, one because she does not have transportation; one because she is starting to have health problems and I believe she is up in her 90's. I will send these to them in the mail. The first is being presented to PNP Margaret Schroeder, the second to PNP Ann O. Clayton who celebrated her 50 or 51st straight attendance before she was unable to come any more, and the third to PNP Florence Jansson who, despite advanced age, did a lot work for me last year on the CR&R. She spent a lot of time on it. We wrote back and forth in my first term and I really feel that she deserves recognition for her efforts and her long-standing association with the Organization.

*The President instructed the Chaplain to open the Bible
and ask Divine Blessing.*

PRESIDENT MARGARET: During the Exemplification, we had the Pledge and the National Anthem. We also had the reading of the Delegates' cards. We will proceed directly into the meeting.

Sister National Vice President, would you please preside while I read my report. You may remain seated.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

It was my extreme honor at the last Encampment held in Ohio to be asked to serve a second term as your National President. I accepted with the proviso that I would be permitted to limit my travels so I could devote more time to the recruitment of new members. It has been another busy year representing the National Organization, but I am

grateful for the privilege to promote the interests and programs of our Order.

In Memoriam

Our Golden Chain of Past National Presidents was broken on July 31, 1996 by the death of Sister Edith Snyder. Sister Edith served as National President in 1966 after previously holding many Department and National offices. Prior to becoming ill about five years ago, she faithfully attended all New York Department and National Encampments. Members of the New York Department always knew they could rely upon her guidance and expertise when they needed information about the Order.

We also grieve the loss of a National Officer during her term of office. National Council Member #2 and Past Department President of the Massachusetts Department, Mary Sampson, departed this life July 12, 1996. We will sorely miss Mary's cheerful

disposition, unending energy, and dedicated devotion to the Order. Any time I approached Council for advice during the past year, she would answer by return mail. She applied just as much zeal to her longtime position as Secretary of the Massachusetts Department. Who will ever forget the countless cans she collected and recycled to raise funds for her Department?

The memories of these Sisters will live on in our hearts and serve as an example of unselfish service to others.

Correspondence

My computer was my salvation this past year as I handled volumes of correspondence pertaining to both the National office and the recruitment of Auxiliaries and individual members. I did not take time to keep count of the number of letters I posted, but did finish a supply of 500 envelopes and letterheads by late May and had to be re-supplied in order to finish the year. Using information supplied by our National Secretary, I mailed cards to ill and bereaved Sisters to make them aware of our friendship and concern. The General Orders were expanded to the status of a newsletter to provide as much assistance and information as possible to members.

Finances

At last year's meeting I requested an increase in Per Capita Tax to one dollar (\$1) per member per quarter or four dollars (\$4) per year. A forty cents (40¢) increase to seventy-five cents (75¢) per quarter or three dollars (\$3) per year was approved, this rate becoming effective as of the end of the December 31, 1995 quarter.

In addition the Budget Director, in cooperation with the National Secretary, National Treasurer, and myself, tried to devise ways of cutting costs. We still rely on our money officer, the Chief of Staff, to raise large sums each year to cover the National expenses. The Patriotic Instructor, who theoretically is to raise funds only for our patriotic work, is asked to supply additional monies over and above that sum, to be used for ongoing expenses. It is becoming more difficult for both of them to raise funds.

I am still willing to support an increase of twenty-five cents (25¢) to raise Per Capita to the full one dollar (\$1) per quarter or four dollars (\$4) per year. It was voted last year to reexamine the results of the forty cents increase this year. The reports of the National Treasurer and Director of the Budget should provide the information needed to decide if a further increase is necessary. Therefore, I make:

Recommendation #1: The National delegates discuss and decide the need (if any) for a Per Capita Tax increase this year.

The National Secretary is continuing to find it difficult to complete her reports because Departments do not submit reports on time. Therefore, I make:

Recommendation #2: The late fine on quarterly reports from Departments be increased to \$5, effective as of the December 31, 1996 quarter.

Publicity

It is still my strong conviction that we have to become very aggressive in our publicity efforts to promote name recognition of the Order and a knowledge of our programs in order to attract new members.

The Sons had your President's name and address printed at the bottom of eleven ads placed in national history magazines. In January of this year, they also entered our entire brochure into the Internet under *Civil War--Allied Orders* heading. Inquiries were received as a result of these efforts. Our thanks are expressed to Chairman Jacqueline Barnett who made up an in-depth list of suggestions for finding members and helping them establish their heritage. This was printed in General Orders #2. She had plans for other approaches when she became very ill and had to resign. Sister Sarah Cherry was appointed Chairperson and will bring a complete report of the committee. Because funding for this year was allocated at only \$200, the committee did not have sufficient monies to purchase ads of our own. The surcharges we have been collecting from new members since January 1996 need more time to accumulate to build up this account. Therefore, I make:

Recommendation #3: A sum of \$300 be added to the Publicity Account in 1996-1997 to give the committee more working capital with which to purchase advertisements in magazines geared to women and Civil War buffs.

In General Orders #1, October 1995 each Department President was requested to assign a member from her state to act as liaison with the National Publicity Committee to assist with publicity in their area. I have been informed that no names were received by the committee. Cooperation must be forthcoming from the Departments and local Auxiliaries in order for our Auxiliary to grow in strength and influence. A committee cannot do it alone. Therefore, I make:

Recommendation #4: A letter be sent to each Department President by either the committee or the National President strongly recommending she assign a member to assist the Publicity Committee in the coming year.

In January I received several requests for Recognition Certificates for Girl Scouts receiving the Gold Award, the equivalent to the Eagle Scout Award for Boy Scouts. I wrote personal letters of congratulations and then, since it was one of the projects of the then Publicity Chairperson, I had a certificate designed to use for future requests. Dorris Schlenker, PNP and her daughter, Dale Schlenker, volunteered to compose it on a computer. We had to seek permission from National Girl Scout Headquarters to include the Girl Scouts' logo on the certificate. It is another excellent device to gain publicity. In view of the anticipated increase in duties of this committee, I make:

Recommendation #5: The Publicity Committee be increased to three persons and that one of them be the National Vice President.

Sons of Union Veterans

The officers and members of the Sons continued to extend a hand of cooperation and friendship to the Auxiliary. In keeping with our previous custom, I make:

Recommendation #6: The Sons be given a "Love Gift" of \$250.

I had many pleasant encounters with Commander-in-Chief David Medert as we met at ceremonies and Encampments. He was always helpful and considerate of any requests made to him. I make:

Recommendation #7: We give a "Love Token" to Commander-in-Chief Medert of \$60, and consider raising the amount next year to \$75.

I have made this recommendation in this fashion because every year someone inquires why we give the odd figure of \$60 and how we arrived at that figure.

Scholarship Award

It was with a great sense of pride on March 23rd that I presented the Scholarship Award to my granddaughter Rebecca Kroger, a member of Auxiliary #1 in Philadelphia for five years. She will use the money to purchase medical textbooks. Becky maintained high grades throughout high school, scored 1240 on her S.A.T.'s, was inducted into the National Honor Society, German Honor Society, and the National Art Honor Society. She was listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for two years, and was able to gain early admission to the Nursing course at Trenton State College because of her scholastic record and numerous school, church, and community activities.

Of the half dozen inquiries for information about the scholarship I received and answered, only one other prospect replied after being informed of the amount of the scholarship. Therefore, I make:

Recommendation #8: We continue giving the Scholarship of \$350 and the recipient be the personal choice of the President.

In the future, as we receive more annual income from increased membership, we should consider raising this award to \$500.

Banner

The *Banner* continues to print many fine articles but even though both the Commander-in-Chief and I urged him to print Auxiliary items submitted, nothing has been printed the past year except for the National President photo and biography in the fall issue.

Inasmuch as he is not printing Honor Roll names submitted to the *Banner*, I make:

Recommendation #9: The Honor Roll names will be printed in the General Orders as they are submitted by the National Treasurer.

In this way, the persons being honored will receive recognition.

General Orders

Three General Orders were issued during the past year and I tried to include helpful information for the membership.

It is just as important to retain members as to recruit them and effective communication within the Order will keep Sisters informed and interested. Currently the General Orders are mailed to all National Officers, Past National Presidents, and Department Secretaries for their subsequent distribution to Department Officers, Auxiliaries, and Past Department Presidents. Despite all this involved procedure, many members never see or hear the Orders, either because they are not in the above categories, or were unable to attend the meeting at which it was read. We appear to be the only Allied Order who does not mail a newsletter directly to all its membership.

If we apply for non-profit mailing, the orders could be mailed for 12.4¢ cents each. They could be photocopied, substantially reducing printing costs. Until the last two General Orders, printing of 600 General Orders by a printer costs around \$200 to \$225 depending on the number of pages. In addition, National spent an average of \$60 postage and the cost of large envelopes to mail them to the above named individuals and Department Secretaries. The Departments then incurred postal costs in mailing them to the appropriate persons in their Department. There is an initial charge of \$85 by the Postal Service for issuing a permit number. An annual fee of \$85 to renew non-profit status would be charged. I estimate the annual cost for mailing three General Orders to every member, including copying and postal expenses, would be an average of \$964 per year for 1200 members.

Under our present method, we are spending an average of \$780 to distribute three General Orders to about 500 members and/or Auxiliaries. It would be necessary to set up

a mailing team to prepare the mail for non-profit mailing. The advantages are obvious-- every member would be informed and Auxiliaries could share information with each other. Therefore, I make:

Recommendation #10: Non-profit mailing of the General Orders to every member be approved and a committee be appointed to work out the details. The non-profit mailing of the General Orders to become effective with the mailing of General Orders #2 in February 1997. This Committee should include the National Secretary.

I realize this procedure would reduce postal expenses for the individual Departments. If this recommendation is approved, the Delegates may wish to decide if the Departments should assume any of the cost.

Committees

I was fortunate to have dedicated members working on all committees, and they will present their reports later in the Encampment. They have performed much needed services for us and we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Life Membership Committee

After last year's Encampment, questions arose as to whether your President should have allowed the vote to discontinue paying interest to Auxiliaries on Life Membership without previous notice or study of this issue. It was felt a contract between the National Organization and the Life Members was involved.

After consultation with an attorney and with the approval of National Council, I put a temporary stay on the execution of this motion until this National meeting. I appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to review the issue. This committee was Esther Peiper, PNP, PA; and Jacqueline Barnett, PA as Co-Chairs; Mary Jo Long, National Vice President, PA; Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE; and Sarah Cherry, DVP, OH as members. They have met and sent a letter to me outlining their conclusions. This letter will be read by the Secretary and their suggestion placed before the membership for discussion.

Department of Illinois

After numerous attempts over several years by previous Presidents and myself to contact former officers of this Department, I finally managed to speak on the phone to the former Secretary of the Illinois Department. We were trying to locate their Department Charter and equipment which had not been turned over to the new officers. She informed me she had kept the paraphernalia in her basement which was subsequently flooded and she had to discard everything. I made up a new charter for them, copying the names from our xerox copy kept in the Secretary's files.

A Conference on Women and the Civil War

A Conference on Women and the Civil War will take place on June 28 & 29, 1997 hosted by Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. This effort is under the auspice of Minerva Center, Inc., a non-profit educational foundation devoted to promoting the study of women and the military and women in war. The conference group will be a group independent from both agencies and will include a diverse group of 11 female historians.

They requested written endorsement from the Auxiliary, as they had many other historical groups, to assist them in obtaining grants for this project. Costs to the participants will be kept to a minimum. The National Council approved our endorsement, and they subsequently received endorsement from the Sons.

Allied Orders

My second term gave me the unique opportunity of meeting different National Heads of the Allied Orders than were in office last year and found them to also be friendly and cooperative. Mrs. Eileen Post of the National Woman's Relief Corps and Mrs. Theda Cole of the Daughters were encountered at several ceremonies and Encampments.

I became acquainted with Mrs. Irene Looker, National President of the Ladies of the

G.A.R., at last year's Allied Orders Banquet, and subsequently at Gettysburg on Remembrance Day. She passed away a few days after we both attended the Iowa Encampment. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Ladies on their loss. Mrs. Leta Torrey has stepped into the Presidential post and I will meet her for the first time at this Encampment.

Wreath Presentations

These ceremonies are an important part of the President's duties and I was proud to present wreaths on your behalf at Remembrance Day ceremonies at Gettysburg and the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois during the Death Day ceremonies. My thanks to PNP Emma Wheeler for representing me at the Cathedral of the Pines ceremonies.

On April 28th, I assisted PC-in-C Bud Atkinson in presenting the wreath from the Sons at the President Grant Birthday Commemoration at the tomb in New York City. This event has evolved into a well attended and impressive ceremony. I was asked to speak on behalf of the Auxiliary as were the representatives from the other Allied Orders. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Grant Tomb and the

service will be run by the U. S. Government in conjunction with the Sons. Therefore, I make:

Recommendation #11: A representative from the Auxiliary be appointed yearly to represent the National Auxiliary at the Grant Tomb Ceremonies.

Organization of New Auxiliaries

In addition to my Presidential duties, I worked this past year on recruiting and organizing new Auxiliaries. Two regular Auxiliaries were instituted, one in Cleveland, Ohio and the other in Roanoke, Virginia. National Secretary Frances Murray also worked on this committee. A full report will be given during the Encampment as a Committee Report.

Visitations and Activities

9/95 - 8/96

1995

- 9/19 -** Historical talk to 100 retirees of ARCO, Philadelphia
- 9/23 -** Distributed brochures at Genealogy Fair, Doylestown, PA
- 9/28 -** Historical talk to Seniors' Club, Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
- 9/30 -** Accompanied PC-in-C Atkinson with presentation from Sons at Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Philadelphia
- 10/10 -** Historical talk to Gwynedd DAR, Ambler, PA
- 10/17 -** Historical talk to Lincoln Cultural Society, Philadelphia
- 10/21 -** Was honored at my High School Alumni luncheon for my lifetime achievements including volunteer work for Auxiliary and museum.
- 10/22 -** Distributed brochures at Living History Encampment, Mullica Hill, NJ
- 10/29 -** Joined my Auxiliary in visit to nursing home
- 11/15 -** Historical talk to women's group, Supplee Church, Maple Glen, PA
- 11/17-19 -** Wreath laying ceremonies at Gettysburg, banquet, and Military Ball

1996

- 2/4 -** Attended dinner and institution General Torbett Camp, Wilmington, DE
- 2/4-5 -** Hosted Commander-in-Chief Medert during layover between planes
- 2/10-12 -** Military Order of Loyal Legion Dinner, ceremonies, Lincoln Memorial with wreath laying, luncheon of presenters, Washington, D.C.
- 2/25 -** Joined my Auxiliary in visit to PNP Caroline Riddell and party for residents of the home.
- 3/12 -** Historical talk to Review Club, Horsham, PA
- 3/23 -** Presentation of Scholarship at special meeting at G.A.R. Museum
- 3/29-30 -** Flew to Iowa for Department Encampment, initiated 5 members, instituted

- officers, held in Des Moines, IA
- 4/12-16 - Drove to Illinois and attended the following events:
 - 4/14 - Open House of G.A.R. Room in Douglas County Courthouse, Tuscola, IL
 - 4/14 - 130th Anniversary of G.A.R. ceremony, Milliken University, Decatur, IL
 - 4/15 - Lincoln Death Day Ceremonies, at Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, IL
 - 4/25-27 - Drove to Westboro, MA for Department Encampment
 - 4/28 - Drove to U.S. Grant Tomb, New York City, for birthday commemoration
 - 5/1 - Historical talk, Seniors Group, Philadelphia
 - 5/13 - Historical talk to two fourth grade classes, Roslyn, PA
 - 5/14 - Historical talk, Richboro, PA
 - 5/15 - Historical talk to three eighth grade classes, Cheltenham, PA
 - 5/18 - Traveled to Milford, DE and met with women planning to start an Auxiliary to Torbett Camp
 - 5/23 - Historical talk, Springhouse, PA
 - 5/25 - Participated in Memorial Service at grave of A.M. Ross, Civil War nurse
 - 5/27 - Attended Memorial Day Services, Independence Hall, Philadelphia
 - 5/27 - Attended Memorial Day Service, GAR Monument, Cedar Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia
 - 5/27 - Attended Memorial Day Services, graves of Union soldiers, Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Philadelphia.
 - 5/30-6/1 - Drove to Vermont and attended Department Encampment, Morrisville, VT
 - 6/14-16 - Drove to Alliance, Ohio, attended Department Encampment, instituted officers. Presented Charter to President of new Garfield Auxiliary in Cleveland, Ohio.
 - 6/20-22 - Traveled to Harrisburg, PA, attended Department Encampment, instituted officers and initiated two members.
 - 7/26-27 - Drove to Roanoke, VA, and instituted Joshua Chamberlain Auxiliary #20.

To save time, I did not go into detail on any of the above activities; however, I did want to tell you about my stay in the hotel in Springfield, IL when I was there for the ceremonies. As we entered the lobby, two Abraham Lincoln look-a-likes stepped off the elevator. I wondered why they would want a live Abe when we had ceremonies at the tomb. I soon found out. There were about 37 Abraham Lincolns walking about the hotel, some with Mary Todd accompanying them. It was a convention of Lincoln impersonators and, through sheer coincidence, they were at the hotel the same time as the Allied Orders!

In addition to the above activities, I continued to serve as Treasurer of my Auxiliary, Secretary and Guide of the G.A.R. Civil War Museum, and I wrote a grant application trying to get \$26,000 for the museum for building repair. No word yet on whether I was successful in that endeavor.

Official Family

National Vice President Mary Jo Long - a fellow Pennsylvanian - I know you have tried to increase our membership by encouraging publicity and recruitment. It has been a difficult year for you because of family illness and death. Thank you for representing me at the Maryland-Delaware Encampment and your service to the Order.

National Council Members Betty Baker and Judy Morgan - Thank you for your decisions when I called upon you several times last year. Martha Johnson, Acting Council #2, I do appreciate your willingness to accept the appointment to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mary Sampson.

National Secretary Frances Murray - You know I have appreciated your assistance, your guidance, and your friendship over the past four years. Your tireless efforts on behalf of the Order are unparalleled. Thank you for representing me at Rhode Island and presenting Eniz Bliss Auxiliary with their full Charter.

National Treasurer Eileen Coombs - Our Order is blessed by having such a conscientious, hard-working Sister performing the tasks of this office. I appreciated you

representing me at the Connecticut and Maine Encampments. Thank you on behalf of all.

National Patriotic Instructor Mary Willey - You have worked hard to encourage patriotism and raise funds for patriotic work. We look forward to hearing your fine report and thank you for your efforts.

National Chaplain Dorothy Kern - Having known you for a long time and being aware of your knowledge of our Order, I am certain you will conduct an inspiring Memorial Service. My thanks also for serving as President of the Exemplification.

National Press Correspondent Marguerite Plante - You understand fully the importance of publicity and have put forward your best effort to gain us publicity. Thank you.

National Director of the Budget Emma Wheeler - You readily undertook a very difficult position. Handling income and expenses is never easy. We appreciate your service.

National Washington, D.C. Representative and Counselor Dorris Schlenker - Two years in a row I asked you to do double duty and you accepted. As Washington Representative, you made numerous appearances on behalf of myself and the Order. As my Counselor, you have offered me wise advice on the many occasions I contacted you. Thank you for being such a faithful friend.

National Membership at Large Coordinator Emma Ashley - You took on a big job for someone relatively new to the Order, and I know we gave you a lot to learn this first year. I am certain you will continue to do a fine job the remainder of your term.

National Historian Beatrice Greenwalt - As you continue to gather and catalog information of our past, you perform a wonderful service in preserving our history. Thank you for representing me at the New York Encampment and for your faithful service.

National Chief of Staff Ora Moitoso - Volunteering to serve in this position last year without any advance notice deserves our highest praise. Thank you for your fund-raising efforts and your work during the Encampment. We know you will present an excellent report. My personal thanks for representing me at the New Hampshire Encampment.

National Personal Aide Amanda Kroger - You were also willing to help me a second year. You did so well last year, you told me you didn't need an adult assistant this year. Thank you, granddaughter, you're the greatest!

Appreciation

I salute all of our Past National Presidents for their continued support of the Order, with special thanks to those Past Nationals who are once again giving of their time and talents as National officers.

Thank you to all Encampment Appointees and Committee Members. The performance of your duties is vital to our continuance as an Organization.

To Department Presidents and Officers, I tried to visit those states I missed last year and appreciated your gifts and courtesies extended.

To the members of my home Auxiliary, Anna M. Ross #1 of Philadelphia, once again I express my thanks for all your help, support, and friendship. You very willingly became involved whenever asked and I know you will be assets to the Auxiliary for years to come.

To David Medert, Commander-in-Chief, you have had a wonderful year, instituting new Camps and Departments. Congratulations!

To my husband, PC-in-C "Bud", you have had another year of watching me holed up in my office until nine o'clock on the nights I was home. I promise to give you more time next year. Thank you for your advice and support.

It has been another exciting year as I observed the signs of a new beginning in the growth of our membership and scope of our activities. I wanted very much to show an increase in membership as I left office. Instead, we show a loss of about five members. I am not discouraged because we have spent the last two years revamping our membership rolls and removing inaccuracies. We did get sufficient new members to cover these discharges from the rolls, so I feel that is the first step. I know I have suggested many

changes the past two years, some which were accepted, some not. That is fine. I would like to remind you again of a quote from E. DeBono in Harper Collins which I printed in General Order #2:

The need to be right all the time is the biggest bar to new ideas. It is better to have enough ideas for some of them to be wrong than to be always right by having no ideas at all.

I will continue to work for the good of the Order in any way that would be helpful. To my successor, I pledge my full cooperation and wish her a year of enjoyment and fulfillment of all her goals.

Sisters, we need to have vision, energy, and commitment to help us honor our pledge to preserve the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. May God bless each and every one of you.

Margaret E. Atkinson
National President

MOVED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME

SECONDED by Dorris Schlenker, PNP, MD-DE and Esther Peiper, PNP, PA

That this report be accepted with a rising vote of thanks, and that this report and all other

reports be turned over to the Committee on Officers Reports and spread in full in the proceedings.

SO VOTED

ESTHER PEIPER, PNP, PA: Sister National President, this is a small token for all you've done this year from your National Auxiliary. I wish it was about 20 times higher because I know you've spent all kinds of dough! You have done a marvelous job.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much.

Sister National Secretary, do you have some correspondence you would like to read?

The National Secretary read the following:

1. New York Department endorsing Betty J. Baker, PDP, NY as National President.
2. Ohio Department endorsing Betty J. Baker, PDP, NY as National President.
3. Illinois Department endorsing Betty J. Baker, PDP, NY as National President.
4. New Hampshire Department endorsing Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH as National Vice President.
5. Ohio Department endorsing Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH as National Vice President.
6. Vermont Department endorsing Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH as National Vice President.
7. Pennsylvania Department endorsing Jacqueline Johnston, PDP, NH as National

Vice President.

8. Massachusetts Department endorsing Mary Willey, DP, MA as Council Member #2.
9. Pennsylvania Department endorsing Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA as a Council Member.
10. Maine Department endorsing Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME as National Treasurer.
11. Rhode Island Department endorsing Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME as National Treasurer.
12. Maine Department endorsing Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH as National Vice President; Mary Willey, DP, MA as Council Member #2; and Marguerite Plante, PDP, RI as National Chaplain.
13. Massachusetts Department endorsing Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME as National Treasurer.
14. Rhode Island Department endorsing Marguerite Plante, PDP, RI as National Chaplain.
15. Report on Life Membership.
16. Letters requesting free Life Membership to any Real Widows or Daughters of Union Veterans.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Looking at the time, it is almost 3:35 and we are supposed to have the Joint Opening at 4:00 p.m. I know the Chiefs of Staff need time to prepare. I would assume that trying to discuss these items that just were read to you by the National Secretary would take some time; therefore, I would like to hold these off for discussion later.

Announcements were made regarding raffles, club meetings, etc.

EILEEN COOMBS, NATIONAL TREASURER, PNP, ME:
Sisters, I have supplies and brochures with me. I also want to announce that due to increased costs to the manufacturer of our badges, all badges now will be \$15.00 instead of \$12.50. I'm sorry for the increase, but we have no control over it. I discussed it with the Council last night and this is what it has to be. I have a few badges with me and I hope to sell everything I've brought.

*The Bible was closed and the meeting recessed
until Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.*

**SECOND SESSION
Friday Morning, August 9, 1996
9:07 a.m.**

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I would like to thank my Chief of Staff for the Opening yesterday, and the Past National Presidents for my dinner last night.

