

**Minutes  
of  
Central Region Association**

**1979—1965**

September, 1979

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference.

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1978-1979. It is as follows:

Balance on hand September 1978..... \$235.45

Receipts: Dues 1978-1979:

Wisconsin Auxiliary.....	\$ 5.00
Wisconsin Sons.....	5.00
Iowa Auxiliary.....	5.00
Ohio Sons.....	5.00
Ohio Auxiliary.....	5.00
Illinois Sons.....	5.00
Iowa Sons.....	5.00
Indiana Auxiliary.....	5.00
Illinois Auxiliary.....	5.00
Curtis Warner Camp #64.....	5.00
Michigan Sons.....	<u>5.00</u>
	55.00

Other Receipts:

Registration - Waterloo, Iowa.....	50.00
Residual-sale of banquet tickets....	3.50
Personal donation - Robt. Graham....	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>58.50</u>
	\$348.95

Disbursements:

Banquet tickets for: Regional Comm., Nat'l Pres. and Comm.-in-Chief.....	24.00
Iowa Dept. Sons - Flag.....	15.00
Iowa Auxiliary #2 - Memorial.....	10.00
Regional Secretary - Postage.....	7.00
Regional Treasurer - Postage & supplies	<u>4.24</u>
	<u>60.24</u>

Balance on hand as of September, 1979..... \$288.71

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

ELLINORE K. JOHNSON  
Regional Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE - MANSFIELD, OHIO - 1979

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary was held on October 6-7 1979 at the Interstate Motor Inn, Mansfield, Ohio.

The Conference was called to order by the Commander, Florence Forbey at 2:15 P.M. The Bible was opened and the Invocation was given by Sister Nancy Green. Brother J.B.Johnson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The rollcall of officers was taken with the following officers responding:

Commander - Florence Forbey - Illinois	-----	Present
Sr. Vice Commander - Grover R. Huff - Wisconsin	---	Present
Jr. Vice Commander - Ethel Jones - Iowa	-----	Present
Secretary - Geo.L.Cashman - Illinois	-----	Present
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin	-----	Present
Patr. Instr. - J.B.Johnson - Iowa	-----	Present
Chaplain - Nancy Green - Ohio	-----	Present
Guide - Marlene Carnduff - Illinois	-----	Present

The roll call of States was taken with the following representations:

Colorado-Wyoming	-----	0
Illinois	-----	7
Indiana	-----	4
Iowa	-----	5
Kansas	-----	0
Nebraska	-----	0
Michigan	-----	0
Ohio	-----	13
Wisconsin	-----	5
	Total	25

(The above taken from the registration roster)

All National Officers present were introduced.

Greetings were extended by Commander-in-Chief representative Richard Greenwalt and by Nellie Hawley, National President of the Auxiliary.

The minutes of the 1978 Conference were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Ellinore K.Johnson, read the financial report for the year 1978-1979 which were approved and accepted. This report is made a part of these minutes.

Col. Warfield W. Dorsey of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, introduced and he explained the origin of the Fife and Drum Corps formed in Ohio.

The Commander asked for committee reports. None were submitted.

The Commander appointed the following committees with instruction to report at the second session.

Auditing Committee:      Marlene Carnell  
                              Rhoda Lemanski  
                              Geo.L.Cashman

Nominating Committee:     T.W.L.Johnson  
                              Betty King  
                              Thomas Hoffman

Resolutions Committee:    Charles Lowe  
                              Helen Huff  
                              Ralph Shadel

At this point the Conference recessed. Moderator, Thomas L.W. Johnson requested that each state delegation meet individually to discuss the material to be presented and to select a spokesman for the Conference theme, "Prominent Personalities In Your State During the Civil War." At the end of about twenty minutes caucus, the members reassembled. Brother Johnson introduced the topic and reports were given by the following individuals:

Illinois - Cyril Gumbinger ( James Shields)  
                              Geo.L.Cashman ( James Harrioscn Wilson )

Indiana - Orval King (Eli Lilley)  
                              Betty King (Schyler Colfax)

Wisconsin- Ellinore K. Johnson ( Wisconsin Angels)  
                              Grover R. Huff ( Jas.F. Blanchard)

Iowa -        Eva Cote (Christopher W. Newhope)

Ohio -        Thomas Hoffman( Gen, U.S.Grant)  
                              Orma Altland ( Report on Grant)  
                              George Shadel (Ohio in the Civil War)  
                              Ralph Shadel (Gen McLaughlin)  
                              Nancy Green ( Peter L. Greenwalt)

All reports submitted in writing are made a part of these minutes.

At the close of the report session Brother Johnson thanked the members for their active participation, after which the Commander resumed the chair.

The Conference was recessed at 5:00 P.M. to resume at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 7.

SECOND SECTION - OCTOBER 7, 1979

The Second Section of the Conference was opened at 9:40 A.M by Commander Forbey.

Brother Huff gave the invocation and the Commander led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commander asked for officers reports. Grover Huff proposed an award be given for outstanding achievement by a member, Sons and Auxiliery, and to be awarded annually.

The Auditing Committee reported that the Treasurer's books were in excellent condition. This report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer Ellinore K. Johnson presented an interim financial report.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report:

Commander - Grover R. Huff - Wisconsin  
Sr. V. Commander - Ethel Jones - Iowa  
Jr. V. Commander - Charles Lowe - Iowa  
Secretary - Robert M. Graham - Illinois  
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin  
Patr. Inst. - Betty King - Indiana  
Chaplain - Jane Graham - Ohio  
Guide - George Shadel - Ohio

Motion was made to instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the above named slate of officers. Motion passed.

The Resolutions Committee report offered the following resolutions:

- 1- Thank the Department of Ohio
- 2- Thank the Mansfield camp SUVCW
- 3- Thank the motel for courtesies extended
- 4- Pay all outstanding bills
- 5- Do all possible to have Memorial Day returned to May 30.

Upon motion of Brother Huff, seconded by J.B.Johnson, the report of the Resolutions Committee was accepted.

Remarks were made by the following:

National President, Nellie Hawley  
Past Commander in Chief, Richard Greenwalt  
Department President, Marlene Carnduff  
Past Department Commander, Cyril Gumbinger

Betty King, Indiana, issued an invitation for the Conference be held in Indiana in 1980. This invitation was gratefully accepted with thanks.

Additional remarks were made by the following members:

Dept. Pres. Betty King - Indiana  
Dept. Pres. Eva Cote - Iowa  
P-Dept. Commander - Charles Lowe - Iowa  
Dept. Commander - Thomas Graham - Ohio  
Dept. Commander - Grover Huff - Wisconsin  
Dept. Pres. - Rhoda Lemanski - Wisconsin  
Dept. Commander - Ralph Shadel - Ohio  
P-Natl. Pres. - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin  
P-Dept. Commander - Thomas L.W.Johnson - Wisconsin

P-Commander in Chief, Richard Greenwalt made a report on the status of the Antietam Battlefield. The attempt by the Marriott Corp. to erect an amusement park in the area was rejected by the House subcommittee after testimony by the Sons of the Confederacy and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brother Altland moves that the achievement awards suggested by Brother Huff be accepted. Brother Huff will provide the plaques. Motion carried.

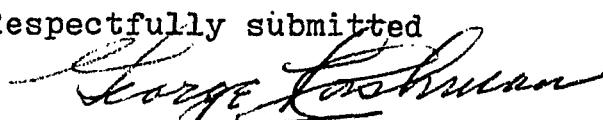
A number of possible themes for the 1980 Conference were suggested. By motion of Brother Altland and seconded by Sister Altland, the 1980 theme will "Your Family History," was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the Conference, the installation of officers took place. Past Commander in Chief Richard Greenwalt conducted the installation ceremony.

The newly elected Commander, Grover R. Huff assumed the chair.

Upon motion of Thomas L.W.Johnson and seconded by Cyril Gumbinger, the meeting was adjourned, at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted

  
George L. Cashman  
1979 Secretary

# CENTRAL REGION

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

and

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Colorado-  
Wyoming

Office of  
Secretary

Illinois

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE - WATERLOO, IOWA - 1978

Indiana

Iowa

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary was held on October 7 - 8 1978 at the Quality Motel, Waterloo, Iowa.

Kansas

Michigan

Minnesota

Missouri

Nebraska

The Conference was called to order by the Commander, Robert M. Graham, at 2:20 P.M. October 7. The Bible was opened and the invocation given by Sister Ethel Jones. Commander Graham led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ohio

Oklahoma

Wisconsin

Black Hawk County Supervisor, Lynn Cutler, spoke and welcomed the group to Waterloo.

The roll call of officers was taken with the following officers responding:

Commander - Robert M. Graham - Illinois -----Present  
Sr. Vice Commander-Florence Forbey - Illinois -----Present  
Jr. Vice Commander-Grover R. Huff - Wisconsin -----Present  
Secretary- George L. Cashman - Illinois -----Present  
Treasurer- Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin -----Present  
Patriotic Instructor- J.B.Johnson - Iowa -----Present  
Chaplain- Rhoda Lemanski - Wisconsin -----Absent  
Guide = Orval King - Indiana -----Absent

The roll call of states was taken with the following representation:

Colorado-Wyoming	-----	0
Illinois	-----	7
Indiana	-----	0
Iowa	-----	12
Kansas	-----	0
Michigan	-----	0
Missouri	-----	0
Nebraska	-----	0
Ohio	-----	2
Wisconsin	-----	4
	Total --	25

(The above taken from the registration roster)

The following National Officers were introduced:

Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander in Chief, SONS  
Florence H. Forbey, National President, Auxiliary  
Grover R. Huff, Highway Officer, SONS  
Ethel Jones, National Chaplain, Auxiliary

Also introduced were Thomas L. W. Johnson and Ellinore K. Johnson, National Legislative Chairmen for the Sons and Auxiliary, respectively, and J.B.Johnson, the Immediate Past Junior Vice Commander in Chief of the Sons, and the individuals responsible for the invitation to meet in Waterloo this year.

Greetings were extended by Commander in Chief, Richard Greenwalt and National President, Florence Forbey.

The Minutes of the 1977 Conference were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Ellinore Johnson, read the financial report for the year 1977-1978 which was approved and accepted. This report is made a part of these Minutes.

The Commander asked for committee reports and Tom Johnson reported progress made by the Legislative Committee as was requested at the 1977 Conference.

The Commander appointed the following committees with instructions to report at the first session on Sunday, October 8.

Auditing Committee: Geo.L.Cashman  
Marlene Carnduff  
Nellie Hawley

Resolutions: Grover R. Huff  
Charles Lowe  
L. Brendt

Nominating: Thomas L. W. Johnson  
Cyril C. Gumbinger  
Ethel Jones

At this point the Conference recessed. Moderator Thomas Johnson Requested that each state delegation meet individually to discuss the material to be presented and select a spokesman for the conference theme, "Prominent Personalities In Your State During The Civil War." At the end of about twenty minutes caucus, the members reassembled. Brother Johnson introduced the topic and repaorts were given by the following individuals:

Illinois - Geo.L.Cashman (Richard James Oglesby)  
Cyril C. Gumbinger (Gen.John A. Logan)

Iowa - Melvin Billings ( L.W.Billings )

Ohio - Richard Greenwalt ( George A. Custer )  
Nancy Green ( Jukia Dent Grant )

/ Wisconsin - Grover R. Huff (Joseph E. Bailey)  
Helen Huff ( Cordelia Harvey )  
T.W.L.Johnson ( Alexander Randall )

All reports submitted in writing are made a part of these Minutes.

At the close of the discussion period Brother Johnson thanked the members for their active participation after which the Commander resumed the chair.

The Conference was recessed at 4:30 P.M. until 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 8.

The members assembled in the dining room of the motel at 6:20 P.M. for dinner. Hon. Evan L. Hultman, a former Attorney General of Iowa spoke on the need for both material strength and a will to ensure our survival as a nation, and discussed battles in which the First Iowa Volunteer Infantry fought in the Civil War.

#### SECOND SECTION - OCTOBER 8, 1978

The second session was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Commander.

Sister Ethel Jones again gave the invocation and the Commander led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Graham asked if anyone wished to comment on the subject of Saturday's discussion. Much comment was made, all of which was favorable. It was then suggested that the theme for the 1979 conference would be a continuation of the same topic and that recommendation was approved.

Commander in Chief, Richard Greenwalt, and National President Florence Forbey were invited to address the group. Both expressed their appreciation and delivered messages that were well received.

The Commander asked for reports from the appointed committees. Geo.Cashman gave the Auditing Report and stated that the books had been examined and found to be in good order.

Next, the Resolution Report was given by Brother Huff and the following resolutions were approved.

1-That a letter be sent to the management of the Quality Motel expressing our appreciation for the fine service accorded us.

2-That we do whatever we may to bring about the return of Memorial Day to its historic date.

Thomas L.W.Johnson read the Nominating Committee Report and moved its acceptance. Seconded by Brother Gumbinger. The slate of officers named were:

Commander - Florence Forbey - Illinois  
Sr, Vice Cmd. - Grover R. Huff - Wisconsin  
Jr. Vice Cmd. - Ethel Jones - Iowa  
Secretary - Geo.L.Cashman - Illinois  
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin  
Patriotic Instructo - J.B.Johnson - Iowa  
Chaplain - Nancy Green - Ohio  
Guide - E.Marlene Carnduff - Illinois

There being no further nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers named. This

was done and the officers elected were installed in ritualistic form by Commander in Chief Richard Greenwalt.

Motion made by Brother Tom Johnson that the members of the Local Arrangements Committee consisting of Alice Benzine, Velma Cleveland, Melvin Billings, Charles and Myrtle Lowe, and J.B. Johnson, together with other members of the Department of Iowa, be commended for the excellent arrangements made by them for the Conference. Motion passed.

Brother Tom Johnson moved that the bills for the Conference be paid. Motion passed.

Commander in Chief Greenwalt issued an invitation from the Ohio Department that the 1979 Conference be held in Mansfield, Ohio. Motion to accept was made and passed.

There being no further business appearing, the Conference was closed in due form.

Respectfully submitted

Geo.L. Cashman - Secretary

# CENTRAL REGION

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

and

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Colorado-  
Wyoming

Office of  
Ellinore K. Johnson, Treas.  
765 W. Washington, #110  
Madison, Wisconsin 53715

Illinois

October, 1978

Indiana

Iowa

Kansas

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference. GREETINGS:

Michigan

Minnesota

Missouri

Nebraska

Ohio

Oklahoma

Wisconsin

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1977-1978. It is as follows:

Balance on hand September 1977..... \$214.20

Receipts: Dues 1977-1978:

Illinois Auxiliary.....	\$ 5.00
Wisconsin Sons.....	5.00
Wisconsin Auxiliary.....	5.00
Iowa Auxiliary.....	5.00
Ohio Sons.....	5.00
Ohio Auxiliary.....	5.00
Oklahoma - Ft. Chickamauga.....	5.00
Indiana Auxiliary.....	5.00
Illinois Sons.....	5.00
Indiana Sons.....	5.00
Michigan Sons.....	5.00

Other Receipts:

Registration - Madison, Wis.....	80.00
Residual from sale of banquet tickets	<u>28.95</u>
	<u>163.95</u>
Total	378.15

Disbursements:

Chas. Brady, N. P. I.....	10.00
Geo. Cashman, Sec. expenses.....	6.00
Banquet tickets for Regional Comm., Nat'l Pres. and Com.-in-Chief....	19.50
Wis. Dept. Sons - Flag.....	15.00
Henry Harnden Camp #2 - Memorial...	10.00
Conferences expenses - T.L.W.Johnson	24.86
E.K.Johnson, Treas., supplies & post.	3.50
Nellie Hawley, N. P. I.....	10.00
Econo Print - Stationery.....	39.62
Postage - Stationery mailed to Sec...	<u>4.22</u>
Balance on hand as of September 1978.....	<u>142.70</u>
	\$235.45

A supplemental report will be issued prior to the close of this session.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.  
Ellinore K. Johnson  
Regional Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE 1977 CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE--MADISON, WISCONSIN

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary was held on October 1 and 2, 1977, at the National Motor Inn, Madison, Wisconsin. Due to the absence of Commander Donald L. Kelly, the Sr. Vice Commander, Betty King assumed that station and presided at the business sessions.

The Conference was called to order by the acting commander at 2:15 P.M. October 1, 1977. Brother Grover Huff pronounced the invocation and Brother Cyril Gumbinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call of officers was taken with the following officers responding:

Commander - Donald L. Kelly - Indiana -----	Absent
Sr. Vice Commander - Betty King - Indiana -----	Present
Jr. Vice Commander - Robert Graham - Illinois -----	Present
Secretary - Geo. Cashman - Illinois -----	Present
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin -----	Present
Patr. Instructor - Cyril Gumbinger - Illinois -----	Present
Chaplain - Grover Huff - Wisconsin -----	Present
Guide - J.B. Johnson - Iowa -----	Present

The roll call of states was taken with the following representation:

Colorado-Wyoming -----	0
Illinois -----	12
Indiana -----	4
Iowa -----	4
Kansas -----	0
Michigan -----	1
Missouri -----	0
Nebraska -----	0
Ohio -----	0
Wisconsin -----	19
Total-----	40

National Officers welcomed and acknowledged:

Harold T. Beilby - National Commander-in-Chief SUVCW  
Marian E. Combs - National Auxiliary President SUVCW  
Fred H. Combs Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief and present  
National Secretary-Treasurer SUVCW  
Florence Forbey - National Council Member Auxiliary SUVCW  
Charles A. Brady Jr., National Patriotic Instructor SUVCW  
J.B. Johnson - Jr. National Vice Commander-in-Chief SUVCW

The minutes of the 1976 Conference were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Ellinore K. Johnson, read the financial report for the year 1976-77 which was approved and accepted. This report is made a part of these minutes.

The Commander asked for committee reports.

The Commander appointed the following committees with instructions

to report at the first session on Sunday, October 2.

Auditing: Betty Johnson, Chr.  
J.B.Johnson  
Carmen Hembel

Resoultions: Grover Huff, Chr.  
Cyril Gumbinger  
Carl Smith

Nominating: Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chr.  
Charles A. Brady Jr.  
Velma Cleveland

Florence Forbey, National Council Member, presented a gavel to the conference which was received with appreciation.

At this ppint, the Conference recessed and reassembled as a group for a discussion of the theme, "The Contributions of Your State to th Conduct of the Civil War." Moderator Thomas L. W. Johnson requested that each state delegation meet individually to discuss the material to be presented and to select a spokesman. At the end of about a 35 minute caucus, the members reassembled once again. Brother Johnson introduced the topic and reports were given by the follwing individuals:

Illinois - Geo.L.Cashman  
Indiana - Orval and Betty King  
Iowa - J. B. Johnson  
Wisconsin - Grover Huff

Patriotic Instructor Cyril Gumbinger requested and received permission to submit averbal report concerning the post war activitities in the dedication of the Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois

These reports stimulated considerable discussion which proved to be interesting and informative. These reports are made a part of these minutes.

At the close of the discussion period Brother Johnson thanked the members for their active participation after which Commander King resumed the chair.

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The Conference was recessed at 4:30 P.M. to permit the members of the various committes to assemble and form their reports and to prepare for the 6:00 P.M. dinner.

The dinner speaker was Dennis K. McDaniel, Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museums, Capitol Building, Madison who presented a very interesting and informative discourse on the importance and education advantages of museums.

Commander-in-Chief Beilby, National President Marian Combs, and National Secretary-Treasurer Fred Combs addressed the gathering briefly, and the respective heads of the host wisconsin Department, Grover R. Huff and Rhoda Lemanski, were introduced. R. A. Smith, Commnad r of Henry Harden Camp # 2, Madison, welcomed the group to the city and

hoped everyone would have some time to enjoy the beauties of the area.

SECOND SESSION, -SUNDAY-OCTOBER 2, 1977

The second session of the Conference was opened at 9:30 A.M. by the Commander.

Brother Grover Huff again gave the invocation and Brother Cyril Gumbinger lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander King asked if anyone wished to comment on the subject of Saturday's discussion. Brother Orval King proposed that the 1978 Conference adopt the same theme, "The Contributions of Your State to the Conduct of the Civil War," in order to permit more information on incidents and personalities etc., pertaining to the Civil War. After much discussion, the following theme was approved for 1978: "Personalities Prominent in Your State During the Civil War." It was suggested that this matter be brought to the attention of the members of camps, departments and auxiliaries as soon as possible to allow time for research on the subject of each member's choice. It was also suggested that an individual presentation be limited to five minutes or 250 words if possible.

Brother Carl Smith of Michigan announced that the National Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary would be held in August 1978 at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

National Patriotic Instructor C.A.Brady Jr., explained the use of the flag certificate which he designed to honor organizations and individuals that regularly display the flag and urged Departments, Camps and Auxiliaries to make use of the certificate as a way of creating interest in our Order.

National Secretary-Treasurer Fred Combs, in answer to a question, informed us as to the status of the proposed reissue, with changes, of the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons. This will not be forthcoming until final approval is given at the 1978 National Encampment.

Brother Cashman asked that the Conference letterheads be redesigned as he felt that the one now in use is unsatisfactory for use outside of the membership. Tom and Ellinore Johnson will undertake to determine the make-up of a new letterhead.

Commander-in-Chief Harold Beilby and National President Marion Combs were invited to speak to us. Both expressed their appreciation for the invitation to attend the Conference. Each gave us an inspirational message. Shortly after the Conference your secretary received letters from each expressing their pleasure with their visit. These letters are made a part of these minutes.

Regional Treasurer Ellinore Johnson explained that she had received a check for Regional dues from Camp-at-Large at Fort Chickamauga, Oklahoma, and National Jr. Vice Commander J.B.Johnson described a visit he had made to the Fort during the summer. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved that Fort Chickamauga be added officially as a member of the Central Region Conference and that "Oklahoma" be added to the letterhead stationery when it is reordered.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a Legislative Committee for the Conference be established. Commander King appointed Brother Tom Johnson as the first chairman of that Committee and requested that a report be made at the 1978 Conference.

The Commander called for Committee reports. Brother J.B.Johnson, Acting Chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported that the books of the Regional Treasurer were in good order.

Brother Grover R. Huff, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, proposed five resolutions dealing with the status of the curator's position at the Lincoln Tomb, the Panama Canal treaty, the observance of Memorial Day, gun control and appreciation to the hotel. These resolutions were adopted unanimously and the report is made a part of these minutes.

Brother Tom Johnson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported as follows:

Commander: Robert M. Graham, Illinois  
Sr. Vice Commander: Florence Forbey, Illinois  
Jr. Vice Commander: Grover R. Huff, Wisconsin  
Secretary: Geo.L.Cashman, Illinois  
Treasurer: Ellinore K. Johnson, Wisconsin  
Patriotic Instructor: J.B.Johnson, Iowa  
Chaplain: Rhoda Lemanski, Wisconsin  
Guide: Orval King, Indiana

The Commander called for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast one vote for the slate named. Motion passed.

The above named officers were duly installed in ritualistic form by National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs Jr.

Commander Graham assumed the chair and entertained a motion to thank Sister Betty King for her service as the presiding officer. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The Commander asked for invitations for the locale of the 1978 Conference. Brother J. B. Johnson invited the Conference to meet in Waterloo, Iowa, in 1978. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the invitation of Brother Johnson on behalf of the Department of Iowa.

The Regional Treasurer reported on the expenses incurred by the Conference during its meeting as follows:

October, 1977

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference.

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1976-1977. It is as follows:

Balance on hand September 1976..... \$134.16

Receipts: Dues 1976-1977: *Central Region Conference Dues*

Wisconsin Sons.....	\$ 5.00
Wisconsin Auxiliary.....	5.00
Iowa Auxiliary.....	5.00
Missouri Auxiliary.....	5.00
Ohio Sons.....	5.00
Ohio Auxiliary.....	5.00
Indiana Sons.....	5.00
Indiana Auxiliary.....	5.00
Illinois Sons.....	5.00
Illinois Auxiliary.....	5.00
Colorado Auxiliary.....	5.00
Michigan Sons.....	<u>5.00</u>
	60.00

Other Receipts:

Registration.....	78.00
Raffle.....	20.00
Residual from sale of banquet tickets	<u>38.31</u>
	<u>136.61</u>
Total	\$330.47

Disbursements:

Argus Ogborn, Sec., Notices-postage	10.45
Chas. Brady, Donation to N. P. I.	10.00
Florence Forby " " " "	10.00
Regional Commander's dinner.....	8.00
Illinois Dept. Aux. - Flag.....	15.00
Thrush Camp - Memorial.....	10.00
G. Edward Coltrin - Regional expenses	49.60
E.K.Johnson - supplies & postage...	<u>3.22</u>
	<u>116.27</u>
Balance on hand as of September 1977.....	214.47

A supplemental report will be issued prior to the close of this session to cover account to date.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.  
Ellinore K. Johnson  
Regional Treasurer

Complimentary banquet tick ts -	\$ 19.50
Envelopes and Postage -	9.50
Contribution to Natl. Patriotic Instructors, SUVCW & Auxiliary	20.00
Host Department, SUVCW for purchase of flag - - - -	15.00
Host city for memorial - -	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$ 74.00

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay these expenses.

Before the Conference closed, there was a short discussion of whether or not the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War described our Order adequately as there are very few actual "sons" still living. Very little support was indicated for a change in name.

There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

George L. Cashman, Regional Secretary

MINUTES OF CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND AUXILIARY, held at Holiday Inn Motel, East Peoria, Ill. Sat & Sun 9,10 Oct '76

TO: Mrs. Louise Herncke, Milwaukee, Wisc., Retiring Regional Comdr.  
 FROM: Argus E. Ogborn, Richmond, Ind., Retiring Secretary  
 SUBJECT: Report of 1976 Central Regional Conference

We herewith insert for the record, the original and complete Visitor's Register for use by the incoming Secretary when he sends out invitations on next year's mailing list:

( Here Insert A - 1 )

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VISITORS REGISTER ~ CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE SUV.C.W. AND  
 AUX. SAT. & SUN. 9. 10 OCT. 1976 HOLIDAY INN MOTEL E. PEORIA. ILL.

	NAME	CITY & STATE	STREET & NO.	CAMP OR AUX NO.	REGISTRATION FEE PD.
110	Ed Coltrin	Peoria Ill 61601	2923 N. GOLF DR.	Camp # 25	200
211	Ellison Johnson	MADISON, WI 53715	765 W. WASHINGTON AV.		200
312	Cyril Gumbinger	San Jose, Ill	P.O. BOX 64	Camp # 25	200
4	Ethel Soner Iowa	Iowa City Iowa	475 NW 52a	Aux 102	200
5	Alice Benzine Iowa	2007 Pine	Cedar Falls Ia	Aux 102	200
6	Edith Nettle Iowa	Des Moines, Ia	465. 71. W. 49 & PL	Aux 16. - 77.	200
7	Louise Herncke	2502 N. Wail	Milw, Wis	Aux 4 -	200
8	Mildred Cauffman	Frankfort, Ind	857 N. John St	Camp 57	200
9	Hanna Kreisher	Frankfort Ind	AR 5 46041	Aux 57	200
10	Lula Shirley	712 W. Monroe	Frankfort Ind	Aux 20457	200
11	Gertrude Combs	4157 E Clinton	Frankfort Ind	Aux 57 46041	200
12	Ethel Wellman	Frankfort Ind	R.R. 1. 46041	Aux 57	200
13	Rhoda Lemenski	Cudahy Wis 53110	3928 E. Hammond	D.T. Wis.	200
14	Donald Kelly	1610 N. B ST.	Rochester	Incline	20
15	J.B. Johnson Iowa	1710 Easton	Waterloo Iowa	200	
16	Orval King	P.P.I., Box 163	Battle Ground, Wash. 47920	200	
17	Betty King				200
18	Tom Johnson WI	MADISON, WIS 53715	765 W. WASHINGTON AV.	Camp # 2	200
19	Mrs. Grover Huff	Oconomowoc Wisc	1809 N. DAIVES	CMDA-WI # 34	200
20	Mrs. Grover Huff	WI. 53066	DR		200
21	Mr. Harry Beasey	Lafayette Ind	4790 Y620 5. 29 1/2 SF.	Camp # 51	200
22	Mrs. Harry Beasey	"	"	"	200
23	Dick Greenwald	616 WEST 55TH	711 N. E. 44th & 44th	WATKINSON, ILL. ST.	200
24	Bill Fisher	R.R. # 2	CANTRELL, ILL.	Camp # 4	200
25	Richard Schadtick	213 E. Taylor	Petersburg, Ill.	"	200
26	A.E. Ogborn	259 N. 22 ST	Richmond Ind. 47374 TDC 1951-2	200	
27	Geo Cashman	333 So. LEWIS	FRANKFIELD 1/2 44	200	
28	Bob Graham	1320 N. OSBORNE	"	200	
29	Babe Graham	" "	"	200	
30	Charles Carduff				200
31	Marlene Carduff				200
32	Florence Forby	423 1/2-15 ST.	Moline, ILL. 61265.	ILL. DEPT. Pres.	200
33	Dorothy Shafer	25 Rainb. Ct	Pekin Ill. 61544	Camp 25	200
34	Lerry Thomas	P.O. Box 6165	CHICAGO 60680	Camps 1 + 6165	200
35	Chuck Brady	731 Junior Ter.	Chicago 60613	Aux 30, 32	200
36	Marie Doran	P.O. Box # 2954	Springfield, Ill.	200	
37	Albert Chestnut	Springfield, Ill.	Camp 4	200	
38	Werner R. Meek	311 E. WALNUT ST.	Centerville Ind.	200	
39	Verde E. Collier	627 S. Monroe	Peoria Ill 61603	Camp 28	200

AUX. SAT. & SUN. 9-10 OCT. 1976 HOLIDAY INN MOTEL E. PEORIA, ILL.

