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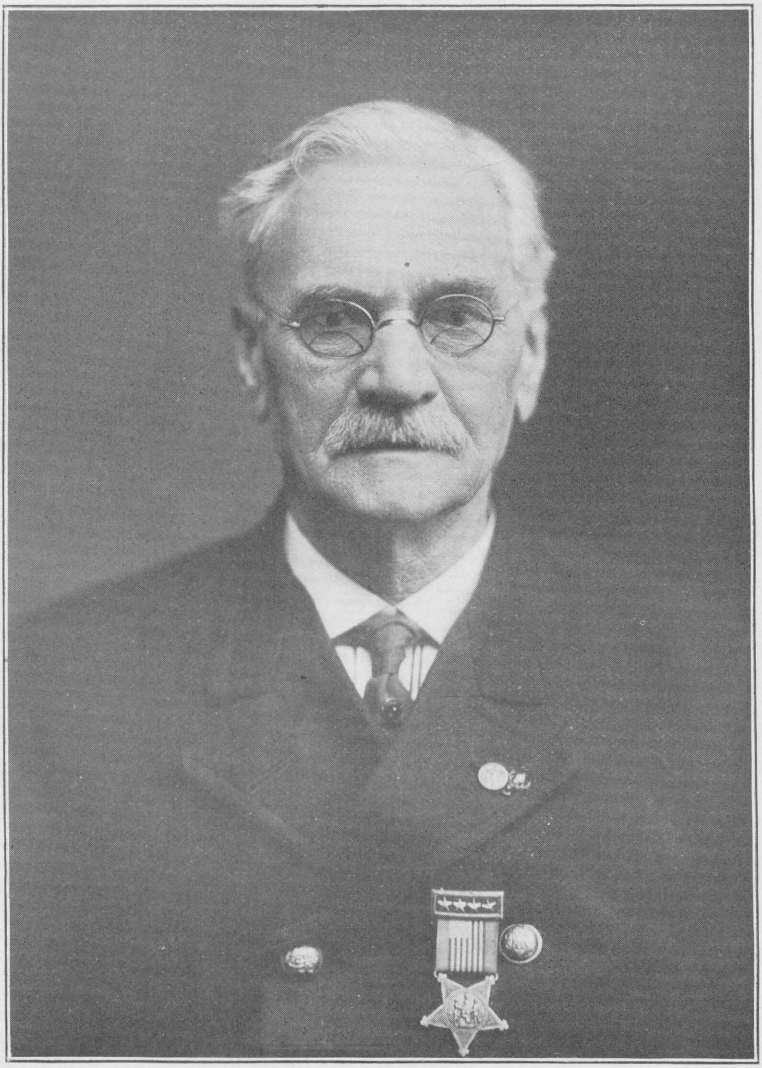

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SUBMITTED BY MR. KIESS.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there shall be printed as a House document one thousand five hundred copies of the Journal of the Fifty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year nineteen hundred and twenty, not to exceed $1,700 in cost, with illustrations, one thousand copies of which shall be for the use of the House and five hundred for the use of the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives December 19, 1919.

Passed the Senate January 17, 1920.

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ENCAMPMENT ROLL
LIST OF COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The total number of names appearing on the Roll of the Fifty-fourth National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 1,367.

Deducting previously reported, as indicated by (†), the net voting strength is 1,260.

National officers, past national officers, departments.	Department officers.	Representatives.	Past department commanders.	Total.	Deduct previously reported. (†)	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	10
National council of administration	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	44
Past commanders in chief	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	13
Past senior vice commanders in chief	.....	.....	.....	14	2	12
Past junior vice commanders in chief	.....	.....	.....	15	2	13
Alabama	4	1	10	15	2	13
Arizona	4	1	13	18	3	15
Arkansas	4	2	20	26	4	22
California and Nevada	4	17	29	50	2	48
Colorado and Wyoming	4	6	16	26	1	25
Connecticut	4	6	16	26	.....	26
Delaware	4	2	20	26	1	25
Florida	4	3	14	21	1	20
Georgia and South Carolina	4	1	14	19	4	15
Idaho	4	2	15	21	2	19
Illinois	4	26	11	41	1	40
Indiana	4	22	21	47	3	44
Iowa	4	21	17	42	3	39
Kansas	4	19	13	36	1	35
Kentucky	4	3	13	20	3	17
Louisiana and Mississippi	4	2	6	12	2	10
Maine	4	7	16	27	3	24
Maryland	4	4	18	26	4	22
Massachusetts	4	21	14	39	2	37
Michigan	4	17	17	38	2	36
Minnesota	4	8	20	32	4	28
Missouri	4	11	17	32	6	26
Montana	4	2	11	17	3	14
Nebraska	4	8	21	33	4	29
New Hampshire	4	4	14	22	.....	22
New Jersey	4	7	15	26	2	24
New Mexico	4	1	14	19	2	17
New York	4	33	18	55	2	53
North Dakota	4	2	17	23	3	20
Ohio	4	38	16	58	3	55
Oklahoma	4	4	20	28	3	25
Oregon	4	7	19	30	1	29
Pennsylvania	4	34	15	53	2	51
Potomac	4	4	24	32	6	26
Rhode Island	4	3	13	20	1	19
South Dakota	4	3	23	30	6	24
Tennessee	4	3	15	22	.....	22
Texas	4	2	10	16	1	15
Utah	4	2	12	18	1	17
Vermont	4	5	14	23	.....	23
Virginia and North Carolina	4	2	8	14	2	12
Washington and Alaska	4	8	19	31	1	30
West Virginia	4	3	14	21	1	20
Wisconsin	4	11	25	40	5	35
Total	176	388	707	1,367	107	1,260

ROLL OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19 TO 25, 1920.

NATIONAL OFFICERS.

Commander in Chief:
DANIEL M. HALL,[1] Columbus, Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief:
CHARLES B. WILSON,[1] Los Angeles, Calif.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief:
ISIDORE ISAACS,[1] New York City.

Surgeon General:
STEPHEN I. BROWN,[1] Knox, Ind.

Chaplain in Chief:
W. W. GIST,[1] Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Adjutant General:
JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,[1] Lebanon, Ohio.

Quartermaster General:
COLA D. R. STOWITS,[1] Buffalo, N. Y.

Judge Advocate General:
WILLIAM A. KETCHAM,[1] Indianapolis, Ind.

Inspector General:
JAMES C. TAYLOR,[1] Newark, N. J.

National Patriotic Instructor:
HOSEA W. ROOD,[1] Madison, Wis.

Assistant Adjutant General:
WILLIAM S. MATTHEWS,[1 2] Columbus, Ohio.

Assistant Quartermaster General:
J. HENRY HOLCOMB,[3] Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of Staff:
GEORGE A. HOSLEY,[1 4] Boston, Mass.

Senior Aid-de-camp:
THOMAS J. MCCONEKEY,[1 5] Brooklyn, N. Y.

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[1] Present.
[2] Comrade Matthews, assistant adjutant general of Ohio.
[3] Comrade Holcomb not entitled to vote.
[4] Comrade Hosley, past department commander of Massachusetts.
[5] Comrade McConekey, junior vice department commander of New York.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Alabama	George F. Jackson [1]	Birmingham.
Arizona	E. S. Godfrey [1]	Cookstown, N. J.
Arkansas	Cos Altenberg [1]	Little Rock.
California and Nevada	W. H. Noll [1]	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	O. S. Reed	Pueblo.
Connecticut	Harry L. Beach [1 2]	Hartford.
Delaware	Henry W. Hancock	Wilmington.
Florida	Henry A. Thompson [1]	St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina	G. E. Whitman [1]	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho	G. F. Kimery [1]	Boise.
Illinois	John B. Inman [1 2]	Springfield.
Indiana	David N. Foster [1]	Fort Wayne.
Iowa	J. W. Willett [1 2]	Tama.
Kansas	G. F. Pendarvis	Parsons.
Kentucky	Americus Whedon [1]	Washington, D. C.
Louisiana and Mississippi	E. K. Russ	New Orleans, La.
Maine	Edwin Riley [1]	Livermore Falls.
Maryland	John A. Thompson [1]	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	W. A. Wetherbee [1]	Newton.
Michigan	H. A. Chapin [1]	Lansing.
Minnesota	Philip G. Woodward [1 2]	Anoka.
Missouri	John M. Williams [1]	California.
Montana	George H. Taylor [1]	Helena.
Nebraska	John A. Ehrhardt	Stanton.
New Hampshire	John R. Emerson [1]	Dumbarton.
New Jersey	William O. Allen [1]	Newark.
New Mexico	John Greenwald [1]	Socorro.
New York	George A. Price [1 2]	Brooklyn.
North Dakota	Pat. H. Cummings [1]	Fargo.
Ohio	John C. Roland [1 2]	Cleveland.
Oklahoma	F. A. Brown [1]	Shawnee.
Oregon	A. W. Gowan	Burns.
Pennsylvania	J. Andrew Wilt [1 2]	Towanda.
Potomac	John Middleton [1]	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island	John A. Medbery [1]	East Providence.
South Dakota	T. C. De Jean [1]	Plankinton.
Tennessee	Newton Hacker [1]	Jonesboro.
Texas	H. W. Nye [1]	Fort Worth.
Utah	H. W. Charter [1]	Sandy.
Vermont	James Cummings	Orwell.
Virginia and North Carolina	H. W. Weiss [1]	Emporia, Va.
Washington and Alaska	F. H. Hurd	Seattle, Wash.
West Virginia	E. A. Billingslea	Fairmont.
Wisconsin	H. R. Bird [1]	Madison.

[1] Present. [2] Member of executive committee.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF.

B. F. Stephenson[2] (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871)	1866
S. A. Hurlbut,[2] Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)	1866–67
John A. Logan,[2] Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)	1868–70
Ambrose E. Burnside,[2] Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)	1871–72
Charles Devens,[2] Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)	1873–74
John F. Hartranft,[2] Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)	1875–76
John C. Robinson,[2] New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)	1877–78
William Earnshaw,[2] Ohio (died Feb. 17, 1885)	1879
Louis Wagner,[2] Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1880
George S. Merrill,[2] Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)	1881
Paul Van Dervoort,[2] Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1882
Robert B. Beath,[2] Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1914)	1883
John S. Kountz,[2] Ohio (died June 14, 1909)	1884
Samuel S. Burdett,[2] Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)	1885
Lucius Fairchild,[2] Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)	1886
John P. Rea,[2] Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1887
William Warner,[2] Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1888
Russell A. Alger,[2] Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)	1889
Wheelock G. Veazy,[2] Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)	1890
John Palmer,[2] New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1891
A. G. Weissert, Milwaukee, Wis	1892
John G. B. Adams,[2] Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)	1893
Thomas G. Lawler,[2] Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)	1894
Ivan N. Walker,[2] Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1895
T. S. Clarkson,[2] Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1896
John P. S. Gobin,[2] Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)	1897
James A. Sexton,[2] Illinois (died in office Feb. 5, 1899)	1898
W. C. Johnson,[2] Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)	1899
Albert D. Shaw,[2] New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)	1899
Leo Rassieur,[1] St. Louis, Mo	1900
Ell Torrance,[1] Minneapolis, Minn	1901
Thomas J. Stewart,[2] Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917)	1902
John C. Black,[2] Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar,[2] Massachusetts (died in office July 16, 1905)	1904
John R. King,[1] Baltimore, Md	1905
James Tanner,[1] Washington, D. C	1905
Robert B. Brown,[2] Ohio (died July 30, 1916)	1906
Charles G. Burton,[1] Kansas City, Mo	1907
Henry M. Nevius,[2] New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911)	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant,[1] Minneapolis, Minn	1909
John E. Gilman, Boston, Mass	1910
Harvey M. Trimble,[2] Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918)	1911
Alfred B. Beers,[2] Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1912
Washington Gardner,[1] Albion, Mich	1913
David J. Palmer,[1] Washington, Iowa	1914
Elias R. Monfort,[2] Ohio (died July 29, 1920)	1915
W. J. Patterson,[1] Pittsburgh, Pa	1916
Orlando A. Somers,[1] Kokomo, Ind	1917
Clarendon E. Adams,[1] Omaha, Nebr	1918
James D. Bell,[2] New York (died in office Nov. 1, 1919)	1919

[1] Present. [2] Deceased.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF.

James B. McKean,[2] New York (died Jan. 5, 1879) 1866–67
Joshua T. Owen,[2] Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887) 1868
Lucius Fairchild,[2] Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896) 1868–70
Louis Wagner,[2] Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) 1871–72
Edward Jardine,[2] New York (died Mar. 13, 1896) 1874
Joseph S. Reynolds,[2] California (died Sept. 18, 1911) 1875–76
Elisha H. Rhodes,[2] Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917) 1877
Paul Van Dervoort,[2] Nebraska (died July 29, 1902) 1878
John Palmer,[2] New York (died Apr. 15, 1905) 1879
Edgar D. Swain,[2] Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904) 1880
Charles L. Young,[2] Ohio (died in September, 1913) 1881
W. E. W. Ross,[2] Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907) 1882
William Warner,[2] Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916) 1883
John P. Rea,[2] Minnesota (died May 28, 1900) 1884
Selden Connor,[2] Maine (died July 9, 1917) 1885
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, Calif 1886
Nelson Cole,[2] Missouri (died July 31, 1899) 1887
Moses H. Neil, Columbus, Ohio 1888
A. G. Weissert,[3] Milwaukee, Wis 1889
Richard F. Tobin,[2] Massachusetts (died in office Nov. 22, 1890) 1890
George H. Innis,[2] Massachusetts (elected to fill vacancy Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907) 1891
Henry M. Duffield,[2] Detroit, Mich. (died July 13, 1912) 1891
R. H. Warfield,[2] California (died July 16, 1906) 1892
Ivan N. Walker,[2] Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905) 1893
A. P. Burchfield,[2] Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910) 1894
E. H. Hobson,[2] Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901) 1895
John H. Mullen,[2] Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907) 1896
Alfred Lyth,[1] Buffalo, N. Y 1897
W. C. Johnson,[2] Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899) 1898
Daniel Ross,[2] Delaware (elected to fill vacancy Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916) 1899
Irvin Robbins,[2] Indiana (died Feb. 9, 1911) 1899
Edwin C. Milliken,[1] Portland, Me 1900
John McElroy,[1] Washington, D. C 1901
William M. Olin,[2] Massachusetts (died Apr. 15, 1911) 1902
C. Mason Kinne,[2] California (died Dec. 25, 1913) 1903
John R. King,[4] Baltimore, Md. (promoted to commander in chief July 17, 1905) 1904
George W. Patten,[2] Tennessee (promoted to fill vacancy; died Sept. 19, 1906) 1905
George W. Cook,[2] Colorado (died Dec. 17, 1916) 1905
William H. Armstrong,[2] Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914) 1906
Lewis E. Griffith,[2] New York (died Oct. 6, 1912) 1907
J. Kent Hamilton,[2] Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918) 1908
William M. Bostaph, Salt Lake City, Utah 1909
Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J 1910
Nicholas W. Day,[2] New York (died Mar. 6, 1916) 1911
Henry Z. Osborne, Los Angeles, Calif 1912
Thomas H. Soward,[2] Oklahoma (died Aug. 21, 1918) 1913
Joseph B. Griswold,[2] Michigan (died in office Mar. 9, 1915) 1914
William F. Conner,[2] Texas (promoted to fill vacancy Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919) 1915
George H. Slaybaugh,[1] Washington, D. C 1915
William H. Wormstead, Kansas City, Mo 1916
John L. Clem,[1] Washington, D. C 1917
John G. Chambers,[1] Portland, Oreg 1918

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[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Weissert, past commander in chief.
[4] Comrade King, past commander in chief.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF.

Robert S. Foster,[2] Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903) 1866
Joseph R. Hawley,[2] Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905) 1866–1869
Louis Wagner,[2] Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) 1870
James Coey,[2] California (died July 14, 1918) 1871
J. Warren Keifer,[1] Springfield, Ohio 1871–72
Edward Ferguson,[2] Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901) 1873
Guy T. Gould,[2] Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919) 1874
Charles J. Buckbee,[2] Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896) 1875–76
William Earnshaw,[2] Ohio (died July 17, 1885) 1877
Herbert E. Hill,[2] Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892) 1878
Harrison Dingman, Washington, D. C 1879
George Bowers,[2] New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884) 1880
C. V. R. Pond,[2] Michigan (died June 9, 1912) 1881
I. S. Bangs,[2] Maine (died May 30, 1903) 1882
Walter H. Holmes,[2] California (died Mar. 26, 1889) 1883
Ira E. Hicks,[2] Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919) 1884
John R. Lewis,[2] Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900) 1885
Edgar Allan,[2] Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904) 1886
John C. Linehan,[2] New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905) 1887
Joseph Hadfield,[3] New York 1888
John F. Lovett, Trenton, N. J 1889
George B. Creamer,[2] Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896) 1890
T. S. Clarkson,[2] Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915) 1891
Peter B. Ayars,[2] Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904) 1892
J. C. Bigger,[2] Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900) 1893
Charles H. Shute,[2] Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907) 1894
S. G. Cosgrove,[2] Washington and Alaska (died in 1911) 1895
Charles W. Buckley,[2] Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906) 1896
Francis B. Allen, Hartford, Conn 1897
Daniel Ross,[2] Delaware (elected senior vice commander in chief Sept. 6, 1899; office of junior vice commander in chief left vacant; died Mar. 26, 1916) 1898
Michael Minton,[2] Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911) 1899
Frank Seaman,[2] Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910) 1900
James O'Donnell,[2] Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910) 1901
James P. Averill,[2] Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904) 1902
Harry C. Kessler,[2] Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907) 1903
George N. Patten,[2] Tennessee (promoted to senior vice commander in chief; died Sept. 19, 1906) 1904
Ephraim B. Stillings,[2] Massachusetts (elected to fill vacancy Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917) 1905
Silas H. Towler,[1] Minneapolis, Minn 1905
E. B. Fenton, Evanston, Ill 1906
William M. Scott, Atlanta, Ga 1907
Charles C. Royce, Washington, D. C 1908
Alfred B. Beers,[2] Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920) 1909
William James,[1] Jacksonville, Fla 1910
William A. Ogden,[2] Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914) 1911
Americus Whedon,[1,4] Washington, D. C 1912
A. S. Fowler, Little Rock, Ark 1913
W. F. Conner,[2] Dallas, Tex. (promoted to senior vice commander in chief; died Mar. 1, 1919) 1914
Oscar A. Janes,[1] Detroit, Mich. (elected Apr. 1, 1915) 1915
Le Vant Dodge,[1] Berea, Ky 1915
E. K. Russ,[5] New Orleans, La 1916
John M. Vernon,[1] Wilmette, Ill 1917
Charles H. Haber,[1] National Soldiers' Home, Va 1918

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Not now a member of order.
[4] Comrade Whedon, member of national council of administration.
[5] Comrade Russ, member of national council of administration.

DEPARTMENTS.

[The figures within the ( ) indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization.]

ALABAMA (42).

[Organized June 26, 1876; reorganized Mar. 12, 1889. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 55; posts, 3.]

Department commander.....John A. Barr[1].....Citronelle.
Senior vice department commander....James Ashworth[1].....Birmingham.
Junior vice department commander....W. J. Shipman[1].....Birmingham.
Assistant adjutant general.....Charles C. Chapin[1].....Birmingham.

