

NATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

**One Hundred and Ninth
Annual Encampment**

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**COLUMBUS, OHIO
August 10-12, 1995**



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Department of Pennsylvania

NATIONAL PRESIDENT 1994-1995

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of the Civil War

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IN MEMORIAM



VIOLA BREMME
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
1972-1973

Department of Pennsylvania

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
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JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR,
AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
and LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Radisson Hotel
Columbus, Ohio
Sunday, August 13, 1995

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Musical Prelude Allen W. Moore, P.C-in-C, SUVCW
Processional "Onward Christian Soldiers"
Department Commanders, SUVCW
Department Presidents, Auxiliary SUVCW
Department Presidents, Ladies of the G.A.R.
Lighting of Candles Keith G. Harrison Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
Margaret Atkinson, National President, Auxiliary SUVCW
Ercelle Speaks, National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.
Invocation Robert E. Grim, Acting National Chaplain, SUVCW
Scripture Barbara Tyler, National Chaplain, Ladies of the G.A.R.
Memorial to the
Grand Army of the Republic Richard L. Greenwalt, Past Commander.-in-Chief, SUVCW

EULOGIES

Past Commander-in-Chief William Haskell Elmer F. Atkinson , PC-in-C, SUVCW
Viola Bremme, Past National President, Auxiliary Esther Peiper, PNP, Auxiliary SUVCW
Della Richard Nancy Conaway, PNP, LGAR
Choir "The Old Rugged Cross"

TRIBUTES OF MEMORY

Past National Presidents, Auxiliary Dorris Schlenker, PNP, ASUVCW
Past Commander-in-Chiefs Richard Schlenker, PC-in-C, SUVCW
Past National Presidents, Ladies of the G.A.R. Eleanor Lowe, PNP, LGAR
Deceased Officers & Members, Auxiliary Frances Murray, PNP, ASUVCW
Deceased Officers & Members SUVCW Robert E. Grim, Acting Chaplain, SUVCW
Deceased Officers & Members, Ladies of the G.A.R. Bonnie Weld, PNP, LGAR

ROLL CALL & PLACING OF FLOWERS Robert E. Grim, Dep't Commanders, SUVCW
Mary E. Willey, Department Presidents, Auxiliary SUVCW
Barbara Tyler, Department Presidents, Ladies of the G.A.R.

"Faith of our Fathers" Audience
Benediction Mary E. Willey
Extinguishing of Candles Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief
Margaret Atkinson, National President, Auxiliary SUVCW
Ercelle Speaks, National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.

Recessional *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

TRIBUTES & EULOGIES

**Viola L. Bremme, PNP
National Auxiliary**

The little card from the Richardson Funeral Home reads, "In Memory of Viola L. Bremme, born January 8th, 1908".

As we remember our Sister, Viola, it comes to mind her Love and Devotion, to God and Country, her unfailing service to her family and her faithful and continuous attention to her Auxiliary #200.

Having joined the Auxiliary in 1924, where her Mother was a member, she served in all the offices, and attended Department and National Encampments over the years, with her Sisters Edna, Florence and Ada, accepting offices and serving our beloved Organization to the highest office.

In 1972 at the 86th National Encampment held in the Marriot Hotel, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Viola was elected National President. Viola presided over her National Encampment in 1973, in Palm Springs, California. Her gift to her Sisters was a pine tree, to plant at our home, to help with the clean air environmental program, which was taking place as a civic duty, to our country at that time.

Viola's years of outstanding service in office are too numerous to count but we do know she held membership for 71 years and joined Life Membership when it became available in 1978. Viola was a true Sister to us all, a faithful and steadfast Friend and we all Loved her. The little card also carries this poem:

*Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not here, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond's gift of snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the Autumn's gentle rain
When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circle flight, I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not here; I did not die.*

Viola is in the examples and memories she gave us, she will always be a part of our lives and history. May God's Blessing be upon her as she enters her Heavenly Home.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

As we assemble at this hour of remembrance, it is altogether fitting and proper that we humbly and reverently give thanks to God for the tender mercies bestowed upon us. It is time to remember those women who have served us as National Presidents. For 100 plus years, dedicated leaders have provided us with wisdom, love and understanding of true patriotism. Each one has exhibited in her own way the qualities which made her worthy of serving in the highest office our Order can offer to its members.

We have mourned the passing of each one, and with the passing of time, we have remembered the good qualities she had brought to us. No greater tribute can be said to their memory than we, the living, to dedicate ourselves to carry on the Principles and Objects of our Order and to preserve its Eternity.

Let us reflect in our own memory their words and deeds and be grateful for the joy of having known them.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

It is an honor for me to speak on the Sisters who have left us and gone on to a better reward. As I went down memory lane, thinking of our deceased Sisters, I could smell the beans baking for many fundraising bean suppers and can see the Sisters sitting with a wooden bowl chopping carrots and cabbage for the cole slaw. I remember the nervousness of members as we practiced for Inspections, afraid we would make mistakes in front of the Inspecting Officer and the Department President, and my father standing with his clicker as we practiced for draping the Charter. I also remember the great suppers the Sisters had at these events and the wonderful pies these Sisters could make. They were wonderful cooks.

I remember our Sisters standing proudly with their flags flying in the cemetery during services on Memorial Day, being ladylike while being bitten by mosquitoes in the damp grass, and the beautiful waterfront ceremony

as we threw flowers in the water and watched the boat put the anchor in the river, hoping the tide would take it straight down the river and not into shore.

I remember our members selling hot dogs and soda on the 4th of July so that we could pay the oil bill the next winter for the G.A.R. Hall. I remember Duke Arnold at New England Regional showing films of trains rides to National, giving me a chance to see the faces of members that I had often heard about but never had the chance to meet. And who could forget Hazel Moushey and her rendition of "Hello Dolly". Many of these members have gone to be with the Lord but their great memories live on.

Where would we be without these Sisters, those who chose to only be officers of the auxiliary and not the Department, or their auxiliary and Department but not National. They served the organization loyally with love and devotion and were glad to support those of us who went on to higher ideals in the auxiliary. They have now gone on to the great beyond to serve our Master. May they continue to guide us from above and may they rest in peace.

1995 NATIONAL CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Radisson Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

Friday, August 11, 1995

Master of Ceremonies	Clark Mellor, National Chief of Staff, SUVCW
7:00 p.m. Concert.....	O.S.U. Alumni Band
7:50 p.m. Posting of Colors.....	William Dennison Camp #1, SUVCW Color Guard
National Anthem	O.S.U. Alumni Band
Pledge of Allegiance	Danny L. Wheeler, National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW
Invocation.....	Mary E. Willey, National Chaplain, ASUVCW
Greetings from Department of Ohio	Jim Hilton, Ohio Department Commander, SUVCW
Greetings from the State of Ohio	The Honorable George V. Voinovich, Governor of the State of Ohio
Greetings	Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
	Margaret Atkinson, National President, ASUVCW
	Ercelle Speaks, National President, LGAR
Address: Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio.....	Lois Neff
	President of the Hilltop Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio
Announcements.....	Clark Mellor, National Chief of Staff, SUVCW
Benediction	Barbara Tyler, National Chaplain, LGAR
Retiring of Colors.....	Governor William Dennison Camp #1, SUVCW Color Guard

Camp Chase was built in 1861 four miles west of Columbus, Ohio. The camp was named in honor of President Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury and former Ohio Governor, Salmon P. Chase. The camp served primarily as a training ground for thousands of troops for the federal services. However, the successes of Major General George B. McClellan and his Ohio regiments in western Virginia had prompted Governor William Dennison to direct that part of the camp to be used for the confinement of captured confederates, since he regarded the existing jails of the state as being insecure and improper.

The Camp Chase prison operated for nearly four years and 2,260 Confederate soldiers are buried in the prison cemetery. The cemetery is well preserved and is a short distance from downtown Columbus. It is the largest Confederate cemetery in the North.

Welcome.....	Martha Johnson, National Chief of Staff, ASUVCW
Toastmaster.....	National Chief of Staff, SUVCW
Star Spangled Banner.....	Assembly
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Danny Wheeler, National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW
Invocation.....	Barbara Tyler, National Chaplain, LGAR

DINNER

Greetings.....	Keith Harrison Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW Margaret Atkinson National President, ASUVCW Ercelle Speaks National President, LGAR
Tribute to Fathers.....	Leta Torrey National Senior Vice President, LGAR
Tribute to Mothers.....	Irene Looker National Junior Vice President, LGAR
Introductions.....	Martha Johnson, Clark Mellor
Benediction.....	Mary Willey National Chaplain, ASUVCW
Pennsylvania Closing.....	Assembly
Installation of SUVCW New National Officers.....	Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey
Drawings.....	Martha Johnson, National Chief of Staff, ASUVCW and Michelle Langley, National Patriotic Instructor, ASUVCW
Open House.....	Headquarters

COURTESY HOUR
Friday Evening, August 11, 1995

Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison and National President Margaret Atkinson were seated at the front of the room and the various Departments marched in and gave them gifts and some made very funny presentations. A good time was had by all.

FIRST SESSION

Thursday Afternoon, August 10, 1995, 1:10 p.m.

National President Margaret Atkinson welcomed the delegates to the 109th Encampment and stated she wished to distribute gifts before the official opening of business.

National Secretary called the roll of National Officers who, as their names were called, took positions in front of her station.

National Officers

Vice President	Marquerite Plante, RI
Council Member #1	Ora Moitoso appointed to replace Florence Spring who is ill
Council Member #2	Betty Baker, NY
Council Member #3	Margaret Joy, ME
Secretary	Frances Murray, ME
Treasurer	Eileen Coombs, ME
Patriotic Instructor	Michelle Langley, NY
Chaplain	Mary Willey, MA
Press Correspondent	Martha Wilson, PA
Director of Budget	Esther Peiper, PA
Washington, D.C. Representative	Dorris Schlenker, MD-DE
Membership at Large Coordinator	Orma Altland, OH
Historian	Beatrice Greenwalt, NY
Counselor	Dorris Schlenker, MD-DE
Chief of Staff	Martha Johnson, PA
Personal Aide	Amanda Kroger, PA

PRESIDENT MARGARET: These are your officers for the past year. They have been diligent in fulfilling their duties and I would like to lead a round of applause for them. *She then had her aides give each one a gift.*

Next, the National Secretary called the role of Past National Presidents and National President Margaret expressed her gratitude to them for their help and guidance. She said that several could not be with us this year, but they did their best to assist her by mail and telephone calls.

Those present:

Dorothy Hilyard, MD/DE	Emma Wheeler, NH
Eileen Coombs, ME	Ann Willeke, CT
Dorris Schlenker, MD/DE	Esther Peiper, PA
Catherine Zapatka, CT	Beatrice Greenwalt, NY
Ora Moitoso, CT	Frances Murray, ME

Next, the Department Presidents installed for for the 1995-1996 terms were asked to take positions in front of the President and received gifts. National President Margaret told of the Encampments she had attended and that she was pleased to have installed many of them in their office.

Those present:

Emma Prince, CT	Dorris Schlenker, MD/DE
Mary Willey, MA	Janice Dawson, NY
Dorothy Kern, PA	Peggy Schaefer, WI

The role of Department Presidents who served during 1994-1995 was then called and they also received gifts. They were congratulated on the work they had done for the Order in the previous year.

Those present:

Emma Prince, CT
Dorris Schlenker, MD/DE
Michelle Langley, NY

Margaret Joy, ME
Mary Willey, MA
Peggy Schaefer, WI

All of the above thanked National President Margaret for their gifts. National President Margaret asked the sitting Department Presidents to meet with her in her room at 7 a.m. on Friday for breakfast.

All appointed Officers were asked to rise and the aides took a gift to each one while the National President expressed her appreciation for their willingness to serve at the Encampment.

Encampment Appointments

Parliamentarian	Esther Peiper, PNP, PA
Guide	Dorothy Kern, DP, PA
Assistant Guide	Mary Scofield, PDP, CT
Color Guard #1	Sarah Cherry, D/Chaplain, OH
Color Guard #2	Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NY
Inside Guard	Anne Iannitto, AP, PA
Outside Guard	Mary Sampson, PDP, CT
Musician	Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
Stenographer	Emma Ashley, OH
Assistant Personal Aide	Joan Cancelliere, PA
Ritualistic Work	Department of Pennsylvania
Escorts	Margaret Frantz, PA
	Elizabeth Mellor, PDP, MA
Page	Whitney Ashley, OH

National President Margaret declared a brief recess to allow the Pennsylvania Department to prepare for the Exemplification of the Ritual. This was then performed by the Pennsylvania Department with PDP Peggy Frantz acting as President.

The 109th annual Encampment was then declared officially open and the National President made her Encampment Appointments (listed above and below).

Encampment Committees

Arrangements: Sons and Auxiliary, Department of Ohio, James Hilton, Chairman.

Credentials: Frances Murray, National Secretary, Chairlady; Martha Wilson, National Press Correspondent, PA; Emma Prince, DP, CT.

Resolutions Committee: Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE, Chairlady; Mary Sampson, PDP, MA; Ruth Huntington, PDP, CT.

Election Committee: Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT, Chairlady; Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA; Mary Buchanan, PDP, CT

Officers Reports: Dorris Schlenker, PNP, MD-DE, Chairlady; Jacqueline Johnston, PDP, NH; Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA; Florence Foight, PDP, MD-DE.

Restoration of Rank: Catherine Zapatka, PNP, CT, Chairlady; Peggy Schaefer, DP, WI; Emma Prince, DP, CT.
Press: Martha Wilson, National Press Correspondent, PA, Chairlady; Encampment Press Correspondent - Sarah Cherry, Department Chaplain, OH.

Greetings Committees

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY, Chairlady; Betty Baker, PDP, NY; and members of the Ohio Delegation.
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME, Chairlady; Mary Sampson, PDP, MA; Florence Foight, PDP, MD-DE.
Response to the Songs: Frances Murray, PNP, ME.
Response to the Commander-in-Chief: Esther Peiper, PNP, PA.
Response to Ladies of the G.A.R.: Ann Willeke, PNP, CT.
Response to Recipient of Patriotic Instructor's Gift (in memory of the G.A.R.): Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT.
Response to all other Guests: Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE.

Standing Committees

Membership: Marquerite Plante, NVP, RI, Chairlady; all Department Vice Presidents and all Auxiliary Vice Presidents.
Historical: Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY, Chairlady; Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH; Jo an Wheeler, PDP, IA.
Legislative: Peggy Schaefer, DP, WI, Chairlady; Ellinore Johnson, PNP, WI, Chairlady Emeritus; Martha Wilson, PDP, PA; Emma Ashley, OH.
Constitution, Rules & Regulations: Florence Jansson, PNP, NJ, Chairlady; Audrey Long, PDP, PA; Ruth Huntington, PDP, CT.
Rituals: Viola Bremme, PNP, PA, Chairlady; Ann Willeke, PNP, CT; Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT.
Revision of Blanks: Frances Murray, National Secretary, ME, Chairlady; Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE; Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA.
Rehabilitation: Mary Scofield, PDP, CT, Chairlady; Helen Dodd, DP, IA; Susan Jamieson, DP, NJ.

Special Appointed Committees

Encampment Site Committee: Frances Murray, National Secretary, ME.
New Auxiliary Institutor: Isabelle Roberts, PNP, NY.
Publicity Committee: Marguerite Plante, National Vice President, RI..
Membership List Coordinator: Dawn Hayner, MD-DE.
National Encampment 1999 Committee: Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Does anyone have any reason they cannot serve on these committees or need anyone else? Thank you.

I will appoint PNP Ora Moitoso to fill the seat of Council Member #1 as PNP Florence Spring cannot be with us because of illness.

Sister Vice President, I would appreciate you taking over the meeting while I make my report. Since it is rather lengthy, I would suggest you stay seated for now.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT

To the Officers and Members of the 109th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Greetings:

The past year spent representing the National Auxiliary has been an extremely busy one. I have travelled many miles, visited with old friends and made new ones. There have been times of excitement, times of pleasure, moments of reverence, and yes, disappointments too. There have been numerous hours spent at the computer keeping up with correspondence. In retrospect, pondering on all these experiences, I feel privileged to have had

this year to represent an organization that espouses love of country and preservation of our history. Thank you for this opportunity.

In Memoriam

Our Golden Chain of Past National Presidents was broken again this year with the passing of Past National President Viola Bremme of the Pennsylvania Department. I first met Sister Viola when I was a child and attended joint Sons and Auxiliary programs in Philadelphia with my father. Viola was a member of Auxiliary #200, while my family and eventually myself were members of Auxiliary #1.

Sister Viola's interests centered around her family, church, and the Auxiliary, although she was also an avid bowler and played her last game just two days before she became ill. Her sisters, nieces and nephews have at times belonged to the Sons and Auxiliary. She successively held offices in her local Auxiliary and the Department of Pennsylvania, culminating with her leading the Order as National President in 1973. She was quiet, reserved, and knowledgeable about our Order. Sadly, her local auxiliary is now dissolving; however, the Pennsylvania Department has established a scholarship in her name with the funds received from her Auxiliary. A befitting tribute to Viola!

Health has proven to be a difficult problem this past year for our members, especially our Past National Presidents. Some regular attenders will not be here this year. This would have been the 51st year for PNP Florence Jansson. Other Past National Presidents who are combating serious illnesses or the frailties of advanced age are Margaret Schroeder, Edith Snyder, Caroline Riddell, Minnie Madeiros, Jennie Russell, Isabelle Roberts, and Florence Spring. We also regret the absence of Anne O. Clayton, who had attended 52 consecutive years. They will all be sorely missed.

When I received word of the illness or death of a member or a Son, I tried to inform the general membership and sent cards from the National Auxiliary. I was also able, accompanied by National Secretary Frances Murray and Department President Margaret Joy, to visit PNP Isabelle Roberts in June. The National Auxiliary also mourns the death of Past Commander-in-Chief William Haskell of Massachusetts, a loyal and faithful member of many years.

Finances

During the past year, I have given considerable thought to the finances of our organization and have held lengthy talks with the Budget Director, PNP Esther Peiper. The Auxiliary cannot function with the income received from the Per Capita Tax at the current rate. We depend on our Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff to raise larger sums each year, despite the lower membership and fewer opportunities to raise monies. Michelle Langley and Martha Johnson have worked very hard to meet the quota assigned them by the Budget Director. Only a limited percentage of our membership are supporting their efforts. I do not feel we can continue to place almost the full burden of annual income on two persons. To the best of my knowledge, the Per Capita Tax has not been changed in nearly 10 years. Our organization's purposes and goals are important enough to warrant each member giving more than \$1.40 yearly to support it. In Philadelphia, one issue of the Sunday paper costs \$1.50. Surely, our organization is worth more than a single issue of a paper or a cup of coffee and a donut.

Recommendation #1: That the Per Capita Tax be changed to \$1. per member.

This would require changes to the following sections of the C.R.&R.:

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If the above dues increase is approved, the dues for Membership at Large would have to be changed. The fee for the Banner has gone from \$4. to \$6. per year. The increase would have to reflect that change also. The following recommendation is computed on a \$1. Per Capita Tax and \$6. per year subscription to the Banner.

Recommendation #2: The Application Fee is \$10. and the Annual Dues are Fifteen Dollars (\$15), six dollars of which is to be used for a subscription to the Banner.

This would require a change to ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP - Section 3, Page 24.

An informed membership may understand the financial needs of the Order if they were more familiar with our sources of income and the expenses incurred yearly. Most organizations present a budget for approval at their annual meetings.

Recommendation #3: The Director of the Budget shall prepare a budget for the coming year to be presented to the Delegates at the Annual Encampment. After discussion, deletions, or additions, the final budget will be adopted by approval of the members. This budget would be printed in the first

General Order sent to the membership after the National Encampment.

This would require a change to ARTICLE VI, DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 9, Page 29. If passed, this would become effective August 1996.

Publicity

One of the main focuses of my administration has been publicity. We all know how easily we remember the names of products for sale. Why? We are bombarded on radio, TV, and in newspapers with ads extolling their virtues. In the same way, we are not going to grow unless we let the public know we exist. Our Publicity Committee has been investigating sources of both paid and free publicity the last year and will report on their efforts in detail later in this Encampment. The Sons are aware of our recruitment problems and have offered to assist by adding information about the Auxiliary to their paid advertising next year. **THIS IS AT NO COST TO US!** Advertising does work, the Sons have doubled their membership in the last few years through advertising. The Auxiliary should set up an Advertising Fund now to use for any expenses incurred by the Committee during the coming year and for future advertising. During the past year the members of this committee have been donating their postal costs. We cannot ask people to serve on a committee without providing recompense for their costs.

I therefore make the following recommendations:

Recommendation #4: That the sum of \$500 be set aside during the year 1995-1996 for the use of the Publicity Committee to cover postage and advertising costs.

To provide future income for this fund, I make the following:

Recommendation #5: That all new applicants will be required to pay a \$5. application fee over and above any fees charged by the local auxiliary. This surcharge would be forwarded to the National Treasurer for deposit in the Advertising Fund.

Sons of Union Veterans

The officers and members of the Sons have shown friendship and concern for the Auxiliary during the past year. Their offer to help us by placing advertising for us in the coming year is an indication of the closeness that has developed over the past few years between our groups. It has been our custom for many years to present a Love gift as a token of our support of the Sons. In view of the fact that they are in a much better financial situation than we are, I believe it best to contribute the same lower amount as the last few years.

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

Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison and I have enjoyed a very cordial relationship, therefore I make:

Recommendation #7: That we give our usual Love Token to Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison of \$60.

Allied Orders

It was a pleasure the past year to become friends with the heads of the other Allied Orders: Mrs. Ercelle Speaks, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; Mrs. Elsie Gould, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; and Mrs. Ruth Marie Funck, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans. We met at ceremonies and several Encampments. Sister Funck attended the Pennsylvania Department Encampment and wanted to see some of the historic sights in Philadelphia. My husband and I were happy to host she and her companion at our home for two days and do a historic tour with them.

Last August, Commander-in-Chief Harrison called a meeting of the five National Heads to discuss the possibility of the five Orders holding their annual meetings at the same time and place in the future. The meetings would all be separate, but there would be the possibility of a joint banquet or other programs. The idea was that having the Orders meet in one place would give us more clout with gaining concessions from the hotels. I mailed out 50 letters to current National Officers and Past National Presidents requesting their comments. The replies were about 90% favorable. We have met once since our initial meeting. The Woman's Relief Corps has not made any comment. The National President of the Daughters informed us a proposal is being submitted on the floor of their convention this week asking the membership to back this concept. If approved by them, however, they would have to honor commitments made to hotels through 1999. The Sons and Auxiliary already have commitments through 1998.

National President Ruth Funck found the following Resolution printed in the Minutes of the 80th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held August 25-30, 1946. I quote -

"Realizing that the time is not far off when our Encampment will be ended, it is our earnest wish that our Allied Organizations continue to hold their annual conventions together. We therefore ask, that as a Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, you continue to meet at the same time and place, and suggest that the incoming and outgoing Presidents or presiding officers, act as a committee to make the arrangements for future National Conventions, when the Grand Army of the Republic ceases to meet."

There is nothing I can add to that statement, it speaks for itself.

Scholarship Award

It was a happy occasion for me when I presented the scholarship award to Marsha Barnhart, Life Member, from Auxiliary #50, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This presentation was made during the banquet held in Gettysburg on Remembrance Day. Marsha is a student at Drexel Institute in Philadelphia and doing very well in her studies. She has attended Auxiliary and Pennsylvania Department Encampments since she was a young girl, accompanying her mother, PDP Linda Barnhart, and her grandmother, PNP Esther Peiper. Her award paid for a computer program and some books required by the college.

Recommendation #8: That we continue giving the scholarship of \$350. and it be the personal choice of the President.

In the future, when we have increased our membership and income, this amount should be raised as student costs have risen sharply.

Banner

The Banner has a new editor again, Gregory Hayes, of Linden, Michigan. He has given a new look to the Banner and printed several excellent issues. The Sons voted to give us a column in the Banner but the Editor needs to receive more information from Auxiliary members.

General Orders

I issued three General Orders during the year. I tried to get practical information included that would assist Auxiliary members, especially new ones.

Wreath Presentations

On November 12th, Commander-in-Chief Harrison and I jointly presented a wreath at Gettysburg at the unveiling of the monument in memory of the Civil War veterans of the State of Maryland. The next Saturday I returned to Gettysburg to present a wreath on behalf of the Order at the 38th annual Remembrance day Ceremonies. This was followed in February by attendance at the Lincoln Birthday commemoration at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. On April 15th I was in Springfield, Illinois for the Death Day Ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb. May 30th I presented a flower at the altar of the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, participating in a ceremony in memory of all our war dead. I was very fortunate to have clear, sunny weather on all these occasions and was very proud to represent the Auxiliary.

Recruitment and New Auxiliaries

Our New Auxiliary Organizer PNP Isabelle Roberts became seriously ill in January. At the time, several inquiries had been made about starting new auxiliaries. To fill in the gap, I assumed the duties of this committee and will report on it within this presidential report.

After talking to several Son's officers, I became aware that many of the newer members of the Sons did not understand the special relationship between the Auxiliary and Sons. To overcome this, I wrote an "Open Letter" to the Sons explaining who we are and what we do and the editor of the Banner printed it in the Fall Issue. In addition, in response to my request, the National Secretary of the Sons has been sending me names and addresses of officers of newly formed camps. I have written to eighteen camps inviting them to start Auxiliaries. In addition, I had nine inquiries during the year from both Sons' camps and women requesting information on starting an Auxiliary.

I corresponded with several groups and got the initial paperwork started. I flew to Salt Lake City, Utah to institute Lot Smith Auxiliary #1 in April. National Secretary Frances Murray, along with National and Department Officers, instituted the Sumner S. Needham Auxiliary #128 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Department President Mary Jo Long, assisted by National Chief of Staff Martha Johnson, instituted Col. Jacob M. Campbell Auxiliary #16 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

I am now working on prospective auxiliaries in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Denver, Colorado; Springfield, Missouri; Toledo, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Flushing, Michigan; and Wisconsin.

During the year I received fifty inquiries about membership, several because they had seen one of our brochures. Other leads were sent to me by Brother Alan Loomis of Indiana. As Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, it was his job to answer inquiries for Sons' memberships. If the men applying asked about a woman's organization, he sent me the name and address. I do not know the outcome of all my contacts, as some were directed to Departments, but I am aware of eight who joined Membership at Large and several local auxiliaries. Many of these contacts required multiple correspondence.

Recommendation #9: We continue to appoint a New Auxiliary Organizing Committee, supply them with letterheads and envelopes, and place the sum of \$100. in the budget to cover costs incurred in the performance of their duties.

Recommendation #10: That the Membership at Large Coordinator keep the New Auxiliary Committee supplied with the names and addresses of the membership for possible use in organizing auxiliaries.

Many of the new applicants are very interesting people, well versed in Civil War History and genealogy. Some are members of Civil War Round Tables and re-enactors and can bring a wealth of knowledge and interest to the meetings. They want to participate in ceremonies, living histories, and preservation of gravesites and monuments. Their interests are in accord with our purposes. We may have to sometimes make a change in a meeting format, but we must do everything in our power to welcome them. Our future depends on it.

Bank Accounts

Several questions arose during the year regarding Auxiliary and Department bank accounts. It is recommended that all accounts carry the names of two officers to avoid problems in the event of illness or death. Each Auxiliary and Department should have their own EIN number registered with IRS. The National Secretary can forward instructions for interested Auxiliaries. Internal Revenue Service has contacted our National Treasurer as of July 28, 1995 requesting EIN numbers of all subsidiary groups of the Auxiliary. All Department and Auxiliary Treasurers are being asked to give her prompt replies as IRS has set a deadline for this information to be received.

Membership List

Last year I was granted permission to computerize a national membership list. I thank all the secretaries who forwarded this information. A more detailed report will be given by the Membership List Coordinator.

Visitations and Activities

The schedule of activities as I have listed them does not contain details about each event as it would have lengthened this report considerably. I was impressed with the scope of activities in which members of the Auxiliary participate and was very pleased to be asked by many of the Departments to install their officers. It was also my distinct pleasure to initiate new members in Utah, Rhode Island, Maryland-Delaware, New York and Pennsylvania Encampments. My regular duties for the G.A.R. Museum were curtailed somewhat by the pressure of the National schedule, but some are also included in my listed activities.