	NAME	CITY & STATE	STREET & NO.	CAMP OR AUX NO.	REGISTRATION FEE
16	Ed Coltrin	Peoria Ill 61607	2923 N. GOLF DR.	Camp # 25	200
17	Ellinor Johnson	MADISON, WI 53715	765 W. WASHINGTON AV.		200
18	Cyril Gumberger	San Jose, ILL	P.O. Box 84	Camp # 25	200
19	Ethel Jones	Iowa ILL	475 NW 52a	Aux Camp 77	200
20	Alice Benzine	2007 Pine	Cedar Falls Ia	Aux no 2	200
21	Edith Nettle	Des Moines, Ia	465. 77.W. 49 <sup>th</sup> Ph	Aux. 16. - 77.	200
22	Louise Herronke	2502 N. Wail	Milw, Wis	Aux 4 -	200
23	Mildred Cuffman	Frankfort, Ill	857 N. John St	Aux 57	200
24	Hanna Kreishter	Frankfort Ind	R.R. 5 46041	Aux 57	200
25	Lula Shirley	712 Wyomino	Frankfort Ind	Aux 20457	200
26	Gertrude Combs	1159 E Clinton	Frankfort Ind	Aux 57 46041	200
27	Ethel Wellman	Frankfort Ind	R.R. 1 46041	Aux 57	200
28	Rhoda Lemenstki	Cudahy Wis 53110	3928 E. Hammondan	D.T. Wis.	200
29	Donald Kelly	1610 N. G St.	Richmond	Inclane	200
30	J.B. Johnson	1710 Easton	Waterloo Iowa		200
31	Orval King	R.R. 1, Box 163	Battle Ground, Ind. 47920		200
32	Betty King		"		200
33	Tom Johnson II	MADISON, WIS 53715	765 W. WASHINGTON AV.	Camp # 2	200
34	Mrs. Grover Huff	OCONOMOWOC WIS	1809 N. DAIVES	Cmdr. Wi # 34	200
35	Mrs. Grover Huff	WIS. 53066	DA		200
36	Mr. Harry Beasey	Lafayette Ind	4790 Y/620 5.29 <sup>th</sup> ST.	Camp # 51	200
37	Mrs. Harry Beasey	"	"	"	200
38	Dick Greenwald	616 WEST 5570	Petersburg IL 4414	144 J.V. D. ST	200
39	Bill Fisher	R.R. # 2	CANTRELL, ILL.	Camp # 4	200
40	Richard Schachnick	213 E. Taylor	Petersburg, Ill.	"	200
41	A.E. Ogorin	259 N. 22 ST	Richmond Ind. 47374	TDC 1951-2	200
42	Geo Cashman	333 So. LEWIS	FRONFIELD 1/2 #4	"	200
43	Bob Graham	1320 N. OSBORNE	"	"	200
44	Babe Graham	" "	"	"	200
45	Charles Carduff	"	"	"	200
46	Marlene Carduff	"	"	"	200
47	Florence Forby	423 1/2-15 ST.	Moline, ILL, 61265.	ILL. Dept. Pres.	200
48	Dorothy Shafer				200
49	Larry Thomas	25 Rainb. St	Pekin ILL. 61544	Camp 25	200
50	Chuck Brady	P.O. Box 6165	CHICAGO 60680	Camps 1 + 61-65	200
51	Marie Doran	731 Junior Ter. Chicago 60613		Aux 30, 32	200
52	Robert Chestnut	P. O. Box # 2954	Springsfield, ill	Camp 4	200
53	Elmer R. Meek	311 E. WALNUT ST.	Enterprise Ind.	"	200
54	Deborah Coltrin	627 S. Springale	Peoria Ill 61607	Camp 25	200

ROLL CALL OF 1976 REGIONAL OFFICERS INDICATED THE FOLLOWING:

Commander - Louise Herncke, Wisconsin	Present
Sr.Vc Comdr - Donald Le Kelly, Indiana	"
Jr.Vc Comdr - Betty King, Indiana	"
Secr tary - Argus Everett Ogborn, Indiana	"
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson, Wisconsin	"
Pat. Instructor - Romona Greenwalt, Ohio	Absent
Chaplain - Grover Huff, Wisconsin	Present
Guide - Bonnie Abel, Illinois	Absent
Present, in terms of percentage	75%

ROLL CALL BY STATES:

1. Colo & Wyo.	0
2. Illinois	13
3. Indiana	12
4. Iowa	4
5. Kansas	0
6. Michigan	0
7. Minnesota	0
8. Missouri	0
9. Nebraska	0
10. Ohio	1
11. Wisconsin	6

Total ----- 36

Plus three (3) persons unidentified by state, since they didn't put down their address:

- a. Charles Carduff
- b. Marlene Carduff
- c. Dorothy Shaefer

making a grand total of 39 persons who registered and paid the \$2.00 dues fee.

NATIONAL OFFICERS PRESENT:

Richard Greenwalt, Jr. Vc. Comdr.  
Charles Brady, Pat. Instr.  
Florence Forby, " " Aux.

The meeting was opened by Regional Comdr. Herncke with request to Bro. Huff for giving of the invocation.

The Secretary read 1975 ~~Munix~~ Minutes which were approved as read and also submitted expenses for 1976, as follows:

8/28/76 -- 100 copies of annual Meeting Notice, Warfel Printers, Inc.	--	\$3.95
8/30/76 -- 50 - 13¢ stamps for mailing notices of Oct. Meeting	-----	6.50
		\$ 10.45

The Treasurer advised this would be later submitted as a supplemental report to the one she proceeded to read to the group and which is appended here as INSERT A-2:

*Insert A-2*

October, 1976

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference.

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1975-1976. It is as follows:

Balance on hand..September.1975.....\$119.48

Receipts: Dues 1975-1976

Ohio Auxiliary.....	\$ 5.00
Wisconsin Sons.....	5.00
Wisconsin Auxiliary .....	5.00
Illinois Auxiliary .....	5.00
Iowa Auxiliary ...	5.00
Missouri Auxiliary.....	5.00
Indiana Auxiliary.....	5.00
Ohio Sons.....	5.00
Illinois Sons.....	5.00
Donation - Thomas Hoffman, D. C. of Ohio in memory of Robert D. Austin, Sec.-Treas. of Ohio... 5.00	
Michigan Sons.....	5.00
Indiana Sons.....	<u>5.00</u>
	<u>60.00</u>
	<u>179.48</u>

Disbursements:

Hannah Kreisher, American Flag...	15.00
Argus Ogborn, Memorial to G.A.R..	10.00
Ed. Coltrin, Reg. Com. Dinner....	7.00
E.K.Johnson, Treas.-Postage & Supplies.....	3.14
Jane Graham, Reg. Sec. - Postage and Supplies.....	<u>10.18</u>
	<u>45.32</u>

Balance on hand as of September 1976..... \$134.16

A supplemental report will be issued prior to the close of this session to cover accounts to date.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

Ellinore K. Johnson  
Regional Treasurer

The secretary read communications from Sister Rosella Vanac, Sec. of Mo. Dept. at St. Louis, Mo., and from Thos. E. Hoffman, Past Ohio Dept Comdr., both regretting their inability to be with us this year and herewith inserted as B-1 and B-2: together with an official notice from the U. S. Post Office Dept. re: Change of Address for Sister Margaret Gehret, Alliance, Ohio, and inserted as B-3:



OHIO DEPARTMENT

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

PAST COMMANDER  
THOMAS HOFFMAN  
115 GLENWOOD BLVD.  
MANSFIELD, OHIO 44906

ROBERT D. AUSTIN  
SECRETARY - TREASURER  
147 SOUTH MCKINLEY AVE.  
ALLIANCE, OHIO 44601

*Insert B-2*

September 13, 1976

Dear Brother Angus E. Ogborn,  
many thanks for the data on the  
central Region and for the many  
nice words written on the back. I  
do hope that all of your people who came  
to Ohio for the national had a good  
time. I would have liked to visit  
with you more than what I did but  
being the host I had a lot to keep  
me on the go.

The extra copy you sent to  
me I have mailed on to the new  
Ohio Department Commander. In case  
you want to reach him his address  
is as follows:

Mr. Gordon Richard Bury II  
Ohio Department Commander  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
R.D. #1 Box 172  
Marshallville, Ohio 44645 (COVER)

The secretary read communications fr:  
Louis, Mo., and from Thos. E. Hoffman, Pa:  
to be with us this year and herewith in se:  
tice from the U. S. Post Office Dept. re:  
lance, Ohio, and ins rted as B-3:

I am sorry that I will not be able  
to be with you at the central Region  
meeting this year. I just can't work  
it off. I however, have been to the  
last two and I do plan on going to  
several more when they are near to ohio.

at this time I do not know  
who will be there from ohio. However,  
I am more interested in having the  
ohio membership dues paid. If they,  
the dues are not paid please let me know  
and I will see that they will be  
Paid.

I think you said to many nice  
words. However, I am glad you liked the  
general orders. I have had some very nice  
letters from several people over them. I did  
the best I could at being a department  
commander and after all that is all anyone  
can do. as for the S.V.C.W. I am a life  
member so I will always try to do the  
best I can. anytime I can help you  
the central Region, S.V.C.W. please let me  
know. The problem I have with central Region  
is that unless its close to ohio I can not be  
at the meeting. once again thank you for your nice  
② words and information. sincerely  
Thomas E. Hoffman  
Post office department  
Commander

The secretary read communications from Sister Rosella Vanac, Sec. of Mo. Dept. at St. Louis, Mo., and from Thos. E. Hoffman, Past Ohio Dept Comdr., both regretting their inability to be with us this year and herewith insert d as B-1 and B-2: together with an official notice from the U. S. Post Office Dept. re: Change of Address for Sister Margaret Gehret, Alliance, Ohio, and inserted as B-3:

*Insert B-1*

Dear Elvina

Enclosed is our 1976-77 dues  
for the Central Region. for the  
Missouri Department.

I will be unable to attend this  
meeting as my health doesn't  
permit me at this time. I do not  
know if any other of the girls  
are planning to attend.

I wish you have a very happy  
meeting & a successful one.

Sincerely  
Rosella Vanac, Sec.

1325 Shenandoah  
St. Louis Mo 63104

The secretary read communications from Sister Rosella Vanac, Sec. of Mo. Dept. at St. Louis, Mo., and from Thos. E. Hoffman, Past Ohio Dept Comdr., both regarding their inability to be with us this year and herewith inserted as B-1 and B-2: together with an official notice from the U. S. Post Office Dept. re: Change of Address for Sister Margaret Gehret, Alliance, Ohio, and inserted as B-3:

ENTER MAILER'S ACCOUNT NO. HERE:  
(All numbers, dates and letters)

Check if:  NO Acct. No.  Account No.  
 ON MAIL  ILLEGIBLE

THIS CARD IS FURNISHED:

For address correction, as requested.  
(Your mailing piece was forwarded)

In lieu of Form 3579, see last space  
below.

Name of Addressee

Ohio Dept. SUV CW Aux. Sec. MARGARET Gehret

Old Address

337 W. Broadway

B-3

Post Office, State and ZIP Code

ALLIANCE, OH 44601

New Address

14329 Gaskill Dr NE  
Alliance, OH 44601

Post Office, State and ZIP Code  
Rec. 9-21-74

The address portion of your 2d, 3d, 4th or controlled circulation mailing piece  
was not readily detachable. Reason for non-delivery was:

- MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS  NO SUCH STREET  REFUSED  
 NO SUCH NUMBER  UNKNOWN  UNCLAIMED

Comdr. Henncke appointed the following committees:

NOMINATING: Thos. L. W. Johnson, Chrmn

Ed Coltrin

Ethel Wellman

AUDITING: Geo. Cashman, Chrmn

Rhoda Lemanski

Dick Greenwalt

RESOLUTIONS: Ethel Jones, Chrmn

Bob Graham

Harry Beasey

Grover and Helen Huff, Chairman of the Discussion Group presented a program carrying out and developing upon the theme: "The Heritage of our Bicentennial". Some weeks later, your secretary received in the mail a zerox copy of these splendidly given talks which we feel deserves a place in our permanent archives and so we take the liberty to insert same as  
INSERT B-4

The Huffs also gave each of us a large glassine envelope filled with descriptive literature of historical importance, principally covering the State of Ohio and also enough extra copies to take back to Benton Camp 28, Ind. Dept. at Richmond, Ind. and Centerville, Ind.

*Insert B-4*

(a)

1809 N. Davies Dr.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Dear Mr. Ogborn:

Sorry this has taken so long to get to you, but both Bob and I were flu victims, thus taking longer to get our talks copied than we had at first figured on.

Thank you for your interest,

Helen E. Huff

*Helen E. Huff*

Dec. 16/76

16 November 1976

Robert & Helen Huff,  
1809 N. Davies Dr.,  
Oconomowoc, Wisc. 53066

Re: Your recent talks delivered at Central  
Regional

Dear Bro. and Sister Huff;

We are very pleased to think that you did not forget us in the matter of a copy of your joint effort in preparing and presenting a most interesting and informative subject which we shall very naturally want to permanently place with our own personal historical ephemera or in our archives at the G.A.R. Memorial Hall at Centerville.

Saturday last (14 Nov) Gen. Wm. P. Benton Camp 28 hosted the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Ind. SUVCW and Aux. This was in our G. A. R. Memorial Hall and Civil War Museum at Centerville. Indianapolis, Frankfort, Richmond and Lafayette were represented. The morning program was opened by this writer singing the old favorite: "When the Boys in Blue are Gone". State Sec-Treas. W. C. Klusman (PDC 1974-5) of Camp 28 reported to us that David E. Portr Camp 116 at Valparaiso, Ind. is re-activating with 15 new members and a new charter will soon be forthcoming from National. Our feature speaker was Robert Craig of the Nicholson School Faculty in Richmond, Ind., and a member of our Camp. He discussed "Uniforms of The Civil War" and wore and described all uniform and accoutrement of the Civil War enlisted man. His talk was interspersed with humorous incidents.

Following the Craig lecture, the group toured our Civil War library and Museum, then had lunch at Jody's Restaurant directly across the street from our hall. The afternoon was spent touring historic buildings in Centerville, including the home of our famous Civil War Governor Oliver P. Morton, just 3 blocks directly west of our hall. We meet monthly with the Wayne Co. Civil War Round Table and always have a program, usually on some facet of the American Civil War.

Again - many thanks and the very best holiday greetings to you both and our other good friends from that area.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

ARGUS EVERETT OGBORN

*Juliet B-4*  
(b)

October 9, 1976

THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY

The reason this subject was chosen over many others is that no one area of the nation affected the lives of so many of the citizens of the area so greatly, both in Colonial and in modern times. The Ordinance of 1787 established the first colony of the United States—the territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio River. From this territory five states and part of a sixth were eventually admitted to the union on an equal footing with the original states. The Old Northwest, geographically the connecting region between the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence System, and the Mississippi, and socially the fusion center of population elements coming from the Northeast, East and South and from Europe, came in time to control the economic and political balance of the Union.

I will not attempt a complete history of the Territory, but I will endeavor to bring out a few interesting facets of its development into the great region we have today.

This, then, was the area, having lain fallow since the recession of the great ice sheets some 20,000 years before, was first viewed by modern man from 10,000 to 12,000 years ago. These were the early ancestors of the Woodland and Mound building tribes and ancestors of the modern Indians. Some of the earthworks these primitive peoples erected rival modern man and his gigantic earth movers. Life was quite simple for these people with abundant game supplies and plenty of wild fruits and nuts. They developed a crude form of an agricultural system, growing corn, beans, squash, etc., developed over the years.

The first recorded white men intruding into the area were Louis Joliet and Pere Jacques Marquette, a French soldier and a missionary. Other fur traders and hunters followed, both English and French, with each trying to bribe the Indians to help them and hinder the others.

The various Indian Wars kept the Northwest Territory in a constant

uproar, until the final victory was won, deposing the French from the continent. The English, in order to limit trade or commerce with the Ohio country, forbid any settler to cross the Allegheny mountains. This made little difference to the squatters and traders. Even George Washington built a fine modern, for those days, mill a few miles up the river from Fort Pitt around 1774. This mill did not survive the Revolutionary War.

The Northwest Territory loomed very large in the plans of the Continental Congress and the Army. In the bad years at the beginning of the War, plans were instituted to colonize the area--witness Colonel Robertson's move to Kentucky and Tennessee in the dead of winter and the expedition of George Rogers Clark to Vincennes and Kaskaskia. They planned to retreat to the interior if the Colonials were defeated on the Atlantic Coast and establish a new nation in the interior and fight against England.

In 1787 after the treaty of peace with England and the boundaries for the new nation being established by that treaty, there remained to be settled the claims to land in the Northwest Territory by the original colonies. These lands were given up by the states claiming them and were added to the Public Domain, with the state withholding only lands owed to the Veteran soldiers in the form of land grants for their services during the War.

The Public Domain at this time was more than 265,000 square miles, or 170 million acres.

The Land Ordinance of 1785 declared that as soon as the titles from the Indian Tribes were clear, the lands would be surveyed and divided into townships of six miles square and sold for not less than one dollar per acre. This system of surveying, began at Marietta, Ohio, has led the way for the modern quadrilateral systems--a square section of 640 acres, township of 36 sections, always numbered the same, with ranges East and West of Latitude and North and South of Longitude. This makes for easy location and description of any given property anywhere in the United States. This as compared to the confusion in South Alabama (West Florida) the land titles there originated in original Spanish or English land grants and might run as follows: on North bank of river--begin at large oak tree marked with a cross running 2000 feet

northly to a red gum tree marked by a cross and a 1, then westerly to another marker and so on back to the beginning, giving an area of land equal to 1000 acres more or less.

After the lands at the Forks of the Ohio were surveyed and opened to settlement, a trickle of newcomers became a veritable flood. The tide of immigrants slowed somewhat during the Napoleonic Wars in Europe, but after the War of 1812, unsettled times at home combined with the severe winter of 1816-1817, along with high taxes and so on proved to be the impetus for a mass migration Westward from Eastern seaboard. Indian treaties had by this time more or less eliminated this problem, but they continued to give trouble up through Black Hawk's War in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Ohio was admitted to statehood in 1803, followed by Indiana in 1816, Illinois followed right at her heels in 1818 and Michigan achieved statehood in 1837 with Wisconsin coming up in the rear in 1848.

The early settlers, moved entirely by means of the rivers which led directly into the various areas of settlement. Land travel was limited to the few Indian and game trails through the dense forest and were dangerous to say the least.

To anyone never having viewed this forest stretching from the Allegheny Mountains in the East to the prairie lands of West-central Indiana and Illinois, it was almost beyond belief. Trees of every species growing spaced by Nature as in a park with trunks 7 - 9 feet in diameter and a full hundred feet to the lowest branches. Records show how one sycamore tree-hollow sheltered 24 men and horses from a storm. My great-grandfather cleared four hundred acres of black walnut trees six feet and more in diameter.

The settlers believed that no land that would not grow trees, would not grow corn, therefore they decreed the forest must go to make room for agriculture. The larger percentage of the trees not used for building purposes were piled up and burned--a sheer waste, but they were deemed expendable. The prairie lands were shunned as no good except for cattle grazing. Along with the stupendous labor of clearing the land for crops, the new-comers had to fight many new sicknesses, seeming to come from the disturbance of the new lands. Chills and fever were commonplace with nearly everyone participating. Milk fever sickened

and killed many and lung fever also took its toll. Even to this day our scientists do not know what caused many of these early illnesses. The doctors were few in number and largely untrained, or at least very poorly trained by our standards today so home remedies were the usual thing, and were sometimes quite drastic. The usual treatment was to bleed the patient and then purge with emetics. Mustard plasters and skunk oil were highly favored cures for numerous ailments. The lowly burdock burr came into its own in a cure for croup or sore throat. Four or five burrs were tied to a string and the spines were matted down with lard. The burrs were then swallowed and when the lard was deemed to have melted off of them, they were pulled up with the offending membranes. Seems rough on the tonsils!

With the settlements begun, churches and schools were also organized and built. Section sixteen of each township had been set aside for the purpose of promoting schools and places of higher learning. Our State Universities received their original impetus from these funds.

With the varied national coming into the area the churches were as many different faiths as their organizers. During the building years great revivals swept the area, resulting in a great religious fervor that is still going strong.

Despite all of the hard work in the land, clearing forests and home building, the settler's life was not all work. Neighborly gatherings such as house and barn raisings always ended in a frolic or dance. Husking bees, sorghum boiling, butchering--any of these tasks inevitably ended in a dance which lasted until morning. Each summer always saw "Preaching and dinner on the grounds"--a type of religious get-together for those who did not dance, or anyone else that wanted to attend. The early roads were merely trails, widened and corduroyed over the marshes were soon beginning to link the settlements. Zanes Trace in Ohio was one of the first improved roads. The national road running across Northwest Territory from the Potomac River to Vandalia, Illinois was ordered by Congress in 1806 and finally opened all the way to Vandalia in 1852. Congress acted the same then as they do now--procrastinating wherever possible.

The improved roads were better by far than before but throughout the spring thaw and early summer rains they were still impassable.

What a change we have with our wide, smooth modern roads. With the better roads came the demands to link the Great Lakes region to the Ohio Rivers by canals. Canals were built in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, but were just getting a good start when the Railroad building boom commenced. The railroads expanded rapidly with a concurrent rise in establishing of many new and varied industrial areas throughout the territory. By the time of the industrial expansion during and after the Civil War in 1860, the entire area of the Northwest Territory was ready. With a large supply of cheap labor and huge supplies of all kinds of raw materials, from coal and iron to lumber and many allied materials, we were ready for what proved to be really great expansion.

We all know the story of the industrial giants which have arisen, the auto manufacturers, the petro-chemical industry, the iron and steel mills and so on down the line, causing grief for some but on the whole acting for the betterment of the whole world. At this time we are faced with having to make a choice between clean industry and clean air and water, but the difficulties are not insurmountable. With work and perseverance of the type our forefathers had in building the new land 200 years ago, we shall conquer, and the Northwest Territory as well as the rest of the land will be greater and a better place to live than ever before, God willing.

*Inset B-4 (c)*

PEORIA ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 10TH 1976

Members of our Regional Conference and friends:

As long as our theme this year is "The Heritage of our Bicentennial, let me dedicate my remarks to the often unsung but very important effect women of all times had on the forming of the history of our country. A niece of our sister-in-law had this poem printed in the Mobile Alabama paper and it is singularly appropriate to this theme.

As we look forward to our country's 200th anniversary celebration

We think of some women who have had an influence on this nation.

First, we must realize that without women there could be no great men

For it is with woman, a new life must begin.

Behind every man that thinks he is great

There is a mother or wife to help him relate.

Betsy Ross was a seamstress during the American Revolution

A flag for a new country was needed, she had the solution

She sewed a flag from General Washington's rough design

From a 6-pointed star to a 5-pointed one, the flag looked fine.

The Stars and Stripes was adopted by Congress in 1777, June 14

It was the first official flag that our country had seen.

Susan B. Anthony was a reformer in her very own right

The leader of the Woman suffrage movement, she put up a fight

She was told at a meeting that "Sisters" were not to speak, but to listen and learn.

But she felt that every woman should have her ~~own~~ own turn.

She was arrested for voting in 1872.

Her trial caused a nationwide attraction and much ado.

Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861

Carrying supplies to the soldiers and nursing the wounded had begun "An Angel of the Battlefield" to men who were at a loss

It was Clara Barton, Founder of the American Red Cross,

In the Yellow Fever epidemic and during floods she did relief work  
She always helped others, from her charitable duty she'd never shirk.  
She wrote books and took an active part.

She was an untiring patriot, who gave American women a good start.  
Billie Jean King won a battle for women and in sports she brought fame  
When she defeated Bobby Riggs, and tennis was their game.

A leader among women today is Kate Smith, we like to hear her sing  
Patriotic songs, let the National Anthem ring.

"God Bless America", what a beautiful voice  
Brings tears to our eyes, makes our hearts rejoice.  
There are many others if you'll only look around.

Even before Betsy Ross there was the young wife of our first President,  
then General Washington. Martha Dandridge Custis Washington was a  
very timid widow when he married her. He left her at Mt. Vernon with  
orders to: "Summon your whole fortitude and pass the time as agreeable  
as possible". Instead, she organized her whole household and set them  
to work making bandages for the army and laying in supplies, much more  
than needed for the immediate household, of food and staples for man  
and beast. When Lord Dunmore, Royal Governor of Virginia threatened  
to burn the plantation and take her prisoner, she defied him and  
refused to retreat. General Washington summoned her to his camp outside  
of Boston, and because she was still so timid, she procrastinated, but  
finally set out. After her initial trip she made the journey every  
winter for the rest of the war and camped right with the men. She told  
a friend she shuddered every time she heard gunfire, but managed to  
keep her fear to herself. In the summer of 1777 General Washington  
ordered all women, wives and sweethearts of the soldiers and all manner  
of camp followers to march right along with the baggage. This order  
more or less typified the attitude of men of that era and even of this  
day and age, that women were regarded as ornaments of the household  
and delicate sources of heirs only, and as such to be kept out of  
danger as much as was possible.

Abigail Adams, wife of one president and mother of another was an exceptionally intelligent woman. In one of her letters in 1777 when the outlook of the war was very bleak, she wrote "We possess a spirit that

will not be conquered. If our men are all drawn off and we should be attacked, you would find a race of Amazons in America," Benjamin Franklin's wife Deborah saw very little of her husband who spent most of the war years in England, but she still managed to make her mark in 1765 when a mob threatened to pull down her home because they blamed Benjamin for the Stamp Act. She turned an upstairs room into a veritable arsenal and was all prepared to put up a good show of force before she surrendered, but it was not necessary because the attack was never made.

She overlooked her husband's romantic pecadillos, as did most gentle-women of that era.

Next we find Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, who, until her death at age 97, spent all her married life trying to build up Alexander Hamilton's reputation in spite of his many infidelities.

You know, looking backwards over the years of history we find the morals of man flaunted in public so boldly that we wonder if the so-called good Puritan morals were any better than they are today.

Margaret Shippen Arnold did her utmost to help her husband to attain the post of command at West Point, and when his treachery to the United States was brought to light, she threw very convincing hysterics.

Martha Wayles Skelton Jefferson had so much charm that Jefferson refused a national post in the Revolution just so he could stay with her. He even resigned from the Continental Congress to be with her and nurse her until her death in 1782.

These are some of the better-known ladies of early history and now it is no more than fitting that we mention a few of the lesser known ones. unsung and almost literally unknown, but essential to our progress.

One of the earliest of these was Queen Aliquippa of the Delawares. Her many diplomatic talks with George Washington resulted in that particular Indian tribe aligning themselves with the colonists and against the French. His reward to her--a matchcoat and a bottle of rum! Another virtually unknown was Elizabeth Zane. When Fort Henry was attacked in the spring of 1782 it was in grave danger of falling to the enemy due to a shortage of powder. Betty Zane left the protection of the stockade and ran across open ground to her brother's house where she knew there was a keg of powder and brought it back with her. It was just enough to save the day for the fort.

Molly Pitcher's real name was Molly Hays, the wife of an artilleryman. During the battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778 she carried pitchers of water to the relief of the soldiers and thus earned her name. When her husband was overcome with the heat, she took over and kept his cannon firing as long as necessary.

Progressing to the Civil War era we find that Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" had a terrific influence on the nation when it was first published in 1852. One of the little-known facts was that she never realized one penny in royalties for the book at any time, but it was thought to have helped change the course of history.

During the civil war one name stands out above the rest, unique in that Susie King Taylor was a black woman who served as nurse and teacher to the black men in the Union forces, who, when they had been slaves had never had the opportunity of getting any type of education.

Even medicine has been hugely benefitted by many women.

Elizabeth Blackwell was known as the first woman physician and was followed by Clara Barton, nurse and founder of the American Red Cross.

The following women: Mary Gove Nichols, Susanna Way Dodds, Harriet Austin and Lydia Folger Fowler never made national acclaim but were prominent as feminists and social workers. Many of them were doctors and their unorthodox method of healing didn't go over very big/ with the established medical world of the mid-1800s. They pioneered the Natural Hygiene method, abandoning the use of drugs and trying to find solutions to most disease problems through the use of diet, regular physical exercise, plenty of rest and sleep and control of the emotions. Their group and their descendants were the forerunners of the American Natural Hygiene Society of today. At a convention in Milwaukee, Deloris Burns said "You can't find any biographies of these people" but noted that Suzanne Dodds opened her own college to train professionals in Hygeinic care of patients.

Dr. Harriet Austin once took care of Clara Barton whose praises of her are on record in the Library of Congress. She also maintained Lydia Fowler, then a Professor of obstetrics in the New York College of Hygio-therapy who advocated natural childbirth merited high esteem. Another hygeinist, Mary Nichols founded the Womans Physiological Society and one of her most startling reforms was the abandonment of tight corset lacing, and horror of horrors--she even promoted the use of trousers

for females, thereby shocking most of the general public.