REPRESENTATIVE.	ALTERNATE.
Louis Marschael,[1] Mobile.	Frank Fournier, Ensley.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Cornelius Cadle,[2] 1868–1870.
Datus E. Coon,[2] 1871.
George H. Patrick,[2] 1871–1880.
F. G. Sheppard,[2] 1889.
William H. Hunter,[2] 1890.
Seymour Bullock,[2] 1891 (died in office).
A. B. Hayes,[2] 1891.
William Snyder,[2] 1892.
J. Clyde Millar,[2] 1893 (see California and Nevada).
Charles W. Buckley,[2] 1894.
Manoah Bostick,[2] 1895.
George F. Wollenhaupt[3] 1896.
W. H. Black,[2] 1897.
A. G. Bethard,[2] 1898.
A. P. Stone,[3] 1899.
George B. Randolph,[2] 1900.
George F. Jackson,[1 4] Birmingham, 1901.
E. D. Bacon,[2] 1902.
R. H. Allison[2] 1903.
Henry Chairsell,[1] Birmingham, 1904.
A. G. Negley, Florence, 1905.
A. N. Ballard, Birmingham, 1906.
W. M. Campbell,[2] 1907.
C. E. Peck,[2] 1908 (died in office).
C. A. Cook,[2] 1908.
Thomas R. Gockel,[2] 1909.
Henry M. Austin,[1] Bedford, Va., 1910.
Charles C. Chapin,[4] Birmingham, 1911.
W. H. Brooks,[3] 1912.
Joseph Greenwood,[2] 1913.
Anson B. Culver,[2] 1914.
Charles A. Mange,[2] 1915.
J. J. Powers,[1] Mobile, 1916.
E. F. Quinn,[1] Birmingham, 1917.
Isaac W. Higgs, Citronelle, 1918.
A. W. Fulghum, Birmingham, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Not now a member of order.
[4] Comrade Jackson, national council of administration.
[5] Comrade Chapin, assistant adjutant general.

ARIZONA (40).

[Organized Jan. 17, 1888. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 75; posts, 5.]

Department commander.....J. P. Rhodes[1].....Phoenix.
Senior vice department commander....J. Woodson.....Phoenix.
Junior vice department commander....Marion Abbott.....Phoenix.
Assistant adjutant general.....A. J. Sampson.....Phoenix.

REPRESENTATIVE.	ALTERNATE.
Warren E. Day, Prescott.	Milo Webb,[1] Phoenix.

ARIZONA—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

A. L. Grow,[2] 1888.
A. B. Sampson, Tucson, 1889.
George F. Coates,[2] 1890.
Edward Schwartz,[2] 1891–92.
Douglas Snyder,[2] 1893.
Charles D. Belden, Ben Avon, Pa., 1894.
W. F. R. Schindler,[2] 1895.
Archibald J. Sampson,[3] Phoenix, 1896.
George Hoxworth,[2] 1897.
James Finley,[2] 1898.
George Broughton,[2] 1899.
R. H. G. Minty,[2] 1900.
Prosper P. Parker,[2] 1901.
C. F. Schumacher,[2] 1902.
George W. Sanders,[2] 1903.
C. M. Christy,[2] 1904.
Arthur J. Judd, Prescott, 1905.
James H. Creighton,[2] 1906.
N. S. Fullmer,[2] 1907.
A. J. Doran,[2] 1908.
D. P. Kyle,[4] Los Angeles, Calif., 1909.
E. S. Godfrey,[5] Cookstown, N. J., 1910.
R. H. Green, Phoenix, 1911.
James F. Duncan, Tombstone, 1912.
J. J. Hill,[2] 1913 (died in office).
George W. Reed, Prescott, 1913–14.
W. M. Grier, Phoenix, 1915.
George W. Barrows, Phoenix, 1916.
Henry H. Farrington,[1] Phoenix, 1917–18.
A. J. Christian, Phoenix, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Sampson, assistant adjutant general.
[4] Comrade Kyle. See California and Nevada.
[5] Comrade Godfrey, national council of administration.

ARKANSAS (31).

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 243; posts, 11.]

Department commander——Jacob E. Leas[1]——Little Rock.
Senior vice department commander——A. L. Thomas[1]——Hot Springs.
Junior vice department commander——W. M. Sullivan——Bentonville.
Assistant adjutant general——Geo. W. Clark[1]——Little Rock.

REPRESENTATIVES.

James H. Conley,[1] Little Rock.
M. C. Stouteagle,[1] Little Rock.

ALTERNATES.

Charles Ramsey, Little Rock.
Philip Young, Pine Bluff.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Stephen Wheeler,[2] 1883–84.
C. M. Barnes, Guthrie, Okla., 1885.
C. C. Waters, Little Rock, 1886.
Thomas Boles,[2] 1887.
S. K. Robinson,[2] 1888.
A. S. Fowler,[4] Little Rock, 1889–90.
W. H. H. Clayton, South McAlester, Okla., 1891.
Powell Clayton,[2] 1892.
Logan H. Roots,[2] 1893 (died in office).
Thomas H. Barnes,[2] 1893–94.
Wm. C. Roberts, Rogers, 1895.
O. M. Spellman, Heber, 1896.
A. H. Soekland,[2] 1897.
W. G. Gray,[2] 1898.
George W. Clark,[1 3] Little Rock, 1899.
A. L. Thompson,[2] 1900.
W. G. Akers, Little Rock, 1901.
John H. Avery,[1] Hot Springs, 1902–3.
Edward T. Wolfe, Mena, 1904.
W. S. Bartholomew, Mansfield, 1905.
J. W. Lane,[2] 1906.
Cos Altenberg,[1 5] Little Rock, 1907.
Charles E. Newman,[2] 1908.
A. Y. Killingsworth,[2] 1909.
J. M. McClintock,[1] De Valls Bluff, 1910.
R. J. Maxson,[2] 1911.
F. W. Tucker, Little Rock, 1912.
A. S. Fowler,[4] Little Rock, 1913–14.
Charles S. Warn, Fort Smith, 1915.
H. F. Wallace, Siloam Springs, 1916.
O. J. Kyler, Little Rock, 1917.
Horace Wynran,[1] Bentonville, 1918.
Samuel Henderson,[1] Little Rock, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Clark, assistant adjutant general.
[4] Comrade Fowler, past junior vice commander in chief.
[5] Comrade Altenberg, national council of administration.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10).

[Organized Feb. 21, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 4,852; posts, 92.]

Department commander.....George D. Kellogg[1].....Newcastle.
Senior vice department commander....G. M. Burlingame[1].....Pasadena.
Junior vice department commander....E. C. Durfee.....Santa Barbara.
Assistant adjutant general.....E. L. Hawk[1].....Sacramento.

REPRESENTATIVES.

C. A. Fuller,[1] Los Angeles.
W. A. Huddart, Berkeley.
W. H. Amos,[1] San Francisco.
L. F. Hunt,[1] Long Beach.
T. W. Lincoln, Long Beach.
Robert Lyon, Pasadena.
S. W. Sutton,[1] Santa Ana.
R. A. Sarle,[1] San Francisco.
Wm. O'Farrell,[1] San Diego.
J. E. Frymier,[1] Los Angeles.
W. M. Sanders,[1] Santa Monica.
O. H. Maryatt, Santa Ana.
D. W. Hasson,[1] Buena Park.
M. E. Gates,[1] Sacramento.
J. M. Aubery, Los Angeles.
T. M. Barrett, Glendale.
Horace Wilson, San Francisco.

ALTERNATES.

Joseph Diehl, Los Angeles.
M. D. Lininger, San Francisco.
Levi Garrett, Fresno.
J. E. Myrick, Oakland.
A. M. Pelton,[1] Los Angeles.
H. S. Enyeart, Los Angeles.
Francis McCabe, Veterans' Home.
S. S. Stowe, Watts.
Alfred Noack, Oakland.
Ed. Fitzgerald,[1] Lodi.
A. E. Potter, Colusa.
Frank P. Wisker, San Francisco.
J. C. Warner,[1] Whittier.
S. D. Graves,[1] Long Beach.
G. W. Wilcox, Long Beach.
H. L. Judell, San Francisco.
E. T. Allen,[1] San Francisco.
E. C. Coombs,[1] Pasadena.
John W. Dorsey,[1] Los Angeles.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

John F. Miller,[2] 1867 (Provisional).
James Coey,[2] 1868–69.
W. L. Campbell,[2] 1870.
W. E. McArthur,[2] 1871–72.
W. H. Aiken, 1873–74.
A. Carlson,[2] 1875.
A. C. Bagley,[2] 1876.
S. W. Backus,[4] San Francisco, 1877.
S. P. Ford,[2] 1878–79.
C. Mason Kinne,[2] 1880–81.
W. A. Robinson,[2] 1882.
James W. Staples,[2] 1883.
James M. Davis,[2] 1884.
R. H. Warfield,[2] 1885.
W. R. Smedberg,[2] 1886.
E. S. Salomon,[2] 1887.
T. H. Goodman,[2] 1888.
George E. Gard,[2] 1889.
A. J. Buckles,[2] 1890.
W. H. L. Barnes,[2] 1891.
J. B. Fuller,[2] 1892.
E. C. Seymour, Highlands, 1893.
J. M. Walling, Nevada City, 1894.
Charles E. Wilson,[2] 1895.
T. C. Masteller,[5] 1896.
N. P. Chipman, Sacramento, 1897.
Sol. Cahen,[2] 1898.
A. F. Dill,[2] 1899.
George M. Mott, Berkeley, 1900.
George Stone,[2] 1901.
W. G. Hawley,[2] 1902.
William R. Shafter,[2] 1903.
Charles T. Rice,[2] 1904.
W. W. Russell, Berkeley, 1905.
Wm. C. Alberger, San Francisco, 1906.
Wm. G. Waters,[2] 1907.
Samuel Merrill, Long Beach, 1908.
Wm. S. Daubenspeck, Los Angeles, 1909.
E. L. Hawk,[1 3] Sacramento, 1910.
H. V. Parker, Los Angeles, 1911.
Wm. R. Thomas, Oakland, 1912.
G. M. Stormont,[1] Pomona, 1913.
B. B. Tuttle, Davis, 1914.
Hiram B. Thompson, National City, 1915.
A. E. Leavitt, San Francisco, 1916.
C. H. Haskins,[1] Los Angeles, 1917.
John H. Roberts,[2] 1918.
Russell C. Martin,[1] Los Angeles, 1919.

TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Joseph S. Reynolds,[2] 1877, transferred from Illinois.
W. V. Lucas, Santa Cruz, 1884–1886, transferred from South Dakota.
A. V. Cole, Long Beach, 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
E. T. Langley,[1] Santa Ana, 1890, transferred from South Dakota.
William A. Bentley,[2] 1891, transferred from North Dakota.
J. J. Steadman, Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.
J. Clyde Millar,[2] 1893, transferred from Alabama.
J. P. Cummings,[2] 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued.

TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS—continued.

George Hoxworth,[2] 1897, transferred from Arizona.
O. H. Coulter,[2] 1899, transferred from Kansas.
M. A. Breeden,[2] 1900, transferred from Utah.
Perry H. Manchester, Los Angeles, 1900, transferred from Montana.
A. H. De Groff, San Jose, 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.
James E. Burns, Fresno, 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
John W. Edwards,[1] National Soldiers' Home, 1902, transferred from New Mexico.
Thomas E. Blanchard,[1] Santa Cruz, 1902, transferred from South Dakota.
John C. Gipson, San Diego, 1902, transferred from New York. *See* North Dakota and Oklahoma.
R. H. Mellette,[2] 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
D. P. Kyle, Los Angeles, 1909, transferred from Arizona.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Hawk, assistant adjutant general.
[4] Comrade Backus, past senior vice commander in chief.
[5] Not now a member of order.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21).

[Organized as the Department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming, Aug. 28, 1889. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 1,406; posts, 57.]

Department commander.....Marshall S. Crawford[1]..Denver.
Senior vice department commander....M. R. Geraghty.....Canon City.
Junior vice department commander....A. H. H. Baxter.....La Junta.
Assistant adjutant general.....Abraham W. Emily.....Denver.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Wm. Butler,[1] Longmont.
J. E. Laycock,[1] Manitou.
H. M. Rhoads,[1] Denver.
F. L. Weaver,[1] Pueblo.
J. E. Jewell,[1] Fort Morgan.
Jacob Brown, Denver.

ALTERNATES.

H. W. Smith, Colorado Springs.
J. M. Johnson, Golden.
F. C. Barker, Denver.
S. J. Capps, La Vita.
D. D. Desmond, Denver.
G. H. Young,[1] Evans.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Andrew Taylor,[2] 1875–77.
F. J. Bancroft,[2] 1878–79.
J. W. Donnellan,[2] 1880–81.
E. K. Stimson,[2] 1882–83.
Byron L. Carr,[2] 1884.
A. V. Bohn,[2] 1885.
Henry Bowman,[2] 1886.
George Ady,[2] 1887.
John W. Browning,[2] 1888.
Thomas J. Fisher,[2] 1889.
Delos L. Holden,[2] 1890.
George W. Cook,[2] 1891.
John C. Kennedy,[2] 1892.
Myron W. Reed,[2] 1893.
Nathaniel Rollins,[2] 1894.
N. J. O'Brien,[2] 1895.
H. O. Dodge, Boulder, 1896.
U. S. Hollister, Hollywood, Calif., 1897.
W. T. S. May,[2] 1898.
Andrew Royal,[2] 1899.
H. M. Orahood,[2] 1900.
Linus E. Sherman,[2] 1901.
J. W. Huff, Downs, Kans., 1902.
H. S. Vaughn, Denver, 1903.
Thomas J. Downen, Pueblo, 1904.
George W. Curfman,[2] 1905.
L. C. Dana, San Diego, Calif., 1906.
R. H. Mellette[2] (see California and Nevada), 1907.
Henry C. Watson, Greeley, 1908.
John W. Wingate, Durango, 1909.
W. W. Ferguson,[2] 1910 (died in office).
W. H. McDonald, Grand Junction, 1910.
Dexter T. Sapp,[2] 1911.
H. M. Minor, Rocky Ford, 1912.
C. A. Brooks, Denver, 1913.
O. S. Reed,[3] Pueblo, 1914.
F. O. Burdick, Boulder, 1915.
James Moynahan,[2] 1916.
W. H. Comstock, Denver, 1917.
Asa Curl, Colorado Springs, 1918.
Carroll M. Bills, Denver, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade O. S. Reed, national council of administration.

CONNECTICUT (6).

[Organized Apr. 11, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 1,489; posts, 57.]

Department commander.....Randolph W. Williamson[1]...Hartford.
Senior vice department commander...William L. Davies[1].....New London.
Junior vice department commander...J. J. Noxon[1].....Middletown.
Assistant adjutant general.....Albert P. Stark[1].....Bristol.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Frank Miller, Bridgeport.
Charles Fenton, Willimantic.
George S. Buxton,[1] Norwalk.
John H. Thacher, Hartford.
Fred S. Snow, New Haven.
L. O. Chittenden, Guilford.

ALTERNATES.

W. H. Huntley,[1] Branford.
L. W. Starr, New London.
H. F. Wilbur, Meriden.
H. F. McCullom, New Haven.
John C. Fisher, Middletown.
John Service,[1] Norwich.
Ira R. Wildman,[1] Danbury.
W. H. Shaffer,[1] Hartford.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Edward Harland,[2] 1867.
Theodore G. Ellis,[2] 1868–69.
William H. Mallory,[2] 1870–71.
L. A. Dickinson,[2] 1872–73.
Charles J. Buckbee,[2] 1874–75.
William E. Disbrow,[2] 1876–77.
Frank G. Otis,[2] 1878 (died in office).
Charles E. Fowler,[2] 1878–79.
George S. Smith, Niantic, 1880.
Alfred B. Beers,[2] 1881.
Ira E. Hicks,[2] 1882.
Isaac B. Hyatt,[2] 1883.
William Berry,[2] 1884.
Frank D. Sloat, Washington, D. C., 1885.
John T. Crary,[2] 1886.
Henry E. Taintor,[2] 1887.
Samuel B. Horne, Winsted, 1888.
William H. Pierpont,[2] 1889.
John C. Broatch,[2] 1890.
Henry N. Fanton,[2] 1891.
Benajah E. Smith,[2] 1892.
Wilbur F. Rogers, Meriden, 1893.
Selah G. Blakeman, Shelton, 1894.
John M. Brewer,[2] 1895.
Oscar W. Cornish,[2] 1896.
Gustav D. Bates,[2] 1897.
William E. Simonds,[2] 1898.
Henry R. Jones,[2] 1899.
John K. Bucklyn,[2] 1900.
Thomas Boudren,[2] 1901.
N. Burton Rogers, Danbury, 1902.
Morgan G. Bulkeley, Hartford, 1903.
William C. Hillard,[2] 1904.
Albert A. May,[2] 1905.
Virgil F. McNeil, New Haven, 1906.
Charles A. Appel,[2] 1907.
Edward Griswold,[2] 1908.
George Haven, New London, 1909.
Edson S. Bishop,[3] Hartford, 1910.
Richard J. Cutbill, S. Norwalk, 1911.
William H. Dougal, New Preston, 1912.
James R. Sloane,[2] 1913.
Frederick V. Streeter, New Britain, 1914.
Charles Griswold, Guilford, 1915.
Henry J. Seeley, Bridgeport, 1916.
Benjamin H. Cheney, New Haven, 1917.
Christian Quien,[2] 1918.
George T. Meech, Middletown, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Not now a member of order.

DELAWARE (23).

[Organized Jan. 14, 1881. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 225; posts, 16.]

Department commander.....C. A. W. Frishmuth.....Wilmington.
Senior vice department commander...William A. Truitt.....Milford.
Junior vice department commander...David R. Myers[1].....Wilmington.
Assistant adjutant general.....J. S. Litzenberg[1].....Wilmington.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Richard D. Short,[1] Harrington.
Nathan Levy, Wilmington.

ALTERNATES.

James H. Porter, Wilmington.
Nathaniel Henderson, Wilmington.

DELAWARE—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. S. McNair,[2] 1881.
John Wainwright,[2] 1882.
Daniel Ross,[2] 1883.
C. M. Carey,[3] 1884.
J. S. Litzenberg,[4] Wilmington, 1885.
John M. Dunn,[2] 1886.
John E. Mowbrey, Dover, 1887.
R. G. Buckingham, Newark, 1888.
Peter B. Ayars,[2] 1889.
Samuel Lewis,[2] 1890.
A. J. Woodman,[2] 1891.
George W. Stradley,[1] Laurel, 1892.
B. D. Bogia, Wilmington, 1893.
J. E. Vantine,[2] 1894.
Edwin F. Wood, Dover, 1895.
William B. Norton,[2] 1896.
J. S. Bradley,[2] 1897.
Robert Liddell,[1] Wilmington, 1898.
William H. Moystin,[2] 1899.
Wm. A. Reilly,[1] Wilmington, 1900.
J. W. Worrall,[2] 1901.
John C. Garner,[2] 1902.
Wm. G. Baugh, Wilmington, 1903.
Wm. Kelley, jr.,[1] Smyrna, 1904.
William Tharp,[2] 1905.
Ira Lunt,[2] 1906.
Jesse Hellings, Dover, 1907.
H. W. Perkins, Wilmington, 1908.
Wm. H. Blake,[2] 1909.
George C. Morton, Wilmington, 1910.
Wm. Mendenhall, Wilmington, 1911.
Jesse K. Baylis, Wilmington, 1912.
J. Rankin Armstrong,[2] 1913.
J. T. Reihms,[2] 1914.
John P. Riley, Wilmington, 1915.
S. Sheward Johnson, Wilmington, 1916.
J. T. Alexander,[1] Wilmington, 1917.
Orrin J. Cook, Lincoln, 1918.
R. Harry Williams,[1] Marshallton, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Honors lost by withdrawal from order.
[4] Comrade Litzenberg, assistant adjutant general.

FLORIDA (36).

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 607; posts, 19.]