1994

Sept. 8	Civil War program to women's club
24	Testimonial for Pennsylvania Department President Mary Jo Long
26	Anna M. Ross Auxiliary meeting
Oct. 1	Annual meeting, GAR Museum
2	Guide duty, GAR Museum
13	Civil War program to Junior Women's club
15-16	Living History, Mullica Hill, NJ
17	Civil War program to Senior's group
22	Flew to Michigan for Commander-in-Chief Harrison's Testimonial
24	Anna M. Ross Auxiliary meeting
29	Wonderful Testimonial given me by my local Auxiliary
Nov. 6	Guide duty, GAR Museum
13	Dedication of Maryland Monument, Gettysburg
17	Civil War program to Senior Citizen group
18-19	Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg
28	Anna M. Ross Auxiliary meeting
Dec. 2	Living History, Medford, NJ

- 4 Guide duty, GAR Museum
 16 Auxiliary, Camp, and GAR Museum Christmas Party
- 1995**
- Jan. 3 Civil War program to "Questers" club
 7 Painted at GAR Museum
 9 Civil War program to Community Group
 14 Painted at GAR Museum
 15 Guide duty, GAR Museum
 21 Worked at GAR Museum
 23 Auxiliary #1 meeting
 28 Worked at GAR Museum
 29 Guide duty, GAR Museum
- Feb. 5 Guide duty, GAR Museum
 11 Military Order of the Loyal Legion Dinner, Washington, DC
 12 Presented wreath, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC
 18 Auxiliary #1 visit to nursing home
 22 Civil War program to 3 fourth grade classes, Abington
 25 Worked at GAR Museum
- March 3 Civil War program at local public library
 4 Worked at GAR Museum
 5 Guide duty, GAR Museum
 11 Worked at GAR Museum
 24 Fundraiser Dinner Dance for GAR Museum
 25 am Helped host busload of visitors for GAR Museum
 pm Aux. #1 hosted Department President Mary Jo Long
 26 Narrated Civil War Wedding, Historical Society, Bristol
 30 Flew to San Jose, California for Department Meeting
 31- Attended Encampment at Grover Beach, California
- April 2 California
 3 Flew to Salt Lake City, Utah
 4 Instituted Lot Smith Provisional Auxiliary #1
 7-8-9 Drove to Rhode Island, attended Encampment
 13-16 Drove to Springfield, Illinois, presented wreath at Lincoln Death Day Ceremonies
 22-23 Attended Maryland-Delaware Encampment, Newark, DE
 24 am Civil War program to 3 fifth grade classes, Jenkintown
 pm Anna M. Ross Auxiliary meeting
 28-29 Drove to Nashua, New Hampshire for Encampment
 30 Spoke at ceremonies at Grant's Tomb, New York City
- May 1 Guide at GAR Museum
 5-7 Drove to Farmington, CT for Encampment
 22 Anna M. Ross Auxiliary meeting
 23 Civil War program to Church women's group, Abington
 27 Worked at GAR Museum
 28 Auxiliary & Camp ceremony at Anna M. Ross grave
 29-31 Drove to Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH for Memorial Day ceremonies
- June 4 Guide duty, GAR Museum
 8-11 Drove to Cortland, NY for Encampment
 16-18 Drove to Brunswick, Maine for Encampment
 22-25 Pennsylvania Dept. Encampment, served on Encampment Committee
- July 12 Auxiliary #1 picnic
 14-16 Attended Sons of Veterans Reserve muster in McConnellsville, Ohio

I was unable to attend several Encampments and ceremonies due to overlapping dates. My thanks to those Sisters who filled in for me. Between recruitment and National President correspondence, I sent out 475

mailings this year and made innumerable phone calls. In addition to the above activities, I served as Treasurer of Auxiliary #1 and Secretary of the GAR Museum, and wrote several grant applications trying to obtain funds for the Museum.

National Officers Duties

The National Officers have many duties to perform that are not detailed in the CR&R. To make it easier for these officers to function more efficiently, a listing of the varied duties not addressed in the CR&R would be helpful. Therefore, I make

Recommendation #11: That the incoming President appoint a committee to write up detailed instructions of the duties of each National Officer to assist them in the performance of their duties. The National Secretary would distribute these instructions to the new officers each year.

Official Family

National Vice President Marguerite Plante worked diligently this year to increase membership. She was also involved with the Publicity Committee, sending notices to Genealogical Societies and securing ad information. Your cheerful and willing support of my programs was much appreciated.

National Council Members Florence Spring, Betty Baker and Margaret Joy - Despite Florence's serious illness, you were able to assist me when I called upon you. Appointee Ora Moitoso, thank you for so readily agreeing to accept the Encampment appointment of Council Member #1.

National Secretary Frances Murray - I couldn't have managed without you. We were a team again this year, only with the roles reversed. I am certain AT&T is happy we got together this year! Thank you for your helping hand and for your service to the National Auxiliary. My special thanks for instituting Needham Auxiliary in Massachusetts.

National Treasurer Eileen Coombs - Prompt, efficient, conscientious, these all describe our Treasurer. We are fortunate to have Sister Eileen in this important position. Thank you for your dedication.

National Patriotic Instructor Michelle Langley - Having held this office in the past, I know this is not an easy job and I thank you for filling the position. We appreciate your efforts to encourage patriotism and raise funds for a memorial donation in our host city.

National Chaplain Mary Willey - Thank you for your efforts to provide a suitable Memorial Service for our departed members.

National Press Correspondent Martha Wilson - I was very pleased to have you on my team, knowing you always put forth your best effort in any job you undertake.

National Director of the Budget Esther Peiper - You have a difficult task to make our income meet our expenses. I appreciate the time you have given to me to discuss our fiscal status. It was doubly difficult for you this past year as you experienced health problems. We appreciate your devotion to the Order.

National Washington, DC Representative and National Counselor Dorris Schlenker - You continue to represent the Auxiliary in Washington with your usual poise and we commend you for the many appearances you make on behalf of us. My good friend, I am so happy you consented to be my Counselor. You have always been there with excellent advice when I needed it. Thank you for everything.

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Orma Altland - Despite constant bouts of illness, you continued to keep the M.A.L. Auxiliary functioning. We are very grateful for your service and wish you better health in the upcoming year.

National Historian Bea Greenwalt - Your job is immense but you have the knowledge and experience to handle it. The current and future members will be enriched by the information you will have made available as you preserve the history of our Order. Thank you.

National Chief of Staff Martha Johnson - Another dear friend who went the extra mile for me and took Chief of Staff for the second time. I know you have worked long and hard despite other obligations due to family illness. I know you will have an excellent report and I thank you for making this Encampment an enjoyable one for not only me, but all the members of the Auxiliary.

National Personal Aide Amanda Kroger - Granddaughter, I was so happy you consented to be my Aide and I thank you for all your help. Grandpop and I love you and are very proud of you.

Appreciation

Thank you to all the Past National Presidents for your advice and support during the past year. Your expertise on Auxiliary customs and protocol proved invaluable to me.

My appreciation is extended to all the Sisters who accepted Encampment appointments, also to the members of all Standing and Appointed Committees. The work you perform keeps the Auxiliary operating.

To all the Departments, thank you for your hospitality, gifts, and courtesies. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Encampments and learning more about the activities within your State.

To the Department of Pennsylvania, and particularly to my Sisters of Anna M. Ross Auxiliary, I could not have handled all the duties of this office without your assistance. You were always willing to help me or fill in for me when I needed you. You are a great group!

To Keith Harrison, Commander-in-Chief, and his fine staff of officers, your cooperation with me has been tremendous and has proven to be a fine example of how the Sons and Auxiliary should work together.

To my husband, you've spent many evenings virtually alone while I worked on correspondence and have driven me endless miles to meetings and ceremonies. You were a real helpmate and advisor. To my children and grandchildren, I should be home occasionally now when you call!

This has been the busiest and most exciting year of my life. I never dreamed when I joined in 1944 that 50 years later I would attain the highest office in the Order. The help and encouragement of all of you made this possible and I pledge to continue to do whatever I can to ensure the future growth and influence of the Auxiliary. God Bless each one of you.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Margaret E. Atkinson
National President

VICE PRESIDENT MARGUERITE: You have heard this fine report. What is your pleasure?

MOVED by National Secretary Frances Murray

SECONDED by Several

That this fine report be accepted, our National President be given a rising vote of thanks, and that this report, and all other reports, be turned over to the Committee on Officers Reports. **SO VOTED** (*rising vote of thanks given*)

PNP ESTHER PEIPER: Sister President, may I approach your station?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: You may indeed.

PNP PEIPER: Sisters, I have the honor to present the Testimonial gift to our National President. I would like to say I am one of the most proudest people in the Pennsylvania Department right now even though we are in Ohio. This is indeed a year of appreciation for all of us. Margaret has done such a marvelous job, far beyond what my imagination was when I put her in there. We're so grateful she's had the health to do all of these things. All your Sisters are very very proud of you. Love ya.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you so much. Thank you all so very much. I really appreciate your gift. It's been a great year working with all of you.

Sister National Secretary has some correspondence to read to us.

Pennsylvania Department endorsing Mary Jo Long for National Vice President for term 1995-1996.

Department President Mary Willey for the Massachusetts Department endorsing PDP

Mary Sampson for National Council Member.

T.W. Hyde Aux. #11, Bath, Maine; Margaret Joy, Department President, Maine; Eileen Coombs, PNP, endorsing Frances Murray for National Secretary.

Vermont Department endorsing Frances Murray for National Secretary for five years.

New England Regional Association endorsing Frances Murray for National Secretary.

Pennsylvania Department requesting that we approve Membership-at-Large for the Pennsylvania Department

Thank you from Patty Harris, Voluntary Coordinator, Dept. of Military Affairs,

State of Michigan thanking us for our gift to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans last year.

Thank you from Cathedral of the Pines for donation last year.

Thank you from Florence Spring, PNP, for Testimonial Gift last year.

Thank you from Allen Moore, Past Commander-in-Chief for Love Gift last year.

Thank you from PNP Eileen Coombs and Michael Wade for sympathy cards in memory of Edna Wade, sister of Eileen.

Thank you from family of PNP Viola Bremme to all who donated to the Honor Roll. PDP Rhoda Lemanski bringing greetings as she cannot be to National and thanks for all get-well cards received.

Jerry Orton, PDC, New York requesting Daisy Anderson, last widow of Civil War veteran, be granted a Life Membership without cost and have her assigned a number. Elsa Gibbons, PDP, NY, bringing her greetings.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much, Frances. I also have some mail to get to you. I never thought we would get that far today. We are really rolling along.

National Chief-of-Staff, what time would you like to close to prepare for your Opening. What would make it easier for you?

CHIEF OF STAFF MARTHA: If we closed at 3:15, that would help a lot.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I would like to make it perfectly clear to everybody that we will not be meeting in this room Friday and Saturday. This is a temporary room that we're in. Our real room is the Columbus Room on the 6th floor in the Conference Center. Our next session will open at 9:00 there tomorrow morning. If your bedroom is in that building, you just get in the elevator and go to the 6th floor. If you happen to be in the other building, which I do, you take the elevator to the first floor, you walk down the hallway, and then you take the elevator to the 6th floor to the Conference Center. This will be the Sons meeting room. This will also be where the banquet is, where the Campfire will be tomorrow night, and so forth. My headquarters is in Room 316 and when you get off the elevator, it's right there, so that should be easy for anybody to find if they're looking for me. Do any of the clubs have announcements about lunches? *(So done)* Our money officers are going to give their reports on Saturday afternoon. They're going to pull their chances after the Courtesy Hour tomorrow night, and I assume, therefore, the last they can take anything would be Friday evening. I do hope you will go across the hall to Room H to see their beautiful prizes and sales tables. They both have chances to sell. You will be very very lucky if you win any of the prizes, and if you see any of the Sons, guide them in the direction of Room H so they can buy their chances.

I really didn't think we would have time to get into reports today. Marguerite, do you by any chance have your Vice President's report with you? *(answered yes)* You do? Is it very lengthy? Well, I think we could probably get that in before we close, so I'll ask our National Vice President Marguerite Plante to read her report.

REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT

One year ago I was honored to be elected to the office of National Vice President. I have done my best to live up to your expectations in the performance of my duties to show a gain in membership. I have received reports from 11 (eleven) Departments for a total of 99 (ninety-nine) new members and 5 (five) reinstated members.

	New Members	Reinstated
California & Pacific	12	
Colorado	0	
Connecticut	0	
Illinois	1	2
Maine	2	
Massachusetts	14	2
Michigan	2	
New York	13	
Pennsylvania	47	1
Rhode Island	7	
Vermont	1	
Totals	99	5

I was President of the New England Regional Association this year and presided at meetings in Maine, Vermont and at the Annual Meeting in Weirs Beach, New Hampshire. I assisted Past National President Frances Murray when she instituted the new auxiliary, Sumner S. Needham Auxiliary #128 in Lawrence, Massachusetts on April 29, 1995. This was one of the highlights of my year as National Vice President. It is a

pleasure to announce we had 3 (three) new Auxiliaries formed this year in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Utah.

Sister National President Margaret, it has been a pleasure to be one of your official family. I wish for you a harmonious and constructive Encampment.

At this time I would like to present \$10.00 (Ten dollars) to the Lot Smith Auxiliary in Utah as the first new auxiliary instituted this year. They were instituted April 4, 1995 by National President Margaret Atkinson. I award \$10.00 to the Department of Pennsylvania for having the most new members this year.

Would a Sister of the new Auxiliary in Utah and the Department President of Pennsylvania please come to get their award? (*Department President Dorothy Kern accepted for Pennsylvania*)

Marguerite Plante
National Vice President

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much. That was an excellent report, Marguerite. We really appreciate all your work.

Recessed at 3:20 p.m. to prepare for rehearsal of the Joint Opening with the Chaplain closing the Bible.

JOINT OPENING

At 4:25 p.m., the Joint Opening with the Sons of Union Veterans occurred under the direction of Martha Johnson, National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary, and Clark Mellor, National Chief of Staff of the Sons of Union Veterans. The front of the room was draped with a large patriotic banner.

Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison and National President Margaret Atkinson were escorted into the meeting room by their Personal Aides under a wooden, lattice-work white arbor, which was used as an archway. It was covered with ivy, red roses, and white lights. Following the National Heads being seated in front of the podium, the National Officers of the Sons and the Auxiliary, Past National Presidents and Past Commander-in-Chiefs were announced under the arbor, came up to the front of the podium, passing through a line of National Aides holding red carnations, and saluted the National President and Commander-in-Chief.

MARTHA JOHNSON: We thank you for your attention. You noticed we used red carnations for our honor lines. That is the state flower for the State of Ohio. You also noticed that Margaret got two and Keith only got one. He's a little bit upset. That's too bad. I was going to have her Personal Aide give the other one to her but it was easier to let the last person in the line, an Auxiliary #1 member of Pennsylvania, give her the extra flower.

I am pleased to welcome you. It is a great honor for me to be in this position and serving with Clark Mellor, our Chief of Staff of the Sons. For a while I wasn't quite sure Clark was going to join me or not, so we are very, very happy that he made it. He's having his problems, but the voice is going to get stronger as he improves. So we are very happy to have him with us and we are very glad to see so many of the Sons and Auxiliary members here at this particular time to honor our Commander-in-Chief and our National President. Thank you for coming here this afternoon.

National Heads escorted to the Podium by their Personal Aides and a boutonniere pinned on Keith and a corsage pinned on Margaret.

MARTHA JOHNSON: Brother Norman, it is your turn.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF NORMAN FURMAN: Sister National President, congratulations on an excellent year. I have a little song for you.

*Peg of my heart I love you, Don't let us part, I love you
I always knew, it would be you, since I turned your loving laughter,
It's your Irish heart I'm after. Peg of my heart your glances,
Make my heart say, how's chances, Come be my own,
Come make your home, in my heart.*

For the Commander-in-Chief, I have a song that is rather a tradition. I'd like to let you know how we feel about your year. You served an outstanding year and in the meantime I'd like to welcome you to the House of Lords.

This song is just for you.

*Little man you're crying, I know why you're blue,
Someone took your kiddy car away.
Time to go to sleep now, little man you've had a busy day.
Johnny won your marbles, tell you what we'll do,
Dad will get you new ones right away.
Better go to sleep now, little man you've had a busy day.
You've been playing soldier, the battle has been won,
The enemy is out of sight.
Come now little soldier and put away your gun,
The war is over for tonight.
Time to stop your scheming, time your day is through,
Can't you hear the bugle softly say.
Time you should be dreaming, little man you've had a busy day.*

MARTHA: This wouldn't have been complete without Norm to sing to the Heads of this National. Thank you, Norm, for coming to do this for us. At this time I do want to thank you all for being here and for helping Margaret and Keith have a good Encampment. This is really the Sons room but as Auxiliary Chief of Staff, I get to turn the gavel over to the National President. She can do what she wishes from there. Sister Margaret, I present this gavel for you to take care of your session.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT MARGARET ATKINSON: Thank you very much. Martha and Clarkie, I surely do appreciate this Opening. This friend of mine, you never know what she's going to come up with. Look at that arbor, it is really great. And Norman, I saw him in New York at their Department Encampment and he said, "What's your favorite song?" Well, way back when, when I was young and my husband and I were going together and I was called Peggy, we used to dance cheek-to-cheek to *Peg of my Heart*, so I said that, and as soon as I said it, I thought, oh, what did you tell him. I think my great grandfather O'Hanlon would appreciate it and I'm glad you sang it to me, Norman. I want to thank you all for everything that has transpired so far and I am sure that we're going to have a great Encampment. I have had a fantastic year and I have had cooperation from the Sons for which I just can't thank you enough. You have been great to me. You have tried to help me in every way you possibly could and, through me, the National Auxiliary, and I really appreciate it. Keith and I managed to attend wreath layings and dedications and not a drop of rain fell on us. Not a single drop of rain.

MARTHA: It all fell on Bud.

MARGARET: Two years ago, when I followed him around with Frances, I don't know who was bringing the rain, but it wasn't me. Keith, I have enjoyed very much working with you and I am looking forward to the next couple of days. As a token of my friendship I would like to give you this little gift. I think it's something that you will enjoy.

MARTHA: Before I let her finish up here, I would like to thank Keith Ashley for being our pianist. I've always admired his playing, he can just about play anything. Thank you Keith for being here and helping us out.

MARGARET: Well, now, I guess I have to give the Commander-in-Chief time to reciprocate, and you may have the mike.

KEITH HARRISON, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Thank you. Well, first of all, I'm very pleased to be here and I'm very pleased with the showing that we have for this particular part of the program. I believe that what you will see this year - what is happening, what has transpired with the Sons of Union Veterans - has been phenomenal in terms of growth, in terms of organization, in terms of internal operations, and external operations, and activities that you will be very, very surprised, and I think you will be very pleased. I have attended various ceremonies and I'm not the least surprised that it didn't rain, and I'm also not the least surprised that it didn't rain when Bud went. But it's been a tremendous year, it's been a highly hectic year, it's been a very fast year, though, unfortunately in some respects I almost hate to see it end. In other respects, I'm sure glad that it is. I do want to acknowledge Clarkie. I'm very, very pleased that he has been able to attend. I was a little concerned that he might not be able to but with an attitude and constitution such as his, he can do anything he wants anyway, so he'll make it.

BUD ATKINSON, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Where's your stool?

KEITH: Unfortunately - well, there's sort of a story on that - I got a stool during my presentation at my Testimonial Dinner. I actually did forget to bring it. I was going to. Actually, with that stool, I'm taller than Bud is. Which brings to me Norm here. The song actually was quite appropo. I'm so used to short jokes. I do

appreciate the song and I'm very pleased that you were able to be here to sing it. It wouldn't have been the same had you not been able to be here. In terms of your gift, Margaret, it's upstairs in the room. I'm not unpacked yet. You'll be getting that later. Again, I'm looking forward to a good Encampment, a very productive Encampment, and a very enjoyable one, and I'm just very, very pleased to be here. I thank you very much.

MARGARET: At this point, we would like to disband and get ready for whatever you have planned for the evening and for your sessions tomorrow morning. Once again, I thank you all for coming and for this wonderful Opening and we'll see you all later on or tomorrow morning. Martha, did you have any announcement you wanted to make very quickly?

MARTHA: I'm still taking reservations for the dinner. I have until Friday evening to turn in a final count, so if you know somebody who needs a reservation, please see me. We have a choice of Grilled Sole or Roast Pork Loin with Brandy Sauce, and the price is \$21.50. We'd like to have as many there as possible. Our count is a little low this year but I guess our attendance is also, so let's try to get everybody there at our banquet for 6:30 Saturday evening. Thank you.

MARGARET: The Past Nationals Banquet is tonight at 6:00 in the Cleveland Room, which is on the 6th floor in the other building..

KEITH: This is tentative at this point, but we're probably going to have the Council of Administration meeting at 7:30. For lack of another place unless I find out different, we'll have it up in my suite. We may move it if I know of another location but for right now, 7:30 in room 553.

MARTHA: Here is another announcement. Margaret is thanking me for the arbor. I have to thank my husband, Art. I said, "Hey Hon, I need an arbor built." Well, he built me an arbor. Now we had the problem, how are we going to get it there? Well, it just so happens I have a utility trailer at my disposal, so we filled it up with all of our things and put the arbor on, disassembled of course.

BUD: We're not going to take it home. (referring to lobster trap he took home from Maine)

MARTHA: No, my husband would like to take it back home again so I thank him for doing that for us. This meeting is now ended.

SECOND SESSION

Friday Morning, August 11, 1995, 9:10 a.m.

PRESIDENT MARGARET ATKINSON: Good morning, Sisters. I'd like to open the Second Session of this Annual Encampment and start first by thanking my Chief of Staff for a beautiful Opening yesterday. I simply cannot believe she made a trellis, took it apart, brought it here, and screwed it all together again. She is absolutely amazing. I'd also like to express my thanks to the Past National Presidents for the dinner last night. It was a delicious meal. At this point I would ask the Chaplain to attend the Alter and open the Bible. *(So done)*

Would the Recording Secretary Emma Ashley read the Minutes of yesterday's meeting.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Are there any corrections or additions? If not, I declare the Minutes approved as read. Beautiful job.

I mentioned a list yesterday, I will mention it again. I have made many contacts during the past year with people inquiring about membership. I have a printed list of well over 50 names, either of people who want to become members or are thinking of starting an auxiliary. If during one of the intermissions you wanted to see the list, the Recording Secretary Emma has up here. If you're interested in following up on it, tell her the name and she'll make you a copy of the correspondence I have previously sent to them, and get it back to you. She brought a copier with her. We have a great Recording Secretary here this year, she's got all kinds of equipment over in her room. I would now like to call on Past National President Ora Moitoso for the Report of the National Council, if you are ready?

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

We, the members of the Council, have audited the books of the Treasurer and Secretary and find them in excellent order. Both officers did a fine job for our organization.

We would like to offer the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That any new Charter issued must be closed after 60 days.

Recommendation #2: Whereas there have been many occasions where extraordinary services should have been recognized, we should offer a Certificate of Recognition.

Ora Moitoso, Council Member #1

Betty J. Baker, Council Member #2

Margaret Joy, Council Member #3

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you. Thank you very much. I would now like to call for the Report of the National Treasurer Eileen Coombs.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER

As another year of our Order comes to an end, let me say I shall never cease to be grateful for the honor and privilege you have given me in serving you. This is the completion of my second year of my three year appointment. It has been a year of ups and downs for me, but it is a pleasure to serve the National Organization.

At times it has been a trying year for me, due to the serious illness and death of my only sister. If answers to communications were slow or orders delayed, I am sorry. I have made every effort possible to be prompt.

It has been difficult to stay within the budget this year due to the cost of printing, postage and U.P.S. increases. We need to give some serious consideration to an increase of our Per Capita Tax. In checking the Proceedings, I found the last increase was at the 1987 Encampment in Buffalo, New York. Certainly our expenses have increased these last 8 years. Each year our money officers have had to work extra hard to reach their expected goals. Please, Sisters, give this a lot of thought.

I need to remind you that this coming year we will have the cost of printing the Proceedings for 2 years (1994 & 1995). This will create a difficult time for me with the checking account. Unless money comes in on a regular basis, it will be difficult to keep the minimum balance in the checking account in order to have free checking and unlimited checks. We have paid no service fees for checking, only the cost of the book of checks (300) at a cost of \$33.45, which I still have quite a few.

In January, right after the postal rate increases were announced, I was talking with National President Margaret Atkinson and suggested adding 10 cents to each bracket of the postage fees. She agreed. I do not put in the expenses of packaging material, etc. This is my contribution to my office as Treasurer.

When the two Certificates of Deposits at the Fleet Bank in Rhode Island and the Certificate of Deposit in the Dauphin Bank in Pennsylvania were going to mature, I contacted our National President about rolling them over for another year @6%, which was an increase over last year. I refer you to Page 29 of the CR&R in the paragraph at the top of the page. It is stated "Certificates of Deposits may be rolled over by the approval of the National President." Our National President gave me the approval I needed. The Certificate of Deposit in the Norwest Bank in Iowa of \$5,000 Investment Fund will mature in 1997.

There were 5000 brochures printed and the National President, Secretary and myself have given or sent out many of these. I have a little over 500 left. I suggest we order more. The cost of the 5,000 was \$250. The price may increase on our next order.

This year we have happy news to report: I have received fees for 3 new Auxiliary Charters. These new Auxiliaries each received a packet of supplies to get them started. I enclosed a supply order form with the price list on the back. Some are beginning to order supplies.

Our Membership-at-Large has increased by 13 this year. Thank you, Sister Orma Altland, for a job well done. I have sent the list of Honor Roll and Members at Large to the Banner for each issue. It does not always appear until a later issue. I do send them in by the deadline.

The I.R.S. sends me forms and I must have the name and address of every Auxiliary Treasurer and Department Treasurer, along with their E.I.N. number. I need this information no later than March 1st of each year. The I.R.S. is taking a closer look to "NON-PROFIT" organizations. We must comply with their request in order to keep our standing code and not be required to file financial reports.

I have the annual recommendation:

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

To our National President Margaret Atkinson, it has been a pleasure to be one of your staff this year. You have given me full cooperation at all times. You have done an excellent job. Best wishes for a successful Encampment and I pray all your goals will be reached.

To National Secretary Frances Murray, it is always a joy to work with you. You have been extremely helpful in many ways and have always been there for me - especially when I broke my hand and you did most of my corresponding for me. I also appreciate you doing and sending extra letterheads for me - at no cost to National. These are the first I have needed since I took office in August 1993.

To National Patriotic Instructor Michelle Langley and National Chief of Staff Martha Johnson, you have been working hard to reach your goals. Your fine cooperation has made it a pleasure to work with both of you. Best of luck. I will miss all your notes and letters this coming year.

As I close this report, I just want to say, with all the work and sometimes problems, I have enjoyed the work of my office. All the fine cooperation, letters and notes I receive from everyone makes it all worthwhile. It is my only wish that I have pleased the National Organization in the performance of my duties.