Dr. Edward Beecher, a Pastor of a church in Galesburg, Illinois made a plea from the pulpit one Sunday, telling of the dire hardships and desperate need of the Union soldiers. As the result of this plea, the church elected to send Mrs. Mary Ann Bickerdyke, soon to be known to most of the soldiers as Mother Bickerdyke. She left home and family and followed the army for the duration of the war, scrounging food and money for medical supplies wherever she could. After the War she went to Kansas and gave assistance to over fifty families who were homesteading there. Then she went to New York where she worked in the Tombs and Bellevue Hospitals. After she was no longer needed there she went to California to help the Veterans in getting their pensions.

We leave medicine now and have found a very little-known fact is that in 1870 Victoria Woodhull declared herself a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. Nothing ever came of it, but it was a step in the right direction.

Susan B. Anthony in 1868 submitted a resolution to the Democratic Presidential Convention endorsing Woman's Suffrage and devoted her life to temperance, abolition of slavery, and even tried to vote for President in 1872, for which she was arrested and fined one hundred dollars.

As to women in the White House, it is a confirmed fact the Mrs. Woodrow Wilson practically ran the country when her husband was so ill. On the other side of the book is Carrie Nation who was the forerunner of Prohibition, but as a social reform we all know it was a total failure.

Women have long invaded other so-called particularly masculine fields of endeavor, Amelia Earheart was one of the more spectacular of these. Although she lost her life doing so, she opened the field of aviation, wide open for women. While we have not had a female astronaut so far, it is not entirely inconceivable.

Other fields of endeavor for women in which they have more than made their mark are politics, as for instance our own Shirley Temple Black from a child movie star to one of the first women to be appointed to high places in government. Also, Golda Meier held the fate of an entire nation in her hands for a long time.

While I am by no means a feminist as such, I realize women will continue to play their part in changing the course of events from the very beginning of our country's independence right up to the

present time. After all--without Woman's help, where would ~~man~~ man be?

Thank you.

Dick Greenwalt was recognized and brought our group greetings from the National organization and advised that Iowa will host the National Encampment next year (Aug. 1977). Sister Ethel Jones, Nat. Counsel Member No. 2, also spoke about next years encampment. Secretary Ellinore Johnson stated that there were 19 Past Nat. Aux. Presidents at the recent Nat. Enc. at Columbus, Ohio.

Bro. Chas. Brady reported that he had very recently attended a reception for the new Comm-in-Chief at which four of the five allied heads were present. He stated there were 170 in attendance at this "shindig".

We got in a big hassle again over clarification of our membership application blanks spelling out specifically what it takes to qualify an individual for full membership in the "Sons". Bro. Cashman stated that collateral descendants of Civil War veterans are eligible to full membership, so long as they produce the appropriate military record and indicate their exact relationship to this individual. This still leaves it pretty ambiguous as to how we who screen these applications can ever check this information out or really positively establish that what is contained as information on an application card is dependable or whether an applicant has merely picked out a name from official records and then proceeds to claim relationship to him. Bro. Chas. Brady referred to proceedings at the National in 1961-65 in which Bro. Coffin of Ohio took the position that full membership was not limited to direct lineal descendants. With this attitude prevailing, all we can say is that this organization is a lot more liberal in its membership requirements than is the Sons of the American Revolution, where a detailed "Work Sheet" is required from an applicant, and same is checked out by a reviewing committee.

A number of our members contributed ideas as to increasing our membership and someone suggested local Chambers of Commerce might help us financially in membership drives, but the wisdom of this was questioned by others.

At 4:30 P. M., the meeting recessed with formal closing by Chaplain Huff to prepare for the 6:30 P. M. banquet.

SUNDAY 10 October 1976

Meeting opened by Reg. Comdr. Herncke. Bro. Cashman of the Auditing Committee reported that the books were found in order. He did not indicate what his Committee would have done had they been in dis-order! He did have one recommendation coming from his Committee and that was that the annual salary of the Treasurer be increased 10% as a cost of living factor, with the proviso that the annual salary not exceed the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). However, his recommendation made in the form of a motion died a very painful and slow death on the floor, due to want of a second! The Treasurer was livid with rage at this rejection, but was given a tranquilizer by Bro. Tom and was finally quieted down to some extent.

One motion did succeed. It was that the registration fees collected be used to reimburse the host department for actual expenses incurred, with any surplus fees to go to our treasury. The motion was made by Bro. Coltrin and seconded by Florence Forby and was voted affirmatively.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report, which is incorporated into these Minutes as I N S E R T "C", thanking the hotel for courtesies extended us; the Stat. Dept. of Illinois for hosting our groups, and the Rev. Dr. Oliver K. Zivney for his inspirational message to our assembly. We were assured that a proper address would be furnished us for this purpose so we could write the minister. After five weeks of waiting, we decided to "take the bull by the horns" and we wrote him 17 November, 1976, hoping that he actually resided in East Peoria, Ill. If he doesn't, our letter will probably be returned to the secretary. Our letter to Dr. Zivney is appended to these minutes as "A D D E N D A 3".



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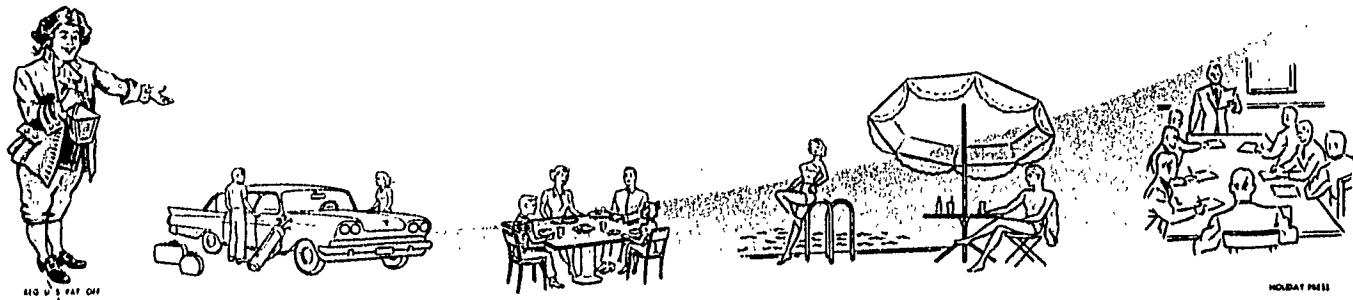
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Oct. 10 - 1976.

To the Officers & Members of the Regional Conference of the sons of the union Veterans & Auxs, We wish to express Our Thanks. Also Hotel for the Courtesy extended to us, The State of Ill, for inviting us to have this Conference. The Speakers for the Messages given to us, and for the Secy to write a Vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Oliver K. Zinney.

Ethel Jones  
Harry B Beasey  
Robert M. Graham.



R. Greenwalt, in commenting on a suggestion that we break our 11-stat regional into one or two smaller components, advises not to do this on account of the numerical strength in attendance which he believes would be even smaller if this were attempted. Guess the old boy does have something there! Howsoever, Sister Brady advanced the thought that Iowa and Nebraska should try to form their own Regional. Well, we are sure no one would stand in their way if they attempted to do this thing.

Thomas Johnson doesn't believe we should arbitrarily cut off the smaller and non-participating units. He suggested that our Madam Treasurer read off to us all those contributing their annual \$5.00 dues assessments for 1976-77 and she indicated the following departments:

Ind.	Mo.
Iowa	Ohio
Ill.	Wisc.

Rhoda Lemenski advises that there is no Department in Minnesota to pay such dues. On motion of E. Jones and seconded by H. Beasey, it was agreed to continue the 11-state set-up.

The Nominating Committee read their proposed slate of officers for 1976-77 and this is placed in these Minutes as I N S E R T D:

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1976-77

Commander - Donald L. Kelly - Indiana

Sr Vice Cmdr - Betty King - Indiana

Jr Vice Cmdr - Robert M. Graham - Illinois

Secretary - George L. Cosmen - Illinois

Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin

Patr. Instr - Cyril Humberger - Illinois

Chaplain - Grover R. Huff - Wisconsin

Guide - J. B. Johnson - Iowa

Respectfully submitted,

L. Edward Coltrin

Ethel Wellman

Thomas T. W. Johnson, Chairmen

October 10, 1976

G. Edward Coltrin moved the nomination of the above slate of officers en toto, seconded by Thos. Johnson. Members assembled affirmed same. If there were any mutterings of dissent, we didn't hear them.

Supplemental bills were submitted in the amounts of:

\$10.00 to the Host Dept Aux.  
15.00 to the Host Dept SUVCW  
8.00 Dinner for Comdr.  
19.45 to Sec. Exp. (mentioned previously)  
3.05 to Treas. Exp.

P/c-inc Cashman moved above be approved and paid, seconded by G. Coltrin.

Motion was made by R. Schotzick that \$10.00 be donated to the Nat. Patriotic Instr. SUVCW and \$10.00 to Nat. Patriotic Instr. of the Aux. Seconded by R. Greenwalt. Carried.

An announcement was extended by the Dept. Aux. Pres. of Wisconsin that Central Regional hold their Oct. 1977 meeting at Madison, Wisconsin. Accepted, because we didn't hav anywhere's else to go, nohow! How very fortunate for Wisconsin!

Thomas Johnson moved that a new supply of regional stationery be ordered. Seconded by Edith Hittle and passed by an ever-cooperative audience. Seems like this was acted on onc before, but we aint gonna look back and see. Besides, what's wrong with emphasizing the fact that our supply of stationery is dangerously low?

The theme for next year's Central Regional is suggested by Bro. Coltrin as developing our work and activity in graves registration and locating graves of our Civil War ancestors. Bro. Coltrin has a number of facets in mind, such as the publication of a small informational booklet thereon, to sell for - say \$1.00 - as a profit-making enterprise. Rhoda Lamenski, however, advises that there is already such a volume available as well as other publications along this line. It was also a reminder to our group by Margaret and Harry Beasey of Lafayette that Mrs. Beasey has worked along this line for a number of years, and has already furnished the Indiana State library with six (6) books of records of deceased comrades in Indiana cemeteries, with a seventh (7th) containing some 3,500 names presently in process of publication. Mrs. Beasey was recently recognized by the Lafayette Navy Club and its Auxiliary for her long-time efforts in this connection, so you see this proposed activity is somewhat "old hat" to the Hoosier state.

Past c-in-c Cashman suggests a comparatively simple theme for 1976-77 "The Contribution of Your State to The Civil War". Grover Huff, not at all to be outdone, spoke up and said he believes the subject should be "Preservation of Our Heritage" and several sub-subjects thereunder. Thomas Johnson believes that interest in our heritage is an encouraging sign, and suggests appointment of a small committee of knowledgeable persons to develop a structure of this theme, to be presented in the 1977 meeting. Sisters Florence Forby, Ill. Dept and Rhoda Lemenski of Wisc. had comments on this subject, and it was stated that we need an index to what we need in this connection at local levels, and also perhaps at a foreign level as well. Comdr. Herncke appointed Ed Coltrin, Chrmn and to get together his own committee to develop and work on the next year's theme, and Ellinore Johnson moved adoption of the Cashman theme. Mrs. Huff suggested that all persons interested send what they have. Thomas Johnson was asked to undertake chairmanship of the theme for the 1977 program. He accepted same and will ask each state represented in our meeting to furnish whatever information they individually have.

Your secretary's record shows that Comdr. Herncke appointed Ed Coltrin to head up a committee and Thomas Johnson somehow also accepted the chairmanship for the 1977 meeting, so with two different individuals working on it, we should have a double "input". Let's hope there's not too much duplication of effort!

Bro. Charles Brady installed the newly elected officers and had them conducted to th ir respective stations. Donald L. Kelly, newly elected Commander, took the station vacated by Mrs. Herncke and dismissed the assembly, after benediction by the Chaplain, until it reconvenes next October.

# Addenda I

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## HELP THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS FUND

This year, both the National Patriotic Instructor for the Sons and for the Auxiliary are Illinois Department Members. They are Charles Allen Brady Jr. and Florence H. Forby.

To assist their fund raising efforts, Marie Doran, Past Department President and Past National Junior Vice President is having a

### COSTUME AND INDIAN JEWELRY SHOW

here at the Holiday Inn Motel. The profits from all sales made during the Central Regional Conference Encampment will be split equally between Brother Brady and Sister Forby for their respective funds.

See this show in Room 168.

Saturday 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

also following the Saturday evening program

Sunday 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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AUXILIARY, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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Secretary.....Argus Ogborn  
Department of Indiana  
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Department of Wisconsin  
Patriotic Instructor.....Ramona Greenwalt  
Department of Ohio  
Chaplain.....Grover Huff  
Department of Wisconsin  
Guide.....Bonnie Abel  
Department of Illinois

PROGRAM

Introduction of Toastmaster..G. Edward Coltrin  
Arrangements Chairman  
Toastmaster.....Florence H. Forby  
Ill. Aux. Dept. Pres.  
Presentation of Colors.....  
Co. E. 114th. Illinois Infantry Volunteers, R activated  
THE GOVERNOR'S HONOR GUARD  
Pledge of Allegience.....  
Invocation.....Grover Huff, Chaplain  
Guest Speaker.....Dr. Oliver K. Zivney  
United Methodist Pastor  
Dept. Chap. Amer. Legion

"PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON A LINE"

The Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Patriotic Message.....Cyril Gumbinger  
Sr. V. Comdr. Ill. Dept.  
Patr. Inst. Camp 25

Remarks.....Louise Herncke  
Central Regional Pres.

Retiring of Colors.....114th. Infantry

Benediction.....Chaplain

Sunday, October 10, 1976

7:00 a.m. Officers and Delegates Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. Committee Meetings  
9:00 a.m. Business session  
Election and installation of officers  
Selection of 1977 Encampment location  
12:00 p.m. Adjourn

MENU

tossed salad  
roast beef, baked potato, french onion soup  
rolls, butter, coffee  
creme de menthe parfait

ROSTER OF PAST COMMANDERS, PAST PRESIDENTS AND ENCAMPMENT LOCATIONS SINCE FOUNDING OF CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Name and Department		City and State
Wilbur F. Hathaway, Ia.	1948	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Wilbur F. Hathaway, Ia.	1949	Decatur, Illinois
Theodore H. Mohr, Mo.	1950	Kankakee, Illinois
Theodore H. Mohr, Mo.	1951	Des Moines, Iowa
Theodore H. Mohr, Mo.	1952	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Theodore H. Mohr, Mo.	1953	Aurora, Illinois
Theodore H. Mohr, Mo.	1954	Lafayette, Indiana
Charles R. Cowdin, Mich.	1955	Detroit, Michigan
Louis G. Blair, Ohio	1956	Colombus, Ohio
George Lovering, Ill.	1957	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Earl Corbin, Ohio	1958	Aurora, Illinois
James M. Blackman, Ill.	1959	Lafayette, Indiana
Edward Biering, Wisc.	1960	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Margaret Horn, Ind.	1961	Akron, Ohio
Myron Goodermont, Ill.	1962	Aurora, Illinois
Thomas L.W. Johnson, Wisc.	1963	Lafayette, Indiana
Thomas L.W. Johnson, Wisc.	1964	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Bessie Goodermont, Ill.	1965	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Thomas J. Lock III, Ind.	1966	Mansfield, Ohio
Paul Grate, Ohio	1967	Lafayette, Indiana
Paul Grate, Ohio	1968	Springfield, Illinois
Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisc.	1969	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
George L. Cashman, Ill.	1970	Akron, Ohio
Robert J. Wolz Jr., Ohio	1971	Lafayette, Indiana
Hazel Moushey, Mo.	1972	Chicago, Illinois
Richard Greenwalt, Ohio	1973	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Marie Doran, Ill.	1974	Colombus, Ohio
G. Edward Coltrin, Ill.	1975	Richmond, Indiana

Donald Lee Kelly Ind. 1976 - E. Peoria, Ill. \*

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* Colorado-	Iowa	Missouri
* Wyoming	Kansas	Nebraska
* Illinois	Michigan	Ohio
* Indiana	Minnesota	Wisconsin
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Addenda (3)

17 November 1976

Dr. Oliver K. Zivney,  
United Methodist Pastor and  
Ill. Dept. Chaplain, American Legion,  
East Peoria, Illinois 61611 (?)

My dear Sir:

The writer, as Secretary of the 29th annual Encampment of the Central Regional Conference of the national Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary, held at the Holiday Inn Motel in East Peoria, Ill. 9, 10 October 1976, was instructed to write a note to you, thanking you kindly for your inspiring message to us at our evening banquet Sat. 9 October.

We were to have been furnished a specific address for this purpose, but same has not been forthcoming, and since we have waited in vain for some five weeks, we felt we simply had to take a chance that a very belated communication would reach you before you had entirely forgotten about your appearance before us.

First, we do want, in all honesty and sincerity, to commend you for your courageous survival of the really "loused up" introduction which you received at the time you were presented to us, but which we don't believe bothered you nearly so much as it did some of the rest of us who could scarcely refrain from crawling under our tables in acute embarrassment. We are quite sure you would much rather have been introduced: "Here is a very patriotic and talented individual who has kindly consented to bring us tonight's message," than to have someone wading through a virtual hodgepodge of very apparently unfamiliar facts, and "probing" along each step of the way.

So---- firstly, we do want to apologize to you for any possible irreparable damage or affront to your dignity and internal serenity and, secondly --- we do also want muchly for you to know that your very finely presented message was more than appreciated!

Very respectfully,

ARGUS EVERETT OGBORN,  
Secretary, Central Regional Conference  
SUVCW & AUX., 258 N. 22nd Street,  
Richmond, Indiana 47374

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Argus E. Ogle, P.O. Box N. 22 St., Richmond,  
Indiana 47374, Retiring Secretary.

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Donald Lee Kelly, Incoming Regional Comdr.,  
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ADDENDAS APPENDED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES:

- Addenda 1: Broadside: Help the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund
- ' Addenda 2: Printed Program: The 29th Ann. Encamp. Central Regional Conference Oct 9,10, 1976
- Addenda 3: Cy ltr 17 Nov '76 to Dr. Oliver K. Zivney, our banquet speaker.

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### OFFICE OF

ARGUS EVERETT OGBORN, Regional Sec.

258 North 22nd Street,

Richmond, Indiana 47374

TO: Mrs. Louise Hennick, Regional Comdr., Central Reg. Conf., SUVCW and Auxiliary  
FROM: Argus Everett Ogborn, Secretary  
SUBJECT: Report of 1975 Central Regional Conference, held in the Leland Motor Inn, Richmond, Indiana, Sat. and Sun. 11 and 12 October

We believe it pertinent to the membership to start off this report with a copy of the Visitor's Register, indicating a grand total attendance of 36 persons, of whom 4 were guests for the Saturday evening banquet only.

Name	St. and No.	State	Camp or Aux No.	Location
Donald L. Kelly	1610 N. B St.	Ind.	Wm. P. Benton 28	Richmond, Ind.
Lulu Shirley	712 W. Morrison	"	Frankfort	Frankfort, Ind.
Meda Bratt	451 S. Columbia	"	"	"
Hannah Kreisher	R.R. 5,	"	"	"
Nancy Hedgecock	958 N. Main	"	"	"
Dec. P. Cashman	Lincoln Tomb	Ill.		Springfield, Ill.
Dan Boyer	25 E. Church	Ind.	Benton 28	Centerville and Richmond,
G. H. Gerhart	322 Eaton Ave.	Ohio	" "	"
Mary Brown	755 N. John	Ind.	Frankfort	Frankfort, Ind.
Ethel Wallman	R.R. 1, Box 1	Ind.	"	"
Mildred Coffman	857 N. John	"	"	"
Verlon Ballinger	102 S. 21 St.	"	Benton 28	Centerville, & Richmond, Ind.
Thomas L. W. Johnson	765 W. Wash. Ave. Wisc.			Madison, Wisc.
Ellinore K.	"	"		"
Argus E. Ogborn	258 N. 22 St.,	Ind.	Benton 28	Centerville & Richmond, Ind.
Wayne C. Klusman	431 S.W. 17 St.,	"	"	"
Elmer I. Week	311 E. Walnut St.	"	"	"
Thomas F. Hoffman	115 Glenwood Blvd	Ohio		Mansfield, O.
G. Edward Coltrin	2923 N. Golf Dr.	Ill.		Pecoria, Ill.
Terry Barlow	2412 Callendar Ave	"		"
Bonnie Abel	P.O. Box 1252	"		"
Betty King	R.R. 1, Box 163	Ind.	Lafayette	Battleground, Ind.
Orvel King	"	"		"
Gertrude Combs	1159 E. Clinton	"	Frankfort	Frankfort, Ind.
Grever Buff	1809 N. Davies Dr.	Wisc.		Oconomowoc, Wisc.
Mrs.	"	"		"
Gerald Coltrin	627 Spitznagle St.	Ill.		Peoria, Ill.
Mildred Piering	335A E. Rosedale	Wisc.		Milwaukee, Wisc.
Edward	"	"		"
Rhoda Lemanski	3928 E. Harmond Ave	"		Cudahy, Wisc.
Louise Hennick	2602 N. Weil St.	"		Milwaukee, Wisc.
Gilbert Hefke	"	"		"

Sat. Eve. Banquet Guests:

Allen E. Paul, Speaker 3801 Pinehurst Dr. Ind.  
Beverly Paul " Ind.  
Maude Chenoweth, 2524 S. A" St., Ind.  
Robert B. Pitman, 2730 N.W. B St. "

Benton 28 Centerville & Richmond

Members of Benton Camp 28 Dept of Ind. Centerville, and Richmond, Ind. Host Camp:

9 of 20 members or 45% of the Camp in attendance

9 of 36 total attendance or 25% of the camp in attendance

Not a bad record, we believe, for our first attempt to host the Regional Meet.

The presiding officer at the Regional was its President, G. Edward Coltrin, Ill. Dept Comdr. Past National Officers present were Bro. Geo. Cashman, Past Comdr-in-Chief and Sister Ellinore K. Johnson, Past Nat. Aux. President. The Regional Secretary, Jane A. Greenwalt was absent, due to her recently taking over a dealership in the Sewing Machine business, as per letter read to this effect by the Regional Treasurer, Mrs. E. K. Johnson. The Minutes of last years meeting were then read in her absence and accepted as read.

Regional Treasurer Johnson then submitted her own financial report:

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October, 1975

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference.

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1974-1975.

As you know, our only source of income is the yearly dues of \$5.00 collected from each Department in the Central Region.

Last year I sent out statements to 8 departments of the Sons; and 9 departments of the Auxiliary. 5 departments of the Sons responded and 6 departments of the Auxiliary responded.

The financial report is as follows:

Balance on hand 1973..... \$109.27

Receipts: Dues 1974-1975

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	\$ 55.00
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Disbursements:

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Dinner - Regional Commander.	6.00
E. L. Konrad - Postage and supplies.....	2.75
Ohio Dept. Aux. - Flag.....	15.00
Ohio Dept. Sons - Memorial to G.A.R.....	10.00
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Balance on hand as of October, 1974..... \$119.48

supplemental report will be issued prior to the close of this session, to cover account to date.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

Ellinore K. Johnson,  
Regional Treasurer

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October, 1975

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference.

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1974-1975.

As you know, our only source of income is the yearly dues of \$5.00 collected from each Department in the Central Region.

Last year I sent out statements to 8 departments of the Sons; and 9 departments of the Auxiliary. 5 departments of the Sons responded and 6 departments of the Auxiliary responded.

The financial report is as follows:

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Comdr. Coltrin appointed the following committees:

Auditing: Geo. Cashman, Ill. and Betty King, Ind.

Resolutions: W. C. Klusman, Ind; Terry Barlow, Ill; Mildred Beering, Wisc.

Nominating: Thos. Johnson, Wisc. and Ethel Wellman, Ind.

Deceased members reported from the floor were as follows:

Leona Graham, Indianapolis, Ind; James Blackman, Illinois; Bob Austin, Ohio;  
Robert Henn, Indiana and Anita Bliesner, Wisconsin.

The next item of business - Officer's Reports:

Comdr: Edward Coltrin, Ill. No written report

Sr. Vc. Louise Hennke, Wisc. " " "

Jr. Vc. Thos. Hoffman, Ohio " " " (As a school teach his activities  
very limited as to travel, etc.)

Secretary: Jane Greenwalt, Chic - Absent. Minutes read & accepted in her absence.

Treasurer: E. K. Johnson, report previously accepted and incorporated as a part  
of these minutes.

Patriotic Instr. Meda Brant, Ind. No written report

Chaplain: Ramona Greenwalt, Ohio - absent

Guide: Esther Greek, Ohio. - Absent.

Bro. D. L. Kelly of the host camp reported that neither his Camp, nor Ind. Dept.  
has received communications or meeting notices about Central Regional Meetings during the  
three years he has served as Ind. Dept. Sec-Treas. There ensued a lengthy discussion that  
more or less resolved itself into admitting that one of our principal problems lies in the  
field of communication, or the lack thereof. It was suggested that we should do a bit of  
advertising to secure some needed publicity. An ad in the Genealogical Helper was to have  
been run, but the cost was rather high (\$14.00) so it was not actually done. The Camp  
Chase Gazette was also suggested as good news media, but so far as this secretary could  
learn, no motion was ever made regarding this matter.

Comdr Coltrin introduced Ms. Bonnie Abel of Peoria, Ill., who proceeded to give a  
very fine and thoroughly documented talk on "Using Genealogy to Trace your Civil War An-  
cestor". She told how to proceed with elementary research down through the third genera-  
tion removed. Each member present was given a Pedigree Work Chart covering five genera-  
tions, plus a number of descriptive brochures from Maine, Nebraska; N. Carolina; Miss;  
Iowa; N. Dakota; Tenn; Okla; Ga. Arkansas; Wash. D. C. Gen. Services Adm. order forms  
plus materials available for research from The Everton Publishers at Logan, Utah. Being  
pressed for time, most of us didn't get beyond the 3rd generation on the work chart and,  
very frankly, not many of us could have gone beyond that, had we had more time.

The meeting thereupon recessed in order to get ready for the evening banquet at the  
Inn at 6:30 P. M. Comdr. Coltrin also presided thereat. The tables were very attractive-  
ly decorated and favors furnished by Indiana Auxiliary members. Allen L. Paul, President  
of Harfet, Inc., Richmond, Ind. a member of Benton Camp 28, SUVCW and 1st Lt. in its 69th  
Ind. React. Military group, was our speaker of the evening. His subject: "Where are we  
Goin'?" Bro. Paul called attention to our constantly decreasing membership at large and  
suggested several new approaches to attracting prospects, including the liberalizing of  
entrance requirements for membership. His position, very briefly, is that we should wel-  
come into our organization anyone interested enough in us and in what we are attempting to  
do in memorializing our veterans of the American Civil War. He feels that there are a lot  
of historical-minded and oriented persons in each area who are seriously interested in  
Civil War logistics and related matters who are outside the organization, either because  
they are (1) definitely not lineal descendants of Union Civil War veterans or (2) lack  
factual proof of an ancestral connection. He contends that a lot of these people would  
prove of possibly more practical benefit to our organization than some persons presently  
affiliated or of eligible status, but not especially interested in the study of Civil War  
history but more inclined to the social amenities of our groups. Of course, the "Sons"  
can accept "associates" but must be very careful to maintain our legally acceptable percen-  
tage of associates to full members. We believe it goes without saying that we are all for

building up our membership, provided it can be accomplished, but some of our members are very much concerned with a liberalizing of entrance requirements, because we are, after all, an ancestral group, and to change this concept would require, among other things, action by the National to this end. One of the regrettable things to any of us who have set in on programs and other meetings conducted by the several Round Table and study groups around the country, is that we cannot "latch onto" all these men and use their scholastic knowledge and historical expertise to forward the aims of our own beloved organization. However, some of these learned men could not qualify for membership in the "Sons" and there is no way for us even to get them in as "Associates" if we have already reached our capacity of said associates with relation to the regulars. Perhaps, at some distant future time a way will be found to do this without sacrificing our ancestral pride. Who knows? At any rate, Bro. Paul offered us food for serious thought and contemplation.

After the banquet, some of the guests decided to accept the offer of a tour of the Civil War Museum and G.A.R. Memorial Hall operated by Wm. P. Benton Camp 28 at Historic Centerville, Ind., 6 mi. directly west of Richmond, Ind. on US 40. The facility is located just 3 blocks east of the home of Indiana's famous Civil War Governor, Oliver P. Morton, and in the Center Township Library Building. The "Sons" enjoy possession under a 99-year Lease. A considerable Civil War library, pictures, relics, weapons, cannon balls and other militaria occupies three rooms, a large hallway and storage room in said building.

Sunday 12 Oct. 1975, at 9:00 A. M., the morning session was called to order by Comdr Coltrin and the Pledge of Allegiance given by the group assembled. Comdr Coltrin expressed himself as opposed to liberalizing of entrance requirements to our organization as was suggested by our banquet speaker last evening. He remarked that there was ~~XXXXXX~~ absolutely no comparison with the G. A. R. and the S.U.V., because the G. A. R. membership was limited and bound to die out with the Union Veterans. He contended that the potential for members in the SUV is continuing and enlarging with each generation. This is quite true, but it is also true that as our great Civil War recedes further and further into history that more and more vital records are being destroyed or lost with each generation, making it increasingly difficult for prospects to establish eligibility, so it will be seen that proving membership is going to become increasingly more difficult, just as it now is with the Sons of the American Revolution. The problems of getting a camp activated in a town where only an auxiliary exists, or vice versa was discussed, but nothing concrete suggested or resolved. It was stated that Bro. Chas. Brady of Ill. Dept. has 8 x 11" Civil War Registry sheets available, and it was thought that Ill. is the only Dept. where these are available.