Department commander.....Imri A. Spencer[1].....St. Petersburg.
Senior vice department commander...G. W. Brown[1].....St. Cloud.
Junior vice department commander...J. H. Eby.....Kissimmee.
Assistant adjutant general.....H. J. Penrod[1].....St. Petersburg.

REPRESENTATIVES.

A. E. Shaffer,[1] Lakeland.
J. B. Wescott, St. Cloud.
E. E. Webster,[1] Bartow.

ALTERNATES.

M. M. Patterson, Pensacola.
S. Latta,[1] Kissimmee.
H. W. Hawkins, Federal Point.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

T. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville, 1884–85.
G. H. Norton,[2] 1886.
E. W. Henck, Longwood, 1887.
William James,[1 3] Jacksonville, 1888.
J. W. V. R. Plummer,[2] 1889.
Fred S. Goodrich,[4] 1890.
John H. Welsh,[5] 1891.
J. De V. Hazzard,[2] 1892.
Geo. F. Foote, Washington, D. C., 1893.
David L. Way, Jacksonville, 1894.
P. E. McMuray,[2] 1895.
L. Y. Jenness,[2] 1896.
Charles M. Ellis, Jacksonville, 1897.
Geo. H. Packwood, Tampa, 1898.
Edwin Kirby,[2] 1899.
John S. Fairhead,[2] 1900.
F. G. Parcell,[2] 1901.
S. Herbert Lancy,[2] 1902.
J. F. Chase,[2] 1903.
Henry Marcotte, St. Augustine, 1904.
T. J. Owen,[2] 1905.
William E. Emerson,[2] 1906.
Samuel W. Fox,[2] 1907.
S. R. Hudson,[2] 1908.
James Skinner, St. Augustine, 1909.
James O. Thompson,[2] 1910.
Joseph Bumby,[2] 1911.
William P. Lynch,[2] 1912.
William S. Siggins,[2] 1913.
Lyman Leighton, St. Petersburg, 1914.
James F. Bullard, National Soldiers' Home, Tennessee, 1915.
W. H. Melrath,[2] 1916.
John A. Wallace,[1] Tampa, 1917.
H. B. Jeffries,[1] Zephyrhills, 1918.
Theo. W. B. Brake,[2] 1919 (died in office).
George E. Field,[1] White House, 1919.
E. V. Richards,[2] 1900, transferred from New Jersey.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade James, past junior vice commander in chief.
[4] Not now a member of order.
[5] Honors lost by withdrawal from order.

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA (41).

[Organized Jan. 25, 1889. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 116; posts, 7.]

Department commander.....Ira M. Swartz.....Atlanta.
Senior vice department commander...J. J. Hardinbrook.....Tallapoosa.
Junior vice department commander...C. J. Hitch[1].....Fitzgerald.
Assistant adjutant general.....F. A. Jones[1].....Tallapoosa.

REPRESENTATIVE.

A. M. Crosby, Atlanta.

ALTERNATE.

P. R. Booker, Fitzgerald.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

John R. Lewis,[2] 1889.
David Porter,[2] 1890.
A. E. Sholes, Flushing, N. Y., 1891.
Thomas F. Gleason,[2] 1892–93.
C. T. Watson,[2] 1894.
L. B. Nelson,[2] 1895.
John L. Clem,[3] Washington, D. C., 1896.
James P. Averill,[2] 1897.
James O. Ladd, Summerville, S. C., 1898.
Alex Mattison, Atlanta, 1899.
S. A. Darnell,[2] 1900.
Lewis Thayer, Fitzgerald, 1901.
W. M. Scott,[4] Atlanta, 1902.
F. D. Lee,[2] 1903.
J. A. Commerford,[2] 1904.
C. F. Fairbanks,[2] 1905.
W. H. Kimball, Tallapoosa, 1906.
O. P. Webster,[2] 1907.
Leander Scott,[2] 1908.
Charles R. Haskins, Atlanta, 1909.
S. C. Brown,[2] 1910.
F. A. Jones,[1 5] Tallapoosa, 1911.
C. H. Brooks,[2] 1912.
P. Q. Stoner, St. George, 1913.
S. C. Wade, Cornelia, 1914.
W. B. Todd,[2] 1915.
R. S. Smith,[2] 1916.
G. E. Whitman,[1 6] Fitzgerald, 1917.
W. P. Randall, Atlanta, 1918.
J. M. Mosher, Fitzgerald, 1919.
Richard Bond,[2] 1879, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
J. W. Scully,[2] 1885, transferred from Louisiana and Mississippi.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Clem, past senior vice commander in chief.
[4] Comrade Scott, past junior vice commander in chief.
[5] Comrade Jones, assistant adjutant general.
[6] Comrade Whitman, national council of administration.

IDAHO (39).

[Organized Jan. 11, 1888. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 356; posts, 18.]

Department commander.....John Carr[1].....Coeur d'Alene.
Senior vice department commander.....F. J. Titus.....Nampa.
Junior vice department commander...John Frederick[1].....Coeur d'Alene.
Assistant adjutant general.....C. F. Drake[1].....Boise.

REPRESENTATIVES.

J. B. Wentley,[1] Boise.
Adolph Miles,[1] Coeur d'Alene.

ALTERNATES.

J. M. Gill, Boise.
Geo. D. Smith, Boise.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. H. Nye,[2] 1888.
A. S. Senter,[2] 1889.
W. T. Riley,[2] 1890.
Judson Spofford, Boise, 1891.
A. O. Ingalls, Murray, 1892.
R. H. Barton,[1] Moscow, 1893.
T. J. Groome,[2] 1894.
D. H. Budlong,[2] 1895.
J. L. Fuller, Shoshone, 1896.
Lindol Smith,[2] 1897.
N. F. Kimball,[2] 1898.
S. L. Thompson,[2] 1899.
Charles A. Clark,[2] 1900.
William C. Maxey,[2] 1901.
George M. Parsons,[2] 1902.
E. S. Whittier,[3] 1903.
C. F. Drake,[4] Weiser, 1904.
George A. Manning,[2] 1905.
Alfred Anderson, Boise, 1906.
A. M. Rowe,[2] 1907.
William K. Jamieson,[2] 1908.
Stewart Young, Rathdrum, 1909.
Willard White, Boise, 1910.
M. W. Wood,[1] Boise, 1911.
James W. Shields, Twin Falls, 1912.
A. G. Nettleton, Nampa, 1913.
H. J. Newhouse,[2] 1914.
William H. Cable,[2] 1915.
R. H. Barnes, Twin Falls, 1916.
George F. Kimery,[1 5] Boise, 1917.
F. T. Page, Weiser, 1918.
Silas Wilson,[1] Nampa, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Not now a member of order.
[4] Comrade Drake, assistant adjutant general.
[5] Comrade Kimery, national council of administration.

ILLINOIS (1).

[Organized Apr. 6, 1866. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 7,625; posts, 347.]

Department commander.....Edwin N. Armstrong[1]...Peoria.
Senior vice department commander....E. W. Willard.....Joliet.
Junior vice department commander....Geo. W. Huntoon[1].....Lake Forest.
Assistant adjutant general.....Henry C. Cooke[1].....Chicago.

REPRESENTATIVES.

John S. Varley,[1] Chicago.
J. L. Dannenhower,[1] Chicago.
William H. Squire,[1] Chicago.
C. W. Barr,[1] Chicago.
John B. Thomas,[1] Chicago.
T. J. Abbott, Rockford.
C. H. Davis,[1] Chicago.
H. J. Zimmer,[1] Chicago.
E. S. Johnson,[1] Springfield.
Addison Jones,[1] Chicago.
M. L. Rohrer,[1] Evanston.
J. F. McCroskey,[1] Joliet.
C. T. Marsh,[1] Rockford.
Charles Pratt,[1] Rochelle.
M. R. Metzger,[1] Moline.
Samuel White,[1] Galesburg.
H. B. Doll,[1] Peoria.
G. B. Larison,[1] Bloomington.
James P. Bailey,[1] Danville.
S. A. Campbell,[1] Mattoon.
L. Goheen,[1] Jacksonville.
John Underfanger,[1] Springfield.
John G. Oulsen,[1] Alton.
D. C. Zimmerman,[1] Vandalia.
L. Zellars, Lincoln.
J. N. Fitch,[1] Cobden.

ALTERNATES.

M. Hulett, Chicago.
Valentine Eckart, Chicago.
Charles Smith, Chicago.
A. E. Gage, Chicago.
E. R. Lewis, Evanston.
John A. Martin,[1] Chicago.
S. G. Hickok, Maywood.
R. H. Peterson, Chicago.
John Carmichael, Chicago.
Samuel I. Pope, Libertyville.
H. K. Wolcott, Batavia.
L. D. Howe, Streator.
J. M. Brown, Freeport.
R. H. Mead, Augusta.
W. H. Stobie, Quincy.
A. C. Bennett, Pekin.
F. O. Walrich, Piper City.
Johnson Gammel, Danville.
Wm. E. Smith, Monticello.
S. O. Barr, Jacksonville.
J. S. Nottingham, Springfield.
Perry Martin, East St. Louis.
J. T. Cunningham, Centralia.
R. I. Law, Galesburg.
W. W. Bean, Streator.
W. J. Libberton,[1] Chicago.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

B. F. Stephenson,[2] 1866.
John M. Palmer,[2] 1866–68.
Charles E. Lippincott,[2] 1871.
Guy T. Gould,[2] 1873.
H. Hilliard,[2] 1874–76.
Joseph S. Reynolds,[2] 1877.
T. B. Coulter, Canon City, Colo., 1878.
Edgar D. Swain,[2] 1879–80.
J. W. Burst,[2] 1881.
Thomas G. Lawler,[2] 1882.
Samuel A. Harper,[2] 1883.
L. T. Dickason,[2] 1884.
W. W. Berry,[2] 1885.
Philip Sidney Post,[2] 1886.
A. C. Sweetser,[2] 1887.
James A. Sexton,[2] 1888.
James S. Martin,[2] 1889.
William L. Distin,[2] 1890.
Horace S. Clark,[2] 1891.
Edwin Harlan,[2] 1892.
Edward A. Blodgett,[2] 1893.
H. H. McDowell,[2] 1894.
William H. Powell,[2] 1895.
William G. Cochran, Sullivan, 1896.
Albert L. Schimpff,[2] 1897.
John C. Black,[2] 1898.
John B. Inman,[1 3] Springfield, 1899.
Joel M. Longnecker,[2] 1900.
N. B. Thistlewood,[2] 1901.
H. M. Trimble,[2] 1902.
Benson Wood,[2] 1903.
Robert Mann Woods,[2] 1904.
John C. Smith,[2] 1905.
Edwin H. Buck,[2] 1906.
A. C. Mathews,[2] 1907.
Joseph Rosenbaum,[2] 1908.
Philip C. Hayes,[2] 1909.
James A. Connolly,[2] 1910.
C. C. Duffy,[2] 1911.
Thomas H. Gault,[2] 1912.
J. H. Crowder,[1] Bethany, 1913.
Samuel Fallows,[1] Chicago, 1914.
John M. Snyder, Canton, 1915.
W. F. Calhoun,[1] Decatur, 1916.
C. S. Bentley,[1] LaGrange, 1917.
Joseph W. Fifer, Bloomington, 1918.
Henry D. Fulton,[1] Chicago, 1919.

Milton Stewart, Chicago, 1885, transferred from Kansas.
Charles M. Travis,[2] 1899, transferred from Indiana.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Inman, national council of administration.

INDIANA (20).

[Organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized Oct. 3, 1879. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 6,309; posts, 231.]

Department commander.....Robert W. McBride [1].....Indianapolis.
Senior vice department commander.....Charles W. Shaw [1].....Bloomington.
Junior vice department commander.....James S. Wright [1].....Rockport.
Assistant adjutant general.....Albert J. Ball [1].....Indianapolis.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Mahlon D. Butler,[1] Indianapolis.
J. W. Spain,[1] Evansville.
George D. Abraham,[1] Indianapolis.
Louis Bir, New Albany.
James M. Brown,[1] Franklin.
C. C. Gourley,[1] Franklin.
R. L. Kennedy,[1] Center Point.
George W. Hill,[1] Shelbyville.
Wm. L. Heiskell,[1] Indianapolis.
J. H. Holland,[1] Indianapolis.
Jacob Ludy,[1] Union City.
F. M. Van Pelt,[1] Anderson.
Hez Robison,[1] Burroughs.
T. R. Caldwell,[1] Lebanon.
P. A. Holliday,[1] Brookston.
Henry A. Miller,[1] Montmorenci.
O. W. Lamport,[1] Wabash.
Charles E. Hale,[1] Logansport.
S. S. Kelker,[1] Fort Wayne.
David Smeltzer,[1] Elkhart.
B. E. Bear,[1] Mill Creek.
Geo. D. Martin,[1] Petersburg.

ALTERNATES.

William Matthew, Centerville.
R. L. Clark, Princeton.
T. M. Ryan, Bloomfield.
Jacob Snyder,[1] Cannelton.
Watson Bostic, Greensburg.
Chas. E. Potter, Columbus.
H. P. Dorsett, Greencastle.
W. M. Heaton, Knightstown.
Z. T. Landers, Indianapolis.
I. S. Wagner, Indianapolis.
Robert Dorste, Anderson.
M. M. Justus, Bluffton.
J. W. F. Thomas, Delphi.
I. T. Huckleberry, Zionsville.
Jacob Fisher, Chalmers.
A. A. Jones, Battle Ground.
Geo. W. Steele, Marion.
Benj. Shinn, Hartford City.
J. H. Hoffman, Ligonier.
J. G. Kratli, Knox.
John C. Gordon, Argos.
James Buckley, Brookville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Robert S. Foster,[2] 1866.
Nathan Kimball,[2] 1867.
Robert S. Foster,[2] 1868.
Oliver M. Wilson,[2] 1869.
Louis Humphrey,[2] 1870–71
Jonathan B. Hager,[2] 1879.
Samuel E. Armstrong,[2] 1880.
William W. Dudley,[2] 1881.
James R. Carnahan,[2] 1882–83.
Edwin Nicar,[1] South Bend, 1884.
David N. Foster,[1 3] Fort Wayne, 1885.
Thomas W. Bennett,[2] 1886.
Ira J. Chase,[2] 1887.
Argus D. Vanosdol,[1] Madison, 1888.
Charles M. Travis,[2] 1889.
Gil R. Stormont, Princeton, 1890.
Ivan N. Walker,[2] 1891.
Joseph B. Cheadle,[2] 1892.
James T. Johnston,[2] 1893.
Albert O. Marsh,[2] 1894.
Harvey B. Shively,[2] 1895.
Henry M. Caylor, Noblesville, 1896.
James S. Dodge, Elkhart, 1897.
Daniel Ryan,[1] Carthage, 1898.
William L. Dunlap,[2] 1899.
David E. Beem,[1] Spencer, 1900.
Milton Garrigus,[2] 1901.
Benjamin Starr,[2] 1902.
Geo. W. Grubbs, Martinsville, 1903.
Daniel R. Lucas,[2] 1904.
Marine D. Tackett,[2] 1905.
Edmund R. Brown,[1] Winamac, 1906.
Wm. A. Ketcham,[1 4] Indianapolis, 1907.
John D. Alexander,[1] Springville, 1908.
Orlando A. Somers,[1 5] Kokomo, 1909.
Alex. P. Asbury,[2] 1910.
Dan Waugh, Tipton, 1911.
Frank Swigart,[2] 1912 (died in office).
W. E. Gorsuch,[1] South Bend, 1912.
Daniel W. Comstock,[2] 1913.
A. B. Crampton, Marion, 1914.
Lewis King,[1] Vernon, 1915.
V. V. Williams, Bedford, 1916.
Samuel M. Hench,[1] Ft. Wayne, 1917.
Alonzo Murphy,[1] Greensburg, 1918.
William F. Medsker,[1] Cambridge City, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Foster, national council of administration.
[4] Comrade Ketcham, judge advocate general.
[5] Comrade Somers, past commander in chief.

IOWA (19).

[Organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized Jan. 23, 1879. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 5,977; posts, 265.]

Department commander.....R. L. Chase[1].....Des Moines.
Senior vice department commander.....T. R. Bickley[1].....Ottumwa.
Junior vice department commander.....John F. Troutner[1].....Charles City.
Assistant adjutant general.....J. Z. Benson[1].....Des Moines.

REPRESENTATIVES.

W. H. Needham,[1] Sigourney.
W. F. Gilbert,[1] Burlington.
Thos. W. Wheeler,[1] Clinton.
S. E. Walcott,[1] Davenport.
L. A. Devendorf,[1] Eldora.
William Blades,[1] Dubuque.
Charles M. Adams,[1] Mason City.
J. O. Stewart,[1] Cedar Rapids.
R. H. Ryan,[1] Tama.
W. H. Shaw,[1] Oskaloosa.
C. D. Doak,[1] Bloomfield.
W. A. Abbett,[1] Des Moines.
Asa Turner,[1] Maxwell.
J. W. Stratton,[1] Creston.
J. S. Noble,[1] New Market.
David D. Pettitt,[1] Greenfield.
J. J. C. Weldon,[1] Mondamin.
J. R. White,[1] Webster City.
S. C. Spear,[1] Algona.
Thomas A. Sheppard, Sioux City.
Hook Calvin,[1] Sioux City.

ALTERNATES.

W. H. Barker,[1] Sioux City.
J. M. Gregg, Fairfield.
John Koehler, Muscatine.
D. E. Wells, Clinton.
E. H. Chapman, Cedar Falls.
John G. Hartman, Iowa Falls.
J. G. Wright, Nashua.
S. A. Peterson, Nashua.
David Heisey, Anamosa.
J. C. Kendrick, Ottumwa.
J. W. Wilsie, Montezuma.
John B. Anderson, Winterset.
C. H. Gross, Des Moines.
D. B. Cowles, Chariton.
E. H. Scales, Corydon.
Sidney Pitt, Logan.
D. R. Witter, Council Bluffs.
D. A. Haggard, Algona.
C. E. Rogers, Boone.
W. Rhynsburger, Orange City.
W. S. Freeman, Le Mars.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

J. C. Parrott,[2] 1874–75.
A. A. Perkins,[2] 1876–78.
H. E. Griswold,[2] 1879.
W. F. Conrad,[2] 1880.
Peter V. Cary, Des Moines, 1881.
George B. Hogin,[2] 1882.
John B. Cook,[2] 1883.
E. G. Miller,[2] 1884.
W. R. Manning,[2] 1885.
W. A. McHenry, Denison, 1886.
J. M. Tuttle,[2] 1887.
E. A. Consigny,[2] 1888.
Charles H. Smith,[2] 1889.
Mason P. Mills,[2] 1890.
Charles L. Davidson, 1891.
J. J. Steadman,[3] Hollywood, Calif., 1892.
Phil. Schaller,[2] 1893.
Geo. A. Newman,[2] 1894.
J. K. P. Thompson,[2] 1895.
Josiah Given,[2] 1896.
A. H. Evans,[2] 1897.
R. W. Tirrell, Manchester, 1898.
C. F. Bailey, Barney, N. D., 1899.
M. B. Davis,[2] 1900.
George Metzger, Davenport, 1901.
John Lindt,[2] 1902.
L. B. Raymond,[2] 1903.
R. T. St. John, Riceville, 1904.
S. H. Harper,[2] 1905.
Charles A. Clarke,[2] 1906.
David J. Palmer,[1 4] Washington, 1907.
J. C. Milliman, Logan, 1908.
M. McDonald, Bayard, 1909.
H. A. Dyer,[2] 1910.
Lot Abraham,[2] 1911.
J. D. Brown, Leon, 1912.
J. W. Willett,[1 5] Tama, 1913.
Byron C. Ward, Des Moines, 1914.
John E. Merry,[2] 1915.
John H. Mills,[1] Redfield, 1916.
J. L. Farrington,[1] Iowa Falls, 1917.
E. J. C. Bealer, Cedar Rapids, 1918.
A. G. Beatty,[1] Independence, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Steadman. See California and Nevada.
[4] Comrade Palmer, past commander in chief.
[5] Comrade Willett, national council of administration.