Honor Roll

Mildred Williams, PDP, NJ	PDP Association, NJ	\$ 10.00
	New Jersey Dept. Auxiliary	15.00
	Minnie's Whalers	10.00
Ethel Carver, PNP, MD-DE	Ethel's First Ladies	10.00
	Fran's Fans	10.00
	PNP Frances Murray	10.00
Jean Nelson, PDP, NJ	New Jersey Dept. Auxiliary	10.00
Gertrude Deckenback, PDP, NJ	New Jersey Dept. Auxiliary	10.00
Alice Harwood, PDP, MA	PCinC Eugene and	
	PNP Jennie Russell	10.00
Raeona Black, PDP, WI	Florence's Violets	10.00
Viola Bremme, PNP, PA	Pennsylvania Dept. Aux.	10.00
	Nat'l Organization, Aux.	15.00

	P.N.P. Club	10.00
	PCinC Richard and	
	PNP Dorris Schlenker	10.00
	PNP Esther Peiper	20.00
	PCinC Elmer and Nat'l Pres.	
	Margaret Atkinson	10.00
Edith Foulkrod, PDP, NY	New York Dept. Aux.	
	PDP Club, New York	10.00
Clara Seitz, PDP	Pennsylvania Dept. Aux.	10.00
	PNP Esther Peiper	10.00
William Haskell, PCinC, MA	PCinC Eugene and	
	PNP Jennie Russell	10.00
	Plymouth County Association	50.00
Edna Wade, PAP, ME	PNP Frances Murray	<u>10.00</u>
		\$300.00

Members-at-Large

Violet Blum	\$10.00
Jacqueline L.D. Wright	10.00
Sonya Witt	10.00
Tanya Witt	10.00
Velma Cline	10.00
Cheryl McCloskey	10.00
Carol Graves	10.00
Janice Leone	10.00
Carol Buschmann	10.00
Kathryn Buschmann	10.00
Sandra Boldt	10.00
Edith E. Loetzer	10.00
Janet Whaley	<u>10.00</u>
	\$130.00

Financial Report

Balance August 1, 1994 \$4,600.22

Receipts

Supplies	\$1,154.95
Per Capita Tax	1,603.40
Patriotic Instructor (94)	786.09
Patriotic Instructor (95)	1,615.05
Chief of Staff (94)	1,160.82
Chief of Staff (95)	2,341.05
Interest	1,387.41
Registration	290.00
Charters (3)	45.00
Miscellaneous	<u>55.50</u>
	\$10,454.57

Total Receipts \$15,054.79

Disbursements

Office Expense	\$ 67.25
Postage	620.57
Goodwill	650.00
Printing (includes brochures)	966.00
Travel, National President	1,800.00

Supplies (includes PNP badge)	683.44	
Convention Committee	400.00	
Life Membership Dues	198.00	
Flowers (Viola Bremme)	17.11	
Honor Roll (Viola Bremme)	15.00	
Bond	136.00	
Lincoln Birthday National		
Commemorative Committee Dues	25.00	
National Congress of Patriotic		
Organization Dues	25.00	
Scholarship	350.00	
Miscellaneous	80.04	
<u>Wreaths</u>		
Lincoln Memorial	45.00	
Remembrance Day (Gettysburg)	25.00	
Cathedral of the Pines donation	25.00	
<u>Convention</u>		
Meals NP, Sec'y, Treasurer	150.00	
Room-Secretary	261.96	
Room-Treasurer	261.96	
Chief of Staff Allowance	50.00	
Stenographer	250.00	
Musician	30.00	
Gratuities	25.00	
Mileage	351.68	
Grand Rapids Home for Veterans		
(in memory of the G.A.R.)	350.00	
Testimonial-Nat. President	200.00	
Love Token to Sons	250.00	
Love Token to Cdr.-in-Chief	60.00	
Memorial Service (Chaplain)	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$8,394.01	<u>\$8,394.01</u>
<u>Checking Account Balance July 31, 1995</u>		\$6,660.78
<u>Permanent Fund</u>		\$6,678.02
Balance July 31, 1994	\$310.00	
Honor Roll	130.00	
Member-at-Large	<u>161.09</u>	
	\$601.09	<u>\$601.09</u>
		\$7,279.11
Service Charge for Deposit Slips	<u>\$5.00</u>	
Balance		\$7,274.11
Fleet Bank C.D. 8036081056		<u>7,000.00</u>
Total Permanent Fund		\$14,274.11
<u>Summary</u>		
Checking Account Balance		\$6,660.78
Savings Account 93654-97196 (Permanent Fund)		7,274.11
Fleet Bank C.D. 8036081056 (Permanent Fund)		7,000.00
Fleet Bank C.D. 8036081048 (Patriotic Instructor Fund)		7,500.00
Dauphin Bank C.D. 90678 (Patriotic Instructor Fund)		14,189.62
Norwest Bank 231789 (Investment Fund)		<u>5,000.00</u>
Total All Funds		\$47,624.51
Inventory (Estimated)		\$ 2,822.54

I would like to explain why we pay for deposit slips. The bank I am doing business with - and most banks in the area are the same way - if you have a savings account that you're not putting money in and taking out constantly, then when you want printed deposit slips, they charge you \$5.00. I've got enough deposit slips to see me through my term.

Before I close, I received this letter. It is dated July 24, 1995 and I received it on July 29th.

Dear Taxpayer:

Thank you for sending me the Annual Supplemental information about your subordinate organizations, as required by Revenue Procedure 80-27 to keep the tax exempt status for your group. We didn't receive the Employer Identification Numbers (EINs) of each subordinate with your annual supplemental group ruling information. *(I had some auxiliaries with no numbers but I had to send them in because they're a part of our organization.)* Please enter the EINs for each subordinate covered by your group ruling on the enclosed list we're returning to you. If you have subordinates that don't have an EIN and haven't applied for one, please have each of them complete the enclosed Form SS-4 and send the forms to us in the enclosed envelope. Please send us the information we have requested by Aug. 21, 1995.

We've enclosed an envelope for your convenience. If we don't hear from you by then, we will re-examine your group ruling and determine if you still qualify for the exempt status.

If you have any questions about this letter, please write us at the address shown on this letter. If you prefer, you may call the IRS telephone number listed in your local directory. An employee there may be able to help you, but the office address shown on this letter is most familiar with your case.

Whenever you write, please include your telephone number, the hours you can be reached, and this letter. You may also want to keep a copy of this letter for your records.

I had a list of auxiliaries that were not on the form but they are an active auxiliary and I had to put them on because if IRS is investigating us and found out we have all these auxiliaries and I didn't put them on the form, then we are in trouble. I put them on the form and I didn't have numbers but I trusted with luck, I might get by, but I didn't get by. I have been successful in getting numbers for all but two of the auxiliaries. When I contacted the people, they all cooperated but I have two I'm having a difficult time with. I'm taking care of it. My National President knows the procedure I have taken and it will be taken care of. Any new auxiliary or any auxiliary who are opening accounts, you must get that form, SS-4 and fill it out and you will need the National GEN # and you need to contact me for it. My National Secretary is going to make up some form letters and send them to me and I will be sending them out to the auxiliaries. I have to get this information before the next year comes up. So girls, if you are one of these auxiliaries who are opening bank accounts and have not got an EIN #, please do so as it will make my job easier and give me less sleepless nights when I get a letter from IRS. I got this letter at 9:30 in the morning, read it over twice, called the National Secretary at 10 minutes to 10 and at 10:00 I was on the phone to the National President and then on Monday morning, at 8:30, I was on the phone with IRS in New York. The girl was off that day and I called her back on Tuesday at 8:40, the appointment they gave me, and she is a very nice lady. She is willing to cooperate but she said your subordinates must cooperate with you in order for us to complete the job. So your attention is very much appreciated.

Eileen Coombs
National Treasurer

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister National Treasurer, that was an excellent report. She has a very tough job and we did start talking about this in my General Orders during the year. I don't know if everybody took it very seriously or not but it is serious. In order to keep our nonprofit status, we have to comply with the regulations of the United States Government. We can't play around with IRS. Now we talked about EIN and GEN and maybe you're not quite sure what that is. The National Organization has a GEN # (a General Exemption #). Many years ago, we applied to the IRS to consider us a nonprofit organization. Anyone under the National Organization, which means every Department and every Auxiliary within any of the Departments, are subsidiary organizations of the National Auxiliary. Therefore, if you have a checking account for your Auxiliary and you have it under your Social Security #, IRS is counting that as your money, not the Auxiliary, and by the same token, Eileen has to list your Auxiliary but doesn't have an EIN#. An EIN# is called an Employee Identification #. A little confusing because we are not employers, but that is what they call it. The GEN# is not going to be given out in any national papers because then anybody could use it. If your Auxiliary

needs anything you can contact the National Treasurer and she can give you instructions and tell you what our General Exemption # is and you can follow through. It's very important. Eileen, I certainly thank you for that report. It is a very tough one to do. And now, our National Secretary has a report.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

Another fast and busy year as National Secretary. Besides the regular duties of National Secretary, at National last year it was voted to bring the membership list up-to-date. I never thought we would get the information. I think some Department Secretaries were even surprised they got the information from their auxiliaries. We lost some members and auxiliaries in this process but at least we now know where we stand in membership. The list is almost complete and I am very proud of the Department Secretaries for all the hard work they did in getting this information and we now must keep this information updated. Easier said than done. As the membership lists have come in, I have sent copies on to the National President, National Treasurer, Historian, and to our computer person Dawn Hayner. We now have a lot of fine-tuning to do with the Membership List. Some Departments did not send in the names, number and location of their auxiliaries and this year I should have more time to devote to this list.

Why? Because it was also voted at National last year that I would send the new brochures to every auxiliary, a very time consuming job but worth it to spread the new history of the auxiliary to the Auxiliaries and Departments. Three brochures have been sent to all Departments and to all Auxiliaries if I had the secretaries names. If I did not have the name of the secretary, I sent the brochures to someone I knew in the auxiliary or to the Department Secretary or Department President to distribute. Along with the three brochures, I also sent a copy of the new application which had been approved by the National Council. There was **NO EXPENSE** to National for this mailing throughout the year as I promised you last year that I would get the brochures out to the auxiliaries at no expense to National. And they are **OUT!** Auxiliaries can order extra copies of the brochure at no expense but we hope they will reimburse the National Treasurer for postage.

This brings up the subject of brochures. Our supply is getting very low. We are now having re-enactments and are getting requests for 50-100-500 brochures to put out at these re-enactments. This is free publicity for us. I believe we should re-order immediately. The price was not much for what we get back in return. Therefore, I make

Recommendation #1: That we re-order 5,000 or more brochures of the history of the Auxiliary.

We instituted three new auxiliaries this year, two regular and one provisional. Department President Mary Jo Long and PDP Martha Johnson instituted the Mary R. Campbell Auxiliary #16 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on June 10, 1995. This is a regular auxiliary. The Charter was signed at the Pennsylvania Encampment and delivered to Johnstown by PDP Martha Johnson. I had the pleasure of instituting Sumner S. Needham Auxiliary #128 of Lawrence, Massachusetts on April 29th. I was assisted by many National and Department Officers who helped with the institution, ritualistic work and installation. This Charter was signed at the Maine Encampment in June and presented to President Cynthia Brown by National President Margaret Atkinson at the banquet at the Maine Encampment in June. On her way back from California on April 4, 1995, National President Margaret Atkinson instituted Lot Smith Provisional Auxiliary #1, Salt Lake City, Utah. That Charter has been signed and sent on to them. We now need to support these new auxiliaries.

Upon the illness of PNP Isabelle Roberts, who was appointed New Auxiliary Institutor by National President Margaret Atkinson, Margaret and I picked up her duties. Believe you me, this is not an easy job. I can't begin to tell you the amount of correspondence, telephone calls, and paper work involved. Somehow the National Vice President, who is in charge of Membership, must be involved. It seems she is always the last to know. I don't know the answer. Even the Department involved is sometimes in the dark until all plans are underway. This really needs looking into. Not everyone has a computer and can make umpteen copies of all this correspondence.

And speaking of computers. National needs to upgrade how it communicates with its national officials. When Cora French was National Secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps, the national organization bought her a computer. Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison and National Secretary of the Sons David Wallace have computers and fax machines. For example, National Chaplain Mary Willey called me about the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Bill Haskell and asked who to notify at the National level of the Sons. I called Past Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson and he told me to notify Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison. I faxed the notice of death to the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary, which they acknowledged right back to me.

It seems when National Secretary David Wallace got my fax, he was sitting with the Editor of the BANNER which was going to print that afternoon. He immediately faxed me questions for information on Bill and stated they would hold the BANNER up for one day. *(I was out of the office that afternoon)* I called Esther Haskell the next morning and faxed the information directly back to the National Secretary. The result was that Bill Haskell's obituary was in the BANNER immediately. I am not going to give National Director of the Budget Esther Peiper a heart attack today by asking her to buy me a computer but this is something that needs to be recognized by the National Organization. If you are not computer literate in this world today, you are out of touch with everything. The National Organization could save a lot of money if the National President, Secretary and Treasurer had computers and fax machines. National is lucky that I have a computer at my office at work, with the fax machine right by my desk. I realize that older members of the National Organization who have been out of the business world for sometime don't really understand the necessity for this modernization but we have got to come to it. You don't lose things on the computer if you back up and save. We all have hard disks as well as floppy disks.

I approached David Wallace, National Secretary of the Sons, about a copy of the BANNER for our National files. He turned the matter over to Richard Williams, National Membership List Coordinator. You have to understand that I am working with a new National Secretary of the Sons this year and the BANNER editor was changed. I requested this copy because it is the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief and the Auxiliary sends a copy of its General Orders to other Heads of the Allied Orders. Mr. Williams took this request to the Board of Administration of the Sons and I now receive a complimentary copy of the BANNER for the National files as well as one for myself as a Past National President. Because of my asking for this complimentary copy of the BANNER, a copy is being sent to all National Secretaries of the associated Orders.

We must discuss the Proceedings for the 1994 National Encampment. Because of illness, a car accident, problems with the computer, and the Stenographer being a very busy person. I did not receive the first draft of the Proceedings until March. I did a fast proofreading and sent them on to Past National President Florence Spring. As you know, Florence had hardly received the Proceedings when she was in an auto accident and subsequently had serious heart surgery from which she is still recovering and is now due for more surgery. Florence tried to proof the Proceedings when she had moments of feeling a little better and I received them back from Florence in the middle of July. There was no way at that point that I had time to make the changes in the Proceedings and get them to the printer. I shall attempt that when I return from National. So, unfortunately, we will have the charge of two printings of Proceedings next year.

That brings me to another point. The cost of the Proceedings in the spring of 1994 was a little over \$2,000. That is a low price as sometimes the price ranges up to \$3,000. It is also an outrageous price for 325 copies of the Proceedings. I believe a committee should be appointed to look into revising how our Proceedings are done. We are not out to impress anyone. These Proceedings are all in-house. I know that people like to keep these Proceedings in their bookcases. We dropped the hard cover to the Past National Presidents a few years back. I have to send them to a company to be reduced to half pages. To line that up costs about \$1,000. Maybe we have someone in the organization who can do that. I am not an expert on computers but perhaps could get someone at work to do this. My suggestion is that we do the Proceedings on 8-1/2 x 11 two hole or three hole paper on a copy or Riso machine and that they be held together with a clip on the side that folds over. This certainly is subject to discussion. However, this is a big expense to national and remember, we are still distributing this in-house only. Therefore, I make

Recommendation #2: That the incoming National President appoint a committee to look into changing the style and printing of the Proceedings.

I had the pleasure of representing National President Margaret Atkinson at the Massachusetts Encampment in April. I was received with all Honors and made to feel like a queen. This made me feel good as the Sons in Massachusetts call me "Feisty Fran" and can quote some hot discussions between me and the Sons of the New England Regional Association. We may have differing opinions but always remain friends.

And I make the usual

Recommendation #3: That the interest from the Permanent Fund investments be used for expenses of handling Life Membership, Honor Roll and Members-at-Large.

We lost 6 auxiliaries last year and 96 members, yet we instituted 3 auxiliaries and took in 135 members. To me, this is a sign of encouragement and not discouragement.

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. With the serious illness of three

Past National Presidents and the death of one, my telephone calls sound like a medical office. I took on the duties of secretary of the Past National Presidents Association as well as being President, so have kept the card companies in business. I thank you for sending cards to members that are ill. I know it means a lot to them. It meant a lot to Sandy and me for the sympathy cards that were sent to us upon the sudden death of Sandy's brother last month.

National President Margaret Atkinson has been a joy to work with this year and, believe you me, we have worked hard. I would hate to put our telephone bills into National. We were not only on the phone with new auxiliaries and National business, but were kept busy calling each other to keep each other up-to-date on the health of our Past National Presidents. Again, a fax machine would have been much cheaper. In the end, Margaret and I took turns calling the various Past National President's families for updates. It was much easier for Margaret to keep me up-to-date on the health of PNP Viola Bremme than for me to call, but I did call the family a couple of times after Vi had one of the nieces write me of her illness.

When I was at the New York Encampment, I visited with PNP Isabelle Roberts along with National President Margaret and National Council Member Margaret Joy. Although Isabelle faded in and out during our conversations, she very clearly said "I will get better" and we certainly hope and pray that she does. I am also in touch with PNP Florence Spring and Walter. Florence has to go in for further surgery and is very depressed about that. Please keep cards going to both Isabelle and Florence.

Sister Margaret, it has been my pleasure to work with you this year and you have made an excellent National President. Your heart is really in your work. We have met on the road many times and you have made an excellent representative of our organization. Your General Orders were inspiring and full of facts on the organization. I hope both our lives slow down next year.

Following are my reports:

STANDING OF DEPARTMENTS June 30, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Department	# Aux.	# Members	# Aux.	# Members
California-Pacific	2	20	2	24
Colorado-Wyoming	1	2	1	2
Connecticut	2	72	2	70
Illinois	3	21	3	23
Iowa	4	51	3	45
Maine	6	84	6	79
Maryland-Delaware	6	59	4	50
Massachusetts	2	66	3	80
Michigan	1	4	1	6
New Hampshire	3	40	3	40
New Jersey	5	75	5	69
New York	9	128	9	139
Ohio	7	82	6	80
Pennsylvania	13	284	13	306
Rhode Island	4	20	* 4	26
Vermont	3	31	3	26
Wisconsin	6	33	4	32
Prov. Aux. #2				
Beaufort, SC	1	8	1	7
Prov. Aux. #1				
Kokomo, IN	1	7	1	7
Prov. Aux. #1				
Salt Lake City, UT			1	5
Member-at-Large		26		34
	79	1,111	75	1,150

* Correction

Annual Period June 30, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Auxiliaries in good standing June 30,		79
Auxiliaries gained	3	<u>+3</u>
		82
Auxiliaries lost by Charter Surrender	6	<u>-6</u>
		76
Correction from June '94 report		<u>-1</u>
Auxiliaries in good standing June 30, 1995		75
Members in good standing June 30, 1994		1,111
Gained by Initiation	116	
by Transfer	6	
by Reinstatement	<u>13</u>	
	135	<u>+135</u>
		1,240
Members lost by Honorable Discharge	20	
lost by Death	41	
lost by Transfer	8	
Dropped	<u>30</u>	
	99	<u>-99</u>
Members in good standing June 30, 1995		1,147
Included in above figures are 34 Members-at-Large		
Net Loss Auxiliaries:	3	
Net Gain Members:	36	

Frances Murray
National Secretary

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much Frances. Having done that report for two years, I know what it is to make it up and I just waited with bated breath for this report because my goal this year was to stop the decline. I didn't expect a large increase because I know you have to take one step at a time. But we did stop the decline and I thank every one of you. I think it's great. I'm very happy about that. I feel at this point we have nowhere to go but up. Thank you again, Frances, for all your hard work.

Just to change a little bit- today's going to be a tough day, Ladies. It's a lot of reports. Please don't get mesmerized by starting thinking about something else. It is necessary that we have to know what's going on with the Auxiliaries but it can get tough sometimes to sit for hours and listen to reports. I thought just to break it up, I would bring up this letter that we received yesterday that the National Secretary read from Jerome Orton from the Department of New York of the Sons. He has requested that we give a Life Membership to Daisy Anderson of Denver, Colorado, who is a widow of a Civil War Veteran. I would like to ask what is the pleasure of the Auxiliary?

EMMA PRINCE, DP, CT: Sister National President, I move that we do this.

MOVED by Emma Prince, DP, CT
That we do this.

I think she deserves a Life Membership.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We have a Motion by Emma Prince that we do give a Life Membership to Daisy Anderson. Her husband fought with the 125th U.S. Color Troops. His name was Robert Wood Anderson. He died in 1930. Daisy never remarried.

SECRETARY FRANCES MURRAY, ME: Sister President, she is a member of an auxiliary in the New York Department. I wonder if this should be turned over to the New York auxiliary or Department to handle?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Does anyone in the New York Department have any thoughts on this?

PNP EMMA WHEELER, NH: Sister President, I am not from the New York Department. I do think we'd be setting a precedent here and I don't think we should do it as a National. If she belongs to New York, they should take care of it.

PNP ESTHER PEIPER, PA: I think we would be overstepping her local auxiliary by giving her that Life Membership. It lowers the value of what they have done and I think they would prefer that we leave that alone. I would like to know what her auxiliary thinks.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Daisy Anderson belongs to Auxiliary #41 of Ithaca, New York. Are you familiar with this, Sister Department President?

DP JANICE DAWSON, NY: Sister National President, I feel that being as this member is coming out of our Department, the State of New York, if it is feasible with the rest of our members, to grant her National Life Membership from the State of New York.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER BETTY BAKER: Sister National President, I would like to add to that. I don't think New York knew this was coming before them. We weren't given the opportunity to know about this and I think we would like to take it back to New York, and probably Auxiliary #41 doesn't know about this, and they might like to get involved in this.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Emma, in view of this information, would you like to withdraw your motion?

DP EMMA PRINCE, CT: Yes, I will withdraw.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you. Would somebody like to make a Motion that this matter be referred to the New York Department by the National Organization since we are the ones who received the correspondence?

MOVED by PNP Emma Wheeler, NH

SECONDED by National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, ME

That this be referred back to the New York Department

SO CARRIED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Incidentally Sisters, please remember our Stenographer is new. If you will say your name before you speak, it will help her. I know she's writing frantically and trying to find out from Frances who you are.

And quickly, I would like to call for the written report of National Patriotic Instructor Michelle Langley.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

One year ago at the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, it was my honor to be elected to serve the National Organization as Patriotic Instructor. I have tried to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability to spread patriotism wherever and whenever possible. Throughout the year, I sent several letters to all Sisters of the organization and included raffle tickets for their support. I was very pleased with the outcome of my efforts. Thank you, Sisters, for your response. I received reports from eleven (11) Departments.

The following is the Consolidated Report of Departments:

Number of Flags Distributed by Auxiliary:	2,368
Number of Patriotic Entertainments Given	69
Number of National Anniversaries Observed	113
Number of Patriotic Papers read in Auxiliary	112
Does Camp and Auxiliary unite in Patriotic Meetings	Yes
Amount expended for Patriotic Work	\$1,300.25
How many fly Flags on Memorial Day	145

Special Mention

Vermont: General Logan's General Orders read at Memorial Day Ceremony. Several Auxiliary and Sons members attend with three marching in parade. Furnished popsicles to children who take part in program at Town Hall and march to cemetery.

New Hampshire: Sent a representative to Allied Council to plan Memorial Day activities. Marched on Memorial Day and put 204 flags on Civil War Veterans graves in six cemeteries in Milford. Two \$500 grants were presented to daughters of members.

Ohio: Two members marched in parades. Put flags on graves and provided flowers at a Memorial. Attended rededication ceremonies in Columbus. Special programs: Young boys portrayed a Veteran and a boy wanting to be a drummer boy; two 8th grade girls told about their visit to Gettysburg; children decorated the Veterans graves followed by an 8th grader playing taps in the cemetery; Betty Johns, President from Alliance, is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance Memorial Day Committee. In honor of WWII Veterans and Vietnam Veterans, arranged a fly over of helicopters from Akron-Canton Airport, and, at the end of a speech, had four fighter jets fly over. It was breath-taking.

Maryland-Delaware: PNP Dorothy Hilyard decorated 84 Auxiliary, Sons and GAR graves with flags, served on Memorial Day Committee all year, and rode in a 100 year old carriage wearing Civil War dress for Memorial Day.

Connecticut: Made \$62.00 donation to Rocky Hill Veterans Home and Hospital Hospice Unit. Auxiliary #20 made visit to Hospice Unit and made a monetary donation. Two afghans were donated to Veterans Home and Hospital. Department members participated in Old Homes Day parade, Memorial Day parade and Veterans Day parade. Department members attended New England Department Conventions and New England Regional Association meetings, and National Convention.

New Jersey: Donated food to Soup Kitchen, for Thanksgiving baskets, and to stock food pantries. Donated toys at Christmas and gave presents to local residences, writing materials and stamps.

Rhode Island: Distributed flags to the Rhode Island Veterans Home for Mothers Day, Memorial Day and Fathers Day, Flag Day tributes, Christmas visitations, and gave flag pins. Passed out flags at the Governor's Inauguration Festivities in January for the Heritage Celebration of Rhode Island. Distributed flag ribbons to re-enactors at our information booths, at parades and fairs during the year. Participated in City of Warwick Winter Encampment GAR/Civil War Display and Holiday Illuminaria, escorting the Mayor. Passed out flags at two schools for our SUVCW/GAR Living History lectures.

New York: Article read during Auxiliary #49 meeting concerning Fort Lincoln Cemetery about the Lincoln tree. Members from Auxiliary #72 marched in two parades and distributed flags to the spectators.

Sister Margaret, it has been a pleasure serving on your staff. I would like to leave you with this expression of friendship:

*When you come to the end of this busy year
and have time to relax and feel free.
Will you think of the friends you have made along the way
who think you are as fine as can be.
We love you Dear Margaret, and gave of our best
to make your dreams all come true.
Here's our every good wish that Encampment may be
filled with joys and sweet pleasures for you.
For this marks the end of an active year
and the end of a journey too.
May you feel repaid for the work you have done
in the thought that we know you are true.
May memory paint this a perfect year
in colors that you like best.
For you to have when you grow old
and have time to dream and rest.*

Michelle Langley
National Patriotic Instructor

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

In reading these reports, I find Memorial Day is still outstanding. Although I did not hear from five states, I want to thank the Chaplains who did send in their reports. Following is my consolidated report of the Chaplains:

Departments Reporting	11
Number of Members	829
Members Present on Memorial Day	201
Members Present on Memorial Sunday	180
Deaths since April 1	18
Number of funeral Occasions where Burial Service was used	3
Amount Expended for Floral and Grave Decorations since last Memorial Day	\$633
Was Committee appointed to confer with Camp	449
Refreshments were furnished to members of Camp and their friends in the number of	873

Mary Willey
National Chaplain

A ten minute recess occurred at 10:20. The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

SISTER MARGARET: May we have the report of the National Press Correspondent.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

After attaining the office of National Press Correspondent last August, I immediately began carefully reading the papers to find articles about the Civil War, as well as our own order. Unfortunately, there is nothing about our order, except in rare cases. I was really amazed at how often I found articles on both the north and south - and I read every one. So, Margaret, your books are "used".

I am particularly grateful to Martha Johnson, as her Auxiliary seems to be able to get news in their local paper. I also want to thank Sisters Mary Sampson, Grace Iadonisi and Sarah Cherry and Sister Margaret herself.

Sister Margaret, I hope you enjoy reading these articles as much as I did.

My wish is for a most successful and productive Encampment.

Martha Wilson
National Press Correspondent

Martha presented Margaret with a crocheted covered Press Correspondent's book. President Atkinson expressed her thanks.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the report of the Director of the Budget.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET

Thinking over the attention given to our loss of membership in the last twenty years or more and the agreement of the members at the 1994 National Encampment as to the need for advertisement brings up the question of how to finance this endeavor.

Going over the figures from our 1994 National Encampment, which our National Treasurer Eileen Coombs sent so promptly at the end of September, I paid a lot of attention to the fact that we need to raise income as well as membership.

Finishing the Budget Estimate for 1994-95, it was sent to the National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, three National Council Members, National Patriotic Instructor, and National Chief of Staff.

Making inquiries of the Son's National Treasurer Richard Orr as to how much and where the Sons had raised revenue to get them out of their financial bind, I was informed the camps pay \$10.00 a year Per Capita Tax per member. Their Life Membership rates are:

\$300.00 for Life Membership up to age 65 years.

\$200.00 for Life Membership from 65 to 70 years.

\$100.00 for Life Membership from 70 years and over.

The Sons have been getting these amounts and plan to up the top rate to \$500.00 and adjust the others. I should have asked what they pay for registration fee.

The biggest help has come from their gain in membership. This has been brought about by their connection to the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve. The rule - you must be a member of a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be eligible to join the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve - along with advertisement has really changed the camps from a dwindling old mens organization to an up and working Patriotic organization, with new members and Camps contributing all down the line.

If we work with the Sons on their advertising, we could build our membership from the wives and daughters of the Sons of Union Veterans Reserves. (This is where Aux. #1 of Columbus started from Sons of Veterans Reserves.)

Knowing the only way to change any of the rules in the CR&R is by Recommendations on the floor at Encampment, then passed by vote of the delegated members and officers, I proceeded to outline some changes with the following Recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That Per Capita Tax be raised to \$1.00, per quarter, per member.

There should be no question about the amount or need for this raise. The Sons are paying \$10.00 per year, is it too much to ask the Auxiliary for \$4.00?

Recommendation #2: When there is a no show of Department and Auxiliary National Delegates at National Encampment in August, that we set a fine of \$5.00 per absent Delegate of Department and Auxiliary. That a notice be sent by the National Secretary to Departments and Auxiliaries of their absence of Delegates from attendance and amount of fine, which is due and payable with the December 30th Quarterly Report for their absent National Delegates. The amount of fines to be typed on the December 30th Quarterly Report by the National Secretary before it is sent to the Department Secretary, and forwarded to their Auxiliaries where the fine is due.

The attendance at National and Department Encampments has been smaller each year. Our Past Officers are getting unable to attend and there is a need to explain and put some force behind the rule for election of delegates. In 1994, there were 19 Delegates and 52 Past Officers from 11 Departments in attendance. We should have had 109 Delegates out of 17 Departments and 75 Auxiliaries in attendance last year. The rule says we shall elect the Delegates and Alternates but fails to say the Delegates must attend. Something should be added to Article VII, Page 13 & 14, Section 6. Our registration is \$5.00, the fine should be an equal amount.

Recommendation #3. That Life Membership rates be revised to cover the drop in interest rates, as follows:

\$300.00 for Life Membership up to age 65 years.

\$200.00 for Life Membership from 65 years to 70 years.

\$100.00 for Life Membership from 70 years and over.

We are getting less than 3% interest on our invested funds. This means we are returning some of the Principal when we send out \$6.00 per year dues, per life member.

Recommendation #4: That we set the amount for advertisement from the floor each year.

This recommendation could be put into the Officers Reports working with advertising as they will learn what is available and the results they have experienced as to cost. I do think all the members should be aware of the need for advertisement and help with the cost.