It was suggested that a write-up of this Central Regional be submitted to The Banner and Bro. Thos. Johnson volunteered to do this. Also, Benton Camp 28 had an 8 x 10" glossy print made of a picture of some of the members that appeared in the Richmond, Ind. Pall-Item daily newspaper coverage of our meeting. This was sent to Bro. Corbs and used in the write-up appearing on page 3 of the Banner for January 1976. A statement was made that of the four Regional Meetings in the U. S., the two most active are the New England and the Central Regional. Bonnie Abel suggested that the Central Regional be broken down into smaller areas. With this, we are in complete agreement. We are much too separated to maintain any kind of easy rapport. Transportation to far places is also a major problem because a great many of our older members are retired and on social security and cannot afford the luxury of travel to distant places or states.

It was suggested that the Central Regional ask National to clarify requirements for membership, i.e., whether to allow collateral, as well as regular direct descendants into membership. Several members, including Bro. Cashman, suggested this be incorporated as a Resolution and Bro. Cashman moved that the Conference go on record as recommending a change in the SUVOW Constitution, allowing collateral descendants full membership status, since our C.R. & R. is a bit ambiguous. Seconded by Bro. Tom Johnson. The general feeling is that blood descent should include collateral lines.

Bro. Cashman subsequently withdrew the motion, but suggested a letter be sent to National, asking for clarification in this matter and asking for their interpretation of lineal or blood relatives and the eligibility of said descendants to office in our organization. Cmdr. Coltrin appointed Bro. Cashman to pursue the matter and to ask that action be taken by the National Council of Administration within a month.

Suggestions were entertained for increasing membership, i.e., advertising in the Camp Chase Gazette. Motion by Bonnie Abel to advertise therein. Sister Ellinore Johnson questioned cost. It was stated to be 5¢ per word, and it was suggested that advertising therein should replace an ad in "The Genealogical Helper". Some discussion also heard about a Name Table Magazine published at Little Rock, Ark. for \$7.50 per annum with free advertising privileges. So far as this secretary learned, no specific action was taken with regard to this matter.

Bro. D. L. Kelly of Ind. suggested that present members of camps and auxiliaries be asked to work for new members, but was answered by Bro. Cashman and others that their individual members are too widely scattered - even out of their respective states - to make this a practical thing to do.

Bro. Johnson made a motion to extend invitations to Missouri (presently affiliated with Central Regional) and Oklahoma (represented by Fort Chickasawga Camp No. 1, Secy: Donald F. Hughes, P.O. Box 7, Cookson, Okla., 74427) although it was entirely vague as to whom our secretary was to contact, so far as the Aux. is concerned, since this state is not a part of the national organization, and we do not have a Provisional Aux. situated in said state, according to the National Auxiliary Roster for 1975-6 sent us by Miss Viola L. Brewster, Nat. Secy. Since this motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson and passed by the group, perhaps someone will fill us in on exactly how this directive is to be accomplished.

The Auditing Committee reported that the records of the Regional Treasurer were examined and found to be in excellent condition. The report, signed by Geo. Cashman and Betty King is attached hereto as Insert C:

- Insert C -

To The Central Region Conference

We, the Auditing Committee, examined

The Books of the Regional Treasurer

And found them to be in excellent  
condition.

Geo. Cashman  
Betty King.

The Resolutions Committee, Wayne C. Klusman, Indiana, Chairman; Terry D. Barlow, Ill., and Mildred Biering Wis., now reported. Terry commented that special thanks be transmitted to the Island Motor Inn for their courtesy in making possible our meeting in their facility. Chairman Klusman presented a written Resolution with regard to the approaching Bicentennial observance in the U.S.A., and said Resolution is hereby incorporated in these Minutes as Insert (B):

10-12-75

RICHMOND IN

Insert (B)

RESOLUTION

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By RESOLUTION COMM. WAYNE C. KLUisman - CHAIRMAN  
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By Resolution Comm.

WAYNE C. KLUWMAN - CHAIRMAN  
Terry D. Barlow  
Mildred Biering

Bro. Greenwalt was to have reported on the recent National Convention at Rochester N. Y. In his absence, Past C-in-C Cashman was asked to give a brief oral review of same and did so by reading excerpts from the Oct. 1975 issue of "The Banner" covering same. He stated that N. Y. Dept. had gone "all out" to sponsor the National in their state and had expended at least \$2,500.00 thereon. Mrs. Johnson also read from a typewritten report covering same and stated that 13 Department Presidents were present in the Auxiliary.

Esther Greek was to have been guide at this Regional. In her absence, Past Nat. C-in-C Cashman was selected.

Sister Johnson, our Treasurer, stated that it was always customary during the course of the Regional to give \$10.00 to the host Camp or Aux., which, in this instance, is Gen. Wm. P. Porten Camp 28, Ind. Dept.; also \$15.00 to the Aux., wherewith to purchase a flag, for some needed facility. Since there is no Auxiliary to the host Camp, the \$15.00 was selected to be given directly to Hannah Kreisher, Ind. Dept. Aux. Sec-Treas. This was thereupon done without dissent. Several other minor expenditures, including postage and letterhead expense was called out by the treasurer, and a motion and second to allow the expense was participated in by voice vote of the assembled group.

The report of the Nominating Committee was called for by Pres. Coltrin and is attached hereto as Insert E. On motion of Mary Brown, Indiana, and seconded by D. L. Kelly, Ind., the report was accepted as read. However, brother Hoffman (Ohio) declined the nomination as Sr. Vc. Comdr., due to the uncertainties of his school duties, and the name of Bro. D. L. Kelly (Ind) was suggested. He was asked if he would accept and he answered affirmatively; so the Acting Secretary A. L. O'born (Ind) was instructed to cast the entire votes of the assembly for the officers nominated.

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October 12, 1975

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\* Commander - Louise Hernke - Wisconsin  
\* Sr. Vice Cmdr - ~~Donald L Kelly~~ Thomas Hoffman - Ohio Ind.  
\* Jr. Vice Cmdr - Betty King - Indiana  
\* Secretary - Agnes Ogleton - Indiana  
Treasurer - Ellinore R. Johnson - Wisconsin  
Patr. Instructor - Ramona Greenwalt - Ohio  
Chaplain - Grover R. Haff - Wisconsin  
Guide - Bonnie Abel - Illinois

Respectfully submitted,

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ETHEL WELLMAN

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\* Jr. Vice Cmdr - Betty King <sup>Beth</sup> Indiana  
\* Secretary - Argus Ogleorn <sup>Ridge</sup> Indiana  
Treasurer - Ellinore R. Johnson - Wisconsin  
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- ETHEL WELLMAN

With Bro. Cashman serving as Guide, the officers for 1976 were duly installed by retiring Comdr. Coltrin of Illinois.

Motion was made by Thomas Johnson and seconded by Ellinore Johnson (Wisc) that Bro. Coltrin be thanked for his services during the past year. Carried and Bro. Coltrin so thanked.

Bro. Cashman extended an invitation for the Central Regional Meeting the second week end in October to the State of Illinois, same to be in either Chicago or Peoria, Accepted.

Bro. Hoffman (Ohio) reminded us that the National Encampment SUVCW and Aux. was to be at Columbus, Ohio, in August, 1976 and invited all of us to attend, if at all possible.

Thomas Johnson (Wisc) suggests as our theme for 1976 ("Bicentennial '76" and Bro. Huff (Wisc) to promote and chairman this theme. Bro. Huff, newly elected Chaplain, attended the bible and altar cloth.

The Regional thereupon adjourned to reconvene under its newly elected officers, Sat. and Sun. 9, 10 October 1976.

Argus E. Ogborn, Indiana  
SECRETARY

## ROLL CALL OF REGIONAL OFFICERS

Regional Commander.....	Marie Doran.....	Illinois
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Louis Moushey.....	Missouri
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Louise Hernke.....	Wisconsin
Secretary.....	Jane Greenwalt.....	Ohio
Treasurer.....	Ellinore L. Konrad.....	Wisconsin
Patriotic Instructor.....	Mildred Coffman.....	Indiana
Chaplain.....	Robert C. Wolz.....	Ohio
Guide.....	Edward E. Biering.....	Wisconsin

## ROLL CALL BY STATES

Colorado-Wyoming.....	
Illinois.....	H
Indiana.....	H
Iowa.....	
Kansas.....	
Michigan.....	
Minnesota.....	
Missouri.....	
Nebraska.....	
Ohio.....	10
Wisconsin.....	Z

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 19th and 20th, 1973 at the Pick-Fort Hayes Hotel, Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio

Saturday afternoon at 2:05 P.M. Regional Commander Marie Doran of Illinois, called the first session of the conference to order.

The president appointed Richard Greenwalt Regional Chaplain. The Bible was opened and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain.

In the brief absence of Regional Patriotic Instructor, Mildred Coffman, the pledge of Allegiance was led by Thomas L.W. Johnson. Singing of America was accompanied by Esther Greek.

The Regional Commander suggested that a moment of silence be observed in memory of Sons and Auxiliary who have passed away this year.

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

Regional Commander	-	Marie Doran	-	present
Sr. Vice Commander	-	Louis Moushey	-	deceased
Jr. Vice Commander	-	Louise Hernke	-	absent
Secretary	-	Jane A. Greenwalt	-	present
Treasurer	-	Ellinore Konrad Johnson	-	present
Patriotic Instructor	-	Mildred Coffman	-	present
Chaplain	-	Robert C. Wolz	-	absent
Guide	-	Edward Biering	-	absent

The following number of delegates from the various departments responded to roll call by states:

Illinois	-	4
Indiana	-	4
Ohio	-	10
Wisconsin	-	2

Minutes of the 1973 session held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin were read and approved.

No communications were received by Regional Secretary; however, a letter was reported sent to Department Secretary Margaret Gehret of Ohio from Katherine McCay, National President of the Auxiliary with regret she could not attend conference.

Treasurer report given by Ellinore Johnson showing a bank balance of \$109.27. This report to be placed on file subject to audit.

The following committee chairman were appointed and the chairman in turn chose two others to work with him:

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Richard Greenwalt, chairman  
Bonnie Abbel  
Anne Swift

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Edward Coltrin, chairman  
Robert Austin  
Kenneth Swift

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thomas L.W. Johnson, chairman  
Ethel Wellman  
Ramona Greenwalt

The President gave a verbal report of her year in office stating that he felt she had not done a blessed thing. She thanked the Ohio Department for all their efforts in behalf of the conference. She stated she felt that one of the reasons the conference was so poorly attended was because of poor transportation and some illness among members.

The secretary, Jane Greenwalt, also reported she had mailed out 75 letters to Commanders, Department Presidents and Secretaries of each department plus some to members who usually attend.

The following were reported ill at their homes or in hospitals. Errett Nile, possible stroke; Margaret Gehret, Della Fellows, and Marjorie Grate; Mr & Mrs Ralph Shadel unable to attend because of death in family; Florence Forby unable to attend because of father's serious illness.

Deaths reported since last conference were: Paul Grate, Mary C. Wolz and Louis Moushey, "Regional Senior Vice Commander."

The meeting was then turned over to the Program Chairman, Nancy Hilliard of Ohio. The program topic was announced as "Pride in our heritage through program development".

Nancy was dressed in Civil War style clothes from top to bottom some of which were original garments. She explained some of the clothing styles and why certain articles of clothing were worn. She then went on to say that this was only one short program that could be given and she in turn divided up the members attending into four groups giving each a topic and they were to prepare a program planned around the specification handed out. After a forty-five minute planning session the four groups reconvened and reported on their efforts.

Group I gave a program on Mrs. Abraham (Mary Todd) Lincoln as if you were giving it to a group of Lincoln enthusiasts. Ethel Wellman serving as chairman. The group gave a panel type program with each of the four members giving a different period in her life and related some of the interesting things that had happened during that time period.

Group II portrayed a school room reading session of 6 and 7 year olds that were being told about Abraham Lincoln and why we celebrate his birthday. The class began by singing Happy Birthday to him and then were told about his life by their teacher who showed pictures to illustrate what she was talking about. The teacher then closed her reading session by saying thru the efforts of Lincoln the nation stayed together as one whole free nation and that was why we celebrate his birthday today. Serving as chairman of this committee was Jane A. Greenwalt.

Group III was to give a program on Lincoln's Birthday to a group of Sons and Auxiliary going into depth. Chairman of this group was Edward Coltrin and his panel of four gave detailed information concerning Lincoln. They began by asking if we were aware of what was going on around the country during the time of the birth of Lincoln. He mentioned such things as the beginning of the war in England and the planning of the Erie Canal was in progress. We were reminded of Lincoln's participation in the Black Hawk War which ended the Indian problems in Illinois. We were told of Lincoln as a surveyor and his valuable services for settling farm boundary disputes. We were reminded that each birthday we celebrate it brings on more responsibilities. And it was concluded by saying "Wherever Abe Lincoln is, he has at last found his peace."

Group IV chaired by Thomas Johnson was to prepare and present a "Memorial Day Service" with the speaker's topic to be "So What About History". Master of ceremonies was Richard Greenwalt stating that the service was held in a cemetery and taken from a Sons of Union Veterans Ritual with printed programs being handed out to all present. Colors were presented to the sound of ruffled drum beats and General Logan's Orders were given by Robert Austin. Followed by the speaker Thomas Johnson, stating that the point of view being presented was the importance of Memorial Day which has been set aside to honor the fellow dead of the Civil War and all wars. The second point was to reflect upon the sacrifices made to keep our country free and strong. Point 3 was to call upon the assembly to rededicate themselves to the principles of liberty. And point 4; unless we are aware of our heritage we cannot appreciate the sacrifices and struggles made by our forefathers. We do not want to repeat the mistakes of the past-only thru knowledge of the past can we hope to build a promising future. The service was closed with the Gettysburg Address given very beautifully by Ellinore Johnson and the Chaplain giving the benediction. Taps were played and the three tollies sounded.

Due to the lateness of the hour the program chairman turned the chair back to the regional commander until the next session.

The meeting was recessed until 9:30 A.M. Sunday morning.

Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M. the annual dinner was held in honor of the Regional Officers and delegates. The tables were very beautifully decorated. Regional Chaplain Richard Greenwalt gave the invocation and a very delicious dinner was served. Following dinner we were entertained by the delightful accordian solos of Department President of Ohio Ramona Greenwalt.

At 9:30 A.M. Sunday morning the meeting was called to order by Regional President Marie Doran. The chaplain opened the Bible and a moment of silent prayer was observed for Erret Nile of Ohio who had passed away since the Saturday afternoon session.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The meeting was turned over to regional program chairman Nancy Hilliard who asked for comments from the group assembled regarding the previous days program. No comments were given.

Nancy then thanked the entire group for their participation and efforts. She said she felt sure that anyone present was more than capable of presenting a program to any age group and that she was in hopes that this would be carried to each community represented and given to various other organizations so that they too could learn more about our great heritage.

She also thanked the Regional Commander for asking her to serve as program chairman; she felt that it was indeed a privilege and honor to be considered. The regional commander in turned thanked Nancy for her efforts and stated "that she felt our organization should let the young members take there turn in office as that was the only way they could learn."

The Indiana Department then issued and invitation to come to Indiana for the 1975 conference with the time and place to be announced later. It was moved by Ellinore Johnson and seconded by Edward Coltrin that this invitation be accepted. Motion was carried.

The Auditing Committee with Richard Greenwalt as chairman gave a verbal report of their findings and said they found the books to be correct and in excellent condition and that a vote of thanks be given to the treasurer for a job well done.

The treasurer then gave the following report:

1973-1974 Finance Report

To Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference, Greetings!

I submit herewith, for your approval the financial status of the Regional.

Notices were mailed to the Departments in the Central Region ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~. The report is as follows:

Bank balance as of 10-31-72..... \$142.52

Receipts: Dues 1973

Wisconsin Dept. S. U. V.....	5.00
Ohio Dept. S. U. V.....	5.00
Illinois Dept. Auxiliary.....	5.00
Ohio Dept. Auxiliary.....	5.00
Wisconsin Dept. Auxiliary....	5.00
Indiana Dept. S. U. V.....	5.00
Indiana Dept. Auxiliary.....	5.00
Illinois Dept. S. U. V.....	5.00
Missouri Dept. Auxiliary....	<u>5.00</u>
	<u>45.00</u>

187.52

Disbursements:

R. Greenwalt, Banquet ticket	5.50
" " N.P.I. Fund...	10.00
Betty Johnson, Postage,etc..	10.00
E.Biering,D.T.-Am. Flag....	15.00
" " "-Mem. to G.A.R.	10.00
Com. in Chief's Ban.ticket..	5.50
Nat'l Pres. Banquet ticket..	5.50
G. Sallman,Treas.Sup.& post.	6.75
Jean Foster, N.P.I. Fund....	<u>10.00</u>
	<u>78.25</u>

Balance on hand October 1973.....

109.27

The treasurer said this statement didnot include the bills incurred for this conference.

Heading of bills: Memorial to Ohio Department -\$10.00

Flag presented to Ohio Department to be given to worthy group - \$15.00

It was moved by Ellinore Johnson and seconded by Edward Coltrin that these bills and all other bills pertaining to the conference be paid. Motion carried.

The Nominating committee with Thomas Johnson submitted the following slate of officers for consideration.

Commander - Edward Coltrin - Illinois

Sr. Vice Commander - Louise Hernke - Wisconsin

Jr. Vice Commander - Thomas Hoffman - Ohio

Secretary - Jane Greenwalt - Ohio

Treasurer - Ellinore Johnson - Wisconsin

Patriotic Instructor - Mada Brant - Indiana

Chaplain - Ramona Greenwalt - Ohio

Guide - Esther Greek - Ohio

It was moved by Thomas Johnson and seconded by Richard Greenwalt that this slate of offciers be accepted. Motion carried.

Following elections the Regional Commander again thanked the group for their co-operation over the past year and especially during the conference. She had no idea what the job intailed when she accepted the position but she know was certainly glad that she had been givem the honor.

The meeting was then turned over to the new Regional commander Edward Coltrin from Illinois. He thanked the group for the honor bestowed upon him and he pledged to do all in his power to try to fill the office to the best of his ability.

Thomas Johnson mad the following suggestion which was as follows: "As some of us here at regional cannot attend National for one reason or another I would like to recommend that business activities of national be reported on at the next regional conference." This report to be short. It was moved by Bonnie Abbel and seconded by Ellinore Johnson that this suggest ion be adopted and the following were appointed as delegates and alternates.

Richard Greenwalt - Sons of Union Veterans

Marie Doran - Auxiliary

Alternates :

Any other Ohio Son - Sons

Ellinore Johnson - Auxiliary

Some discussion was held on the question of advertising our order in genealogical publications as other organizations do. The feelings of the group were very strong in this regard with the appointment of Bonnie Abbel to secure information about the cost of such ad; when it could be put in the Geneological magazine; and to write the ad. She in turn was to send all of the above information to Secretary Jane Greenwalt who willserve as a receiving house for applications and distribute them to various states to be followed up. The Secretaries P.O. Box to be used as the mailing address for the above.

A like discussion on the availability of a lineage of a prospective

member was held such as other organizations have available for their members. Nothing definite was decided upon with the suggestion being made that this be a possible topic for discussion at next years conference.

The topic suggestion presented was as follows "How & Where to Find Lineage for Our Order". It was moved by Jane Greenwalt and seconded by Bonnie Abbel that this topic be adopted. Motion carried. The Regional Commander then appointed Bonnie Abbel as chairman of 1975 Regional Conference Program Committee.

Richard Greenwalt said that if he was to serve as Regional delegate to National he would appreciate any resolution or ideas to be presented there get to him in writing as soon as possible, as the above mentioned must be into the National Secretary some time before National convenes.

The Regional Commander then asked if there was any further business to come before the conference. Hearing none he declared the meeting adjourned until October 1975 in Indiana. The Regional Chaplain then closed the Bible with prayer and the friendship circle was made singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Jane A. Greenwalt  
Regional Secretary

## ROLL CALL OF REGIONAL OFFICERS

Regional Commander.....	Richard Greenwalt, Jr.	Ohio	X
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Hazel Moushey .....	Missouri	
Jr. Vice " .....	Louis Moushey .....	Missouri	-
Secretary.....	Betty Johnson .....	Wisconsin	X
Treasurer.....	Gladys Sallman.....	Illinois	
Patriotic Instructor.....	Burton E. Kannenberg....	Wisconsin	X
Chaplain.....	Margaret Underwood.....	Michigan	-
Guide.....	Wm. H. Baxter .....	Illinois	

## ROLL CALL BY STATES

Colorado-Wyoming .....	
Illinois.....	5
Indiana.....	4
Iowa.....	—
Kansas.....	—
Michigan.....	—
Minnesota.....	—
Missouri.....	—
Nebraska.....	—
Ohio.....	8
Wisconsin.....	16

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their auxiliaries was held October 13th and 14th, 1973 at the Holiday Inn, 2611 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. Regional Commander, Richard Greenwalt, of Ohio, called to order the first session of the conference.

The invocation was given by acting Regional Chaplain, Nancy Hilliard of Ohio.

Capt. Burton E. Kannenberg of Oconomowoc, Wis. Patriotic Instructor led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

The following National Officers were introduced and greeted by the Regional Commander. Allan B. Howland, Commander-in-Chief and National President of the Auxiliary, Jessie G. Wells of Mass.

The Regional Commander suggested that a moment of silence be observed in memory of Sons and Auxiliary members who have passed away this year.

The following Regional Officers answered roll call;

Regional Commander	-	Richard Greenwalt	-	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	-	Hazel Moushey	-	Absent
Jr. Vice "	-	Louis Moushey	-	"
Secretary	-	Betty Johnson	-	Present
Treasurer	-	Gladys Sallman	-	Absent
Patriotic Instructor	-	Burton E. Kannenberg	-	Present
Chaplain	-	Margaret Underwood	-	Absent
Guide	-	Wm. H. Baxter	-	"

The following number of delegates from the various departments responded to roll call by States.

Illinois	-	5
Indiana	-	4
Ohio	-	8
Wisconsin	-	16

Minutes of the 1972 meeting held in Chicago, Ill were approved as read.

Communications from those unable to attend were read and placed on file.

Due to the absence of the Regional Treasurer, Gladys Sallman, Ellinore L. Konrad took over as treasurer, and read the report. The balance in the Treasury is \$142.52 It was moved by Margery Grate, seconded by Mildred Biering that this report be accepted as read, and the books turned over to the Auditing Committee.

The following were appointed on Committees.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mildred Coffman  
Frank Hilliard  
Mildred Biering

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

H. Tresselt  
B. Walsh  
Burton Kannenberg

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thomas Johnson  
Marjorie Grate  
Louise Hernke

Thomas L. W. Johnson announced that because of the illness of Robert Wolz, Jr. he was asked by Bob to take over as Moderator and that he planned to carry out Bob's Program as he had outlined it. He than announced the discussion topic as "Maintaining and Getting New Members".

1. Many Sons and Daughters do not belong to our Orders-

- A. If they do - What attracted them.
- B. If not - Where did we go wrong?  
Not interesting them or over pushing them.

Chairman - Mildred Biering

2. What programs should we encourage to maintain interest in our order? Do they relate to future growth?

Chairman - Burton Kannenberg

3. How can we encourage New Ideas and Programs by New or young members?

Chairman - Nancy Hilliard

4. Some members kept in the same office year after year.  
Chairman - Chas. Brady.

- A. Should new members be assigned to Committee and camp office soon after joining?
- B. Should we limit term in office to say five years Maximum?
- C. How can we prepare the next generation to carry on?

Delegates were divided to meet with their chairman of the various groups and Moderator, Thomas L. Johnson asked them to return in three quarters of an hour.

Bible was closed by acting Chaplain, Nancy Hilliard and meeting recessed until 3:30 P.M.

The conference reconvened at 3:30 P.M. and the Bible reopened.

Panel Moderator, Thomas L. Johnson asked the Panel Chairmen to present their views.

Mildred Biering's remarks on "Many Sons and Daughters do not belong to our order and if they do - What attracted them? If not - Where did we go wrong?

1. Their pride in heritage is the reason for joining.
2. To keep young people we have to give them an office and keep them active members. Some older members resent this change and do not wish to give up their office to a younger person. But this is progress and if we want to continue as a growing organization we must submit to change.
3. Try to get speakers on artifacts, geneology or any other interesting subject to keep members interested.
4. One of the reasons women drop out is their fear of going out alone at night.
5. News media do not cooperate as our group is too small. Notices regarding special activities or visits by National officers to our city are disregarded by the news media.
6. One of our Sons said that if National insists on using the same Badge for Eligible and Associate members their camp would be split in half and many members would drop out. He was not at National Encampment and it was not brought up.

Burton Kannenberg's remarks were as follows- "On What Programs should we encourage to maintain interest in our order and Do they relate to future growth".

Interesting programs could be planned in conjunction with the regular meetings such as viewing slides of battles and skirmishes in which he and his reserves participated in. Also keep reminding members of their priceless heritage which is theirs and further their knowledge of Civil War History. We have had skirmishes in our area which were always well attended by young people and adults.

The wearing of uniforms I feel is also very important. When I visit any of the schools I always wear my uniform. This alone creates much interest and after viewing slides and listening to a discussion on the Civil War young people and adults become very enthusiastic.

Nancy Hilliard's discussion centered on "How we can Encourage new ideas and programs by New or Young Members?

She feels that when young people join an Auxiliary they are not given enough responsibility or are allowed to speak out as they wish. Because of a generation gap there isn't enough communication between the older members and the young people. In many instances the young members lose interest in the organization. Nancy feels that older members could cooperate by providing Juniors with intelligent information about the procedure of an auxiliary, its purpose and its goals.

Young people should be encouraged to form Junior groups and work on their own projects. Various members participated in this discussion as to the way their Junior groups operated and what these Juniors have accomplished. Lowering the age of Juniors was also discussed at great length.

Nancy discussed scholarships in great detail and mentioned one instance where the award was given to a student who was unaware of the existence of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or why he was given the award. This situation should be corrected and the scholarship, in the future, should be given to some deserving student familiar with the purpose of our organization.

Charles Brady talked about "Some Members Kept in the same office year after year."

New members should be assigned to committees and camp offices soon after joining. It would give them a feeling of belonging and stimulating their interest in the organization. One often hears the expression that a member expects to die in office. However, in some instances it is difficult to get a member to assume some available office therefore members go on year after year in the same office. We must also take into consideration that some camps and auxiliaries are very small sometimes only two or three members are left.

It might be a good idea where we have a camp or auxiliary of any size to place a time limit on the year an officer may serve.

Thomas Johnson thanked the chairman of the various panels for the many ideas and suggestions that were presented and then announced that the meeting will recess until Sunday morning at 9:30

Bible was closed by acting Chaplain, Nancy Greenwalt, and the meeting adjourned at 4:45

Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M. the annual dinner was held in honor of the Regional Officers and delegates. The speaker at the banquet was Thomas Benson of the Wisconsin American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. Mr. Benson gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the American Revolution. He informed delegates as to the progress being made in the various communities and states, their projects, plans, etc. in commemorating this Anniversary.

Entertainment was provided by a youth choir under the direction of Mr. Walker of the Fernwood School in Milwaukee.

At 9:30 Sunday morning, October 14th, the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Commander Greenwalt.

The Bible was opened and the invocation was given by acting Chaplain, Nancy Hilliard.

Burt Kannenberg, Patriotic Instructor, again led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

A general discussion of the four questions, which the panels discussed Saturday, was continued.

Many of the delegates stated that it is difficult to get out some of the older members and there also seems to be a lack of Junior members in many camps and auxiliaries. Many ideas and suggestions, as to what some departments are doing, were given by the Illinois and Ohio Departments.

Associate Membership Badge was discussed. Some members feel an associate member is lacking full eligibility and should not be permitted to wear the same Badge as an eligible member. One such member protested so strongly that he said if that was going to be the permanent badge he would leave the organization.

Thomas Johnson read a note from Robert Wolz that as Junior Vice Commander he had the honor of announcing a contest to promote the Order.

1. Advertising in newspaper or magazines
2. Flyer or Folders
3. \$10.00 Prize -open to Individuals, Camps Department or Regional Association.

- 3) Banquet tickets to be paid for the Regional Commander, Commander-in-Chief and National President if either or both of the latter officers are present.
- 4) The National Patriotic Instructor and National Chief-of-Staff if a member of a Department that belongs to the Central Region the sum of \$10.00 each for their respective funds.

The following recommendations were made by the committee.

- 1) The Central Region should continue to make the four types of expenditures listed in the first section of this report in connection with each annual Conference.
- 2) We believe that the description of the host Department's financial responsibility in hosting the annual Conference represents past practice and should be continued without change.
- 3) We further believe that sufficient copies of this report as approved by made available to the Regional Secretary and Regional Treasurer and to the host Department so that continuity of practice will be assured.

This report was signed by Ellinore L. Konrad, Thomas Johnson and Gladys Sallman and is attached to these minutes.

The Regional Commander, Richard Greenwalt then called upon Commander-in-Chief, Allen B. Howland for his message to the Conference.

Commander-in-Chief - It has been a pleasure to attend these interesting and constructive sessions. I am surprised at the amount of work you have accomplished and wish that some of our members back East could have been here with me. I intend to convey some of your ideas to them.

As you know Membership is uppermost in my mind and with the loss of members in some camps it presents a serious problem so I urge all of you to try and work a little harder towards enlisting new members. We must do all we can to increase our membership and strengthen our organization. In my travels with Chester Shriver to various camps the problems were pretty much alike - loss of members and not enough young people.

I also want to call attention to the Patriotic Instructors Fund. He probably has talked to you but it doesn't hurt to mention it again, I am urging all members to give him full support and cooperation.