KANSAS (22).

[Organized Dec. 7, 1866; reorganized Mar. 16, 1880. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 5,359; posts, 256.]

Department commander.....Joseph A. Walter [1].....Great Bend.
Senior vice department commander.....W. H. Mitchell [1].....Hutchinson.
Junior vice department commander.....C. H. Hoyt [1].....Lawrence.
Assistant adjutant general.....George W. Thatcher [1].....Topeka.

REPRESENTATIVES.

W. W. Denison,[1] Topeka.
D. B. Clum,[1] Parsons.
John Warner,[1] Manhattan.
Charles Taylor, Leavenworth.
Scott Kelsey,[1] Topeka.
I. O. Peck,[1] Fort Scott.
J. H. Osborn,[1] Humboldt.
George Abbott,[1] Winfield.
C. W. Kent, Coffeyville.
George Plumb,[1] Emporia.
C. T. Ackley,[1] Peabody.
W. H. Smith, Marysville.
W. T. Short,[1] Concordia.
E. J. Goubleman, Wilson.
Hiram M. Crist,[1] Osborne.
James A. Arment,[1] Dodge City.
John E. Holmes,[1] Hutchinson.
J. N. Miller,[1] Wichita.
Fred Jackson,[1] McPherson.

ALTERNATES.

W. J. Stagg,[1] Topeka.
G. D. Kelsey, Baxter Springs.
John Davidson, Harveyville.
J. G. Hanna,[1] Hiawatha.
W. A. Carnahan, National Military Home.
B. F. Pugh, Ottawa.
A. W. Caman, LaCygne.
J. A. Boutell, Howard.
R. H. McWhorter, Coffeyville.
E. R. Haynes,[1] Glasco.
A. J. Stockton, Concordia.
M. Haffamier, Hays.
G. F. Hilton,[1] Osborne.
L. N. Wilson, Ness City.
R. H. Clearwater, Hutchinson.
A. B. Gilbert, Newton.
H. Burgener, Newton.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

John A. Martin,[2] 1866–67.
John C. Carpenter,[2] 1868.
W. S. Jenkins,[2] 1872–73 (see Missouri).
Stephen A. Cobb,[2] 1874–75.
John Guthrie,[2] 1876.
J. H. Gilpatrick,[2] 1877–78.
J. C. Walkinshaw,[2] 1879–82.
Thomas J. Anderson,[2] 1883.
Homer W. Pond,[2] 1884.
Milton J. Stewart,[3] Chicago, Ill., 1885.
C. J. McDivitt,[2] 1886.
T. H. Soward,[2] 1887 (see Oklahoma).
J. W. Feighan,[2] 1888.
Henry Booth,[2] 1889.
Ira F. Collins,[1] Sabetha, 1890.
Timothy McCarthy,[2] 1891.
A. R. Green,[2] 1892.
Bernard Kelley, Topeka, 1893.
W. P. Campbell, Wichita, 1894.
John P. Harris,[2] 1895.
W. C. Whitney,[2] 1896.
Theo. Botkin,[2] 1897.
D. W. Eastman,[2] 1898 (see Oklahoma).
O. H. Coulter,[2] 1899 (see California and Nevada).
W. W. Martin, National Military Home, 1900.
J. B. Remington,[2] 1901.
H. C. Loomis,[2] 1902.
Abraham W. Smith,[2] 1903.
Charles Harris,[2] 1904.
P. H. Coney,[1] Topeka, 1905–06.
R. A. Campbell,[1] Hutchinson, 1907.
W. A. Morgan,[2] 1908.
Joel H. Rickel, Chanute, 1909.
Nathan E. Harmon,[2] 1910.
T. P. Anderson,[2] 1911.
J. N. Harrison,[1] Topeka, 1912–13.
Ira D. Brougher,[2] 1914.
C. A. Meek, Wichita, 1915.
R. M. Painter, Meade, 1916.
A. C. Pierce,[1] Junction City, 1917.
W. W. Smith,[2] 1918.
Theodore Gardner,[1] Lawrence, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Stewart. See Illinois.

KENTUCKY (27).

[Organized Jan. 16, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 535; posts, 52.]

Department commander.....M. H. Davidson [1].....Louisville.
Senior vice department commander.....H. C. Truman [1].....Fordsville.
Junior vice department commander.....Robert Edwards [1].....Lebanon.
Assistant adjutant general.....John Barr [1].....Lebanon.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Jacob Seibert,[1] Louisville.
W. G. Stewart,[1] Frankfort.
Stephen Graves,[1] Campbellsville.

ALTERNATES.

John T. English, Louisville.
George Thomas, Georgetown.
William Forester, Dayton.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

J. C. Michie,[2] 1883.
W. H. Harton,[2] 1884.
George W. Northup,[2] 1885.
T. Z. Morrow,[2] 1886.
William Bowman,[2] 1887.
O. A. Reynolds,[2] 1888.
Vincent Boreing,[2] 1889.
Michael Minton,[2] 1890.
Samuel G. Hillis,[2] 1891.
Edward H. Hobson,[2] 1892.
T. E. Livezey,[2] 1893.
Daniel O'Riley,[2] 1894.
R. M. Kelly,[2] 1895.
Americus Whedon,[1 3] Washington, D. C., 1896.
Andrew J. Tharp,[2] 1897.
John W. Hammond,[1] Louisville, 1898.
Joseph H. Browning,[2] 1899.
L. M. Drye,[1] Bradfordsville, 1900.
John Blaes,[2] 1901.
T. F. Beyland,[2] 1902.
W. G. Foree,[1] Indianapolis, Ind., 1903.
William T. Bausmith,[2] 1904.
Bernard Mathews, Louisville, 1905.
George T. Grinstead,[2] 1906.
Le Vant Dodge,[1 4] Berea, 1907–08.
R. B. Hewetson,[2] 1909.
S. D. Van Pelt, Danville, 1910.
C. C. Degman,[2] 1911.
John Barr,[1 5] Lebanon, 1912.
W. J. L. Hughes,[2] 1913.
Edwin Farley,[1] Paducah, 1914.
John T. Gunn, Lexington, 1915.
Sam D. Brown,[2] 1916.
James R. Howard,[1] Lexington, 1917.
T. A. Casey, Dayton, 1918.
Andrew Offutt,[1] Lebanon, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Whedon, national council of administration.
[4] Comrade Dodge, past junior vice commander in chief.
[5] Comrade Barr, assistant adjutant general.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI (35).

[Organized as the Department of the Gulf May 15, 1884; changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 242; posts, 19.]

Department commander.....E. T. Gipson.....New Orleans.
Senior vice department commander.....John Pierce [1].....New Orleans.
Junior vice department commander.....Henry Anderson.....Edwards.
Assistant adjutant general.....O. Pilman [1].....New Orleans.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Basile Ulgere,[1] New Orleans.
Daniel Freeman, New Orleans.

ALTERNATES.

Lewis Herman, New Orleans.
Charles Desho, New Orleans.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

William Roy,[2] 1884.
J. W. Scully,[2] 1885 (see Georgia and South Carolina).
A. S. Badger,[2] 1886–92.
Charles H. Shute,[2] 1893.
Charles W. Keeting,[2] 1894–99.
F. C. Antoine,[2] 1900.
Paul Bruce, New Orleans, 1901.
Charles W. Keeting,[2] 1902–04.
J. S. Davidson, New Orleans, 1905.
P. H. Boyle,[2] 1906–07.
James Lewis,[2] 1908.
J. A. Brookshire, Beaumont, Tex., 1909.
E. K. Russ,[3] Gulfport, Miss., 1910–15.
E. T. Gipson,[4] New Orleans, 1916–18.
H. N. Singleton, Vicksburg, Miss., 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Russ, national council of administration.
[4] Comrade Gipson, department commander.

MAINE (9).

[Organized Jan. 10, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 1,828; posts, 111.]

Department commander.....Henry E. Merriam[1].....Gardiner.
Senior vice department commander....Edward A. Butler[1].....Rockland.
Junior vice department commander....George E. Gay.....Augusta.
Assistant adjutant general.....Fred A. Motley[1].....Portland.

REPRESENTATIVES.

C. E. Nason, Gray.
N. W. White, Augusta.
Cyrus Wardwell, Oxford.
Alphonzo Rollins,[1] Portland.
John Manroe,[1] Mechanic Falls.
George W. Smith,[1] Yarmouth.
O. F. Glidden, Portland.

ALTERNATES.

Thomas N. Ayer, Alna.
A. H. Pratt, Howes Corner.
W. S. Oakman, National Solders' Home.
A. W. Gray,[1] Brownfield.
Clark Wayland, Portland.
C. S. Crowell, Lewiston.
F. L. Palmer, Monroe.
Knowles Bangs,[1] Freedom.
S. C. Yates,[1] Calais.
F. A. Millett,[1] Mechanics Falls.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

George L. Beal,[2] 1868–69.
Charles P. Mattocks,[2] 1870–71.
Daniel White,[2] 1872–73.
Selden Connor,[2] 1874–75.
Nelson Howard,[2] 1876.
John D. Myrick,[2] 1877.
Augustus C. Hamlin,[2] 1878.
Winsor B. Smith,[2] 1879.
Isaac S. Bangs,[2] 1880.
William G. Haskell,[2] 1881.
Augustus B. Farnham,[2] 1882.
Elijah M. Shaw,[2] 1883.
Benjamin Williams,[2] 1884.
James A. Hall,[2] 1885.
Samuel W. Lane,[2] 1886.
Richard K. Gatley,[2] 1887.
Horace H. Burbank,[2] 1888.
Franklin M. Drew, Lewiston, 1889.
John D. Anderson, Gray, 1890.
Samuel D. Miller,[2] 1891.
Isaac Dyer,[2] 1892.
Wainwright Cushing,[2] 1893.
J. Wesley Gilman,[2] 1894.
William H. Green,[2] 1895.
Lorenzo D. Carver,[2] 1896.
Leroy T. Carleton, Winthrop, 1897.
Charles A. Southard,[2] 1898.
Frederick Robie,[2] 1899.
Seth T. Snipe,[2] 1900.
William C. Clayton,[1] Bangor, 1901.
James L. Merrick,[1] Waterville, 1902.
Joshua L. Chamberlain,[2] 1903.
Edwin C. Milliken,[1 3] Portland, 1904.
Henry O. Perry,[2] 1905.
Frederick S. Walls, Vinal Haven, 1906.
Frank F. Goss,[2] 1907.
Woodbury K. Dana, Westbrook, 1908.
Augustus W. McCausland,[2] 1909.
John W. Webster,[2] 1910.
Edwin Riley,[1 4] Livermore Falls, 1911.
William H. Holston, Cumberland Mills, 1912.
John F. Lamb,[2] 1913.
Thomas S. Benson, Sidney, 1914.
Simon S. Andrews, Biddeford, 1915.
Tobias L. Eastman, Fryeburg, 1916.
John Q. Adams, Houlton, 1917.
Fred A. Motley,[1 5] Portland, 1918.
George W. Goulding, Oakland, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Milliken, past senior vice commander in chief.
[4] Comrade Riley, national council of administration.
[5] Comrade Motley, assistant adjutant general.

MARYLAND (16).

[Organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 820; posts, 46.]

Department commander.....George T. Leech[1].....Baltimore.
Senior vice department commander....George B. Boutelle[1].....Baltimore.
Junior vice department commander....Patrick Reedy[1].....North East.
Assistant adjutant general.....Robert C. Sunstrom[1].....Baltimore.

REPRESENTATIVES.

John H. Brandt,[1] Baltimore.
Jacob H. Vickers,[1] Baltimore.
Henry Ewalt,[1] Baltimore.
James T. Mitchell,[1] Baltimore.

ALTERNATES.

Robert A. McAllister, Baltimore.
Emory Leasure, Baltimore.
Jacob R. Tucker, Baltimore.
Joseph Dulaney, Baltimore.

MARYLAND—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Andrew W. Dennison,[2] 1867–69.
E. Y. Goldsborough,[2] 1870.
Edward T. Daneker, Baltimore, 1871.
Adam E. King,[2] 1872.
Erastus B. Tyler,[2] 1876–78.
William E. Griffith,[3] Baltimore, 1879.
William E. W. Ross,[2] 1880–81.
Graham Dukehart, Baltimore, 1882.
John Suter,[2] 1883.
Frank M. Smith,[2] 1884.
John W. Horn,[2] 1885.
George W. F. Vernon, Baltimore, 1886.
Henry P. Underhill,[2] 1887.
Theodore F. Lang,[2] 1888.
George F. Wheeler, Baltimore, 1889.
George R. Graham,[2] 1890.
Joseph C. Hill,[2] 1891.
Wallace A. Bartlett,[2] 1892.
Frank Nolen,[2] 1893.
Myron L. Rose,[2] 1894.
Oliver A. Horner,[2] 1895.
A. S. Cooper,[2] 1896.
George W. Johnson,[2] 1897.
David L. Stanton,[2] 1898.
Lewis M. Zimmerman,[2] 1899.
John R. King,[1 4] Baltimore, 1900.
John G. Taylor,[2] 1901.
John W. Worth,[2] 1902.
William Stahl,[2] 1903.
James Campbell, Baltimore, 1904.
Richard N. Bowerman, Baltimore, 1905.
George Prechtel,[1] Upperco, 1906.
Fred C. Tarr,[2] 1907.
Robert C. Sunstrom,[1 5] Baltimore, 1908.
Benjamin F. Taylor,[2] 1909.
Wm. J. Vannort,[1] Chestertown, 1910.
John T. Holmes,[1] Baltimore, 1911.
George Prechtel,[1 6] Upperco, 1912.
Charles N. Emich, Baltimore, 1913.
Albert K. Young, Baltimore, 1914.
Joseph Brooks, Baltimore, 1915.
James E. Van Sant, Ellicott City, 1916.
E. Walter Giles, Baltimore, 1917–18.
George T. Leech,[1 7] Baltimore, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Honors lost by withdrawal from order.
[4] Comrade King, past commander in chief.
[5] Comrade Sunstrom, assistant adjutant general.
[6] Comrade Prechtel, department commander, 1906.
[7] Comrade Leech, department commander.

MASSACHUSETTS (7).

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 6,097; posts, 196.]

Department commander.....Horace Goodwin[1].....Westfield.
Senior vice department commander...Edwin F. Morrill[1].....Everett.
Junior vice department commander...Henry Clark[1].....Cambridge.
Assistant adjutant general.....Philip A. Nordell[1].....Boston.

REPRESENTATIVES.

James Beatty, Waltham.
Nahum F. Nickerson,[1] South Dartmouth.
John Gilbert,[1] Fall River.
Quincy A. Merritt, Whitman.
James H. Webb, Boston.
William H. Haddock,[1] Boston.
James F. Flynn,[1] Boston.
Thomas J. Long, Boston.
Eugene M. Libbey,[1] Lynn.
James Arrington, Salem.
Elbridge Wasson,[1] Haverhill.
Samuel Brookings, Newburyport.
A. S. Trowbridge, Framington.
Alphonso B. Pierce, Natick.
Harrison Crane,[1] Malden.
Albert H. Ricker, West Medford.
Charles W. Hildreth,[1] Fitchburg.
Henry J. Bailey,[1] Milford.
Charles E. Morey,[1] Worcester.
William C. Tracy, Stoneham.
Francis A. Ireland, Pittsfield.

ALTERNATES.

Andrew B. Hubbard,[1] Somerville.
John J. Ryder,[1] Monument Beach.
Herbert A. Butterworth, Attleboro.
Lucius M. Fuller,[1] Middleboro.
John E. Bronson,[1] Dedham.
Frank E. Trask, Roxbury.
John Welch, Brighton.
Albert Fitzemeyer, Boston.
Charles F. Neill, Lynn.
Edward Collins, Salem.
William F. Carleton,[1] Amesbury.
Henry Hitchcock, Haverhill.
John Flood,[1] Newton.
Eben W. Pike,[1] Boston.
Augustus Lovejoy,[1] Ayer.
George Rouillard,[1] Beachmont.
Charles G. Houghton,[1] Leominster.
O. Marshall Greene, Milford.
Genery T. Darling, Worcester.
H. E. W. Clarke, Palmer.
John P. Thompson,[1] Northampton.

MASSACHUSETTS—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Austin S. Cushman,[2] 1866–67.
A. B. R. Sprague,[2] 1868.
Francis A. Osborn,[2] 1869.
James L. Bates,[2] 1870.
William Cogswell,[2] 1871.
Henry R. Sibley,[3] 1872.
A. B. Underwood,[2] 1873.
John W. Kimball,[2] 1874.
George S. Merrill,[2] 1875.
Horace Binney Sargent,[2] 1876–78.
John G. B. Adams,[2] 1879.
John A. Hawes,[2] 1880.
George W. Creasey,[2] 1881.
George H. Patch,[2] 1882.
George S. Evans,[2] 1883.
John D. Billings, Allston, 1884.
John W. Hersey,[2] 1885.
Richard F. Tobin,[2] 1886.
Charles D. Nash,[2] 1887.
Myron P. Walker,[2] 1888.
George L. Goodale,[2] 1889.
George H. Innis,[2] 1890.
Arthur A. Smith,[2] 1891.
James K. Churchill,[2] 1892.
Eli W. Hall, Lynn, 1893.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee,[1 4] Newton, 1894.
Joseph W. Thayer,[2] 1895.
William P. Derby,[2] 1896.
John M. Deane,[2] 1897.
William H. Bartlett,[2] 1898.
John E. Gilman,[2 5] Roxbury, 1899.
Peter D. Smith,[2] 1900.
Silas A. Barton,[2] 1901.
Wilmon W. Blackmar,[2] 1902.
Dwight O. Judd,[2] 1903.
Lucius Field,[2] 1904.
James H. Wolff,[2] 1905.
J. Payson Bradley, Boston, 1906.
D. H. L. Gleason,[2] 1907.
Alfred S. Roe,[2] 1908.
John L. Parker,[2] 1909.
J. Willard Brown,[2] 1910 (died in office).
Granville C. Fiske, Ashland, 1910–11.
Geo. A. Hosley,[1] Chester, N. H., 1912.
Thomas J. Ames, Leominster, 1913.
John M. Woods, Somerville, 1914.
Alfred H. Knowles, Arlington, 1915.
Francis E. Mole,[1] Adams, 1916.
Daniel E. Denny,[1] Worcester, 1917.
Edwin P. Stanley, Manchester, 1918.
George W. Wilder, Boston, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Not now a member of order.
[4] Comrade Wetherbee, national council of administration.
[5] Comrade Gilman, past commander in chief.

MICHIGAN (18).

[Organized May 6, 1868; reorganized Jan. 22, 1879. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 4,667; posts, 227.]