You have placed the burden for raising funds on the National Chief-of-Staff and the National Patriotic Instructor by the neglect of all of us in turning down the raise in Per Capita Tax when it was recommended by your National Treasurer and Director of the Budget many times over the last years. Leaving the burden on the

two money officers to cover expenses incurred by the loss of membership - loss of members means loss of Per Capita Tax income - not in any way does it mean fewer expenses.

Twice since I took office in August 1988, I have had to raise the amount of estimate needed along with the words "Overage to be taken from National Chief-of-Staff and National Patriotic Instructor Funds", to cover the estimated amount of expenses. This year the amount of overage was \$2,267.00, meaning each officer must raise \$1,134.00 above the amount of what is expected of \$2,500.00 from the Chief-of-Staff and \$2,000.00 from the Patriotic Instructor.

We get donations from Departments, very few from Auxiliaries, and National Aides remain far short of the goal these working officers expect, leaving them with a great deal of worry as to whether they will meet the estimated amount and overage, so that the National Auxiliary may cover expenses for the year. My worry is, are we going to borrow from Peter to pay Paul and how will we return the borrowed money without any raise in revenue? We may get away with the problem this year because we haven't got last year's Proceedings finished, but what happens next year when we must pay for last year and this year's, along with the advertising expenses?

My plea is raise the Per Capita Tax, put a fine on absent Delegates, and revise the cost of Life Membership.

Your National Chief-of-Staffs and National Patriotic Instructors over these past eight years have done excellent jobs raising funds but loss of membership and failure to raise the necessary revenue on our part must come to an end.

This is my last year as your Director of the Budget and I feel badly about the shape of our financial problems. "PLEASE" do something to relieve the stress of your next Director of the Budget and National Treasurer Eileen Coombs.

Sister National President Margaret, it has been a year of hard work for you to help solve the problems of loss of membership. As you had learned when serving as National Secretary, our membership numbers were dwindling at an alarming rate, causing our financial problem. I am so proud of the efforts you have put into effect to start us on a method so our National Auxiliary may be a well organized organization. "May you have a Successful Encampment and take with you many Happy Memories of your year as National President with Good Health to enjoy for a lifetime.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve with excellent officers this year and I am grateful to have spent the past eight years in the company of such dedicated Sisters. As the old saying goes, "All Good Things Must come to an End." "May God Bless You All."

National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Budget Estimate - August 1, 1994 - August 1, 1995

Estimate Income:

Per Capita Tax	\$1,600.00	
Per Capita Fines	12.00	
National Chief of Staff	2,500.00	
National Patriotic Instructor	2,000.00	
Sales of Supplies, Handling & Postage	1,250.00	
Sale of Proceedings	0.00	
Registration Fee	290.00	
Interest on C/Ds, (90678, 23189, & 8036081056, 8036081048)	<u>1,111.00</u>	\$8,763.00
Overage to be taken from National Chief of Staff and National Patriotic Instructor Funds	<u>2,267.00</u>	
Total Estimated Income		\$11,030.00

Expenses:

Goodwill	\$ 650.00
Proceedings	2,800.00
President's Travel	1,800.00
Postage	650.00
Office Expenses	80.00
Badge & Engraving (PNP)	300.00
Life Membership	138.00

Printing Roster & General Orders	300.00	
Supplies	500.00	
Advertising Pamphlets & M.A.L.	320.00	
Honor Roll or Flowers (PNP)	<u>30.00</u>	\$7,568.00
<u>Encampment Expenses:</u>		
National Encampment Committee '95	400.00	
National President's Testimonial	200.00	
Mileage for Officers	352.00	
Commander-in-Chief Gift	60.00	
Encampment Stenographer	250.00	
Musician	30.00	
Allowance for Chief-of-Staff	50.00	
Room for Nat. Pres. (if needed)	250.00	
Rooms for Nat. Sec. & Nat. Treas.	525.00	
Allowance for Meals (NP, NS, & NT)	150.00	
Gratuities	25.00	
Memorial Service	<u>25.00</u>	2,317.00
<u>Patriotic Work:</u>		
Gift for S.U.V.C.W.	250.00	
Gift for Encampment City	350.00	
National President's Scholarship	<u>350.00</u>	950.00
<u>Donations and Dues:</u>		
Dues L.B.N.C.C.	25.00	
Dues L.C.P.O.	25.00	
Donation to Cathedral of the Pines	<u>25.00</u>	75.00
<u>Wreaths:</u>		
Woolson's Monument	35.00	
Lincoln's Birthday (Washington, DC)	45.00	
Lincoln's Tomb (April 15 th)	<u>40.00</u>	120.00
Total Expenses		\$ 11,030.00

Contributions should come from all of our membership to support the National Auxiliary. As it stands now, the Per Capita Tax pays little more than 10% of the expenses per year. It doesn't pay for the printing cost.

We are using all of the Permanent Fund interest every year. The Chief-of-Staff and Patriotic Instructor have been asked to raise an extra \$500.00 a year since I took this office and that doesn't cover the budget. I must ask for overage. It isn't realistic to think we can continue spending the funds raised by the membership of twenty years ago. We have spent half the funds of the Wellington Stock and all the interest from the Patriotic Instructor savings since 1986 - there hasn't been any money put in to the Patriotic Instructor savings since 1982. We are now to the place where it is necessary to use up the balance of the Wellington Funds, which is in a CD, maturity date 9/5/97, or raise the Per Capita Tax.

I stated when I agreed to accept the office of Budget Director that "Per Capita Tax must go to \$.50 per quarter and before I was out of office, it should be \$1.00 per quarter. The only way open to keep from the spiraling cost would be a big gain in membership". It is necessary to do something. I have asked for suggestions and have received none.

This year I go out of office and I am ashamed to turn the office over to my successor in such a deplorable condition. I should be able to tell the incoming officer where the funds are coming from to make up the budget for the next year - 1996.

Esther then presented an analysis of receipts and expenses over the past ten years. (next page)

Ten Years of Receipts & Expenses

Receipts:											
1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994		
11126.00	10265.00	7173.00	8179.00	10420.00	9206.00	10974.00	8219.00	12521.00	8686.00		
Expenses:											
10805.00	10660.00	12414.00	9853.00	9482.00	8808.00	10964.00	12500.00	10892.00	9920.00		
Gain or Loss:											
321.00	(395.00)	(5241.00)	(1674.00)	938.00	398.00	10.00	(4281.00)	1629.00	(1234.00)		
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Description - Per Capita Tax Expenses:											
Goodwill	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994					
	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.0	650.00	650.00					
Travel President	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00					
Printing	1762.00	2099.00	2180.00	3475.00	3110.00	2614.00					
Postage	487.00	472.00	668.00	348.00	571.00	642.00					
Office Expenses	495.00	310.00	655.00	1057.00	110.00	80.00					
Total per Year											
Receipts from Per Capita Tax:	5194.00	5331.00	5953.00	7330.00	6241.00	5786.00					
Loss must be covered by Interest or Chief-of-Staff Fund	2052.00	2008.00	1803.00	1611.00	1547.00	1585.00					
	(3142.00)	(3323.00)	(4150.00)	(5719.00)	(4694.00)	(4201.00)					
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Registration Fee: Description of Expenses											
National Encampment Committee	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994					
	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00					
Stenography	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00					
Musician	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00					
Mileage	907.00	226.00	489.00	280.00	448.00	352.00					
Room and Meals	913.00	593.00	908.00	805.00	611.00	814.00					
Total per Year											
Receipts from Registration Fee	2500.00	1499.00	2077.00	1765.00	1739.00	1846.00					
Loss must be covered by Interest or Money Officer's Funds	171.00	392.00	389.00	336.00	375.00	470.00					
	(2329.00)	(1107.00)	(1688.00)	(1429.00)	(1364.00)	(1376.00)					
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Interest: C/D's & S/A											
Interest Income	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994					
	1436.00	1307.00	1392.00	1533.00	1373.00	1105.00					
Life Membership Dues Paid	144.00	117.00	123.00	135.00	138.00	138.00					
Interest available	1322.00	1190.00	1269.00	1398.00	1235.00	967.00					

Esther G. Peiper
Director of the Budget

P.S. 'MAY GOD BLESS YOU'

Esther was given a standing ovation in appreciation of her many years of service.

FRANCES MURRAY, PNP: We need a Chief-of-Staff for our incoming National President. We understand it's a big job, certainly a rewarding job, a hard job, but you just heard Esther's report and we do need a Chief-of-Staff to support the incoming National President and to support the National Organization. So over lunch time, if you would just rack your brains whatever way you can and find somebody for us, it certainly would be a big help. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you and I'll see you all back at 1:00 when we will hold election of officers.

(Session closed at 11:30 a.m.)

THIRD SESSION

Friday Afternoon, August 11, 1996, 1:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I understand our candidates are present so instead of going immediately into election, after the Secretary reads the Minutes of this morning's meeting and the Bible's opened, I'm going to ask the Ritualistic group from yesterday to take the places they had yesterday and perform the ritualistic induction of two members. We're only going to do the initiation, all the rest was done yesterday.

Sister Chaplain, will you attend the altar and open the Bible? *(So done)*

Sister Recording Secretary, will you read the brief Minutes of this morning's meeting? *(Minutes approved as read)*

Exemplification of Initiation on Chris Parks of Maselin, OH, member of Aux. 91 and Barbara Moore of Kokomo, Indiana, member of Aux. #165, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Once again I am indebted to our Ritualistic Sisters for doing this part of the National Encampment for me. I would like to lead you in a round of applause for our new members and for the members of our team. Incidentally, did everybody notice that our Guide did that without a book. *(applause for Dorothy Kern, Guide)* If our regular officers would return to their stations, I would appreciate it.

Sister Inside Guard, are all entitled to remain? *(Yes)* Thank you. May we have the report of the Credentials Committee? I know some were still registering when we came in.

PDP MARTHA WILSON: There are 50 voting members and 14 guests.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sisters, as we go into election, I will repeat this. I am sure you already understand. If you are a voting member, you are here as a delegate from your auxiliary, from your Department, or because you have Past Department President's status or Past National President's status. If you are not here as a representative of your local Auxiliary or Department or whatever, you are not entitled to vote. You are certainly welcome as a member to give your opinions at any time. We are now ready to proceed with the nomination of officers. Sister Guards, will you check to see that there's no one outside who wishes to come in? Once nominations begin no one is allowed to leave or enter the room.

Sister Vice President, will you preside over the nomination for National President.

President - Margaret Atkinson of Pennsylvania

Nominated by Dorothy Kern, Department President of Pennsylvania.

I would like to place the name of a Sister who has been busy this year and would run again for National President, Sister Margaret Atkinson of Auxiliary #1, Philadelphia.

Seconded by PNP Dorris Schlenker, MD/DE; PNP Eileen Coombs, ME; PNP Esther Peiper, PA; PNP Frances Murray, ME; Sarah Cherry, OH; DP Emma Prince, CT; NVP Marguerite Plante, RI; AP Ann Iannito, PA; DP Mary Willey, MA; DP Janice Dawson, NY; PNP Dorothy Hilyard, MD/DE; PDP Martha Johnson, PA; PDP Margaret Joy, ME; PDP Florence Foight, MD/DE; PDP Mary Jo Long, PA and many others.

Vice President - Mary Jo Long of Pennsylvania

Nominated by PNP Esther Peiper, PA

I have the pleasure to give you the name of a Sister who has done a marvelous job in Pennsylvania and I am sure she will do a very good job here - Mary Jo Long of Pennsylvania.

Seconded by PDP Martha Johnson, PDP Peggy Frantz for the Pennsylvania Department.

Council Member #1 - Betty Baker of New York

Nominated by PNP Beatrice Greenwalt, NY

I would like to place the name for Council Member #1 of my daughter Betty Baker, who served on the Council this year and rumors are that she did an excellent job this year and we would like to nominate her again for next year for Council Member #1.

Seconded by PNP Ora Moitoso, CT; PNP Eileen Coombs, ME; DP Janice Dawson for the New York Department.

Council Member #2 - Mary Sampson of Massachusetts

Nominated by DP Mary Willey, MA

I would like to place the name of Mary Sampson from the State of Massachusetts. She has done a good job and I would like to place her name for Council Member #2.

Seconded by PNP Ora Moitoso, CT; PDP Jackie Johnston, NH; PNP Beatrice Greenwalt, NY; PNP Eileen Coombs, ME as a Sister Glo Worm.

Council Member #3 - Judy Morgan of Ohio

Nominated by Sarah Cherry, OH

I would like to place the name of Judy Morgan, who is Department Treasurer of the Department of Ohio, for Council Member #3.

Seconded by PDP Orma Altland, OH; PDP Betty Baker, NY; PDP Martha Johnson, PA; PNP Esther Peiper, PA and Emma Ashley, OH.

Secretary - Frances Murray of Maine

Nominated by PNP Eileen Coombs, ME

As a Past National President from the State of Maine, I'm happy and proud to present Frances Murray's name for Secretary for five years. I don't need to go into detail, you all know how well she does. Please consider her.

Seconded by PDP Margaret Joy, ME; DP Dorothy Kern for the Pennsylvania Department; DP Mary Willey, MA - unanimous entire body.

National Patriotic Instructor - Mary Willey of Massachusetts

Nominated by PDP Mary Sampson, MA

I would like to put the name before you today of Sister Mary Willey of Massachusetts for the office of National Patriotic Instructor.

Seconded by PDP Marguerite Plante, RI; DP Emma Prince, CT; PDP Jackie Johnston, NH; PDP Frances Murray, ME; and PNP Catherine Zapatka, CT.

Chaplain - Dorothy Kern of Pennsylvania

Nominated by PDP Martha Wilson, PA

I think you all saw the wonderful job the person I am going to nominate did here today and I am sure she will do just as well in the office of Chaplain, and that is Dotty Kern.

Seconded by PNP Dorris Schlenker, MD/DE; PDP Martha Johnson, PA; AP Ann Iannito, PA; PDP Mary Jo Long, PA, PNP Frances Murray, ME; and Sarah Cherry, OH.

Press Correspondent - Marguerite Plante of Rhode Island

Nominated by PNP Ora Moitoso, CT

At this time I would like to place the name of your Vice President who has completed the chairs in the State of Rhode Island, Marguerite Plante.

Seconded by PNP Eileen Coombs, ME; DP Mary Willey, MA; DP Emma Prince, CT; PNP Dorothy Hilyard, MD/DE; DP Dorothy Kern, PA; PNP Catherine Zapatka, CT; and Frances Murray, PNP, ME.

Director of the Budget - Emma Wheeler of New Hampshire

Nominated by PNP Frances Murray

This is an office that has to be filled by a Past National President. The lady that I'm nominating for this office - I've been trying to think what to say about her. She has been a member of the organization for many years, a great personal friend, and she knows how to save her pennies. I should take lessons from her. I am certainly proud to nominate PNP Emma Wheeler for a five year term as Director of the Budget.

Seconded by PDP Jackie Johnston, NH; DP Dorothy Kern, PA; PDP Martha Johnson, PA; PNP Esther Peiper, PA; DP Peggy Schaeffer, WI; PNP Bea Greenwalt, NY; DP Mary Willey, MA; and PNP Eileen Coombs, ME.

Membership-at-Large Coordinator - Emma Ashley of Ohio

Nominated by Betty Coen, Department Secretary of Ohio

I would like to to nominate Sister Emma Ashley of Ohio for Membership at Large Coordinator.

Seconded by PDP Judy Morgan, OH; Sarah Cherry, OH; PNP Bea Greenwalt, NY; and PNP Frances Murray, ME.

Washington, D.C. Representative - Dorris Schlenker of Maryland/Delaware

Nominated by PNP Dorothy Hilyard, MD/DE

I would like to present the name of a very active member. You all know her very much - Dorris Schlenker. She has represented us in a wonderful way in Washington, DC. I would like to put in nomination her name again as Washington, DC Representative.

Seconded by PDP Orma Altland, OH; AP Ann Iannito, PA; PDP Mary Jo Long, PA; DP Dorothy Kern, PA; DP Janice Dawson, NY; PDP Florence Foight, MD/DE; DP Emma Prince, CT; PNP Bea Greenwalt, NY; DP Mary Willey, MA; and PDP Marguerite Plante, RI.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: As you know, we are controlled in our CR&R by the Australian form of ballot. We have a provision which states that if it is the desire of the delegates of the convention that they will not ballot in view of the fact that there is no competition, two-thirds of the delegates registered must voice their

approval to voting by acclamation. Is it your desire to have it set aside this year? I need a motion from someone to that effect.

MOVED by PNP Dorris Schlenker, MD/DE

SECONDED by PDP Jackie Johnston, NH

That we set aside the Australian ballot for this year only and vote by acclamation of two-thirds. **SO CARRIED**

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I now declare the officers elected by acclamation. Sister Vice President, can you assume control of the meeting? *(Vice President asked National President Margaret if she would accept.)*

Sister Vice President and Encampment, I am very flattered that you asked me to do this again. It is with a little bit of trepidation - it was a busy year last year - but I will do my best to do almost as much as I did last year. Thank you. *Margaret was given a rising vote of thanks for accepting National President again. (President Margaret asked elected officers if they would accept their respective offices for the next year and all agreed)*

Will the new officers please leave their names, addresses, zip codes and phone numbers with the National Secretary. It is very important that we have this information so that we can communicate during the coming year. I now declare the election closed and our candidates duly elected.

I do want to announce that the Campfire tonight starts with the band concert at 7 and the Campfire at 8. This will be followed by the Courtesy Hour and the drawing of prizes by the Patriotic Instructor and the Chief of Staff. Following that will be Open House in my room #316, so the night will go on, and on, but we'll have fun.

Club donations given at this time.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I am going to ask the National Secretary to read some more pieces of correspondence that she has received.

Thank you note from Marsha Barnhart for receiving the scholarship.

Thank you note from the family of PNP Edith Snyder for cards sent to her.

Recommendation from the Past National Presidents Association that a change be made in the CR&R making the office of Vice President the office of President-elect, for the following year, beginning in 1996. It would be understood that the Vice President would go on to President the following year.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I think we will call for the report of the Washington Rep.

REPORT OF WASHINGTON, D.C. REPRESENTATIVE

What a pleasure it is to be reporting for the 14th time as your Washington Representative.

Rendering service to our Order is an honor and a privilege and many opportunities abound in or around our nation's capital to participate in programs of ceremonial or patriotic nature. Most of this is done on your behalf in period dress, for this opens the door to explain our Order, its origin and aims. Liaison continues with the Sons, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Since our last National Encampment, I had the pleasure of presenting my educational lecture on "Women and Their Fashions of the 1800's" on 30 occasions:

08/30/94	Revitz House	Rockville, MD
09/09/94	Dorchester Garden Club	Cambridge, MD
09/12/94	1st Baptist J.O.Y. Sr.	Hyattsville, MD
09/13/94	Calvary Lutheran Women of the Church	Silver Spring, MD
09/21/94	Rotary Inner Wheel	Frederick, MD
09/22/94	Leland Comm. Ctr. Seniors.	Chevy Chase, MD
10/04/94	Officer's Wives	Ft. Meade, MD
10/06/94	Civic Center Docents	Rockville, MD
10/18/94	Potomac Comm. Cts. Seniors	Potomac, MD
10/26/94	Blair House	Silver Spring, MD
10/27/94	Luther Rice Bapt. Srs.	Silver Spring, MD
11/02/94	Koontz Friends	Rockville, MD
11/16/94	Waverly House Sr.	Bethesda, MD
12/02/94	Jewish Comm. Ctr.	Rockville, MD
01/20/95	St. Paul's Lutheran Iona Srs.	Washington, DC

01/27/95	Friendship Center Srs.	Chevy Chase, MD
01/30/95	Bauer Sr.	Rockville, MD
02/06/95	Shaare Tikvah Srs.	Temple Hills, MD
02/16/95	Pascal Center	Glen Burnie, MD
03/08/95	Wheaton Rec. Ctr. Sr.	Wheaton, MD
03/10/95	Aspen Wood Home	Silver Spring, MD
03/16/95	Leland Comm, Center AARP	Bethesda, MD
04/20/95	Atonement Presb. Church Sr.	Wheaton MD
04/29/95	Valpariso Guild (Lutheran Ch.)	Arlington, VA
05/16/95	Hebrew Academy Sr.	Silver Spring, MD
05/17/95	Randolph Nursing Home	Wheaton, MD
05/18/95	Forest Methodist Sr.	Forrestville, MD
05/24/95	Elizabeth House Srs.	Silver Spring, MD
06/11/95	Laurel 125th Anniv.	Laurel, MD
06/17/95	MD Div. UDC	Hunt Valley, MD

These talks are always received with much enthusiasm and a program is scheduled for every week in September, October, November and December and into 1996.

The National Auxiliary was represented on Veterans Day in Bethesda, MD; Lincoln's Birthday in February at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC; Mothers Day in May at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA; Memorial Day Services in Bethesda, MD; and Memorial Day Reenactment in Arlington at Tomb of Civil War Unknowns, at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC honoring Elbridge Gerry, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Each of these ceremonies consisted of the placing of a wreath or flowers, at no expense to the National Organization.

Social functions are always special and another chance to wear period clothes, such as the Mollus Dinner on February 11th, a Debutante Ball in November in Washington, DC, and a Debutante Ball in December in Baltimore, MD.

It is with much pride that I serve in this capacity and I thank you so very much for giving me the privilege to serve as your Washington Representative.

And I must add that before I left home on Tuesday, I used my hot line to the White House and asked to speak to the President and told her where I was going. She said to give our very best wishes to the National President and to all the Sisters here in assembly at this Convention. Thank you very much.

Dorris Schlenker
Washington, D.C. Representative

PRESIDENT MARGARET: This lady does lead a busy life doesn't she? She's a very capable representative for us in Washington.

Membership-at-Large Coordinator: Do you wish to read your report, or do you want Frances to read it?

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE

I just have to say this. I got so many cards of love and caring, way too many to write all of you. I love you all. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The following is my 12th and final report as Membership-at-Large Coordinator...It is the best annual report so far...we lost some but we got quite a few new members. I have lost two to death, four by transfer (which was good as they either started new Auxiliaries or joined an existing auxiliary). I gained 12 by initiation...which is also very good. There will be 2 or 3 dropped for non-payment of dues for three years at the end of 1995.

I have sent out a record number of membership kits...some were productive, some were non-productive.

I hope your new Membership-at-Large Coordinator will enjoy the work as much as I have...I wish her luck and God Speed. It has been a wonderful experience. I've felt like I had pen pals all these years and many I got pretty personal with. I will miss them but I just can't do it anymore.

I have no recommendations.

This concludes my final Membership-at-Large report.

I wish to thank National President Margaret for the many members she has recruited this year for MAL....She always had some application blanks with her. I also wish to thank Bea Greenwalt for all the names she recruited.

I would like to thank the National Organization for the confidence they have placed in me these 12 years and that my endeavors have met with their approval.

I wish for President Margaret a most successful National Encampment and my warmest love and friendship and congratulations on your fine job on behalf of our National Organization. God Bless you Margaret.

Financial Report for 1995

Number of Members

34

All deposits and withdrawals were made from Account No 0104135600 at the Wayne County National Bank in Wooster, Ohio.

Receipts

Bank balance June 30, 1994	\$1,134.36
12 Application Fees	120.00
Membership Dues	270.00
Interest	<u>43.00</u>
	\$1,567.36

Disbursements

12 Application Fees	\$ 120.00
Banner Subscriptions	135.00
Per Capita Tax	42.80
Postage and Supplies	<u>101.00</u>
	\$ 518.80
Balance in bank, June 30, 1995	\$1,170.75

Orma S. Altland
Member-at-Large Coordinator

Orma given a rising vote of thanks.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I'd like a report from our National Historian Bea Greenwalt.

REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

"Preserve our History"

I truly enjoy the office of National Historian. Even though I spend many hours at this office, it still continues to be very interesting. I still appreciate all the help from ones who find old Minute Books and records in attics and closets of Auxiliaries and Departments that have been disbanded. PNP Dorris Schlenker was very kind in sending me a "History of the Maryland/Delaware Department". Past National Treasurer Jo an Wheeler continues to send me copies of past Iowa Auxiliaries.

This winter I compiled the names of Auxiliaries and States of the delegates during the depression years. That seems to be the era that so many could not continue.

MY APPEAL this year is: If every person would go to their Library and copy out of the old newspapers on file there, items of interest, information of Auxiliary, Sons, and GAR Posts. It is very interesting. I WOULD BE FOREVER GRATEFUL!

This winter in the Alliance, Ohio Library - the newspapers start in 1880 - I have found listings of meetings, newly elected and installed officers that I have been compiling.

I would like to share an interesting article I found in the Proceedings. In my report when I shared the information about the 14 ambulances that the Auxiliaries purchased and equipped, PNP Margaret Schroeder gave us an interesting talk about what she remembered at that time. Now I want to share that up until 1927, all States were called Divisions. That year the title of Divisions was abolished and the word Department substituted throughout the Ritual, Constitution and By-Laws.

So in 1927-1928, 591 old Charters were replaced with new ones, bearing our new name and title with a cost to the National Organization of over One Thousand Dollars and cost to "Departments" and a tremendous amount

of correspondence and work at National Headquarters. The National President and National Secretary had to sign each one of these Charters.

Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt, PNP
National History
and my assistant Emma Wheeler, PNP

Sister President, may I have the liberty to go a little further? *(Yes)* In the Libraries, you will find a book that lists heritage organizations. Four years ago when I went in as National Historian, I was listed into the Heritage Organization book as the National Historian with my name, my address and telephone number. You cannot imagine how many telephone calls that I get and when I answer, they say, "Are you the Auxiliary?" And I say, "No, I'm just one member but can I help you with something." Sometimes it's for the Sons, they want to know how to get ahold of the Sons organization to join and some of them want to know how to join the Auxiliary. I pass out many application blanks and I refer them to the different states or Membership-at-Large or wherever they are the closest to. Now I feel that this is a very worthwhile free publication for our organization. I don't mind answering the phone. If it's for the Sons, I give the call to Dick, and if it's for the Auxiliary, then I'll answer their questions. In fact, Dick and I have a chart in which we mark the calls on to see who can get ahead. He'll say where did you get this phone number and they'll say out of the Library and he'll look at me and grin. While I'm up here, do you want my 1999 report?

1999 COMMITTEE REPORT

I spoke with Richard Orr as he is General Chairman and we have not had any meetings, we have not discussed anything.

He informed me that there is very little response, especially from the women of the Confederacy. It is voiced that the committee as of now will disband until the future and maybe it will just be a men thing then.

The 1999 Committee that I was appointed to was that the men had thought that they could get together every patriotic organization on the North and the South that included the Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies, the Women of the Confederacy, any organization on both sides, and they wanted one mass conference together. When we first started talking, we said it would not be possible to get a building big enough because they spoke of having meetings, each one divided off into our own meetings. I said is this going to be in place of our convention and they said no, this would be special, but we could still each have our own separate meetings. Now they are deciding too that it's going to be almost impossible to get a building big enough for everybody.

Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP

PRESIDENT MARGARET: And now, once again, I would like to call upon Dorris Schlenker for her report as Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

How honored I was to be asked to serve as National Counselor.

During the year the National President and I had several telephone conversations in which she sought my counsel. We covered such topics as E.I.N.'s for Auxiliaries in compliance with the I.R.S., outgoing Department Officers not turning over property in their possession to their successors; Fraternal relations between an Auxiliary member and member of the Son's; changes in the managing of the National Banquet.

Her wise judgment in handling these situations could have gone without consultation, but it was always good to talk it out for the betterment of our organization.

Names of prospective members were passed on and we gained a few new members.

On three occasions, I was asked to represent her on behalf of the National Auxiliary. It was unfortunate I was unable to go to Richmond, VA the weekend of April 1-2 in celebration of "Blue Coats in a Gray City,"; however, it was my privilege to attend ceremonies honoring Thomas Jefferson's Birthday on April 13th at the Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC and on the 4th of July at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC honoring Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, the only signer buried in Washington, DC. It was my pleasure to be representing our National President and National Auxiliary on these occasions.

We are so lucky to have a President who is so knowledgeable of our C.R.&R. and a fine representative of our National Auxiliary.

I'm grateful for the privilege of serving on her staff.

Dorris W. Schlenker, PNP
National Counselor

PRESIDENT MARGARET: National Chief-of-Staff, Martha Johnson, do you have your report?

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF-OF-STAFF

Last August, at the Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, I accepted the position of National Chief-of-Staff. Having been appointed by our National President, my friend, Margaret Atkinson, I was determined to serve to the best of my ability - and have tried to do just that. Little did I know it was going to be such a challenge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who took the time to send letters of encouragement, support, and good wishes. I have tried to respond personally, but it was almost impossible to answer all of them.

During the year, I was able to attend several functions and, whenever possible, set up "sales tables" to benefit my fund. Some of those events included: Remembrance Day at Gettysburg; Mid-Winter meeting at Columbus, Ohio; Appomattox Day Banquet in Reading, PA; and three encampments - one in Maryland/Delaware, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

In June, I was privileged to assist our presiding Department President Mary Jo Long in instituting a new Auxiliary in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. They have 12 Charter members and 2 Associates.