Once again, I want to thank the Wisconsin Department and the Holiday Inn for the many courtesies extended to me. I was happy I could attend your sessions.

Regional Commander, Richard Greenwalt thanked the Commander-in-Chief for his message and then called upon National President, Jessie G. Wells.

Jessie G. Wells - I was very happy to accept your invitation and I want to thank the Department of Wisconsin and the Holiday Inn for the many courtesies extended to me. I really enjoyed attending these sessions, and hope to take back to Massachusetts some of your ideas which were offered by the delegates. Also I was happy to again see my club sister, Mildred Biering.

At this time I want to mention our National Funds - Patriotic Instructor and Chief-of-Staff. Both girls have a big job. Each year the job becomes more difficult and I am hoping that you will give them your fullest cooperation.

I also expect to see many of you in Breton Woods, New Hampshire. As you all know it is a beautiful place and that should be some enducement for you to attend so I am looking forward to a good turnout.

Commander, Richard Greenwalt thanked the National President for her message.

Past Department Commander, Edward Biering, Secretary and Treasurer of C.K. Pier Camp #1, Wisconsin Department, was commended for his 50 years of staunch and loyal service to the Sons of Union Veterans. We hope you will remain active for many more years to come.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had audited the treasurers books and found them in perfect order. Signed by Mildred Coffman, Mildred Biering and Frank Hilliard.

P.N.P. Ellinore Konrad made a motion that the Regional contribute \$10.00 to the Patriotic Instructors Fund of the Sons and \$10.00 to the National Patriotic Instructors Fund of the Auxiliary. This was seconded by Thomas Johnson.

Bills were then read. It was moved by Mildred Biering, seconded by Louise Hernke that all bills be paid. Carries.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Chairman, Thomas L. W. Johnson and the following were recommended.

Regional Commander	-	Marie Doran	-	Illinois
Sr. Vice Commander	-	Louis Moushey	-	Missouri
Jr. Vice "	-	Louise Hernke	-	Wisconsin
Secretary	-	Jane Greenwalt	-	Ohio
Treasurer	-	Ellinore L. Konrad	-	Wisconsin
Patriotic Instructor	-	Mildred Coffman	-	Indiana
Chaplain	-	Robert C. Wolz	-	Ohio
Guide	-	Edward Biering	-	Wisconsin

It was moved by Chas. Brady, seconded by Burt Kannenberg that we accept the recommended officers for the ensuing year.

Margery Grate extended an invitation to the Conference to meet in either Youngstown, Alliance or Salem. Robert Wolz also welcomed the delegates to Ohio. The date to be the 12th & 13th of October 1974. A motion was made by Ellinore Konrad, seconded by Thomas Johnson that we accept the invitation. Carried.

Marie Doran was asked to step to the rostrum. Richard Greenwalt presented her with the gavel. She thanked the Conference for the honor and said she would do her very best to fulfill our expectations.

The Regional Commander, Marie Doran then called for a topic for discussion at the 1974 Central Region Conference. After much discussion the following theme was selected.

"Pride in our Heritage Through Program Development"

General Chairman of the Program is Nancy J. Hilliard of Ohio.

The sum of \$25.00 was presented to the host department - Sons and Auxiliary - with the understanding that a Flag be purchased for \$15.00 and \$10.00 to be used as a memorial to G.A.R.

Commander Doran then asked if there was any more business to come before the Conference. There being none the meeting closed with prayer by our newly elected Chaplain and the singing of "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again".

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Betty F. Johnson, Secretary

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their auxiliaries was held October 7th and 8th, 1972 at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

In the absence of Regional Commander, Ethel Wellman, P.N.P. Hazel Moushey presided. The first session of the Conference was called to order at 2:30 P.M. Saturday afternoon.

The Bible was opened and the invocation was given by Regional Chaplain, Nancy Greenwalt of Ohio.

Regional Patriotic Instructor, Burton Kannenberg of Wisconsin led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

The following National officers and Past National Presidents were introduced.

Robert J. Wolz	Jr. Vice Com.in Chief	-	Ohio
Mrs. Marie Doran	Nat'l Vice Pres. and Chairman of Arrange- ments for Regional	-	Illinois
Mrs. Jane Greenwalt	Nat'l. Chief-of-Staff	-	Ohio
Mrs. Marg.Underwood	Nat'l. Patr. Instr.	-	Michigan
Mrs. Louise Hernke	Nat'l. Council Member	-	Wisconsin
Mrs. Gladys Sallman	Past Nat'l President	-	Illinois
Mrs. Ellinore Konrad	Past " " "	-	Wisconsin

Acting Regional Commander, Hazel Moushey asked delegates to stand and pay their respects to the following deceased members.

Earl Corbin	Charles Bigly
Ella McGowan	Thomas Lock

The following Regional Officers answered roll call.

Ethel Wellman	-	Regional Commander	-	Absent
Richard Greenwalt	-	Sr. Vice Commander	-	Present
Hazel Moushey	-	Jr. Vice Commander	-	"
Betty F.Johnson	-	Secretary	-	"
Gladys B.Sallman	-	Treasurer	-	"
Capt.B.Kannenberg	-	Patriotic Instructor	-	"
Nancy Greenwalt	-	Chaplain	-	"
J.F. Halberstadt	-	Guide	-	Absent

The following number of delegates from the various Department responded to roll call by States.

Illinois	-----	16
Indiana	-----	2
Iowa	-----	--
Kansas	-----	--
Michigan	-----	2
Missouri	-----	2
Minnesota	-----	-
Nebraska	-----	-
Ohio	-----	10
Wisconsin	-----	7
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The Auditing Committee reported that they had audited the Treasurers books and found them in excellent condition. We also believe that due to increased costs the Regional fee be raised to \$2.00. Motion was made by Margery Grate, seconded by George Cashman that the fee be increased. Carried.

Acting Regional Commander, Hazel Moushey, then called for the report of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee recommended the following;

Commander .....	Richard Greenwalt.....	Ohio
Sr. Vice.....	Hazel Moushey.....	Missouri
Jr. Vice.....	Louis Moushey.....	Missouri
Secretary.....	Betty F. Johnson.....	Wisconsin
Treasurer.....	Gladys Sallman.....	Illinois
Patriotic Instructor.....	Burton E. Kannenberg.....	Wisconsin
Chaplain.....	Margaret Underwood.....	Michigan
Guide.....	Wm. H. Baxter.....	Illinois

Robert Wolz made a motion that we accept the recommended officers for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Louise Hernke.

Jane Greenwalt, Chairman on Resolutions read the following report.

Your resolutions committee proposed the following resolutions;

1. Whereas the 1972 Central Region Conference held in Chicago, Illinois at the Bismarck Hotel was so thoroughly planned and executed and served as such gracious hosts, therefore be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given this committee
2. Whereas the officers of the Central Region Conference have displayed a splendid job in the execution of their duties; be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given these officers.
3. Whereas the 1972 Central Region Conference held in Chicago, Illinois at the Bismarck Hotel, where our stay was made enjoyable; be it resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to the hotel management expressing our appreciation for kindnesses and services rendered.
4. Whereas the 1972 Central Region Conference Program Chairman Robert J. Wolz, fulfilled his obligation to the fullest measure; therefore be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given him by the assembly.

It was moved by George Cashman, seconded by Ellinore Konrad that we adopt these resolution.

Bills and communications were read. It was moved by Ellinore Konrad, seconded by Thomas Johnson that vouchers be drawn and bills be paid. Carried.

In view of the fact that we raised the regular fee, Ellinore Konrad made a motion that we give a love gift of \$10.00 to each the National Chief-of-Staff and to the National Patriotic Instructor. This had the approval of all the delegates. Both officers expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Conference.

Acting Commander Hazel Moushey, called upon the National Vice-President, Marie Doran who was representing our National President. Sister Marie said she was very happy to represent her national President, Viola Bremme who was unable to attend this conference because of other commitments.

Louise Hernke, Dept. of Wisconsin, extended an invitation to the Central Region Conference to meet in Milwaukee, October 13th and 14th, 1973. A motion was made by Gladys Sallman, seconded by Marie Doran that we accept this invitation. Carried.

Acting Commander, Hazel Moushey asked to have Richard Greenwalt escorted to the rostrum where she presented him with the gavel and thanked him for his kindness in allowing her to take over this year. She said she was just following Ethel Wellmans instructions and was sorry for this confusion. Richard Greenwalt said he was happy to have her take over and enjoyed working with her.

Brother Greenwalt thanked the delegates for the confidence placed in him and said he was pleased that membership was stressed at this conference.

Richard Greenwalt brought up the topic for discussion for 1973 and it was decided that we continue with our present Topic on "How to Attract New Members and How to Keep Them". General Chairman to be Robert Wolz.

Louis Moushey thanked the Nominating Committee for having the confidence in him to place him as Jr. Vice.

A motion was made by Ellinore L. Konrad, seconded by Thomas Johnson that the sum of \$25.00 be presented to the host department - Sons and Auxiliary with the understanding for some worthy cause.

Commander Greenwalt then asked if there was any more business to come before the Conference. There being none the meeting closed with prayer by our newly elected Chaplain, Margaret Underwood, followed by the singing of "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again". Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Betty F. Johnson, Secretary  
Central Region

## ROLL CALL OF REGIONAL OFFICERS:

Regional Commander.....	Robert J. Wolz, Jr., Ohio
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Ethel Wellman, Indiana
Junior Vice Commander.....	Richard Greenwalt, Ohio
Secretary.....	Betty Johnson, Wisconsin
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman, Indiana
Patriotic Instructor.....	Mildred <del>Kearman</del> , Indiana <i>Coffman</i>
Chaplain.....	Dorothy Cashman, Illinois
Guide.....	Herman Black, Wisconsin <i>absent</i>

## ROLL CALL BY STATES

Colorado-Wyoming.....	—
Illinois.....	3.
Indiana.....	22.
Iowa.....	—
Kansas.....	—
Michigan.....	—
Minnesota.....	—
Missouri.....	2.
Nebraska.....	—
Ohio.....	11.
Wisconsin.....	6.

ROLL CALL OF REGIONAL OFFICERS:

Regional Commander.....Ethel Willman, Indiana *absent*  
Sr. Vice Commander.....Richard Greenwalt, Ohio ✓  
Jr. Vice .....Hazel Moushey, Missouri ✓  
Secretary.....Betty F. Johnson  
Treasurer.....Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois ✓  
Patriotic Instructor.....Capt. B.E. Kannenberg, Wisconsin  
Chaplain .....Nancy Greenwalt, Ohio  
Guide.....J. F. Halberstadt, Indiana —

ROLL CALL BY STATES

Colorado-Wyoming.....  
Illinois.....16...  
Indiana.....2...  
Iowa.....  
Kansas.....  
Michigan.....2...  
Minnesota.....  
Missouri.....2...  
Nebraska.....  
Ohio.....10...  
Wisconsin.....7...

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The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 9th and 10th, 1971 at the Holiday Inn, Lafayette, Ind.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. Regional Commander, Robert J. Wolz, Jr. Ohio, called to order the first session of the Conference.

The Bible was opened and the invocation was given by Regional Chaplain, Dorothy Cashman of Illinois.

Regional Patriotic Instructor, Mildred Coffman of Indiana led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

The following National and Past National Presidents were introduced;

Robert Furman, Commander-in-Chief	- Buffalo, New York
Hazel Moushey, Rep. Nat'l. Pres.	- Lemay, Missouri
Gladys Sallman	- Valparaiso, Ind.
Edith Nile	- Alliance, Ohio
Ellinore L. Konrad	- Milwaukee, Wis.

The following Regional Officers answered roll call;

Robert J. Wolz, Jr.	- Regional Commander	- Present
Ethel Wellman	- Sr. Vice Commander	- "
Richard Greenwalt	- Jr. Vice Commander	- "
Betty F. Johnson	- Secretary	- "
Gladys B. Sallman	- Treasurer	- "
Mildred Coffman	- Patriotic Instructor	- "
Dorothy Cashman	- Chaplain	- "
Herman Black	- Guide	- Absent

The following number of delegates from the various Departments responded to roll call by States.

Illinois.....	3
Indiana.....	20
Missouri.....	2
Ohio.....	11
Wisconsin.....	6

Minutes of the 1970 meeting held in Mansfield, Ohio were approved as read.

Communications from those unable to attend were read and placed on file.

The Regional Treasurer read her report. The balance in the treasury is \$163.29. It was moved by Edith Nile, seconded by Thomas Johnson that this report be accepted as read, and the books turned over to the Auditing Committee.

The following were appointed on Committees.

AUDUTING COMMITTEE:

Edith Nile, Ohio  
Georg Cashman, Ill.  
Hazel Moushey, Missouri

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Herbert Ray Worth, Indiana  
Burton Kannenberg, Wisconsin  
Richard J. Greenwalt, Ohio

NOMINATING:

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin  
Marie Doran Illinois  
William Halverstadt Indiana

Regional Commander, Robert J. Wolz, Jr. turned the meeting over to the Moderator, Jane Greenwalt who announced the four questions for discussion by the Panel Chairmen with their respective group.

1. Should our organization take the responsibility of having materials available upon request for teachers use, or should we complain to textbook publishers that they are devoting too little time to this period of history?
2. Should we as members of an organization dedicated to the ideals of the Civil War be willing to give of our time and efforts to assist a teacher in presenting the Civil War to her class? And in what way can we help?
3. What particular parts of the war, if any, should be emphasized more than others? If so, do you feel, that only the interesting parts should be studied?
4. What prominent part did women play in the Civil War?

Panel Chairmen are as follows;

Edith B. Nile - Thomas L. W. Johnson  
Richard and Nancy Greenwalt

Delegates were divided to meet with their Chairman of the various groups and Moderator, Jane Greenwalt asked them to return in three quarters of an hour.

Bible was closed by Regional Chaplain, Dorothy Cashman and meeting recessed until 3:30 P.M.

The Conference reconvened at 3:30 P.M. and the Bible was opened by the Regional Chaplin.

Panel Moderator, Jane Greenwalt asked the Panel Chairmen to present their views now, with the delegates participating later.

Panel Discussions separate

1. Should our organization take the responsibility of having materials availabl upon request for teach rs us , or should we complain to textbook publishers that they are devoting too little time to this period of history?

Chairman - Edith Nile

Group one feels that Parents should assist teachers and assume some of the responsibility in educating children along the course in history which has been most neglected hamely "The Civil War".

Coordinators and faculty Committees should be contacted by the Parents in order to enlist their cooperation as they usually select the books for use in the classrooms.

School and Public Librazies should be contacted for books on the Civil War that would be of interest to the children.

should

When children have absorbed a certain amount of Civil War history they be asked to write their opinions regarding it.

Applications should also be made to officials to your particular State Fair, asking for their cooperation to show films on Civil War acticities. Perhaps battlefields, rifles, muskets , costumes worn in those times, etc.,

Comments made by Delegates;

*Robert* ~~Richard~~ Wolz stated that with three organizations we have donated flags to schools and organizations. He felt that we ought to ask the National for circulars which could be distributed to schools and libraries. by the various camps.

Edith Nile said she doubted if camps would write for them.

Ellinore L. Konrad stated that the Central Region published a Brochure some years back and circulated them in schools and libraries.

2. Should we as members of an organization dedicated to the ideals of the Civil War be willing to give of our time and efforts to assist a teacher in presenting the Civil War to her class? And in what way can we help?

Chairman - Thomas L. W. Johnson

This group feels that material should be presented to a school assembly under various classifications such as;

American Revolution                            War of 1812  
Civil War.

As all agreed that children and students do not receive enough knowledge of Civil War History but with the proper cooperation from the faculty members and parents children in time would become familiar with all aspects of the Civil War.

Children should be given the opportunity to view slides pertaining to the War, see exhibitions of relics and be taken to lectures so that they might learn what a soldier's life was like in time of war. Perhaps this could come under the direction of a Speakers Bureau. Most schools these days have a Bureau while others have a committee who passes on the various speakers or entertainment.

They all agreed that parents should assist teachers to present a human portrayal of history. Students should become familiar with the songs as they were sung during Civil War days and the instruments used by the musicians.

They should also have some knowledge as to how the soldier relaxed when away from the battlefield. How his meals were cooked and what he ate, played cards, read books, mended his clothes, etc.

This portrayal of history should not be limited to schools alone but also to Civic Groups and institutions of learning.

Thomas Johnson remarked that from all these suggestions we can anticipate more study on this problem, however I want to thank the members of this group for contributing so generously to this discussion.

3. What particular parts of the war if any, should be emphasized more than others? If so, do you feel, that only the interesting parts should be studied?

Chairman - Richard Greenwalt;

This group feel that Civil War history should be taught beginning with the 5th grade. Parents should contact teachers for their cooperation. Children should be shown authentic relics of the kind used during the war.

Films showing battlefields, Civil War equipment, saddles, rifles and muskets. In addition they should be taken to historical exhibitions where they canview many items used during the Civil War. After such a viewing there should be a half hour question period.

Children should be properly informed about Lincoln and his Tomb before vising his tomb and after viewing same should be asked to write a short story or other comments they care to make. These papers could be graded accordingly in order to give some incentive for wanting to write.

Of interest to young girl students is the knowledge that women spies were quite numerous during Civil War times. This should stir some excitement among girls and should further their interest in the Civil War.

Children should also be taught about minority groups who were quite active in the Civil War. They should be shown books describing some of these groups and what their participation was.

Burton Kannenberg stated that he has had many a lecture at various schools from 4th Grade children to High School, Civic Groups and Clubs and the response has been very encouraging.

He mentioned that he always wore his uniform, shows his film, brings with him some relics of the Civil War and that adds a great deal of interest to a Program.

He has participated in numerous reenactments, skirmishes and when viewing his films become very interested when they visit where skirmishes take place. One student stadtent remarked "I have learned more from you in one hour than I have in a whole year in History Class.

4. What prominent part did women play in the Civil War?

Remarks by Nancy Greenwalt

In order to interest young teenagers in Civil War history we should not stress the battle but rather the accomplishments of young girls and women.

Women and girls became skilled nurses and went out on the battlefield nursing the men and caring for their needs bringing water to them, etc. Over 5000 women from Wisconsin participated in the war as nurses, linting from old cloths as there was no cotton available from the South.

Woman's part was humanitarism and did not receive the recognition of the more glamorous efforts of the fighters and officers. Women were responsible for organizing the Old Soldiers Home in Wisconsin.

The following books were suggested for young people;

"Lincoln's Daughters of Mercy" - Love is Eternal  
Red Badge of Courage

Toward the end of the war young boys and old men were used by the North. Teenagers should also be made aware of the 14 year old John Jones a student veteran of two battles on way to his third.

Regarding the prolonging of regional hatreds left over from the Civil War Nancy feels that Grant and Lee would have prevented these hatreds had their provisions been followed. "Carpetbaggers" government was a bitter pill to the South. Lincoln's assassination up as an effort by the South to "get even". At the end of the War men from both sides fraternized over the lines of truce.

Young people should view reenactments and some do. Some are sympathetic, some not to the extent of throwing cherry bombs, but at least the dissenters are being exposed to a knowledge of what did happen.

Nancy feels that young people should become interested at an early age. the younger the better. They should become interested in going to skirmishes and let girls know that they will not be considered "Tom boys".

A Military Ball should be given asking girls to come in authentic costumes with prizes for the most authentic costume. These balls could be given advance publicity in the newspapers, rather than just a society reporter's version after it is all over. To arouse interest among teenagers both boys and girls ask each member present to bring one young person of either sex to a joint event planned for the young.

*line up in order of age  
and not by families*

Saturday evening at 6:30 P.M. the annual dinner was held in honor of the Regional officers and delegates. A very interesting talk was give by a former curator on Fort Quiatenon which was formerly a fur trading post used by the French and British in the 18th Century. Fred Hartline, Jr. a state officer of the Sons of the American Legion, read an inspiring poem entitled "This is my Country America The Beautiful". Entertainment was provided by Miss Worth, a Teenage singer with a lovely voice and by a young Baton Twirler. Louis and Hazel Moushey also contributed to the evenings entertainment.

at 9:00 A.M. Sunday morning, October 10th, the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by Commander Wolz.

The Bible was opened and the invocation was given by Regional Chaplain, Dorothy Cashman.

Nancy Greenwalt finished her discussion .

The Auditing Committee reported that they audited the Treasurers books and found them to be in excellent condition. Signed by Edith Nile, George Cashman and Hazel Moushey

Brother Wolz then called for the report of the Nominating Committ e. The nominating committee recommended the following:

Commander.....	Ethel Wellman	- Indiana
Sr. Vice .....	Richard Greenwalt	Ohio
Jr. Vice.....	Hazel Moushey	- Missouri
Secretary.....	Betty F. Johnson	- Wisconsin
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman	Illinois
Patriotic Instructor.....	Burton E. Kannenberg	Wisconsin
Chaplain.....	Nancy Greenwalt	Ohio
Guide.....	James F. Halberstadt,	Indiana

The report of the Nominating C. was accepted by the Conference without Objection

Herbert Worth, Chairman on Resolutions read the following report:

Your resolutions committee wishes to propose the following resolutions.

1. That we thank the Holiday Inn of Lafayette for their fine service and hospitality during this conference.
2. That we commend the Indiana Department for the fine way they hosted this conference.
3. That we commend the Commander-in-Chief, Norman Furman for taking time from his busy schedule to attend and participate in this conference.
4. That we commend Robert Wolz Jr. Regional Commander for his leadership during this conference.
5. That the actions taken during this conference in regards to the teaching of American Heritage with emphasis on the Civil War, be taken back to the various departments and we urge that departments and individual members follow up thes actions.

War, be taken back to the various departments and we urge that departments and individual members follow up these actions.

7. That the subject of Teaching American Heritage be continued at next years conference regardless of its theme at least to the extent of the delegates bringing with them examples of the media that is being used in their home committees and throughout the department.

Commander Wolz thanked the Chairmen of the various committees for their time and effort.

The Commander called upon Past National President, Hazel Moushey, who was representing our National President. Sister Hazel said she was very happy to represent the National President, Agnes Davis, but was sorry that Sister Agnes could not attend because of other commitments. She was certain that Sister Agnes would have asked members not to forget her Chief-of-Staff fund. She Thanked the members for all the courtesies extended to her.

Commander-in-Chief, Norman Furman stated that it has been a real pleasure to attend these sessions and learn of the interesting ideas all of you presented here. Showing films and giving lectures such as you propose would, no doubt, stimulate interest in our Heritage in the minds of young children and adults.

Membership was touchwd upon and he asked that we all try to do what we can to enlist new members as the older members are slowing leaving us.

He called attention to Patriotic Instructor.Dr. J. E. Martie. He urged all to give him his full support and cooperation as these funds are for the financing of projects in memory of the S.O.U.V.

Bills were read . It was moved by Edith Nile, seconded by Ellinore Konrad that vouchers be drawn and bills be paid.Carried.

Commander Wolz then called on Ethel Wellman, Commander Elect. who thanked the conference for their confidence and trust in electing her the new commander.

Sister Wellman then assumed her duties as Commander and asked for invitations for the 1972 conference. Department President, Marie Doran, of Illinois extended an invitation to the conference to meet in Illinois in 1972. This invitation had the full cooperation of all the delegates.

"Publicizing Our Organization" was suggested by Robert Wolz and selected for the 1972 Conference theme along with the continuation of "Teaching American Heritage". Robert Wolz feels that this the only way we can educat the public.

The sum of \$25.00 was presented to the host Department - Sons and Auxiliary - with the understanding that a Flag will be

purchased and awarded to a recognized youth group within the State.

Commander Wellman then asked if there was any more business to come before the Conference. There being none, the meeting closed with prayer by our newly elected Chaplin, Nancy Greenwalt, followed by the singing of "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted in F.C.& L.

Betty F. Johnson

Minutes of the 1971 meeting held at the Holiday Inn, Lafayette, Indiana were approved as read.

The secretary announced that she did not receive any letters of regret, however, Hazel Moushey had a letter from Ethel Wellman which was read to the delegates.

The Regional Treasurer read her report. The balance in the treasury is \$164.52. It was moved by Ellinore Konrad and seconded by Thomas Johnson that this report be accepted as read, and the books turned over to the Auditing Committee.

The following were appointed on Committees.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

George Cashman	-	Illinois
Violet Hinz	-	Michigan
Margery Grate	-	Ohio

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Jane Greenwalt	-	Ohio
Burt Kannenberg	-	Wisconsin
Louise Hernke	-	Wisconsin

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thomas L. W. Johnson	Wisconsin
Charles Brady	- Illinois
Ellinore L. Konrad	- Wisconsin

Acting Regional Commander, Hazel Moushey, turned the meeting over to the Moderator, Robert Wolz who announced the four questions for discussion by the Panel Chairmen with their respective group.

1. How do we attract new members and how should we finance same. Chairman, Charles Brady.
2. Should we teach American Heritage as a means of promotion and should we charge for it. Chairman, Thomas L. W. Johnson.
3. Are we doing enough to maintain G. A. R. Teachings. Chairman, Jane Greenwalt
4. What can we do to further the promotion of our order. Should we continue to promote our order? /

Delegates were divided to meet with their Chairman of the various groups and Moderator, Robert Wolz asked them to return in three quarters of an hour.

Bible was closed by Regional Chaplain, Nancy Greenwalt and meeting recessed until 3:30 P.M.

The conference reconvened at 3:30 P.M. and the Bible was opened by the Regional Chaplain, Nancy Greenwalt.

Panel Moderator, Robert Wolz, asked the Panel Chairmen to present their views.

Charles Brady's remarks on How Do We Attract New Member and how should we Finance same were as follows;

We should publicize our organization in local newspapers, giving imformation as to special programs and when meetings are scheduled.

Also run publicity in National Magazines such as the Veterans Paper, National Tribune, Stars and Stripes, Sons of American Revolution and Heritage Magazine. This might be a good idea but is not free. The expense involved would have to come out of the department.

We should also try to contact the State Historical Society and State Genealogy Society at their conventions and distribute literature giving information about organization and Banner publication.

Pamphlets and flyers could be distributed at Shopping Centers and Super Markets in order to acquaint the public with our patriotic organization and what it stands for.

We also believe that in many instances the ritual work is stressed too when we are having open meetings.

Thomas L. W. Johnson spoke on Should We Teach American Heritage as a Means of Promorion and should we charge for it.

In order for us to attract New Members we should appeal to their Heritage and Patriotism.

We feel that we should be teaching American History for our members and have them participate in Patriotic exercises and also demonstrate proper display of our flag.

We feel that as members of a Patriotic Society we should be able to explain the Rights and Duties of our American Citizenship.

We also believe that a wise use of publicity is important. We should inform the public on the purpose of our organization, its American Heritage, patriotic programs and activities

Incidental meetings of eligibles who become interested in the Order by stressing to them the importance of their heritage and what our order means and by their participation they will eventually become good working members.

My group feels that members could offer their services and work through Parents Teachers Associations in order to reach Parents of School children to acquaint them with our American Heritage. Should we charge for it? I don't know I believe that would depend a great deal on the circumstances.

Jane Greenwalt responded to Are We Doing Enough to Maintain G. A. R. Teachings.

Her group says No - the teachings of the G. A. R. were to Keep Alive the memory of the union soldier - To be loyal to our country and Flag and to assist in the promotion of Patriotism.

We are not doing enough in our churches or schools and we suggest that as members we become more involved in acquainting our children with the story of our Nations History and Heritage.

Our group feels that we need more publicity. We should publicize our patriotic programs by placing more importance on programs that would be of special interest to children.

We also advocate the proper use of flags and salute. Also instruct young people that a flag is not a plaything, and we suggest presenting more flags to eligible and worthwhile organizations.

We should participate in all services on Patriotic Holidays - have our men in uniform and set a good example at parades by taking time out to give the proper flag salute.

We suggest selling miniature flags on the street on Flag Day such as is done on Poppy Day.

We should also support our men in uniform through a more thorough study of history and find out what really went on in those battles. This would enable us to have a better understanding of the sacrifices that were made by the Union Veterans.

Louis Moushey responded to Should We Bother to Promote our Order at All?

Our group feels that we should continue promoting our order more now than we did in the past. Our schools do not stress the importance of the cost in lives and fortunes that our fore-fathers sacrificed to keep this country as one Nation.

The Civil War was and still is the most important war the Nation fought in order to preserve our freedom and this should be brought to the attention of our young people.

All members should promote our organization at every opportunity and in order to gain new members we must publicize our order, and bring our activities before the public.

Our organization was organized to preserve the memory of our Grand Army of the Republic and to respect its flag and if we do not continue to promote our order we will eventually cease to function.

Since there is such a difference in areas we suggest that each department work out the best possible plan to promote their camp.

Brother Wolz thanked the Panel Chairmen for their interesting discussions and announced that we will reconvene in the morning

Bible was closed by the Regional Chaplin and the meeting adjourned at 4:45

Saturday evening at 6:30 P.M. the annual dinner was held in honor of the Regional officers and delegates. A very interesting talk was given by Miner Coburn of Camp 1 who spoke on "Grant at Vicksburg". The delegates were also entertained by a Film on Lincoln another on Disneyland and the lovely singing of Mrs. H. Matecki. It was an evening well planned by the Illinois Department and enjoyed by all.

At 9:30 A.M. Sunday morning the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by acting Commander, Hazel Moushey.

The Bible was opened and the invocation was given by Regional Chaplain, Nancy Greenwalt.