Before the session opened, gifts were given to those officers and Past National Presidents not in attendance the day before.

The Chaplain attended the altar. Guard reported all entitled to remain.

Minutes of Thursday's meeting were read, corrections noted, and approved.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I'd like to call on the President of my club to give a brief report, Sister Peggy Schaefer from Wisconsin.

PEGGY SCHAEFER, DP, WI: We held a joint meeting of the original Margaret's Marvels, who were with Margaret Atkinson in 1995/96, and the new Department Presidents who are serving for 1996/97. The original members voted to combine the two clubs so that there will be only one Margaret's Marvels club. I was elected the President, Margaret was elected the Treasurer, Secretary is Dorothy Kern, and Chaplain is Dorris Schlenker.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We had a good breakfast together this morning and a good time.

I would like to continue with the reading of the Officer's Reports. The first report is from the National Vice President who could not be here. The Secretary is going to read her report. Our Vice President Pro Tem is going to add a few comments at the end.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your National Vice President this year. I had the good fortune to represent our National President, Sister Margaret, at our Department President Dorothy Kern's Testimonial and the Maryland-Delaware

Encampment. I thoroughly enjoyed both of these affairs.

I received reports from the following Departments:

<u>Dept/Auxiliary #</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Members at Large</u>
California & Pacific	None		
Connecticut Aux. #5 (1), Aux. #20 (1)	2	0	0
Maine Aux. #2 (1), Aux. #39 (2)	3	0	1
New Jersey	3	0	0
New York Aux. #1 (1), Aux. #11 (2) Aux. #72 (1)	4	0	0
Ohio Aux. #1 (5), Aux. #45 (3) Aux. #91 (1), Aux. #108 (6) Aux. #142 (12 - New Aux.)	27	0	0
Pennsylvania Aux. #1 (11), Aux. #44 (3), Aux. #43 (2), Aux. #165 (2), Aux. #16 (1)	17	2	0

My sincere thanks to all those Departments that took the time to respond with their reports.

Congratulations to Ohio as they are really on the move with new Auxiliaries and members. Keep up the good work.

Sister Margaret, it was a pleasure to serve as one of your Officers. I appreciate the opportunity to gain valuable experience. I hope you have enjoyed both of your terms and I'm sure you will enjoy some rest and relaxation.

I am sorry that I am unable to attend this year's Encampment. It has not been one of the best years of my life. However, two darling, premature Angels made their way into my life last week. My daughter had a very rough time of it and with three other children at home, she really needs the help. The babies are still in the hospital and she cannot drive yet.

My best wishes for an enjoyable Encampment, and I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Mary Jo Long, PDP
National Vice President

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM, BETTY MELLOR: Will the Department President of Ohio please come forward? It is an honor and a privilege to present this donation to you for having gotten the most new members this year even though I am not the real Vice President. I think it is marvelous - 27 new members for the Department of Ohio.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: That is wonderful news! Now that is a challenge to every other Department to catch up with them. I'd like to call for the Council Report from Council Member #1 Betty Baker.

NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

We, the undersigned members of the National Council, have audited the books of the National Treasurer Eileen Coombs and National Secretary Frances Murray and have found them to be in excellent condition, both in neatness and accuracy. We would like to commend Sisters Eileen and Frances for their dedication to their responsibilities, and for their untiring efforts on behalf of this National Organization. We are fortunate in having Sisters of their caliber serving in these important offices.

Sister Margaret, we thank you for keeping us well informed this past year and hope our decisions have made your year easier. We would like to offer the following suggestion:

That the National Secretary compile the duties of the three main offices - President, Secretary, Treasurer - on the Auxiliary level and the Department level and send a copy to that officer. This is to make them aware of their duties and what the National Organization expects from them.

We are saddened by the loss of a wonderful Sister and Council Member, Mary Sampson, from Massachusetts. We would like those assembled here to show their respect for Sister Mary by rising for a moment of silent prayer.

Betty J. Baker, PDP, Council Member #1
Michelle Langley, PDP, pro tem for
Mary Sampson, Council Member #2
Judy Morgan, PDP, Council Member #3

RESIDENT MARGARET: Sisters, may we please rise?

Sister Guide & Assistant Guide, after the reports are given, will you please see that they are given to the Chairman of Officers Reports who is sitting on my left.

Our next report is from our National Secretary, Frances Murray.

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

Another year has flown by as National Secretary. The membership list is still not quite accurate and hopefully, I can spend more time next year to bring it up-to-date. I am going to have to work more with the Department Secretaries on getting the names to us on who they have lost. I am hoping the new quarterly report forms will work better this year as they were new to the Secretaries last year. In fact, we may revise that form a little more, too.

We lost 145 members last year, but took in 140. We lost four Auxiliaries last year but gained one new Auxiliary. I feel sorry for National President Margaret for the loss, but I really think National will gain in the immediate future. My fax number was put in the ads the Sons provided us last year. I had about ten inquiries, some interested in Sons membership, a few interested in Auxiliary membership, and others just wanting information on their ancestors in the Civil War. There was no indication on any of them which ad they were responding to.

Department President Wilda Brown of Ohio instituted Eliza Garfield Auxiliary #142 in Cleveland last April and as National President Margaret reported, others will be formed shortly. There is plenty of interest out there this year. We are lucky that National President Margaret put a lot of work into trying to organize new Auxiliaries along with being National President. She is a natural for this job.

The Proceedings for 1993-1994 were sent out earlier this year. I am sorry that the Proceedings from 1994-1995 have not been sent out. They were sent to Jackie Johnston last Friday. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Stenographer could not transcribe the Minutes and I received them at the worst time I could at my job. I have done the best I could in transcribing ten tapes, without a transcribing machine and preparing for a big 30th reunion at Hyde. I am praying we will be back on schedule next year with the Proceedings. Jackie Johnston will report on the new procedure.

I had the pleasure of representing National President Margaret Atkinson at the Rhode Island Encampment in April. I was received with all Honors and had the pleasure to present a regular Charter to Eniz Bliss Auxiliary #12. I instituted this Auxiliary as a

Provisional Auxiliary when I was National President in 1993. I make the usual recommendation:

ommendation #1: That the interest from the Permanent Fund investments be used for expenses of handling Life Membership, Honor Roll, and Members at Large.

I have tried to keep the National Officers and Past National Presidents up-to-date on what is going on within the National Organization and events that are happening across the country. I have even resorted to postcards as they do not take as much postage and are easier to print and send out.

As we are getting new members, some are joining other Auxiliaries or Membership at Large until they can get enough members to form an Auxiliary. It is not fair to them to have to get an Honorable Discharge and make out a new application to join the new Auxiliary. I make:

ommendation #2: That members be allowed to transfer to a Charter.

Because of the amount of work in forming a new Auxiliary, much correspondence, phone calls, and mailing of supplies, I make:

ommendation #3: C.R.&R., Page 8, REGULATIONS, Chapter I, Subordinate Auxiliary, ARTICLE I, Formation and Disbandment, Section 3: The fee for an Auxiliary Charter shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20), Fifteen Dollars (\$15) of which shall be forwarded to the National Secretary with the application, the balance to be retained by the Department. The National Organization shall furnish the Charter and supplies. In States

ere no Department exists, the same fee (\$15) shall be forwarded to the National Secretary.

That this be changed to: The fee for an Auxiliary Charter shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30) and should be sent to the National Secretary with the application, \$10 of which shall be sent to the Department from National. In States where no Department exists, a fee of \$20 should be sent to the National Secretary.

The Department in which the Auxiliary is formed has to pay Per Capita for the first quarter, not the Auxiliary. I feel it is not fair with the Per Capita Tax now being 75¢ per member per quarter that the Department has to pay so much, so I am hoping \$10 will cover that Per Capita Tax fee.

As you will see from my report, there are some Departments that have not sent in their Per Capita Tax. This upsets my records terribly and, of course, makes my report very late to National each quarter. A \$2 late fee does not seem to matter as some are late many times. I make:

ommendation #4: That the late fee for Departments who are late be changed to \$5. (I had given serious thought to making it \$10. If that is your wish, go for it.)

There is a problem in sending flowers or a remembrance to a National Officer who is in the hospital. Many times I do not hear of this until after the person has returned home. The remembrance is not to exceed \$15. There is no way I can send flowers for \$15. The cost would more likely be \$40 - \$50. I hope Florence Spring does not mind my using her as an example, but she was National Council Member #1 last year - can you imagine how many times I would have had to send her something? Actually, I do not know if I ever sent her anything as she was in intensive care so much. In the event of National Council Member #2 Mary Sampson, it took me many phone calls to find out where her son lived.

I finally got the telephone number and explained my situation and he said, "Frances, my mother does not like flowers." I talked with National Treasurer Eileen Coombs and Eileen picked out a lovely card and enclosed a check for \$15. I make:

ommendation #5: C.R.&R., Page 32, CHAPTER III, National Organization, ARTICLE VIII, Authorized Expenditures, Section 8: In the event of the death of a National Officer or Past National President, that the National President be authorized to send Fifteen Dollars (\$15) in her memory to either the Auxiliary Honor Roll or to her favorite charity. In the event of the serious illness of a National Officer, which would require a stay in the hospital for the said officer, the National President be authorized to send a remembrance in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15).

I should have read this recommendation better before, then the National President would have done the leg work and I would just do what she told me to do.

That the above be changed to (after wording about Past National Presidents): In the event of the serious illness of a National Officer, which would require a stay in the hospital for said officer, that a remembrance be sent to the officer or a card from the National Organization.

I don't feel we can put an amount in if we send a remembrance.

I have been embarrassed many times by having to ask a wife, girlfriend or significant other, to leave a meeting because they are not a member. The person has to sit alone outside in the hallway or go shopping, if we are near a shopping area. This does not make for good feelings. We have nothing "hidden" that a nonmember could not sit in a meeting and hear. In fact, they may enjoy seeing our ritualistic work or hearing some of our patriotic readings. In Business and Professional Women, we allow a nonmember to come to three meetings before joining. In fact, at the first meeting, we pay for her meal.

If we had someone come in to bring greetings, we would ask that person if they wanted to stay in the meeting. I make:

Recommendation #6: That a proposed applicant, if they wish, be a guest of an Auxiliary for two meetings before having to join. (This may have to be worded a little better.)

Sandy and I have purchased a computer and I should be on-line in the immediate future. The only problem is that I cannot get Sandy away from the computer.

I talked with PNP Isabelle Roberts on Tuesday. She wishes she could be with us and says she will get better and be at Utica next year. I have been in contact with Jennie and Eugene Russell. Jennie thanks you all for the cards on the death of their daughter, Joan. I thank you for all the cards you have sent to members over the year. This is appreciated by them.

Sandy is retiring this December. I am giving serious consideration to asking for early retirement in December or next June. This will make a big difference in printing charges to National. I have run off 2,000 applications, copied stationery for the incoming National President, and plenty for the Auxiliary for a few years to come. National forms have been copied for perhaps the next five years. I have copied 2,000 envelopes and had 3,000 done at the printer. The printing charges are something that should be considered in the budget. Perhaps one of our members can help us with copying in the future.

If we are expecting the Stenographer to take Minutes, prepare the Proceedings and format them, we cannot expect her to do it for \$250. I can't begin to tell you how many hours it takes. I make:

Recommendation #7: That the Council discuss with the current Stenographer the price of doing the Proceedings and a fair price for the extra work to have the Proceedings ready for the printer.

It has been a pleasure to work with National President Margaret Atkinson again this year. Our telephone bills have again been out of sight. Sister Margaret, you are a great

representative of our Organization and a very, very hard worker. May both our jobs be easier next year. I think I said that last year. May that wish come true this year.

STANDING OF DEPARTMENTS
June 30, 1995 – June 30, 1996

<u>Department</u>	<u>No. of Aux.</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>	<u>No. of Aux.</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>
California-Pacific	2	24	2	16
Colorado-Wyoming	1	2	1	2
Connecticut	2	70	2	70
Illinois	3	23	3	19
Iowa	3	**42	*3	48
Maine	6	79	6	70
Maryland-Delaware	4	50	*4	52
Massachusetts	3	80	3	76
Michigan	16	1	4	
New Hampshire	3	40	3	41
New Jersey	5	69	4	64
New York	9	139	9	133
Ohio	6	80	7	99
Pennsylvania	13	306	12	306
Rhode Island	4	26	4	26
Vermont	3	26	*1	26
Wisconsin	4	32	4	31
Prov. Aux. #2, Beaufort, SC	1	7	1	7

<u>Department</u>	<u>No. of Aux.</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>	<u>No. of Aux.</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>
Prov. Aux. #1, Kokomo, IN	1	7	1	7
Prov. Aux. #1, Salt Lake City, UT	1	5	1	6
Members at Large	<u>N/A</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>39</u>
TOTALS	75	**1,147	72	1,142

*No report from Iowa, Maryland-Delaware, and Vermont. Figures have been given to me over the phone, but quarterly report and Per Capita Tax not received.

**Correction from Iowa report which was received after convention last year

SUMMARY: PERIOD JUNE 30, 1995 – JUNE 30, 1996

Auxiliaries in good standing June 30, 1995		75
Auxiliaries gained		<u>+1</u>
		76
Auxiliaries lost by Charter Surrender		<u>-4</u>
Auxiliaries in good standing June 30, 1996		72
Members in good standing June 30, 1995		** 1,147
Gained by Initiation	120	
Gained by Transfer	13	
Gained by Reinstatement	<u>7</u>	
	140	<u>+140</u>
Members lost by Honorable Discharge	20	1,287

Lost by Death	21	
Lost by Transfer	15	
Dropped	<u>89</u>	
	145	<u>-145</u>
Members in good standing June 30, 1996		*1,142

* These figures are based on no report from Iowa, Maryland-Delaware, and Vermont.

Figures given verbally, but no quarterly report or Per Capita received.

** Correction on Iowa as report was not received until after convention last year.

Included in above figures are 39 Members at Large.

Net Loss Auxiliaries: 3

Net Loss Members: 5

Frances A. Murray, PNP
National Secretary

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I did this report for two years myself and I know how tough it is. We just realized that the Membership at Large was miscounted. They have one more member, and even though it does not count in this statistical report, in the past two weeks I have initiated 14 new members into the Auxiliary. So, in my own mind, we are a little bit over last year, but not according to June 30th.

National Treasurer Eileen Coombs has another difficult report.

NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

The end of another year has rolled around and with it, the end of my three-year appointment. I hope that you all feel that I have fulfilled the office to the best of my ability. Just when I think I have all the problems solved, new ones come up; but the

experience and challenge of being National Treasurer has been pleasant and a happy time for me. It is very time consuming and a lot of hard work but very rewarding. I want to thank each of you for the confidence and trust that you have had in me to bestow this honor on my Maine Department and me. I hope I will have the opportunity to serve this office again. I love the office and the challenge of the work.

I have made every effort possible to fill supply orders promptly; however, this past winter was a rough one weather-wise. Therefore at times orders were slow to be sent. I have been having trouble getting badges from the manufacturer, and at times it has taken two months or more. I am sorry for any delays. Every effort was made to answer all correspondence promptly.

It has been difficult to stay within the budget due to increases in printing, postage, and UPS. Bank interest rates dropped a little this year, but the increase in the Per Capita Tax has been a help. The banks no longer give unlimited checks. We now have a \$1 activity fee each month. The Fleet Bank Manager where our accounts are has been able to get any service fees rebated for me. She was able to get her supervisor to allow the rebates because we have two Certificates of Deposits and the savings account plus the checking account with them. When I received notice of the changes, I checked all banks in my area and found the Fleet Bank I deal with is the least expensive. I do my best on keeping bank fees eliminated when possible.

When C.D. 8036081056, C.D. 8036081048 Fleet Bank and C.D. 90678 Dauphin Bank were coming to maturity, I contacted our National President about rolling them over for another year. She gave me the approval I needed to roll them over. I refer you to page 29 of the C.R.&R. At the top of the page, it is stated: "C.D. may be rolled over by the approval of the National President." The C.D. in Norwest Bank in Iowa of \$5,000 investment will mature 9/5/97.

We had 10,000 brochures printed and the National President, Secretary, and I have given out or sent many.

Again this year, we have happy news to report. I received the Charter fee for a new Auxiliary in Ohio, and fees for two future new Auxiliaries, one each in Virginia and Texas. The brochures and advertising do help. I sent packets for the Ohio and Virginia Auxiliaries. The one in Texas will be formed later and a packet will be sent at that time.

Our Membership at Large has increased by ten this year. Thank you, Sister Emma Ashley.

At this time I would like to thank all Departments and Auxiliaries for their fine cooperation in reporting your E.I.N. numbers along with the necessary names and addresses. I was able to get the forms sent in on time.

I have two recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That the interest from Permanent Fund investments be used for expenses of handling Life Membership, Honor Roll, and Membership at Large.

Recommendation #2: C.R.& R., Page 8, REGULATIONS, Chapter I, Subordinate Auxiliary, ARTICLE I, Formation and Disbandment, Section 3: I recommend the fee for an Auxiliary Charter be increased to Twenty-five Dollars (\$25), which shall be forwarded to the National Secretary with the application. The National Secretary will then send the check to the National Treasurer along with a requisition for \$5 to be sent back to the Department Treasurer.

It was a happy privilege to represent National President Margaret Atkinson at the Connecticut and Maine Encampments. They treated me with respect just as they would the National President. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do this for you.

To my National President, Margaret, it has once again been great working with you. I am very glad I could be one of your official family. I hope this year has been all you hoped it would be and that this Encampment will be the very best.

To the money officers, Patriotic Instructor Mary Willey and Chief of Staff Ora Moitoso, it has been a pleasure to work with you. I shall miss your notes, Mary. Ora, I will miss your visits when you brought your money to me. We enjoyed many evenings together.

To Secretary Frances, once again it has been great working with you. Your cooperation is the greatest. The many years I have worked with you on Department and National levels have always been most pleasant. I thank you for all you have done for me during my three-year appointment. Most of all, thank you for your sincere friendship.

A friend is a gift whose work cannot
Be measured by the heart.
Your friendship is a treasured gift
That I hold very dear.
For the love of friends can mean so much,
Each hour, each day, each year.

Eileen R. Coombs, PNP
National Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

HONOR ROLL

Irene Archer, PDP, NJ	PNP Florence Jansson	\$10.00
Mary Sampson, National Council Member #2, MA	National Organization Auxiliary	15.00
	PNP Esther Peiper, PA	15.00
	PNP Frances Murray, ME	10.00
	PNP Eileen Coombs, ME	10.00

Edith's Glow Worm Club	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$70.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Lori Jones, PA	\$150.00
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MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

Georgia Blaisdell	\$10.00
Janet King	10.00
Ruth Hill	15.00
Alwidia Taylor	15.00
Marion Courtney	15.00
Carolyn McLaughlin	15.00
Johanna Buschmann	15.00
Celeste Gettings	15.00
Mary K. Smith	15.00
Barbara J. Duffy	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$140.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of August 1, 1995	\$ 6,660.78
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Receipts:

Supplies	\$ 1,349.40	
Per Capita Tax	2,747.50	
Patriotic Instructor ('95)	780.72	
Patriotic Instructor ('96)	1,597.51	
Chief-of-Staff ('95)	722.70	
Chief-of-Staff ('96)	1,951.01	
Interest	1,833.22	
Late Fines	26.00	
Registration	325.00	
Charters	55.00	
Publicity	155.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>62.38</u>	
Sub total	\$11,605.44	
Checks not cashed	<u>57.42</u>	
Total Receipts	\$11,662.86	<u>+11,662.86</u>
		\$18,323.64

Disbursements:

Office Expenses	\$ 126.42
Postage (includes mailing '94 Proceedings)	942.62
Goodwill	650.00
Printing (includes brochures & '94 Proceedings)	2337.00
Travel, National President	1,800.00
Supplies	771.71
Convention Committee	400.00
Life Member Dues	192.00
Illness Gift (Mary Sampson)	15.00
Honor Roll (Mary Sampson, Council #2)	15.00
Bond	136.00
N.C.O.P.O.	25.00
L.B.C.C.	25.00

Scholarship	350.00	
Ladies G.A.R. Memorial (Irene Looker)	25.00	
Miscellaneous (includes Proceeding's Binder Covers)	820.20	
Wreaths		
Lincoln Memorial	50.00	
Remembrance Day (Gettysburg)	25.00	
Cathedral of the Pines (Donation)	25.00	
Convention		
Meals (Nat'l President, Secretary, Treasurer)	150.00	
Room, Secretary & Treasurer	578.76	
Chief-of-Staff Allowance	50.00	
Stenographer	250.00	
Musician	30.00	
Gratuities	25.00	
Mileage	548.80	
American Legion Memorial Museum (Columbus)	350.00	
National President's Testimonial	200.00	
Love Token - Sons	250.00	
Love Token - Commander-in-Chief	60.00	
Memorial Service (Chaplain)	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$11,248.51	<u>- 11,248.51</u>
Balance in Checking Account		\$7,075.13

PERMANENT FUND

Balance, July 31, 1995		\$7,274.11
Honor Roll	\$ 70.00	
Life Membership	150.00	
Members at Large	140.00	
Interest	<u>172.98</u>	
	\$532.98	<u>+532.98</u>
		\$7,807.09
Fleet Bank C.D. 8036081056		<u>+7,000.00</u>
Total Permanent Fund		\$14,807.09

SUMMARY

Checking Account Balance		\$ 7,075.13
Savings Account 93654-97196 (Permanent Fund)	7,807.09	
Fleet Bank C.D. 8036081056 (Permanent Fund)		7,000.00
Fleet Bank C.D. 8036081048 (Patriotic Instructor's Fund)		7,500.00
Dauphin Bank C.D. 90678 (Patriotic Instructor's Fund)		14,189.62
Norwest Bank Iowa C.D. 231789 (Investment Fund)		<u>5,000.00</u>

TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$48,571.84**

ESTIMATED INVENTORY: \$2,544.85

1994 Proceedings \$1,644.60: Printing and mailing of Proceedings are included in the figures under disbursements.

Eileen R. Coombs, PNP
National Treasurer

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much, Eileen. It is a difficult one to write and it can be difficult to listen to all the figures, but we certainly want to keep all the membership informed.

National Patriotic Instructor Mary Willey, just your written report, not your figures. There are a lot of reports to give today, ladies, so we'll try to break it up as much as we can.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

At the National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio last year, I was honored to be elected to the office of Patriotic Instructor and have tried, to the best of my ability, to fulfill my obligations. I hope I have met your expectations.

I wish for you, National President Margaret E. Atkinson, a most successful and harmonious Encampment. It has been a pleasure to be on your Staff of Officers.

To my successor, a prosperous and healthy year.

The following is my Consolidated Report of Departments:

Number of Flags Distributed by Auxiliaries	656
Number of Patriotic Entertainments Given	79
Number of National Anniversaries Observed	79
Number of Papers Read in Auxiliary	129
Does Camp & Auxiliary Unite in Patriotic Meetings	Yes
Amount Expended for Patriotic Work	\$2,140.75
How Many Fly Flags on Memorial Day	434

Special Mentions:

Connecticut: One flag presented to Girl Scout Troop at '96 Encampment. One article handed out on women soldiers in the Civil War at '96 Encampment. Auxiliary members attended Memorial Day - Old Home Day Parade in E. Hampton & Cromwell & Rockville, and Awards Program at Rocky Hill Veterans Home and Hospital for Volunteers. Lap robes, afghans, and playing cards donated to RH Vets H&H. One member of E. H. Camp #55 attends all meetings of Auxiliary #20. Gave Thanksgiving basket to needy family. Donation of collection in December to Veterans at Rocky Hill. Sent Memorial donations for departed Sister.

New Hampshire: John W. Spaulding Camp & Auxiliary sent a representative to Allied

Council to plan Town of Milford Memorial Day activities. Marched on Memorial Day. Put 204 flags on Civil War Veterans' graves in six cemeteries in Milford. Thomas M. Carr Auxiliary helped sponsor the Civil War Encampment of the 5th Regiment, Massachusetts Battery E, Light Artillery held at the Dutton Club Restaurant.

New York: Halsay Valley took 1st place for a float in August.

Ohio: Columbus Auxiliary #1 contributes money and Christmas baskets to Veterans in the Chillicothe Medical Center and participated in special services with Operation Flag, placing wreaths on Civil War Soldier graves. Unionport #45 sends Veterans of the community a love gift. They also honor their older Sisters and their one Charter member. They celebrated 50 years this year. Frost #108 initiated four new members at their Memorial Day program.