Department commander—Henry Spaulding[1]—Lansing.
Senior vice department commander—M. D. Richardson[1]—Lansing.
Junior vice department commander—E. S. Post[1]—Grand Rapids.
Assistant adjutant general—Albert Dunham[1]—Lansing.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Charles A. Bartlett,[1] Detroit.
A. L. Sawyer,[1] Detroit.
Dean LaBanta,[1] Jackson.
David Walkinshaw, Marshall.
Wallace A. Preston,[1] St. Joseph.
Abraham Eddy,[1] Grand Rapids.
Thomas Fouch,[1] Flint.
A. L. Bryant,[1] Lansing.
Oliver T. Mosier,[1] Saginaw, W. S.
A. J. Teed,[1] Cadillac.
Hiram Russell, Bay City.
John G. Berry,[1] Vanderbilt.
James A. Troutt, Sault Ste. Marie.
Thomas F. Payne, Northville.
L. A. L. Gilbert,[1] Bay City.
John P. Schwan,[1] Saginaw.
C. W. Lung,[1] Lyons.

ATERNATES.

Emory Morse, Battle Creek.
Uriah Gould, Detroit.
Thomas H. Nichols, Jackson.
J. J. Holmes,[1] Eaton Rapids.
Samuel P. Hartshorn, Marcellus.
John T. Pomeroy, Cedar Springs.
John A. Wardell, Lansing.
A. A. Haskell, Port Huron.
Frank M. Frear, St. Johns.
M. G. Averill, Muskegon.
Gideon Bailey, Evart.
W. H. Claspill, Vanderbilt.
D. C. Spears,[1] Wyandotte.
Allen H. Cady, Detroit.
John H. Donaldson, Anchorville.
B. C. Brainard, Detroit.
John Davidson,[1] Lansing.
John Seel,[1] Benton Harbor.

MICHIGAN—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger,[2] 1867 (provisional).
William A. Throop,[2] 1868.
William Humphrey,[2] 1869–70.
C. V. R. Pond,[2] 1878–79.
A. T. Reynolds,[2] 1880.
Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids, 1881–82.
Oscar A. Janes,[1 3] Detroit, 1883.
Rush J. Shank,[2] 1884.
Charles D. Long,[2] 1885.
John Northwood, New Lothrop, 1886.
L. G. Rutherford,[2] 1887.
Washington Gardner,[1 4] Albion, 1888.
Michael Brown,[2] 1889 (see Montana).
Henry M. Duffield,[2] 1890.
Charles L. Eaton,[2] 1891.
Henry S. Dean,[2] 1892.
James H. Kidd,[2] 1893.
Louis Kanitz, Muskegon, 1894.
S. B. Daboll,[2] 1895.
William Shakespeare,[2] 1896.
Aaron T. Bliss,[2] 1897.
Alex L. Patrick,[2] 1898.
Russell R. Pealer,[2] 1899.
Ethel M. Allen,[2] 1900.
James Van Kleeck, Bay City, 1901.
Edward E. Anthony,[1] Negaunee, 1902.
D. B. K. VanRaalte,[2] 1903.
George H. Hopkins,[2] 1904.
E. C. Cannon, Evart, 1905.
Joseph B. Griswold,[2] 1906.
William Jibb,[2] 1907.
Chas. E. Foote,[2] 1908 (died in office).
G. L. Holmes,[2] 1908.
Jas. M. Greenfield,[2] 1909.
Samuel J. Lawrence,[2] 1910.
George W. Stone, Battle Creek, 1911.
John T. Spillane, Detroit, 1912.
Frank R. Chase,[1] Smyrna, 1913.
Riley L. Jones,[1] Detroit, 1914.
Henry C. Rankin,[2] 1915 (died in office).
Eli Strong, Kalamazoo, 1915.
L. H. Ives, Mason, 1916.
William O. Lee, Port Huron, 1917.
David S. Howard, Pontiac, 1918.
Edwin F. Lamb,[1] Detroit, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Janes, past junior vice commander in chief.
[4] Comrade Gardner, past commander in chief.

MINNESOTA (24).

[Organized Aug. 14, 1867; reorganized Aug. 17, 1881. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 2,015; posts, 128.]

Department commander—J. A. Town[1]—Worthington.
Senior vice department commander—H. A. Gerrish—Minneapolis.
Junior vice department commander—F. J. Carr[1]—Minneapolis.
Assistant adjutant general—Orton S. Clark[1]—St. Paul.

REPRESENTATIVES.

H. A. Read,[1] Waseca.
Fred Bloom, Woodstock.
F. E. Callender,[1] St. Paul.
Calvin Moores,[1] Minneapolis.
M. D. Manning,[1] Willmar.
George M. Ross[1] Fergus Falls.
Robert Reed,[1] Minneapolis.
David Palen,[1] Fulda.

ALTERNATES.

L. C. Wheelock, Waseca.
William C. Johnson,[1] Luverne.
John Gunther, St. Paul.
E. A. Hoit, Minneapolis.
J. F. Kent, Montevideo.
John Howard, Detroit.
C. M. B. Hatch, Minneapolis.
M. L. Ashley, Jackson.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Henry G. Hicks,[2] 1868.
Henry A. Castle,[2] 1872–1874.
George H. Johnston,[2] 1876.
Adam Marty, St. Paul, 1881–82.
John P. Rea,[2] 1883.
Edward C. Babb,[2] 1884.
R. A. Becker, St. Paul, 1885.
William Thomas,[2] 1886.
Lewis L. Wheelock,[2] 1887.
James H. Ege,[2] 1888.
Alphonso Barto,[2] 1889.
James Compton,[2] 1890.
Charles D. Parker,[2] 1891.
L. M. Lange, Cass Lake, 1892.
John Day Smith, Minneapolis, 1893.
Samuel R. Van Sant,[1 3] Minneapolis, 1894.
Ell Torrance,[1 4] Minneapolis, 1895.
J. J. McCardy,[2] 1896.
E. B. Wood,[1] Long Prairie, 1897.
E. W. Mortimer,[2] 1898.
D. B. Searle,[2] 1899.
Gideon S. Ives, St. Paul, 1900.
Wm. H. Harries,[1] Minneapolis, 1901.
Perry Starkweather,[2] 1902.
Isaac L. Mahan, St. Paul, 1903.
Harrison White, Minneapolis, 1904.
C. F. MacDonald,[2] 1905.

MINNESOTA—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Levi Longfellow,[1] Minneapolis, 1906.
George A. Whitney,[2] 1907.
Marcus W. Bates,[2] 1908.
Loren W. Collins,[2] 1909.
Philip G. Woodward,[1 5] Anoka, 1910.
J. A. Everett,[2] 1911.
William P. Roberts, Minneapolis, 1912.
Charles H. Taylor,[1] Long Prairie, 1913.
Charles H. Hopkins, Fairfax, 1914.
Watson W. Hall, St. Paul, 1915.
Chas. Van Campen,[2] 1916.
Silas H. Towler,[1 6] Minneapolis, 1917.
Edwin F. Kenrick, St. Paul, 1918.
J. D. Budd, Duluth, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Van Sant, past commander in chief.
[4] Comrade Torrance, past commander in chief.
[5] Comrade Woodward, national council of administration.
[6] Comrade Towler, past junior vice commander in chief.

MISSOURI (25).

[Organized May 16, 1867; reorganized Apr. 22, 1882. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 2,953; posts, 144.]

Department commander_____Samuel D. Webster [1]____St. Louis.
Senior vice department commander___A. J. P. Barnes [1]_____Joplin.
Junior vice department commander___George W. Sparks [1]_____Trenton.
Assistant adjutant general_____Wilbur F. Henry [1]_____St. Louis.

REPRESENTATIVES.

J. L. Nichols, Trenton.
Alf. Zartman,[1] Kansas City.
E. H. Rogers,[1] Boonville.
Nathaniel Sisson,[1] Marysville.
Samuel Zancker,[1] St. Joseph.
Charles Koock,[1] Sedalia.
F. Walton,[1] St. Louis.
C. B. Kurtz,[1] Kansas City.
Nich. Mathias,[1] Moberly.
Franklin Hudson,[1] Kansas City.
Max Fritz,[1] St. Louis.

ALTERNATES.

W. K. Collins, Lees Summit.
C. K. Reifsnider,[1] St. Louis.
Oscar E. Fox, St. Joseph.
T. M. Brown, Webb City.
W. P. Graves, King City.
H. W. Sandusky, St. Joseph.
J. W. Root, Galt.
J. E. Vandermark, Darlington.
W. H. Dewey, Kansas City.
A. Bowers, St. Louis.
H. C. Bailey, Milan.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Wm. Warner,[2] 1882–83.
W. F. Chamberlain,[2] 1884.
Nelson Cole,[2] 1885–86.
E. E. Kimball,[2] 1887.
Hiram Smith, jr.,[2] 1888.
John E. Phelps,[3] Orting, Wash., 1889.
Leo Rassieur,[1 4] St. Louis, 1890.
Geo. W. Martin, Brookfield, 1891.
C. W. Whitehead,[2] 1892.
Chas. G. Burton,[1 5] Portland, Oreg., 1893.
Louis Grund,[2] 1894.
Louis Benecke,[2] 1895.
Thomas B. Rodgers,[2] 1896.
John P. Platt,[2] 1897.
A. G. Peterson,[2] 1898.
John W. Scott, Daytona, Fla., 1899.
W. F. Henry,[1 6] St. Louis, 1900.
George Hall, Trenton, 1901.
Ira T. Bronson,[2] 1902.
F. M. Sterrett,[7] Troy, Ohio, 1903.
Jere T. Dew,[2] 1904.
Henry Fairbank,[2] 1905.
John M. Williams,[1 8] California, 1906.
Thomas D. Kimball,[1] St. Louis, 1907.
J. V. Martin, Brookfield, 1908.
W. H. Skinner,[2] 1909.
Robert N. Denham,[2] 1910.
Benjamin Warner,[2] 1911.
Charles W. Rubey,[2] 1912.
Arthur Dreifus,[2] 1913.
William Lowe,[1] Warrensburg, 1914.
James B. Dobyne, St. Louis, 1915.
Alex McCandless,[1] Moberly, 1916.
Thomas W. Evans,[1] St. Joseph, 1917.
Phil. F. Coghlan,[1] St. Louis, 1918.
W. C. Calland,[1] Springfield, 1919.

William S. Jenkins,[2] 1872, transferred from Kansas.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Phelps. See Washington and Alaska.
[4] Comrade Rassieur, past commander in chief.
[5] Comrade Burton, past commander in chief.
[6] Comrade Henry, assistant adjutant general.
[7] Comrade Sterrett. See Ohio.
[8] Comrade Williams, national council of administration.

MONTANA (37).

[Organized Mar. 10, 1885. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 271; posts, 13.]

Department commander.....James Page[1].....Twin Bridges.
Senior vice department commander.....C. S. Shoemaker.....Butte.
Junior vice department commander.....W. B. Harlan.....Hamilton.
Assistant adjutant general.....George H. Taylor[1 3].....Helena.

REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
E. A. Waterbury,[1] Anaconda.	C. P. Brinton, Butte.
R. A. Nunnelly,[1] Bozeman.	Charles H. Cobb, Great Falls.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thomas P. Fuller,[2] 1885.
Charles S. Warren, Butte, 1886.
Ela C. Waters,[2] 1887.
Julius G. Sanders,[2] 1888.
James E. Galloway,[2] 1889.
Ed. F. Ferris,[2] 1890.
Harry C. Kessler,[2] 1891.
John L. Sloan,[2] 1892.
Joseph O. Gregg,[4] Columbus, Ohio, 1893.
Peter R. Dolman,[2] 1894.
Robert E. Fisk,[2] 1895.
Lester S. Willson,[2] 1896.
Thaddeus C. Davidson,[2] 1897.
W. H. H. Dickinson,[2] 1898.
C. B. Miller,[1] Somers, 1899.
P. H. Manchester,[5] Escondido, Calif., 1900.
Frank P. Sterling,[2] 1901.
Alanson N. Bull,[2] 1902.
J. S. Wisner,[2] 1903.
Henry N. Blake, Boston, Mass., 1904.
Wilbur F. Sanders,[2] 1905.
A. J. Fisk,[2] 1906.
B. N. Beebe,[2] 1907.
Edwin C. Kinney,[2] 1908.
Edwin S. Pease,[2] 1909.
Robert G. Huston,[2] 1910.
John J. Rohrbaugh,[6] 1911.
W. Y. Smith, Bozeman, 1912.
P. W. Sheehy,[2] 1913.
E. L. Barnes,[2] 1914.
James R. Goss,[1] Billings, 1915.
G. I. Reiche, Polson, 1916.
Simon Hauswirth,[1] Columbia Falls, 1917.
John Marchion, Anaconda, 1918.
J. Perry McClain, Lo Lo, 1919.
Michael Brown,[2] 1889, transferred from Michigan.
J. B. Wolgemuth,[2] 1905, transferred from South Dakota.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Taylor, national council of administration.
[4] Comrade Gregg. See Ohio.
[5] Comrade Manchester. See California and Nevada.
[6] Not now a member of order.

NEBRASKA (17).

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 2,241; posts, 159.]

Department commander.....Joseph H. Presson[1].....Omaha.
Senior vice department commander.....W. J. Blystone.....Lincoln.
Junior vice department commander.....F. M. Fodge.....Broken Bow.
Assistant adjutant general.....Harmon Bross[1].....Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
Charles D. Fuller,[1] Lincoln.	C. P. Smith,[1] Omaha.
R. B. Windham,[1] Plattsmouth.	Shelton Peck,[1] Blair.
H. W. George,[1] Omaha.	A. M. Lathrop, Hastings.
H. V. Hoagland, Lincoln.	J. M. Mahaffey, Bennett.
Andy Traynor, Omaha.	J. R. Radcliff, Central City.
William Robb,[1] Lexington.	J. M. Mitchell, Stanton.
A. R. Wilson,[1] Lincoln.	S. R. Davidson, Omaha.
S. R. Sanders,[1] Holdredge.	Edward Parmelee, Omaha.

NEBRASKA—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Paul Vandervoort,[2] 1877.
R. H. Wilbur,[2] 1878.
James W. Savage,[2] 1879–80.
S. J. Alexander,[2] 1881–82.
John C. Bonnell,[3] Logan City, Tex., 1883.
Henry E. Palmer[2] 1884.
A. V. Cole,[4] Long Beach, Calif., 1885.
John M. Thayer,[2] 1886.
Henry C. Russell,[2] 1887.
W. C. Henry,[2] 1888.
J. B. Davis,[2] 1889 (died in office).
S. H. Morrison,[2] 1889.
T. S. Clarkson,[2] 1890.
Joseph Teeter,[1] McCook, 1891.
C. J. Dilworth,[2] 1892.
Alonzo H. Church,[2] 1893.
Church Howe,[2] 1894.
C. E. Adams,[1 5] Omaha, 1895.
J. H. Culver, Milford, 1896.
John A. Ehrhardt,[6] Stanton, 1897.
Thomas J. Majors,[1] Peru, 1898.
John E. Evans, North Platte, 1899.
John Reese,[1] Broken Bow, 1900.
Robert S. Wilcox, Omaha, 1901.
C. F. Steele,[2] 1902.
Lee S. Estelle, Omaha, 1903.
Harmon Bross,[1 7] Lincoln, 1904.
John Lett, York, 1905.
John R. Maxon,[1] Minden, 1906.
Thomas A. Creigh,[2] 1907.
Eli A. Barnes, Grand Island, 1908.
L. D. Richards,[1] Fremont, 1909.
John F. Diener,[2] 1910.
A. M. Trimble,[1] Lincoln, 1911.
M. V. King,[2] 1912.
John A. Dempster,[2] 1913.
O. H. Durand,[2] 1914.
George C. Humphrey,[1] Grand Island, 1915.
W. H. Stewart,[1] Geneva, 1916.
Wilson E. Majors,[1] Peru, 1917.
Joseph S. Hoagland,[2] 1918.
J. B. Strode, Lincoln, 1919.

Griff J. Thomas, Harvard, 1879–81, transferred from Wisconsin.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Honors lost by withdrawal from order.
[4] Comrade Cole. See California and Nevada.
[5] Comrade Adams, past commander in chief.
[6] Comrade Ehrhardt, national council of administration.
[7] Comrade Bross, assistant adjutant general.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (12).

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 921; posts, 63.]

Department commander	James H. Hunt[1]	Nashua.
Senior vice department commander	Arthur Thompson	Warner.
Junior vice department commander	J. N. Patterson	Concord.
Assistant adjutant general	Frank Battles[1]	Concord.

REPRESENTATIVES.

J. C. Lewis,[1] Milford.
William S. Learned,[1] Rumney Depot.
D. T. Griffith,[1] Claremont.
Frank Fiske, Epping.

ALTERNATES.

Warren F. Horne, Derry.
Albert T. Barr, Manchester.
T. B. Dow, Northwood.
H. L. Harris,[1] Warner.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Matthew T. Betton,[2] 1867.
William R. Patten,[2] 1868.
Daniel Vaughan,[2] 1869.
James E. Larkin,[2] 1870.
Augustus H. Bixby,[2] 1871.
William H. Trickey, Tilton, 1872.
Timothy W. Challis,[2] 1873–74.
Alvin S. Eaton,[2] 1875.
Charles J. Richards,[2] 1876–78.
George Bowers,[2] 1879–80.
Martin A. Haynes,[2] 1881–82.
John C. Linehan,[2] 1883–84.
Marcus M. Collis,[2] 1885.
George Farr,[2] 1886.
Otis G. Wyatt,[2] 1887.
A. B. Thompson,[2] 1888.
James F. Grimes,[2] 1889.
Thomas Cogswell,[2] 1890.
Everett B. Huse,[2] 1891.
Daniel Hall,[2] 1892.
Frank G. Noyes,[2] 1893.
David R. Pierce,[2] 1894.
Charles E. Buzzell,[2] 1895.
Lewis W. Aldrich,[2] 1896.
James Minot,[2] 1897.
A. S. Twitchell,[2] 1898.
Horace L. Worcester, Rochester, 1899.
David E. Proctor, Wilton, 1900.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

A. C. Haines, Newmarket, 1901.
William S. Carter, Lebanon, 1902.
Edward E. Parker, Nashua, 1903.
Henry O. Kent,[2] 1904.
Daniel B. Newhall,[2] 1905.
Osman B. Warren,[2] 1906.
William S. Pillsbury,[2] 1907.
Augustus D. Sanborn,[2] 1908.
Charles W. Stevens, Nashua, 1909.
A. D. Scovell, Manchester, 1910.
Henry A. Conant,[2] 1911 (died in office).
William A. Beckford,[2] 1912.
George K. Stratton, Bradford, 1912.
David R. Roys, Claremont, 1913.
O. B. Douglass, Concord, 1914.
M. B. Plummer,[2] 1915.
R. T. Leavitt,[2] 1916.
Chas. W. Hobbs, Pelham, 1917.
Eugene Wason, Milford, 1918.
Frank W. Wilson, Manchester, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.

NEW JERSEY (8).

[Organized Dec. 10, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 1,833; posts, 90.]

Department commander	John T. McNeil[1]	Kearney.
Senior vice department commander	Daniel Lynch	Newark.
Junior vice department commander	William H. Armstrong[1]	Jersey City.
Assistant adjutant general	G. Dwight Stone[1]	Elizabeth.

REPRESENTATIVES.

John W. Chandler,[1] Red Bank.
William M. Barr,[1] Paterson.
William H. Black,[1] Jersey City.
H. Craig Smith,[1] Plainfield.
J. Van Horn,[1] Newark.
William Bryson,[1] Newark.
Abram Ball,[1] Newark.

ALTERNATES.