Burt Kannenberg, Patriotic Instructor, again led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

A general discussion on the four questions which the various panels discussed followed;

Robert Wolz stated that various ways of promoting our organization were offered by the panel chairmen and that publicity is still the important factor inasmuch as we must make ourselves known to the public.

The delegates were shown several informative flyers and pamphlets. One flyer illustrated the Grand Army Highway, giving the history of our organization, the eligibility requirements and where applicants could receive more information.

Brother Wolz said that in Ohio last year they got a new flyer, giving all the information concerning the S.O.U.V. eligibility. This flyer was considered too dull in its appearance we feel it should have been done in offset printing.

Speaking of Finances - we all know that most camps are too poor to go into any publicity but we in Ohio increased our initiation fee from \$5 to \$10. We have also doubled our per capita tax. If we are to get new members we have to advertise and the department will pick up the tab.

Another point I would like to make that in the 1900 - 20-30 we had a membership of 60,000 members and we were more foresighted than than we are today. The National in 1922 published a booklet of instruction on "How to Obtain New Members". It described various methods for increasing membership. By applying these principles they gained 1000 members. Since membership is my job this year I am going to have sections of this pamphlet reprinted and they could then be purchased by members at \$1.00 a copy. General discussion followed. I feel that we must take pride in our organization and keep on pushing and publicizing our order.

Jane Greenwalt asked How Many Members have an application for the organization with them. We should carry applications with us at all times and be ready to sign an applicant when the opportunity presents itself.

George Cashman said there is absolutely no better method of recruiting members than personal contact. One has to be active and have the organization at heart. We cannot wait for the head of a department to do the calling - we should get out and do the job ourselves. There is no better way to carry on the G. A. R. Tradition. This system worked for the past 40 years and it still works today.

Insignia for Lapel buttons were discussed at great length and found too small and Brother Kannenberg said that he purchased Patches from the National but they do not tell the story.

The question was raised as to what we can offer the potential recruit and how do we hold their interest. Most members want to belong to a successful and active organization and no one wants to join a dying organization. Discussions followed as to what activities are offered new members in some of the camps which showed slides, pictures of skirmishes in which some of the members participated, the showing of Civil War equipment, drill teams, Bingo games and all came to the conclusion that there should be a feeling of good fellowship at all times.

Paul Grate suggested that the Regional allow \$100 for the purpose of running two or three ads.

Ellinore Konrad felt that each department should take care of their own publicity.

Thomas Johnson suggested that a committee be formed at the 1973 Conference to give further consideration to this matter.

Brother Wolz thanked the chairmen of the various panels and delegates for their participation in the discussions. He said he felt greatly indebted to the Illinois Department for hosting this Conference and recommended they be given a rising vote of thanks.

A discussion was held regarding the expenses involved in hosting the Central Region Conference.

After the discussion Thomas L. W. Johnson made a motion that a committee be appointed consisting of Ellinore L. Konrad, P.N.P. Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C. and Gladys Sallman, P.N.P. to review the expenses incurred by the Central Region Conference in sponsoring its Annual Conference.

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 10th and 11th, 1970, in the Columbus Room of the Mayflower Hotel, Akron, Ohio.

A situation unique in the annals of the conference developed when Commander-in-Chief, George L. Cashman mounted the rostrum to preside as the Regional Commander, having been elected to that position a year ago in Milwaukee. He called the first session to order at 2:00 P. M. on Saturday October 10th.

The Bible was opened and the invocation was given by Regional Chaplain, Marjorie Grate of Ohio.

Regional Patriotic Instructor, Ethel Wellman, of Indiana led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Brother Cashman introduced the following National Officers:

Robert Wolz, Jr., Ohio, Nat'l Pat. Inst.  
Marjorie Grate, Ohio, Nat'l Vice Pres.  
Raeona Black, Wisconsin, Nat'l Chap.

The following Regional Officers answered roll call:

George L. Cashman, Regional Commander  
Robert J. Wolz, Jr., Junior Vice Commander  
Ethel Wellman, Patriotic Instructor  
Marjorie Grate, Chaplain  
Herman Black, Guide

Due to the unavoidable absence of both the Regional Secretary and Treasurer, Brother Cashman asked Sister Ellinore L. Konrad to serve in an acting capacity in both positions for the meeting.

The following number of delegates from the various Departments responded to roll call by States:

Illinois.....	2
Indiana.....	6
Ohio.....	16
Wisconsin.....	4

Minutes of the 1969 meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin were approved as read.

Communications from those unable to attend were read and placed on file.

Ellinore L. Konrad read the Regional Treasurers report. It was moved by Edith Nile, seconded by Thomas L. W. Johnson that this report be accepted and turned over to the Auditing Committee. Carried.

The following were appointed on Committees:

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

Edith Nile, Ohio  
Ethel Wellman, Indiana  
Raeona Black, Wisconsin

RESOLUTIONS:

Dorothy Cashman, Illinois  
Hannah Kreisher, Indiana  
Esther Greek, Ohio

NOMINATING:

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin  
Marjorie Grate, Ohio  
Robert J. Wolz, Jr., Ohio.

Regional Commander, George Cashman, turned the meeting over to panel Moderator, Thomas L. W. Johnson. Brother Johnson gave a brief history as to how the panel group came into existence. Eight years ago in Aurora, Illinois, Chuck Brady proposed that in future years the Conference should adopt an annual theme. He suggested some issue that was common to both Sons and Auxiliary. It could be called study groups, buzz sessions, or whatever the delegates wanted to name it. This suggestion was adopted the following year in Lafayette, Indiana.

Last year at the meeting in Milwaukee, Don Berlin suggested the topic "Preserving Historic Sites". Tom was asked to Chair this group.

Brother Johnson then announced his subtopics and chairmen. They are as follows:

1. Identifying landmarks and historic sites worthy of preservation - Chairman: Richard Greenwalt of Ohio.
2. Working with interested groups and government bodies, i.e. local historical societies, patriotic orders, library boards, city councils, county and town boards. Chairman - Paul Grate, of Ohio.
3. Obtaining financial support for restoration and preservation work. Chairman - Edith Nile, Ohio.
4. Publicizing and promoting general interest in preservation efforts. Chairman - Robert Wolz, Jr., Ohio.

Delegates were divided to meet with their Chairman of the various groups and Brother Cashman asked them to return in three quarters of an hour.

Bible was closed by Regional Chaplain, Marjorie Grate, and meeting recessed until 3:30 P. M.

The Conference reconvened at 3:30 P. M. and the Bible was opened by the Regional Chaplain.

Panel Moderator, Thomas L. W. Johnson asked the Panel Chairmen to present their views now, with the delegates participating later.

Richard Greenwalt's remarks on "Identifying landmarks and historic sites worthy of preservation" were as follows:

In Indiana they are having trouble with plaques along the highway, and landmarks are being torn down. These should be publicized instead of mutilated or destroyed.

Route 6 is recognized as the Grand Army Highway - by how many states? It is not marked in the State of Indiana.

Route 30 is being marked Lincoln Highway with a brass likeness of Lincoln on the marker.

What happens to property when an Organization disbands?

Do you, in your own Organization, know what is worthy of preservation on a local, state and national level?

In Ohio the G.A.R. Post Flags have been taken out of the Armory, and they are going the way of all historical mementoes. Cases and Flags are being lost and will be gone forever.

We should give a great deal of attention to our American Heritage. Our highways, cemeteries, markers and plaques to preserve our historical sites.

Paul Grate's remarks on "Working with interested groups and government bodies" were as follows:

Working with Veterans Organizations and Historical Societies around the country would be a big help in preserving our American Heritage.

Vandals are damaging monuments all over the country. We should try to interest high school students to patrol these sites. Boy Scout groups could also give a hand.

All Patriotic Organizations should take more interest in preserving our historic sites if they are to be seen by future generations.

Edith Nile's remarks on "Obtaining financial support for restoration and preservation work were:

We cannot count on city, county or townships for financial support because they are always asking for money, not giving. They would be no help to us at all.

However, we have learned from a professor at one of our colleges that you can get state aid for restoration and preservation of historical sites. This bears investigation.

We must, however, rely on our Patriotic Organizations for financial support.

Robert Wolz, Jr's remarks on "Publicizing and promoting general interest in preservation efforts" were as follows:

All the suggestions that we have heard are of major importance, but our Organization is much too small. Historical Societies and government bodies are too large for us. The interested groups that we must call on for help are Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Brownies and 4-H groups. These groups could be of some assistance to us.

We could look into outdoor advertising - with donated space - this will promote great interest.

For patriotic gatherings and encampments if we want publicity our press releases should be short and concise.

We should also request our Mayors or Governors to issue proclamations.

Send out notices for special functions. If other groups can pass out flyers for publicity, what can't we?

Some of the towns have home tours, pointing out historic sites.

Closing with these remarks he said that our Presidents tombs are not being taken care of properly. Garfield and Grants tomb need attention very badly.

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Brother Tom Johnson then asked the delegates to participate in the discussion. There remarks and suggestions were as follows:

People are always talking about the younger generation that they do not know too much about American History. We could prepare slides and take them into schools, etc. We could reach a number of students by showing pictures and slides. History books only have a paragraph or two about Civil War History and it is about time something is done about it.

We could reach the students by reenactments - taking pictures on video tape of military battles between North and South. This would ideal for 6th grade students. Just to let them know what type of costumes they were in that era and the battles they fought.

Write the commission on freeways and super highways and tell them to properly mark historical sites, otherwise there is no need to get off the freeway when traveling.

Try to get people to realize what decisions should be made regarding preserving historical sites. There are some groups that want to wipe out the past and others who do not want to obliterate the past; but they are so taken up with their own problems they are not taking the interest they should.

Historical sites are so poorly marked in some states you would never find them. In other states, because of neglect, they are a pile of rubble.

A Realty Compay is anxious to tare down the historical city of Galena, Illinois. They want to build rest homes and high rising apartments. If this takes place, this city will be a ghost town.

Springfield, Illinois' historic sites are so very well marked you cannot miss them. However, there is no marker of any description from Springfield to New Salem.

Ohio reported on the wonderful publicity they received at their Department Encampment.

Panel Moderator, Tom Johnson, was given a rising vote of thanks for the interesting and enlightening ideas for future work to preserve Our Heritage.

Brother Johnson thanked the Chairmen of the groups and also the delegates who participated. He hoped they gained some ideas to take back to their departments and he said it was his pleasure to take over the panel.

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Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M. the annual dinner was held in honor of the Regional Officers and delegates. Fred Hartline, Jr., a state officer of the Sons of the American Legion, gave an inspiring talk on the subject of "Patriotism and Youth Today". Entertainment was provided by a youth chorus composed of members of the Sons of American Legion. The group performed several patriotic and religious selections and was very well received.

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The Auditing Committee reported that they audited the Treasurers books and found them to be in excellent condition. Signed by Edith Nile, Ethel Wellman and Raeona Black.

Dorothy Cashman, Chairman on Resolutions read the following report:



## Mayflower Hotel

Oct. 11, 1970

Greetings -

We your Resolution Committee  
submit the Following Resolutions.

- 1 - We send a "Letter of Thanks" to the Mayflower Hotel and Miss Donahue for their cooperation given us during our stay for the Regional Conference.
- 2 - We send a "Letter of Thanks" to Mrs. Fred Hartline for the wonderful program put on by the childrens choir of the American Legion of which she is their director and doing a fine job.
- 3 - We send a "Letter of Thanks" to Fred Hartline Jr. who was the Speaker of the Evening. A young Legion Member and an all American young man, with his views and ideas & spirit, are much needed today with this generation.
- 4 - Our Thanks to the Regional President - George Cashman who also is National Commander-in-Chief for his fine remarks.
- 5 - Thanks to sister Maryjory Brate National Vice President for bringing the "Greetings" from the Nat. President Sister Eileen Coombs.



## Mayflower Hotel

6 - To the Co-Ho Committee who served for the Regional Conference, Sister Edith Nile & Sister Marguerite Dayton "A sincere Thanks" for all the work involved in making the arrangements and the Banquet a success. The favors were made by Sister Edith. ~~the~~  
~~Committee~~ We think they should have a rising "Vote of Thanks".

7 - To Tom Johnson chairman of the Panel Discussion, and his Co-Chairmen - These were most interesting and enlightening ideas for future work to preserve "Our Heritage" and keep the Memories alive. Therefore we <sup>should</sup> ~~are~~ give them a rising "Vote of Thanks".

Yours in F. C. & L.

Resolution Committee

Dorothy Cashman

Nanah Kreisler

Esther Green.

Brother Cashman then called for the report of the Nominating Committee.

Brother Tom Johnson, Chairman, stated the Committee on nominations was faced with a unique situation this year in that the senior vice commander, Hazel Moushey of Missouri, was not present at the Conference and was therefore ineligible to succeed to the post of Regional Commander. After prolonged discussion in committee, it was decided to recommend that the junior vice commander, Robert J. Wolz, Jr., be promoted to the post of commander and that Ethel Wellman be nominated for the position of senior vice commander for 1970-1971.

The nominating committee recommended the following:

Commander.....	Robert J. Wolz, Jr., Ohio
Senior Vice.....	Ethel Wellman, Indiana
Junior Vice.....	Richard Greenwalt, Ohio
Secretary.....	Betty Johnson, Wisconsin
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Patriotic Instructor..	Mildred <del>Kaufman</del> , Indiana <i>Coffman</i>
Chaplain.....	Dorothy Cashman, Illinois
Guide.....	Herman Black

When the full slate of officers was placed in nomination by Brother Johnson, he also moved that the rules of the Conference be suspended for the year 1970-1971, to permit the succession of one Son by another member of the Sons due to the lack of an eligible successor from the Auxiliary.

The report of the nominating committee was accepted by the Conference without objection.

Commander Cashman thanked the Chairmen of the various committees for their time and effort.

The Commander called upon the National Vice President, Marjorie Grate who was representing our National President. Sister Marjorie said she was very happy to represent her National President, Sister Eileen Coombs, but was sorry that her N. P. was unable to attend the Conference because of illness. She said she was very sure Eileen's topic would have been on membership had she been in attendance.

Commander-in-Chief, George L. Cashman, said he would like to take this opportunity to discuss the conditions of our Organization regarding membership. He said he made studies regarding our dwindling membership. He used his camp as an example. He was commander of the Springfield camp and he felt he had to do something to justify his election to the office. He said by sitting in a chair and waiting for someone to come to ask to join - never happens.

Brother Cashman then called for the report of the Nominating Committee.

Brother Tom Johnson, Chairman, stated the Committee on nominations was faced with a unique situation this year in that the senior vice commander, Hazel Moushey of Missouri, was not present at the Conference and was therefore ineligible to succeed to the post of Regional Commander. After prolonged discussion in committee, it was decided to recommend that the junior vice commander, Robert J. Wolz, Jr., be promoted to the post of commander and that Ethel Wellman be nominated for the position of senior vice commander for 1970-1971.

The nominating committee recommended the following:

Commander.....	Robert J. Wolz, Jr., Ohio
Senior Vice.....	Ethel Wellman, Indiana
Junior Vice.....	Richard Greenwalt, Ohio
Secretary.....	Betty Johnson, Wisconsin
Treasurer.....	Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois
Patriotic Instructor..	Mildred <del>Kaufman</del> , Indiana <i>Coffman</i>
Chaplain.....	Dorothy Cashman, Illinois
Guide.....	Herman Black

When the full slate of officers was placed in nomination by Brother Johnson, he also moved that the rules of the Conference be suspended for the year 1970-1971, to permit the succession of one Son by another member of the Sons due to the lack of an eligible successor from the Auxiliary.

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When he attended other meeting groups he asked men and boys whether they had ancestors who fought in the Civil War. There must be hundreds of thousands who are eligible for membership. Make it a point to ask each individual "Do you have an ancestor who served in the Civil War? You must hound them to death until you receive a positive answer. With the help Wayne Temple and Dr. Weiss we immediately went to work. Each one of us brought in six new members within a year. Now each month we have a meeting and our Camp grew from three members to 21 active members. I feel that if each of us would say to the people we are talking to - "Are you eligible for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" we could increase our membership 100%.

Bills and communications were read. It was moved by Paul Grate, seconded by Herman Black that vouchers be drawn and bills be paid. Carried.

Commander Cashman said that due to the absence of the Secretary and Treasurer, Ellinore L. Konrad graciously accepted the duties of both offices. This Conference owes Sister Konrad a rising vote of thanks.

The Department President of Indiana extended an invitation to the Conference to meet in Lafayette, Indiana in 1971. It was moved by Ellinore L. Konrad, seconded by Thomas L. W. Johnson that we accept this invitation. Carried.

Brother Robert J. Wolz, Jr. was asked to step up to the rostrum. George L. Cashman presented him with the gavel, and then thanked the Conference for the honor bestowed upon him as Regional Commander, for the year 1969-1970.

Brother Wolz thanked the delegates for the confidence placed in him. He said he was happy to know that membership was stressed at this Conference and he hoped that next year in Indiana we would have a larger delegation.

"Teaching American Heritage" was selected as the 1971 Conference theme. Jane and Richard Greenwalt were appointed Chairman of the 1971 Panel Discussion Group project.

Commander Wolz then asked if there was any more business to come before the Conference. There being none, the meeting closed with prayer by our newly elected Chaplain, Dorothy Cashman, followed by the singing of "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A. M.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Ellinore L. Konrad, Secretary Pro-Tem

ROLL CALL OF REGIONAL OFFICERS:

Regional Commander ..... George L. Cashman, Illinois P  
Sr. Vice Commander..... Hazel Moushey, Missouri a  
Jr. Vice Commander..... Robert J. Wolz, Ohio P  
Secretary..... Betty F. Johnson, Wisconsin a  
Treasurer..... Gladys Sallman, Indiana a  
Patriotic Instructor..... Ethel Wellman, Indiana P  
Chaplain..... Marjorie Grate, Ohio P  
Guide..... Herman Black, Wisconsin P

ROLL CALL BY STATES

Colorado-Wyoming.....	0
Illinois.....	2
Indiana.....	6
Iowa.....	0
Kansas.....	0
Michigan.....	0
Minnesota.....	0
Missouri.....	0
Nebraska.....	0
Ohio.....	16
Wisconsin.....	4

The Annual Meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 11th and 12th, 1969 at the Milwaukee Inn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 Regional Commander, Ellinore L. Konrad, Milwaukee, Wis. called to order the first session of the conference.

The invocation was given by Regional Chaplain, Marjorie Grate of Ohio.

Capt. Burton E. Kannenberg of Oconomowoc, Wis. acting Patriotic Instructor led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Ellinore L. Konrad, Regional Commander - Welcome to Wisconsin. It is needless to tell you how proud and happy the City of Milwaukee is to receive you. May your stay in Milwaukee be a very pleasant one and may you have many happy memories of the old friends you reminisce with and new friends you made during your visit in the Badger State at the Regional Conference.

The following National Officers were introduced:

Fred H. Combs, Jr. Commander-in-Chief, Lawrenceville, New Jersey  
Florence M. Jansson, National Auxiliary Pres. Union City, N.J.  
The Regional Commander, Ellinore Konrad told them that it was a pleasure and honor to have them attend the Central Region Conference.

Other National Officers introduced were George Cashman, Sr. Vice Commander and Mrs. Marjorie Grate, Second Council Member.

The following past National Presidents were present:

Edith Nile - Alliance, Ohio  
Gladys Sallman - Valparaiso, Indiana

Roll Call of Regional Officers;

Regional Commander	-	Ellinore L. Konrad	-	Wisconsin	- Present
Sr. Vice "	-	George Cashman	-	Illinois	- Present
Jr. Vice "	-	Hazel Moushey	-	Missouri	- Absent
Secretary	-	Kathryn Van Trump	-	Illinois	- Absent
Treasurer	-	Gladys Sallman	-	Indiana	- Present
Patriotic Instructor	-	Harry Beasey	-	Indiana	- Absent
Chaplain	-	Marjorie Grate	-	Ohio	- Present
Guide	-	Margaret Beasey	-	Indiana	- Absent

Number of Delegates from the various departments responding to the roll call by states.

Illinois	-	4
Indiana	-	3
Ohio	-	4
Wisconsin	-	15
		26

The minutes of the 1968 Conference meeting held in Springfield were read. The minutes were approved as read.

Letters of regret from P.N.P. Anita Selby, P.N.P. Hazel Moushey, Urion Mackey, Regional Secretary, Kay Van Trump were read and placed on file.

The report of the Regional Treasurer was read and accepted. The balance in the treasury is \$152.04. It was moved by Herman Black, seconded by Mildred Biering that this report be accepted as read, and the books turned over to the Auditing Committee.

Regional Commander, Ellinore L. Konrad appointed members on the following committees:

AUDITING :

Edith Nile  
Raeona Black  
Ethel Wellman

NOMINATING:

Thomas L. W. Johnson  
Paul Grate  
Don Berlin

RESOLUTIONS:

Gladys Sallman  
George Cashman  
Louise Hernke

The Regional Commander then turned the meeting over to the Moderator, Don Berlin who stated that it is always a pleasure to attend the Regional Conference for I think all of us are interested and looking for new ideas to take back to our respective departments in order to increase our membership.

Before we begin our discussions I have brought along a record with which, I am certain you are all familiar with. It was the Mormon Tabernacle choir's rendition of Battle Hymn of the Republic and his playing it was to discuss various aspects of the hymn.

Don Berlin then announced the Conference Theme "The State of our Order for 1969".

Chairman of the various topics under discussion were then announced;

General Chairman - Don Berlin

1. How can we attract the young age 16-25?  
Dorothy Cashman, Springfield, Ill.
- How can we attract and interest the married couple with children?  
Herman Black, Milwaukee, Wis.
3. How can we attract and interest the over 50 individual?  
Paul Grate, Warren, Ohio
4. What should be our role in the community as a patriotic order?  
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Madison, Wis.

The Chaplain then closed the bible and the assembly was asked to reconvene at 4:00 P.M.

On Saturday evening at 6:30 the Annual dinner was held in honor of the Regional officers and delegates. Chairman of the dinner was Thomas L. W. Johnson. The speaker of the evening was Senator Nile Soik whose topic was "The Challenge of the Patriotic Society Today". Dinner music was furnished by Ethel Essmann and the Bell Ringers of Redeemer Evangelical Church have a musical program.

The Sunday morning session was opened at 9:30 A.M. with Chaplain Marjorie Grate, giving the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance by the assembly was led by Burt Kannenberg acting Patriotic Instructor.

The Regional Commander, Ellinore L. Konrad then turned the meeting over to the moderator, Don Berlin.

The panel discussion continued until 10:30 at which time the Regional Commander called for the report of the Auditing Committee.

The committee reported that they audited the treasurer's books and found them in perfect order. Signed by Edith Nile, Raeona Black and Ethel Wellman.

Regional Commander, Ellinore Konrad then called upon Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr. for his message to the Conference.

Commander-in-Chief Combs - It has been a real pleasure to attend these sessions and learn of the interesting and constructive ideas all of you presented here. I think all of us should remember our glorious heritage and do everything within our power to cultivate and enhance this heritage and let our actions reflect our pride, our loyalty and respect for our nation which has given us our liberty and Freedom and remember with this Freedom goes responsibility. We must do all we can to increase our membership and strengthen our organization.

We should all be proud to be a part of an organization whose principles and honorable traditions fill one with pride and grateful appreciation for the privilege of being associated with it and serving it. I am sure that there are countless men who have the honor or possessing the same heritage as we, or who have the same genuine interest in perpetuating the memory of the Union Veterans and the cause for which they fought and died. Let's leave no stone unturned in the effort to seek them out, and to let them know that they are not only welcome, but needed as members of our Order.

In these days of turmoil and confusion there is a great need for patriotism and your suggestions of encouraging the teaching of American and Civil War History in the schools and in your meetings would certainly instill patriotism in the minds and hearts of children as well as adults.

I want to call attention to our publication "The Banner". I do hope you are all reading it. I also want to mention the fund of our Patriotic Instructor, Edwin Kramer. His goal is \$1,200.00 and I urge all of you to give him your full support and cooperation as these funds are for the financing of projects in memory of the S.O.U.V.

He closed his message with the poem "The Challenge Of The Flag"

Regional Commander, Ellinore Konrad thanked Commander-in-Chief Combs for his inspiring message which added so much to the dignity of this occasion.

Regional Commander, Ellinore Konrad then asked National President, Florence Jansson for her message.

Nat'l. Pres. Florence Jansson - I have found these sessions very interesting and I have learned a lot. This is my first Regional Meeting and I have enjoyed every minute of it. The inability to secure members or to hold on to the ones we have is presenting quite a problem in all departments. Many of you have offered some very good suggestions and ideas to promote membership and I certainly hope you will be successful in carrying out your plans. We must put forth every effort to gain new members. As you all know my motto is "Each one Bring one". Just think how our Organization would grow if each one brought in a member. I want to thank Sister Ellinore for asking me to attend and I appreciate the many courtesies that have been extended to me by your Department.

Regional Commander, Ellinore Konrad thanked Nat'l. Pres. Florence Jansson for her message.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Chairman, Thomas L. W. Johnson and the following were recommended.

Regional Commander	- George L. Cashman	- Illinois
Sr. Vice "	- Hazel Moushey	- Missouri
Jr. Vice "	- Robert J. Wolz	- Ohio
Secretary	- Betty Johnson	- Wisconsin
Treasurer	- Gladys Sallman	- Indiana
Patriotic Instructor	- Ethel Wellman	- Indiana
Chaplain	- Marjorie Grate	- Ohio
Guide	- Herman Black	- Wisconsin

It was moved by Mildred Biering, seconded by Raeona Black that we accept the nominated officers for the ensuing year. Carried.

Bills were then read. It was moved by Herman Black, seconded by Thomas Johnson that all bills be paid.

Gladys Sallman then read the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Whereas the Milwaukee Inn has been so cooperative as to service and accomodations, therefore be it resolved that we express our appreciation for the many courtesies extended to us by a rising vote of thanks,

Whereas our stay in Milwaukee has been most enjoyable be it resolved that we show our appreciation to our Regional Commander, Ellinore L. Konrad and the Department of Wisconsin for their hospitality by giving them a rising vote of thanks.

Whereas Commander-in-Chief Fred Combs, Jr. and National President, Florence Jansson, having taken time out of their busy schedule to attend our Conference, therefore be it resolved that they be given a rising vote of thanks,

Whereas the Pianist and the Bell Ringers have given us such wonderful entertainment, therefore be it resolved that we show our appreciation to Mrs. Ethel Essmann and to the girls of Redeemer Evangelical Church for their inspiring Music of the Bells by instructing the Regional Secretary to send them a letter of thanks.

A motion was made by Herman Black, Seconded by Burt Kannenberg that these resolutions be adopted. Carried.

Regional Commander, Ellinore Konrad then thanked the delegation for the many courtesies extended to her and asked George Cashman to come to the rostrum.

George Cashman thanked the Conference for the confidence placed in him and then proceeded to assume his duties as Regional Commander. He asked for further business.

Gladys B. Sallman reminded the assembly that \$15.00 for the purchase of a flag is awarded to the Host Department each year and a love gift of \$10.00 is left with the Sons.

Marjorie Grate extended an invitation to the Conference to meet in Akron, Ohio in 1970. It was moved by Ellinore Konrad, seconded by Ethel Wellman that we meet in Akron, Carried

Regional Commander, George Cashman then asked for suggestions for topics for the 1970 Conference Panel Discussions. The following suggestions were made.

Reporting on What We did in 1969  
Preserving Civil War and G.A.R. Memorials

Thomas Johnson stated that lately there has been a great deal of destruction and vandalism centered on historic memorials and I feel that as a patriotic organization we should do all we can to preserve our Historical Sites.

Regional Commander, George Cashman said that with this type of topic as "Preserving Historical Sites" we should come up with some very good ideas and he feels that it would make for very interesting discussions.

Thomas L. W. Johnson was appointed General Chairman of the 1970 Panel Discussion Project.

A motion was made by Ellinore Konrad, seconded by Thomas Johnson that the conference be adjourned.

The Regional Chaplain, Marjorie Grate then offered the closing prayer which was followed by the singing of "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again".

Respectfully submitted in F.C.& L.

Betty F. Johnson, Secretary

The conference reconvened at 4:00 P.M. and Moderator, Don Berlin asked the Panel Chairmen, to present their views now with the delegates participating on Sunday A.M.

Dorothy Cashman's remarks on How can we attract and hold the interest of the youth age 16-25 were as follows; From our past experiences, we have found that young teens like to belong and become involved in activities. We have organized a drill team with the girls wearing uniforms and participating in patriotic work. We also feel that the teaching of history would be of great benefit to these young people. In Indiana they are reactivating the 114th and this has created a great deal of enthusiasm with the result that the membership has increased to 65, and more are willing to join. Drill teams, socials, all tend to create a stimulating atmosphere and eventually will draw more and more to swell the attendance.

Herman Black responded to How can we attract and interest the married couple with children? My group feels that in some auxiliaries there are young people with children who would like to attend the meetings but there is the problem of time and a baby sitter. Perhaps the meeting could start earlier and if older children of members could baby sit for the younger ones it might be a practicable and workable plan.

Another suggestion was to have the Sons and Auxiliary meet the same night. This practice would bring out more members and eventually bring about discussions of the purpose of the organization and the importance of each member fully participating to further the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic.

To create further interest it might be beneficial to discuss Civil War Uniforms and to have the participation of the 2nd Wisconsin West Bend Group.

Paul Grate spoke on How can we attract and interest the over 50 individual? Our group believes that in order to increase the membership in the Sons and Auxiliary we must have good leadership. Next activities and interesting programs should be offered the over 50 group. Next in importance there should be a feeling of good fellowship and by all means serve refreshments.