Pennsylvania: Auxiliary #1 reported that they held several Memorial Services: at Anna M. Ross's grave, Independence Hall, North Cedar Hill Cemetery to honor the Veterans of all wars (these were joint services), and Mt. Moriah Cemetery. They also took part in six parades, Living Histories, re-enactments, and visited nursing homes. Auxiliary #50 reported members participate in planning the Carlisle Memorial Day Parade and the ceremony; also participate in Veterans Day ceremonies. They participate in Naturalization Court, presenting new citizens with a small gift with notes describing the Auxiliary's part in the community. Auxiliary #165 reported that flags were handed out to children watching the parade on Memorial Day.

Vermont: We have a Memorial Day Program in the Town Hall in Chelsea. School children sing and take part. Then there is a march to the cemetery with children, Veterans, and Auxiliaries. Our Auxiliary sits together and marches. One camp and one Auxiliary member put out the small American flags in five different cemeteries.

Wisconsin: Assisted in maintenance of Col. Hig Monument. Recruiting drives at Wade House, Armed Forces and 84th Division. Rededication L. Fairchild Monument, Cushing Monument. Hig Monument Group participated in trip to Wisconsin Veterans Museum, observing Civil War and G.A.R. artifacts. Patriotic luncheon cleanup at Oak Hill Cemetery. Participated with Camp #1 in presentation given at Elementary and Middle School in Wisconsin. Observance at Lincoln Tomb.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I would like to take a break from the reports and consider the two letters we received that were read yesterday. We have to take some action on them. We are not going to read them completely in detail, but for anyone who was not here yesterday, I want to explain them.

We received a letter from the Chairman of the Special National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, Jerome L. Orton, in which he is asking the National Encampment to give Daisy Anderson a free Life Membership in the Auxiliary. He is also asking us to grant free Life Memberships to any Real Daughters of Union Veterans who submit proper paperwork. I would like to put this on the floor and get your comments.

JANICE DAWSON, DP, NY: As the Department President from New York, I brought our Proceedings with me. We received the same letter from Jerry Orton. At our Department Encampment he made three requests, and I'm going to read you the two requests that we have in our minutes:

The second request is to grant free membership to any lady who can say her father fought in the Civil War, a Real Daughter. A motion made by Virginia Twist and seconded by Michele Langley that we do this. Motion carried.

The third request was to give a Life Membership to Daisy Anderson. Motion was made by PNP Beatrice Greenwalt, seconded by PDP Linda Fields that the Secretary write Jerry Orton for the address and confirmation that this lady is a member and then we will bring back to the Council. Motion carried.

So it was discussed at great length at our Department Encampment and the New York Department will follow through on this request from Jerry Orton.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much for the clarification. This just leaves one question still that, naturally, would not refer to New York but the entire Organization. He is asking the National Encampment to decide to grant free Life Membership to any Real Daughter of a Union Veteran in the future. I think we should also discuss that. This means that if someone is still living whose father fought in the Union Army, an Auxiliary could make them a free member.

DISCUSSION:

Various delegates including Ann Iannitto, DP, PA; Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME; Peggy Schaefer, DP, WI; Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE; Dawn Hayner, MD-DE; and Betty Baker, National Council No. 1, NY expressed opinions. It was mentioned that one Real Daughter was very pleased to be recognized by the Auxiliary, that others may be too old or disinterested. The question was raised as to how Departments would receive such information.

MOVED by Betty Baker, PDP, NY

SECONDED by Emma Prince, PDP, CT

That Real Widows and Daughters be referred to the Department where they are living, and that if there is no Department, that we, as a National Organization, will pick them up and give the Widows and the Daughters free membership to our Organization.

SO VOTED

SARAH CHERRY, DVP, OH: I was looking at this from a publicity viewpoint. After these elderly women pass on, the heirs will be going through their old papers. Maybe they will realize that we are still here. This is another way to let people down the line know that there is an Organization such as ours.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you. Sarah lives, eats, and breathes publicity, and I thank her for that!

Incidentally, I would like to welcome into the meeting Amanda Bunnell, a young lady from the State of California. Her father is the Department Commander of California. With the permission of the Past National Presidents, I have invited her to the meeting this morning. She is considering membership with us, so please make her welcome, and also Ann Hooper. Ann is the young lady we were going to initiate yesterday, but she became ill.

I would like to discuss the other letter that is from the Life Membership Committee. I am going to summarize it to refresh your memory and for those who might not have been here yesterday. At last year's Encampment a motion was made, passed, and approved by the delegates that we would no longer pay any monies to the Auxiliaries for their Life Members. After the Encampment was over, questions arose as to the legality of this. In my National President's report, I stated that I contacted an attorney who is a member of the Auxiliary who donated her services. She suggested that even though it was not a written contract, but an oral contract per se, that we could not just summarily cut off this money that we were sending for these members without further discussion and an in-depth study. When we became aware that the Sons were also studying the way they are setting up their Life Membership and how they are going to pay out to the Camps, I appointed the committee. I put the attorney, who is not a Life Member, as co-chairlady with a Life Member, PNP Esther Peiper. I also put on the committee several other Life Members: Mary Jo Long, National Vice President; Sarah Cherry, DVP; and Dorothy Hilyard, PNP. They had a very, very long meeting in November when they went to Remembrance Day and decided it was not within the scope of their Committee to make a decision. They referred it back to this Encampment for discussion. Let me read their recommendation.

“If changes were to be made, they should be presented according to the Rules and Regulations which state that if we are going to make a change in the C.R. & R., it must be submitted in advance of the Encampment. They decided that a Committee should be appointed to study the Life Membership and how it will be changed, and to see what the Sons are going to be doing because the Auxiliary usually follows the Sons C.R. & R. as closely as possible.”

I open this for discussion. Sister Esther Peiper will go to the microphone and answer any questions you may have.

BETTY BAKER, COUNCIL #1, PDP, NY: First, you are saying it is illegal by our By-Laws. I do not feel that we did anything as a National Organization, the President or anyone else, against our rules, whether a lawyer tells us that or whatever. I say we have not. In our C.R. & R., you will find that pages 3 through 7 are considered our Constitution. It is stated right at the top of the page and at the bottom, on the last amendment, "all proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the National Convention, etc." You said we changed the Life Member rules illegally in the Constitution. However, Life Members are addressed on page 24. To make changes in anything from page 8 through page 39, the By-Laws state "Changes to these within and foregoing regulations may be altered or amended at any regular Encampment of the National Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War by a majority vote of all members present and entitled to vote.”

The regulations for Life Members and member fees are included in those pages. If you are saying we cannot change it without sending them in writing to the C.R.&R.

Committee, then you are saying you illegally changed our Per Capita last year; therefore, we do not owe you the extra Per Capita Tax you collected. It will need to be refunded because the Per Capita Tax is also covered in those regulations.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Betty, I agree with you entirely. I pointed this out to the Committee. I pointed it out to the attorney. She said that she felt we had a moral obligation to study it more closely, and perhaps in some way “grandfather” the ones that are already in, to honor an unwritten contract or whatever they would decide.

BETTY BAKER, COUNCIL #1, PDP, NY: But, Sister President, also under that Life Membership, it reads that we will give them the interest. We never said we would give them \$6. I have never seen anything written that they were told they were getting \$6.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: It is in one of the Proceedings.

BETTY BAKER, COUNCIL #1, PDP, NY: Marion Coombs made it when she adopted this, she suggested \$6.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Helen Loll as National Treasurer made the motion and it was passed that they give \$6. That was a motion passed at the Annual Encampment which could be changed.

BETTY BAKER, COUNCIL #1, PDP, NY: And, now you are asking to change it, and we asked last year to change it, and all voted to do so. I don't know what the thoughts are yet, but I still feel you need to go into depth with this Life Membership. No one signs a contract. You have 30 Life Members that I know about and none of them have ever signed a contract. Our Departments are still paying the National the money. We are paying it back. In fact, at this point, the National is losing money by paying them \$6 back to their Departments. We need to look at it thoroughly, but as far as it being illegal at the vote you took last year, you are telling us we cannot vote on anything here. So, what is the sense of us coming and putting in recommendations?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: The reason I put a hold on the execution of that was because there were so many, many questions. Perhaps I was wrong in doing so, but I felt I did not want to let it go this way, and I would rather hold it off one more year.

BETTY BAKER, COUNCIL #1, PDP, NY: I just wanted to make my point clear that you, personally, and we, personally, did not do anything wrong and we should not go

down feeling we did. I do not think it should have been put on hold. We need further discussion and investigation. I do not believe we are hurting our Life Members by reviewing the situation at all.

ESTHER PEIPER, PNP, PA: You were incorporated in the State of Ohio. Ohio has incorporation rules and business rules. Any corporation follows business rules at all times. In the State of Ohio when you make a contract with a person, you do not even have to shake hands on that contract. You do not need a signed paper on that contract. Once you make that contract, you are bound. Nothing else matters. You asked these people to pay this Life Membership and accepted their check. As to say it has not been printed, yes, it has been printed. I put it in the bank when I was Treasurer, so it is in print somewhere.

When you bring up something of this nature and break a contract, you are committing fraud in the State of Ohio. At any time, any Life Member could say you are cheating their Auxiliary. The only way you are going to get around this thing at all is ask every one of those Life Members to let you know in writing that they no longer hold you to this contract. I was utterly amazed when you passed it last year. I could not believe that you were willing to tell people now that they do not have this Life Membership. Most of

your members that bought Life Memberships, bought it for that reason, that the Auxiliary they were in would be able to continue, that they would have this Department, that they would have this National for their children and their grandchildren. We may flunk on the first level but, sooner or later, National is going to make a drive to get those Auxiliaries back. This is what the home office is counting on. As far as that \$6 is concerned, I do not care one way or the other myself whether or not we get it. But I do not want to see any publicity come out to say that we are cheating our members. In the State of Ohio, I will tell you right now, it is illegal. I would have gotten up last year and told you if I would have had the strength to do it. There is no way anyone else is going to get up and tell you, I do not think, because they are not that familiar with what is going on.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you, Sister Esther. Sister Sarah?

SARAH CHERRY, DVP, OH: I am just going to add to what Mother said. About five years ago the State of Ohio passed a law that any verbal agreement, promise, etc. is considered a contract. There have been several court cases, and they are winning those cases.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you, Sister Sarah, I realize we have a small number of Life Members now. We hope in the future it will increase. Therefore, could I hear some kind of a motion on what you wish to do about this.

MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH

SECONDED by Mary Willey, DP, MA

That a letter be sent to all present Life Members telling them that we would like as National to dispense with the giving of the \$6 check. As of January 1, 1998 any one who becomes a Life Member will not be receiving \$6 checks. In lieu of the \$6 each Life Member has been receiving, that Life Members's Auxiliary does not pay the National Per Capita Tax to their Department, their Department does not pay the National Per Capita Tax to National for this member. Any current Life Member who wishes to continue getting the \$6 check, the National Treasurer will continue sending the check as long as the Life Member is alive.

DISCUSSION:

QUESTION: What happens in January, 1997?

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PDP, NH: The \$6 check will be paid to any current Life Member if that member has not written and given permission to the National Treasurer to stop sending the check. I can tell you right now, I will give them permission not to pay me.

DOROTHY HILYARD, PNP, MD-DE: When an Auxiliary member becomes a Life Member, they receive a Certificate making them a Life Member, and that is all. We do not give them anything else.

BETTY BAKER, COUNCIL #1, PDP, NY: Does writing the letters to the Life Members cover it sufficiently under our corporate structure?

SARAH CHERRY, DVP, OH: It will. As long as the Life Member returns something in writing stating that she does not wish to continue receiving the \$6 check, it is okay. Under that circumstance, the Auxiliary will have written confirmation. We need to compile and keep them all together in case we are ever challenged. We will have something in writing that says we are covered, and that is all we need. I do not think there will be many Life Members who will say, "No." It was just that we know this ruling is in Ohio and the Encampment here was not aware of how our rulings are. We are incorporated in Ohio, and, therefore, we do have to follow what they say. We have to cover ourselves. We just do not want the bad publicity. That is why our Committee

discussion was so long in November. We did go back and check all the Proceedings. One of the ones I pulled out was from PNP Bea Greenwalt's year that did say that we are supposed to send any recommendations that we have to the Reports Committee ahead of time and this was one of those that was not done.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Are there any other questions?

FLORENCE SPRING, PNP, NJ: I just want clarification. Earlier when this was brought up, some reference was made to what the Sons are going to do. Are we going to go ahead on our own regardless of what the Sons are going to do?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I do not know, but before anyone speaks on that, I checked into this before I came. Currently, because they have close to 400 members, they keep a separate bank account for the funds for that Life Membership. Each year when all the interest is posted, the National Treasurer takes out the Per Capita Tax for National from the interest. He then determines what interest is left over. If they have 300 Life Members, they divide 300 into that remaining interest and they dispense that to each Camp. The Camp Secretary must fill out a request form saying, "I have three Life Members and I am requesting the interest due to the Camp." Now that is just as a matter of clarification of what the Sons are doing.

The Sons are afraid they are losing money and are appointing a committee to look into it and are probably going to change it.

EILEEN COOMBS, NATIONAL TREASURER, PNP, ME: I want all of you aware that I deposit Life Membership money into the Permanent Fund along with deposits of Honor Roll and Membership at Large. These are all in one account. So if you go along with the Sons, I am going to have a tough time getting another savings account for a non-profit organization. Some banks are limiting what they will do for you.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Betty, I think you have another motion you wish to make.

MOVED by Betty Baker, PDP, NY

SECONDED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH and Linda Fields, PDP, NY

That the incoming National President appoint a committee to thoroughly study our Life Membership program to see if any changes or alterations have to be made to it.

SO VOTED

Bible closed and brief recess held.

The Chaplain opened the Bible.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We will have the Chaplain's Report.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT

I accepted the office with much hesitancy as I was also serving as Department President of Pennsylvania for the year 1995-1996. Since I am one of "Margaret's Marvels" and she was going to preside for a second term, I was happy to serve as one of her officers.

It is not an easy job compiling a report as I only received nine reports from Departments.

The cooperation I had from the Ladies of the Grand Army in preparing the Memorial Service was very good after I was able to locate the National President who took over after the death of National President Irene Looker. Sisters Leta Torrey and Jennie Vertrees, both Past National Presidents and Brother Robert Caroon have been my

co-workers. My thanks to them for their assistance.

I would like to recommend that the Chaplains elected for the following year meet after the Memorial Service to obtain names and addresses for easier contact in preparing the Memorial Service.

The passing of one Past National President, Sister Edith Snyder, from the New York Department leaves a vacant chair we do not like to report.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Number of Departments reporting	9
Number of members present on Memorial Day	124
Number of members attending Sunday Memorial Service	121
Number of deaths which have occurred since April 1, 1995	21
Number of funeral occasions where Burial Service was used	3
Amount expended for floral and grave decorations, including donations	\$668.50
How many times was a committee appointed to confer with Camp	39
Number of children assisting Auxiliary on Memorial Day	348

Several reports listed that they furnished refreshments to Auxiliary and Camp, but this is no longer an item on the new report. Vermont bought 2 dozen flags for amount spent at a cost of \$25.

My husband was a big help in setting and typing the program and many changes had to be made, so my sincere thanks, Al. A nice addition to the program was the choir singing two beautiful selections. I owe my deep gratitude to Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Schlenker for being the director and putting it all together. Thank you Brother Richard.

It was a pleasure to serve as a member of your official family, Margaret, and I hope you have a very harmonious Encampment.

Dorothy Kern, PDP
National Chaplain

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We will have the Press Correspondent Report.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT

It has been a pleasure to serve as your National Press Correspondent. Letters were sent to all Department Secretaries for material to fill your press book. Many did not

reply; however, I would like to thank each one that took the time to send me so many clippings.

Sister President, I hope you will enjoy your press book and I wish for you and all the Sisters a happy and successful Encampment.

Marguerite Plante, PDP
National Press Correspondent

*At the end of her report, Marguerite presented the President with a
scrapbook of all her press releases.*

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the Director of the Budget Report?

Copies of the Budget Report were passed out.

DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET REPORT

The following is my Budget Report. You can follow along with me and we will discuss it later. I have great cooperation from the National Secretary and the National Treasurer. We have worked very hard to get this almost the way it should be, but of course a budget is only an estimation. I think you will see a change. We only had the Per Capita Tax increased in January, so it was only from January to June. You will find quite a few things that will probably change in the next year. We will have two Proceedings done this year because one is at the printer's right now being done. We hope to get caught up this year. There are many things that are going to affect the budget within the next year.

	1995-1996	1995-1996		1996-1997
	Estimated	Actual	Difference	Estimated
Income				
Per Capita Tax	\$2,948.40	\$2,747.50	\$(200.90)	\$2,900.00
Per Capita Fines	12.00	26.00	14.00	20.00
National Chief of Staff	2,500.00	2,673.71	173.71	2,500.00
National Patriotic Instructor	2,000.00	2,378.23	378.23	2,000.00
Sales of Supplies, Handing & Postage	1,250.00	1,349.40	99.40	1,250.00
Sales of Proceedings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Registration Fee	325.00	325.00	0.00	200.00
Interest on CD's(90678, 231789, 8036081056, 8036081048)	1,111.00	1,833.22	722.22	1,800.00
Charters	0.00	55.00	55.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	62.38	62.38	0.00
Publicity	0.00	155.00	155.00	0.00
Checks not cashed	<u>0.00</u>	<u>57.42</u>	<u>57.42</u>	<u>0.00</u>
SUB TOTAL	\$10,146.40	\$11,662.86	\$1,516.46	\$10,670.00
Overage to be taken from Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor Funds	<u>313.60</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(313.60)</u>	<u>148.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,460.00	\$11,662.86	\$1,202.86	\$10,818.00
Expenses				
Goodwill	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 650.00
Proceedings (1994-1995) \$4,500 divided by 2 - 1994 completed only	2,250.00	1,644.60	605.40	1,600.00
Encampment Stenographer (\$250.00)				
Formatting (\$465.00)				
	1995-1996	1995-1996		1996-1997
	Estimated	Actual	Difference	Estimated
Spirals & Covers for 1994 only (\$160.00)				
Printing (\$702.00)				
Postage (\$67.60)				
President's Travel	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Postage	650.00	875.02	(225.02)	1,000.00
Printing	650.00	968.06	(318.06)	1,000.00
Roster & General Orders	300.00	495.00	(195.00)	450.00
Membership Cards, Requisi-	500.00	70.00	430.00	350.00

tion Books, etc.				
Envelopes	0.00	101.94	(101.94)	0.00
Advertising Pamphlets & M.A.L.	320.00	675.00	(355.00)	320.00
Honor Roll - deaths	30.00	45.00	(15.00)	30.00
Mary Sampson, NCM#2 NP, Irene Looker, LGAR PNP Edith Snyder				
Illness Gift (Mary Sampson)	0.00	15.00	(15.00)	0.00
Badge & Engraving	300.00	608.03	(308.03)	300.00
25 Membership Badges (\$278.00) Plaque in lieu of PNP badge \$42.95) Badges (\$232.61) Ribbon (\$54.47)				
Life Member Dues	138.00	192.00	(54.00)	192.00
Scholarship	350.00	350.00	0.00	350.00
Misc. Supplies & Functions	80.00	126.42	(46.42)	150.00
Treasurer's Bond - 1 year	0.00	136.00	(136.00)	136.00
National Encampment Committee	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
National President's Testimonial	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Wreaths & Other Memorials	125.00	178.88	(53.88)	175.00
L.B.N.C.C. (\$25.00) National Congress of Patriotic Organizations (\$25.00) Lincoln Memorial (\$53.88) (stop payment/florist out of business) Cathedral of the Pines (\$25.00) Wreath for Washington, D.C. (\$50.00)				
Mileage to National for Officers	352.00	548.80	(196.80)	350.00
Commander-in-Chief's Gift	60.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
Love Token, Sons	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Musician	30.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
Allowance for Chief of Staff	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Room for National President, if needed	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Rooms for National Secretary & National Treasurer	525.00	578.76	(53.76)	525.00
Allowance for Meals(Nat'l President, Secretary, & Treasurer)	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Gratuities	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Memorial Service, Chaplain	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,460.00	\$11,248.51	(\$788.51)	\$10,406.12

1995-1996 Profit**\$414.35**

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I would like to give a vote of thanks to Emma Wheeler and her assistant, Jackie Johnston. I am delighted to see us presented with something in this

form that everybody can see, can take to their room, look at it, and understand what's being talked about. I think they have put this on a very businesslike footing and I congratulate them for it.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Our next report is from our Washington, D.C. Representative, Dorris Schlenker.

DORRIS SCHLENKER, PNP, MD-DE (*in a very southern drawl*): Now, Sister President, I am so glad those Olympic games are over because I tried on three occasions

to reach that White House and do you know, the residents there were down in Atlanta, Georgia at those games. But by Monday I was able to make contact. I told them I was coming again out here to Columbus, Ohio and they were delighted that I was coming here, and so Billy Boy and President Hilliary sent their very best wishes to you. And, I told him that you were doing your second term of office and Billy Boy wants to know what your reasons for success were. So, if you have any way or any kind of ideas that might help that poor boy, you do tell me and I will take that back to Washington, right quick.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I do not think I am interested in helping that poor boy!

DORRIS SCHLENKER, PNP, MD-DE: Well, I will be sure to take your message!
Thank you, Ma'm!

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Greetin's to Y'all,

Hea we ahr, once agin in the City of Columbus, Ohiah, an how nice it tis ta be invited back fo anotha good time. Those who attended last year's Encampment will rememba the female guest speaka at the Campfia Program. She was impersonatin Rose O'Neil Greenhow who lived in Mayalin an was a spy fo tha South. Whale - it was from heh speech that Ah learned how Mayalinder's spoke an so Ah thought Ah betta get ma act tagitha an practice ma elqushin, so as not to embarace this Organization as it's Washin'ton Representative.

What a pleasha it is to be reporting fo the 15th yeah and rendrin sevice to ahr Orda in an around awa Nation's Capital by participatin in programs of saramonial oah patriotic natesha. Most of this done in period dress. Ma show n' tell lectua on "Women of the 1800's an Theya Fashions" is always received with much enthusiasm and Ah try not to do moah than one pafomance a week, with otha activities, this leaves me a vary busy schedule. Ah did 21 pafomances since awa last Encampment.

It was with pleasha that Ah represented awa National Auxiliary last November in McLean, VA at the National Meetin of the United Daughtas of the Confederacy wheha Ah was vary hospitably received by theya Paresident General Miz Frances Palmeah an othas. Ah was happy to extend greetins on behalf of awa National President an Auxiliary.

Y'all were represented agin in November on Veterans Day in Bethesda, MD, wheha Ah presented a wreath on behalf of all Veterans of all Waras. On April 13th, Ah presented a wreath honorin Thomas Jefferson's Birthday at the Jefferson Memorial, Washin'ton, DC. On May 12th, Motha's Day, Ah presented a floral tribute at tha Tomb of Tha Unknowns in Arlin'ton National Cemetery, VA, bein invited to do so by the American Wara Motha's and their National President Mrs. Betty Hughes. Fo the National Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27th, Ah rememb'd those who sacraficed their lives by presentin a wreath in Bethesda, MD, and on May 30th, the day General Logan said we shall decorate the graves with flowers, Ah participated in the reenactin of the first GAR Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlin'ton National Cemetery startin at Arlin'ton House with remarks by dignataries and music, then through the rose garden to the Tomb of Civil War Unknowns whera Ah strewed lilacs around the Tomb as was done in 1868. We then presented wreaths, had mora music and then proceeded to the ol' Amphitheater with mora remarks and music and endin with praya.

Ah celebrated July 4th at Congressional Cemetery, Washin'ton, DC, by presentin a floral tribute honorin Elbridge Gerry, a signa of the Declaration of Independence. Ah attended ceremonies at the U.S. Capital on June 2nd sponsored by the United Daughtas of the Confederacy, honoring Jefferson Davis' birthday. On June 3rd, Ah was agin invited to attend wreath layin ceremonies at the Confederate Monument in Arlin'ton National Cemetery, VA.

Social functions are always special and anotha opportunity to wear period clothin, as

the sayin goes, "It pays to advertise" and period clothes opens the dowa to explain owa Orda, its origin and aims. Ah am always requested by Confederate Groups to come in period dress.

Thank you agin fo givin me the privilege to serve as youwa Washin'ton Representative. It is with pride that Ah serve in this capacity.

Dorris W. Schlenker, PNP
Washington Representative

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We all enjoyed that, but many of us enjoyed the little private joke. She is emulating a young woman from my home Auxiliary who plays the role of a Confederate spy and goes with me to all the programs I do. That girl is, now my daughter, Ann Iannitto.

MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The following is my first report as Membership at Large Coordinator. When I began this office one year ago, I knew that I would be hard pressed to do the job as well as our Sister Orma Altland. Sister Orma had built the program from scratch and had done a great job with it.

As my year began, I found myself faced with several problems. After three months, I finally understood enough of the program that I could begin my work as coordinator. I dropped eight from our membership rolls. Many of these had not paid dues for three or four years. Through the efforts of our National President, our Membership at Large has gained eleven new members this year.

I made many mistakes and errors, but this was my year to learn the necessary Auxiliary procedures. I pledge to make every effort to increase our at-large membership for the upcoming year.

I have obtained an Employer Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service for my bank account. I have been sending out subscriptions to the *Banner* also.

I want to extend a special thanks to three wonderful Sisters who encouraged me, coached me, and pulled me through this year. They are Sister National President Margaret Atkinson, Sister National Secretary Frances Murray, and Sister National Treasurer Eileen Coombs. These three great ladies corrected my mistakes and taught me much about the workings of our Order.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Organization for the confidence you have placed in me and hope that my endeavors will please the Organization. I wish Sister Margaret a successful National Encampment. The membership and financial report follows.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

All deposits and withdrawals were made from Account No. 0002177387 at the Farmers Bank and Savings Company in Pomeroy, OH. This account is a separate account that has my name and the National Treasurer Eileen Coombs listed as signatories.

Beginning balance October 1, 1995*		\$1,164.63
Receipts		
Application Fees	\$135.00	
Membership Fees	<u>450.00</u>	
	\$585.00	<u>+585.00</u>
Total Funds Available		\$1,749.63
Disbursements		
Banner subscriptions	\$156.00	

Postage	52.77	
Per Capita Tax	69.00	
Supplies	50.61	
Initiation	<u>40.00</u>	
	\$468.38	<u>-468.38</u>
Ending Balance, June 30, 1996		\$1,281.25

*This date of balance is due to the date of the transfer of funds from the previous Membership at Large Coordinator to me.

NOTE: The \$5 difference in initiation fees paid and fees disbursed resulted when one member asked to forego her subscription to the *Banner*. I then used this \$5.

Emma E. Ashley
Membership at Large Coordinator

PRESIDENT MARGARET: This afternoon when we open we will have Election of Officers for next year. Immediately following that, I am going to ask the team that did the floor work for me yesterday at the Exemplification to take over. We have some candidates to initiate, always a delightful moment in the Auxiliary.

Announcements were made concerning luncheons, club meetings, etc.

The Chaplain closed the Bible for recess at 11:30 a.m.

THIRD SESSION
Friday Afternoon, August 9, 1996
1:10 p.m.

The Chaplain opened the Bible. Guard reported all entitled to remain.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the report of the Credentials Committee?

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Sister President, there are 50 voting delegates.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We have 50 voting delegates and eight visitors which, believe it or not, is precisely the number we had last year. I don't know how we did that, but we did. Once nominations begin, no one may enter or leave the room. Nominations are now open for the office of National President.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

PNP BEATRICE GREENWALT: I would like to place in nomination my daughter, Betty Jane Baker, for the office of National President. Betty has been a very faithful worker in her Auxiliary, in her Department, in National, and I know that she will do a wonderful job for the National Organization. SECONDED by the entire New York Department Delegation, every Department, every PNP, and several Sisters, and indeed the entire Encampment present seconded the nomination.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

PNP EMMA WHEELER: I want to place the name of a person who has been a member of this Auxiliary ever since she was old enough, and was brought up in the Auxiliary sleeping on every chair in the Department of New Hampshire. I am sure she understands the work of the Auxiliary because she's been brought up in it. I would like to place the name of my daughter, Jacquelyn Johnston, for the office of Vice President. SECONDED by the Department of New Hampshire, every Department, every PNP, and others.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Vice President, would you preside over the

nomination for Council Member #1.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #1

PNP ESTHER PEIPER: Sisters, it is my privilege to place in nomination for First Member of the Council our beloved National President who has so willingly served for two years. She has been a God-send to us in Pennsylvania. I know she will do the job well. Our National President now and First Member of Council next year, Margaret Atkinson. SECONDED by PNP Dorris Schlenker, Department of Pennsylvania, and everyone else.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #2

PDP BETTY MELLOR: Sister President, I would like to place the name of Mary Willey, National Patriotic Instructor, for the office of Council Member #2. SECONDED by PNP Emma Wheeler and several others.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #3

PNP FRANCES MURRAY: Sister President, at the Past National's meeting last night and the meeting yesterday, we had recommendations and endorsements for the office of National Council Member #3, Mary Jo Long. I nominate Mary Jo Long for National Council Member #3. SECONDED by all present.

NATIONAL TREASURER

PNP FRANCES MURRAY: Sister President, it is my pleasure to nominate Eileen Coombs, PNP, a member of the Maine Department, for National Treasurer for the next five years. Eileen has proven herself in the last three years, ending up in an appointment as National Treasurer. I don't know why anybody would ever want that job, but she loves it and she probably feels the same about my job. SECONDED by the Maine Department and all present.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

PNP EMMA WHEELER: Sister President, this is such a nice office and I had to work so hard to get this girl to consent, I hope you appreciate this. Last night I called Vermont because we have not had anybody from Vermont at these conventions for a long time. They have a young girl up there who is really a very nice member and she puts on beautiful Chaplain's services and I am hoping that she will do this for us. She promised me she would take this office. She is not going to be here because she is still back in Vermont, but she said I will be glad to do it for you, Emma. I will go up and install her within the next month. This girl is Teresa Doyle, the daughter of Alice Doyle, who is the Secretary in Vermont. Teresa is also our New England Regional President for this year. I think the people who know her will really appreciate this nomination and I am really proud to nominate Teresa Doyle for the office of Patriotic Instructor. SECONDED by PDP Jackie Johnston and the Department of New Hampshire, all the New England Departments, and many others.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

PNP ORA MOITOSO: Sister President, I would like to offer the name of Marguerite Plante. I know she will do a wonderful job. SECONDED by the Rhode Island Department and all New England Departments.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

PNP FRANCES MURRAY: Sister President, I would like to place the name of Past Department President, Mary Scofield of Connecticut. Sister Mary works very hard regardless of the position that she holds, and I know that she will do a very thorough job in this office. SECONDED by Connecticut and Maine Departments and many others.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN

DP JANICE DAWSON: Sister President, I would like to place in nomination a very special and lovely lady who comes out of our state of New York, PNP Beatrice Greenwalt. SECONDED by PDP Betty Baker, NY and many, many more.

MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH

SECONDED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME

That since there is no opposition for any office, the nominated officers be elected by acclamation.

SO VOTED

National President Margaret asked each officer if she would accept the office to which she was elected and each officer accepted.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Will the new officers leave their names, addresses, and telephone numbers with the National Secretary. She will need them for the Roster, even though you may have done it before. People are getting new area codes and zip codes, so please help her out by giving her this information..

We will now continue the business of the Encampment. Would the team that did the Exemplification of the Ritual yesterday please go back temporarily into the positions you had yesterday. We are going to do an initiation of four more Sisters. I would like to initiate them, so the only change we are going to make is Dorothy Kern remaining in the office of Chaplain.

The following Sisters were initiated: Anne Hooper, MAL, MA; Janice Yates, MAL, TN; Amanda Bunnell, MAL, CA; and Jill Jamieson, NJ.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much. Now if the regular officers will please take their places, we will continue with the meeting. I am going to ask the National Personal Aide, perhaps with assistance from Karen, to give a few gifts to the new members for me. I am so thrilled to have them join. I met Amanda's father, Dan Bunnell, in California two years ago, and was highly impressed with his dedication to the Order. He is now the Department Commander. We are very delighted to have Mary Willey's sister-in-law join, very delighted to have our very first member in the State of Tennessee, that I know of, and we are very happy to give our other young lady, Jill, an official welcome.

I would like to ask our National Historian Bea Greenwalt for her report.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: Sister President, with your permission. I would like to make a comment about the Proceedings as National Historian. I do not have it in my report. I truly do not care for the size of the Proceedings. I do not care for the look of the cover of the Proceedings. I know we have to cut costs, but I think that we have such a grand Organization, that type of Proceeding really is not up to our standards. We do not put them in libraries, but I go to the Cleveland (Ohio) Historical Society and Museum and in their history section there are two Proceeding books of our Auxiliary. In the front of them is written "donated by Edith Nile of Ohio's family." So they do wander into libraries where I would rather see them than in a flea market someplace. I believe this present form would not be nice on the shelf; in fact, I do not think they would put it on the shelf in the historical section of the libraries.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT

Another very busy year of duties for my office of National Historian. I have spent many hours compiling the history of the National, the Departments, and the Auxiliaries wherever I can find information. I sincerely appreciate the information that some members have sent me, making this office more enjoyable. Hopefully more will keep contributing when they see or find old records.

It is surprising how many more people are getting interested in tracing their families

and, due to the fact that my name, address, and telephone number are in most libraries of the United States as the Auxiliary Historian, I receive many requests to help trace their Civil War Veterans, or their Grandmothers who they think were Auxiliary members. It is

good free publicity for our Organization in all libraries. Even some men have called and asked where they can get information about "an Organization called Sons of Union Veterans."

I received 47 letters this year asking about our GAR Memorial Scholarship, but lost count of how many phone calls. If they only ask for information, I send them an application flyer of information when I answer their letter. Many others I forward on to our National President. I am proud that we have these grand looking leaflets of information of our Auxiliary.

Whereas: There are no guidelines for a person applying for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Scholarship.

Recommendation #1: That we print an application form to send to people applying.

I have submitted a suggested copy for the recommendation. If adopted, I will print up the same and give to the National President and anyone else she appoints to screen letters or phone calls coming in.

History from the 1938 Proceedings: At the National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa in the National President's report, she told of being at the Grant's Tomb Memorial Service held each year in April and that there were over 3,000 people in the line of march to General U. S. Grant's Tomb for the service. The many large flags were splendorous. Also present was General Grant's granddaughter, who gave a memorial of things she remembered of her childhood with her grandfather telling her of children her size being at Civil War campsites with mothers and fathers between battles and the children helping carry water, firewood, washing & sewing soldiers clothing, and helping their mothers. Playtime was briefly just before dark.

Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt, PNP
National Historian

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We will have a report from the Proceedings Committee and will table discussion on this until that report is given. I appreciate your comments. This is the only way we can decide what is best for our Organization. Everybody needs to feel free to express her opinions.

Chief of Staff Ora Moitoso, are you ready with your report?

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

It was with pleasure I accepted the office of National Chief of Staff when I was asked last year in Ohio. I have had a good year with lots of help from my Auxiliary, especially Mary Scofield, Catherine Zapatka, and many others who have made and given me articles for the sale table and prizes for the chance raffle. I would like to thank each and everyone who made donations even if I have not mentioned your name publicly. Thank you again.

I had the pleasure of representing our National President Margaret at New Hampshire Encampment and I was treated like royalty. I enjoyed every minute of it. Thank you very much.

I attended five of the six New England Encampments and three Regional meetings. I had a sale table at each Regional and did very well. I would have liked to visit other Encampments but was unable to.

Living so close to our National Treasurer, I visited with her quite often and turned in my checks and cash. My financial report will be given on Saturday.

Ora Moitoso, PNP
National Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Our next report is from my National Counselor, Dorris Schlenker.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR REPORT

How honored I was to be asked this second time to be Counselor to our National President.

During the year it was good to hear Sister Margaret's voice on the other end of the telephone line. We talked about many subjects, and her wise judgment could have solved all the problems, but she made me feel very important.

It was my pleasure to represent her on April 13th at the Jefferson Memorial honoring President Thomas Jefferson's birthday, and again on the 4th of July at Congressional Cemetery in paying tribute to Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, one of the signers or the Declaration of Independence and the only one buried in Washington, DC.

It is always a pleasure to represent our National Auxiliary and President in the Nation's Capitol and I am privileged to have served with this staff of officers.

Dorris W. Schlenker, PNP
National Counselor

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Report from my National Personal Aide, Amanda Kroger.

NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE REPORT

Being a student has made it difficult to attend many Auxiliary functions with the President. I was, however, able to attend Mullica Hill, Gettysburg, and the Pennsylvania State Convention. All of these events I immensely enjoyed and was glad to attend.

Amanda Kroger
National Personal Aide

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Next is the Report of the Legislative Committee.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

This has been a strange year for legislation. Not much was accomplished until last week. The Battle of the Budget took months to solve, with nothing being able to be done until a new budget was in place so the legislators would know what monies there were to be spent. I had heard from several federal employees that they did not expect a budget until after the Presidential election this coming November. Thank goodness they were wrong. Congress and the President had been going round and round on Health Care all year, with nothing being anywhere near settled until literally a few days ago. I thought my report was done early last week. Then things started happening, fast. My apologies to my committee - there simply was not enough time to re-write my report and get copies to the committee members.

Health Care Reform

Since this is newly passed legislation, there has not been too much published yet about the pros and cons of the new plan. You have all been reading the newspapers. You probably know as much as I do. The only comments I can make that you might not have fully understood:

People who are between jobs will still have health coverage under the new plan. They will not be unprotected until they find a new job, and the new employer's plan is in place.

When a person changes insurers, there will no longer be a two-year wait for coverage on pre-existing conditions. There is a provision for coverage under federal guidelines for those critical two years.

Welfare Reform

This I do know a little more about than most of you. Several states have come up with welfare programs similar to the new federal program. Wisconsin's proposed reforms are the most sweeping of all. This has been covered in detail in our local newspapers all year. Things that are most commonly misunderstood about this plan:

For all able-bodied adults, if they don't work, they don't get any payments.

Again for all able-bodied adults, there is a transition period during which the needy person can get job training and find employment. However, there is a limit--after two or five years, those transition payments stop.

Able-bodied adults are those between the ages of 18 and 50 with no really, really serious medical condition that would prevent them from working. The lady who married the day after high school graduation and never worked outside the home whose husband went bankrupt, which caused a fatal attack 45 years later would NOT be required to try to get a job.

The Food Stamp program is not affected by the new legislation.

All payments for dependent children will NOT stop. The same money will be there. It will just be administered by different (local) people.

English is the Official Language of the United States. This means that all official government documents need be printed only in English. Nobody cares if the Garcia family speaks Spanish at home, or if stubborn Mr. Leising refuses to speak anything but German to his grandchildren. Things like that remain perfectly legal, a matter of personal choice. It means that ballots need only be printed in English, not in 57 (really!) languages they are printed in now. It means that school districts be required to only provide textbooks printed in English. If a district has a French immersion program, where most courses are taught in French so the children become fluent in another language, the district is allowed to provide textbooks in French; but they are only required by law to provide books in English. Canada has real trouble having to duplicate everything because of two official languages. We can do very well without a mess like that.

Grant's Tomb Update

A General Management Plan has been drawn up by the National Park Service detailing repairs to be completed by April, 1997, which is the tomb's centennial and General Grant's 175th birthday. The work is to be accomplished in three phases.

Phase I has already been completed. The exterior of the tomb has been cleaned and polished. The roof of the tomb has been replaced. The effects of water damage on the inside caused by water damage from the old, leaky roof has been repaired. One of the historic interior murals has been uncovered and restored. Cracks in the walls and on the plaza that had been scheduled as part of Phase I have not been repaired yet.

Phase II focuses on the interior of the tomb. Painting the walls, cleaning the interior granite, refurbishing additional murals, and landscaping around the tomb are included in this phase. This will be done by next April.

Phase III calls for a visitors center to be constructed sometime in the future. Funding is not certain for this phase. It may never get done.

I will mention again Rep. Jerrold Nadler's Grant's Tomb National Memorial Bill, HR 1774, calling for the completion of all repairs by April 1997, 24-hour security at the tomb, construction of a visitor center, and transferring the plaza surrounding the tomb from the jurisdiction of the City of New York to the federal government. Part of the problems lies in the fact that the tomb is owned by the federal government, while the grounds belong to the New York City Parks Department. Rep. Nadler is trying to get co-sponsors to sign the bill. Please write to your congressman urging him or her to support this bill by becoming a co-sponsor.

Recommendation #1: That the National Organization urge the federal government to comply in a timely manner with the Grant's Tomb National Memorial Act of 1994, proceeding without delay to restore and preserve Grant's Tomb as a national memorial, to erect a visitor's center, to provide a 24-hour honor guard at the tomb, and to tighten security at the site.

Recommendation #2: That all members write their congressman urging him or her to co-sponsor this bill, HR-1774.

New on the Internet

The Harpers Ferry National Historical Park has a Web Home Page telling about new park exhibits and special events, printing strange stories from the park's historical

archives, and displaying old postcards. Other Civil War parks are in the process of developing their own WEB sites. Also joining the Internet is the Civil War Soldiers System, a massive database of basic information on all Civil War soldiers that is being assembled as a joint project of the National Park Service, the Civil War Trust, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Mormon Church, and the National Archive.

The IRS has a WEB page on the Internet called Fedworld. The user can view or print out tax forms and publications and simplified summaries on 150 tax topics. It features an interactive session, called "Tax Trails," that poses key tax regulations (in plain, understandable English) and changes affecting taxpayers.

Online photos and biographies of Medal of Honor winners from the Korean War are available on the Internet through the American War Library.

New National Cemetery Near Chicago

Work is underway on the new National Cemetery on the grounds of the former Joliet Army Ammunition Plant. The cemetery will take up only part of the arsenal site, but still, at 1,000 acres, it will be the second largest in the nation. The cemetery should open in 1999, if all goes according to schedule. It is estimated that 200,000 eligible veterans and their dependents will be buried at Joliet over the next forty years. The same defense bill that sanctioned the arsenal redevelopment in Illinois also funded a 120-acre expansion of the 97-acre Calverton National Cemetery in New York. When completed, the Calverton National Cemetery will take over second place in size from the Joliet cemetery. The nation's largest National Cemetery is on Long Island.

Two National Cemeteries Placed on Register of Historic Places

The Richmond and Seven Pine National Cemeteries have been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The cemeteries are significant because of their Civil War origins, and because the lodges at both were designed by U.S. Army Quartermaster Montgomery Meigs.

The 10-acre Richmond National Cemetery was established in 1866. It contains the graves of 6,470 Union soldiers who died in Confederate prisons in the Richmond area, or at nearby battlefields like Cold Harbor. It is located on Richmond's east side, at 1701 Williamsburg Road, inside the former Confederate defensive works.

The 1.9 acre Seven Pines National Cemetery located in Sandston, VA was also established in 1866. It contains 1,216 Union soldiers, of whom all but 141 are unknown, all killed in the Battle of Seven Pines or Fair Oaks. It is located 8 miles southeast of Richmond.

Meigs was an 1832 graduate of West Point. Just before the War he was the engineer overseeing the construction of the dome of the U.S. Capitol. He served as Army Quartermaster-General in 1861-62. His duties included the overseeing of the burial of the dead. He created the National Cemetery System in 1862, creating 14 cemeteries. Federal legislation in 1867 directed that lodges be constructed in each cemetery, to be used as cemetery offices and as housing for the cemetery superintendents. Meigs created the design for these lodges, typically Victorian, L-shaped, with mansard roofs. Sixteen of the Meigs lodges still exist, eight of them in Virginia. The lodge at the Richmond Cemetery continues to be used as an administrative office for the National Cemetery System. The lodge at Seven Pines is leased to a local historical society.

George Washington's Boyhood Home Development

Last September Stratford County, Virginia awarded a \$38,000 contract to a firm in Washington to determine how Ferry Farm, George Washington's boyhood home in Fredericksburg, will be developed into a national attraction. Planners favor a museum to house artifacts found on the farm, a visitors center, and a gift shop. Once a master plan is complete, the foundation will solicit one or more donors.

Washington lived on the Ferry Farm property for 14 years, until he assumed management of Mount Vernon at the age of 20. It was while living on the farm that Washington taught himself surveying, wrote his essay on manners, and, according to legend, chopped down the cherry tree. In 1994 an arson fire consumed a two-story house that stood on the property, endangering the stone foundation of the 1727 Washington farm house that lay beneath. Planners say they are still uncertain if they will try to build a reproduction of the home on the site. In the meantime, a wooden tract house has been built over the foundation to shield the stones.

Millions Register to Vote under "Motor Voter Law"

In what political experts say is the greatest expansion of voter rolls in the nation's history, more than 5 million Americans registered to vote in the first eight months the National Voter Registration Act was in effect. This Act is popularly known as the "Motor Voter Law" because it allows people to register to vote when obtaining a driving permit or doing other business at their local Motor Vehicle Department. It is estimated that if the present surge in registrations continues, at least four of every five adult Americans will be registered to vote by the turn of the century, as compared to three out of every four now. At the start of 1995, there were about 190 million citizens of voting age, but only about 120 million registered voters. By June, 1995 the number of registered voters had jumped to about 125 million.

Recommendation #3: That all members remind friends and neighbors that they can register to vote when visiting their local Motor Vehicle Department for any reason.

School Prayer Guidelines

Trying to defuse the politically volatile issue of school prayer, the Clinton administration has issued the first detailed guidelines on what kinds of religious activities public schools may permit under current law. The four-page set of guidelines stresses the extent to which student-initiated prayer can be accommodated so long as they are not disruptive, coercive, endorsed, or organized by the school or by teachers. These guidelines do not carry the force of law:

Students have the right to pray either individually or in informally organized prayer groups as long as they do not cause a disruption.

Students may carry and read Bibles or other religious tracts in school.

They may distribute religious literature.

They may proselytize.

They may wear religious clothing, including yarmulkes and head scarves.

Organized prayer in classrooms or assemblies lead by students, teachers, or school officials is not permitted.

Teachers and administrators are not allowed to engage in religious activity with students.

Students should not be allowed to continue to try to persuade other students to participate in religious activities in the face of a request to stop.

Peggy Schaefer, DP, Chairlady
Mary Mierka, DP
Legislative Committee

PRESIDENT MARGARET: It takes a lot of work to find all that information and assimilate it. We appreciate it.

May we have the report from the C.R.&R. Committee.

CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee has received two petitions for changes in the C.R. & R.

The first was from the Pennsylvania Department, dated June 24, 1996 signed by the Department President and Department Secretary with the seal engraved. It reads as follows:

In the C.R.&R, page 6, CONSTITUTION, Chapter I, ARTICLE VI, Formation and Disbandment, Section 5: A Department may be formed by the authority of the National President, said Department to consist of five (5) or more Auxiliaries.

We request it be changed to read:

A Department may be formed by the authority of the National President, said Department to consist of three (3) or more Auxiliaries.

Reasons given:

1. The Sons have changed their C.R.&R. to read three Camps; Auxiliary follows

Rules of the Sons.

2. The Article was written when membership was larger and now we have some Departments with less than the required number. The new active Auxiliaries should be given the same privilege.
3. With the Sons forming new Departments and with our interest in recruiting family members from these new camps, the rule needs to be changed for the Auxiliary members to have a Department to hold joint Department Encampments with the Sons.

The second petition came from National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, dated July 13, 1996. It reads as follows:

In the C.R. & R., Page 8, REGULATIONS, Chapter I, ARTICLE I, Formation and Disbandment, Section 3: I recommend the fee for an Auxiliary Charter be increased to Twenty-Five dollars (\$25), Twenty Dollars (\$20) of which will be forwarded to the National Secretary with the application, and balance to be retained by the Department.

Reason given:

Increase in cost of printing and postage to send out the supply packet.

We, the Committee, recommend that both of these requests be given immediate attention and passed without delay.

If the Auxiliaries are to try to catch up with the Sons in their movement to bring the camps up in numbers, we, the National Auxiliary, should put our shoulders to the wheel and make every effort to build our membership to work with the Sons and bring our C.R. & R. up to date.

The Committee wishes to thank the Sisters who worked on the petitions for change and our National President Margaret for our appointment to serve.

Esther G. Peiper, PNP, Chairlady
Catherine Zapatka, PNP
Emma Prince, DP

NATIONAL ORGANIZER AND RECRUITER REPORT

A year and a half ago when Auxiliary Organizer Isabelle Roberts became very ill, I took over the duties of her committee. After I was re-elected President last August, I decided to try to continue working with the contacts I had made in the previous six months. Combining this job with the Presidential duties made for a rather hectic year, but when one saw results, it was well worth the extra effort.

National Secretary Frances Murray was also a member of the committee. She was able to receive inquiries on her fax machine and send immediate answers. The Sons listed my name and address on the bottom of their magazine ads, an e-mail address, and Frances' fax number. Early in the year George Powell, then Department Commander of Pennsylvania, took the e-mail messages and passed them along to me. In the spring my husband and I purchased extra equipment to upgrade our computer and I can now receive e-mail directly.