E. H. Bolgiano, Atlantic City.
W. H. Dennis, Jersey City.
T. F. Laubach, Jersey City.
S. R. Mullen, Morristown.
W. H. Miller, Union.
A. C. Gile, Cape May.
William W. Mendell, Cranford.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

E. Jardine,[2] 1868.
William Ward,[2] 1869–70.
Richard H. Lee,[2] 1871–72.
J. R. Globe,[2] 1873.
Charles Burrows,[3] Rutherford, 1874–75.
E. W. Davis,[2] 1876.
John Mueller,[2] 1877–78.
Samuel Hufty,[2] 1879.
George W. Gile,[2] 1880.
Charles H. Houghton,[2] 1881.
E. L. Campbell,[2] 1882.
George B. Fielder,[2] 1883.
Henry M. Nevius,[2] 1884–85.
Frank O. Cole,[1] Jersey City, 1886.
J. L. Wheeler,[2] 1887.
E. Burd Grubb,[2] 1888.
W. B. Miller,[2] 1889.
A. M. Matthews,[2] 1890.
J. R. Mullikin,[1] Newark, 1891.
R. A. Donnelly,[2] 1892.
H. L. Hartshorn,[2] 1893.
John Shields, Clayton, 1894.
Henry S. White,[2] 1895.
Ernest C. Stahl,[1] Trenton, 1896.
Emmanuel Sands,[2] 1897 (died in office).
Sampel G. Hayter,[2] 1897.
William C. Smith,[1] Plainfield, 1898.
George Barnett, Camden, 1899.
E. V. Richards,[2] 1900 (see Florida).
John Lawrence,[2] 1901.
Enos F. Hann,[1] Atlantic City, 1902.
Stephen M. Long,[2] 1903.
James M. Atwood,[2] 1904.
Charles Currie,[2] 1905.
Alfred Atkins,[2] 1906.
Arthur W. Tench, Maplewood, 1907.
John Foran,[2] 1908.
James F. Connelly,[2] 1909.
James Inglis, jr.,[2] 1910.
Adrian S. Appleget, Trenton, 1911.
Terrence J. McDonald,[2] 1912.
John W. Bodine,[2] 1913.
Forman J. Reynolds,[2] 1914 (died in office).
Samuel J. Garretson,[1] Perth Amboy, 1914.
William F. Washington,[2] 1915.
William O. Allen,[1 4] Newark, 1916.
Walter S. Tully,[1] Roselle Park, 1917.
George C. Boyd,[1] Kearney, 1918.
A. J. Washburn,[2] 1919 (died in office).
Frank Briden,[1] Bellmar, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Burrows, past senior vice commander in chief.
[4] Comrade Allen, national council of administration.

NEW MEXICO (32).

[Organized July 14, 1863. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 86; posts, 8.]

Department commander.....William M. Berger.....Belen.
Senior vice department commander....John Shank.....Las Vegas.
Junior vice department commander....Abraham B. Stanton [1]....Albuquerque.
Assistant adjutant general.....William W. McDonald [1]..Albuquerque.

REPRESENTATIVE.	ALTERNATE.
Daniel Risdon, Raton.	Chas. L. Diehl,[1] Albuquerque.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Henry M. Atkinson,[2] 1883.
Edward W. Wynkoop,[2] 1884.
J. J. Fitzgerell,[3] 1885.
E. S. Stover, Albuquerque, 1886.
John Y. Hewitt, White Oaks, 1887.
Francis Downs,[2] 1888.
John H. Mills,[2] 1889 (died in office).
Lee H. Rudisille,[2] 1890.
A. M. Whitcomb,[2] 1890.
Albert J. Fountain,[2] 1891.
S. W. Dorsey,[4] 1892.
W. H. Whiteman,[2] 1893.
George W. Knaebel,[4] 1894.
Thomas W. Collier,[2] 1895.
John C. Bromagen,[2] 1896.
Francis Downs,[2] 1897–98.
Leverett Clarke,[2] 1898.
George W. Knaebel,[4] 1899.
John R. McFie, Gallup,[4] 1900–01.
John W. Edwards,[5] National Soldiers' Home, Calif., 1902–03.
Theo. W. Heman,[2] 1904.
Jacob Weltmer,[2] 1905.
W. B. Brunton,[2] 1906.
W. W. McDonald,[1 6] Albuquerque, 1907.
John P. Victory,[2] 1908.
John W. Long,[2] 1909.
H. B. Steward, Los Angeles, Calif., 1910.
A. D. Higgins, E. Las Vegas, 1911.
John G. Caldwell,[1] Albuquerque, 1912.
D. M. Sutherland, Alamogordo, 1913.
John A. Ross, E. Las Vegas, 1914.
Z. H. Bliss,[1] Albuquerque, 1915.
F. E. Olney,[1] E. Las Vegas, 1916.
Jefferson Raynolds, Las Vegas, 1917.
John W. Terry, Socorro, 1918.
O. L. Gregory, E. Las Vegas, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Honors lost by withdrawal from order.
[4] Not now a member of order.
[5] Comrade Edwards. See California and Nevada.
[6] Comrade McDonald, national council of administration.

NEW YORK (5).

[Organized Apr. 3, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 9,739; posts, 471.]

Department commander.....Alfred E. Stacy [1].....Elbridge.
Senior vice department commander....Henry L. Keene [1].....Elmira.
Junior vice department commander....Thomas J. McConekey [1]..Brooklyn.
Assistant adjutant general.....B. Franklin Raze [1].....Camillus.

REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
A. G. Mills,[1] New York.	William C. Peckham,[1] Brooklyn.
Fred W. Roehr,[1] Albany.	Edward B. Long,[1] White Plains.
P. C. Soule,[1] Rochester.	A. H. Stafford, Jamestown.
James L. Lyons,[1] New York.	Henry C. Draper,[1] Brooklyn.
John J. Hamlin,[1] Binghamton.	Thomas Burchill,[1] Rochester.
Thomas B. Sweet,[1] Auburn.	W. W. Ryder,[1] Ossining.
Cyrus W. Lord,[1] Jamestown.	Patrick H. Doody, New York.
George Wander,[1] Buffalo.	John Schmidling, New York.
T. A. Budd, Buffalo.	John H. McGean,[1] Buffalo.
Frank M. Fisher,[1] Buffalo.	Adam J. Wagner, Buffalo.
Albert Schoenwald, Buffalo.	John S. Robertson,[1] Buffalo.
Thomas H. Kiernan,[1] Brooklyn.	Charles S. Travis, Cohoes.
William H. Lyons,[1] Brooklyn.	E. M. Chamberlain, Edgerton, Wis.
Edwin H. Squires,[1] Brooklyn.	John H. Hilliker, Hollis.

NEW YORK—Continued.

REPRESENTATIVES—continued.

Edward W. Castell,[1] Brooklyn.
John Sutphin,[1] Brockport.
Henry S. Redman,[1] Rochester.
George A. Lent,[1] Rochester.
Augustus Myers,[1] Amsterdam.
James R. Sullivan, New York.
James Campbell, New York.
William J. Barry,[1] Brooklyn.
Michael B. Wood,[1] New York.
Wallace Riley,[1] Lockport.
Andrew Knauer, Utica.
Caius A. Weaver, Syracuse.
John McCloskey,[2] Richmond Hill.
Lewis Hunt,[1] Schaghticoke.
R. S. Rimington,[1] Saratoga Springs.
C. J. Kellogg,[1] Schenectady.
Charles D. Emery,[1] Hornell.
John W. Day,[1] Waterloo.
John W. Durham, Branchport.

ALTERNATES—continued.

W. L. Blaisdell, Martville.
Edward A. Dubey, Brooklyn.
Charles Hecox, Dunkirk.
W. H. Walker, Westfield.
Thomas Berridge, Hudson.
C. W. Bourne, Hamburg.
Nelson Simmons, Buffalo.
Arthur B. Avery, East Aurora.
Robert Hoffman, Adams Center.
Samuel Irvine, Brooklyn.
William B. Price, Brooklyn.
E. G. Peterson, Geneseo.
William Taylor, Canastota.
Henry R. Howard, Rochester.
A. D. Grant, Rome.
B. W. Austen, Phelps.
Louis Wanner, Cleveland.
W. E. Widrick, Mexico.
George S. Parsons, Gouverneur.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

James B. McKean,[2] 1866–67.
Daniel E. Sickles,[2] 1868.
Edward B. Lansing,[2] 1869.
John C. Robinson,[2] 1870.
Henry A. Barnum,[2] 1871–72.
Stephen P. Corliss,[2] 1873–74.
John Palmer,[2] 1875.
James Tanner,[1,3] Washington, D. C., 1876–77.
William F. Rogers,[2] 1878.
James McQuade,[2] 1879.
L. Coe Young,[2] 1880.
Abram Merritt,[2] 1881.
James S. Fraser,[2] 1882.
John A. Reynolds, Fairport, 1883.
Ira M. Hedges,[2] 1884.
H. Clay Hall,[2] 1885.
Joseph I. Sayles,[2] 1886.
George H. Treadwell,[2] 1887.
N. Martin Curtis,[2] 1888.
Harrison Clark,[2] 1889.
Floyd Clarkson,[2] 1890.
Charles H. Freeman,[2] 1891.
Theodore L. Poole,[2] 1892.
Joseph P. Cleary,[2] 1893.
John C. Shotts,[2] 1894.
Edward J. Atkinson,[2] 1895.
James S. Graham, Oxford, 1896.
Albert D. Shaw,[2] 1897.
Anson S. Wood,[2] 1898.
Joseph W. Kay, Brooklyn, 1899.
Nathan P. Pond, Rochester, 1900.
Charles A. Orr, Buffalo, 1901.
Allan C. Bakewell,[2] 1902.
John S. Koster, Port Leyden, 1903.
Henry N. Burhans,[2] 1904.
James N. Snyder,[2] 1905.
John S. Maxwell, Amsterdam, 1906.
Harlan J. Swift,[2] 1907.
William H. Daniels,[2] 1908.
M. J. Cummings,[2] 1909.
DeWitt C. Hurd, Utica, 1910.
George B. Loud,[1] New York, 1911.
Oscar Smith,[1] Albany, 1912.
Samuel C. Pierce,[1] Rochester, 1913.
James D. Bell,[2] 1914.
Zan L. Tidhall, Bath, 1915.
Solomon W. Russell,[2] 1916.
Wm. F. Kirchner,[1] New York, 1917.
Lewis S. Pilcher,[1] Brooklyn, 1918.
Joseph E. Ewell,[1] Buffalo, 1919.

De Alva S. Alexander, Buffalo, 1884, transferred from Potomac.
W. L. Palmer,[2] 1899, transferred from South Dakota.
John C. Gipson,[4] San Diego, Calif., 1902, transferred from Oklahoma.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Tanner, past commander in chief.
[4] Comrade Gipson. See California and Nevada.

NORTH DAKOTA (43).

[Organized Apr. 23, 1890. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 155; posts, 16.]

Department commander.....David B. McLain[1].....Jamestown.
Senior vice department commander.....O. A. Potter[1].....Granville.
Junior vice department commander.....A. J. Pierce.....Grand Forks.
Assistant adjutant general.....H. J. Rowe[1].....Lisbon.

REPRESENTATIVES.

C. P. Sterns,[1] Valley City.
J. M. Johnson,[1] Fargo.

ALTERNATES.

Joseph Sheard, Cathay.
William R. Whitcomb, Devils Lake.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Harrison Allen,[2] 1888.
George B. Winship, San Diego, Calif., 1890.
William A. Bentley,[3] Los Angeles, Calif., 1891.
S. G. Roberts, San Diego, Calif., 1892.
John D. Black, Milwaukee, Wis., 1893.
J. M. O'Neale,[2] 1894.
A. P. Rounseville, Lemon City, Fla., 1895.
William H. Brown,[2] 1896.
E. C. Geary,[2] 1897.
Edwin Southard,[2] 1898.
William Ackerman,[2] 1899.
Freeman Orcutt,[2] 1900.
D. G. Duell,[1] Devils Lake, 1901.
John C. Gipson,[4] San Diego, Calif., 1902.
H. J. Rowe,[1,5] Lisbon, 1903.
Daniel F. Siegfried,[2] 1904.
Joseph Hare,[2] 1905.
B. F. Bigelow,[1] Los Angeles, Calif., 1906.
S. J. Hill,[2] 1907.
J. L. Richmond, Minnewaukon, 1908.
Halsey S. Curry,[2] 1909.
Albert Roberts,[1] Devils Lake, 1910.
James H. Mathews,[2] 1911.
George W. Kurtz,[2] 1912.
George B. Vallandingham, Nat'l Soldiers' Home, Calif., 1913.
Alexander Hay,[1] Wahpeton, 1914.
J. L. Smith,[2] 1915.
Henry Beal,[1] Valley City, 1916.
Christian J. Schmitt,[1] Jamestown, 1917.
John W. Carroll,[1] Aberdeen, 1918.
James McCormick,[1] Devils Lake, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Bentley. See California and Nevada.
[4] Comrade Gipson. See California and Nevada.
[5] Comrade Rowe, assistant adjutant general.

OHIO (4).

[Organized Jan. 30, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 11,029; posts, 428.]

Department commander.....John M. Adams[1].....Cincinnati.
Senior vice department commander.....J. W. Akers[1].....Uhrichsville.
Junior vice department commander.....George H. Playford[1].....Zanesville.
Assistant adjutant general.....W. S. Matthews[1].....Columbus.

REPRESENTATIVES.

G. M. Saltzgaber,[1] Washington, D. C.
S. G. Harvey,[1] Toledo.
John M. Davis,[1] Rio Grande.
R. G. Dickerson,[1] Delaware.
Charles H. Durfey,[1] Columbus.
William A. Richards,[1] Cincinnati.
Ayres B. Adams,[1] Cincinnati.
Edward Baker,[1] Madisonville.
R. E. Scott,[1] Hamilton.
A. C. Stone,[1] Wilmington.
J. W. Larimer,[1] Greenville.
William F. Brandt,[1] Dayton.
I. N. Rowe,[1] Washington C. H.
W. J. Hughes,[1] Lancaster.
Harry B. Kuhmar,[1] Portsmouth.

ALTERNATES.

J. K. P. Ferrell, Uhrichsville.
W. G. Alexander, Toledo.
J. P. Shideler, Tiffin.
James H. Herring, Mansfield.
Luke Bucey, National Military Home.
Abram Emery, Zanesville.
Conrad Liner, Cincinnati.
A. E. Otte, Cincinnati.
S. A. West, Milford.
C. O. Collins, Mount Orab.
I. N. Smith, Greenville.
Gustavus Smith, National Mil. Home.
James C. Walker, Springfield.
E. Rockhold, Bainbridge.
L. P. Smith, Rutland

OHIO—Continued.

REPRESENTATIVES—continued.

James Hyler,[1] Marietta.
C. M. Bell,[1] Frazeysburg.
Clement H. Cochran,[1] Sandusky.
Marion Hopkins,[1] Marysville.
J. P. Neer,[1] Urbana.
Samuel Fletcher,[1] Lima.
William A. Kehnast,[1] Defiance.
Thomas H. Wilson,[1] Findlay.
Henry Goodenough,[1] Bowling Green.
George W. Harris,[1] Bucyrus.
Theodore B. Tucker,[1] Toledo.
Leroy D. Hunt,[1] Mount Vernon.
Martin D. Hartshorn,[1] Newark.
John McAfee,[1] Cadiz.
R. D. Van Fossen,[1] East Liverpool.
William H. Johnson[1] Girard.
J. A. Matticks,[1] Alliance.
Henry Kelly,[1] Hayesville.
D. N. Osyor,[1] Columbus.
J. D. Reimer,[1] Wadsworth.
James Hayr,[1] Cleveland.
C. E. McCluskey,[1] Cleveland.
O. U. Hovey, Chardon.

ALTERNATES—continued.

Joseph Lyons, Longstreth.
Robert Parks, Sharon.
L. H. Derby, Norwalk.
Frank Turner, Peoria.
C. B. Fletcher, Covington.
W. M. Kline, Leipsic.
Philip W. Stumm, Paulding.
J. S. Parmenter, Findlay.
Israel Walborn, Fremont.
W. B. Denman, Marion.
H. Bradley Pike, Toledo.
W. A. Wintermuth, Centerburg.
H. D. Burch, Hebron.
J. B. Gibson, Bellaire.
James Willemin, Steubenville.
Charles E. Starr, Newton Falls.
W. H. Little, Canton.
F. W. Sterns, Elyria.
W. W. McDonald, Columbus.
O. P. Edgar, Akron.
R. G. Chandler, Cleveland.
R. H. Cooper, Berea.
E. R. Ward,[1] Conneaut.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

B. F. Potts,[2] 1866.
Thomas L. Young,[2] 1867.
J. Warren Keifer,[3] Springfield, 1868–70.
William C. Bunts,[2] 1871–72.
G. M. Barber,[2] 1873–74.
Alvin C. Voris,[2] 1875.
William Earnshaw,[2] 1876–77.
Nathan L. Guthrie,[2] 1878.
James H. Seymour,[2] 1878.
James H. Steedman,[2] 1879.
David W. Thomas,[2] 1880.
John S. Kountz,[2] 1881.
Charles T. Clark,[2] 1882–83.
H. P. Lloyd, 1884.
R. B. Brown,[2] 1885.
Arthur L. Conger,[2] 1886.
D. C. Putnam,[2] 1887.
Joseph W. O'Neall,[1 4] Lebanon, 1888.
S. H. Hurst,[2] 1889.
P. H. Dowling,[2] 1890.
A. M. Warner, Cincinnati, 1891.
Isaac F. Mack,[2] 1892.
L. H. Williams,[2] 1893.
E. E. Nutt,[2] 1894.
Charles Townsend,[2] 1895.
E. L. Lybarger, Spring Mountain, 1896.
Henry Kissinger,[2] 1897.
David F. Pugh,[1] Columbus, 1898.
Thomas R. Shinn,[1] Ashland, 1899.
Elias R. Monfort,[2] 1900.
Emmett F. Taggart,[1] Akron, 1901.
Walton Weber, Columbus, 1902.
Arthur C. Yengling, Salem, 1903.
B. M. Moulton,[2] 1904.
Amos Huffman,[2] 1905.
George A. Harmon,[2] 1906.
W. S. Rogers,[2] 1907.
John H. Sharer,[2] 1908.
George Hall,[1] Lima, 1909.
Charles H. Newton,[1] Marietta, 1909.
Henry A. Axline,[2] 1910.
J. F. Johnston,[2] 1911.
Chas. W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, 1912.
W. R. Warnock,[2] 1913.
J. Kent Hamilton,[2] 1914.
Seeley P. Mount,[1] Cleveland, 1915.
W. H. Surles,[2] 1916.
W. A. Pittenger,[2] 1917.
D. M. Hall,[1 5] Columbus, 1918.
H. C. Martindale,[1] Cleveland, 1919.
Jos. O. Gregg,[1] Columbus, 1893, transferred from Montana.
Frank M. Sterrett,[1] Troy, 1903, transferred from Missouri.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Keifer, past junior vice commander in chief.
[4] Comrade O'Neall, adjutant general.
[5] Comrade Hall, commander in chief.

OKLAHOMA (44).

[Organized Aug. 7, 1890. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 1,039; posts, 55. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie May 19–22, 1908.]

Department commander.....W. S. Tilton [1].....Anadarko.
Senior vice department commander.....F. A. Brown [1, 3].....Shawnee.
Junior vice department commander.....W. F. Clark.....Lamont.
Assistant adjutant general.....J. F. Ward [1].....Apache.

REPRESENTATIVES.

J. H. Norton,[1] Oklahoma City.
L. Obreiter, Oklahoma City.
I. W. Scherich,[1] Enid.
J. Q. Adamson,[1] Edmond.

ALTERNATES.