Members who have strayed and have become inactive or who have lost interest should be contacted. If they are called on the telephone several times and even pestered eventually they will have used up every available excuse and will finally attend a meeting. Many of the folks need to be encouraged and drawn out and if they are eligible they will undoubtedly become good members.

Thomas L. W. Johnson spoke on What should be our role in the community as a patriotic order? I agree with Paul Grate, refreshments go with any group. My belief is that we should stress the importance of getting members out on Patriotic Holidays, and having them participate on Memorial Day, G.A.R. Day, April 6th, Veterans night, November 9th, Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th, Patriotic Dinner in February. The auxiliaries could participate in some sort of Military Ball. This would be conducive to establishing interest and furthering the goal of our organization.

We have in Madison what is known as an "Americans for Freedom" group who meet on the campus and also in front of the State Senate. I mention this because they were attracting the public by the passing out of pamphlets in order to stimulate interest in their organization. These people believe in their principles and they turn out. I believe that today Tradition is taking a back seat. We seem to have forgotten that this nation became great because we had leadership and that we as members have an obligation to our forefathers to keep this tradition alive. I feel that we should publicize activities and patriotic programs and present them to the public thereby creating an interest in our organization.

Don Berlin stated in the age group 16-25 I note you recommend the teaching of more history. What type of history should we offer this group?

Capt. Kannenberg replied -I might comment that history on the Civil War was taught more extensively in schools years ago. Today schools do not touch too much upon it. I have given several talks on Civil War History in schools and the response has been most gratifying. The young people felt that in one-half hour of Civil War History they learned more than they did all year.

Camp and Auxiliary members should cooperate with the young by encouraging them to participate in historical talks such as Civil War History. In that way they would become familiar with the fundamentals of the S.O.U.V. and its real purpose in the community.

Don Berlin asked what added activities could the Sons and Auxiliary offer the young 16-25 group?

George Cashman stated that the American Legion, V.F.W. and several other patriotic organizations have combined their V.D. activities because they too have difficulty in getting young people out.

Camps and Auxiliaries could have some qualified member volunteer their services on V.D. I suggest a group talk could be worked out which would include History and would stimulate patriotism. Perhaps we could offer them some patriotic activity as a special inducement to attend.

Thomas Johnson stated perhaps it might be to our advantage to participate in some of the Civic Affairs whereby members could be gotten through association from other groups.

Don Berlin asked what kind of activities can you suggest for the over 50 group? What type are they really interested in?

Paul Grate stated I know that bowling is very popular. Many of them enjoy cribbage and cards. I do not play cards but would play with them providing we could get them to attend. Also award prizes and booby prizes.

Don Berlin replied that in talking with the younger people that they do not have a distinct knowledge of our order. I talked with James Blackman and he feels that S.O.U.V. members could interest the public by giving them more interesting facts

concerning the G.A.R. and its principles. It would be to our advantage if these meetings could be publicized thereby creating a more stimulating effect.

Paul Grate stated that he had the good fortune of having five Grand Army men in the Department. I was on the Convention Committee and we made arrangements with the sheriff of the city of Columbus. We also made arrangements with the State Patrol to provide an escort for the Grand Army men to the meetings and back to the County Line. It was quite an experience and their presence at the meetings was very much appreciated as they had a great deal to offer our members.

Thomas L. W. Johnson replied that many of the Senior members must have some mementos, perhaps mounted pictures and scrapbooks that Sons & Auxiliaries could highlight the idea of Tradition. It is fine to talk about Tradition but if we do not uphold this tradition it becomes worthless. This tradition was once solidly rooted. I think any organization must go forward and find ways to attract the younger age bracket 16-25. This tradition which was once so strong needs to be strengthened by some of the individuals that have helped to make the G.A.R. what it is. Senior members could give accounts of the aims and accomplishments of the G.A.R. Perhaps some outstanding figure in history would create and stimulate interest of the young. Through this approach we can continue to keep alive the tradition of the G.A.R.

Don Berlin stated that we have presented views on how to present ourselves to the public by participating in Patriotic Holidays, presenting history preferably Civil War History and various methods of interesting married couples and other members over 50 and members who have become inactive. Are there any more ideas or suggestions?

Thomas L. W. Johnson replied that in all organizations particularly Veterans and Patriotic organizations some of the members will continue to show up for meetings and programs and they have done it so long that they will do it once more. Other members who are young and vigorous find it difficult to get to the meetings. However, Peace Groups for Vietnam will have 50 to 75 enthusiastic members attending a meeting on a Patriotic Holiday but V.F.W. or American Legion will have a handful. This is what we are up against. These people believe in those organizations consequently they get out.

Don Berlin then thanked the panel members for the interesting discussions and announced that we will reconvene in the morning and have a general discussion.

The meeting was then adjourned at 4:45 to reconvene at 9:30 A.M. Sunday.

Sunday Morning Discussion

Don Berlin - This morning we will have a general discussion on the four questions which the panel discussed yesterday.

1. How can we attract the young age 16-25?
2. How can we attract and interest the married couple with children?
3. How can we attract and interest the over 50 individual?
4. What should be our role in the community as a patriotic order?

Burt Kannenberg - After listening to the various discussions on how to obtain publicity I had an experience yesterday when I walked into the Milwaukee Inn. The desk clerk asked whom I represent. He was unaware of the S.O.U.V. and knew nothing about us or what we represented. I then informed him of our Central Region Conference.

This should not have been necessary. The wearing of uniforms and marching in parades, particularly on Memorial Day all tend to bring before the public the importance of our group and what we stand for. As for the young people becoming interested and the over 50 in my area, I have no difficulty in getting them out and showing their enthusiasm.

V.F.W. and American Legion all identify themselves by wearing their caps and uniforms.

Don Berlin - You have brought out a good point by stressing the wearing of caps and uniforms. A similar practice could be recommended for the Sons and Auxiliary in order to identify them as part of the G.A.R.

Dorothy Cashman - Uniforms and drill teams play an important part in encouraging young members to attend. I would suggest that auxiliaries make a list of nurses who did an outstanding job during the Civil War. Books telling of some of their experiences, perhaps a chapter at a time, could be read at the meetings thereby creating an interest in the history of the Civil War

Thomas L. W. Johnson - It might be interesting for Auxiliaries to inaugurate a Florence Nightingale Society.

George Cashman - There has been talk about reactivating the 114th Infantry and this idea would work in Springfield. We could have these men in uniform participate in parades on G.A.R. Day with the Military Band, the S.O.U.V. and Auxiliary. Such an occasion would create a great deal of enthusiasm and would bring the S.O.U.V. before the public.

Capt. Kannenberg - In the Second Wisconsin Infantry regiment a great deal of enthusiasm was shown by the public when we staged a Mock Battle which was fought with members of the 1st Missouri. We even had a young lady, who was dressed as a nurse in uniform worn during the Civil War days who went out on the battlefield and brought water to the boys. Camps also could exhibit Civil War

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mementos, guns and costumes they might have. This would be of particular interest to the young.

Thomas L. W. Johnson - In discussing the various activities - are they instrumental in getting actual members and furthering the interest in S.O.U.V.? It is my contention that the S.O.U.V. should distinguish themselves from other organizations and not affiliate with other patriotic groups. However, it might be to our advantage to participate in some of the Civic affairs whereby members could be gotten through association. As far as this unit is concerned we still do not have these boys as Sons.

Capt. Kannenberg - I'm sorry that I have allowed this to happen and I know now I made a mistake by allowing them to join the reserves unit for 50¢ , but in the future they will be asked to join the S.O.U.V. first. Perhaps by becoming associate members we would still have good members.

Other suggestions were made as follows;

A drill team should prove very beneficial to young people. Their families too would become interested in S.O.U.V. It is just a matter of bringing an idea such as this before the public.

Formation of a kitchen band which members find very enjoyable. Some Auxiliaries have a Speakers Bureau and present flags with interesting talks about the G.A.R.

One of the things we are all guilty of is bringing young people into the organization without getting them involved in what we are doing. We do not give them a definite job to do.

One of the most important things is to make them feel welcome and by all means give them food.

In many cities they are having difficulty getting members out because they are afraid to venture out at night.

Many of the camps are experiencing this same difficulty. People with cars could be good Samaritans and if members live along their way to be good enough to bring them along.

Don Berlin then asked What other activities would bring people out?

Suggestions were made as follows; believe the feeling of good fellowship and perhaps some square dancing might interest some, and one cannot have a meeting without offering them some food.

Many members are living on Social Security and cannot afford the high prices of hotels and banquets therefore having Encampments on University Campuses would be an inducement to bring out those members.

Don Berlin then thanked the panel and all participants and the meeting was turned over to Regional Commander, Ellinore Konrad.

ROLL CALL OF REGIONAL OFFICERS:

Regional Commander .....	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Sr. Vice Commander .....	George Cashman, Illinois ✓
Jr. Vice Commander .....	Hazel Moushey, Missouri ✓
Secretary .....	Kathryn Van Trump, Illinois ✓
Treasurer .....	Gladys Sallman, Illinois ✓
Patriotic Instructor .....	Harry Beasey, Indiana ✓
Chaplain .....	Marjorie Grate, Ohio ✓
Guide .....	Margaret Beasey, Indiana ✓

ROLL CALL BY STATES

Colorado-Wyoming .....	
Illinois.....	6
Indiana.....	3
Iowa.....	1
Kansas,.....	1
Michigan.....	1
Minnesota,.....	1
Missouri.....	1
Nebraska.....	1
Ohio.....	4
Wisconsin.....	15

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 12th and 13th, 1968, at the State House Inn, Springfield, Illinois.

Paul Grate, Regional Commander, Warren, Ohio, called to order the first session on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 PM.

The invocation was given by Margaret Beasey of Indiana who acted as Regional Chaplain.

The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Patriotic Instructor, Thomas J. Lock, III, of Indiana. This was followed by the American Creed recited in unison and the singing of America by the assembly.

Roll call of officers showed the following were present:

Commander -----	Paul Grate, Ohio
Sr. Vice Commander-----	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin
Jr. Vice Commander -----	George Cashman, Illinois
Treasurer-----	Gladys, Sallman, Illinois
Patriotic Instructor-----	Thomas J. Lock, III, Indiana
Chaplain-----	Kathryn Van Trump, Illinois
Guide -----	Harry Beasey, Indiana
	Ray Van Trump

The number of delegates from the various departments responding to the roll call by States is as follows:

Illinois-----	12
Indiana-----	9
Missouri-----	4
Ohio-----	2
Wisconsin-----	4

Regional Commander, Paul Grate, recognized the following National Officers:

PNP Hazel Moushey - Council Member, Auxiliary  
Roderick Van Trump, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander Grate then recognized the following Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary.

Eva B. Blackman, Illinois  
Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin  
Hazel Moushey, Missouri  
Gladys R. Sallman, Illinois

There were no Past Commanders-in-Chief in attendance.

The minutes of the October 14th and 15th, 1967 Conference held in Lafayette, Indiana and prepared by Secretary Betty Johnson of Wisconsin, were read. The minutes were accepted as read after one correction was offered by Conference Treasurer, Gladys Sallman who indicated that the Balance on Hand Should read \$152.04 instead of \$202.04.

Brother George Cashman of Illinois suggested that appreciation should be expressed to Conference Secretary, Betty Johnson, for her excellent work in preparing such a thorough and complete record of the conference of 1967.

It was moved by Thomas Lock of Indiana and seconded by Ellinore Konrad of Wisconsin, that Betty be given a rising vote of thanks. Sister Hazel Moushey suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Sister Betty by the Secretary expressing the thanks of the entire conference.

Brother Van Trump suggested that a moment of silence be observed in memory of General Grant who passed away in August.

Letters of regret from Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock and National President, Irene Murphy, were read. Letters from National Secy-Treas., Chester M. Shriner and PNP Anita Selby and Conference Secretary, Betty Johnson, were also read.

Conference Treasurer, Gladys B. Sallman, then read her report and indicated there is a current Balance on Hand of \$152.04. She also reminded the assembly that \$15.00 for the purchase of a flag is awarded to the Host Department each year and a love gift is left with the Sons. A motion to the effect that the love gift be alternated each year between the Sons and Auxiliary was made and carried.

Conference Commander, Paul Grate, appointed the following committees:

Nominating	Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin, Chairman Lou Moushey, Missouri Harry Beasey, Indiana
Auditing	Hazel Moushey, Missouri, Chairman Eva B. Blackman, Illinois Thomas J. Lock, III, Indiana
Resolutions	Gladys B. Sallman, Illinois, Chairman Ellinore Konrad, Wisconsin George Cashman, Illinois

Conference Chairman, Paul Grate, then called for reports of Regional Officers. The chairman reported that he had attended the National Encampment in Wilmington, Delaware, in August and urged greater attendance at the Regional Conference. No other Officer Reports were given.

At this point the meeting was turned over to Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin, Chairman of the Round Table Discussion groups, who announced his topics and chairmen. They are as follows:

1. Purposes of Organization, the Obligation & Ritual, Roderick Van Trump, Chrmn.
2. Eligibility for Membership, Lou Moushey, Chairman
3. Forms of Organization, Eva B. Blackman, Chairman
4. Federation with Like Minded Groups, Thomas J. Lock, III, Chairman

Brother Johnson reported that the format would be slightly different this year and instead of each chairman reporting on his individual group discussion, a panel discussion would be held with all chairmen participating to be followed at the Sunday morning session with participation by the entire assembly.

The meeting was turned over to Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C. of Wisconsin Chairman of the Round Table Discussion groups.. He stated that in all parts of our country all local organizations, whatever the nature, are having difficulty in obtaining membership. The organizations that we are representing here this afternoon are not unique in facing these problems. We will try to identify some of the basic reasons for these particular topics. Brother Johnson then announced his topics and chairmen. They are as follows:

1. PURPOSES OF ORGANIZATION, THE OBLIGATION, AND RITUAL  
Chairman - Roderick Van Trump, Dept. Comm. of Illinois
2. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP -  
Louis Moushey, N.P.I. of Missouri
3. FORMS OF ORGANIZATION -  
Eva Blackman, P.N.P. of Illinois
4. FEDERATION WITH LIKE-MINDED GROUPS  
Chairman - Thomas Locke, P.D.C. of Indiana

Bro ther Johnson called upon Brother Van Trump to answer the following questions: Does the SUVCW have a valid reason for existence? Do we have unique characteristics that set us apart from other organizations? Does the Obligation accurately describe our role today? Is our Ritual outmoded? Do we need it at all?

Brother Van Trump stated that the group that he chaired included Sons and Auxiliary members. And the consensus of opinion was that we do have a valid reason for existence. The organization accurately describes our role today. It was thoroughly discussed whether our rital was outmoded. My committee was of the opinion it could be simplified but we do need the ritual today. Thomas Locke - I am in favor of the ritual but it should be up-dated so that the younger members can understand it. They want to participate. Giv the

new members a part in it and they will become interested. The Auxiliaries have their drills and ritual work, they are getting younger members. The younger members want to be involved. If they can participate , they feel they are a part of it. I believe that the ritual acts as a unifying force. Many of /Our camps do not have enough members to fill the chairs and the ritual becomes meaningless.

Eva Blackman: There is nothing in the world that can run without a ritual. Even a church needs a ritual.

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Panel Moderator, Thomas Johnson, then asked the following questions of Louis Moushey: Should the standard of eligibility be altered in any way? Is it currently a limiting factor in recruitment? Is the Associate membership meaningful? Are hereditary orders relics of the past?

Brother Lou Moushey: The standard of eligibility is an interesting question and I would like to tell you the part that it played with me. If the eligibility had not been altered and a change had not been made in the national organization, I would not be in this meeting today. I am an associate member. As for the limiting factor in recruitment, we are under 3,000 members in the entire organization today, how many of the 3,000 are associate members?

If the associate member joins the organization, he must be very patriotic minded to be active in the organization in commemoration of the G.A.R. which he has no blood contact; then I would say the associate member is a meaningful member.

The question was asked are hereditary orders relics of the past? That pertains to the order in the past. This order completely annihilated itself

from anyone else to become eligible to this organization. That is why they are expiring. Looking at our organization years ago, they had 57,000 members 100 years ago. That means that our membership did not increase their membership under their eligibility. If this organization had taken in one tenth, we would not be in the position we are today. Associate members are helpful but it takes the eligible members in this organization to keep it going - that is the feeling of my group.

Thomas Locke: The man the organization still depends on is the person with direct eligibility to keep the organization going. However, I do want to say that one of the really outstanding members of the associate membership is the gentleman sitting on my left - Lou Moushey. He is a shining example of what an associate member should be.

Panel Moderator, Thomas Johnson asked the following questions of Eva Blackman: Should the SUVCW continue primarily as a patriotic, ritualistic, and fraternal organization based on the idea of local Camps? Should we more closely resemble a civic group whose principal objective is the promotion of patriotism? Should Departments have maximum flexibility and autonomy in determining the form of organization most appropriate to their circumstances?

Eva Blackman: Since the G.A.R. said that they were the oldest patriotic organization in the world, we should still stick to the patriotic work. They believe as long as they are not inconsistent to the C.R.R., they should remain local camps. Camps are the foundation of the Departments, and Departments to National.

They should not be a civic group. They should definitely participate in civic duties, but they should not forget their patriotic duties.

As for closely resembling a civil group, if attendance is the primary object, this is good. I belong to a civic group that if you miss four meetings you are out, and if you get a large attendance at the meetings you would be surprised at what you can accomplish.

Lou Moushey: In Missouri we have one member at large out of ten camps 40 years ago. Without camps there is no Department. Without your camps recruiting membership there will be no camps.

Tom Locke: I am primarily a young man in our department and it is the responsibility of the camp commander to put on a program to survive, and the Department Commander to sell the Department to keep it alive. If your camp fails, it is your camps fault. If the Department fails, it is the Department Commanders fault.

Thomas Johnson: If the camp commander cannot instill in his members the need for patriotism, he is not a leader and should give the job to someone more capable.

Panel Moderator, Thomas Johnson asked the following questions of Thomas Locke: Should the SUVCW propose federation with other organizations which profess similar aims and maintain an hereditary basis for membership? Are we, Sons and Auxiliary representing two relatively small organizations, merely dividing the crumbs when we should be cutting the cake?

Tom Locke: Our Department in Indiana has gained members from/other associations with organizations. We have taken in two boy scouts, and also a man who belongs to the V. F. W. I feel that fraternizing with fraternal groups, we can get new members because when the opportunity strikes, we can get them to sign on the dotted line. We have young fellows coming back from the service, but by the same token, the VFW and A.Legion are after them. We will also

take them in if they have the eligibility. They can join more than one organization.

Roderick Van Trump: We have certain delegates from our sons who belong also to the G.A.R. memorial society and we/come in contact with other patriotic organizations. Some have eligibility and some do not. I did get one associate member from this group. He was very impressed with our organization. I feel we have an "In" with this organization and also the Round Table. They are interested in fighting those wars again.

Panel Moderator, Thomas L. W. Johnson:

I wish to thank all of the members of the panel. We will re-convene in the morning. The delegates will then be heard on any matter he desires to discuss that we are sponsoring.

Kay Van Trump was asked to act as Regional Secretary, but inasmuch as Kay does not take short hand, Ellinore L. Konrad has consented to act as assistant Secretary to her on the program. She has graciously consented to take notes on this panel discussion. I wish to thank Ellinore for accepting this duty.

#### Sunday morning discussion

Panel Moderator, Thomas Johnson:

While our orders have some problems to be resolved, by and large, and recognizing we are doing as much as possible for the Sons and Auxiliaries, I was thinking about the possibility of our Organizations and like organizations based on hereditary organizations that we have reached a point that someone might want to propose a federation or amalgamation of patriotic organizations. I would like positive and negative - status quo.

Roderick Van Trump: I think it may develope that all of the patriotic organization may be one or automated in the future. We are responsible for the conditions of our organizations. All of us are suffering from dry-rot. So let us be honest with ourselves, we are PLAIN LAZY.

Lou Moushey: I stand to be corrected, but I believe the Federated Patriotic Societies have five organizations banded together as a unit. They do not want to lose their identity. It is also the feeling of the individual not to give up the back ground of their honors. I am sure you ~~wixxxmat~~ are not going to bring a group of organizations under one head. We know in the Sons we are the leading organization to the G.A.R. It is the feeling of the individual that they lose the honors they obtained and it is hard to do.

Roderick Van Trump: I belong to an order whose ancester was an officer - The Military Order of the Loyal Legion. There is that elite feeling. The Mayflower Society - there too, is the elite angle. They are just a little bit better than the others.

Tom Locke: We are cooperating with one another. Cooperation I am in favor of, but federation - no.

Eva Blackman: If all of the organizations worked together, we would have strength, but some are envious of others.

Tom Locke: If you combine the two male organization, they could then control the patriotic body.

Thomas L. W. Johnson: They would have to relinquish their autonomy with any kind of amalgamation.

Eva Blackman: The Sons do not assert themselves. If they did, they would not be in the position they are now. We ar a family. The man should b

the head of the house.

Hazel Moushey: The Federated Patriotic Societies was organized by the very G.A.R. for the/same purpose, just before they gave up their charter, but it just did not work. After they left, it was a house divided.

Eva Blackman: When they admitted the Loyal Legion, it broke up the Federated Patriotic Organization. The Sons are the oldest organization and they should be the head.

George Cashman: To bring about an amalgamation of the patriotic societies would be an absolute impossible situation. It is doomed from the start - one reason is jealousy.

Thomas L. W. Johnson: People today are not interested in joining an organization that bickers. People today are not interested simply to get involved in fighting.

Ten years ago, we were not ready to take a trip to the moon and an amalgamation is inevitable.

Roderick Van Trump: Most of the other patriotic organizations such as the V.F.W., D.A.V., AMVETS, American Legion, etc. have bars in their halls. This is the number one reason for their large attendance and their business is secondary.

Hazel Moushey: Our biggest problems today is that the people are not organization minded. They have too many other problems at home and abroad.

Thomas L. W. Johnson: People do not spend much time with local patriotic organizations as they did in the past. And that again brings me back to what I have said - we have an image of being bickering and a fighting organization.

On behalf of all of us, I want to thank the pan 1 for their participation

and the audience for listening. On this note, speaking on behalf of my colleagues, we will close and hope that you have enjoyed these presentations.

Brother George Cashman of Illinois, invited Brother Julius Weiss of the Springfield, Illinois camp, to address the assembly on a suggested proposal with reference to the formation of an authentic regiment to be a part of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Illinois, to perform at patriotic observances and memorial services with the thought that the unit be adapted by the Sons as an auxiliary group to be used for recruiting new members.

Following this, Commander Grate recessed the meeting for the four discussion groups to consider the conference theme "The State of Our Order", and asked Acting Chaplain, Margaret Beasey, to close the Bible. It was announced that the assembly would reconvene at 4:00 PM.

The conference reconvened at 4:00 PM and before going into the discussion of the conference theme, Conference Treasurer, Gladys Sallman read the Bills of the Conference. A motion was made by Ellinore Konrad and seconded that all bills be paid. The motion was passed.

At this point, Commander Grate turned the meeting over to Thomas L. W. Johnson to proceed with the panel discussion on the "State of Our Order". A lively, interesting and instructive discussion followed.

At the conclusion of the panel discussions, Brother Van Trump thanked the conference on behalf of the Department of Illinois for the \$15.00 flag donation.

The meeting was then adjourned at 4:30 PM to reconvene at 9:30 AM Sunday.

On Saturday evening at 6:30 the annual dinner was held in honor of the Regional Officers and delegates with the Life Story of Abraham Lincoln in Words and Pictures beautifully presented by George and Dorothy Cashman, as the highlight of the evening.

The Sunday morning session was opened at 9:30 AM with Acting Chaplain, Sister Margaret Beasey, opening the Bible and offering the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance by the Assembly was led by Brother Tom Locke, III, Patriotic Instructor.

A motion was made and carried to continue the meeting without interruption and dispensing with the usual recess period.

Thomas L. W. Johnson then read a letter he had received from Cdr. William C. Duval, USNR (Ret'd) of Ohio with reference to PNC-IN-C Coffin and his inability to attend the conference.

At this point Regional Commander Grate asked brother Johnson to continue with the panel discussion of the four topics which dealt with the theme of the conference "The State of Our Order". The panel discussion continued until 10:45.

Commander Grate thanked the panel and all participants.

The report of the Auditing Committee was then heard and FNP Hazel Moushey, Chairman, reported that the treasurer's records were found correct and as reported. A motion and a second to accept the report of the Auditing Committee as read, was passed.

The report of the Resolutions Committee as called for at this time but was delayed as the Chairman of the Committee was absent from the conference room.

Commander Grate then called for the report of the Nominating Committee. Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman, reported that the committee had made the following nominations:

Commander-----Ellinore L. Konrad, Wisconsin  
Sr. Vice Commander---George L. Cashman, Illinois  
Jr. Vice Commander...Hazel Moushey, Missouri  
Secretary.....Kathryn Van Trump, Illinois  
Treasurer-----Gladys R. Sallman, Illinois  
Patriotic Instructor--Harry Beasey, Indiana  
Chaplain-----Marjorie Grate, Ohio  
Guide-----Margaret Beasey, Indiana

A motion was made by Thomas J. Lock and seconded by several that the conference accept the nominations as read. The motion was carried.

PNP Ellinore L. Konrad then read the report of the Resolutions Committee, which is as follows:

Whereas the officers of the Central Region have done such an excellent job this year, therefore be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks.

Whereas the State House Inn has been so cooperative and accommodating during our conference, therefore be it resolved that the Regional Secretary send them a letter of appreciation.

Whereas Mr. and Mrs. Cashman presented such an entertaining and instructive program at the dinner on Saturday evening, therefore be it resolved that they be given a rising vote of thanks.

Whereas Brother Roderick Van Trump, Jr. Vice C-in-C, so ably represented our Commander in Chief, Frank M. Heacock, therefore be it resolved that we extend to him our thanks.

Whereas PNP Sister Hazel Moushey so ably represented National President, Sister Irene Murphy, therefore be it resolved that we extend to her our thanks.

Whereas our Panel Discussion Groups proved so successful and instructive, therefore be it resolved that this project be continued in 1969.

Whereas the conference regrets indeed that P.C-in C William M. Coffin, who so faithfully has attended our conference meetings, was not able to be with us this year, therefore be it resolved that the Secretary direct a letter to him extending the best wishes of the entire assembly.

A motion was made by Thomas Locke and seconded by Roderick Van Trump, that the resolutions be adopted. The motion carried.

Commander Grate called on Brother Van Trump as representative of Commander in Chief, Frank M. Heacock, who brought Commander Heacock's greetings and regrets that because of conflicting dates, his own Regional Conference being in session the same weekend, he was unable to be with us.

Commander Grate then called on PNP Hazel Moushey who thanked the conference for asking her to represent National President Irene Murphy. Sister Moushey also commented on the Associate Membership recommendation accepted by the National Organization of the Auxiliary, to be acted on at the 1969 Encampment and suggestion that each Department act on and advise the National Secretary of their position.

Brother George L. Cashman thanked the conference on behalf of the Sangamon County Cerebral Palsy Association for their donation.

Commander Grate then called on Commander-Elect, Sister Ellinore L. Konrad, who commented on an inquiry made by National Sec'y-Treasurer, Chester Shriver, concerning our Regional Conference and his suggestion that the Pennsylvania Department be invited to join with our Conference.

A motion was made by PNP Eva B. Blackman that the Department of Pennsylvania be invited to join our conference. The suggestion was offered by Sister Konrad that action be tabled until definite information with reference to affiliation with Regions outside of a prescribed area be obtained. She suggested that a letter be written inviting Pennsylvania to be our guests at the 1969 conference.

The secretary was directed to write to Brother Shriver, for forwarding to the Pennsylvania Department Commander, extending our invitation to the 1969 conference.

Sister Blackman withdrew her motion and suggested instead that the letter be withheld until Sister Konrad has had an opportunity to investigate and determine Pennsylvania's eligibility to affiliate with our conference.

Brother Don Berling, Sr. Vice Commander of Illinois, then addressed the Assembly on Patriotism and the threat of Communism and its evil purposes.

Commander Grate then called on Commander Elect - PNP Ellinore L. Konrad, who thanked the conference for their confidence and trust in electing her the new commander. Sister Konrad concluded her remarks with a poem entitled "I Heard A Voice".

Sister Konrad then assumed her duties as Commander and asked for invitations for the 1969 conference. Department President, Louise Hernke, of Wisconsin extended an invitation to the conference to meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1969. A motion made by PNP Hazel Moushey and seconded by PNP Eva B. Blackman and Brother Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin, that the invitation be accepted, was carried.

Commander Konrad then asked for suggestions for topics for 1969 Conference Panel Discussions. The following suggestions were made:

"How to Better Preserve Mementoes and Artifacts of the G.A.R.  
suggested by Don Berling of Illinois

"Loyalty to the G.A.R."  
suggested by Eva B. Blackman of Illinois

"Enlarge on 1968 Topics"  
suggested by Roderick Van Trump of Illinois.

"An Amalgamation of Suggestions"  
suggested by Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin.

"The State of Our Order in 1969" was selected as the 1969 Conference theme.

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Brother Don Berlin of Illinois was appointed Chairman of the 1969 Panel Discussion Group project.

It was then moved by Thomas Lock of Indiana and seconded by Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin, that the conference be adjourned. The motion carried.