One hundred seventy-five individual inquiries about the Order were answered. I have three different letters set up on my computer to cover varying situations. Some inquiries are from areas where we have Departments. In addition to basic information, I inform them of the name and address of a state contact. Some are from areas where we do not have a Department and I refer them to Membership at Large. Those who do not reside close to an Auxiliary, I give the choice of joining the Department or Member at Large.

It is difficult to accurately count how many of the 175 joined. None of the Department officers let me know if they followed through with another contact on referrals. I do know of about twelve who joined the Order.

Some of my referrals came from Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons Richard Orr, who replied last year to 1500 requests for information on the Sons. Some of these

men also asked for literature about the Auxiliary and I would send a letter, brochure, and application.

As soon as we can buy ads that will be directed solely to women, we will see an increase in the response; however, the Auxiliary is grateful to the Sons for their generosity in paying for a few extra lines in their ads featuring our Order.

The Sons have instituted many new camps the past year and at least three Departments. I tried to obtain the mailing addresses of new camps and sent letters to about sixteen inviting them to begin Auxiliaries. Now my husband has the list of camps on our computer and receives quarterly updates. Unfortunately, this information was only available to me recently and I did not have the time to use it yet.

In the past 18 months, I corresponded with 20 camps or individuals who contacted me for information on beginning a new Auxiliary. The following continued corresponding after first contact:

French Camp #28, Rodney, MI - will consider after camp more organized.

Lea Camp 2, Houston, TX - sent in Charter fee, wants institution of new Auxiliary in the fall.

Crapo Camp #145, Flushing, MI - women temporarily joining Member at Large.

Celeste Gettings, Toledo, OH - not sufficient applicants, she joined Member at Large.

Camp #100, Denver, CO - not sufficient applicants, several joined Member at Large.

Chamberlain Camp, Roanoke, VA - instituted by National President on July 27, 1996, with 13 members.

C. David Camp in Elk Grove, CA - has several women, but not ready yet.

Garfield Camp, Baltimore, MD - reactivated Auxiliary with new members in April.

Garfield Camp, Cleveland, OH - Auxiliary instituted in April by Department President Wilda Brown.

G. Knight, Camp in Lititz, PA - new camp wants to be more organized before recruiting Auxiliary.

Camp #2, Bokeelia, FL - no response after second phone call in February.

Camp #101, Holland PA - insufficient recruits, two to join Member at Large

Cindi Thurston, Springfield, MO - had 12 applicants, was transferred to Illinois.

Going back in six months. Will try to get someone to take over organizing the Auxiliary.

Torbett Camp, Milford, DE - expect to have enough for fall institution of Auxiliary.

C. Pence Camp, Marietta, GA - expect to mail papers within one month for fall institution of Auxiliary.

Dean Speaks, Kansas - formed four Sons camps since April, Department of Kansas formed last week, working on first Auxiliary.

As you will note from the brief comments after each listing, it requires a great deal of time, correspondence, and phone calls to set up a new Auxiliary. For those groups that were actively recruiting, I provided information to assist them in tracing prospective applicants' lineage to determine their eligibility for membership.

Last year the sum of \$100 was included in the budget to pay the expenses of the Organizer. A total of \$118.50 was spent during the past year, broken down as follows:

Postage	\$ 84.64
Telephone Calls	17.59
Copying	<u>16.27</u>
Total	\$118.50

I know a larger amount would have been needed, but I used some of the National President's stamps, and did not always keep track of the extra postage paid on heavier packages. Information on forming an Auxiliary requires large envelopes and more postage than a single letter. I only had copying charges the beginning of the year because we purchased a copier for home and I used that for the remainder of the year.

As noted above, some of the women choose to join Membership at Large until they can find enough applicants for the Auxiliary they are trying to organize.

Sister National Vice President, I am going to make some recommendations. Please stand and take the necessary action on these. Thank you.

Recommendation #1: That members be permitted to transfer to new Auxiliaries they are organizing and have their name put on the Charter.

MOVED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME
 SECONDED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME
 That we approve this recommendation.
 SO VOTED

Recommendation #2: That the National Recruiter continue to be appointed to answer inquiries from advertisements and to direct them to other persons when appropriate.

MOVED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME
 SECONDED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
 That we accept this recommendation.
 SO VOTED

Recommendation #3: That the sum of \$150 be included in the Budget to be used for the expenses of the National Recruiter.

MOVED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME
 SECONDED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME
 That this recommendation be accepted.
 SO VOTED

Recruiting members has been an exciting job. I have had the opportunity to correspond with persons throughout the United States, had the pleasure of seeing two new Auxiliaries instituted, and set the groundwork for several more new Auxiliaries in the fall. As in any endeavor, there have been disappointments, but, on the whole, it has been a great experience. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the Auxiliary in this position. My sincere thanks to Frances Murray, National Secretary, for her cooperation and assistance throughout the year.

Margaret E. Atkinson, National President
 National Organizer and Recruiter

Bible closed and reopened after a brief recess.

*Guides and Color Guards escorted the National Patriotic Instructor
 and a representative of the recipient of the Patriotic Instructor's gift
 in memory of the G.A.R. to the altar.*

MARY WILLEY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: I have the pleasure to introduce Mr. Karl Schaeffer who is here to receive the National Patriotic Instructor's gift in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Brother Karl Schaeffer is also a member of the Sons and we are very honored to have you attend. Sisters, with me salute. Guides and Color Guards, please escort our honored guest to a place at the podium.

MARY WILLEY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: On behalf of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I would like to present this check to you.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Brother Schaeffer, would you like to say a few words about your project?

KARL SCHAEFFER: Absolutely. I want to thank President Margaret Atkinson and all members of the Auxiliary here and not here for this wonderful gift. Before I go into what we are doing at the museum, I just want to let you know that I was kind of nervous

coming in here, not because I am that type of person, but because we were voting on a very big issue that I was very involved in next door and I wanted to vote. That issue is having a National Headquarters for the Sons of Union Veterans and a brand new museum, hopefully to be started next year in Harrisburg, PA. It has been passed and for that I am grateful. I will give you a little hint as to what that is about because it is something we need to grow. I feel it will help not only the Sons, but also the Daughters and the Auxiliary, and everybody in general that is connected to the Civil War.

Our annual costs for rental of 700 sq. feet of office space and 750 sq. feet of storage will be the outrageous sum of \$1,000 per year. In addition to that, we will have a pro-rated cost on utilities that has been estimated at around \$100 per month. We are talking about a facility that is to be built about 2 miles east of the State Capitol in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It is easy to get to and has easy access to Gettysburg. It is not a city that you have to break your neck to get around in like Philadelphia, or New York, or Atlanta, and I am from Philadelphia.

I want to tell you about our museum. It has been unbelievably hectic and exciting for John Toshoff, our Chairman, and myself, Co-Chairman, who founded the idea for our museum. It will be two years in September and we had an actual official grand opening dedication on May 28th of last year. Of course, after we decided to go into this and got approval from our membership, John and I contacted Mrs. Major McKinley Tent #1, DUV. They were looking for a place to store their artifacts. We made a deal with them, and they have 1/3 of our present space. We are going to expand another 800 square feet, which will give us about 2500 square feet, the whole third floor of our Post. We hope to have that completed by the end of the year. We are getting ready to put in air conditioning, which we need to give us good climate control. Our heat program is good as we have gas heat and we can keep the temperature there at 68 to 70 degrees all year round. We have a lot of Civil War artifacts in there because of Tent #1, but even we have gotten Civil War artifacts. It is just so hard to believe. We have members of our camp and members of other camps who are giving us Civil War artifacts, badges, swords, knives, articles like that.

We are just cutting off uniforms. We are asking our people not to give us any more uniforms unless they are a specialty type since we have over 150 uniforms already. Art Lestig, a member of the American Legion who is a lawyer in Cleveland, happened to have one of his functions, being a Trustee of a particular fund. This fund is used to give monies to help organizations. He knew about our museum because he gets a copy of our monthly Post Parade. We received a \$1,000 check just three weeks ago. We can really use the money because it is going to cost us a lot of money to renovate this additional 800 square feet.

I did not tell you one story. We have not charged our Sisters one penny. It costs them nothing for heat, rent, energy. . . absolutely zero. They are our guests. The only thing that we talked about was that they were going to share in putting in air conditioning. They gave us a check for \$300 and we have accepted that check, but it is not going to be anywhere near the 50% they talked about sharing. We said, basically, "Do not worry about it." That \$300 is in the bank right now and when we are ready to get the air conditioning installed sometime in the next 60 days, we will have enough money to take care of it.

All I can say is that everything we have is paid for. We are trying to build a little fund because we are going to need money for refurbishment and we are going to need another air conditioning unit in the apartment that is on the third floor that is going to be the addition to what we have. So what we are getting today, the second year in a row, is just unbelievable and I know that our post will be eternally grateful to this Organization. And, as Sisters to the Sons, it is sort of like a two-way help. You are not only helping the Civil War remembrances of the people, but you are remembering the American Legion. Many, many American Legionnaires, particularly the ones that joined when the organization was founded in 1919, had fathers and uncles who fought in the Civil War.

Thank you and thank everybody here, particularly your wonderful President, your Patriotic Instructor, and all of you for this very kind and wonderful gift. Thanks so much.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the response?

DOROTHY HILYARD, PNP, MD-DE: Brother Schaeffer, we are so happy you could come today to receive this money from our National Patriotic Instructor and the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are so happy where it is going because, after all, we do have to preserve our heritage and this certainly is a way of doing that. People on the outside can come in and see just what the Civil War was all about. We wish that it could be much more, but we hope that this will help you in your work.

KARL SCHAEFFER: I want to thank Michelle Langley, Bea Greenwalt, and Betty Baker. I want to know who is in charge of the dress code. Sister President, do me a favor, make sure my wife has a white dress next year! Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: President-elect, I hope you took that to heart!

Guides and Color Guards escorted our guest out.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Next is the Rehabilitation Report.

REHABILITATION REPORT

Donations	Number of Items	Cash Value
Afghans & Lap Robes	169	\$1,670.00
Books, Magazines	1,766	1,880.50
Canceled Stamps	1,154	5,765.00
Cards Sent (Birth, Sick, Sympathy)	1,331	1,331.00
Cash	-----	9,465.00
Donations	Number of Items	Cash Value
Flowers, Plants	99	840.00
Foods (Canned, Casseroles, Cakes)	2,334	5,898.00
Knitted Garments	189	2,658.00
Hours Volunteered	8,444	51,227.00
Mileage Volunteered	15,805	4,122.00
Knitted Garments (Hats, Mittens, Sox, Booties)	281	1,440.00
Parties Hosted (Nursing Home, Hospital)	48	1,656.00
Playing Cards	72	32.50
Scrap Books	34	184.33
Toys or Games	463	1,039.00
Used Clothing	10,692	12,247.00
Used Greeting Cards	1,779	1,779.00
Other:		
New Clothing	5	200.00
Can tabs for Kidney Dialysis	11,000	220.00
Bingo Equipment	1 set	1,750.00
Closed Circuitry T.V.	1	750.00
Color T.V. Set	<u>1</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Sub-Total	55,479 items	\$106,204.33
Received at Encampment	<u>1,388 items</u>	<u>874.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	56,867 items	\$107,420.83

Special Mention:

Vermont: Members on Fellowship after funerals; bingo at V.A. Hospitals; helped with refreshments at Senior card parties.

New Jersey: Saved tabs from cans for kidney dialysis; gave eye glasses to V.A. Hospital; donated a complete Bingo set to PA V.A. Hospital; also made cash donations for T.V. closed circuitry.

New York: Members put flags on Veterans graves.

Connecticut: Transport eyes for Eye Bank; work for church fairs; work at Veterans Home and Hospital; type work for Department and Auxiliaries; make crafts for our Department Fair and for our booth at the Haddam Neck Fair over Labor Day weekend.

Mary Scofield, PDP
National Rehabilitation Chairman

Department Reports from Connecticut; Iowa; Maryland-Delaware; Massachusetts; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New York; Ohio; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; Wisconsin and the Provisional Auxiliary in Salt Lake City, UT were given this session.

The Chaplain closed the Bible and the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning.

FOURTH SESSION
Saturday Morning, August 10, 1996
9:00 a.m.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I have made the decision that I wish to go with the Visiting Committee. Therefore, we will hold up the opening of this morning's session until about 9:10 which will give everybody a chance to get themselves together, and I'm sure you kind of need it!

9:10 a.m.

The Chaplain opened the Bible and the Guard reported all entitled to remain.

Guides and Color Guards escorted into the room the Greetings Committee from the Sons: Bud Atkinson, PC-in-C, Chairman; Ivan Frantz, Sr., PDC, PA; and Keith Ashley, SVC, OH.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Brother Atkinson and the remainder of your delegation, we welcome you to our meeting. Sisters, with me salute. Guides and Color Guards, will you please escort the delegation to the podium.

Brother Atkinson, Husband Bud, welcome to the Auxiliary. Would you like to say something? I've hardly seen him for three days!

BUD ATKINSON, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, PA: Thank you for the beautiful escort that you gave us. It is good to see that you are coming back. You have more attendees than last year. We have 105 men here this year and this is the largest we have been for 10 years. As we grow, we hope the Auxiliary will grow with us. Together we can get up to where we were years ago. We are a growing Organization and we have stopped the dying.

Thank you for giving my wife back to me again, but it has been a lot of fun traveling with her. I had one year myself traveling across the country and it was very enjoyable the first, second, and third time! If anyone here gets a chance, you will never find a better group of people than the ones we have in our Allied Orders. As Margaret said a short while ago when she came with your Greetings Committee, anything the Auxiliary can do to help the Sons, they will do it. The Commander-in-Chief told me to come over and tell you that anything that the Sons can do to help you, we are there for you. Once again, thanks a lot for having us over. We only have a small delegation coming over, but the reason they put me on there is because there are some resolutions coming up that are going to be voted on that they know I am going to cause problems. So they were shoving me out of the room so they can vote while I am gone! Once again, thanks for having us and I hope that next year you go over a hundred in attendance also.

Margaret has a gift from the Commander-in-Chief. He would like you to open it and explain it to the ladies here.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: It's a doll with a little book entitled "How to Stitch a Flag." Since our youngest son married about eight years ago and left, I converted his room into my Civil War room with period furniture, gradually doing it over. It also contains my doll collection. When the Commander-in-Chief stayed at our home, everybody in the Sons asked him if he was going to sleep in Margaret's "doll room", so he gave me another doll for my collection.

IVAN FRANTZ, SR., PDC, PA: Sister National President Margaret, my wife and I have been coming to these Encampments for a number of years and in looking around the room it's nice to see that you have more here than last year. Within the Pennsylvania Department I have been around as long or longer than even Bud, I guess. I have 55 years of service in the Sons and my wife has 50-some years in the Auxiliary. It is nice that you are going to give him his wife back. Years ago there was a joke going around that he was going back into the chicken business since they said he looked a little like Colonel Sanders! He can start selling fried chicken at the museum to make some extra money!

It was my pleasure to come over here just to say a few words to you ladies this morning. Thank you.

KEITH ASHLEY, SVC, OH: As Senior Vice Commander of the Ohio Department, I am glad to welcome all you ladies to the State of Ohio. We are enjoying our Encampment and are happy to see so many of you. As we continue working to emphasize the heritage that the Boys in Blue gave us by preserving battlefields, monuments, and museums, I think that we have a strong purpose here and with a strong purpose we will draw more in. I know you ladies are working hard and we are also working here in Ohio. We are seeing a growth and are very pleased that we have such a good, strong, working relationship with you ladies. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the Response to the Sons.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: I don't know if I can respond to those inspiring speeches they just gave us! Those should really get us all pepped up and ready to go. Brother Bud said that whatever they could do, we could do better and I thought he was going to say that whatever the women did, the Sons could do better!

BUD ATKINSON, PC-IN-C, PA: The Sons would not be anything without the Auxiliary!

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: Thank you, Bud.

Brother Keith, your speech was also very inspiring. Usually the rest of the committee just comes in and says that they were glad to be here. So I was pleased to hear that you did welcome us to Ohio. Keep up the good work as you have been very energetic in the Sons Organization. I'm proud of YOU!

Brother Ivan, I don't know about that little joke. I don't think I can top that! Thank you for taking the time to come visit us.

BUD ATKINSON, PC-IN-C, PA: I understand that you held Election of Officers. I want to congratulate the new officers. We are willing to work along with you the same as we did with my wife. Don't be afraid to call on us.

The Sons were escorted from the room.

Guide and Color Guards escorted into the room the Greetings Committee of the Ladies of the G.A.R.: Phyllis Houston, PNP; Dolores Hubbard, PNP; Bonnie Weld, PNP; and Ercelle Speaks.

President Margaret welcomed the Greetings Committee. PNP Dolores Hubbard mentioned the time that they spent together when she was National President and Margaret's husband, Bud, was Commander-in-Chief. The entire delegation expressed

their pleasure at visiting the Auxiliary and conveyed the greetings from their National President. Gifts were exchanged, and PNP Dorris Schlenker gave the Response on behalf of the President and Auxiliary.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the Ladies from the room.

ESTHER PEIPER, PNP, PA: Sister President, I would like to give the report on the visit of the Greetings Committee to the Sons. I wish you all could have been there, except we all couldn't have fit into the room because there are so many of them over there. It does your heart good to see how much they have raised their numbers. They were very gracious to us. We enjoyed it and I know our National President enjoyed being part of our Greetings Committee.

The Inside Guard reported all entitled to remain.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: First, I would like to thank the Chief of Staff for my Courtesy Hour last night. I would like to thank each and every one of you for the lovely gifts. I was up until 1:00 this morning because I wanted to see what was in all those packages. I have them on display in my room and after the dinner tonight, we are going to have Open House. Fortunately, this year the Commander-in-Chief and I are right next door to each other, so we will have a little more room to move. Your remembrances and kind cards really warmed my heart and I really appreciate it and thank you all.

Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and accepted with corrections.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the Committee on Revision of Blanks Report?

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF BLANKS REPORT

Rehabilitation Form

We have tried to explain the Rehabilitation Form by putting an explanation paragraph on the Price List. We will make one form for the Auxiliaries and a different form for the Departments. We have changed "Cash" to "Charity and Other." "Playing Cards" will be "New Cards." We have added "Food Labels" to the list.

Instituting Auxiliary Form

The application for a Charter by a camp has been retyped to look better and spacing has been changed.

Report of Instituting Officer

The address of the National Secretary has been eliminated. Clause of eligibility has been changed to:

1. Wives of Civil War Veterans
2. Daughters of Civil War Veterans
3. Sisters of Civil War Veterans
4. Nieces of Civil War Veterans
5. Wives of Sons of Union Veterans
6. Mothers of Sons of Union Veterans
7. Granddaughters of Civil War Veterans
8. Great Granddaughters of Civil War Veterans
9. Great, Great Granddaughters of Civil War Veterans
10. Great, Great, Great Granddaughters of Civil War Veterans
11. Great Nieces of Civil War Veterans
12. Great, Great Nieces of Civil War Veterans
13. Great, Great, Great Nieces of Civil War Veterans
14. Adopted Daughters of Civil War Veterans
15. Transfer

This form will be put on 8 1/2 X 11 paper.

The Instituting Officer Appointment form has been changed to be done by the National Organization.

Quarterly Reports

Lines will be added on the back for members initiated, transferred, reinstated as well as death, dropped, by honorable discharge, and by transfer. When the Life Membership decision is decided, lines will be added for this.

Frances Murray, PNP, Chairlady
Dorothy Hilyard, PNP
Peggy Frantz, PDP

PRESIDENT MARGARET: This has been a tough job for the committee to keep going over the forms and trying to adapt them so they are readily understandable by everyone. Something came to my attention today, and I am certainly not going to name states or names, but I hope that you are all aware out in your local Auxiliaries that the wife of a member of the Sons who is a descendant is eligible to become a member of the Auxiliary. I heard of one Department this morning that turned down the wife of a Son, at one time the Department Commander, because they said she didn't have eligibility. So we lost a member there. I am doing my best to correct that error. Please, don't anybody turn down someone who is out to a meeting and wants to join. Investigate thoroughly to see if there is some way she can join.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have a report from the Greetings Committee to the Ladies of the GAR?

EILEEN COOMBS, NATIONAL TREASURER, PNP, ME: We were received cordially. PNP Eleanor Lowe introduced me as Eileen Mason and I have not been Mason for 33 years. I told her I was going to tell Frances and she just didn't want me to! We had a lovely visit, with all of us having a chance to speak. We were given these little acorns which the National President's husband made and she said they were because she was a "nut." We had a delightful time and we were really received with open arms. They were so glad we came.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you, Sister Eileen.
May we have the report from the Committee on Officers Reports?

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

Here we are once again in Columbus, Ohio, and to once again review the work of the past year.

All officers who have served on this year's staff, both elected and appointed, deserve our heartfelt thanks. We pay tribute to the combined efforts of all who made this year one to be proud of. Thank you sincerely for serving your National Organization.

National President Margaret Atkinson has again worked relentlessly on membership and in organizing new Auxiliaries. She deserves our sincere thanks and appreciation for serving us for a second term. She had dreams of what she wanted to see accomplished. We hope some of her dreams have come true.

Her travels this year took her to places she was unable to get to last year. She has shown her qualities of good leadership by being knowledgeable and informative and was received everywhere with enthusiasm.

We are most grateful for her going the second time around and for her loyalty and sincere dedication to our Order. Sister National President - we stand and salute you with three cheers - Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, Hip, Hooray!

Recommendation #1: The National Delegates discuss and decide the need (if any)

for a Per Capita Tax increase this year. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH
SECONDED by Betty Baker, PDP, NY
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

DISCUSSION:

EMMA WHEELER, PNP, NH: We thought we were going to have a year to do this. We will probably need one, but I would like to see us wait until next convention.

ESTHER PEIPER, PNP, PA: Eight years ago I went in as Budget Chairman and the prior chairman said you have got to get the Per Capita Tax raised. I managed to get 15¢. I told her when I took over her unexpired term that, if I could not get that \$1 in the five years when I was voted in, I would not work for something that was impossible to get. I still feel it is not impossible to get that \$1 per quarter. We needed it eight years ago, and we desperately need it now. You are overworking your money officers and are cheating the officers who are serving.

FRANCES MURRAY, NATIONAL SECRETARY, PNP, ME: While we may truly need the \$1, I feel that we should not raise the Per Capita Tax this year. I believe it will be too much confusion on the Departments. I'm having trouble enough with the Secretaries and Treasurers now on the 75¢ and they are so confused over the Life Membership deal that we had. I would really like to have this go for another year before we would raise the Per Capita Tax.

MOVED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME
SECONDED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
That we do not raise Per Capita Tax this year.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #2: The late fine on quarterly reports from Departments be increased to \$5 effective as of December 31, 1996 quarter. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH
SECONDED by Anne Iannitto, DP, PA
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #3: A sum of \$300 be added to the Publicity account in 1996/1997 to give the committee more working capital with which to purchase advertisements in magazines geared to women and Civil War buffs. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Emma Prince, PDP, CT
SECONDED by Anne Iannitto, DP, PA
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #4: A letter be sent to each Department President by either the committee or the National President strongly recommending she assign a member to assist the Publicity Committee in the coming year. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE - BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE APPOINTEE.

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
SECONDED by Linda Fields, PDP, NY

That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: The Committee on Officers' Reports would like us to further define what this appointee within the state would be expected to do.

SARAH CHERRY, DVP, OH: The person in the state would be expected to locate the local newspapers, newsletters that are put out by the reenactors, and the genealogy people. They would have a better contact to know who these people are than somebody, like me from Ohio, to go up to Connecticut to find out where to do these things. Normally it is up to the Vice President to go out to do things to build up membership, and maybe this should be part of a Vice President's duty on the Department level. Of course, that would be up to the Department to define that. The idea for having someone from each state would be so that they would know what is available for advertising and to get memberships.

Upon questioning by President Margaret, Sarah said it would be best if that individual actually placed the ads and information since they would have a personal working relationship with individuals within the state. The Publicity Committee could probably provide whatever material was requested by the State Appointee.

EMMA WHEELER, PNP, NH: I just want to say that it is nice to have this committee, but I hope that they are not going to ignore the Press Correspondent. You realize that our Press Correspondents have had a very rough time getting any news, and I hope that they will cooperate with the local and state Press Correspondent because we do have to go through some official channels.