J. L. Waite, Blackwell.
E. G. Platts, Guthrie.
Henry Wair,[1] Bartlesville.
G. M. Watkins.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

C. M. Barnes,[4] Guthrie, 1890.
G. M. Coulton,[2] 1891.
D. F. Wyatt,[2] 1892.
T. H. Soward,[2] 1893.
J. P. Cummings,[2] 1894 (see California and Nevada).
H. G. Trosper,[2] 1895.
W. H. Cater,[2] 1896.
C. R. Young,[1] Guthrie, 1897.
G. D. Munger,[2] 1898.
J. J. S. Hassler [2] (died in office), 1899.
I. W. Rush,[2] 1899.
M. L. Mock,[2] 1900.
James E. Burns,[5] Fresno, Calif., 1901.
Wesley Taylor,[2] 1902.
Cyrus P. Green, Enid, 1903.
S. P. Strahan,[1] Perry, 1904.
G. M. Parks,[2] 1905.
Peter A. Becker,[2] 1906.
W. H. Hornaday, Guthrie, 1907.
H. Veatch,[2] 1908.
William Higgins, Bartlesville, 1909.
B. N. Turk, Enid, 1910.
Wilberforce Jones,[4] 1911.
W. R. Kelley, Kingfisher, 1912.
L. C. Coffin,[1] Elgin, 1913.
George W. Billings [2] (died in office), 1914.
George W. Fletcher, Dover, 1914.
A. A. Beasler,[1] Chandler, 1915.
Albert Reeves, Tulsa, 1916.
J. C. White,[1] Oklahoma City, 1917.
F. E. Hills,[1] Enid, 1918.
F. M. Cline,[1] Woodward, 1919.

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E. Calkins,[2] 1891.
B. F. Harris,[2] 1892.
J. H. Spann, McAlester, 1893.
Savelon Boyles,[2] 1894.
J. L. Thomas,[2] 1895.
William H. Harrison,[2] 1896.
R. M. J. Shriver, Miami, 1897.
David Redfield, Ardmore, 1898.
Gideon S. White,[4] 1899.
John S. Hammer,[2] 1900–1902.
J. A. Rose,[4] 1903.
Robert Ross,[2] 1904.
Samuel H. Smith, Muskogee, 1905.
J. F. Ayers,[2] 1906.
A. G. Krutchmer,[2] 1907.
D. W. Eastman,[2] 1898, transferred from Kansas.
John C. Gipson,[6] 1902, transferred from North Dakota.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Brown, national council of administration.
[4] Not now a member of order.
[5] Comrade Burns. See California and Nevada.
[6] Comrade Gipson. See New York.

OREGON (26).

[Organized Sept. 28, 1882. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 1,660; posts, 62.]

Department commander.....J. T. Butler [1].....Gladstone.
Senior vice department commander.....R. N. Abbott.....Astoria.
Junior vice department commander.....Daniel Clark.....Lents.
Assistant adjutant general.....C. A. Williams.....Portland.

OREGON—Continued.

REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
J. W. Ogilbee,[1] Portland.	E. E. Covey, Portland.
L. N. Guy, Portland.	C. A. Huston,[1] Salem.
George R. Castner,[1] Hood River.	G. W. Wannacott, Gresham.
J. M. Shelley,[1] Eugene.	V. S. Grout, Roseburg.
D. F. Lane,[1] Salem.	W. H. Hay, Forest Grove.
B. F. Allen, Astoria.	C. B. Zeek, Bandon.
C. H. Welch, Portland.	H. O. Canfield,[1] Portland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

N. S. Pierce,[2] 1882.
G. E. Caulkin,[2] 1883.
F. J. Babcock,[2] 1884.
F. H. Lamb, Inverness, Calif, 1885–86.
M. L. Olmstead,[2] 1887.
A. E. Borthwick,[2] 1888.
E. B. McElroy,[2] 1889.
James A. Varney,[2] 1890.
Owen Summers,[2] 1891.
H. H. Northup, Portland, 1892.
J. C. Cooper, McMinnville, 1893.
S. B. Ormsby,[2] 1894.
E. W. Allen,[2] 1895.
D. C. Sherman,[2] 1896.
Frank Reisner,[2] 1897.
C. P. Holloway, Portland, 1898.
H. V. Gates, Hillsboro, 1899.
A. J. Goodbrod,[2] 1900.
J. A. Sladen,[2] 1901.
M. L. Pratt, Portland, 1902.
D. H. Turner, McMinnville, 1903.
B. F. Pike, Newberg, 1904.
T. E. Hills, Garden Home, 1905.
Hamer Sutcliffe,[2] 1906.
S. F. Blythe,[1] Hood River, 1907.
J. T. Apperson,[2] 1908.
James P. Shaw,[1] Portland, 1909.
W. J. R. Beach, Forest Grove, 1910.
Newton Clark,[2] 1911.
Thomas B. McDevitt, Portland, 1912.
S. W. Taylor, Roseburg, 1913.
H. S. Fargo,[2] 1914.
George A. Harding, Oregon City, 1915.
J. E. Hall,[1] Portland, 1916.
J. G. Chambers,[1,3] Portland, 1917.
T. H. Stevens, Portland, 1918.
Daniel Webster, Salem, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Chambers, senior vice commander in chief.

PENNSYLVANIA (3).

[Organized Jan. 16, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 10,019; posts, 430.]

Department commander—C. H. William Ruhe[1]—Pittsburgh.
Senior vice department commander—J. M. Marshall[1]—Indiana.
Junior vice department commander—John S. Leinbach—Williamsport.
Assistant adjutant general—Samuel P. Town[1]—Philadelphia.

REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
Harry White,[2] Indiana.	David Challenger,[1] Harrisburg.
C. C. Arensberg,[1] Pittsburgh.	George D. Runk, Clearfield.
J. C. Forncrook, Harrisburg.	F. K. Ployer, Mechanicsburg.
J. R. Long,[1] Freeport.	J. M. Owen, Lewistown.
Thomas P. Stevens,[1] Indiana.	A. D. Hutchinson, Allentown.
H. H. Spayd,[1] Minersville.	J. H. Long, Strasburg.
W. S. Seabold,[1] Annville.	P. F. Welteroth, Wilkes-Barre.
W. F. Hambright,[1] Lancaster.	J. H. Minds, Houtsdale.
H. H. Bengough,[1] Pittsburgh.	S. E. Scott, Steelton.
Hugh R. Fulton,[1] Lancaster.	James Shaw, Pittsburgh.
Seth Bowers,[1] Milton.	C. W. Hoffman, Latrobe.
William J. Day, Washington.	V. C. Knorr, Braddock.
William J. Giles,[1] McKeesport.	B. H. Bowman, Huntingdon Mills.
J. M. McCurdy,[1] Altoona.	D. F. Dickey, New Kensington.
John B. Patrick,[1] Harrisburg.	H. C. Schenck, Lancaster.
A. Filson Dalzell,[1] Pittsburgh.	F. H. Fratz, Lancaster.
B. J. Coll, Pittsburgh.	W. H. Rodgers, Mifflintown.
J. H. Langsdale,[1] Pittsburgh.	F. V. Carls, Altoona.
Thomas A. Cochran,[1] Apollo.	C. W. Ewing, Tyrone.

PENNSYLVANIA—Continued.

REPRESENTATIVES—continued.

Campbell Stanton,[1] Pittsburgh.
A. C. Scholl,[1] Williamsport.
A. J. Bower,[1] Uniontown.
George S. Rudolph,[1] Pittsburgh.
W. B. Hanna,[1] Springdale.
W. A. Lowry, Butler.
J. I. Shoemaker,[1] Wyoming.
D. M. Lotz,[1] Hollidaysburg.
S. E. Gill,[1] Pittsburgh.
Daniel Donne,[1] Pottsville.
A. H. Schaper,[1] Erie.
C. R. Lantz,[1] Lebanon.
J. W. Kauffman,[1] Huntingdon.
Allen A. Clifton,[1] Easton.
A. J. Ellis,[1] Uniontown.

ALTERNATES—continued.

Thomas Wardrop,[1] Mount Carmel.
H. H. Dutton,[1] West Chester.
J. H. McClennin, Greensburg.
John A. Califf, Towanda.
James Frederick, Wyoming.
L. B. Lomax, Chester.
J. W. Rutter, Lock Haven.
J. Zimmerman, Greensburg.
D. S. Beemer,[1] Scranton.
O. L. Roushey, Dallas.
J. M. McCune, Lancaster.
L. T. Carpenter, Lock Haven.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Louis Wagner,[2] 1866–67.
A. L. Pearson,[2] 1868.
O. C. Bosbyshell, Philadelphia, 1869.
Howard J. Reeder,[2] 1870–71.
Frank Reeder,[2] 1872.
Robert B. Beath,[2] 1873.
A. Wilson Norris,[2] 1874.
W. W. Tyson,[2] 1875.
James W. Latta, Philadelphia, 1876.
Samuel I. Givin,[2] 1877.
Charles T. Hull,[2] 1878.
George L. Brown,[2] 1879.
Chill W. Hazzard,[2] 1880.
John Taylor,[2] 1881.
John M. Vanderslice,[2] 1882.
E. S. Osborne,[2] 1883.
Frederick H. Dyer, Des Moines, Iowa, 1884.
F. Austin Curtin,[2] 1885.
J. P. S. Gobin,[2] 1886.
Samuel Harper,[2] 1887.
Frank J. Magee,[2] 1888.
Thomas J. Stewart,[2] 1889.
Joseph F. Denniston,[2] 1890.
George G. Boyer,[2] 1891.
John P. Taylor,[2] 1892.
Thomas G. Sample,[2] 1893.
William Emsley,[2] 1894.
H. H. Cumings,[2] 1895.
Alfred Darte,[2] 1896.
William D. Stauffer, Lancaster, 1897.
Wm. J. Patterson,[1 3] Pittsburgh, 1898.
James F. Morrison,[2] 1899.
Charles Miller, Franklin, 1900.
Levi G. McCauley,[2] 1901.
R. P. Scott,[2] 1902.
Edwin Walton,[2] 1903.
John McNevin,[2] 1904.
J. Andrew Wilt,[1 4] Towanda, 1905.
M. A. Gherst,[2] 1906.
William T. Powell,[1] Pittsburgh, 1907.
P. DeLacy,[2] 1908.
Thad. M. Mahon,[2] 1909.
L. W. Moore,[2] 1910.
N. P. Kingsley,[2] 1911.
Thomas H. Cole, Erie, 1912.
William J. Wells,[2] 1913.
John A. Fairman,[1] Pittsburgh, 1914.
C. C. Gramlich, Philadelphia, 1915.
L. F. Arensburg,[1] E. Millsboro, 1916.
Noah Dietrich,[1] Easton, 1917.
J. D. Hicks,[1] Altoona, 1918.
George W. Rhoads,[1] Harrisburg, 1919.
James E. Porter,[2] 1895 (see Virginia and North Carolina).
James M. Davis,[2] 1898 (see Virginia and North Carolina).

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Patterson, past commander in chief.
[4] Comrade Wilt, national council of administration.

POTOMAC (14).

[Organized Feb. 13, 1869. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 782; posts, 12.]

Department commander——John McElroy[1]——Washington, D. C.
Senior vice department commander——F. W. Archibald[1]——Washington, D. C.
Junior vice department commander——Alfred Shaw[1]——Washington, D. C.
Assistant adjutant general——O. H. Oldroyd[1]——Washington, D. C.

POTOMAC—Continued.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Jeremiah Wilt,[1] Washington, D. C.
Isaac D. Williamson,[2]
Charles Loeffler,[1] Washington, D. C.
B. F. Davis, Washington, D. C.

ALTERNATES.

E. J. Hartshorn,[1] Kensington, Md.
John A. Haskins,[1] Washington, D. C.
J. E. Richmond, Washington, D. C.
C. B. Lower, Washington, D. C.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Samuel A. Duncan,[2] 1869.
Timothy Luby,[2] 1870–72.
Frank H. Sprague,[2] 1873–74.
Benjamin F. Hawkes,[2] 1876.
A. H. G. Richardson,[2] 1877.
Geo. E. Corson, Washington, 1878.
Harrison Dingman,[3] Washington, 1879.
Chas. C. Royce,[4] Washington, 1880.
William Gibson,[2] 1881.
Samuel S. Burdett,[2] 1882–83.
D. S. Alexander,[5] Buffalo, N. Y., 1884.
Newton M. Brooks, Washington, 1885.
Jerome B. Burke, Washington, 1886–87.
Charles P. Lincoln,[2] 1888.
William S. Odell,[2] 1889.
M. Emmett Urell,[2] 1890.
J. M. Pipes,[2] Washington, 1891.
A. F. Dinsmore, Washington, 1892.
S. E. Faunce, Washington, 1893.
Nathan Bickford,[2] 1894.
Marion T. Anderson,[2] 1895.
John McElroy,[1 6] Washington, 1896.
Thomas S. Hopkins, Washington, 1897.
Arthur Hendricks,[2] 1898.
Calvin Farnsworth, Washington, 1899.
George H. Slaybaugh,[1 7] Washington, 1900.
Israel W. Stone,[2] 1901.
B. F. Bingham, Washington, 1902.
I. G. Kimball,[2] 1903.
Abram Hart,[2] 1904.
A. P. Tasker, Washington, 1905.
B. P. Entrikin, Washington, 1906.
Newton Ferree, Washington, 1907.
John S. Walker,[2] 1908.
Edwin H. Holbrook,[2] 1909.
Henry A. Johnson,[1] Washington, 1910.
George C. Ross,[2] 1911.
J. D. Bloodgood,[2] 1912.
Thos. H. McKee,[1] Washington, 1913.
J. K. Gleason,[2] 1914.
L. H. Patterson, Washington, 1915.
A. H. Huntoon, Washington, 1916.
A. H. Frear,[1] Washington, 1917.
S. G. Mawson, Washington, 1918.
H. B. Snyder, Washington, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Dingman, past junior vice commander in chief.
[4] Comrade Royce, past junior vice commander in chief.
[5] Comrade Alexander. See New York.
[6] Comrade McElroy, past senior vice commander in chief.
[7] Comrade Slaybaugh, past senior vice commander in chief.

RHODE ISLAND (11).

[Organized Mar. 24, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 664; posts, 22.]

Department commander.....William Massey[1].....Pawtucket.
Senior vice department commander.....Fred. S. Oakley[1].....Norwood.
Junior vice department commander.....John J. Bellows[1].....Providence.
Assistant adjutant general.....H. J. Pickersgill[1].....East Providence.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Giles S. Congdon, Bristol.
John M. Burdick,[1] Riverpoint.
George Messenger,[1] Providence.

ALTERNATES.

Christopher H. Carpenter,[1] Providence.
Henry W. Pickering, Woonsocket.
James A. Abbott, Washington, D. C.

[1] Present.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Ambrose E. Burnside,[2] 1868.
Horatio Rogers,[2] 1869.
Charles R. Brayton,[2] 1870–71.
Elisha H. Rhodes,[2] 1872–73.
Edwin Metcalf,[2] 1874.
Edwin C. Pomroy,[2] 1875.
Charles H. Williams,[2] 1876.
Henry J. Spooner,[2] 1877.
Fred A. Arnold, Providence, 1878.
Henry R. Barker,[2] 1879.
Charles C. Gray,[2] 1880.
William H. P. Steers,[2] 1881
Henry F. Jenks,[2] 1882.
Philip S. Chase,[2] 1883.
Andrew K. McMahon, Newport, 1884.
Eugene A. Cory,[2] 1885.
Theodore A. Barton,[2] 1886.
Benjamin L. Hall, Edgewood, 1887.

RHODE ISLAND—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Gideon Spencer,[2] 1888.
Alonzo Williams,[2] 1889.
Benjamin F. Davis,[2] 1890.
Benjamin H. Child,[2] 1891.
David S. Ray,[2] 1892.
George T. Cranston,[2] 1893.
Charles H. Baker,[2] 1894.
Daniel R. Ballou, Providence, 1895.
William E. Stone,[2] 1896.
Livingston Scott,[2] 1897.
Samuel W. K. Allen,[2] 1898.
Charles O. Ballou,[2] 1899.
Walter A. Read,[2] 1900.
Charles P. Moies,[2] 1901.
George H. Chenery,[2] 1902.
James S. Hudson,[2] 1903.
Joseph Wooley,[2] 1904.
Ezra K. Parker,[2] 1905.
George L. Greene,[2] 1906.
Edward Wilcox,[2] 1907.
William O. Milne,[2] 1908.
Francello G. Jillson,[2] 1909.
Charles H. Ewer,[2] 1910.
Ezra Dixon, Bristol, 1911.
Thomas M. Holden, Riverpoint, 1912.
George H. Cheek, Pawtucket, 1913.
Gilbert Wilson, Providence, 1914.
Henry J. Pickersgill,[1, 3] East Providence, 1915.
Joseph Gough, Olneyville, 1916.
Augustine A. Mann, Central Falls, 1917.
Murdock C. McKenzie, Bristol, 1918.
Fred A. Burt, Greenwood, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Pickersgill, assistant adjutant general.

SOUTH DAKOTA (29).

[Organized Mar. 20, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 633; posts, 55.]

Department commander	E. L. Hurlbut[1]	Rapid City.
Senior vice department commander	L. E. Bloodgood	Huron.
Junior vice department commander	J. E. Davis[1]	Lennox.
Assistant Adjutant General	C. A. B. Fox[1]	Sioux Falls.

REPRESENTATIVES.

H. C. Neumeyer,[1] Alpena.
T. T. Snow,[1] Sioux Falls.
C. W. Truax,[1] Huron.

ALTERNATES.

I. L. Bates, Groton.
F. C. Boyd, Springfield.
Harry Shields, Huron.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thomas S. Free,[2] 1883–84.
W. V. Lucas,[3] Santa Cruz, 1885–86.
Harrison Allen,[2] 1887.
S. F. Hammond,[2] 1888.
George A. Silsby,[2] 1889.
E. T. Langley,[4] Santa Ana, Calif., 1890.
C. S. Palmer,[5] Burlington, Vt., 1891.
J. B. Hoit,[2] 1892.
N. C. Nash,[2] 1893.
George W. Carpenter,[2] 1894.
S. R. Drake,[2] 1895.
John Ackley,[2] 1896 (died in office).
John F. Baker, Zephyrhills, Fla., 1896.
C. B. Clark, Hot Springs, 1897.
E. P. Farr, Hot Springs, 1898.
W. L. Palmer,[2] 1899 (see New York).
Philip Lawrence,[1] Pomona, Calif., 1900.
George W. Snow,[1] Springfield, 1901.
Thomas E. Blanchard,[6] Santa Cruz, Calif., 1902.
Thomas Reed,[2] 1903.
H. P. Packard, Redfield,[1] 1904.
J. B. Wolgemuth,[2] 1905 (See Montana).
N. I. Lothian,[2] 1906.
T. C. De Jean, Plankinton,[1,7] 1907.
Warren G. Osborn, Zephyrhills, Fla., 1908.
Alexander S. Stewart,[2] 1909.
N. H. Kingman,[1] Eugene, Oreg., 1910.
Thomas H. Brown,[1] Sioux Falls, 1911.
O. S. Gifford,[2] 1912 (died in office).
H. L. Ferry Vermilion, 1912.
John L. Jolley, Vermilion, 1913.
C. A. B. Fox,[1,8] Sioux Falls, 1914.
Chas. S. Blodgett, Rapid City, 1915.
Walter H. Carr, Yankton, 1916.
J. C. Luce,[1] Groton, 1917.
James S. Sebree, Pierre, 1918.
A. L. Van Osdel, Mission Hill, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Lucas. See California and Nevada.
[4] Comrade Langley. See California and Nevada.
[5] Comrade C. S. Palmer. See Vermont.
[6] Comrade Blanchard. See California and Nevada.
[7] Comrade De Jean, national council of administration.
[8] Comrade Fox, assistant adjutant general.