Very Special Thanks to many for their help and advice throughout my term in office. To our National President Margaret for her confidence in me; to PNP Esther Peiper and her daughter Sarah Cherry for being available to help solve my problems; to my fellow Chief-of-Staffer Clark Mellor for keeping me on an even keel - I am grateful to the Almighty for His progress in getting Clarkie well again; to our Sister Anne Clayton, PNP, for her constant encouragement; and I would be amiss if I didn't recognize my "Super-Salesman" Joe Long of Scranton. Not only did he provide most of my chance books for me, but, he was my top salesperson as well. National Treasurer Eileen Coombs was very prompt in recording my monthly contributions and we always managed to agree.

A very grateful "Thank You" to Irene Looker, Banquet Arrangements Chairperson for the Ladies of the G.A.R. and her corps of workers (June Green, Mable Cannon and Joan Dowd) for taking over the exceptionally huge job of making table centerpieces and favors. They have worked very hard and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

As of July 29th, the total amount sent in to National Treasurer Eileen Coombs was \$2,345.05. My thanks to all who contributed.

Thank you, Sister President, for the opportunity to serve as your Chief-of-Staff. It was my pleasure and I hope you will be pleased with my financial report.

Martha Johnson
National Chief-of-Staff

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We apparently have a Visiting Committee from the Sons. Guides and Color Guards, you will retire and escort them into the room. (*Welcomed by National President Margaret and escorted to the podium*)

Past Commander-in-Chief Atkinson I welcome you to the Auxiliary and would you like to say a few words? PC-in-Chief Bud Atkinson: Ladies and my wife, it's a great honor to come here and bring the greetings of the Sons of Union Veterans. I'm glad to see that you have such a good turnout here too. We have quite a turnout - more than I thought we were going to have - and things are going smoothly down there. We haven't heard any blood shed from the 6th floor yet so I guess you ladies are having a good time. As I said, it is always an honor to come up here and see these beautiful faces. When you have to look at faces like this (*other two men*), we really appreciate it. We thank the ladies for the support they have given the Sons all along. Margaret, Keith gave me this little book to give to you. I don't know what it is or anything, it's probably all bills. In keeping with the Sons trying to keep the Auxiliary informed on what the Sons have done, here's a copy of the annual report given by the Commander-in-Chief which you can share with the ladies. Congratulations (*shakes Margaret's hand*).

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much. Brother Gary.

GARY GIBSON: I would also like to bring the greetings of one of your Sisters, Isla Dow, of the Department of Michigan. She regrets that she was unable to be here this year but she's thinking of all of you. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Sister Margaret on a wonderful year. We were very happy to see Sister Margaret in Michigan at the reception for Commander-in-Chief Harrison. It meant a lot to him too.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Brother Glen.

GLEN KNIGHT: I must comment on what Bud said about having the view that he has in having to look at us. He fails to take into consideration that we have to look at him. I just want to bring to you the greetings of our organization to your organization. I wish you success and I wish you harmony in your gatherings and in your deliberations. I just wish we were closer.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May I have the response.

PNP FRANCES MURRAY: Brother Bud, my partner in crime, Gary and Glen, it's a pleasure to have you here. I told Margaret she had a lot of courage in asking me to respond to the Sons, but I do love men so she has faith in me. One of the highlights of our convention is when you gentlemen come in. I wish you'd send back to Keith our greetings. Thank him for all the kind correspondence we have had with the Sons this year. I told the Auxiliary about your Commander-in-Chief and your National Secretary, who I hope I get a chance to meet as I don't know David Wallace, but he and I and the fax machine are very close and the same with Keith. I'm trying to modernize the Auxiliary too, so please take our greetings back to the Sons and tell them that we hope you are having a good Convention. We're having an excellent convention under the guidance of Margaret and I know Keith must having a good convention because we haven't heard any hollering up here on the 6th floor. I thank you very much for coming. We enjoy you and we love you dearly. Thank you.

PC-in-CHIEF ATKINSON. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Guides and Color Guards, will you escort our guests out? *(So done with singing of "Boys in Blue")*

Well now, the next report. This National Officer has thought three times today that she's going to get up to do it but something else happened first. I'm going to call on my National Personal Aide Mandy Kroger for her report.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

Greetings! I truly enjoyed my year as National Personal Aide. Unfortunately, because of my school schedule, I was unable to attend most of my grandmom's trips. I did, however, attend Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, my Grandmom's reception, and the Pennsylvania State convention at Fort Washington. I did enjoy the events I was able to attend.

Here's a gift I spent all year making for you.

Amanda Kroger
National Personal Aide

PRESIDENT MARGARET: She has a scrapbook of items that she told me wouldn't go into the photograph album but I told her I would open it up. "To Grandmom with Love, your National Personal Aide Mandy Kroger" and she has pictures in here that you have sent her all through the year. Thank you very much.

I think I'm going to go into some of the committee reports. Incidentally, our Patriotic Instructor's presentation will not be this afternoon. The gentleman could not be here to accept it. It will be at 9:30 tomorrow morning. After we open tomorrow morning, I will send our greetings committees out, so that will be the first half hour. He will be here at 9:30 and that will give us ample time tomorrow for discussion and we will be able to end in an appropriate time tomorrow afternoon so that you will all get a chance to put up your feet for five minutes before the banquet tomorrow night. Those are my plans, they don't always go right.

Sister National Vice President, I assume your report was all in one. You are listed as Membership Committee but I assume that was all together in your National Vice President's report. Right? I know there's Publicity but I'm talking about Membership Committee. *(Report was all in one)*

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much, Emma. The tour she gave us of Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital was fantastic. Everyone of the patients knew her so you know she spends lots and lots of time there, that they would know her so well and love her so much. She has been counting her hours for the past ten years and has volunteered 38,000 hours.

I think I would like to have the report of the Publicity Committee next. What I am trying to do is get some of the reports out of the way that have recommendations in them.

REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

It has been a pleasure for all of us to serve on your newly formed Publicity Committee. We have worked in many different ways to "spread the word" of our organization.

In the first few months, we found that advertising in Civil War Times and other nationally known magazines would be too costly for our first year. However, by the middle of the year, Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison announced the Sons had agreed to add information about the Auxiliary to their ads for the year 1995-1996. This will possibly cost the Sons over \$1,000.00 for which we are very grateful and appreciate all their efforts on our behalf. We thank them very much for this generous gift.

On other fronts, our committee has been busy working on different ideas to put the name of our organization out in the public eye. Jacqueline Barnett has prepared a form for both pre-event press releases and post press releases. Copies are available for those interested. She has also assembled a list of groups, associations, societies, etc. to send the press releases.

In Ohio we have been having members of Auxiliary #1 set up tables at re-enactor events to pass out our flyers and applications to interested people. Rhode Island has done the same thing. They have also put flyers in libraries and one member has taken flyers to place in rest stops as she travels. Irma McCafferty, a member in Maryland, sent a list of names and addresses of the "Genealogical Helper". Our National President Margaret Atkinson has sent the Meyers Directory of Genealogical Societies. She divided the list among our committee. We are still in the process of writing a letter to each of the addresses in hopes they will place an ad in their local newsletter.

National President Margaret Atkinson also composed a very nice letter to introduce our auxiliary to the different genealogical societies. We have also made local phone calls to our state historical agencies. When possible, we have placed free or low cost ads in re-enactors newsletters, local senior citizen papers, etc.

In Ohio we had a mid-winter meeting, inviting all members in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. It was a good time for sharing ideas of what we do in each of our communities and ways we can help each other keep our auxiliaries before the public.

We heard many suggestions on how to grow, but one must also have interesting meetings - not all business. We need time to socialize, work for our community, and learn. It has been suggested that every other meeting should be a special program. The local colleges are encouraging their students to do public speaking. The History Department at colleges frequently have students studying the Civil War and need an audience such as ourselves to share what they have learned.

We have also encouraged the Sons to put in their local newsletters that the Auxiliary would welcome wives, daughters, daughter-in-laws, girlfriends, etc. In Ohio, the Sons have been very cooperative, sending their meeting notices to the Auxiliary members and including the Auxiliary activities in their letters. We understand that the Lancaster, PA editor is doing the same type of newsletter.

We have attended our Department Encampments, testimonial dinners, Remembrance Day, etc. and have encouraged all attending to work hard on increasing membership and getting more local publicity.

We have submitted the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That a new member pay a \$10.00 initiation fee to National.

This would help to defray the cost of advertising in National magazines such as Civil War Times, etc. For the year 1995-1996, the Sons have offered to add information about the Auxiliary to their ads, but we must build a fund to cover this expense ourselves. The Sons say it may cost them \$1,000.00 more this coming year to do this for us. Hopefully, the \$10.00 per new member will help build a fund for the 1996-1997 year for advertising.

Recommendation #2: That a person from each Department be appointed by the National President to handle advertising in periodicals for the genealogical society, Sons newsletters, public libraries, and other Civil War related periodicals.

This is recommended so the Departments will participate in the advertising program set forth by National to gain membership. The Vice President is to work towards increasing membership, but is not encouraged to spend money to advertise. The Press Correspondent's duties are to write the news of our good work. However, advertising for new members is a job of its own.

Recommendation #3: That a fund of \$300.00 be established to help reimburse the Publicity Committee for the ads they will need to place in the coming year. They will also need funds to help with all the postage.

The different re-enactor groups have newsletters and ask for a \$10 or \$15 fee to put an ad into the newsletter. There are other periodicals being sent to people interested in the Civil War that we could place small ads in different areas of our country.

We have gained some members, Auxiliaries, and Members-at-Large this year. There have been numerous inquiries and questions asked which we have tried to answer accurately and promptly. We must continue writing letters to the genealogical societies this fall. Hopefully, this will be a direct connection to people who are interested in history and patriotism.

It has been a pleasure serving on this committee and we will continue to "spread the word" about our Auxiliary.

At this time I would like to thank my committee members who have helped me very much: Sarah Cherry, Katherine Bateman and Jacqueline Barnett.

Marguerite Plante
Sarah Cherry
Katherine Bateman
Jacqueline Barnett

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sisters, normally we would act immediately on the recommendations of a committee. However, I note that some of these recommendations overlap recommendations made in the Officers Reports. In order to avoid confusion, I think that we should wait to act on these because two of them are very close to recommendations that I put in my National report but in different amounts. I think it might clarify the situation if we hold off action on these recommendations until we get the Officers Reports and then discuss it all at the same time, if that is agreeable with everyone. I do think it necessary that I entertain a motion that I may do that.

MOVED by PNP Dorris Schlenker, MD/DE

SECONDED by National Vice President Marguerite Plante, RI

That we accept the Report of the Publicity Committee, minus the tabled section.

MOTION CARRIED

The report of the Legislative Committee, Peggy Schaefer:

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The year 1995 marks two anniversaries important to all American women. This is the diamond jubilee of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, extending the vote to women. And it is the hundredth anniversary of women serving in elective office at the state level.

Even before there was a United States of America, there was a push for women's suffrage. There still exists a letter from Abigail Adams to her husband, John, the future second President of the United States. Abigail urges John, as the Constitution was being written, "I desire you would remember the ladies... We will not hold ourselves bound to obey any laws in which we have no voice or representation." The first organized push for suffrage came in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York. A meeting was called by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton to discuss women's rights and the need for change. Mrs. Stanton demanded the right to vote, stating, "Drunkards, idiots, horse-racing, rum-selling rowdies, ignorant foreigners, and silly boys" all have the privilege, while educated women were denied the right. Others at the meeting called for women to work to end slavery, and for the temperance movement. It took seventy-two years of hard work, but victory finally came on August 26, 1920, when the Nineteenth Amendment was added to the Constitution.

On Susan B. Anthony's birthday in 1921, a Portrait Memorial statue, containing the likenesses of the three main women's rights activists, was dedicated in the rotunda of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. The day after Susan B. Anthony's birthday in 1921, this large Portrait Memorial was moved to a storage area in the basement of the capitol, facing the wall, surrounded by broken furniture. Here it remains to this day. Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska is sponsoring a bill in Congress that will move this statue permanently to its rightful place in a public area of the Capitol. This is the fifth time that legislation has been introduced to move the statue. If Sen. Stevens is successful, the move will take place on August 26, 1995, the actual seventy-fifth anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

For a long time, ladies had been working on a state level to get laws passed or changed. The State of Colorado passed a law one hundred one years ago, in 1894, allowing women not only to vote, but to be elected to public office. Three women were elected that year and took office in 1895. Frances S. Klock was elected to the state

legislature. She was appointed Chairman of the then-powerful Military and Indian Affairs Committee. Remember, the Indian Wars in the west were still being fought. The last battle wasn't fought until 1899. Angenette J. Peavey won the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. I have seen bumper stickers reading, "A Woman's Place Is In the House ... AND the Senate." If a woman is qualified, why not?

Women Veterans Benefits

The Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act was signed into law this past year. Among other things, this law establishes a "Center for Women Veterans" within the Department of Veterans Affairs. This center will foster and promote standards and policies designed to improve the general welfare of women veterans and their dependents. It will have the authority to investigate matters pertaining to the welfare of women veterans, provide outreach, and act as a resource for women's veterans coordinators. Last year the House passed a Women's Health Improvement Act that required VA facilities to provide specifically, among other things, pap smears, breast examinations, and mammograms. The final bill, agreed to after conference with the Senate, omitted the specific requirements. In the meantime, the first VA Mammography Unit opened in July.

Women Veterans Memorial

Ground breaking for a memorial to women veterans took place on June 22. The monument is being built at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery. Dedication has been tentatively set for 1997.

Disney in Virginia

We won! No theme park in Haymarket, destroying the historical sites at Manassas! The negative response to the very idea of an amusement park, no matter how noble the idea behind it is, threatening important historic sites, was too much for the whole country. Both Disney and the Congress were bombarded with millions of letters and phone calls. Several members of Congress had bills to introduce specifically forbidding the building of such an attraction in northern Virginia. Finally Disney was forced to back down. They did not merely postpone their plans until the storm blew over. They sold the land!

Civil War Rifles Not Included in Assault Weapons Ban

Contrary to some earlier reports, Civil War replica Henry rifles are not included in the assault weapons ban in the federal crime bill of last September. The U.S. Bureau of Tobacco and Firearms received many inquiries about whether the crime bill would affect the reproduction, sale, and use of firearms that are normally considered "curios and relics." In response, the Firearms Operations Branch ruled that reproduction rifles aren't covered by the ban as long as the rifle does not have "battlefield features," such as a bayonet or grenade attachment. The confusion rose from the fact that the ban seemed to extend to all weapons that could fire ten or more rounds without reloading. The original Henrys could fire up to fifteen rounds without reloading, and the replicas can fire up to twelve.

Grant's Body May Be Moved

Here's an update on last year's legislation concerning the restoration of Grant's Tomb in New York. The descendants of President Ulysses S. Grant have threatened to move the bodies of the Civil War General and his wife out of Grant's Tomb unless the blighted site gets a multimillion dollar renovation. The Tomb has become a magnet for the homeless, graffiti and drug use in recent years. Although federal officials announced a plan to spend \$375,000 on the site this year, the Grant family was not appeased. The threat of re-interring the remains of Gen. and Mrs. Grant at another site came just seven months after officials in Illinois proposed creating a new burial site for the Grants in Galena.

Hartranft Civil War Papers

Papers of Maj. Gen. John Hartranft, including documentation concerning the General's role as Provost Marshal for the trial of the Lincoln assassination conspirators, were loaned to Gettysburg College in 1965 by a descendant of the General. In spite of letters from the College President clearly acknowledging that the papers were on loan, the school refused to return the documents when asked to do so more than a year ago! In 1994 the descendants filed suit in Adams County, Pennsylvania, seeking their return. The college raised the question in the Hartranft papers' ownership with the National Archives. The Justice Department ruled in September that the papers in question, many of which were marked "copy" at the time they were transcribed 130 years ago, belong to the government. On January 13 the college announced that it would return four non-Civil War Hartranft letters to the family, and would turn the rest of the papers over to the National Archives. In addition, the family has received several requests by the Justice Department for all of the General's papers to be turned over to the government. The family and their attorneys fear that soon the Justice Department will step into the litigation. The strange thing is that the papers in question are clearly marked "copy" and identical copies of these papers are advertised for sale in Civil War catalogs and magazines. The original documents are already the property of the War Department, as part of Gen. Hancock's papers.

National President Margaret stated Mrs. Shireman, the direct descendant of Gen. Hartranft, came to the Museum in March. She was very delighted to see a great portrait we have of the General at the Museum. She has won her battle. It was just in last month's issue of the Civil War News, which you might not have had a chance to see. A compromise was reached by the Shiremans, the National Park Service and the National Archives. The papers were returned to her. In return, she just simply wanted to have them back so that the family could decide what Museum they wished to donate them to. So that has been successfully resolved.

Medal of Honor for Strong Vincent

For the first time in almost a hundred years, an application for a Medal of Honor for the Civil War has been filed. The Strong Vincent Commemorative Committee of Erie, Pennsylvania is applying for the medal for the young Brigade Commander who was mortally wounded as he urged his men to hold the far Union left on July 2, 1883.

Last September the Pennsylvania legislature voted unanimously to petition Congress for a medal. Some people are concerned that if a Medal of Honor is awarded to Vincent for his actions on Little Round Top, there would be a run on medals. However, general consensus holds that had Vincent lived, he would have been awarded a medal.

The sticking point is a 1918 Act of Congress intended to eradicate inconsistencies in the awarding of the medal. Among its provisions, the law states that only three years could elapse between the deed and the awarding of a medal. The legislation toughened requirements. The original wording of the law creating the medal in 1862 required gallantry in action and "other soldierly qualities." The 1918 law specified that the soldier must demonstrate "gallantry and intrepidity at risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." The 1918 law swept the slate clean of claims for Civil War medals. No medals for action in the Civil War have been issued since then.

Abuse occurred after the war, with many questionable and undocumented claims cropping up in the ensuing decades. In 1917 all 2,625 medals awarded in the medal's history were reviewed, and 910 recipients were dropped as unworthy. In July, 1989, five of the names struck in 1917 were reinstated when it was determined that their revocations were in error. All five were scouts. Of these, four medals were for actions in the Indian wars in the 1870s (including William F. Cody for action in 1872), and one at Appomattox.

Slavery Abolished in Mississippi

It took 130 years, but Mississippi has voted to abolish slavery. The Senate and House of the State of Mississippi voted to ratify the 13th Amendment last February. Mississippi was the only state never to ratify the amendment which outlawed slavery. The state held out when the amendment was adopted in 1865, in part because lawmakers were angered that they had not been reimbursed for freed slaves.

Blimps in the Military

Seventy years ago, in 1925, the U.S. government, not wanting to fall behind in the arms race with the European powers, established a program to store helium for military use. Over these seventy years, the federal government has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on helium for military blimps. Year after year, decade after decade, the program escaped the budget axe. America currently has enough reserves of the lighter-than-air gas to supply the entire world's needs until 2004. The WWI-vintage program survived Republican attempts to kill it during the Reagan and Bush administrations. But it is finally expected to meet its demise this year, as part of the race between the White House and the Republican Congress to slash spending.

Veterans' Preference in Employment

In January Congress passed a bill that requires the House and Senate to obey the same employment laws that govern federal agencies and private work places holding federal contracts. This bill includes eleven separate employment laws. Veterans preference is not among them. Federal statutes require that veterans be scored extra points on federal employment exams, the idea being that if two equally qualified persons are applying for the same job, that job should go to a veteran. The statutes also require that any private company holding a federal contract of more than \$10,000 must implement "affirmative action" programs for hiring veterans. But legislators can hire whoever they want. Congressional employees are, in practice, political appointees.

Enola Gay

There is no way you could be alive and not have heard about the brouhaha concerning the **Enola Gay** exhibit proposed by the Smithsonian Institution. You probably do not know how this whole mess started. The Smithsonian has been planning an exhibit commemorating the end of World War II for quite a few years. As

early as 1988 I spoke to people from the Smithsonian who were already actively working on this project. As planning progressed, the Smithsonian found they needed 29 artifacts from museums in Nagasaki and Hiroshima. The Japanese museum officials adamantly refused to loan the requested items unless the Smithsonian changed its exhibit. The Japanese at first claimed that the proposed exhibit did not adequately portray the tragic aftermath of the bombing. The Smithsonian agreed to add pictures of the aftermath of the bombing to the exhibit to satisfy the Japanese. The Japanese kept demanding more and more changes, until the exhibit turned into a vilification of America, showing Japan as the poor little good guys who were the victims of a cruel scientific experiment. Within two weeks, thirteen of the 29 objects to be borrowed had been deleted from the exhibit at the demand of American veterans' groups. All 29 artifacts have since been returned to Japan. We will see a very simple exhibit, giving the public straight facts without editorial comment.

Banning of "Militias"

In Michigan, the state legislature is considering action to control all groups who wear uniforms. This is in response to the Oklahoma City bombing. If this measure should pass, it would have serious consequences for our Reenactors. It would also control such pernicious groups as the Cub Scouts and the high school band.

Flag Burning Amendment

The so-called Flag Burning Amendment would state, "The Congress and the states shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." If ratified, the amendment would overturn a 1989 Supreme Court decision that flag burning was protected under the freedom of speech provisions of the First Amendment to the Constitution as a symbol of political protest. Efforts to pass a constitutional amendment against flag desecration failed in the Senate later that year, with opponents arguing that it would be a mistake to tamper with the Bill of Rights. The American Civil Liberties Union and the American Bar Association said this amendment should be rejected, but the Republican takeover of Congress has given flag protection supporters the two-thirds majority in both the House and the Senate needed to send the amendment to the states for ratification. Now the proposed amendment goes to the states.

Social Security Reform

In 1977 a commission studying the fiscal health of the Social Security system discovered that, due to a flaw in the Social Security law passed in 1972, the initial benefits paid to new retirees was far higher than intended, and the amount of initial payments grew with each year's new retirement class. Trying to correct this flaw, Congress passed legislation that for persons born between 1917 and 1921, the average initial benefits decreased with each year, reaching the bottom of a V-shaped notch for those born in 1920-21. Benefits gradually increased in the following years, leveling off by the time those born in 1926 retired. This has left a large number of unhappy "Notch Babies" born between 1917 and 1926 whose Social Security benefits are up to \$1000 lower than those for persons born before 1917 and after 1926. Persons born before 1917 continue to receive the benefits called for by the flawed 1972 law. A Congressional Commission on the Social Security Notch Issue has studied the issue, and has decided that the current system is fair, since raising the benefits for older retirees would reduce the amount of reserves to be paid to future retirees, especially the Baby Boomers. My thanks to my committee members: Emma Ashley and Martha Wilson.

Recommendation #1: That the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War actively support the request of the Notch Babies born between 1917 and 1926 that their Social Security benefits be brought into line with the benefits of all other retirees.

MOVED by Emma Prince, DP, CT

SECONDED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME

that the Committee be sustained on Recommendation #1.

SO CARRIED

Recommendation #2: 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.

MOVED by Martha Wilson, PDP, PA
SECONDED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH
 that the Committee be sustained on Recommendation #2.
SO CARRIED

Peggy Schaefer, Chairman
 Emma F. Ashley
 Martha Wilson

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much. You certainly did a lot of studying and gave us a very in-depth report.

PNP DORRIS SCHLENKER: We have just followed through on her recommendations and we have taken action. May I ask what further action will be done on this? We act on these things and then what happens? We do this every year. We go along with things and what happens? Is a letter sent from our organization on our behalf or what?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Does anyone have anything to say on this subject? What do we do further to follow up on this? As far as I know, we really have not done anything.

EMMA PRINCE, DP, CT: Sister President, my husband and I have been writing to our Congressmen and our Legislators to reverse this Notch Baby thing we are all involved in. It just simply is unfair. It amounts up to \$2,000 a year and that makes a big difference.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PDP, NH: The Secretary could write as to what action has been taken at conventions and perhaps in your first General Orders you can mention as a recommendation that members read this in their auxiliaries and urge them to send letters to their representatives.

MOVED by PDP Jackie Johnston, NH
SECONDED by DP Emma Prince, CT
 that individual Auxiliaries, individual members of the Auxiliary
 and Departments, any ancillary portion of the Auxiliary,
 follow up on this recommendation and send letters also.
MOTION CARRIED

NATIONAL TREASURER EILEEN COOMBS: Sister President, the more letters that go in, the better the action will be taken because I talked with my representative in Rhode Island. He said you can send all the petitions you want, but individual letters get attention.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Peggy did talk about Grant's Tomb. In my report I mentioned that for the first time I attended the birthday celebration on April 30th. They have started work. Believe me, anything we can do to urge them to continue is certainly worthwhile doing. We were talking to some of the guards and the graffiti has been cleaned up on the outside. They are trying to keep the homeless people away, the ones that have been destroying the outside, and they do have at the moment 24-hour guards. Whether they will continue, I don't know. Therefore, I think it is very worthwhile that we continue to pursue this because, after all, this is what we are for, to preserve the memory of our forefathers and certainly General Grant and his memory should be honored.

I would like to close at 4:00 so we just have 15 minutes. Before I would call for any other reports, would there be any particular announcements that anyone wants to make? (*Various club announcement meetings announced*)

Report of New Hampshire Department President was read.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Ann Willeke, do you have the report of the Ritual Committee?

REPORT OF RITUAL COMMITTEE

Sister National President, it isn't very much of a report. The question was, The New York Department would like the words in the Ritual under Initiation of a Member to be changed from the words "Unwritten work" to be "Ritualistic Work".

We see no reason why this can't be done. You can type a slip and glue it over it instead of making new rituals and the Ritual wouldn't have to be revised at this time. There are about four places in the Ritual that it says "Unwritten work".

Ann Willeke, Chair
Ora Moitoso

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

SECRETARY FRANCES MURRAY: At the New York Department, they decided that they didn't need the wording "unwritten work" because we don't have "unwritten work" anymore but that's the way the Ritual reads. What you would do is just cross out those words "unwritten work" and you would add "ritualistic work".

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We are talking about when the Guide gives the charge mainly in the initiation, in the installation when the Guide is installed. The New York Department wants to change those words because they feel they are not appropriate.

ANN WILLEKE, PNP: If they have a Ritual they could just read it. It's on page 29: "I am directed by the President to instruct you in the unwritten work of the order."

PRESIDENT MARGARET: And they want to change that to the Ritualistic work.

TREASURER EILEEN COOMBS: Sister President, while you're talking about this, I'm sitting here wondering if this passes, are you going to expect me, as the Treasurer, to do this with all the Rituals in with the supplies? I want to know if that's going to be an added job.

MOVED by PNP Emma Wheeler
SECONDED by PDP Jackie Johnston
that we not change the Ritual.
SO CARRIED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: The final report of the day - and you're all breathing a big sigh of relief - is the Site Committee. Frances Murray is the person on this committee.

REPORT OF THE SITE COMMITTEE

Chairman Chuck Corfman called a meeting of the Site Committee last August in Lansing, Michigan. We also met with the Columbus, Ohio committee. At this point, sites for the following years were announced:

1996 - St. Louis, MO

1997 - New York

1998 - Pennsylvania

1999 - Indianapolis

Last fall, Missouri pulled out of the list. As of my last talk with Chuck at the end of June, no one had stepped in to fill the space and he thought we would be returning to Columbus next year.

I have heard rumors for 1996 but have heard nothing from Chuck on this. The Harrisburg area is being considered for Pennsylvania and New York has not selected a place yet, although I am hoping for the Albany area as it is only a five hour ride for me. I think it will be further up than that. I wish some Departments from the East Coast would step up and host a national as I believe only on the East Coast will the auxiliary get a good turnout.

Chuck is not very good on communications and perhaps I should call him during the year but usually the time to reach Chuck is after I go to bed, which is 9 p.m. There is a big time difference and Chuck doesn't get home until late in the evening. I hope to meet with Chuck and the Site Committee before this convention is over.

Frances Murray, PNP
Site Committee

PRESIDENT MARGARET: The band concert and Campfire will be at 7 this evening, downstairs in the room where we met yesterday. We should have a good evening tonight, have a lot of fun and I appreciate your patience with all these reports. I know it can get long but we have to know what we're doing in your National Organization.

Sister Chaplain, I would ask that you attend the alter and close the Bible.

(Session closed at 4 p.m.)

Fourth Session
Saturday Morning, August 12, 1995, 9:10 a.m.

The fourth session opened with Chaplain Mary Willey opening the Bible.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Before we get started, are there any announcements that anyone wishes to make?

CHAPLAIN MARY WILLEY: Rehearsal for the Memorial Service will be tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. The choir will also rehearse then.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: For anybody that is new, we have to have someone represent each state in our National Organization in the Memorial Service. Some of the states, unfortunately, are unable to have delegates here. If the Department President or a delegate from that state is not present, we will need other people to help fill in for these states.