BETTY BAKER, COUNCIL #1, PDP, NY: I am a little confused. I understand that the Publicity Committee that was just formed was to do publicity for new advertising and ads in magazines, not press coverage like the Press Correspondent is supposed to do. I also don't feel that the committee should relinquish all the work to the people in the other states. I think they should have full control and they should know what they're doing. I think the appointees should send the names and contacts that they have available and the committee should take care of sending it back to that person and say, "Please go do this." I do not think we should have people running all over the state spending money that maybe you don't know is being spent.

DORRIS SCHLENKER, PNP, MD-DE: *(speaking as a member, not the committee head)* Now that I fully understand what the committee expects of the people in the various Departments, they still would be in control and be doing our advertising as they see fit. But it would be nice to know that you have someone in each Department, knowing that they could ask for some brochures and get them out to the libraries, or hang them on the bulletin boards in grocery stores to help with advertising. I think this is what the committee was really hoping for, to be sure that in each Department there is somebody spreading the word for us.

MOVED by Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA

SECONDED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME

That the Chairlady of the Publicity Committee make up a job description, have it available for each Department so that they would know that each person would be consistent throughout the Departments in following their job descriptions.

SO VOTED

Recommendation #5: The Publicity Committee be increased to three persons and that one of them be the National Vice President. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Emma Prince, PDP, CT

SECONDED by Anne Iannitto, DP, PA
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #6: The Sons be given a "Love Gift" of \$250. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE
MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
SECONDED by Catherine Hartman, AP, PA
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #7: We give a "Love Token" to Commander-in-Chief Medert of \$60. And consider raising the amount next year to \$75. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #8: We continue giving the Scholarship of \$350 and the recipient to be the personal choice of the National President. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Janice Dawson, DP, NY
SECONDED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #9: The Honor Roll names will be printed in the General Orders as they are submitted by the National Treasurer. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Sarah Cherry, DVP, OH
SECONDED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #10: Non-profit mailing of the General Orders to every member be approved and a committee be appointed to work out the details. The non-profit mailing of the General Orders to be effective with the mailing of General Order #2 in February, 1997. This committee should include the National Secretary. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Dawn Hayner, D, MD-DE
SECONDED by Peggy Schaefer, DP, WI
That the Committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Initially, it costs \$85 to get a stamp and number. It costs 12.4¢ to mail each piece after that.

MARGARET FRANTZ, D, PA: One more thing that they must know is that each envelope must have the same thing in them.
DOROTHY KERN, PDP, PA: I understand that sometimes when it's bulk mailing, they push it aside and don't take it out right away. That would mean we would have to wait

awhile before we get our General Order.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: In my experience with the museum, and I've been doing it for nine years, the longest any of them take to be delivered is two weeks. And, as you and I know very well, we have mailed first class letters to each other and they have taken two weeks. The majority of bulk mailing is received within seven days.

EILEEN COOMBS, NATIONAL TREASURER, PNP, ME: I belong to the Daughters in Maine, and they do this. It's only when the weatherman gives us all the snow, sleet, and bad weather that it takes a longer time. I usually get mine within seven days of the mailing.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: If we concur with the Committee and this goes into effect with the second General Order, is there a committee or someone who has already volunteered who is going to start doing this immediately?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: You would send an original of each General Order to the committee and they would have them copied and mail them out. I volunteer my home Auxiliary #1 in Philadelphia to do this.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Ladies, I thank you. One of my dreams when I went into office was to get this through!

Recommendation #11: That the National President or her representative be appointed to attend the ceremonies at Grant's Tomb each year and represent the National Organization. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA
 SECONDED by Catherine Hartman, AP, PA and Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

National Vice President Mary Jo Long: We are sorry that she could not be here. Being in charge of vice in the National Auxiliary could be quite a challenge for any one, but Sister Mary Jo could have handled it, if that was what was required of her! As Chairman of the Membership Committee, she was most anxious to hear of new members and new Auxiliaries being formed, and this year sounds like a good year. Sister Mary Jo has held herself in readiness to promptly assume her duties with dignity. We thank you, Sister Mary Jo, for serving our National Auxiliary this year. Sister Mary Jo has very recently become the grandmother of twins and could not be here with us. Sitting in the Vice President's chair is PDP Betty Mellor. Thank you, Sister Betty, for helping out on the spur of the moment.
 Recommendations: None.

National Council Members Betty Baker, Mary Sampson, and Judy Morgan: This office is one of great importance. You held yourselves in readiness should you be called on by the National President. Subbing for Mary Sampson, who had a serious illness and has since died, was Martha Johnson. Subbing for Martha Johnson who had emergency surgery and could not be present today, is Michelle Langlely. These officers have carefully audited the books of the National Secretary and National Treasurer and rendered their report to this Encampment. For the duties you have performed, we sincerely thank you and thank you again for your willingness to serve.
 Recommendations: None

Suggestion: That the National Secretary compile the duties of the three main officers, President, Secretary, and Treasurer on the Auxiliary and Department level

and send a copy to that officer, hoping this will make them aware of their duties and what the National Organization expects from them. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH
SECONDED by Anne Iannitto, DP, PA
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

National Secretary Frances Murray: What can we say that we have not said before? Her knowledge of the work of our Order is outstanding. Her willingness to be of assistance to anyone is most outstanding. Her promptness in discharging her duties is outstanding! She has fulfilled her office with dedicated love and that is outstanding. When she served as National President with Bud Atkinson as Commander-in-Chief, she was out standing in the rain! Our sincere thanks for your outstanding service to our National Auxiliary.

Recommendation #1: That the interest from the Permanent Fund investments be used for expenses of handling Life Membership, Honor Roll, and Membership at Large. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Michelle Langley, PDP, NY
SECONDED by Catherine Hartman, AP, PA
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #2: That members be allowed to transfer to a Charter when a new Auxiliary is formed (by them or closer to their home, etc.). APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

SARAH CHERRY, DVP, OH: The motion yesterday was a little different. The motion yesterday was that if they were starting the Auxiliary, they could put the transfer from one to another. This one is worded that if they are a member in one Auxiliary and they want to transfer and be on the Charter. I think we are voting on two different things here.

FRANCES MURRAY, NATIONAL SECRETARY, PNP, ME: My thought was that we have people who want to start an Auxiliary but don't have enough members, so they join Member at Large or another Auxiliary until they have enough members. That does not mean that more than one person might want to go to the new Auxiliary and be on the Charter, so I think this is any member that I'm referring to.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: So this is a different connotation on it, or is it? What I meant was that we'd get them going in Membership at Large until they can get enough to start an Auxiliary or they, as you said, join a local Auxiliary until they can get enough to start one in their own area. So we did vote on that yesterday.

SARAH CHERRY, DVP, OH: The wording is "if the person was organizing a new Auxiliary in that area, however, they were a member of another area, they could transfer then and become a member and be on the Charter." Now, in my case, when I transferred from Pennsylvania to Ohio, I was not really involved in the organization of the new Auxiliary, so I had to be discharged and then they had to wait the full 30 days until the papers got through so I could be on the Charter. This one would cover something like that.

DORRIS SCHLENKER, PNP, MD-DE: Yesterday it was written that members be permitted to transfer to new Auxiliaries they are organizing and have their name put on the Charter. I think you probably meant the very same thing, didn't you?

FRANCES MURRAY, NATIONAL SECRETARY, PNP, ME: No, I mean any member can transfer to a Charter. It is ridiculous if you want to join another Auxiliary and be on their Charter that you have to get an Honorable Discharge. If you have had an office, you lose all your rank, like Margaret Joy, for instance. Then you have got to make up a new application to this new Auxiliary. You have got to go to your Department to get your rank restored. Then the Department has to report to National to get your rank restored. It is ridiculous. I would say forget the whole thing, if I was not such a dedicated member. But if I was a new person, I would definitely say, "Forget this." My thought is that if they belong to an Auxiliary and they want to go to another Auxiliary that is being organized which might be nearer to them, that they could transfer.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: It is worded differently, and when I wrote my recommendation, I meant that, but I did not word it quite as clearly as Sister Frances did. So, there could be perhaps two people from an Auxiliary that wanted to go to the Charter. One might have been the one organizing and the other could just be coming along. I think we do need a vote on this.

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
 SECONDED by Jill Jamieson, D, NJ
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

Recommendation #3: C.R.&R., Page 8, REGULATIONS, Chapter I, Subordinate Auxiliary, ARTICLE I, Formation and Disbandment, Section 3: The fee for an Auxiliary Charter shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20), Fifteen (\$15) of which shall be forwarded to the National Secretary with the Application, the balance to be retained by the Department. The National Organization shall furnish the Charter and supplies. In States where no Department exists, the same fee (\$15) shall be forwarded to the National Secretary.

That this be changed to: The fee for an Auxiliary Charter shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30) and should be sent to the National Secretary with the application, Ten (\$10) of which shall be sent to the Department from National. In States where no Department exists, a fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20) shall be sent to the National Secretary. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

JACQUELINE JOHNSTON, PDP, NH: Can someone clarify what was done yesterday. Do we now combine yesterday's with today's?

ESTHER PEIPER, PNP, PA: I got my CR&R recommendation figure from the Treasurer and I feel that we should use that amount.

BETTY BAKER, COUNCIL #1, PDP, NY: I would like to say that you're reading in the Secretary's report that she wants \$10 to go back to the Treasurer. The Treasurer's and the C.R.&R. Committee's recommendation is still \$5, and \$5 will not take care of the first quarter Per Capita Tax that Department has to still stand on their first quarter. So, I am in favor of it going to \$30 with \$10 to the Department. Either that or leave it at \$15 and give \$10 to the Departments.

FRANCES MURRAY, NATIONAL SECRETARY, PNP, ME: When it comes down to what the National Treasurer and I are recommending, we both want National to get \$20. It used to be \$15. I am raising it \$5 more for the National Organization because although we do not charge for supplies, it is costing us quite a bit of money to send out the supplies to the Instituting Officer. What I am raising is another \$5 to the Department so instead of National sending back \$5 to the Department, they send back \$10. I do not think it is fair that the Department these people are in have to pay Per Capita Tax for that first quarter. We have just established a new Auxiliary of 13 members in Virginia, which is part of the Maryland-Delaware Department. That Department has to pay Per Capita at

75¢ a member for 13 members for that first quarter. I do not think it is fair for a Department to have to do that. We love the new members, but it hurts the Department. That is why I raised it to \$30. If there is a Provisional Auxiliary reporting only to National, they still would pay only \$20. It is the \$10 to the Department that I was changing.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
SECONDED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #4: That the late fee for Departments who are late to be changed to \$5. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE, BUT THEY FELT IT WAS A DUPLICATE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

[No vote necessary.]

Recommendation #5: C.R.&R., Page 33, CHAPTER III, National Organization, ARTICLE VIII, Authorized Expenditures, Section 8: In the event of the death of a National Officer or Past National President, that the National President be authorized to send Fifteen Dollars (\$15) in her memory to either the Auxiliary Honor Roll or to her favorite charity. In the event of the serious illness of a National Officer, which would require a stay in the hospital for said officer, the National President be authorized to send a remembrance in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15).

That the above be changed to (after wording about Past National Presidents): In the event of the serious illness of a National Officer, which would require a stay in the hospital for said officer, that a remembrance be sent to the officer or a card from the National Organization. [In other words, she is eliminating that amount of \$15 as it was printed.] APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE CR&R COMMITTEE FOR PROPER WORDING AND INCLUSION IN THE CR&R.

CR&R Committee to work on it at lunch and return with recommendation this afternoon. [See page 76.]

Recommendation #6: That a proposed applicant, if they wish, be a guest of an Auxiliary for two meetings before having to join. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE 1997 CR&R COMMITTEE FOR INCLUSION IN THE CR&R.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
SECONDED by Dawn Hayner, D, MD-DE
That the Committee be sustained and the recommendation be sent to the CR&R Committee.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #7: That the Council discuss with the current Stenographer the price of doing the Proceedings and a fair price for the extra work to have the Proceedings ready for the printer. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE 1997 CR&R COMMITTEE FOR PROPER WORDING AND INCLUSION IN THE CR&R.

JACQUELYN JOHNSTON, PDP, NH: I would like to explain why this is being done. Many years ago, the Stenographer only took the notes or transcribed the information. It was then turned over to a printer who formatted and got it ready for printing. There was a charge for that typesetting and formatting. The Proceeding was then proofread by the National Secretary, and perhaps others, and then went back to the printer for corrections

at an additional charge. Now the Stenographer is doing the whole job. In the past year we have paid for formatting. Rather than pay for formatting in the Stenographer's fee of \$250, we will now break it down. When the Proceedings are done, there will be an additional formatting charge that we will come up with and present it to the Encampment, either next year or the year after. There are two of us who are good at word processing and setting up booklets, and we will let them know. We have, in the meantime, come up with a sort of agreed figure that is not too high.

MOVED by Martha Wilson, PDP, PA
 SECONDED by Dawn Hayner, D, MD-DE
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

National Treasurer Eileen Coombs: You have been ever alert to any changes that may affect the funds and property of the National Auxiliary. You have paid all bills approved by proper authority. You have kept accurate accounts of the finances of our Organization. You have given us your dedicated service and kept us solvent and we thank you with a rising round of applause.

Recommendation #1: That the interest from the Permanent Fund investments be used for expenses of handling Life Membership, Honor Roll, and Membership at Large. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE, BUT THIS IS A DUPLICATE FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

[No vote necessary.]

Recommendation #2: In the C.R. & R., Page 8, REGULATIONS, Chapter 1, Subordinate Auxiliaries, ARTICLE I, Formation and Disbandment, Section 3: I recommend the fee for an Auxiliary Charter be increased to Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25), Twenty Dollars (\$20) of which shall be forwarded to the National Secretary with the Application. COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR, COVERED IN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

[No vote necessary.]

National Patriotic Instructor Mary Willey: Part of your duties is raising funds for our patriotic work on the National level. This is no easy job, but we feel certain when your financial report is given, we will all be pleased with your efforts. We thank you for presenting to us a complete report of patriotic work done by Departments, and consolidating this information for our records. We express our sincere thanks to you, Mary, for your dedication and loyalty to our Organization. As Patriotic Instructor, Sister Mary, we stand and salute you!

National Chaplain Dorothy Kern: In a gracious and dignified manner, you have carried out all the duties that must be performed in this sacred office. You have given us a consolidated report of the various Departments for our records. We thank you for your efforts in providing all the necessary things to make our Memorial Service impressive. The memories of our past members live on in the words spoken on their behalf, and we appreciate the hours of planning it takes to make it all come together. To you, Sister Dorothy Kern, National Chaplain, we say "Thank you" and "Amen."

Recommendation #1: Chaplains elected for the following year meet after the Memorial Service to obtain name and addresses for easier contact in preparing for the Memorial Service. NOT APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE. WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' CHAPLAINS.

It is a wonderful suggestion, but needs to be handled by our Chaplain on an informal basis.

MOVED by Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH

SECONDED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

National Press Correspondent Marguerite Plante: You have served with a willing heart and any bit of newsworthy material you have accumulated is worthy of our sincere thanks. We know we will never make the front page of any newspaper, but we all know our Organization is worthy of top billing. We thank you for your earnest desire to keep us in the news. Let's hear a big "Thank you" for our Star Press Correspondent!

National Director of the Budget Emma Wheeler: We thank you for being in charge of guarding the expenditures of our National Organization. Keeping a watchful eye on the financial structure of the Order is not an easy chore, but we sincerely thank you for your devotion in holding on to our purse strings.

Washington Representative Dorris Schlenker serves another year with gratitude. To have the honor of representing the National President or National Auxiliary at the many ceremonies in our Nation's Capitol is indeed a pleasure. Thanks for the confidence placed in your Washington Representative to keep abreast of any problems that may arise in Washington or the White House. A solemn promise is requested to never again give a report in dialect. It is much harder for the committee to read and the Stenographer to write, than to speak!

National Membership at Large Coordinator Emma Ashley: We thank you for your untiring duty to respond to all inquiries regarding membership, approving applications, making out quarterly reports, and submitting them with Per Capita Tax to National. It takes a lot of time and devotion to follow through as the Coordinator's job requires, rendering membership financial reports, informing of any address changes, and still recruit and publicize our National Auxiliary. We thank you for your loyalty to your duties, Sister Emma.

National Historian Bea Greenwalt: We are indebted to you for your devotion to this important office. Collecting and preserving all historical and biographical material pertaining to the Civil War or to members of the Order is not a job for an amateur. It takes a person with patience and finesse to compile and categorize historical information. Our hat is off to you for another year of a job well done, with our sincere compliments and thanks.

Recommendation #1: Whereas, there is no guideline for a person applying for the G.A.R. Memorial Scholarship, that we print an application form to send to people applying. NOT APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE SINCE IT IS THE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE FOR SELECTING THE APPLICANT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

MOVED by Dawn Hayner, D, MD-DE
SECONDED by Emma Prince, PDP, CT
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

National Counselor Dorris Schlenker once again has been willing to advise the National President whenever an occasion should arise. Once again her opinions were so just, impartial, and wise that discord did not appear, but harmony and unity alone prevailed among us. Serving in this capacity is an honor. Thanks.

National Chief of Staff Ora Moitoso: You deserve an awful lot of credit for volunteering for this office. You have made arrangements that are pleasant for all in attendance, making this a memorable occasion for our National President and besides all the pleasantries, you have earned funds that are so important for our National Auxiliary. Sister Ora, you merit our grateful thanks and applause.

National Personal Aide Amanda Kroger: How proud you must be to be asked for the second time to be the Personal Aide for your Grandmother and National President. We know you were helpful to her on many occasions and we sincerely thank you for taking on this special responsibility. We are delighted to have one so young serve with dependability and we appreciate your loyalty.

This Committee on Officers' Reports offers our warmest congratulations and thanks to all of the National Officers for a job well done. The combined efforts of all the staff makes for a successful administration. You deserve our overwhelming thanks and love.

Dorris W. Schlenker, PNP, Chairlady
 Peggy Frantz, PDP
 Linda Fields, PDP
 Florence Foight, PDP, MD-DE

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Catherine Hartman, AP, PA and Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT

That the Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports be accepted, spread in full in the Proceedings, and the Committee discharged with thanks.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: My congratulations to the delegates! We just had a marathon session and we got a lot done. We still have some work to do this afternoon, but I think we have the bulk of it over.

Announcements regarding the banquet, Clubs, and from the Chaplain regarding participants in the Memorial Service for Sunday morning.

The Chaplain closed the Bible and the meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

FIFTH SESSION
Saturday Afternoon, August 10, 1996
1:15 p.m.

The Chaplain opened the Bible and Guard reported all entitled to remain.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I dined with the Pennsylvania Department as their guest and thank them very much. We have a few more committee reports to clear up. Frances, are you ready with the Encampment Site Committee Report?

SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

In February, Chuck Corfman, Chair of the Site Committee called and invited me to visit three sites in New York along with him and his wife Janice who represented the Ladies of the G.A.R. I was disappointed that at all three sites no members of the Auxiliary or Ladies of the New York Department were represented. When I asked about this, no one seemed to have the answer, although the Department Commander of New York told me that members of his Auxiliary would be present in Albany on Saturday - members with no experience of Nationals, and I didn't even know he had reinstated an Auxiliary. To this day I don't know if I was supposed to invite the members of the Auxiliary or the New York Department of the Sons were to issue the invitation. This is something that needs to be looked into in the future.

We visited sites in Ithica, Utica, and Albany. All three were very nice places and it was a hard decision, although Chuck was the decision-maker.

National in 1997 will be in Utica, New York at the Radisson on August 7, 8, and 9. The Radisson is just off the Thruway and easy to get to. There are six floors, a big restaurant, and our money officers will be able to sell their wares in the lobby of the hotel at the entrance just off the meeting rooms.

National 1998 will be in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and in 1999 will be back in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Frances Murray, PNP, ME
 Auxiliary Site Committee

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the Report of the Publicity Committee.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We started our year out with high hopes and a lot of good ideas. However, between Sister Jacqueline Barnett having health problems in the spring of this year, and myself having been sick for about two months, we did not have time to implement many of our plans.

We did send out letters to genealogical groups, placed our tri-fold flyers in rest stops all the way from Ohio to Florida, had certificates made for Gold Award for the Girl Scouts (as the Sons give an award to Eagle Scouts), answered all communications that were received as a result of the Sons including us in their advertisements for new recruitments, and most of all we kept encouraging our own members to look, search, and find new members.

A new member to our committee is Jeannette Ullrich who put us on the Internet under the World War List and put the message that she was interested in chatting with others about the Civil War and our Organization. This was different from our brochure.

Jacqueline suggested our Auxiliaries sponsor a Genealogical Workshop as a community service, publicity tool or for recruitment of new members at an open meeting. It would probably take about four months to plan and advertise a workshop, but it would be a good way to help people find out if they do have family lineage. It would only take one member to start organizing such a workshop. You might even enlist the help of your local library, historical society, and in some smaller communities, the local schools or colleges. If your Auxiliary cannot afford to sponsor such a workshop, charging a small fee of \$2 or more would not be a hardship for those attending. Some Senior Citizens groups may have people who can help or would be willing to have you do a program at one of their meetings.

The most important way of preserving the memory of the Civil War Veterans is to have people talking about the war and the battles fought.

With so many new camps being formed, we must encourage these new Sons to help start Auxiliaries with their wives, mothers, girlfriends, and sisters. This should be a very good source for new members. Our Auxiliary #1 in Columbus, Ohio took in four new members in one night. We have had several of the Sons' wives join us for an evening and are hopeful that more will join.

Recommendation #1: That a Publicity Committee be continued with at least three members. Have one of these members handle the Gold Award as this is a good way for the young girls to find out who we are and that we do exist.

Recommendation #2: That at least \$300 be appropriated for advertising for the next year. This past year almost every ad was placed by the Sons due to the high cost of the ads. Ads in most Civil War magazines cost \$150 per ad and more. We will need to pay our own expenses in the coming years.

Recommendation #3: That more of the reenactor newsletters carry an ad about our Organization. The cost for these ads run between \$15 and \$50, but you would be reaching people who have a genuine interest in the Civil War.

In closing, I would like to thank all who have helped with the publicity, our Sons who have been a blessing for us, many of our own members for hanging in there and keep coming up with new ideas, and all who have donated stamps, letters, etc.

I would like to thank you, Sister Margaret, for appointing me to this committee, and hopefully I have helped in some way this past year.

Sarah Cherry, DVP, Chairlady
Jeanette Ullrich
Publicity Committee

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We have acted on the first two recommendations. You have a third recommendation in your report.

SARAH CHERRY, DVP, OH: I want the people here to realize that there's more newsletters out there like that, and they would be able to get in touch with the people in their area and let us know who they are. It seems that they do not have a real good Internet system on these newsletters for the reenactors. They don't all know who has one and many have their own separate mailing list. If we can get into more and more of those, the better off we would be.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: You've heard the reading of this recommendation that we try to get more of the reenactor newsletters to carry an ad about our Organization. What is the pleasure of our Auxiliary? Does anyone have anything to say on this recommendation?

MOVED by Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA

SECONDED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME

That more of the reenactor newsletters will be asked to carry an ad about our Organization in the coming year.

SO VOTED

PEGGY FRANTZ, PDP, PA: Sister National President, was there a recommendation including notification about the Certificate to Gold Award recipients? Was that a separate recommendation to be voted on?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: She said that they wanted three members on that committee which was already voted on before. In my recommendation I said that I felt it would be needed because of the increased duties that might be put upon this committee because of the Gold Award Certificate given out, so I would assume we had covered that. I had a letter from the national office of the Girl Scouts in New York just a month ago asking did I wish them to advertise that we had this Certificate available. Since it was so close to the end of my term, and the end of term of the present Publicity Committee, I wrote a letter back and said that we would publicize it through our own Organization first until this committee was in place and they had set up a procedure for handling such requests. I was afraid they would be inundated within a month or so of being formed and not have time to get themselves organized.

PEGGY FRANTZ, PDP, PA: There is a magazine they publish that is sent out to Girl Scout leaders and that each Council usually has its own newsletter. So something could be written up in that.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the Membership List Coordinator's Report.

MEMBERSHIP LIST COORDINATOR REPORT

This is still quite an exciting and challenging job. The concept is very good and really important. This list is, and will be, to our Organization tax records but is also our history.

Sisters, this year was a lot easier and the updating went quite a bit faster, thanks to your National Secretary and President who found faster ways of getting your information to me. The information in the National Data Base is a running history of each member's status. The list is quite complete, not only names and addresses, but when they joined their Auxiliary and its number, if they transferred and where to or from, if they were dropped and why, if they were reinstated and to where, if they have moved or have gone to a nursing home, or if they die, as well as the different positions they have held through all their years of service.