The new Regional Chaplain, Marjorie Grate of Ohio, then offered the closing prayer following which the assembly joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Kathryn Van Trump, Secretary

### ROLL CALL OF REGIONAL OFFICERS:

Regional Commander.....	Paul Grate, Ohio
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wis.
Jr. Vice Commander.....	George Cashman, Ill.
Secretary.....	Betty Johnson, Wis.
Treasurer.....	Gladys Sallman, Ind. ✓
Patriotic Instructor.....	Thomas Lock III, Ind.
Chaplain.....	Kathryn Van Trump, Ill.
Guide.....	Harry Beasey, Indiana ✓

### ROLL CALL BY STATES:

Colorado-Wyoming.....	
Illinois.....	10
Indiana.....	9
Iowa.....	6
Kansas.....	
Michigan.....	
Minnesota.....	
Missouri.....	4
Nebraska.....	
Ohio.....	2
Wisconsin.....	4

The annual meeting of the Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries was held October 14th and 15th, 1967 at the Holiday Inn, Lafayette, Indiana.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. Regional Commander, pro-tem, Paul Grate, Warren, Ohio, called to order the first session of the Conference.

The invocation was given by Margaret Beasey of Indiana who acted Regional Chaplain.

Harry Beasey of Indiana, Patriotic Instructor, led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Paul Grate, Regional Commander, pro-tem welcomed all delegates in attendance.

The following National Officers were introduced:

Hazel Moushey, National President, Missouri  
Roderick Van Trump, Jr. Vice Commander, Illinois  
Margaret Gehret, Nat'l Vice President of Ohio  
Raeona Black, Nat'l Press Correspondent of Wisconsin

Paul Grate, Regional Commander pro-tem then asked all in attendance to rise for one minute in memory of James High, Jr. Vice Commander of Illinois who passed away.

Roll Call of Regional Officers:

Commander.....	Dora Johnston, Mich. Absent
Senior Vice.....	Paul Grate, Ohio, Present
Junior Vice.....	Ellinore L Konrad, Wis. Present
Treasurer.....	Gladys Sallman, Ill. Present
Pat. Inst.....	Harry Beasey, Indiana, Present
Chaplain.....	Capitola Rehemann, Ill. Absent
Guide.....	Paul Selby, Ohio Absent
S.C.	Betty Johnson

Number of delegates from the various Departments responding to the roll call by States.

Illinois.....	9
Indiana.....	15
Missouri,.....	2
Ohio.....	6
Wisconsin.....	6

Roll call of Past National Presidents at this conference were as follows:

Edith Nile, Ohio  
Gladys B Sallman, Illinois  
Ellinore L Konrad, Wisconsin

The minutes of the 1966 Conference meeting held in Mansfield, Ohio were read. The minutes were approved as read.

Letters of regret from Commander-in Chief Haskell of Mass. and Dora Johnston, Regional Commander, Mich. were read and placed on file.

The report of the National Treasurer was read and accepted.  
The balance in the treasury is \$152.04

Brother Paul Grate appointed members on the following committees:

AUDITING:

Edith Nile  
Raeona Black  
Betty Lock

RESOLUTIONS:

Tom J. Lock III  
Chas Brady  
Harry Beasey

NOMINATING:

Ellinore L. Konrad  
Thomas L. W. Johnson  
Roderick Van Trump

The Conference Theme was "Preparing Our Youth for Responsible Citizenship"

Brother Grate announced the chairman of the roundtable discussion groups as follows:

General Chairman                    Chas. Brady, Illinois

THE ROLE OUR SCHOOLS MUST UNDERTAKE  
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin

THE ROLE YOUTH GROUPS MUST UNDERTAKE  
Thomas J. Lock III, Illinois

THE ROLE ADULT GROUPS MUST UNDERTAKE  
Roderick Van Trump, Illinois

THE ROLE THAT PARENTS MUST UNDERTAKE  
George Cashman, Illinois

Delegates were divided to meet with their chairman of the various groups and asked to return in three quarters of an hour.

Bible was then closed by the presiding Chaplain, Margaret Beasey

The meeting reconvened at 3:30.

General Chairman of the Discussion Group, Chas. Brady presented an interesting talk given by Kenneth Hildebrand, D. D. Minister of the Central Church of Chicago entitled "What is Wrong With Idealism?". This talk covered many degrees of idealism. "Old-fashioned virtues are for the birds" according to the cynic. Ideals? They are for starry eyed dreamers. Character? Don't be "a Square". Responsibility and self restraint? They're a laugh. Patriotism? Are you kidding, man? Success? That's knowing the right people being "on the in", trampling down anyone who gets in your way.

Already some of our youngsters are very confused. Their sense of values is mixed up. Ideals and moral certainties are blurred because they have been on the roller-coaster ride too long. They have no positive standards--possibly because so often they did not find such standards in their homes. Others seem to be ashamed of the emotion they feel when they stand up and sing THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

Ideals are discovered, not invented. They represent those standards of conduct which all ages have recognized as superior. Ideals give us something to reach for something which calls for the kind of effort that lifts us to our best. "Without vision" says an old book, "the people perish".

Our nation was built on ideals. The early American had his own convictions, his aims, his visions. They were large and high, and he was not ashamed of his idealism. He was willing to work for his Ideals, to sweat for them, to sacrifice for them, and if need be, to die for them. Nothing could stop him; not the Indians, the Redcoats, the Tories, not discouragements, hardships and failure; not disease, famine and heartbreak. He was for something, and that something he summed up in his ideals. What if we would pick up the same kind of patriotic idealism?

"Liberty, yours and mine, is lost by barter  
Before we even begin to know we have lost it:  
By trading a little here, and a little there,  
For instance..the right to stand up and speak  
like a man, to honor the truth....

We can pass on to our children two lasting bequests. One is roots, the other is wings. Yet they can have neither without idealism.

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman of "THE ROLE OUR SCHOOLS MUST UNDERTAKE" reported as follows:

I think we are all agreed that the schools are offering too limited an amount of American History. The schools should assume responsibility and emphasize the values of our heritage by a more thorough study of American History particularly the early history consisting of the struggles and sacrifices which were made to win our freedom and our nation.

Only by a thorough study of the basic principles on which the United States of America was founded can we instill into our youth the principles of good citizenship and good government. In this respect I feel that the Auxiliaries should cooperate and aid the schools in any way they see fit.

Thomas J. Lock III, Chairman of the ROLE YOUTH GROUPS MUST UNDERTAKE, believes that preparing for citizenship on the merit system for each and every aspect of life primarily to learn that life and success is not free but must be earned. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts do just that, There are also many church youth groups, Junior Aux. to patriotic orders who teach christian fellowship, Love of God and instill patriotism and love for country and flag. Tom Lock's group contends that camps and auxiliaries should aid in establishing youth groups in every way possible.

To sum up the subject, the youth groups are striving in their own way to develop a clean mind, a healthy body, a growing and a successful man or woman. Also a God fearing, a patriotic person and with all these attributes we have a real citizen.

Roderick Van Trump, Chairman of the ROLE ADULT GROUPS MUST UNDERTAKE stated that many adult groups have programs which stimulate interest in our National Heritage. These groups contribute much to the growth and maturity of our young citizens. Some of the patriotic programs presented awards for outstanding civic achievements. Some youngsters were awarded trips to historical shrines for their excellent work in citizenship. He spoke of Sons of Amer. Revolution and that his chapter gave out nine medals with the idea in mind that they be given to responsible youths with the proper requirements for good citizenship.

Roderick Van Trump feels that it is important for all of us to let the public know about the auxiliaries to Sons of The Civil War, we should advertise, fly our flags not only on holidays but every day. After all this sort of practice is catching and will cause our neighbors to think and do likewise and what's more our youths will not become draft card burners.

We should be informed of all trends and movements in order that we might counsel our youth in the right direction. That brings up the point of censorship of radio material, movies, some of which are not fit to be seen. I feel that much can be done by Sons and Auxiliaries by working very closely with youth organizations.

George Cashman, Chairman of THE ROLE THAT PARENTS MUST UNDERTAKE feels that if the parents of this country would accept their Godgiven responsibility it would not be necessary for us to talk about it. The vast majority of our trouble results with the parents. For parents, children up to three and four years of age are their "Bundle of Joy" - beyond that they're brats which are always in the way. I am in close contact with children more than anybody in this room as we have over 1,500 school children visiting the Lincoln Tomb each year.

We have had as many as 500 at one time and perhaps no one in this room has a better opportunity to see and study children than I have. On the whole I agree with some of the remarks made and disagree with a few. The trouble begins with the parents.

Mr. Cashman cited numerous incidents of disrespect for law and order occurring on the highways and in every day living. Many of these children have never been given the proper training at home.

What can Parents do? There is no length to what parents can do if they would take the time to teach their children how to live by the rules of society. There is no doubt in my mind that Boy Scouts, 4 H Clubs and other youth organizations do a marvelous job but they are no better than their leaders if they fail to have the proper respect. As an example of an incident which occurred recently when the child kicked his father in the shins and the helpless father replied "There is nothing I can do about it". Ladies and Gentlemen there is much that can be done; however this organization is not large enough to do anything about it.

The meeting recessed at 4:30 P. M. to reconvene at 9:00 A. M. Sunday morning.

Saturday evening at 6:30 the annual dinner was held in honor of the Regional officers and delegates. Col. Harold Shindler, Commandant of The Indiana Soldiers Home gave an interesting talk on the operation of the Home. The program included musical arrangements by Mr. George Kenzler and Mrs. Betty Lock with Debbie Keen presenting a baton twirling performance.

At 9:00 A. M. Sunday morning, October 15th, the second session of the Central Region Conference was called to order by the Commander pro-tem, Paul Grate. The invocation was given by Margaret Beasey. The salute to the flag was given by the assembly led by Harry Beasey, Regional Patriotic Instructor.

Chas. Brady gave a summary of reports presented by discussion group leaders at the 1967 Central Regional Conference held at Lafayette, Ind. This summary is attached.

Don Berlin stated his connection with youth organizations which have made youths very dear to his heart. The G. A. R. association of Aurora, Illinois is a group of three different organizations which has many activities for Memorial Day and other patriotic holidays and his camp works with young members at the G. A. R. hall and participates in the various activities offered to the young people. He stressed membership, mainly young members in our sons and asked that everyone get at least one new member.

He quoted exerpts of the Congressional Record dated Sept. 19, 1967 on a Debate PEACE AGAINST WAR. This debate was engendered by the Naperville Summer Peace Project. This project sent a letter to all young men in Naperville which contained a great deal of criticism on the war in Vietnam and encouraged conscientious objectors.

He also quoted a reply from a young soldier in Vietnam who was shocked by the statements contained in this letter regarding draft dodgers and like most young men he was fighting for a cause and that was Freedom for these United States. Don Berlin then read a very moving last letter written by a soldier in Vietnam to the folks at home. He was proud to die fighting for his country.

The Auditing Department reported that they audited the treasurers books and found them in perfect order. Signed by Edith Nile, Raeona Black and Betty Lock.

Dick Lock III Chairman on Resolutions read the following report;

Whereas, the Holiday Inn has been cooperative as to service and accommodations during this Regional Conference, therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Secretary send them a letter of thanks.

Whereas, the committee who made the arrangements for this regional meeting and entertainment did such a nice job, therefore be it resolved, we give them a rising vote of thanks and instruct the Regional Secretary to send letters to Mr. Kenzler, Pianist, Mrs. Lock, soloist, and Debbie Keen, dancer.

Whereas, Col. Shindler, commandant of the Indiana State Soldiers Home presented an interesting talk on the operation of the Home, therefore be it resolved that the Regional Secretary send him a letter of thanks.

Whereas, our National President, Hazel Moushey, has taken time out of her busy schedule to attend our Regional meeting, therefore be it resolved that we extend to her our thanks by a round of applause.

Whereas, Roderick Van Trump, Jr. Vice Commander in Chief, who so ably represented the Commander in Chief, Wm. Haskell, therefore be it resolved, that we give him a rising vote of thanks.

Whereas, our discussion groups have proven instructive in the past, therefore be it resolved, they be continued next year.

Whereas, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Beasey, entertained the delegates after the banquet in their home, therefore be it resolved that we instruct the Regional Secretary to send them a letter of thanks.

It was moved by Brother Coffin, seconded by Ellinore L. Konrad that these resolutions be adopted.

Hazel Moushey, National President, was then presented to the delegation. She expressed great interest in the Regional Conference and the topics which came up for discussion and hoped we would continue with them in the future. She said in the short time she spent in Lafayette she visited the Soldiers Home. The Battleground Area and Old Fort and regretted not seeing many other interesting and historical places in and around Lafayette.

Sister Hazel extended an invitation to the delegates to attend her reception at St. Louis, Missouri, and then expressed her gratitude for the many contributions given to her for her husband's Patriotic Fund. Sister Hazel explained that her motto this year was "Harmony", "Loyalty" and "Mission".

HARMONY - Where there is Harmony there is Love, and Love is God.

LOYALTY - That we may prove faithful to the obligation we took when we joined the organization.

MISSION - That each member will endeavor to build and further the principle and objects of our Organization.

The future of our beloved Order depends on the earnest and devoted assistance and cooperation of each sister. Together much can be accomplished.

She placed great stress on membership and said she had her new member and hoped we would do likewise because with increased membership we would not be a dying organization but an active one.

Roderick Van Trump, Jr. Vice Commander was then escorted to the rostrum. He expressed regrets that Commander-in-Chief Wm. Haskell was unable to attend but said he was very happy to bring greetings from the National Organization. He also stressed membership, but suggested that we all try for two new members, one to replace our sick and the extra one to keep the organization going.

National Vice President, Margaret Gehret was called upon. She brought greetings and stated that she is concentrating on membership this year and that she sent a letter to each department in order to stimulate interest in membership.

Sister Raeona Black, National Press Correspondent, said she was very happy to attend the Regional and hoped the interesting discussions would continue in the future.

National Patriotic Instructor, Louis Moushey, said he was very happy to attend this Regional Conference. He felt that the discussions on patriotism could be very helpful and beneficial to departments in general and that it was too bad not more were represented. He was of the opinion that parents and young people could be greatly helped if camps and auxiliaries would get the ball rolling.

Louis Moushey stressed his fund raising and hoped he would reach his goal. He was very grateful for all donations received and thanked the delegates for the many courtesies extended to him and Hazel. He also enjoyed his evening with Mr. & Mrs. Beasey.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Chairman, Thomas L. W. Johnson and the following were recommended.

Regional Commander.....	Paul Grate, Ohio
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Ellinore L. Konrad, Wis.
Jr. Vice Commander.....	George Cashman, Illinois
Secretary.....	Betty Johnson, Wis.
Treasurer.....	Gladys Sallman, Indiana
Patriotic Instructor.....	Thomas Lock III, Ind.
Chaplain.....	Kathryn Van Trump, Ill.
Guide.....	Harry Beasey, Indiana

It was moved by Edith Nile, seconded by Herman Black that we accept the recommended officers for the ensuing year. Carried.

The Debate for next year was then discussed at great length by Chas. Brady and the topic suggested for 1968 is "THE STATE OF OUR ORDER".

Chas. Brady moved that we have a panel type discussion, General Chairman to be Thomas L. W. Johnson. This was seconded by Past National President, Ellinore L. Konrad.

George Cashman extended an invitation to the Conference to meet in Springfield, Illinois in 1968. Roderick Van Trump welcomed the delegates to Springfield. It was moved by Ellinore L. Konrad, seconded by Thomas Lock III that we accept the invitation. Carried.

Brother Cashman said that he did not want to make a sales pitch for the city of Springfield, but he did outline the ceremonies which are conducted on April 15th each year. This will be our 12th memorial ceremony commemorating Pres. Lincoln's death and will be an outstanding event. It has become of national importance. Last year 68 Patriotic Organizations were represented. As all of you know this ceremony is conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S. who by the way, do a marvelous job so I'm urging all of you to attend as I know you will be amply rewarded for your efforts.

Bills were then read. It was moved by Raeona Black, seconded by Ellinore L. Konrad that all bills be paid.

The Regional Treasurer reported the balance of \$202.04. /J.D.o/

Thomas L. W. Johnson asked that \$15.00 be reserved for the purchase of a flag to be awarded to a recognized youth group within the state. It was moved by Ellinore L. Konrad, seconded by Roderick Van Trump that this amount be paid. Carried.

Chas. Brady made a motion that we contribute \$10.00 to the National Patriotic Instructors Fund. This was seconded By Ellinore L. Konrad, Carried.

A motion was made by Indiana President that we contribute \$10.00 to the Indiana Childrens Home at Knightstown. This was seconded by Ellinore L. Konrad. Carried.

At this time Louis Moushey, National Patriotic Instructor thanked the Regional for the contribution to his Fund.

Paul Grate, Regional Commander, pro-tem informed the delegates that by writing to his Congressman in Washington he had just received free an American Flag. Anyone wishing one should write to their Congressman.

Brother Coffin then spoke on the decline of membership of the Sons. He was reminiscing of the days when the Sons had a membership of 57,000 and now have dropped to a mere 4,000. Sickness and death have taken their toll and in view of this fact he urged that we make a special drive for new members.

Brother Coffin then made a few remarks on the Regional Conference and what an inspiration these meetings have been and he expressed a hope that they would continue in the future.

The meeting closed with prayer by the newly elected Chaplain, Kathryn Van Trump, followed by the singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again".

Respectfully submitted

Betty Johnson, Secretary

SUMMARY OF REPORTS PRESENTED BY DISCUSSION GROUP  
LEADERS AT 1967 CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE HELD  
AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Conference Theme: Preparing Our Youth for Responsible Citizenship

Conference Question: How Can Camps and Auxiliaries Aid in the  
Undertakings of the Schools, Youth Groups,  
Adult Groups and Parents?

The Role Our Schools Must Undertake:

I think we are all agreed that the schools should direct the minds of our youth toward the proper type of thought so as to develop in them a sense of civic responsibility. The problem is that there appears to be something lacking in most school curriculums, so that the desired result is often not attained. In too many instances the schools offer so limited an amount of training in American history that the student fails to become imbued with the spirit of national heritage which is essential to the development of morally oriented, patriotically minded citizens. Tom Johnson's group feels that camps and auxiliaries must aid the schools in producing this type of citizen by acquainting our youth with the story of our nation's history and our heritage at the pre-school ages of 4, 5 and 6, while also attempting to keep a watchful eye on the caliber of the material being presented these youngsters in the schools as they move up the educational ladder.

The Role Youth Groups Must Undertake:

Without a doubt, there are some excellent youth groups available to youngsters of all ages. And most of these groups include certain activities in their programs which require the members of their organization to take part in projects dealing with patriotism and history. While the effectiveness of the training thus gained may be weakened in some instances due to less-than-perfect leadership, the basic thing to note is that these groups do provide a channel by which young people may receive this type of exposure, and certainly more good than harm can be expected as the result of the leadership given the various projects, be that leadership mediocre or not. Therefore, Tom Lock's

group contends that camps and auxiliaries should cooperate with established youth groups in every way possible, should encourage young people of their communities to participate in the established projects, and should seek to find ways the camps and auxiliaries may initiate similar projects themselves.

The Role Adult Groups Must Undertake:

As has been shown, many adult groups have active programs to spur interest in our national heritage among the youth of the land. Some arrange patriotic programs in the schools, some present awards for noticeably outstanding civic traits, with selections being made by the faculty or by student vote, or for excellence in expressing thoughts on Americanism through participation in essay contests. Some even award trips to historical shrines, such as to those in Washington, D.C., for those who have been adjudged worthy examples of good citizenship. Rod Van Trump's group feels this is an area in which camps and auxiliaries can readily participate, and should make every effort to get such youth recognition programs of their own under way.

The Role That Parents Must Undertake:

Not all youngsters can be labeled "irresponsible" and "poorly trained." Yet in far too many instances today, young people having poor character traits are the rule rather than the exception. Proper training begins at home, and those young people who fail to receive adequate instruction or proper examples of good citizenship in the home, so as to develop respect for law and order, respect of other people's property, and respect for spiritual values, are the ones that in early adulthood become the protestors, the draft-card burners, the bearded black-jacketed rebels who roar across the countryside on their motorcycle escapades or loll around in a stupor at a drug-taking party. George Cashman's group has placed the blame right where it belongs -- with the parents -- but I would personally have to reject his contention that our camps and auxiliaries are too small and too inadequate

to do anything about it. If the parents are to blame, they must be made to understand this and induced to do something about it. Camps and auxiliaries need not stand alone in pointing an accusing finger at America's parents. Other civic and patriotic groups can be enlisted in the campaign to awaken parents to their role as example-setters in the area of good citizenship. In unity there is strength. Let's put that fact to work on this problem!

Respectfully submitted,

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WHAT IS WRONG WITH IDEALISM?  
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A year ago I was in Greece. I recall a delightful weekend spent on the Aegean and some of its many islands, which reminded me of one of the ancient stories by Homer concerning a race of fascinating creatures who lived among these islands. These sea nymphs (part women, part fish) sang beautifully, hypnotically-- a sort of mermaid Doris Day. They sang so beautifully that charmed sailors would change the course of their ships, and would meet their doom when the ships crashed on the rocks. These fascinating but deadly creatures were called "sirens".

Today we can still hear siren voices which are equally treacherous. One of the songs these modern sirens sing is about materialism. The song goes something like this: "Get yours ~~now~~ while the getting is good-- no matter how. Keep your eyes on the main chance. Play your cards right. The only thing wrong with Billie Sol Estes and Bobby Baker, is that they got caught. Diamonds are a girl's best friend, and a dollar is a man's truest buddy".

Perry Como once said to a famous singer, "Do you ever sing just for the fun of it, just for the pleasure it gives?" She replied, "If you will examine the musical scale, you will see that it begins and ends with dough!" That was her idea of her career. She had listened to the siren voices of materialism.

Yet money is not wealth. With money, you can buy some things, but not the lasting things. You cannot buy true love, loyalty, nor health. You cannot purchase a bucketful of beauty, an ounce of brains, nor a pound of reverence. You cannot command a dime's worth of inner peace of freedom from a sense of guilt, no matter how big your bank account. Money can buy pleasures, but not happiness. Nor can it acquire character.

One time, a man was pacing up and down a dock at Tokyo in great agitation when a friend came along. The first man exploded. "I'm a failure!" The friend, who knew that this man was the leader of the industry ~~and~~ he represented and that his name was a household word in the United States, said, "You're no failure. You are a great success. You are right at the top of the heap." To this the wealthy industrialist replied, "That may be true, but what does that all mean if your son is a fool?" Money cannot guarantee rectitude or wisdom.

Another siren note is that of cynicism. Old-fashioned virtues are "for the birds", according to the cynic. Ideals? They are for starry eyed dreamers. Character? Don't be a square". Responsibility and self-restraint? They're a laugh. Patriotism? Are you kidding, man? Success? That's knowing the right people, being "one the in", trampling down anyone who gets in your way. The song of cynicism is among those the sirens sound today. It will spell shipwreck if we listen to it too long.

Already some have, and we are beginning to see the results. Some of our youngsters are growing up as long-haired, unwashed, undisciplined, and fuzzy-thinking beatniks; or as black-jacketed, uncouth, drake-tailed rebels. Many of the best of our youth are confused. Their sense of values is mixed up. Ideals and moral certainties are blurred because they have been on the roller-coaster ride too long. They have no

positive standards--possibly because so often they did not find such standards in their homes. Others seem to be ashamed of the emotion they feel when they stand up and sing THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

Consider the matter of draft-card burning. I do not know how you feel about this. It is right for a young man to have convictions as I ~~see~~ it. He has a right to make a decision and to take his stand. He is entitled to make his protest. But when he breaks the law in so doing, when he defies authority and promotes violence, he has overstepped his rights. I have little sympathy for the burners of draft cards.

Carry the spirit of cynicism far enough and what can we expect but an increase in crime, rape, and violence? What can we anticipate but a growing lawlessness and a disrespect for authority. It is no wonder that, not long ago, the governor of one of our neighboring states said, "The greatest threats to us are not Communism, or inter-continental missiles, or space ships, but the decline in religious convictions, moral character, and family life." You can appreciate his viewpoint. Along the same line Captain Eddie Rickenbacker said, "A far more dangerous enemy than Communism is the moral laxness that has encouraged and supported widespread graft and corruption." Has he not touched on something vital? Breakdown of character is appalling, especially when it occurs at high levels.

Consider this: no period in history was ever great when action was not motivated by high ideals. What is true of the past is true of the present. Shove aside idealism in our time and we shall pay the penalty.

Isn't it time to return to idealism, to recapture the high motives which have served to shape our nation?

What is wrong with idealism? Doesn't a better world call for better people, and don't better people call for better character? Better character, in turn, depends upon higher ideals. Before you can be good

professional man, a good business man, a good laboring man, or a good  
any-kind-of-man, you must first of all be a good man. This is what James  
Russell Lowell had in mind, ~~You must fixxxfixxxfixxxfixxx~~ long ago, when he said,  
"The kind of world one carries about in oneself is the important thing,  
and the world outside takes all its grace, color, and value from that."  
You cannot hoist rigging and sails and reach a destined port when the  
ship's mast is made from a worm-eaten tree. You cannot carve strong beams,  
capable of bearing the weight of a house, from rotten timber.

In a search for security, the ruler of China built a Great Wall around the country. They thought it was impregnable. However, three times enemies penetrated the Great Wall, and not once did they destroy the Wall to get through it. They breached the Wall by bribing the gate keepers. What collapsed was not the Wall. It was the idealism and the character of those who protected the Wall. Barbarians were not the ones who destroyed the Roman Empire. The fall of Rome came after the decline in character of the Roman Empire. They lost the idealism of their earlier days which had sustained Rome and made it magnificent.

Consider this: The more educated people become, the more knowledge they acquire, and --this being true--the more idealism they need in order to harness the force that knowledge places in their power. Moral force must keep pace with physical force, ~~xxx~~ lest we destroy ourselves. Put an educated man into a laboratory and he can concoct either a healing medicine or a deadly poison. That makes the difference? It lies in the character of the man. Put a knife into the hands of a disciplined surgeon and he can save a life. Put the same knife into the hands of a moral degenerate and he will kill with it. In the light of such evidence, our problem today is not the atom which science has placed in man's hands, but rather to build within man the idealism and the strong safe guards of character which can put such devastating power to constructive use.

The great Macaulay once said, "Most of the evils of the race are born of a union of high intelligence and low desires." Humankind can rise higher than ever before or it can destroy all it has ever built; the result swings on the hinge of idealism.

You cannot sustain a nation without ~~idealism~~ idealism, neither can you build a business without it. I have a copy of a speech made by Leo Burnett who heads the ~~largest~~ advertising agency that bears his name. You may have heard that Leo Burnett launched his business in the Great Depression. At that time, people said, "You are foolish to do it. This is a crazy idea. You'll go bankrupt. You'll be selling apples on the street." That is why, when you go into the Leo Burnett offices today, <sup>red</sup> you will find a great bowl of apples, the symbol of a man who believed in his principles and ideals, and had the faith to put them to work. Some time ago, he made a speech in which he did not discuss clever advertising techniques or psychological motives which bring in money. "Business is not a money grubbing affair," he said "If it were only that, it wouldn't exist long." Then he went on to say:

"I am not talking about institutional advertising in the ordinary sense  
I am not referring to a "defense" of our so-called free enterprise system.

I am talking out our obligation as advertising men to ally ourselves with the thoughtstream of management, then give back to management a clean-cut, ethical concept of what that business is all about, to give purpose to enterprise; to give the business we serve a new motivating expression, related to moral values and human welfare in a modern society.

"The attitude of service, the pride of accomplishment, and the sense of social obligation constitute the life blood of any business.

When you start speaking of "Attitude of service", "pride of accomplishment", and "social obligation, you are talking about ideals.

If American business must be molded and empowered by ideals, certainly our individual lives and our national life can find no firm anchorage

without them. If we have no ideals, we drift. The more we drift, the more confused and cynical we become. We have no sense of security, no direction, no purpose, and no courage of conviction. Drifting with the crowd, lured by no ideals, steadied by no fixed standard, we find ourselves saying other things than we believe and giving into things of which we do not approve until we become the prey of self-loathing and fear. Drifting is for inanimate objects like logs, rafts and debris. It is not for purposeful human beings.

Ideals are discovered, not invented. They represent those standards of conduct which all ages have recognized as superior. Ideals give us something to reach for, something which calls forth the kind of effort that lifts us to our best. "Without vision", says an old Book, "the people perish".

Our nation was built on ideals. The early American had his own convictions, his aims, his visions. They were large and high, and he was not ashamed of his idealism. He was willing to work for his ideals, to sweat for them, to sacrifice for them, and, if need be, to die for them. Nothing could stop him: not the Indians, the Redcoats, the Tories, not discouragements, hardship and failure; not disease, famine, and heartbreak. He was for something and that something he summed up in his ideals. What if we would pick up the same kind of patriotic idealism?

"Gentlemen", (wrote Robert Nathan), "let me remind you that liberty is not lost by revolution  
By the sudden appearance of armed men, the parade of tanks, machine guns, drumming,  
And the little ~~tiny~~ flowers of men's regard, made out of steel and dynamite. Blossoming in the streets, All that comes later

"Liberty, yours and mine, is lost by barter  
Before we even begin to know we have lost it:  
By trading a little here, and a little there,  
For instance;...the right to stand up and speak like a man,  
to honor the truth..."

"Gentlemen, let me assure you we lose our freedom  
....Even before the guns begin..."

We can pass on to our children two lasting bequests. One is  
roots, the other is wings. Yet they can have neither without idealism.