At noontime the Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor will be making their final counts in their rooms. If you have anything for them or want to purchase anything this morning, this is your golden opportunity.

I understand we have a delegation from the Ladies at the door.

*Guides and Color Guards escorted in PNP Lois Refner and PNP
 Dolores Hubbard of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

President Margaret greeted the delegation, recounting her long friendship with PNP Lois Reffner and her acquaintance of several years with PNP Dolores Hubbard. Both visitors expressed their pleasure at visiting the Auxiliary and conveyed the greetings of their National President. Gifts were exchanged, and PNP Ann Willeke gave the response on behalf of the President and Auxiliary.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the Ladies out.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Underneath the Charter we have a very lovely basket of flowers which the Encampment Committee gave to us for our meeting.

I understand that the recipient of the Patriotic Instructor's donation in memory of the G.A.R. is at the door.

Guides and Color Guards escorted in Karl Schaeffer

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR MICHELLE LANGLEY: Brother Karl is a member of Camp 91, out of Alliance, Ohio. He is also a member of the American Legion Post 221. They have a Memorial Museum and Library Fund which I believe he started. He'll tell you a little more about it. Before he does, Brother Karl, I would like to present this to you on behalf of the National Organization, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

KARL SCHAEFFER: Thank you Michelle. First, I would like to say to Margaret Atkinson and all the officers and members of this wonderful organization, I'm very grateful for this check. I feel our American Legion Post #221 in Madison, Ohio has done something very unique. We came up with the idea of starting a museum last September 3rd and we have a facility at our post of over 10,000 square feet in our building, on the third floor we have 1600 square feet, and we have a back up annex room which we created. If you had seen the condition of these rooms, you would have been appalled, because the amount of work just to clean it up was unbelievable. But we got it done, got everything approved, and decided to go out and raise some funds. We did this by ordering plaques for major benefactors and we gave an award to anyone who gave \$50.00 or more, which was an official American Legion Certificate of Appreciation for framing and they also get their name engraved on these memorial plaques. We have filled two plaques and we are going to do a third one. We have raised over \$7,000 within the post, plus friends of the Legion. This Museum started out strictly for our post, which is almost 76 years old. We were founded and chartered October 29, 1919. But an unusual situation happened. We were contacted by Sherlene Howard of Mrs. Major McKinley Tent #1 which was originally founded in Masselin and supported by Ida McKinley and at that time retired Major McKinley, later the President of the United States. They started originally in 1885 and Sherlene and a couple of her sisters and some other members have got these artifacts. They are not trying to compete with their main headquarters in Springfield, Illinois where they have a large Daughters of the Union Veterans Museum but they are kind of stubborn about the fact they were the first tent ever for that organization that was founded in Masselin. So we got together and negotiated a deal with them and it's probably the best deal they ever heard of because we invited them to join us.

Now of our 1600 square feet in that museum - we have 1100 in our post - we gave them 500 and we are expanding the Museum. There is an annex and we also have an apartment across the hall that we're going to renovate. We're just not going to have enough room. What we have done as a team is unbelievable. All I can say, from an American Legion point of view, is that it is the first Museum in the United States, in the world, where an American Legion Post and the Daughters of the Union Veterans have merged. I invite everyone in this room, if you come to the Masselin area, to come see what we have. We have a lot of GAR items there. It's amazing the number of badges we have. We have a cup and saucer from the Lincoln days and it's verified. These were used by Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln during his tour of duty as President of the United States. So it is a unique situation and the fundraising is going on for the Museum. Receiving this very generous gift from you today is greatly appreciated. I'd like to give you three phone numbers: Mine (216) 854-6326; Co-Chairman of the Museum, John Tsocheff (216) 644-0080, and the American Legion Post (216) 833-4545 - Bob Roth, Superintendent. If I'm not available or John isn't, Bob will probably be available. Put me down as #1. We are the only three with access to the Museum other than the Daughters.. It is not open to the public. We opened it only to honor our Civil War beloved and all members of the military from WWI, WWII and actually going back further. We have some artifacts from the Spanish American War from some members whose families served there.. So we are honoring everyone in wars from the Civil War to now. I want to thank you for this check and thank Margaret Atkinson. We also have something in common. I was raised in Philadelphia and I'm a Drexel grad.

PRESIDENT MARGARET : PNP Ora Moitoso, will you give the response.

PNP ORA MOITOSO: Mr. Schaeffer, it is a pleasure to have you here. It sounds wonderful, all the work you have done. Good luck.

MR. SCHAEFFER Thank you very much.

Guides and Color Guards escorted Karl Schaeffer from the room

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I have been informed that the National Treasurer of the Sons, Richard Orr, is at the door. He is here at my express invitation. As I mentioned in my report, I worked very closely with the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons this year and his staff of officers. In talking with them, I heard ways in which they were able to increase their membership. Instead of trying to remember all the details, I asked Richard to give us a report (they're not telling us what to do). I asked him to come and explain what, in the last three or four years, various steps the Sons have taken to cause them to double their membership. I asked him if he would come up this morning and give us a report.

Guides and Color Guards escorted Mr. Orr to the podium

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Brother Orr, it's a pleasure to have you here. I appreciate your taking time from your meeting to come at my request and address us.

BROTHER ORR: The National President is aware, as most of you probably are, of the growth and expansion which the Sons have been experiencing. During the same time the Auxiliary has continued to see a drop in membership. This has become a grave concern for some of your National Officers and the Sons. On several occasions this past year, Sister Margaret and I have discussed what the Sons did to change the course we had been following. Information was provided to the National President and the Director of the Budget. I suggested to Sister Margaret that it may be of benefit if someone from the Sons explained the steps we had taken and what the results are. After giving the matter careful thought, our National President asked if I would explain to you what the Sons had done and I agreed. That is why I am here today. I want to be very clear that neither I personally nor the Sons are trying to tell you what you need to do or should do. I am here to tell you what worked for us. You may choose to follow the same or similar steps or to go in an entirely different direction or do nothing. Some of the things I am going to relate may sound harsh and even disrespectful of some of our members. None of them are untrue. What I am going to say is taken from my National Treasurer's report to this National Encampment.

Six years ago, the SUVCW was thrown into a turmoil. The members had become complacent and had come to take for granted the work of the Order would be done some day, that the Sons would go on forever with very little effort being placed into perpetuating the Order. The Sons had all the symptoms of an organization that was dying a slow lingering death. A member remarked that this was a dying organization; that there could be no interest in the Union soldier among the "younger" members because they had never known the men of the GAR;

that the true SUVCW would die with his generation. The comment was made with great sincerity and sadness. That remark became a turning point in the history of the Sons. It became the challenge, the spark which created a resolve within the Sons which has spread to every department and camp. That brother was correct about one thing. Some of us never had the privilege of knowing the men of the GAR. We only know them from books and our members who had the opportunity. The rest of his remarks were wrong. For this absence of first hand knowledge of the GAR didn't dampen the desire or enthusiasm. Rather, it increased the hunger to learn, to know; the passion to continue so that future generations would at least have the same knowledge which we have received. It provides us with the opportunity, the recourse, if only for an instant, to forget their oh-so-human failings and errors, and to dwell on their superhuman feats, heroics and sacrifices. It affords us the opportunity to remember and perpetuate the memory of the GAR of the last 1800's - a strong, active politically savvy organization with a million members in the prime of their lives. Not the handful of elderly gentlemen of the 1940s awaiting their last muster call whose heroics had been supplanted by the efforts of many thousands more during World War I and World War II.

Our membership, which stood at approximately 2100, had been in a steady decline, broken only with infrequent years of growth of 10 or 15 members. If you stripped away those who were "a paper member" (names only) in non-functioning camps, our active membership was barely 1500. Our finances weren't in any better condition. For years we had been "borrowing" money from the GAR fund to meet operating expenses. The money we had been "borrowing" from the GAR Fund was being done by action of the Encampment without any regard to how long the fund would last. Nor was any thought given to the legal consequences of taking money designated for educational or charitable purposes and using it for operating expenses. Yet, no one questioned this. We all accepted this as our fate.

But because of that spark which was slowly growing within an ever increasing number of our members, together we as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War did what we needed to do to survive and grow. We looked at our finances and saw a need for drastic action. If we did not act, we would be bankrupt in three years - four at the most. We looked at our membership and saw that we would continue losing camps and begin losing Departments in the near term. We looked at how we conducted our business and saw a need for change. Instead of being proactive and making our own fate, we were complacent accepting whatever "fate" handed us.

Extraordinary measures were required. With much trepidation and after long discussions and consideration of alternatives, the SUVCW took these measures:

- doubled the per capita tax from \$5.00 per year to \$10.00 per year in one fell swoop
- began purchasing advertising space in national publications
- established the national application fee of \$5.00 for each new member, dedicated to funding the recruitment campaign
- took measures to assure that we would hold our officers accountable for performing the duties of their office and when they didn't, we replaced them
- insisted that each officer have a meaningful job and that they do it
- defined those jobs in clear understandable terms
- when necessary, we created jobs to meet the needs of the Order
- the offices of National Secretary and National Treasurer were split into multiple offices
- the National Quartermaster took over the responsibility for filling supply orders and purchasing the supplies
- the Membership List Coordinator took over the maintenance of the membership list from the secretary
- created the position of new Camp and Department Organizer with the express responsibility to guide brothers in the formation of camps and departments
- added an Assistant Editor for Advertising and an Assistant Editor for Editorial content to the Banner staff publication of the Banner became a committee effort with the Editor being only responsible for the content of the Banner
- the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief became responsible for the development of policy and program and the implementation of those policies and programs
- the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief became accountable for the recruiting program
- each Department Junior Vice Commander is required to serve on the National Membership Committee
- last year we took further steps to assure the future of the SUVCW by providing camps with the tools needed to establish Juniors

Results

- membership has climbed to nearly 4100, almost double that of six years ago and close to the membership in the late 1950s
- average age of membership has dropped from the late 60s to the late 40s-early 50s
- a new department was chartered for the first time in many years and another is knocking at the door
- high school students are being elected to camp officers and performing their duties and participating in Department Encampments
- the recruiting program is paying for itself through the application fee
- officers are performing their duties with diligence
- our membership roster, the Banner, our financial records and processes and our inventory are all computerized.
- all the National officers are communicating through electronic mail.
- we are in the process of establishing our own home page on the Internet
- we are recruiting new members on the Internet
- advertising this year will, in addition to the address of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, include a FAX number and his e-mail address.
- in the very near future we will have an "800" number for a prospective member to call for information.
- we have returned all the "borrowed" monies to the GAR Fund and then some
- we have contracted with a professional accountant to maintain our financial records
- our annual expense budget has increased from \$21,000 to a draft budget amount of \$115,000.00 for 1995-96 and our revenues for next year are projected at \$170,000.00. Our net worth has grown from near bankruptcy to more than \$200,000.00
- the Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania has offered to build a national headquarters for the Sons if we locate there in the new Civil War Museum they are building

More importantly, we have increased our efforts in the camps, departments and the National Organization to fulfill the purpose of our Order - keeping alive the memory of the men of the GAR and their sacrifices. This is what the Sons have done in six short years. It is more than getting new members or increasing per capita tax. This has been about changing our attitude as an organization and the attitude of individual members.

Sisters, as I said in my opening remarks, the Sons are concerned about your loss of membership. The National Officers of the SUVCW, through the Council of Administration, have offered to assist the Auxiliary by including the Auxiliary in some of our advertising this coming year. To that end my report to the Sons Encampment includes a recommendation that the Encampment reaffirm the action of the Council of Administration and that the Sons bear the cost of the additional advertising column-inches, the specific publications to be determined by the officers of the Auxiliary and SUVCW who are responsible for managing the respective recruitment programs and by the budgetary constraints imposed by the National Encampment.

You may wish to follow our path or to take another. You may wish to accept our offer to help you with the advertising or you may decline. In either case, we, the SUVCW, stand ready to assist you to the best of our abilities.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Brother Orr, thank you very much. It takes your breath away to hear what they have done. I live with a Son who tells me these things, but I still have never heard it all laid out line by line.

Guides and Color Guards escorted Mr. Orr out of the meeting room

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will please escort the representative from the Woman's Relief Corps into the meeting room.

*PNP Beatrice Greenwalt read a letter from Linda Bennett, DP, Nat'l Executive Board Chair
It is with pleasure I extend greetings and Best Wishes from the National Woman's Relief Corps and the Department of Ohio, Woman's Relief Corps, Aux. to the G.A.R.. May this weekend bring you joy and many memories. Bea Greenwalt is personally there to extend these wishes for us.*

PNP Bea Greenwalt presented a gift to the National President and PNP Dorothy Hilyard responded.

Guides and Color Guards escorted Bea to her seat. (The Chaplain closed the Bible for a mid-morning break and then we continued)

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Before we have more reports which will require recommendations to be approved or disapproved, I had several delegates who are new members and were here yesterday, tell me that they didn't quite understand the procedure. We all assume because we've been here before, that we know how everything works. I thought I would take a moment to tell any of the new delegates or first-time nationals just how we proceed. If any of the officers on any of the committees have recommendations, they are reviewed and the committee that receives them makes recommendations, just as in Congress when you have a committee get a bill together and take it out to the floor - they vote whether to follow the wishes of that committee or not. If a committee reads over the recommendation and say they either approve the recommendation or they disapprove the recommendation, then someone from the floor gets up and says, "I make a motion that the committee be sustained", which means they are going along with the wishes of the committee. If moved and seconded, then if someone in the Encampment has another thought on the subject or the question, they can get up and question it or after the committee makes the recommendation, any of the delegates can give their opinion. Once a motion is made and seconded and all the discussion is over, we vote on it. Did I make that understandable to the encampment?

Anyone can speak, only the delegates can vote. You all know who you are. If you had a delegate card, you were representing your auxiliary or your Department or you already had voting status because of past honors as a Department President, Past Department President or National President, etc.

I would like to get into the report of the CR&R committee. The only one present from that committee is Sister Ruth Huntington, but they've done a lot of hard work by mail.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Sister Florence Jansson, Chairlady of this committee, has corresponded with the members on her committee and has submitted the following report. She sent a copy to me requesting that I read it and a copy to our National Secretary. I am going to read it just as she has it although I'm not certain that I understand her complete report.

The committee on the Constitution, Rules & Regulations received the following recommendations from the report of the National President.

Recommendation No. 1 Page 31, Chapter III, Article VII, Finances

Section 2 - Change the second line to read - "to National shall be \$1.00 per quarter on each member."

Section 3 - Change to read - "Each Provisional Auxiliary where there is no Department, shall pay \$1.00 per quarter on each member direct to National Headquarters."

In 1987, at the National Encampment, a recommendation was made to increase the Per Capita Tax from the Departments to National, to 50 cents per quarter. The Committee did not approve the recommendation because they felt it was too high. A Motion was made, Seconded and Carried to increase the Per Capita Tax 10 cents, making it a total of 35 cents per quarter. Again, in 1988, a recommendation was made to increase the Per Capita Tax to 50 cents per member, but the committee did NOT APPROVE IT and their decision was sustained by the delegates.

Realizing that there is a need for more income, your committee did NOT APPROVE either section, but suggest that the Per Capita Tax be increased to 50 cents per member per quarter in both Section 2 and 3.

MOVED by PNP Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by PDP Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH

that because this same thing is in the recommendations in the Officers Reports, that this be left until the Officers Reports and we will act on it at that time.

SO CARRIED

Recommendation No. 2 - Page 24, Chapter III, Article II, Membership

Section 3 - 4th line from bottom, change to read - The application fee is \$10.00 and the annual dues are \$15.00, \$6.00 of which is to be used for a subscription to the BANNER.

This was APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by PDP Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH

SECONDED by Mary Willey, National Chaplain, MA

that this has been covered in the Officers Reports. It does need a little clarification at that time. I recommend we postpone action until that time.

SO CARRIED

Recommendation No. 3 - Page 29, Chapter III, Article VI, Duties of Officers

Section 9 - Change to read - "The Director of the Budget shall prepare a budget for the coming year to be presented to the delegates at the annual encampment.

After discussion, deletions or additions, the final budget will be printed in the first General Order sent to the membership after the National Encampment.

(If passed, this would become effective August 1996.)

The Director of the Budget has been preparing a budget for more than 20 years, a copy of which is sent to the National President, Secretary and Treasurer for their guidance.

National Orders are distributed to only the sitting National Officers, Past National Presidents, Past Department Presidents, and one copy to each Auxiliary Secretary, which is to be read at their next meeting. Many of our auxiliaries throughout the organization no longer meet on a regular basis due to the decrease in attendance, because many of their members have moved great distances away or because of the death of members. There are many members who have no idea of the contents of the General Orders. Also, many of our older members have a very low income and hearing the reading of a budget would not induce them to contribute more. This is true also of many Departments.

The committee feels it would be costly to include the printing of a budget in the General Orders. The recommendation is NOT APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.

MOVED by Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA

SECONDED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH

that we also hold off on this recommendation until the reading of the Officers Reports.

SO CARRIED

Recommendation No. 4 - That the sum of \$500.00 be set aside during the year 1995-1996

for the use of the Publicity Committee to cover postage and advertising costs.

We, your committee, leave this to the delegates to decide what is the proper procedure to follow. No action has been taken.

MOVED by Jackie Johnson, PDP, NH

SECONDED by Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA

that as this is covered in the Officers Reports, we postpone discussion of the Recommendation until the Officers Reports

SO CARRIED

Recommendation No. 5 - That all new applicants will be required to pay a \$5.00

application fee over and above any fees charged by the local Auxiliary. This charge would be forwarded to the National Treasurer for deposit in the advertising fund.

See Page 11, Chapter 1, Article V, Finances

Section 1 - Each Auxiliary shall regulate its dues, fees and revenues, provided the minimum initiation fee for member shall be not less than \$1.00.

This recommendation was NOT APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

BUT, we suggest the following change in Section 1 - "Change second line after revenues (new sentence): All new applicants will be required to pay a \$5.00 application fee to be deposited in the Auxiliary treasury.

MOVED by Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA

SECONDED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH

that this be postponed until after reading of recommendations in the Officers Reports.

SO CARRIED

I was also handed the recommendation from the Past National Presidents Association that the Vice President become President-elect starting in 1996, with the understanding that she would go on to President the following year.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: The Past National Presidents have suggested that starting with next year's Vice President - she be elected with the understanding that she follow through the following year and become National President, thus giving her a year of training and observation.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Mary Willey, National Chaplain, MA
that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

PNP ANN WILLEKE: Does that mean that the Vice President will have to have a money office before she can become Vice President?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: That's not in our CR&R. We have some "unwritten rules" but they are not in the CR&R. We cannot adhere to them strictly unless they are in the CR&R.

Sister National President, we thank you for the privilege of serving on this committee and extend best wishes to you for a harmonious and constructive encampment.

Florence M. Jansson, PNP, Chairlady

Audrey Long, PDP

Ruth B. Huntington, PDP

SECRETARY FRANCES MURRAY: Sister President, I think we should tell our new members that Sister Florence Jansson is one of our highly dedicated members, and anyone who takes on the chair of that CR&R committee must be an angel. It is a thankless task. I'm sorry Florence can't be here to speak on her own behalf as she puts so many hours into that job. Sister Florence does a wonderful job. She has problems with her eyes. I don't know how she does it.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: She is 88 years young and has a lot of problems with arthritis and her knee. I appreciate all her work and I plan to send her a letter of appreciation at the end of this Encampment.

May we have a report from the committee on Revision of Blanks?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF BLANKS

I was real excited to chair this committee because I really feel there are many national forms that need to be updated and put on 8-1/2 x 11 paper. I met with PDP Peggy Frantz at the Pennsylvania Ecampment the end of June and didn't get to draft the form changes until a few weeks ago, which I sent to Peggy and PNP Dorothy Hilyard. We have drafted changes on the following forms:

Department Installation and Auxiliary Installation Blanks

We have added Council Members to the Department form and deleted Inspector and I&I Officer. We took out the National Secretary's name and address, and we reduced some lines.

We have added Trustees to the Auxiliary form and reduced some lines.

Department Patriotic Instructor and Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor Blanks

We have made the wording on the Department and Auxiliary blanks the same. We took out "No. of flags purchased by auxiliary" and changed the wording "Number of Camps and Auxiliaries Uniting Patriotic Meetings" to "Number of occasions the Camps and Auxiliaries have united in Patriotic Meetings."

Department Chaplain and Auxiliary Chaplain Blanks

We have lined up these forms the same as the Patriotic Instructors forms. We have lined up the numbers the same on both the Department and Auxiliary Forms. We reduced the number of lines. We took out Camp No. on the auxiliary form. We took out "Refreshments were furnished to Members of camp and their friends to the number of". We changed "A Committee was appointed to confer with the camp" to "How many times was a committee appointed to confer with the Camp." We added by Names of Deceased Sisters, include Name of Aux., Aux. #, Date of Death and Title.

Vice President Form

We received a request from the New York Department stating "The New York Department would like the following blanks revised. There is no Vice President blank to be used by Department Vice Presidents. We submit the following (which was sent on to members of the committee). Also the Department Patriotic Instructor blank and the National blank do not coincide. Thank you for looking into this.

THE NEW YORK DELEGATION AT THE 104TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

We concur with the request for this form and one has been drafted.

Drafts are available from the committee members should anyone wish to see them.

Frances Murray, PNP, Chair

Dorothy Hilyard, PNP

Peggy Frantz, PDP

MOVED by Betty Baker, National Council Member, #2, NY

SECONDED by Mary Willey, National Chaplain, MA

that we accept this report and the committee be discharged with thanks.

SO CARRIED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: It was a big job. May we give them a hand ladies.

Do we have a report on Restoration of Rank?

REPORT OF RESTORATION OF RANK COMMITTEE

We have received no requests for restoration of rank; therefore, I have nothing to report.

Catherine Zapatka, PNP

Emma Prince, DP

Peggy Schaefer, DP

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Mary Willey, National Chaplain, MA

that we accept the report, discharge the committee and spread in full in the Minutes.

SO CARRIED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We have the report of the Membership Coordinator. Dawn Hayner could not be here so I'm asking the Secretary to read it.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

As your Membership Coordinator (MSC) I found this quite exciting and a challenging job.

The concept is very good and I have discovered how really important this list is and will be to our organization.

Historically speaking if nothing else, I not only discovered how many of us are family members but long time members as well. It is very important that those of us who join the auxiliary find we want to stay and contribute for many years. Don't you know that I found some ladies who have been in this organization longer than I have been alive. With that in mind I would like to make a few suggestions.

If we had the date we joined/obligated, the President could acknowledge those ladies who are long time members to the rest of us and we would know who our mentors are. Even though some of these ladies are in nursing homes or retirement communities their minds are still sharp and we can get lots of suggestions from them.

By keeping these types of date we could, in the future, give ladies who are seeking to join the auxiliary information on the past family members.

By NOT dropping names from our data base but highlighting them when our members pass on, transfer or leave the area and don't choose or aren't capable of retaining membership, our history remains intact.

I would also suggest that those of us who have records of such members as mentioned above, that you send us that information. Let's pull together ladies and show the world how many strong we have been and will be again.

I would just say when asked to perform this service I didn't think it would be so time consuming. I figured all the Departments had their own information, so how hard could it be to type a few hundred names, addresses, zip codes, phone numbers, obligation dates, and statuses in a data base? Boy was I surprised. The information came in as fast as famine, I never knew what to expect. Some had names with no addresses, Auxiliaries with no number or vice-a-versa. I am in hopes that the rest of the information will be collected soon and this data base will be complete and we can see where we were, where we are, and if we are doing our job and growing. I believe we could grow, if EACH year, EACH ONE OF US, could bring IN JUST ONE new member, EVERY year we would double our numbers and soon be back to the way we started out. One year to recruit a friend is not a long time if everyone does it, but it sure is a lot of NEW members.

Should the Presidents and Secretaries of each Department want, they can send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope and I will be glad to send you your information only for updating. (I have received one request already.)

Before I send these names to anyone, I wish direction on how much I can send. Some folks don't mind their addresses given out but are real iffy about giving their phone numbers. So I need to know when the Department President and/or Secretary asks for their Department's list to update obligation dates, completed addresses and other vital information, how much do I send back to them?

I believe it should also be understood that whoever is the keeper of this data base, they not be allowed to give this information to anyone without a written request and approved by the Department and/or National President(s).

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 and should I be appointed again, I accept with enthusiasm and pleasure. If not, I would give this data base hardcopy and floppy disc (for Microsoft works 3.0) to the next Membership Coordinator and be glad to be of ANY and ALL assistance.

Margaret, I have enjoyed working with and assisting you this past year. I have gained so much. Believe me, the privilege was all mine. Frances, thank you for so much assistance. I could have never performed this service without you.

Sisters and Madam President, I pray you Have a GOOD and HARMONIOUS National Encampment.

Dawn Hayner
Membership Coordinator

SECRETARY FRANCES MURRAY: On Dawn's request of sending names out, it is my thought only the National Secretary or the National President do this because we're up-to-date on the members. If you get too many fingers in the pie, it gets very confusing. I think this is a delicate situation. I did intend to send it to the Department Presidents and Department Secretaries for updating myself because we have a lot of fine tuning to do this year.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Dawn did a fantastic job this past year. It was not easy. In the process we "lost" some members, but didn't really "lose" them, as we just didn't keep correct records to know they were no longer members. Some members had passed away, some were no longer interested. Somewhere along the line, records got fouled up, yet we ended up with an increase in membership. We can't exist as an organization without knowing who belongs to it. We've taken a vital first step. During this past year I instructed Dawn that she was not to be writing to people for items or sending them items, that it should all go through the National Secretary. Dawn is a loyal, hardworking member but we do have to keep some control over lists of names and addresses. This year we will try to refine this list. If we can start with every new member we take in and keep that information, we're helping to build up the history our National Historian is trying to keep for us.

May we have the report of the Resolutions Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED that we extend to our Commander-in-Chief and his staff of officers, our sincere thanks as well as good wishes for a most successful Encampment.

WHEREAS: the management and employees of the Radisson Hotel have been most generous in their hospitality and have made our stay pleasant,

BE IT RESOLVED that we show our appreciation and thanks by authorizing our National Secretary to write a letter of appreciation and thanks to the manager.

In closing our report, we would like to leave these words with you:

*When you sow the seeds of love,
You know someday you'll reap
A Harvest of God's blessings,
Which you may share and keep.*

We know Sister President you will reap a Harvest at this your Encampment. Sister National President, this completes the report of this Committee on Resolutions. Thank you for appointing us to this committee.

Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, Chair, MD/DE
Mary Sampson, PDP, MA
Ruth Huntington, PDP, CT

MOVED by National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, ME

SECONDED by PDP Mary Jo Long, PA

that we accept this report, spread it in the Proceedings and the committee be discharged with thanks.

SO CARRIED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: May we have the Rehabilitation Report.

REPORT OF REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

	No. of Items	Cash Value
Afghans, Lap Robes	58	\$ 2,115.00
Books, Magazines	959	985.00
Cancelled Stamps	18,668	931.00
Cards Sent (b'day, convalescent, sympathy)	2,362	2,362.00
Cash	--	3,163.00
Flowers, Plants	207	2,020.00
Foods--Canned, Casseroles, Cakes, etc.	294	3,803.00
Hours Volunteered	13,429	53,793.00
Knitted Garments (hats, mittens, sox, booties)	259	867.50
Mileage Volunteered	14,811	19,182.51
Parties Hosted (at Nursing Homes, Hospitals)	103	1,991.25
Playing Cards	50	114.75
Scrap Books	9	20.00
Toys or Games	200	633.50
Used Clothing	1,620	5,759.00
Used Greeting Cards	2,867	2,867.00
Other: Food labels, register receipts, furniture, eyeglasses, bandages, comfort items, and baskets and gifts for veterans and battered women	<u>1,652</u>	<u>2,115.52</u>
TOTALS	41,349	\$102,723.43

SPECIAL MENTION:

MAINE- Made cookies for Veterans at Overlook and also gave comfort items.

CONN.- Transport eyes for the Eye Bank. Work at Church for fair. Work at the Veterans Home and Hospital. Type work for Department and Auxiliary.

N.Y. - Worked for Salvation Army at Christmas kettles, with patients who have had operations. Made bandages for Mission. Donated furniture and building materials. Also donated prizes for Bingo.

OHIO - Made Easter Baskets for Veterans.

MD/DEL - Drive Senior Citizens to doctors, church and for groceries. Also gave to several charities.

Mary Scofield, PDP, CT
Rehabilitation Chairman

SECRETARY FRANCES MURRAY: It never fails to amaze me the wonderful work that we do - and imagine what is not reported by people. Personally, I thank everybody for doing it.

MOVED by Frances Murray, National Treasurer, ME

SECONDED by Linda Fields, PDP, NY

that this beautiful report be accepted with thanks, put in the Minutes and the committee discharged with thanks.