But hard as we tried, our efforts at times seemed futile. I am sorry to say again, Sisters, that getting complete information from some of the Departments is so hard. I

still do not have all the rosters or complete rosters, and it has been two years since this data base was started. The quarterly reports supply some information, but so often it is incomplete. For instance, you say someone has died, and you send some information on her such as name, address, next of kin, her joining date, Auxiliary she belonged to and guess what? She is not on any of the rosters you have previously sent, if you sent one at all. That means for many years this someone has gone unnoticed. Apparently she has kept up her dues or you would not have mentioned her at all. But because there was no record of her and her length of time with this Organization, there was no way to ever acknowledge her service for 10, 15, 25, even 40 to 50 years of service. What a shame that she came and went without ever being noticed at our National level.

Another example, Sisters, on the quarterly reports you say so and so transferred, but you do not say if she is transferring out and into somewhere or into and out of, or if a Sister is reinstated or did she just join. Sisters, you need to be specific. There is also some confusion as to whether or not Sisters have been dropped, died, or were honorably discharged; not to mention that sometimes new members have no addresses and then they are not mentioned on the roster, if one was written.

Many of us are family members. It is very apparent to those of us who join the Auxiliary, find we want to stay and contribute for many years. So by keeping these types of data we could, in the future, give ladies who are seeking to join the Auxiliary information on their past family members. I am sure you can see how important this data could be to our future.

I realize this is a lot of information to get to us, but once it is done, there are only the new members that all the information has to be done for. All the rest are in the data base and only need to be updated. I implore you to see to it that your Department Secretary has all the information necessary for the National Secretary so that this National Data Base can be updated and used for our history as well as tax purposes.

Again I say, if your Department President and/or Secretary can send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope, I will be glad to send you your information for updating.

Sisters, this was an appointed position and I have enjoyed the opportunity to perform a very constructive service for our Organization. I am very PROUD to be a part of this Organization. I would like to continue to serve you and this project to completion if you will have me.

Sister President Margaret, I have enjoyed working with and assisting you these past two years. I thank you for the opportunities and directions you have given me, and I gained so much. Believe me, it was my privilege to support you. National Secretary Frances, thank you for your guidance and assistance. I could have never performed this service without you.

Sisters, I pray for us to have a GOOD and HARMONIOUS National Encampment.

Dawn M. Hayner, D, Chairlady
Membership List Coordinator

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the Officers Job Description Report.

OFFICERS JOB DESCRIPTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee on Job Descriptions has received all the officers' duties. We have updated and submitted the revised versions of each job description to the National Secretary.

I'd like to thank all those who sent suggestions and information to complete our job. Sister Margaret, we thank you for this appointment.

Michelle Langley, PDP, Chairman
Martha Johnson, PDP
Marguerite Plante, PDP

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you. This was a big job for this committee to do,

but we felt it would be helpful to members who get a National Office, who have not been to National more than three or four times, to tell them exactly what is expected of them during the coming year. They will be more comfortable, they'll know what they have to do, they won't be embarrassed if they make a mistake, and I think it will be quite helpful to the incoming officers. We certainly thank you for providing that service.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Next is the Proceedings Update and Study Report.

PROCEEDINGS UPDATE AND STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

In the past, the typesetting and printing of Proceedings has cost over \$2,700 alone. This did not include the transcribing and formatting of an original master.

Those of you who have received the 1993/1994 Proceedings have already seen the results of our deliberations.

1. Stenographer at the convention tapes the Encampment, receives all reports, and transcribes and formats the Proceedings for 8 1/2 X 11 booklets.
2. The National Secretary and National President for the Encampment review the notes and make any corrections, additions, deletions.
3. Upon approval, final edits are done and a master is run directly off the computer.
4. The master is given to a copy/print shop. Pages with photographs are printed to get the best resolution possible on the photos. The remaining pages are copied two-sided and collated.
5. The collated proceedings are then spiral bound with a plastic cover front and back. The breakdown of the cost of compiling and printing the 1993/1994 proceedings is as follows:

Encampment Stenographer	\$ 250.00
Formatting	465.00
Spirals & Covers	160.00
Printing	702.00
Binding	<u>No Charge</u>
Total Cost	\$1,577.00

The 1994/1995 Proceedings will be printed and mailed by the middle of September. We, your committee, believe that this is the most economical way to print the Proceedings for now. If other innovative technology is developed which can reduce our costs even further, we will keep the Encampment informed.

Therefore, we offer:

Recommendation #1: That the Proceedings be word processed in 5 1/2 X 8 1/2 format. That the Proceedings be copied and bound. That the National Secretary be authorized with consent of the National President and Council to modify the printing of the Proceedings without having to bring before the National Encampment should a more economical method of printing and binding become available. The booklet is always to be in the 5 1/2 X 8 1/2 format and booklet binding.

Thank you, Sister Margaret, for appointing us to this Committee. We wish for you a most successful and harmonious Encampment.

Chairlady

Jacquelyn W. Johnston, PDP,
Frances Murray, PNP
Judy Trepanier, D, CT

PRESIDENT MARGARET: You have heard the recommendation. What is the pleasure of the Auxiliary?

MOVED by Dawn Hayner, D, MD-DE

SECONDED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Marguerite, do you have anything to report as to the Encampment Press Committee?

ENCAMPMENT PRESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Committee, have been honored to serve you as your Press Committee.
Our duties have been very few during this Encampment. The cooperation of the press has been nil.

Marguerite Plant, PDP, Chairlady
Sarah Cherry, DVP

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the Resolutions Committee Report.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolutions Committee submits the following report:

RESOLUTION #1:

WHEREAS: The Raddison Hotel was very nice to our needs at our Encampment, and has made our stay here very enjoyable,

THEREFORE: Be it resolved - that the National Secretary send a letter to the Manager and Employees of the Radisson Hotel to express our thanks for all the courtesies extended to our National Auxiliary, members, and guests.

RESOLUTION #2:

WHEREAS: The Encampment Committee, under the leadership of Chairman James Hilton of the Ohio Department, has done everything to make our stay pleasant,

THEREFORE: Be it resolved - that we express our gratitude by a rising vote of thanks and applause.

RESOLUTION #3:

WHEREAS: Our National President, Margaret Atkinson, has given so much of her time and talent, not only this year, but also last year. She has served our Organization in a most wonderful way, never letting an opportunity go by. We all know Margaret truly loves our Organization and has given a big part of her life to it. She has traveled far and wide to organize new Auxiliaries this year. She just organized one on July 27th in Roanoke, Virginia. This will be called Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Auxiliary. It seems just to say thank you isn't enough, but, Margaret, we can say "We Love You."

THEREFORE: Be it resolved - that we give our National President a rising vote of thanks and applause.

RECOMMENDATION #4:

WHEREAS: The National Officers have fulfilled their duties and have given a year of service, we will say thank you for a job well done. A special thank you to our money officers, we know this isn't an easy job.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved - that we give them a round of applause.

RECOMMENDATION #5:

WHEREAS: Our Heavenly Father has seen fit to take home our Council Member #2 Mary Sampson and PNP Edith Snyder.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved - that we rise and give a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

RECOMMENDATION #6:

WHEREAS: Our Commander-in-Chief David Medert has been helpful and made many events enjoyable for our National President; we give our sincere thanks to

our Commander-in-Chief and his National Officers.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved, that we give them a round of applause and extend to them our best wishes for their Encampment.

Sister President, we pray you will have a wonderful Encampment and then get some much needed rest.

Sister Margaret, we, the Resolution Committee, thank you for this appointment. As I was thinking of you and your Encampment, I came across this poem.

I Said a Prayer for You Today

I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard,
I felt the answer in my heart although He spoke no word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I knew you wouldn't mind),
I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind;

I asked that he be near you at the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way!

I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small,
But it was for his loving care I prayed the most of all.

Dorothy L. Hilyard, PNP, Chairlady
Peggy Schaefer, DP

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME and Mary Willey, DP, MA

That this very fine report be accepted, placed on file, and the Committee discharged with our grateful thanks.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Does the C.R.&R. Committee have a second report to make?

CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS - REVISIONS REPORT

CR&R, Page 33, CHAPTER III, National Organization, ARTICLE VIII, Authorized Expenditures, Section 8: In the event of the death of a National Officer or Past National President, that the National President be authorized to send Fifteen Dollars (\$15) in her memory to either the Auxiliary Honor Roll or to her favorite charity. In the event of the serious illness of a National Officer, which would require a stay in the hospital for said officer, the National President be authorized to send a remembrance in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15).

That the above be changed to (after wording about Past National Presidents): In the event of the serious illness of a National Officer, which would require a stay in the hospital for said officer, the National President be authorized to send a card.

What you want is permission to change the wording of this last part to read: "to send a card for this illness in the hospital."

The Committee approves the change to drop "in an amount not to exceed \$15" and to replace that with "to send a card."

Esther Peiper, PNP, Chairlady
Catherine Zapatka, PNP
Emma Prince, DP

DISCUSSION:

Whether to leave in "remembrance." The Committee affirmed that they felt just "a card" was the change they wished to make.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: You've heard the recommendation of this Committee, what is your pleasure?

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY

That the Committee be sustained.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: One of the recommendations which was brought up yesterday, was about letting someone who was not a member attend several meetings before being required to become a member. Recommendation was that "a proposed applicant, if they wish, be a guest of an Auxiliary for two meetings before being required to join."

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH

That "A proposed applicant, if they wish, be a guest of an Auxiliary for two meetings before being required to join" be enacted and placed in the CR&R.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Secretary, do you have any more correspondence?

The National Secretary read the following:

1. Thank you from Margaret Atkinson for gifts, support, and encouragement during 1994-1995.
2. Thank you from Florence Spring, PNP for cards, letters, and words of encouragement during her illness.
3. Acknowledgment with gratitude from Ladies of the G.A.R. for contribution to their Honor Roll for Irene Looker, PNP.
4. Thank you from Eileen Post, NP, Woman's Relief Corps for invitation to Encampment.
2. Notice from Charles Corfman, Chairman of Arrangements, that 1997 National Encampment would be August 7-10 in Utica, NY.
6. Greetings from Florence Forbey, PNP, IL.
7. Thank you from Karl Schaeffer, Co-Chairman of the Memorial Museum and Library, recipient of the 1995 Patriotic Instructor's Memorial Gift.
8. Thank you from Cathedral of the Pines for contribution.
9. Greetings from Elsie Gibbons.
10. Thank you from Scholarship recipient Rebecca Kroger.
11. Letter from Special National Committee of S.O.S. (Save Outdoor Sculpture).

PRESIDENT MARGARET: The Report of the Budget Director requires action. We need to approve it for the coming year.

To clarify the motion - we are being asked to accept the budget as printed now, it does need corrections, which is acknowledged. There will be additions because we voted in several items into the budget. It will be printed in General Order #1 to come out in the fall and then you will get the complete, accurate figures for the coming year.

MOVED by Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH

SECONDED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME

That we accept the Budget Director's Budget with actual corrected figures after the Encampment, to be printed in General Order #1 and in the Proceedings.

DISCUSSION:

DAWN HAYNER, D, MD-DE: I want to ask some questions. Not being here for years and years, it appears to me that there is very little money allocated for such items as postage, the President's travel, and on, and on. I heard yesterday that we are at least close to \$50,000 solvent. I understand a lot is in CD's and a lot is being grown, but grown for what? I get the impression that our budget is like the one talent that was taken and hidden, and it needs to be brought out and used. Some of these figures are like 19th century figures to me as I know what some of these expenses are because I've incurred them myself rather than pass them on. Your estimated budget for last year is relatively close to the coming year, and I think a lot of these numbers need to be increased dramatically.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Is there any other discussion?

SO VOTED

EMMA WHEELER, PNP, NH: I just wanted to tell you that all your Past National Presidents have been so in agreement with everything over here. We were laughing about it . . . the "Three Stooges" agree on everything!

Another Past National President said, "We have to agree, we're getting too old to fight everything!"

BETTY BAKER, COUNCIL #1, PDP, NY: As the in-coming President, I'd like to ask the Director of the Budget a question. In the budget where you have "wreath", is that the only amount that can be spent, even if something special comes up through the year that should be dedicated?

EMMA WHEELER, PNP, NH: You can increase and you can ask that something be done.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Betty, it might even be a decision that you might wish to make about the Grant's Tomb ceremony. Last year I helped lay the wreath from the Sons, but New York City is very expensive for wreaths, and as much as I hate to say this, and I did not like it when I first went to these ceremonies, many of them bring their artificial wreath. Now I know why. If you go in cities like Washington and New York,

they want \$75 or \$100 for a wreath that looks like nothing, and the very next day or even within a few hours of the ceremony, the Park Service takes them away anyway. This might be something to think about in the future.

DORRIS SCHLENKER, PNP, MD-DE: As I might say, I have presented many wreaths in the Washington area on behalf of this Organization, but I have incurred the cost of those myself and did not put any bills into National. We do save money on that. However, these are the only ones they have allotted funds for. So if you want to place another wreath, you have to find out if there is money to pay for it, or pay for it yourself, I presume.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Is there any other new business? May I have a motion that any other new business that might arise be referred to Council?

MOVED by Elizabeth Orman, PDP, NY

SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT

That any unfinished business that should arise may be referred to Council.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We will now have the Financial Report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Dept./Aux.</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>California-Pacific</u>				
Department	15.00			
Sale of Chances				
<u>17.00</u>	\$15.00	0.00	\$17.00	\$32.00
<u>Colorado-Wyoming</u>				
Sale of Chances				
<u>2.00</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
<u>Connecticut</u>				
Department	30.00			
Ann Willeke, PNP		10.00		
Catherine Zapatka, PNP		10.00		
Alyce Ponticelli, PDP		10.00		
Judith Trepanier		7.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>27.00</u>	\$30.00	\$37.00	\$27.00	\$94.00
<u>Illinois</u>				
Florence Forbey, PNP		5.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>5.00</u>	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
<u>Iowa</u>				
Department	25.00			
Auxiliary #8	20.00			
	<u>Dept./Aux.</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>Total</u>
Helen Dodd, PDP		5.00		

Sale of Chances				
<u>6.00</u>				
	\$45.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$56.00
<u>Maine</u>				
Department	15.00			
T.W.Hyde Aux. #11	5.00			
Eileen Coombs, PNP		5.00		
Frances Murray, PNP		15.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>31.00</u>	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$31.00	\$71.00
<u>Maryland-Delaware</u>				
Department	15.00			
Lincoln-Cushing Aux. #3	10.00			
Dorothy Hilyard, PNP		5.00		
Dorris Schlenker, PNP		15.00		
Katherine Bateman		16.00		
E. Loetzer		15.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>6.00</u>	\$6.00	\$82.00	\$25.00	\$51.00
<u>Massachusetts</u>				
Department	50.00			
Auxiliary #128	25.00			
Mary Willey, DP, N.P.I.		125.00		
Mary Sampson, PDP, N.C.M.#2		25.00		
Jennie Russell, PNP		20.00		
Sara Fuller, PDP		10.00		
Esther Haskell		3.00		
Adele Hotaling		20.00		
Marion Murray		10.00		
Edna King		17.00		
Helen Northrup		10.00		
Cynthia Brown		20.00		
Hazel Camwell		5.00		
Norman & Amelia Wheeler		25.00		
Edward Parks, PDC		5.00		
Anonymous		5.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>84.00</u>	\$75.00	\$300.00	\$84.00	\$459.00
<u>Michigan</u>				
Sale of Chances				
<u>5.00</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
<u>New Hampshire</u>				
Department	25.00			
Auxiliary #7 (B. Morse)	10.00			
Winnifred Bassett, PDP		10.00		
Jacquelyn W. Johnston, PDP		20.00		
Sale of Chances				

<u>19.00</u>				
	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$19.00	\$84.00
<u>New Jersey</u>				
Department	10.00			
	<u>Dept./Aux.</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>Total</u>
Anne O. Clayton, PNP		15.00		
Margaret Schroeder, PNP		25.00		
Florence Jansson, PNP		5.00		
Florence Spring, PNP		10.00		
Marion Combs, PNP		10.00		
Helen Loll, PDP		10.00		
Ruby Kissinger, PDP		5.00		
Thelma Ramaglia		5.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>25.00</u>	\$10.00	\$85.00	\$25.00	\$120.00
<u>New York</u>				
Department	10.00			
Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP		5.00		
Norman Furman, PC-in-C		5.00		
Betty Baker, PDP, N.C.M.#1		5.00		
Betty Myers, PDP		10.00		
Michelle Langley, PDP		5.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>22.00</u>	\$22.00	\$62.00	\$10.00	\$30.00
<u>Ohio</u>				
Department	25.00			
Frost Aux. #108	10.00			
Judy Morgan, PDP, N.C.M. #3		10.00		
G. Brown		10.00		
Betty Coen, PDP		10.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>8.00</u>	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$8.00	\$73.00
<u>Pennsylvania</u>				
Department	50.00			
Anna M. Ross Aux. #1	10.00			
Auxiliary #165	15.00			
Margaret Atkinson, N.P.		20.00		
Esther Peiper, PNP		20.00		
Dorothy Kern, N.C.		5.00		
Martha Johnson, PDP		10.00		
Audrey Long, PDP		5.00		
Catherine Hartman		5.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>47.00</u>	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$47.00	\$187.00
<u>Rhode Island</u>				
Department	25.00			
Auxiliary #2	5.00			
Auxiliary #4	5.00			
Auxiliary #12	5.00			

Marguerite Plante, N.P.C.		5.00		
Mary Mierka, DP		5.00		
Barbara Mierka		5.00		
Mary Boston		5.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>25.00</u>				
	\$40.00	<u>\$20.00</u>	\$25.00	\$85.00

	<u>Dept./Aux.</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Vermont</u>				
H.E.R. Auxiliary	20.00			
Sale of Chances				
<u>13.00</u>				
	\$20.00	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$13.00	\$33.00
<u>Wisconsin</u>				
Rhoda Lemanski, PDP			5.00	
	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
<u>New England Regional Aux.</u>	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
TOTALS	\$460.00	\$683.00	\$342.00	\$1,485.00

Past Presidents' Clubs

Ann's Nutmeggers				\$ 10.00
Anne's Orchids				10.00
Bea's Honeys				10.00
Caroline's 76ers				5.00
Dorothy's Peach Blossoms				10.00
Dorris' Wild Daisies				10.00
Edith's Glow Worms				5.00
In memory of Mary Sampson				
Eileen's Golden Pages				5.00
Florence's 4 Bs				12.50
Florence's Violets				10.00
Flora's FloraDora Girls				5.00
Fran's Fans				10.00
Jennie's Jewels				10.00
Kitty's Kittens				10.00
Lady Esthers				15.00
Lil's Bay Staters				15.00
Lela's Belles				5.00
Margaret's Marvels				20.00
Marion's Maidens				15.00
Minnie's Whalers				10.00
Margaret's Victory Girls				5.00
Nellie's Belles				5.00
Ora's Golden Girls				10.00
Spring's Chickens				20.00
Stella's Stars				5.00
TOTAL				\$247.50
<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
Exemplification of Ritual				\$ 21.50
Sale Tables of All Year				\$420.01

SUMMARY

Department/Auxiliary Donations	\$460.00
Personal Donations	683.00
Chances Sold	342.00
Club Donations	247.50
Table Sales	420.01
Exemplification of Ritual	<u>21.50</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,174.01

In closing, I wish to thank National Secretary Frances Murray for 100 stamps and typing my letters as well as my chance books. Many thanks to all Sisters for the help you have all given me this year. I am proud to have reached my goal.

Mary Willey, DP
National Patriotic Instructor

MOVED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME
SECONDED by several
That we accept this report from the Patriotic Instructor and give her a rising vote of thanks for a wonderful job.
SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We will now have the Financial Report of the National Chief of Staff.

CHIEF OF STAFF FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Dept./Aux.</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>California-Pacific</u>				
Department	25.00			
Betty Woerner, PNP			<u>10.00</u>	
	<u>\$25.00</u>	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
<u>Colorado-Wyoming</u>				
Sale of Chances				<u>4.00</u>
	\$0.00	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$4.00	\$4.00
<u>Connecticut</u>				
Department	50.00			
Auxiliary #20	50.00			
Mary Scofield, PDP		10.00		
Ruth Huntington, PDP		10.00		
Emma & Edgar Prince, PDP/PDC		10.00		
Ora Moitoso, PNP		15.00		
Dorothy Bianco, DVP		5.00		
Mary Scofield,		15.00		
Nat'l. Aide Aux. #20				
Judy Trepanier		5.00		
Alyce Ponticelli, PDP		10.00		
Anne Willeke, PNP		10.00		
Catherine Zapatka, PNP		20.00		
Joan Marie Buchanan		12.00		
Nat'l. Aide Aux. #5				
Mary Buchanan, PDP		20.00		

Sale of Chances

<u>116.00</u>				
	\$100.00	\$142.00	\$116.00	\$358.00

Iowa

Department	25.00			
Auxiliary #8	20.00			
Myldred Schofield, Aide	5.00			
Sale of Chances				
<u>8.00</u>				
	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$8.00	\$58.00

Maine

Department	15.00			
T.W.Hyde Aux. #11	5.00			
Margaret Joy, PDP		6.00		

	<u>Dept./Aux.</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mildred Babine, PDP		1.00		
Elizabeth Ferrin, PDP		10.00		
Frances Murray, PNP		20.00		
Doris Warner, AP		5.00		
Hellian Girls at Waterville, ME		1.01		
Eileen Coombs, PNP		6.00		
Sale of Chances				
<u>38.00</u>				
	\$20.00	\$49.01	\$38.00	\$107.01

Maryland-Delaware

Department	15.00			
L. C. Aux. #3	10.00			
Dorothy Hilyard, PNP		5.00		
Dorris Schlenker, PNP		15.00		
Dawn Hayner		5.00		
Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, Nat'l. Aide	10.00			
Sale of Chances			3.00	
	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$3.00	\$63.00

Massachusetts

Department	50.00			
Cynthia Brown, Nat'l Aide	15.00			
Betty Mellor, PDP		15.00		
Mary Sampson, N.C.M.#2		45.00		
Jennie Russell, PNP		20.00		
Helen B. Northrup		20.00		
Sale of Chances			48.00	
	\$65.00	\$100.00	\$48.00	\$213.00

Michigan

Billye Smurr		10.00		
	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00

New Hampshire

	\$85.00	\$86.00	\$77.00	\$248.00
<u>Rhode Island</u>				
Department	25.00			
Elisha Dyer Aux. #2	5.00			
Barbara Mierka, Nat'l. Aide		15.00		
Alecia Coogan, Dept. Aide		5.00		
James Barton Aux. #4	5.00			
Eniz Bliss Aux. #12	5.00			
Barbara Williamson, Dept. Aide		5.00		
Marguerite Plante, N.P.C.		5.00		
Mary Mierka, DP		5.00		
Barbara Mierka		5.00		
Sale of Chances			54.00	
	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$54.00	\$134.00
<u>Vermont</u>				
H.E.K. Hall Camp	30.00			
Sale of Chances			9.00	
	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$9.00	\$39.00
<u>Wisconsin</u>				
Rhoda Lemanski, PDP		10.00		
	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
<u>New England Regional Auxiliary</u>	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$97.00	\$122.00
TOTALS	\$727.00	\$538.01	\$642.00	\$1,907.01
<u>Past Presidents' Clubs</u>				
Ann's Nutmeggers				\$ 10.00
Anne's Orchids				10.00
Betty's Angels				5.00
Bea's Honeys				10.00
Caroline's 76ers				10.00
Dorothy's Peach Blossoms				10.00
Dorris' Wild Daisies				10.00
Edith's Glow Worms				5.00
In memory of Mary Sampson				
Eileen's Golden Pages				5.00
Florence's 4 Bs				12.50
Florence's Violets				10.00
Flora's FloraDora Girls				10.00
Fran's Fans				15.00
Isabelle's Liberty				10.00
Jennie's Jewels				10.00
Kitty's Kittens				10.00
Lady Esthers				25.00
Lil's Bay Staters				15.00
Margaret's Marvels				20.00
Margaret's Victory Girls				5.00
Marion's Maidens				15.00
Mary's Cherry Blossoms				5.00
Mary Jane's Club				5.00
Minnie's Whalers				10.00

Nellie's Belles	5.00
Ora's Golden Girls	10.00
Springs' Chickens	15.00
Stella's Stars	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL	\$287.50

Miscellaneous

Exemplification of Ritual	\$ 21.50
Table Sales	\$395.75

SUMMARY

Department/Auxiliary Donations	\$ 727.00
Personal Donations	538.01
Sale of Chances	642.00
Table Sales	395.75
Club Donations	287.50
Exemplification of Ritual	<u>21.50</u>
Sub Total	\$2,611.76

Expenses

Stamps	\$ 37.21	
Groceries	33.79	
Prizes	<u>37.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$108.00	<u>-108.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$2,503.76**

I would like to thank Sister Sarah Cherry, DVP, OH for the beautiful framed print that I raffled off. Also, I want to thank everyone once again for their support which made this a wonderful year.