SO CARRIED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I do wish to compliment all our members on what they do. I have heard that the Rehabilitation Report is difficult to fill out. I would like during the coming year to have a committee work on that to see if they can make the report a little more understandable to the membership. I think many things we do are not reported simply because someone looks at the report and says I don't understand this, and then doesn't fill the report out.

Department Presidents reports read this morning: Maine, Maryland-Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

Department President Peggy Schaefer remarked: I'd just like to take a few minutes to tell you about Ida McKinley, seeing as Mr. Schaeffer has some of her artifacts in the Museum. She was the first working girl to become the first lady. An officer of the bank, she was a smart cookie. All you ever hear about her is that she was sickly when she was first lady. A few years before Mr. McKinley became President, she lost one of her children and her mother and they were both very sick for a very long time. That sapped all of her strength. A few weeks after her mother died, her only other child got very sick and quickly died and poor Ida had a total breakdown and never quite recovered, but she was a very smart lady.

Chaplain Mary Willey closed the Bible and we recessed at 11:40 a.m.

Fifth Session
Saturday Afternoon, August 12, 1995

The Bible was opened by Chaplain Mary Willey.

National-President Margaret Atkinson gave the obligation to Kris Parks of the Ohio Department.

A brief synopsis of the Minutes of the morning session were given and declared approved as read.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Dorris Schlenker, would you give the Officers Report?

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

Greetings: Another year of service has become part of the history of our National Organization as we meet here in Columbus, Ohio to review the work of the past year and make plans for the future.

Before touching on each individual National Officer, both elected and appointed, we feel it is most fitting that we pay tribute to the combined efforts of all officers during this year. All of these officers have worked well together and we thank them sincerely for their service to our organization.

National President Margaret Atkinson has truly given a year of dedicated service. Through her untiring efforts, membership has grown. Conditions today are vastly different than many years ago, and getting auxiliaries organized seems so much more complicated, but she has persevered, seeing that the right steps were taken and then followed through to reality. On one occasion during her travels, she, herself, instituted a new auxiliary.

She has dreams of what she would like to see accomplished during her year of office. We hope her dreams will be fulfilled for the benefit and betterment of our Order.

Her messages to the Departments she has visited were received with enthusiasm. Being informative and knowledgeable makes for good leadership, and she has shown these qualities throughout her administration. Her many miles of travel to visit our Departments, to participate in ceremonies or just to inform others of our Organization has been done with sincere dedication to our Order. We are most grateful to her for her years of loyalty and service to our Auxiliary - and especially for this year's dedication to all duties required of her office. To National President Margaret Atkinson, we rise, and sincerely thank you, with three cheers - "Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray!"

Recommendations:

1. **That the Per Capita Tax be changed to \$1.00 per member.**

The Committee concurs.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT

that the Committee not be sustained.

A thorough discussion was held concerning the issues involved. Comments were made as follows... former Budget Director told us for some years we would need an increase in per capita... concern was voiced that small auxiliaries would be lost... it was suggested that cuts should be made in expenses, such as printing... suggestion made to increase per capita to 75 cents... reference was made to report given by Sons National Treasurer Richard Orr who stated dues were doubled in one year, but growth of Sons took about six years... member questioned how cuts could be made when increased number of members would require more postage, etc... felt increase would be difficult for elderly and college students... request made to allow National Treasurer and Secretary a year to devise savings... members reminded increase would add up to only 25 cents per week, with other organizations charging \$15 to \$20 per year... Statement that we expect too much from National Chief-of-Staff and Patriotic Instructor.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We have a motion before the floor to not sustain this recommendation, that means not approve the dollar per capita tax.

SO CARRIED (not to approve raising per capita to \$1.00)

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH, **SECONDED** by Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT
that we do raise the Per Capita Tax to 75 cents a quarter.
SO CARRIED

SECRETARY FRANCES MURRAY: Sister President, my question is when does this start? Your General Orders won't be out before the quarterly reports are due Sept. 30th. I think it's going to have to start Dec. 30th.

MOVED by National Secretary Frances Murray, ME
SECONDED by National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, ME
that this increase in Per Capita tax become effective with the December 30th Quarterly Report.
SO CARRIED

The second recommendation really depended on how the first one was answered. In her report National President Margaret says if the above dues increase is approved, the dues for Membership at Large would have to be changed. The fee for the Banner has gone from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per year. The increase would have to reflect that change also. The following recommendation is computed on a \$1.00 per capita tax and \$6.00 a year subscription to the Banner, so the recommendation was:

2. The application fee is \$10.00 and the annual dues are fifteen dollars (\$15), six dollars of which is to be used for a subscription to the Banner

The Committee concurs.

Now the committee, since they had concurred with the 1st recommendation, also concurred with the 2nd recommendation but this is going to probably make a difference.

MOVED by PNP Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
SECONDED by PNP Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT
that we sustain the committee.

In answer to questions, President Margaret explained that currently the application fee for Membership at Large is \$10 and dues \$10 yearly. Cost of Banner has increased \$2 and per capita tax is now being increased... suggestion that the recommendation include the words "Membership at Large"... comment made that MAL members do not attend meetings and so cannot participate in fund-raising... question as to what is done with MAL application fees and dues... Treasurer explained fee goes to National, and dues are used for expenses of MAL Auxiliary, postage, per capita, Banner cost, recruiting packets mailed to prospects, etc... members of MAL have been nucleus of new auxiliaries. Retiring MAL Coordinator Orma Altland recounted some of her experiences with the MAL Auxiliary, and was thanked by the President for her service.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: The recommendation was that the application fee was \$10.00 and annual dues is \$15.00, \$6.00 of which is to pay for the Banner. A Motion has been made and seconded that we sustain the committee. We added a few words that this refers to Membership at Large.

SO CARRIED

3. The Director of the Budget shall prepare a budget for the coming year to be presented to the delegates at the annual encampment. After discussion, deletions, or additions, the final budget will be adopted by approval of the members. This budget would be printed in the First General Order sent to the membership after the National Encampment. The Committee concurs.

MOVED by Betty Baker, National Council Member #2, NY
SECONDED by Mary Willey, National Chaplain, MA
that the committee be sustained, to be effective August 1996.
SO CARRIED

4. That the sum of \$500 be set aside during the year 1995-96 for the use of the publicity committee to cover postage and advertising costs.

The committee does not concur.

We had quite a discussion in our committee and although we do believe that some money should be set aside for advertising, we did not all agree on the \$500.00, figure, so, therefore, we did not concur with this recommendation.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY

that the committee be sustained (in other words, we are not setting aside \$500 for the year 1995-96 to cover postage and advertising).

SO CARRIED

5. That all new applicants will be required to pay a \$5.00 application fee over and above any fees charged by the local auxiliary. This surcharge would be forwarded to the National Treasurer for deposit in the advertising fund.

The committee concurs.

SECRETARY FRANCES: Sister President, we kind of dubbed around with the CR&R Report until we came to this and Florence Jansson has said that if there is any question on the committee's suggestion, the Sons on Page 8 of the C&R regulations, Article 7, Finances, Section 1, say: "each camp shall regulate its dues and fees for revenues provided the minimum fee shall not be less than \$10.00 of which one-half shall be forwarded to the Department Treasurer with the Quarterly Per Capita Tax report. No part of the admission fee shall be credited for any other purpose."

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I don't quite know how the Sons are doing it but every new applicant to the Sons pays a fee and the camp must send \$5.00 of it to the National for the advertising fund. That's how they are getting money to advertise to get new members.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by National Secretary Frances Murray, ME

that we sustain the committee and when the other thing comes up, vote either up or down.

SO CARRIED

MOVED by Betty Baker, National Council Member #2, NY

SECONDED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH

that this not go into effect until January 1, 1996.

SO CARRIED

6. That the Sons be given a love gift of \$250.

The committee concurs.

MOVED by National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, ME

SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT

that the committee be sustained.

It was asked if the Sons need our \$250 gift as they have \$170,000 in their treasury.

PNP DORRIS SCHLENKER: They don't need it back but it is a token of love. It's been going on for years. We did cut it in half. We get it back. They give us a lot too.

SO CARRIED

7. That we give our usual love token to Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison of \$60.

The committee concurs.

MOVED by National Secretary Frances Murray, ME

SECONDED by Mary Willey, National Chaplain, MA

that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

PNP BEATRICE GREENWALT: Sister President, can I ask why \$60, why not \$50 or \$75?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Bea, I have heard this question asked at every convention I have attended for the past several years. I have no idea where we got the figure of \$60. Simply following precedent, I put in \$60.00 too.

8. That we continue giving the scholarship of \$350.00 and it be the personal choice of the President.

The committee concurs.

PNP DORRIS SCHLENKER: Maybe some day when we're flush like the Sons, we can raise our scholarship too. They are now giving \$2,000.

MOVED by Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE

SECONDED by Emma Prince, DP, CT

that the committee be sustained

SO CARRIED

9. We continue to appoint a new auxiliary organizing committee, supply them with letterheads and envelopes, and place the sum of \$100.00 in the budget to cover costs incurred in the performance of their duties.

The committee concurs.

MOVED by National Secretary Frances Murray, ME

SECONDED by Betty Baker, National Council Member #2, NY

that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

10. That the Membership-at-Large Coordinator keep the new auxiliary committee supplied with the names and addresses of the membership for possible use in organizing auxiliaries.

The committee concurs.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Betty Baker, National Council Member #2, NY

that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

11. That the incoming President appoint a committee to write up detailed instructions of the duties of each National Officer to assist them in the performance of their duties. The National Secretary will distribute these instructions to the new officers each year.

The committee concurs.

MOVED by Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE

SECONDED by Betty Baker, National Council Member #2, NY

that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

National Vice President Marguerite Plante has held herself in readiness to promptly assume her duties with dignity. As Chairman of the Membership Committee, it is most painful to witness decline in membership in spite of efforts to gain new members. Membership is the major problem we must face each year and continuous loss is disheartening to all of us. We must all, make an honest effort to stop this downward trend, and put more effort in educating women of the existence of our Order - continue our membership drive - sign them up and give our National Vice President something positive to report.

Our grateful thanks to Sister Marguerite for the services she has rendered this year.

National Council Members Florence Spring (her substitute at National Ora Moitoso), Betty Baker and Margaret Joy: Your office is one of great importance. You held yourselves in readiness should you be called on during the year by the National President. You have carefully audited the books of the National Secretary

and National Treasurer and rendered a report to this Encampment. You have carried out your duties as required and we sincerely thank you for your willingness to serve.

Recommendations:

1. **That any new Charter issued must be closed after 60 days.**

The committee concurs.

MOVED by Emma Prince, DP, CT

SECONDED by Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA

that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

2. **Whereas there has been many occasions where extraordinary services have been rendered, the National Body should offer a Certificate of Recognition.**

The committee concurs.

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY

SECONDED by Janice Dawson, DP, NY

that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

National Secretary Frances Murray has completed another year of efficiency. Her knowledge of the work of our Order is outstanding. Her promptness in discharging her duties and her willingness to be of assistance to the Department Secretaries is most gratifying. Her correspondence is informative and sometimes humorous. She has fulfilled her office with dedicated love, and for this we say "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!"

Recommendations:

1. **That we re-order 5,000 or more brochures of the history of the Auxiliary.**

The committee concurs.

MOVED by Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA

SECONDED by Emma Prince, DP, CT

that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

PDP JACKIE JOHNSTON: I would like to suggest that she look into ordering 10,000 or 15,000. There could be a difference of about \$150.00 as opposed to another printing and we wouldn't get all of those set up charges. We ought to get a large supply.

2. **That the incoming National President appoint a committee to look into changing the style and printing of the Proceedings.**

The committee concurs.

MOVED by Emma Prince, DP, CT

SECONDED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY

that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

3. **That the interest from the Permanent Fund investments be used for expenses of handling Life Membership, Honor Roll and Membership-at-Large.**

The committee concurs.

MOVED by Eileen Coombs, National Treasurer, ME

SECONDED by Joan Cancelliere, PA

that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, you have been in charge of 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 National Organization. You have been ever alert to any changes that may effect any of our funds and we thank you for being our "Watch Dog" and guarding our finances. Thank you for your dedicated service.

Recommendation:

1. **That the interest from the Permanent Fund investments be used for expenses of handling the Life Memberships, Honor Roll and Members-at-Large.**

The committee concurs. (This was covered in Nat. Sec. recommendation #3.)

National Patriotic Instructor Michelle Langley has presented to us a complete report of patriotic work done by our various Departments and we are grateful to her for consolidating this information for our records. This is only part of her duties. Raising funds for our patriotic work done on the national level was also her responsibility, and we feel certain that when her financial report is given, we will all be pleased with her efforts. We express our sincere thanks to you, Michelle, for your dedication and loyalty to our organization. Keep the flag flying!

National Chaplain Mary Willey with the full realization of the importance of this office and the duties connected with it, has in a gracious and dignified manner 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 on Memorial Day activities. 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. Thank you, Mary.

National Press Correspondent Martha Wilson, we know it is your earnest desire to have Auxiliary news on the front page of every newspaper printed across our nation - but we know that unless we commit a crime - we'll probably never make the front page. We do thank you, however, for every effort you have made to promote interest in our Order. You have served with a willing heart, and any bit of newsworthy material you have accumulated is worthy of a hand of applause for our star reporter. Thank you.

National Director of the Budget Esther Peiper, the "Little Giant" in charge of guarding the expenditures of our National Organization. Her untiring efforts and devotion to the National Auxiliary do not go unnoticed. She has been keeping a watchful eye on the financial structure of our Order and has been most efficient in fulfilling the duties of her office even though her health was not the best it could be. Esther, we extend our sincerest thanks for your service and devotion to this organization. Let's hear it for Esther. (applause!)
DIRECTOR OF BUDGET ESTHER PEIPER: Thank you. Thank you all. I appreciate it.

Recommendations:

1. **Recommend that Per Capita Tax be raised to \$1.00 per quarter, per each member**

The committee concurs. (already taken care of)

2. **Recommend when there is a no show of Department and Auxiliary National Delegates at National Encampment in August, that we set a fine of \$5.00 per absent Delegate of Department and Auxiliary. That a notice be sent by National Secretary to Departments and Auxiliaries of the amount of fine which is due and payable with December 30th Quarterly report for their absent Delegates.**

The committee does not concur.

The committee really gave this a lot of study but we do not concur with this recommendation.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Michelle Langley, National Patriotic Instructor, NY
that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

3. **Recommend that Life Membership be revised to cover the drop in interest rates, as follows:**

\$300.00 for Life Membership up to age 65 years.

\$200.00 for Life Membership from 65 to 70 years.

\$100.00 for Life Membership from 70 years and over.

The committee does not concur.

This we threw around a bit too and the committee did not concur.

MOVED by Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, CT
 that the committee be sustained.
SO CARRIED

PNP BEATRICE GREENWALT: Sister President, can I put a motion in at this point in regard to that or do I have to wait until later?

PRESIDENT MARGARET: If it's in regard to the same thing, we might as well work it out.

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
SECONDED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH
 that we do not send back money to the Auxiliaries on Life members.

PDP JACKIE JOHNSTON: I am a Life Member, my children are Life Members. I think that the Sons, from what I understand, have a little problem with their Departments and the Life Membership and so they have the interest. I do not believe they touch their principal at all, but have been returning to the Sons camp anything divided by the Life Members that is over and above the Per Capita Tax required for the National Organization. In the womens, I personally do not care if my Life Membership for my Auxiliary receives anything. If my Department requires it, I would be glad to pay that. As I understand Life Membership, it was to keep you within the National Organization. Should the Department of New Hampshire, which you know is very small as is Vermont and a few others, come to the point where they could not have a Department, I would still be a member of an Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, something that I want to do until the day I die. But that \$6.00 that we turn around and return to you for \$3.00, we pay postage two ways, the cost of the check, the cost of processing the check - for what - \$3.00? I believe from what Sister Esther told us, we've been dipping into other funds to pay this. I heartily concur with this Motion.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: For those new members who might not totally be familiar with this, if a person joins Life Membership, National, after the first year, gives back to their Auxiliary \$6.00 each year and that is supposed to be used towards their dues in their particular Auxiliary.

This issue also elicited a good many opinions and comments as follows: Life Members should be sent Certificates and no payment made to local Auxiliary... question raised whether anyone would be interested in becoming Life Member if they still had to pay dues to local auxiliary... Sons Camps do not pay per capita to National for Life Members... some Departments would still want their own per capita paid... how would Department Secretary identify Life Members... some Auxiliaries hold the payments from National instead of depositing promptly... notation could be made on per capita form for those who are Life Members and on whom they are not paying per capita... Sons invest their fee from Life Members, pay the per capita for each member from the interest and divide the remainder among the local camps with Life Members... Auxiliary is not getting sufficient interest to pay \$6 per year per Life Member to auxiliaries... Sons' fees for Life Membership are much higher than ours.

PNP EMMA WHEELER: I think that we ought to leave it alone this year because it's in her books what she has to do as National Treasurer. I hope she will come in next year with a recommendation to do exactly what you people say. Let her make the recommendation next year. Leave it alone this year.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: We have a Motion on the floor by Bea Greenwalt, seconded by Jackie Johnston, that we do not send money back. If we're going to change this to another Motion, we're going to have to deal with that one first.

A Motion has been made and seconded that we do not send back money to the Auxiliaries on Life Members.

SO CARRIED

MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH
SECONDED by Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA
 that effective January 1st, 1996, the Departments subtract the number of Life Members from their Per Capita Tax. They do not pay Per Capita Tax for Life Members.
SO CARRIED

4. Recommend that we set the amount for advertisement from the floor each year.

The committee concurs.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

SECONDED by Mary Willey, National Chaplain, MA
that the committee be sustained.

SO CARRIED

MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH

SECONDED by Marguerite Plante, National Vice President, RI
that we set aside \$200.00 this year for expenses of the committee for
advertising, publicity and postage.

SO CARRIED

Washington Representative Dorris Schlenker serves with gratitude. To have the honor to represent the National Auxiliary at all ceremonies, Patriotic functions or other appropriate occasions in or near the Nation's Capital is indeed a privilege. With a direct line to the White House, she is able to keep abreast of any problems that may arise, and takes quick action to make things peaceful. Thanks for the confidence placed in your Washington Representative.

National Membership at Large Coordinator Orma Altland served in this capacity for several years before it became an elected office. Her dedication in signing up members who do not live where there might be auxiliaries is to be complimented. It takes a lot of time and devotion responding to all inquiries regarding membership, approving applications, making out quarterly reports and submitting them with Per Capita Tax to National. She renders annual membership financial reports and keeps National informed of any address changes and still recruits and publicizes our National Auxiliary. We thank you Orma for your loyalty to your duties, especially this past year when your health has declined. Let's give Orma a rising vote of thanks.

National Historian Bea Greenwalt, having collected and preserved all historical and biographical material pertaining to the Civil War or to members of the Order, we are indebted to you for your devotion to this important office. It takes a person with a lot of patience to compile and categorize historical information. Again, our thanks to you!

National Counselor Dorris Schlenker has been willing to advise the National President whenever an occasion should arise. It was an honor to be asked to serve in this capacity. My opinions were so just, impartial and wise, that discord did not appear, but harmony and unity alone prevailed among us. Your humble servant says "Thanks."

National Chief of Staff Martha Johnson, your devotion to your office is a feather in your cap. It is so helpful when one serves with Ambition, Beauty, Charm, Daintiness, Efficiency, Fortitude, Gaiety, Happiness, Imagination, Joyfulness, Kindness, Love, Mirth, Novelty, Obedience, Passion, Quaintness, Radiation, Satisfaction, Taste. Unification, Value, Willingness, and I could go through the whole alphabet but don't know words that start with X, Y and Z.

The point is, you have served to the utmost in making sure arrangements are pleasant for all in attendance, a memorable occasion for our National President and, most importantly, funds are earned for the National Auxiliary.

For all this, you merit our grateful thanks and applause.

National Personal Aide Amanda Kroger - to accept a National office at such a tender age is admirable. We know the National President had a lot of confidence in you when she made her appointment.

You have served her well throughout the year, being helpful with many incidental chores. Your devotion to your duties has not gone unnoticed. Thank you so much for making the National President's year a little easier.

The Committee on Officers Reports offers our warmest congratulations and thanks to all the National Officers. We realize that one officer alone can accomplish very little, but the combined efforts of all the officers makes for a successful administration.

This completes our report to this national body. We trust our work has been pleasing to you and to the delegates.

Dorris W. Schlenker, PNP, MD-DE, Chairman
Jacqueline Johnson, PDP, NH
Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA
Florence Foight, PDP, MD-DE

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Thank you very much. You did a great job. I gave you a lot of work to do.

MOVED by Eileen Coombs, National Treasurer, ME
SECONDED by Mary Willey, National Chaplain, MA
 that we accept the Officers Report, spread it in full in the Minutes
 and the committee be discharged with thanks.
SO CARRIED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Before we go into the Patriotic Instructor's report, I need to bring up one item which was recommended by the Publicity Committee, which we have not addressed. They made three recommendations. We have talked about the surcharge and we talked about the funding. We had a second recommendation which you recall we hung over from yesterday, that a person from each Department be appointed by the National President to handle advertising - periodicals for the genealogical society, Sons newsletters, public libraries, reenactors releases, and other Civil War related periodicals. This recommendation is to ensure the Departments will participate in the advertising programs set forth by National to gain membership. The Vice President is to work for increasing membership but is not encouraged to spend money to advertise. The Press Correspondent's duties are to write the news of our work and deeds; however, advertising for new members is a job of its own.

PDP JACKIE JOHNSTON: Sister President, I would say no - not from the National President. I think it would be nice if the Department President wanted to appoint someone to work with the National.

MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PDP, NH
SECONDED by Emma Prince, DP, CT
 that we put in the General Orders that National would like to have
 the Department appoint someone to be a liaison with the National committee
 for advertising and publicity.
SO CARRIED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Would the National Patriotic Instructor like to come up and give her report.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC	15.00			15.00
Millie Gentile, PDP		2.00		2.00
Margaret Mann, PDP		2.00		2.00
Sale of Chances			6.00	6.00
TOTALS	\$15.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$25.00
CONNECTICUT	20.00			20.00
Ann Willeke, PNP		10.00		10.00
Mary Scofield, PDP		5.00		5.00
Emma Prince, PDP		5.00		5.00
Catherine Zapatka, PNP		10.00		10.00
Ruth Huntington, PDP		5.00		5.00
Alyce Ponticelli, PDP		10.00		10.00
Mary Buchanan, PDP		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			18.00	18.00
TOTALS	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$18.00	\$88.00
ILLINOIS				
Florence Forbey, PNP		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			5.00	5.00
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
IOWA				
Aux. #8		10.00		10.00
Aux. #16		5.00		5.00

Myldred Scholfield		5.00		5.00
Vilola Hearshman		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			20.00	20.00
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$45.00
MAINE	10.00			10.00
T.W. Hyde Aux. #11		5.00		5.00
Eileen Coombs, PNP		5.00		5.00
Frances Murray, PNP		10.00		10.00
Margaret Joy, Nat'l Council		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			15.00	15.00
TOTALS	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$50.00
MARYLAND / DELAWARE	10.00			10.00
Dorris W. Schlenker, PNP		15.00		15.00
Dorothy Hilyard, PNP		5.00		5.00
Mary Alsip, D Treas.		5.00		5.00
Lincoln Cushing Auxiliary		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances			4.00	4.00
TOTALS	\$10.00	\$35.00	\$4.00	\$49.00
MASSACHUSETTS	25.00			25.00
Betty Mellor, PDP		10.00		10.00
Jennie Russell, PNP		10.00		10.00
Clark Mellor, PCNC		5.00		5.00
Minnie Madeiros, PNP		10.00		10.00
Mary Willey, DP		1.00		1.00
Mary Sampson, PDP		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances			8.00	8.00
TOTALS	\$25.00	\$46.00	\$8.00	\$79.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE	10.00			10.00
Winnifred Bassett, PDP		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances			5.00	5.00
TOTALS	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
NEW JERSEY	10.00			10.00
Aux. #18, Trenton, Garfield		10.00		10.00
Anne O. Clayton, PNP		15.00		15.00
Marion Combs, PNP		15.00		15.00
Margaret Schroeder, PNP		10.00		10.00
Florence Jansson, PNP		5.00		5.00
Elizabeth Sharpe, PDP		2.00		2.00
M. Helen Loll, PDP		15.00		15.00
Sale of Chances			18.00	18.00
TOTALS	\$10.00	\$72.00	\$18.00	\$100.00
NEW YORK	50.00			50.00
Aux. #72		150.00		150.00
Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP		5.36		5.36
NY Dept. Past. Pres. Club		5.00		5.00
NY Delegation at Nat'l		7.00		7.00
Aux. #72 Family Picnic		8.00		8.00
Julia Crowe		3.00		3.00
Elizabeth Orman, PDP		10.00		10.00
Marion Martini		5.00		5.00
Evelyn Krantz, PDP		10.00		10.00
Vivian Russell, PDP		1.00		1.00

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James Russell, PDC		1.00		1.00
Bettye Myers, PDP		10.00		10.00
Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP		40.00		40.00
Rose Lovette		10.00		10.00
Cecelia Granger		16.00		16.00
Jennifer Pedley		3.00		3.00
Janice Miller		5.00		5.00
Maude Baker, PDP		11.00		11.00
Virginia Twist, PDP		5.00		5.00
Hope Twist		5.00		5.00
Vern Ready		1.00		1.00
Luella Fields, PDP		6.00		6.00
Joe Rippey, PCNC		2.00		2.00
Laurie Austin		1.00		1.00
Marsha Rorick		2.00		2.00
Hazel Sunburg		1.00		1.00
Beverly MacDowell		1.00		1.00
Carol Jackson		1.00		1.00
Janice Dawson, DP		20.00		20.00
Linda Fields, PDP		20.00		20.00
Doug Smith, DC		5.00		5.00
Jackie Furman		5.00		5.00
Ruth Evelien		1.00		1.00
Cindy Dorser		1.00		1.00
Kathy Price		1.00		1.00
Anne Colburn		1.00		1.00
Catherine Purnell		1.00		1.00
Vanessa Christ		1.00		1.00
Hilda Canan, PDP		3.00		3.00
Ester Humphrey		1.50		1.50
Elsa Gibbons, PDP		5.00		5.00
Janet Hilyer		10.00		10.00
Kathryn Foit		20.00		20.00
Betty Baker, PDP		10.00		10.00
Joyce & Richard Young		20.00		20.00
Michelle Langley, PDP		40.00		40.00
Sale of Chances			85.00	85.00
TOTALS	\$50.00	\$490.86	\$85.00	\$625.86
OHIO	10.00			
Auxiliary #91		5.00		5.00
Johnston Auxiliary		10.00		10.00
Lilly McCollough		10.00		10.00
Orma Altland, PDP		15.00		15.00
Judy Morgan, PDP		5.00		5.00
Betty Coen, PDP		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			10.00	10.00
TOTALS	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$70.00
PENNSYLVANIA	25.00			
A.M. Ross Auxiliary #1		10.00		10.00
Auxiliary #10		10.00		10.00
Audrey Long		10.00		10.00
Martha Johnson, Nat'l C/Staff		10.00		10.00
Esther Peiper, PNP		20.00		20.00
Margaret Atkinson, Nat'l Pres.		10.00		10.00
Margaret Atkinson (postage)		5.00		5.00
Peggy Frantz, PDP		5.00		5.00
Martha Wilson		5.00		5.00

Mem./P.C. Ralph E. Peiper		20.00		20.00
Sale of Chances			30.00	30.00
TOTALS	\$25.00	\$105.00	\$30.00	\$160.00
RHODE ISLAND	25.00			
Collection / Living Hist. Table		20.00		20.00
Mary Mierka, DP		5.00		5.00
Maureen Parmenter		5.00		5.00
Diane Feather		5.00		5.00
Mary Carpenter		5.00		5.00
Marguerite Plante, PDP		10.00		10.00
Barbara Mierka		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			15.00	15.00
TOTALS	\$25.00	\$55.00	\$15.00	\$95.00
VERMONT	20.00			
Adeline Durkee, PDP		5.00		5.00
TOTALS	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE				
Fern Rose Swanson	5.00			\$5.00

Special Projects

Car Hopping at 1994 Nat'l Convention	13.00
Sale of Pads	94.00
Sale and Raffle at Gettysburg	164.00
Car Wash - Auxiliary #72	60.00
Penny Jug - Auxiliary #72 meetings	44.61
Yard Sale	101.00
Pop Cans	<u>87.80</u>
	\$564.41

Club Donations

Ann's Nutmeggers	10.00
Anne's Orchids	10.00
Bea's Busy Bees	10.00
Caroline's 76'ers	5.00
Dorothy's Peach Blossoms	10.00
Doris' Wild Daisies	10.00
Edith's Glow Worms	10.00
Eileen's Golden Pages	5.00
Ethel's First Ladies	10.00
Florence's 4 B's	12.50
Florence's Violets	10.00
Fran's Fans	15.00
Isabelle's Liberty Girls	5.00
Jennie's Jewels	10.00
Kitty's Kittens	10.00
Lady Esther	15.00
Lil's Baystaters	5.00
Margaret's Marvels	10.00
Margaret's Victory Girls	10.00
Marion's Maidens	15.00
Mary's Cherry Blossoms	5.00
Minnie's Whalers	10.00
Nellie's Belles	5.00

Ora's Golden Girls	10.00
Stella's Stars.....	5.00
Flora's Flora Dora Girls.....	5.00
Spring's Chickens	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$257.50

Expenses

Ticket Printing	40.00
Pads.....	60.00
Printing.....	5.00
Postage	44.80
Raffle Items.....	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$199.80

Income Totals

Department Donations	215.00
Personal Donations	997.86
Chances Sold by Mail	239.00
Club Donations	257.50
Special Projects.....	564.41
Chances at National	54.00
Sales at National.....	77.80
New England Regional Association.....	15.00
Ritualistic Work Collection.....	19.00
Fifty-dollar bill.....	<u>111.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$2550.57

Grand Total **\$2250.57**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those sisters who donated cash or items for my table or drawing. Words fail to express my sincere appreciation to my own Department and Auxiliary for the loyal support given me this year. To each and everyone, my sincere thanks.

Michelle Langley
National Patriotic Instructor

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Fantanstic job, Michelle. You have heard the reading of this report, what is your pleasure?

MOVED by Janice Dawson, Department President of New York for the New York Delegation

SECONDED by PNP Dorris Schlenker, MD-DE
that we give Michelle Langley another rising vote of thanks and that her report be spread in full in the Minutes.

SO CARRIED

TREASURER EILEEN COOMBS: I would like to tell the membership that these two money officers, National Patriotic Instructor and National Chief of Staff, have been so cordial and kind and cooperative all year. It has made my job a lot easier keeping track of the money. They have been so faithful about letting me know each time that we agreed.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: Sister Martha, are you ready with the financial report of the National Chief of Staff?

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

1994-95 Financial Report of National Chief-of-Staff	<u>Dept. Donation</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CALIFORNIA	25.00			25.00
Sale of Chances			5.00	5.00
TOTALS	25.00		5.00	\$30.00
CONNECTICUT	20.00			20.00
PDP Emma Prince		5.00		5.00
PDP Ruth Huntington		10.00		10.00
PNP Catherine Zapadka		20.00		20.00
PDP Mary Scofield		10.00		10.00
PDP Anne E. Willeke		10.00		10.00
PDP Alyce Ponticelli		10.00		10.00
PDP Mary Buchanan		5.00		5.00
Aide, Joan Buchanan		15.00		15.00
Aide, Mary Scofield		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances:			40.00	40.00
TOTALS	\$20.00	\$95.00	\$40.00	\$155.00
ILLINOIS				
PNP Florence Forbey		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances:			5.00	5.00
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
IOWA	5.00		5.00	10.00
Aux. #16 (M. Schofield)		5.00		5.00
PDP JoAnn Wheeler		10.00		10.00
Myldrid E. Schofield		5.00		5.00
Viola Hearshman (Budrevich)		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances:			5.00	5.00
TOTALS	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$30.00
MAINE	15.00			15.00
PNP Frances Murray		10.00		10.00
PNP Eileen Coombs		5.00		5.00
PDP Margaret Joy		10.00		10.00
PDP Elizabeth Ferrin		10.00		10.00
Aux. #11 (F. Murray)		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances:			30.00	30.00
TOTALS	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$85.00
MARYLAND/DELAWARE	10.00			10.00
PNP & PCinC Schlenkers		20.00		20.00
PNP Dorothy Hilyard		5.00		5.00
Lincoln-Cushing Aux.		10.00		10.00
Appomattox Aux. #2		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances:			1.00	1.00
TOTALS	\$10.00	\$45.00	\$1.00	\$56.00
MASSACHUSETTS	25.00			25.00
PDP Mary Sampson		5.00		5.00
PDP Betty Mellor		20.00		20.00
PCinC Clark Mellor		20.00		20.00
PNP Jennie Russell		5.00		5.00

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PCinC Clark Mellor		10.00		10.00
PNP Minnie Medieros		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances:			54.00	54.00
TOTALS	\$25.00	\$70.00	\$54.00	\$149.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE	10.00			10.00
Winnifred Bassett		15.00		15.00
Sandra Burrows (Aux. #7)		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances:			5.00	5.00
TOTALS	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$40.00
NEW JERSEY	15.00			15.00
PNP Anne O. Clayton		25.00		25.00
PNP Marion Combs		15.00		15.00
PNP Margaret Schroeder		10.00		10.00
PNP Anne O. Clayton		21.50		21.50
PDP M. Helen Loll		15.00		15.00
Aux. #18		10.00		10.00
Aides, Aux. #18		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances:			15.00	15.00
TOTALS	\$15.00	\$106.50	\$15.00	\$136.50
NEW YORK	25.00			25.00
PNP Beatrice Greenwalt		5.00		5.00
NPI Michelle Langley		5.00		5.00
PDP Betty J. Baker		5.00		5.00
PDP Evelyn Krantz		5.00		5.00
PCinC Norman Furman		7.00		7.00
Aux. #72		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances:			49.00	49.00
TOTALS	\$25.00	\$37.00	\$49.00	\$111.00
OHIO	10.00			10.00
PDP Orma Altland		15.00		15.00
Lilly McCollough (Aux. #106)		10.00		10.00
Sarah Cherry (in memory of her father, Ralph E. Peiper)		20.00		10.00
Sale of Chances:			13.00	13.00
TOTALS	\$10.00	\$40.00	\$13.00	\$68.00
PENNSYLVANIA	50.00			50.00
NPC Martha Wilson		5.00		5.00
PNP Esther Peiper		20.00		20.00
PDP Audrey Long		10.00		10.00
MaryAnn Beckage (Aux. #10)		5.00		5.00
Mary E. May (Dept Pres. LGAR)		3.00		3.00
Dorothy Kern, Dept. Pres.		10.00		10.00
Margaret Frantz (Aux. #19)		5.00		5.00
Beverly Knight (Aux. #19)		5.00		5.00
Mary Jo Long, PDP		15.00		15.00
Aux. #10		25.00		25.00
Aux. #1		10.00		10.00
Aux. #165		25.00		25.00

Sale of Chances:			74.00	74.00
TOTALS	\$50.00	\$138.00	\$74.00	\$262.00
RHODE ISLAND	25.00			25.00
Marguerite Plante, Nat'l				
Vice-Pres		10.00		10.00
DP Mary Mierka		5.00		5.00
Aides: M. Parmenter,		5.00		5.00
R. Mello, M. Carpenter		10.00		10.00
Aux. #2		5.00		5.00
Aux. #4		5.00		5.00
Aux. #12		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances:			30.00	30.00
TOTALS	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$100.00
VERMONT	30.00			30.00
TOTALS	\$30.00			\$30.00
COLORADO/WYOMING				
Sale of Chances			5.00	5.00
TOTALS			\$5.00	\$5.00
TOTALS	\$260.00	\$681.50	\$331.00	\$1272.50

Club Donations

Ann's Nutmeggers	\$10.00
Anne's Orchids	10.00
Bea's Busy Bees	10.00
Caroline's 76ers	5.00
Dorothy's Peach Blossoms	15.00
Dorris's Wild Daisies	10.00
Eileen's Golden Pages	5.00
Ethel's First Ladies	10.00
Florence's 4B's	12.50
Florence's Violets	10.00
Fran's Fans	10.00
Jennie's Jewels	10.00
Isabelle's Liberty Girls	10.00
Kitty's Kittens	15.00
Lady Esthers	15.00
Lil's Baystaters	5.00
Margaret's Victory Girls	10.00
Marion's Maidens	15.00
Mary's Cherry Blossoms	5.00
Minnie's Whalers	10.00
Nellie's Belles	5.00
Ora's Golden Girls	10.00
Stella's Stars	5.00
Flora's Flora Dora Girls	5.00
Florence's Spring Chickens	20.00
Margaret's Marvels	10.00
TOTAL	\$257.50

Special Donations & Collections

New England Regional Association.....	\$15.00
MD/DE Encampment Table Sales & Chances.....	102.00
Sale of Pennant Flags to Mary Sampson.....	20.00
Table Sales at Mid-Winter meeting in Columbus, OH	27.00
Craft project for Bea Greenwalt.....	50.00
Table Sales - Ohio Encampment.....	29.00
Yard Sales - PA.....	174.85
Margaret Atkinson's 'loose coin' collection.....	25.05
Craft Sales from my home (M. Johnson).....	71.65
Remembrance Day Table Sales & Special drawing.....	185.00
Esther Peiper - in lieu of 'thank you' notes to all Sister & Brothers -- much appreciated, but, no strength for writing.....	50.00
Appomattox Day 'table sales' - Reading, PA	48.00
PA Encampment - table sales.....	81.00
Afghan drawing at Aux./Ladies of G.A.R. picnic.....	24.00
Donations collected from information table at living history, reenactments, fairs, & museums.....	20.00
Nat'l Encampment - Exemplification collection.....	19.00
“ “ Table Sales	100.00
Chances:	
Remembrance Day - Gettysburg	41.00
Joe Long of Scranton (Super-Salesman).....	135.00
Mid-Winter meeting in Columbus, OH.....	25.00
Appomattox Day - Reading, PA	6.00
Richard Orr - Pittsburgh.....	18.00
Ohio Encampment - Alliance, OH.....	34.00
Special meeting of Johnstown, PA Camp	30.00
PA Encampment - Fort Washington, PA	32.00
To neighbors in Ellwood City	25.00
Nat'l Encampment - Columbus, OH.....	85.00
Final Table Sales & Chances at Nat'l Encampment	160.60
Special contribution - Frances Murray.....	20.00
TOTAL	\$1653.15

RECAP OF INCOME

Departments.....	\$260.00
Personal Donations	701.50
Chances.....	762.00
Clubs.....	257.50
Ritualistic work.....	19.00
Yard Sales.....	174.85
New England Regional	15.00
MD/DE Encampment table sales	102.00
Ohio Encampment table sales.....	29.00
PA Encampment table sales.....	81.00
Nat'l Encampment chances & sales.....	160.60
Miscellaneous receipts.....	600.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3163.15

EXPENSES

Flowers	\$34.00
Courtesy Hour Foods.....	106.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$140.40

GRAND TOTAL INCOME

\$140.40

\$3022.75

Expense of stamps for mailing absorbed by Chief-of-Staff

Martha Johnson, National Chief-of-Staff

I thank everybody for all their help, not just buying things but donating articles that we could use for prizes, for people taking over my table when I had other things to do, and for all your cooperation. It is a hard job. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: You have heard the reading of the National Chief of Staff's report, what is your pleasure.

MOVED by several

SECONDED by several

that we give Martha a rising vote of thanks and spread the report in full in the Minutes.

SO CARRIED

PRESIDENT MARGARET: If there is no unfinished business, we will go into the Installation of Officers after a 10-minute break.

Bible closed at 3:45 for short recess and reopened at 3:55 p.m.

President-elect Margaret Atkinson appointed PNP Esther Peiper, PA, her installing officer. Esther appointed her installing staff as follows:

Guide -	PDP Martha Wilson, PA
Assistant Guide -	PDP Peggy Frantz, PA
Color Guard #1 -	Margaret Frantz, PA
Color Guard #2 -	Ann Iannitto, PA
Chaplain -	Beverly Knight, PA
Musician -	PDP Ruth Huntington, CT

National President Margaret Atkinson's Past National President's badge was pinned on her by PNP Esther Peiper. The Past National President's pin, given by the Past National President's Association, was given to Margaret by PNP Frances Murray, President of the Association. Past National President Margaret was then escorted to the seat of honor, the Past National President's chair, by her husband, Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer "Bud" Atkinson.

PNP Esther Peiper installed the following officers in ritualistic form:

President	Margaret Atkinson, PA
Vice President	Mary Jo Long, PA
Council Member #1	Betty Baker, NY
Council Member #2	Mary Sampson, MA
Council Member #3	Judy Morgan, OH
Secretary	Frances Murray, ME
Patriotic Instructor	Mary Willey, MA
Chaplain	Dorothy Kern, PA
Press Correspondent	Marguerite Plante, RI
Director of Budget	Emma Wheeler, NH
Washington, DC Representative	Dorris Schlenker, MD-DE
Membership-at-Large Coordinator	Emma Ashley, OH
Chief of Staff	Ora Moitoso
Personal Aide	Amanda Kroger
Counselor	Dorris Schlenker

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I prepared a speech last year but I didn't this year as I didn't think I needed one. I feel very privileged to have this second chance. It is rather unusual but you gave me a year of practice and now I can go to work next year for you. I will do my utmost to continue the programs I started, hopefully improve some. I did learn a lot this year and there are some things I hope to do next year. I thank you for the confidence

that you have placed in me, appreciate all the help you gave me last year, and all the help that I know you will give me in the coming year. Has anyone anything to offer for the Good of the Order?

Congratulations were given to newly elected National President Margaret Atkinson by PNP & Washington Representative & Counselor Dorris Schlenker, MD-DE; PNP and National Historian Beatrice Greenwalt, NY; PNP Esther Peiper, PA; PDP & National Vice President Mary Jo Long, PA; DP Janice Dawson, NY; PDP Orma Altland, OH; DP and National Chaplain Dorothy Kern, PA; PDP Margaret Joy, ME; DP & National Patriotic Instructor Mary Willey, MA; PDP Betty Coen, OH; PNP and National Director of the Budget Emma Wheeler, NH; DVP Ann Iannitto, PA; PNP Dorothy Hilyard, MD-DE; Frances Murray, PNP and National Secretary, ME, Eileen Coombs, PNP and National Treasurer, ME; Marguerite Plante, PDP and National Press Correspondent, RI, and several others.

PRESIDENT MARGARET: I know there are committees to be appointed but not having time to think about these ahead of time, I'd prefer to contact people first, get their approval, and put the committees in my first General Orders.

*The meeting closed in form with the Chaplain closing the Bible
and all members joined hands and sang God Be With You 'Til
We Meet Again. The Encampment closed at 4:40 p.m.*

MEETING OF THE OLD AND NEW COUNCIL Sunday, August 13, 1996, 11:00 a.m.

Old Council

Ora Moitoso
Betty Baker
Margaret Joy

New Council

Betty Baker
Mary Sampson
Judy Morgan

Also present were National President Margaret Atkinson, National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, National Secretary Frances Murray, former Director of the Budget PNP Esther Peiper, and National Member-at-Large Coordinator and Stenographer Emma Ashley.

The new Council audited the books of the Encampment. Esther Peiper suggested that the money of Eileen Coombs need not be counted. She feels that the Treasurer is bonded and has already signed the money officers reports. The Council agreed.

President Atkinson asked permission to leave the Charter with Sister Sarah Cherry to have it framed. Sister Cherry will use acid free paper and mounting board to do the framing.

MOVED by National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, ME

SECONDED by PNP Ora Moitoso, CT

to leave the Charter with Sarah Cherry for framing.

SO CARRIED

It was suggested that masking tape be brought next year to tape down the extension cord for the tape recorder.

MOVED by National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, ME

SECONDED by National Council Member Betty Baker, NY

to lower the podium a few inches.

SO CARRIED

President Atkinson asked permission to check into the condition of the flag and permission was granted.

At her own expense, President Margaret wished to put a safety guard on the National President's pin to keep the pin from getting lost. Permission was given for her to do so.

The Chaplain's sash was sent with Florence Foight to have the spelling corrected.

President Atkinson will check with Illinois to discuss problems.

Many Auxiliaries use the National EIN number. The IRS says that each Auxiliary must have their own EIN number. If they are using the National EIN number, then they must get their own number.

The National Treasurer will be the second signature for the Membership-at-Large checking account. The Membership-at-Large Coordinator should send an updated membership list to each Department Auxiliary for their use and reference.

Dorris Schlenker asked about the Certificates of Recognition. Margaret Atkinson will get with Frances Murray to devise a Certificate. Dorris Schlenker offered to get them printed. Betty Baker suggested that guidelines be set up for these Certificates.

Frances Murray suggested that the Ladies of the Grand Army be more fully included in the activities. It was suggested that this be implemented by the Chief-of-Staff and written into the guidelines for the duties of the Chief-of-Staff.

Due to the many activities of the Chief-of-Staff, it was suggested that a chairman and/or committee be appointed for the Allied Orders Banquet for next year.

MOVED by PNP Esther Peiper, PA

SECONDED by National Council Member Betty Baker, NY
that a Banquet Chairman be appointed for next year.

SO CARRIED

Betty Baker said that she would introduce a Resolution to change the banquet from the duties of the Chief-of-Staff to a Chairperson.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**LIST OF VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING THE
109th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY
TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

CONNECTICUT

Ann Willeke, PNP
Catherine Zapatka, PNP
Ora Moitoso, PNP
Emma Prince, DP
Mary Buchanan, PDP
Ruth Huntington, PDP
Mary Scofield, PDP

MAINE

Eileen Coombs, PNP (Nat'l Treas)
Frances Murray, PNP (Nat'l Sec)
Margaret Joy, PDP

MARYLAND-DELAWARE

Dorothy Hilyard, PNP
Dorris Schlenker, PNP (Wash DC Rep)
Florence Foight, PDP

MASSACHUSETTS

Mary Willey, DP (Nat'l Chaplain)
Elizabeth Mellor, PDP
Mary Sampson, PDP

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Emma Wheeler, PNP
Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP

NEW YORK

Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP (Nat'l
Historian)
Betty Baker, PDP (Nat'l
Council Member #2)
Michelle Langley, PDP (Nat'l
Patriotic Instructor)
Janice Dawson, DP
Linda Fields, PDP
Vivian Russell, PDP
Jackie Furman, D
Betty Wheeler, D

OHIO

Orma Altland, PDP, (Nat'l Membership
at Large Coordinator)
Judy Morgan, PDP
Betty Coen, PDP
Emma Ashley, D
Sarah Cherry, D
Anita Davis, A

PENNSYLVANIA

Margaret Atkinson, National President
Esther Peiper, PNP (Nat'l D/Budget)
Martha Wilson, PDP (Nat'l Press Corresp)
Martha Johnson, PDP (Nat'l Chief of Staff)
Amanda Kroger, D (Nat'l Pers Aide)
Dorothy Kern, DP
Peggy Frantz, PDP
Mary Jo Long, PDP
Beverly Knight, D
Dolly Ryan, D
Joan Cancelliere, A
Anne Iannitto, D
Margaret Frantz, D

RHODE ISLAND

Marguerite Plante, PDP (Nat'l VP)

WISCONSIN

Peggy Schaefer, DP

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

1887 *†	Mrs. Laura Miller, Lancaster, PA	1959 †	Mrs. Ursula W. Shepardson, Springfield, MA
1887-88 *†	Mrs. W.D.A. O'Brien, Sidney, OH	1960 †	Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs, Las Vegas, NV (CA-PAC)
1889-90 *†	Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Swissvale, PA	1961 †	Miss Edith M. Paulding, Parkway, NJ
1891 †	Mrs. J.S. Mason, Medina, OH	1962 *	Mrs. Dorothy L. Hilyard 2915 N. Monroe St., Willmington, DE 19802
1891-93 †	Mrs. Belle Gray Rice, Washington, IA	1963 †	Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt, Reading, PA
1894-95-96 †	Mrs. Margaret Howey Coe, Springfield, IL	1964 †	Mrs. Anita Selby, Mansfield, OH
1897 †	Mrs. Kate G. Raynor, Toledo, OH	1965	Mrs. Emma Wheeler 128 Amherst St., Milford, NH 03055
1898 †	Mrs. Elizabeth H.R. Davis, Takoma Park, D.C.	1966	Mrs. Edith Snyder, Darcy Hall Nursing Home 2170 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33409
1899 †	Mrs. Mary L. Warren, Greenwood, MA	1967 †	Miss Flora D. Bates, Shrewsbury, MA
1900-01-02 †	Mrs. Lida Tomer-Miller, Rochester, NY	1968 †	Mrs. Hazel L. Moushey, St. Louis, MO
1903-04 †	Miss Addie M. Wallace, Indianapolis, IN	1969 *†	Mrs. Irene Stoudt, West Lawn, PA
1905-06 †	Mrs. Kate E. Hardcastle Carr, Camden, NJ (PA)	1970	Mrs. Florence M. Jansson 5740 Gulfton #1304, Houston, TX 77081 (NJ Dept.)
1907 †	Mrs. Julia A. Moynihan, Rochester, NY	1971	Mrs. Eileen Coombs, 3070 West Shore Rd #B-4, Warwick, RI 02886 (ME Dept.)
1908 †	Miss Mam E. Herbst, South Canton, OH	1972 †	Mrs. Agnes D. Davis, Wilmington, DE
1909-10†	Mrs. Molly Donaldson Hammer, Reading, PA (NJ)	1973 *†	Miss Viola L. Bremme, Philadelphia, PA
1911 †	Mrs. H. Pauline Creighton, Champaign, IL	1974-75 †	Mrs. Jessie G. Wells, Cambridge, MA
1912 †	Mrs. Flora A. S. Whitney, Marlboro, MA	1976	Mrs. Caroline E. Riddell 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719
1913 †	Mrs. Frances Fox Moynihan, Rochester, NY	1977	Mrs. Minnie E. Madeiros 307 Tarkiln Hill Road., New Bedford, MA 02745
1914 *†	Miss Edna Bergwitz, Columbus, OH	1978 *	Mrs. Marion E. Combs, 286 Calypso Court, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082-1203
1915 †	Mrs. Bessie B. Bowser, Indianapolis, IN	1979 *	Mrs. Florence H. Forbey 12815 N. 28th Dr. #420, Phoenix, AZ 85029 (IL)
1916 *†	Mrs. Libbie Meis, Overbrook, Philadelphia, PA	1980 †	Mrs. Nellie H. Hawley, Fort Dodge, IA
1917 †	Mrs. Mae E. Clothier, Rockford, IL	1981 †	Mrs. Lelia M. Turner, Randolph, MA
1918 *†	Mrs. Mayme E. Dwyer, Long Island City, NY	1982 *	Miss Ann E. Willeke, 2 East St., Rockville, CT 06066
1919 †	Mrs. Margaret Carney, Melrose, MA	1983	Mrs. Dorris W. Schlenker 4112 Heathfield Road, Rockville, MD 20853
1920 †	Miss Mary L. Tredo, Patterson, NJ	1984	Mrs. Mary Jane Simpson 1312 James St., Sinking Spring, PA 19608
1921 †	Mrs. Blanche L. Beverstock, Keene, NH	1985 *	Mrs. Jennie Russell, 70 Salem St., Davenport Memorial Home, Malden, MA 02148
1922 †	Mrs. Margaret Patterson Stephens, Columbus, OH	1986	Mrs. Isabelle Roberts 17 Stowell Ave., Box 11, Candor, NY 13743
1923 †	Mrs. Minnie E. Groth, Baraboo, WI	1987 *	Mrs. Esther Peiper 1588 Ongaro Dr., Columbus, OH 43204 (PA Dept.)
1924 †	Mrs. Emma Stuart Finch, Bridgeport, IN	1988	Mrs. Betty Woerner 22609 Ladeene Ave., Torrance, CA 90505
1925 *†	Mrs. Ida Rokes Klein, Syracuse, NY (ME Dept.)	1989 *	Mrs. Catherine Zapatka 226 Kitts Lane, Newington, CT 06111
1926 †	Mrs. Mamie M. Deems, Los Angeles, CA	1990	Mrs. Beatrice Greenwalt 2449 Center Ave., Alliance OH 44601
1927 †	Mrs. Anna F. Keene, Philadelphia, PA	1991	Mrs. Ora Moitoso 3663 Pawtucket Ave, #716, Riverside, RI 02915
1928 †	Mrs. Margaret L. Waters, Woburn, MA	1992 †	Mrs. Ethel Carver, New Castle, DE
1929 †	Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hansen, Weehawken, NJ	1993	Mrs. Frances Murray 1284 Washington St., Bath, ME 04530
1930 †	Mrs. Ida B. Lange, Rutherford, NJ (NY Dept.)	1994	Mrs. Florence Spring 516 Martin Ave., Reading PA 19601
1931 *†	Mrs. Celeste D. Gentieu, Wilmington, DE (MD-DE)	1995	Mrs. Margaret Atkinson 1016 Gorman St, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719
1932 †	Mrs. Wilma L. Combs, Des Moines, IA		
1933 †	Mrs. Jean B. Thompson, St. Petersburg, FL (OH)		
1934 †	Mrs. Margaret F. Anderson, Tacoma, WA (MA)		
1935 †	Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter, Clearwater, FL (PA Dept.)		
1936 †	Mrs. Stella B. Owen, Upper Montclair, NJ		
1937 †	Mrs. Ida L. 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 418 SW 17th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315 (NJ)		
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, Pittsburg, 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. Washingt, Ave., #110, Madison, WI 53715		
1956 †	Lenore D. Glass, San Jose, CA		
1957 †	Mrs. Margaret McKinney, Somers Point, NJ (PA)		
1958 *	Miss Anne O. Clayton 120 W Farrell Ave. B-7, Trenton, NJ 08618		
		Honor conferred by National Organization:	
		1941 †	Mrs. Lillian S. Ball, Indianapolis, Indiana
		1975 †	Mrs. Catherine McCoy, San Diego, California

* Life Member

† Deceased

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year	Date	Place	State	No.	Year	Date	Place	State
1st	1887	Aug. 17-19	Akron	OH	60th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	IN
2nd	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	WV	61st	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	OH
3rd	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	NJ	62nd	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	MI
4th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	MO	63rd	1949	Aug. 28-Sept 1	Indianapolis	IN
5th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	MN	64th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	MA
6th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	MT	65th	1951	Aug. 20-24	Columbus	OH
7th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	OH	66th	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	NJ
8th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	IA	67th	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	NY
9th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	TN	68th	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	MN
10th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	KY	69th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	OH
11th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	IN	70th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	PA
12th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	NE	71st	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	MI
13th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	MI	72nd	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	MA
14th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	NY	73rd	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	CA
15th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	RI	74th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	IL
16th	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	DC	75th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	IN
17th	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	NJ	76th	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	DC
18th	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	MA	77th	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	FL
19th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	PA	78th	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	RI
20th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	IL	79th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond	VA
21st	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	OH	80th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids	MI
22nd	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	NY	81st	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago	IL
23rd	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	DC	82nd	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington	DE
24th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	NJ	83rd	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis	MO
25th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	NY	84th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach	FL
26th	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	MO	85th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston	MA
27th	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	TN	86th	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia	PA
28th	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	MI	87th	1973	Aug. 5-9	Palm Springs	CA
29th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	DC	88th	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	NH
30th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	MO	89th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	NY
31st	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	MA	90th	1976	Aug. 15-18	Columbus	OH
32nd	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	NY	91st	1977	Aug. 14-18	Des Moines	IA
33rd	1919	Sept. 8-11	Columbus	OH	92nd	1978	Aug. 13-17	Grand Rapids	MI
34th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	IN	93rd	1979	Aug. 12-16	Hartford	CT
35th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	IN	94th	1980	Aug. 17-21	Richmond	VA
36th	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	IA	95th	1981	Aug. 9-13	Philadelphia	PA
37th	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	WI	96th	1982	Aug. 15-19	Providence	RI
38th	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	MA	97th	1983	Aug. 14-18	Portland	ME
39th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	MI	98th	1984	Aug. 12-16	Akron	OH
40th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	IA	99th	1985	Aug. 11-15	Wilmington	DE
41st	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	MI	100th	1986	Aug. 10-14	Lexington	KY
42nd	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	CO	101st	1987	Aug. 9-13	Buffalo	NY
43rd	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	ME	102nd	1988	Aug. 14-18	Lansing	MI
44th	1930	Aug. 26-29	Cincinnati	OH	103rd	1989	Aug. 13-17	Stamford	CT
45th	1931	Sept. 15-17	Des Moines	IA	104th	1990	Aug. 12-16	Des Moines	IA
46th	1932	Sept. 20-22	Springfield	IL	105th	1991	Aug. 11-15	Indianapolis	IN
47th	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	MN	106th	1992	Aug. 13-16	Pittsburgh	PA
48th	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	NY	107th	1993	Aug. 12-15	Portland	ME
49th	1935	Sept. 10-12	Grand Rapids	MI	108th	1994	Aug. 11-13	E. Lansing	MI
50th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	DC	109th	1995	Aug. 11-14	Columbus	OH
51st	1937	Sept. 7-9	Madison	WI					
52nd	1938	Sept. 6-8	Des Moines	IA					
53rd	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	PA					
54th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	IL					
55th	1941	Sept. 16-18	Columbus	OH					
56th	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	IN					
57th	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	WI					
58th	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	IA					
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