Ora Moitoso, PNP
National Chief of Staff

MOVED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME

SECONDED by several

That we accept this wonderful report, spread it in full in the minutes, and give her a rising vote of thanks for volunteering for this job.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: PNP Florence Spring just informed me that she received word from Greg Mierka that the Governor of Rhode Island has signed the bill that the property of the G.A.R. for which the Sons have been fighting for three years now legally belongs to them. This is wonderful news.

Is there any other business to come before this Encampment? We will take a brief recess and reconvene for the Installation of the new National Officers.

Bible was closed and meeting recessed until 3:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened, Chaplain opened the Bible, and Installation of Officers began.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sisters, we are to receive our Installing Officer. You will receive her with the respect due her office and pay close attention during the service.

National President-Elect Betty J. Baker chose Dorris Schlenker, PNP, MD-DE to be her Installing Officer. Guides and Color Guards escorted the Installing Officer to the altar.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Schlenker, as President of this National Auxiliary, I

am happy to greet you and extend to you a most hearty welcome. Sisters, salute. Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will escort our Installing Officer to my station. *(So done.)*

INSTALLING OFFICER SCHLENKER: Sister National President, have the Secretary's and Treasurer's books been duly audited by the National Council and been reported correct, and has that report been accepted by this National body?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: They have.

INSTALLING OFFICER SCHLENKER: I will appoint Sister Martha Wilson as my Guide, Sister Janice Dawson as Assistant Guide, Color Guards are Sisters Janice Miller and Joyce Young, and Chaplain is Sister Dorothy Kern. Will these officers please take their stations.

Sister National President, you are now relieved of the command of this National Organization, and in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 9 of the Regulations, having creditably and faithfully served a term as President, you are entitled to and will occupy for the ensuing year the seat of honor in this Organization, the Past National President's Chair.

Personal Aide Amanda Kroger pinned the Past National President's badge, which was received last year, on her Grandmother.

Before we seat this lovely lady, I believe there is another presentation to be made. Sister Frances?

FRANCES MURRAY, NATIONAL SECRETARY, PNP, ME: Sister Margaret, we could not give you another Past National President's badge, so we got you something bigger. On behalf of the National Organization, this is something you can treasure and can hang it up and leave it.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT MARGARET: *(A plaque was presented to her.)* Thank you very much. Isn't this beautiful?

INSTALLING OFFICER SCHLENKER: It is well deserved!

Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will escort our esteemed Sister to the Past National President's chair.

Past National President Margaret is escorted around the room twice with all the Auxiliary members honoring her as she passes by and is seated in the Past National President's chair.

INSTALLING OFFICER SCHLENKER: Sister Secretary, you will call the roll of officers who will either be escorted by the Guide or an escort. We ask that Sister Betty be escorted by her mother, Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY.

The following officers-elect took places on the left as their names were called. They were installed in ritualistic form.

President	Betty J. Baker, PDP, NY
Vice President.....	Jacquelyn W. Johnston, PDP, NH
Council Member #1	Margaret E. Atkinson, PNP, PA
Council Member #2	Mary Willey, DP, MA
Council Member #3	Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA
Treasurer.....	Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME
Patriotic Instructor	Teresa Doyle, PDP, VT
Chaplain.....	Marguerite Plante, PDP, RI
Press Correspondent	Mary Scofield, PDP, CT
Historian/Counselor.....	Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY

Chief of Staff Michelle Langley, PDP, NY
 Personal Aide..... Linda Fields, PDP, NY
 Special Aide..... Maude Baker, PDP, NY

INSTALLING OFFICER SCHLENKER: You will escort to this station the National President. (*So done.*)

Sister President, I think we have someone “bursting at the seams” to pin a badge on you!

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: I am sincerely proud to do this. When Betty was thinking about whether she would or whether she would not, we convinced her that she could. She said, "Well, what will I ever talk about?" I said, "Whatever you feel in your heart when you look out at the audience." Well, people, if I told you what I was feeling right now, you would be here all day. I am so proud to be pinning this badge on you.

INSTALLING OFFICER SCHLENKER: Sister National President, the little token gifts are from me. They, of course, symbolize our National color and my wish for you and your officers that this year will be a golden year. For the officers who were installed last year but who will be serving this year, you also get a little rose.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT BETTY BAKER: It is very difficult to stand up here at this time and say how I feel. You cannot imagine. It is scary. It is an honor and a privilege. It is something that some of us work for, dream for, and hope for, and I did all of them. I thank each and every one of the delegation here for electing me and giving me the opportunity to serve you as your leader for one year.

There are a few people who have encouraged me over the years that I would like to express my thanks to at this time. My Auxiliary #72, where I have been a member for 36 years, has been with me and supported me. We went through a lot. I thank them for supporting me and for the encouragement they gave me. My New York Department has been behind me forever. I really appreciate the support and encouragement that you've given me. I'd like to thank my Mom for dragging me to those meetings when I was just a little girl and getting me into a grand Organization to which I have devoted a lot of years.

A lot of my life, a lot of my enjoyment has come from this Organization. I couldn't thank her more for showing me this Organization, for taking me, and traveling with me, and I hope we will both have the most enjoyable year we could ever have. There's really not much more that I can say except "Thank you all." I appreciate the honor and privilege and I will do my best to uphold this office and to take our Organization another year into the future and to do what we can. To my officers, I offer my full support. If we all work together, I know we will all have a successful year. Thank you.

Congratulations were expressed to President Betty by Frances Murray, PNP, ME; Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA; Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME; Catherine Zaparka, PNP, CT; Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH; Esther Peiper, PNP, PA; Florence Spring, PNP, NJ; Mary Willey, DP, MA; Peggy Schaefer, DP, WI; Judy Morgan, PDP, OH; Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH; Norman Furman, PC-in-C, NY; Richard Greenwalt, PC-in-C, OH; Dawn Hayner, D, MD-DE; and all Department Delegations.

The New York Department entered and presented President Betty with gifts.

JANICE DAWSON, DP, NY: Sister Betty, this little decoration that the New York Department has gotten together means a lot of love, and something that you can always have to remember this day. We have waited a long time for this and are behind you 100%. This gift is something that you are always going to remember during the holidays and it also is from the New York Department.

The New York Department has another little remembrance and we'd like to put it on for you right now.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT DELEGATION: Sister National President, our Betty, in

searching for some little gift to bring to you to speed your year on that would exemplify our love for you and tell you how much you mean to each one of us, we searched around and found this little charm plaque and on it we have our good luck wishes for you.

1. This little bluebird is for happiness.
2. These are little shoes that you may walk in good health.
3. This horse shoe for all the luck that we could offer you for your travels, your convention, and the rest of your life.
4. A little cross for God's blessing on you and yours and grant you strength to carry on and always give good advice.
5. The red of this heart shows you that deep down in the hearts of each of us, runs a red stream of love for you.
6. This little shamrock depicts friendship that you will always give to others and friendship that we will always extend to you.
7. A small bag of coins, so you will always have a "jingle" of coins in your pocket!
8. An angel to always guide you and look over you in your many travels.
9. A bridge that you may always have between now and then of memories. . . memories of the past, memories of the present, and memories of the future.
10. Last, but not least, we place this boat to express our good wishes for smooth sailing and safe return home after all your travels and activities.

Sister Betty, I now present you with New York's Charms of Good Wishes all the year through for you.

MICHELLE LANGLEY, PDP, NY: Sister President, on behalf of Auxiliary #72, we would like to present you with this, your flower, a yellow rose, and congratulate you. This is our Love Token. We know that it will grow and blossom with you through the year.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you, Sisters. Thank you very much. With all this love and support, how can I not have a wonderful year?

My theme will be "Meet the Challenge - Secure Our Future." Sisters, I will be challenging you to a year of growth, greater communication, and publicizing our wonderful Organization. We must work to gain membership, but we also must keep the members we have interested and active. We must keep our Organization before the

public. We have to carry on the work of our forefathers by promoting patriotism and showing the love we have for our country.

If there is no future business to come before this Auxiliary, we will proceed to close the Encampment.

*The Chaplain attended the altar and closed the Bible.
Members sang the Closing Ode.*

PRESIDENT BETTY: The 110th Annual Encampment of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is now closed.

The Encampment closed at 4:15 p.m.

**LIST OF VOTING MEMBERS
ATTENDING THE 110TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
OF THE AUXILIARY TO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

CONNECTICUT

Ruth Huntington, PDP
Ora Moitoso, PNP, Nat'l Chief of Staff
Emma Prince, PDP
Mary Scofield, PDP

MAINE

Eileen Coombs, PNP, Nat'l Treas
Frances Murray, PNP, Nat'l Sec

Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP
Emma Wheeler, PNP

NEW YORK

Betty Baker, PDP, NCM #1
Maude Baker, PDP
Janice Dawson, DP
Linda Fields, PDP
Jackie Furman, D
Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, Nat'l Hist
Michelle Langley, PDP
Rose LoVette, D
Janice Miller, D
Elizabeth Orman, PDP
Jennifer Pedley, D

NEW JERSEY

Jill Jamieson, D

Ruby Kissinger, DP
Elizabeth Sharp, PDP
Florence Spring, PNP
Kerri Spring, D

OHIO

Emma Ashley, D
Whitney Ashley, D
Wilda Brown, DP
Sarah Cherry, DVP

MARYLAND-DELAWARE

Dawn Hayner, D
Dorothy Hilyard, PNP
Dorris Schlenker, PNP, Wash DC Rep

MASSACHUSETTS

Elizabeth Mellor, PDP
Mary Willey, DP, Nat'l Patriotic Instr

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Anita Davis, D
Amy Morgan, D
Judy Morgan, PDP, NCM#3
Chris Park, D
Rosemary Schaeffer, D

PENNSYLVANIA

Virginia Ackerman, PDP
Margaret Atkinson, National President
Alma Bass, D
Margaret Frantz, D
Peggy Frantz, PDP
Catherine Hartman, AP
Anne Iannitto, DP
Dorothy Kern, PDP, Nat'l Chaplain
Amanda Kroger, D, Nat'l Pers Aide
Esther Peiper, PNP
Karen Powell, D
Martha Wilson, PDP

RHODE ISLAND

Marguerite Plante, PDP, Nat'l Press
Corres

WISCONSIN

Danielle Michaels, D
Virginia Michaels, D
Peggy Schaefer, DP

COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, August 7, 1996

The meeting was held in the Headquarters room.

Present: Council Members Betty Baker, Judy Morgan, and Michelle Langley
 (appointed to Council to replace Mary Sampson who recently passed away)

Also present: National President Margaret Atkinson, National Secretary Frances Murray, National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, and National Counselor Dorris Schlenker

The books of the Secretary and Treasurer were audited and approved.

MOVED and SECONDED

That due to the rise in price of the badges, we now sell badges for \$15.

SO VOTED

MOVED and SECONDED

That the National Treasurer buy approximately 25 binders to be used as Descriptive Books and that pages be copied so that each book will have 25 pages.

SO VOTED

MOVED and SECONDED

That the National Secretary write the Departments for their Auxiliary Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers names and addresses; and that she send a letter to each Department President, Secretary, and Treasurer and Auxiliary President, Secretary, and Treasurer stating what their actual duties are.

SO VOTED

OLD AND NEW COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday, August 11, 1996

The meeting of the Old and New Council was held in the Headquarters room.

Present:	OLD COUNCIL	NEW COUNCIL
	Betty Baker	Margaret Atkinson
	Michelle Langley	Mary Willey
	Judy Morgan	

Also present were: National President Betty Baker, National Secretary Frances Murray, and National Treasurer Eileen Coombs.

The books of the Secretary and Treasurer were audited and approved.

MOVED and SECONDED

That we take \$2,000 out of the \$5,000 investment CD coming due September 5, 1997 to put into the General Fund for use in the future.

SO VOTED

MOVED and SECONDED

That National purchase a new ledger.

SO VOTED

MOVED and SECONDED

That in the bulk mailing of the General Orders, we include "Address Correction Required" for the next couple of years and funds are authorized for this.

SO VOTED

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Treasurer be permitted to go through the correspondence in the Treasurer's

trunk and throw out communications that are not necessary to the future of the Organization.

SO VOTED

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Stenographer will submit a bill for formatting the Proceedings, which will go to the Council for approval.

SO VOTED

There being no further business, the Council adjourned to meet again in Utica, NY in August, 1997 prior to the opening of the National Encampment.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

1887 *†	Mrs. Laura Miller, Lancaster, PA
1887-88 *†	Mrs. W.D.A. O'Brien, Sidney, OH
1889-90 *†	Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Swissvale, PA
1891 *†	Mrs. J.S. Mason, Medina, OH
1891-93 †	Mrs. Belle Gray Rice, Washington, IA
1894-95-96 †	Mrs. Margaret Howey Coe, Springfield, IL
1897 †	Mrs. Kate G. Raynor, Toledo, OH
1898 †	Mrs. Elizabeth H.R. Davis, Takoma Park, DC
1899 †	Mrs. Mary L. Warren, Greenwood, MA
1900-01-02 †	Mrs. Lida Tomer-Miller, Rochester, NY
1903-4 †	Mrs. Addie M. Wallace, Indianapolis, IN
1905-6 †	Mrs. Kate E. Hardcastle Carr, Camden, NJ (PA Dept.)
1907 †	Mrs. Julia A. Moynihan, Rochester, NY
1908 †	Miss Mam E. Herbst, South Canton, OH
1909-10 †	Mrs. Molly Donaldson Hammer, Reading, PA (NJ Dept.)
1911 †	Mrs. H. Pauline Creighton, Campaign, IL
1912 †	Mrs. Flora A.S. Whitney, Marlboro, MA
1913 †	Mrs. Frances Fox Moynihan, Rochester, NY
1914 *†	Miss Edna Bergwitz, Columbus, OH
1915 †	Mrs. Bessie B. Bowser, Indianapolis, IN
1916 *†	Mrs. Libbie Meis, Overbrook, Philadelphia, PA
1917 †	Mrs. Mae E. Clothier, Rockford, IL
1918 *†	Mrs. Mayme E. Dwyer, Long Island City, NY
1919 †	Mrs. Margaret Carney, Melrose, MA
1920 †	Miss Mary L. Tredo, Patterson, NJ
1921 †	Mrs. Blanche L. Beverstock, Keene, NH
1922 †	Mrs. Margaret Patterson Stephens, Columbus, OH
1923 †	Mrs. Minnie E. Groth, Baraboo, WI
1924 †	Mrs. Emma Stuart Finch, Bridgeport, IN
1925 *†	Mrs. Ida Rokes Klein, Syracuse, NY (ME Dept.)
1926 †	Mrs. Mamie M. Deems, Los Angeles, CA
1927 †	Mrs. Anna F. Keene, Philadelphia, PA
1928 †	Mrs. Margaret L. Waters, Woburn, MA
1929 †	Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hansen, Weehawken, NJ
1930 †	Mrs. Ida B. Lange, Rutherford, NJ (NY Dept.)
1931 *†	Mrs. Celeste D. Gentieu, Wilmington, DE (MD-DE Dept.)
1932 †	Mrs. Wilma L. Combs, Des Moines, IA
1933 †	Mrs. Jean B. Thompson, St. Petersburg, FL (OH Dept.)
1934 †	Mrs. Margaret F. Anderson, Tacoma, WA (MA Dept.)
1935 †	Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter, Clearwater, FL (PA Dept.)
1936 †	Mrs. Stella B. Owen, Upper Montclair, NJ
1937 †	Mrs. Ida B. Lewis, Milwaukee, WI
1938 †	Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, Albany, NY

1939 †	Mrs. Anne E. Lockyer, Steubenville, OH
1940 †	Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, Chicago, IL
1941 †	Mrs. Clara M. Gallagher, Philadelphia, PA
1942 *	Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, 2855 W. Commercial Blvd. #252, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 (NJ Dept.)
1943 †	Mrs. Mary E. Stapleton, Albany, NY
1944 †	Mrs. Maude B. Warren, Brockton, MA
1945 †	Mrs. Edith B. Nile, Alliance, OH
1946 †	Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, Valparaiso, IN (IL Dept.)
1947 †	Mrs. Edna S. Lambert, Lithonia, GA (NJ Dept.)
1948 †	Mrs. Katherine L. Joyce, Pittsburgh, PA
1949 †	Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, Santa Ana, CA
1950 †	Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker, San Diego, CA (NH Dept.)
1951 †	Mrs. Lela B. Shugart, Warren, IN
1952 †	Mrs. Phyllis Dean, Westboro, MA
1953 †	Mrs. Lila A. Macey, Schenectady, NY
1954 †	Mrs. Mildred R. Webster, Springvale, ME
1955	Mrs. Ellinore K. Johnson 765 W. Washington Ave., #110, Madison, WI 53715
1956 †	Lenore D. Glass, San Jose, CA
1957 †	Mrs. Margaret McKinney, Somers Point, NJ (PA Dept.)
1958 *	Miss Anne O. Clayton 120 W. Farrell Ave. B-7, Trenton, NJ 08618
1959 †	Mrs. Ursula W. Shepardson, Springfield, MA
1960 †	Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs, Las Vegas, NV (CA-PAC Dept.)
1961 †	Miss Edith M. Spaulding, Parkway, NJ
1962 *	Mrs. Dorothy Hilyard 2915 N. Monroe St., Wilmington, DE 19802
1963 †	Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt, Reading, PA
1964 †	Mrs. Anita Selby, Mansfield, OH
1965	Mrs. Emma Wheeler 128 Amherst St., Milford, NH 03055
1966 †	Mrs. Edith Snyder, West Palm Beach, FL (NY Dept.)
1967 †	Miss Flora D. Bates, Shrewsbury, MA
1968 †	Mrs. Hazel L. Moushey, St. Louis, MO
1969 *†	Mrs. Irene Stoudt, West Lawn, PA
1970	Mrs. Florence M. Jansson 5740 Gulfton #1304, Houston, TX 77081 (NJ Dept.)
1971	Mrs. Eileen Coombs 3070 W. Shore Rd #B-4, Warwick, RI 02886 (ME Dept.)
1972 †	Mrs. Agnes D. Davis, Wilmington, DE
1973 *†	Miss Viola L. Bremme, Philadelphia, PA
1974-75 †	Mrs. Jessie G. Wells, Cambridge, MA
1976	Mrs. Caroline E. Riddell 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719
1977	Mrs. Minnie E. Madeiros 307 Tarkiln Hill Road, New Bedford, MA 02745
1978 *	Mrs. Marion Combs 1535 Mulberry Ave., Upland, CA 91786-2248 (NJ Dept.)
1979 *	Mrs. Florence H. Forbey 12815 N. 28 th Dr. #420, Phoenix, AZ 85029 (IL Dept.)
1980 †	Mrs. Nellie H. Hawley, Fort Dodge, IA
1981 †	Mrs. Lelia M. Turner, Randolph, MA
1982 *	Miss Ann E. Willeke, 2 East St., Rockville, CT 06066
1983	Mrs. Dorris W. Schlenker 4112 Heathfield Rd., Rockville, MD 20853
1984	Mrs. Mary Jane Simpson

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1985 *	Mrs. Jennie Russell, 70 Salem St., Davenport Memorial Home, Malden, MA 02148
1986	Mrs. Isabelle Roberts Tiota Sr. Living, 37 N. Chemung St., Waverly, NY 14892
1987 *	Mrs. Esther Peiper 1588 Ongaro Dr., Columbus, OH 43204 (PA Dept.)
1988	Mrs. Betty Woerner 22609 Ladeene Ave., Torrance, CA 90505
1989 *	Mrs. Catherine Zapatka 226 Kitts Lane, Newington, CT 06111
1990	Mrs. Beatrice Greenwalt 2449 Center Ave., Alliance, OH 44601 (NY Dept.)
1991	Mrs. Ora Moitoso 3663 Pawtucket Ave. #716, Riverside, RI 02915
1992 †	Mrs. Ethel Carver, New Castle, DE
1993	Mrs. Frances Murray 1284 Washington St., Bath, ME 04530-2848
1994	Mrs. Florence Spring 516 Martin Ave., Reading, PA 19601
1995-96	Mrs. Margaret Atkinson 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719

Honor conferred by National Organization:

1941 †	Mrs. Lillian S. Ball, Indianapolis, IN
1975 †	Mrs. Catherine McCoy, San Diego, CA

* Life Member

† Deceased

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
1 st	1887	Aug. 17-19	Akron	OH
2 nd	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	WV
3 rd	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	NY
4 th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	MO
5 th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	MN
6 th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	MT
7 th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	OH
8 th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	IA
9 th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	TN
10 th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	KY
11 th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	IN
12 th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	NE
13 th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	MI
14 th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	NY
15 th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	RI
16 th	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	DC
17 th	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	NJ
18 th	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	MA
19 th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	PA
20 th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peroria	IL
21 st	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	OH
22 nd	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	NY
23 rd	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	DC

24 th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	NJ
25 th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	NY
26 th	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	MO
27 th	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	TN
28 th	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	MI
29 th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	DC
30 th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	MO
31 st	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	MA
32 nd	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	NY
33 rd	1919	Sept. 8-11	Columbus	OH
34 th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	IN
35 th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	IN
36 th	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	IA
37 th	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	WI
38 th	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	MA
39 th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	MI
40 th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	IA
41 st	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	MI
42 nd	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	CO
43 rd	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	ME
44 th	1930	Aug. 26-29	Cincinnati	OH
45 th	1931	Sept. 15-17	Des Moines	IA
46 th	1932	Sept. 20-22	Springfield	IL
47 th	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	MN
48 th	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	NY
49 th	1935	Sept. 10-12	Grand Rapids	MI
50 th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	DC
51 st	1937	Sept. 7-9	Madison	WI
52 nd	1938	Sept. 6-8	Des Moines	IA
53 rd	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	PA
54 th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	IL
55 th	1941	Sept. 16-18	Columbus	OH
56 th	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	IN
57 th	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	WI
58 th	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	IA
59 th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	OH
60 th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	IN
61 st	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	OH
62 nd	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	MI
63 rd	1949	Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Indianapolis	IN
64 th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	MA
65 th	1951	Aug. 20-24	Columbus	OH
66 th	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	NJ
67 th	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	NY
68 th	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	MN
69 th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	OH
70 th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	PA
71 st	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	MI
72 nd	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	MA
73 rd	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	CA
74 th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	IL
75 th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	IN
76 th	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	DC
77 th	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	FL
78 th	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	RI
79 th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond	VA
80 th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids	MI

81 st	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago	IL
82 nd	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington	DE
83 rd	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis	MO
84 th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach	FL
85 th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston	MA
86 th	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia	PA
87 th	1973	Aug. 5-9	Palm Springs	CA
88 th	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	NH
89 th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	NY
90 th	1976	Aug. 15-18	Columbus	OH
91 st	1977	Aug. 14-18	Des Moines	IA
92 nd	1978	Aug. 13-17	Grand Rapids	MI
93 rd	1979	Aug. 12-16	Hartford	CT
94 th	1980	Aug. 17-21	Richmond	VA
95 th	1981	Aug. 9-13	Philadelphia	PA
96 th	1982	Aug. 15-19	Providence	RI
97 th	1983	Aug. 14-18	Portland	ME
98 th	1984	Aug. 12-16	Akron	OH
99 th	1985	Aug. 11-15	Wilmington	DE
100 th	1986	Aug. 10-14	Lexington	KY
101 st	1987	Aug. 9-13	Buffalo	NY
102 nd	1988	Aug. 14-18	Lansing	MI
103 rd	1989	Aug. 13-17	Stamford	CT
104 th	1990	Aug. 12-16	Des Moines	IA
105 th	1991	Aug. 11-15	Indianapolis	IN
106 th	1992	Aug. 13-16	Pittsburgh	PA
107 th	1993	Aug. 12-15	Portland	ME
108 th	1994	Aug. 11-13	E. Lansing	MI
109 th	1995	Aug. 10-13	Columbus	OH
110 th	1996	Aug. 8-11	Columbus	OH

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