TENNESSEE (34).

[Organized Feb. 26, 1884. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 500; posts, 24.]

Department commander.....O. L. Thompson[1].....Rockwood.
Senior vice department commander...William E. Rhegness[1].....Jackson.
Junior vice department commander...W. W. Lowery[1].....Riceville.
Assistant adjutant general.....B. F. Bashor[1].....Knoxville.

REPRESENTATIVES.

O. T. French, Greenville.
H. A. Mooney,[1] Nat'l Soldiers' Home.
Silas Flournoy, Greenville.

ALTERNATES.

John Grey,[1] Greenville.
W. C. Chandler,[1] Knoxville.
Alexander Eckle, Knoxville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Edward S. Jones,[2] 1884–85.
E. E. Winters,[3] 1886.
William J. Ramage,[2] 1887.
William Rule,[2] 1888.
A. H. Pettibone,[2] 1889.
Charles F. Muller,[3] 1890.
A. J. Gahagan, Chattanooga, 1891.
Frank C. Whittaker,[2] 1892.
Frank Seaman,[2] 1893.
W. E. F. Milburn,[4] National Soldiers' Home, 1894.
William J. Smith,[2] 1895.
Halbert B. Case,[2] 1896–97.
Wm. N. Nelson, Backwoods, 1898.
Henry Crumbliss,[2] 1899.
S. T. Harris, Dandridge, 1900.
M. M. Harris,[2] 1901.
George W. Patten,[2] 1902–3.
Ben A. Hamilton,[2] 1904.
Walton W. French,[2] 1905.
John T. Wilder,[2] 1906.
Will A. McTeer,[1] Maryville, 1907.
S. W. Tindell, National Soldiers' Home, 1908.
D. Minor Steward,[1] Chattanooga, 1909.
Ignaz Fanz, Knoxville, 1910.
Chas. H. Flournoy, Knoxville, 1911.
A. M. Gamble, Maryville, 1912.
W. D. Atchley, Sevierville, 1913.
A. P. Thompson,[2] 1914 (died in office).
D. D. Nicholas,[2] 1914.
F. M. Underwood,[1] Knoxville, 1915.
J. R. Kennedy,[1] Louisville, 1916.
O. C. Kinley,[1] National Soldiers' Home, Kansas, 1917.
W. F. Roberts,[1] Memphis, 1918.
F. M. Fessenden,[1] Chattanooga, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Not now a member of order.
[4] Honors lost by withdrawal from order.

TEXAS (38).

[Organized Mar. 25, 1885. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 242; posts, 8.]

Department commander.....Max Hunt[1].....Houston.
Senior vice department commander...J. S. Ewing.....San Antonio.
Junior vice department commander...Byron P. Drowne.....El Paso.
Assistant adjutant general.....E. N. Ketchum.....Galveston.

REPRESENTATIVES.

A. Rockhold,[1] Dallas.
J. D. Lesch, Fort Worth.

ALTERNATES.

Nat. Underwood,[1] San Antonio.
J. C. Bump, Floresville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. D. Wylie,[2] 1885.
O. T. Lyon,[2] 1886.
W. H. Sinclair,[2] 1887.
J. C. DeGress,[2] 1888.
A. G. Malloy,[2] 1889.
A. K. Taylor,[2] 1890.
M. W. Mann,[2] 1891.
O. G. Peterson,[2] 1892.
John W. Park,[2] 1893.
R. M. Moore,[2] 1894.
W. W. Bostwick, Longmont, Colo., 1895.
G. W. McCormick,[2] 1896.
Ed. N. Ketchum,[3] Galveston, 1897.
W. F. Conner,[2] 1898.
John Roach,[2] 1899.
Charles B. Peck,[2] 1900.
P. B. Hunt,[2] 1901.
C. C. Haskell,[2] 1902.
John H. Bolton,[2] 1903.
John L. Boyd, Dallas, 1904.
Elmore A. Russell,[2] 1905.
W. H. Harvey,[2] 1906.
L. L. Whitaker,[2] 1907.
Thomas M. Wright,[2] 1908.
Calvin R. Hubbard,[2] 1909.
J. S. Dunlap, Dallas, 1910.
W. O. Kretsinger,[2] 1911.

TEXAS—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

E. P. Brown, Fort Worth, 1912.
Sidney Tuttle,[2] 1913.
Robert McCormick, Dallas, 1914.
C. S. Brodbent,[1] San Antonio, 1915.
C. A. Cahoon,[2] 1916.
M. B. Young, Weatherford, 1917.
Anson Miller,[1] Anahuac, 1918.
Edward Loomis,[1] San Antonio, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Ketchum, assistant adjutant general.

UTAH (33).

[Organized Oct. 8, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 162; posts, 5.]

Department commander	Ezra D. Haskins	Salt Lake City
Senior vice department commander	Seymour B. Young[1]	Salt Lake City
Junior vice department commander	Charles Rollow	Ogden
Assistant adjutant general	John M. Bowman	Salt Lake City

REPRESENTATIVES.

A. Van Patten,[1] Ogden.
W. H. McMahill,[1] Logan.

ALTERNATES.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

George C. Douglas,[2] 1883.
Ransford Smith,[2] 1884.
Henry C. Wardleigh,[2] 1885.
Elijah Sells,[2] 1886.
Eli H. Murray,[2] 1887.
Nathan Kimball,[2] 1888.
Henry T. Snyder,[2] 1889.
Henry Page,[2] 1890.
Frank Hoffman,[2] 1891.
James R. Elliott,[2] 1892.
J. W. Greenman,[2] 1893.
Thomas C. Iliff,[2] 1894.
Charles O. Farnsworth,[2] 1895.
M. M. Kellogg,[2] 1896.
Thomas C. Bailey,[2] 1897.
Norman H. Ives, Ely, Nev., 1898.
Maurice M. Kaighn,[2] 1899.
Marshall A. Breeden,[2] 1900 (see California and Nevada).
Rudolph Alf,[2] 1901.
William M. Bostaph,[3] Salt Lake City, 1902.
Frank H. Clark,[2] 1903.
Henry P. Burns, Salt Lake City, 1904.
E. T. Hulaniski, Ogden, 1905.
B. M. Sperry, Salt Lake City, 1906.
Alfred Kent,[2] 1907.
R. G. Sleater,[2] 1908.
Lucian L. Smyth, Salt Lake City, 1909.
Thomas Lundy,[2] 1910.
A. B. Lawrence,[2] 1911.
J. W. Brown,[2] 1912 (died in office).
Frank H. Hall,[1] Salt Lake City, 1912.
Reuben Oehler,[2] 1913.
N. A. Heath, Ogden, 1914.
H. G. Rollins, Salt Lake City, 1915.
N. D. Corser, Salt Lake City, 1916–17.
J. C. A. Warfield, Salt Lake City, 1918.
C. W. A. Schnell, Salt Lake City, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Bostaph, past senior vice commander in chief.

VERMONT (13).

[Organized Dec. 23, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 1,147; posts, 83.]

Department commander	L. W. Bush[1]	Townshend.
Senior vice department commander	E. E. Pierce[1]	Springfield.
Junior vice department commander	Charles H. Stone[1]	Fairhaven.
Assistant adjutant general	H. P. Hunter[1]	Brattleboro.

REPRESENTATIVES.

George H. Waldron,[1] Springfield.
John R. Wilson, Worcester.
James E. Post, Rutland.
Charles H. Dunton, Poultney.
W. J. Cummings,[1] Benson.

ALTERNATES.

Charles H. Granger, Rutland.
Charles H. Cota, St. Albans.
Nathan C. Cushing, Woodstock.
Henry J. Allen, Brattleboro.
F. H. Ketchem, Randolph.
J. D. Hanrahan,[1] Rutland.
J. A. Thwing,[1] Bellows Falls.
A. M. Whitelaw,[1] Wells River.

VERMONT—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

George P. Foster,[2] 1868–69.
William W. Henry,[2] 1870–71.
Wheelock G. Veazey,[2] 1872–73.
Stephen Thomas,[2] 1874–75.
Theodore S. Peck,[2] 1876–77.
J. H. Goulding,[2] 1878–79.
George W. Hooker,[2] 1880–81.
A. B. Valentine,[2] 1882–83.
C. C. Kinsman,[2] 1884.
W. L. Greenleaf,[2] 1885.
George T. Childs,[2] 1886.
P. D. Blodgett,[2] 1887.
Herbert E. Taylor,[2] 1888.
A. S. Tracy,[2] 1889.
Z. M. Mansur,[2] 1890.
D. L. Morgan, Rutland, 1891.
Hugh Henry,[2] 1892.
George W. Doty,[2] 1893.
Charles F. Branch,[2] 1894.
Barney Cannon, jr.,[2] 1895.
N. M. Puffer,[2] 1896.
E. W. Jewett,[2] 1897.
L. B. Harris,[2] 1898.
F. G. Butterfield,[2] 1899.
U. A. Woodbury,[2] 1900.
Joel H. Lucia,[2] 1901.
R. E. Hathorn, Ludlow, 1902.
Frank Kenfield,[2] 1903.
James E. Eldridge,[2] 1904.
Seymour H. Wood, St. Albans, 1905.
John A. Sheldon,[2] 1906.
Andrew C. Brown,[2] 1907.
Charles E. Beach, Burlington, 1908.
Alvin B. Franklin, Townshend, 1909.
E. J. Foster,[1] Waterbury Center, 1910.
Chester M. Ferrin, Burlington, 1911.
Albert A. Niles, Morrisville, 1912.
Thomas Hannon, Bennington, 1913.
Edward Baker, Montpelier, 1914.
George P. Martin, Bennington, 1915.
Henry C. Streeter,[2] 1916.
C. T. S. Pierce,[1] Vergennes, 1917–18.
A. T. Woodward, Rutland, 1919.

C. S. Palmer, Burlington, 1891, transferred from South Dakota.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15).

[Organized July 27, 1871. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 287; posts, 20.]

Department commander.....Chas. H. Haber[1]...Nat'l Soldiers' Home.
Senior vice department commander....Charles Grandy[1]...Norfolk, Va.
Junior vice department commander....Geo. W. Gray.....Nat'l Soldiers' Home.
Assistant adjutant general.....Geo. W. Burchfield[1] Nat'l Soldiers' Home.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Peter Messitt, Nat'l Soldiers' Home.
Edmond Riddick,[1] Portsmouth, Va.

ALTERNATES.

W. S. Wilson, National Soldiers' Home.
J. J. Richards, Norfolk, Va.
H. W. House,[1] Portsmouth, Va.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

William N. Eaton,[2] 1874.
William H. Aspenzeller,[2] 1875–76.
William Ryder,[2] 1877.
R. F. Staples,[2] 1878.
Richard Bond,[2] 1879 (see Georgia and South Carolina).
A. B. Hurlburt,[2] 1880.
W. Hervey King,[2] 1881.
P. T. Woodfin,[2] 1882–83.
B. C. Cook,[2] 1884.
H. DeB. Clay,[2] 1885–86.
John W. Woodman, Portsmouth, Va., 1887–88.
R. P. Wheeler,[2] 1889.
N. J. Smith,[2] 1890.
H. B. Nichols,[2] 1891.
Edgar Allan,[2] 1892.
W. Whitcomb,[2] 1893.
Joseph G. Fulton,[2] 1894.
Jas. E. Porter,[2] 1895 (see Pennsylvania).
H. W. Weiss,[1 3] Emporia, Va., 1896.
John W. Stebbins, Norfolk, Va., 1897.
James M. Davis,[2] 1898 (see Pennsylvania).
John W. Rutter, Portsmouth, Va., 1899.
A. B. Heistand,[2] 1900.
Peter Morton,[2] 1901.
C. D. Grew,[2] 1902.
M. H. Haas,[2] 1903.
John C. Fowler,[2] 1904.
Isaac Powell, Newburn, N. C., 1905.
D. R. Wilson, Richmond, Va., 1906.
A. A. Hager,[2] 1907.
Thomas Fogerty,[2] 1908.
Frank M. Work, National Soldiers' Home, Ohio, 1909.
Charles H. Haber,[1 4] National Soldiers' Home, Virginia, 1910–1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Weiss, national council of administration.
[4] Comrade Haber, junior vice commander in chief.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30).

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 2,185; posts, 78.]

Department commander.....O. D. McDonald.....Bellingham.
Senior vice department commender...W. A. Inman.....Colfax.
Junior vice department commander...J. F. Murphy.....Yakima.
Assistant adjutant general.....Willis Richardson.....Bellingham.

REPRESENTATIVES.

A. P. Rounds,[1] Spokane.
Elias White,[1] Vancouver.
R. H. Ball,[1] Conner.
James H. Chase,[1] Cashmere.
W. A. Rollins, Yakima.
Jasper Gates, Mt. Vernon.
Henry Anderson, Tacoma.
I. N. Drake, Sunnyside.

ALTERNATES.

A. P. Lawrence, Seattle.
David Lincoln.
W. M. Badger, Yakima.
George W. Bowers, Walla Walla.
William Girard, Bellingham.
R. N. Ashmore, Chehalis.
Charles Crowell, Wenatchee.
A. B. Nolton, Seattle.
W. H. Robinson,[1] Tacoma.
A. W. Hastie,[1] Seattle.
A. B. Knowlton.[1]
W. L. Sively.[1]
E. E. Blossom.[1]

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

F. W. Sparling,[2] 1881–82.
George D. Hill,[2] 1883.
H. A. Morrow,[2] 1884.
A. M. Brooks, Seattle, 1885.
C. M. Holton,[2] 1886.
A. P. Curry,[2] 1887.
J. W. Sprague,[2] 1888.
S. C. Cosgrove,[2] 1889.
M. M. Holmes,[2] 1890.
D. G. Lovell,[2] 1891.
J. S. Brown, Rochester, 1892.
Joseph F. Sinclair,[2] 1893.
J. N. Scott,[2] 1894.
Norman Buck,[2] 1895.
C. T. Patterson,[2] 1896.
John F. McLean,[2] 1897.
George W. Tibbetts, Seattle, 1898.
J. W. Langley,[2] 1899.
R. B. Freeman, Spokane, 1900.
H. A. Bigelow,[2] 1901.
B. C. Bedell,[2] 1902.
Thomas H. Cavanaugh,[2] 1903.
Frank M. Davis, Seattle, 1904.
J. T. Goss,[2] 1905.
C. B. Dunning, Spokane, 1906.
W. H. Mock,[2] 1907.
George H. Boardman, Tacoma, 1908.
Lyman Banks,[2] 1909.
W. H. Wiscombe, Spokane, 1910.
F. H. Hurd,[3] Seattle, 1911.
R. R. Harding, Port Angeles, 1912.
J. E. Stewart, Spokane, 1913.
H. R. Gale, Bremerton, 1914.
H. W. North, Everett, 1915.
J. E. Gandy,[1] Spokane, 1916.
John J. See, Anacortes, 1917.
Samuel F. Street, Edmonds, 1918.
A. A. Stevens, Wenatchee, 1919.
E. A. Shores,[1] Tacoma, 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.
John Phelps, Orting, 1889, transferred from Missouri.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Hurd, national council of administration.

WEST VIRGINIA (28).

[Organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized Feb. 29, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 699; posts, 27.]

Department commander.....W. S. Grafton[1].....Wheeling.
Senior vice department commander...H. S. White.....Matewan.
Junior vice department commander...Peter Loy[1].....Sistersville.
Assistant adjutant general.....W. W. Rogers[1].....Wheeling.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Thomas Carter, Parkersburg.
Silas Henderson, Meadeville.
E. L. Hersey, Fairmont.

ALTERNATES.

N. A. Beehgle, Parkersburg.
F. W. H. Baldwin, Moundsville.

WEST VIRGINIA—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. H. H. Flick,[2] 1883.
C. B. Smith,[2] 1884.
John Carlin,[2] 1885.
G. W. Taggart,[2] 1886.
Lee Haymond,[2] 1887.
R. E. Fleming,[2] 1888.
S. S. Hazen,[2] 1889.
George J. Walker,[2] 1890.
I. H. Duval,[2] 1891.
Charles E. Anderson, Weston, 1892.
Anthony Smith, Harrisville, 1893.
F. H. Crago,[2] 1894.
R. E. Lee,[2] 1895.
R. H. Freer,[2] 1896.
Thomas A. Maulsby,[2] 1897.
Richard Robertson, Wheeling, 1898.
Charles R. LaValley,[2] 1899.
Arnold Brandley, Elkins, 1900.
M. B. Bartlett,[2] 1901.
C. C. Mathews, Moundsville, 1902.
Alexander C. Moore,[2] 1903.
O. H. Michaelson, Charleston, 1904.
J. W. Shroyer,[2] 1905.
Thomas M. Mills, New Martinsville, 1906.
Isaac M. Adams,[1] Ravenswood, 1907.
Thomas R. Marks,[2] 1908.
D. Mayer,[2] 1909.
J. L. Caldwell,[1] Huntington, 1910.
Thomas V. Salisbury,[2] 1911.
E. A. Billingslea,[3] Fairmont, 1912.
John Millan,[2] 1913.
Thomas C. Hammond, Moundsville, 1914.
C. T. Reed,[2] 1915.
James T. Piggott, Parkersburg, 1916.
S. R. Hanen, Glen Easton, 1917.
W. T. Cox,[2] 1918 (died in office).
L. B. Moore, Parkersburg, 1918–19.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Billingslea, national council of administration.

WISCONSIN (2).

[Organized June 7, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1919, 3,113; posts, 168.]

Department commander—Walter O. Pietzsch[1]—Madison.
Senior vice department commander—M. L. Snyder[1]—Waukesha.
Junior vice department commander—Dennis Meidam—Appleton.
Assistant adjutant general—W. J. McKay[1]—Madison.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Michael Rabyor,[1] Janesville.
B. W. Collins, Sheboygan.
Alex. B. Campbell,[1] Albion.
Tom L. Johnson, Nat'l Sol. Home.
H. W. F. Fisher, Milwaukee.
Murray McCallum, Menasha.
W. B. Blackly, Baraboo.
John W. Evans, Waupaca.
J. M. Whitley,[1] De Pere.
George F. Hellas, Eau Claire.
John H. Hellweg, Hayward.

ALTERNATES.

David Oram, Racine.
E. B. Heimstreet,[1] Lake Mills.
S. D. Gault, Richland Center.
James A. Turner, Milwaukee.
Alexander Arissman, Milwaukee.
F. J. Winkler, Shilton.
George B. Dodd, Baraboo.
James A. Bremmer, Stevens Point.
Henry C. Smith, Green Bay.
John W. Thomas,[1] Chippewa Falls.
Robert Inglis, Bayfield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

James K. Proudfit,[2] 1866.
H. A. Starr,[2] 1867.
J. M. Rush,[2] 1868.
T. S. Allen,[2] 1869–70.
Edward Ferguson,[2] 1871–72.
A. J. McCoy,[2] 1873.
G. A. Hannaford, Boise, Idaho, 1874–75.
John Hancock,[2] 1876.
Henry G. Rogers,[2] 1877.
F. S. Hammond,[2] 1878.
Griff J. Thomas,[3] Harvard, Nebr., 1879–1881.
H. M. Enos,[2] 1882.
Phil Cheek,[2] 1883–84.
James Davidson,[2] 1885.
Lucius Fairchild,[2] 1886.
H. P. Fisher,[2] 1886.
Michael Griffin,[2] 1887.
A. G. Weissert,[4] Milwaukee, 1888.
Leander Ferguson, Brandon, 1889.
Benj. F. Bryant,[2] 1890.
W. H. Upham, Marshfield, 1891.
C. B. Welton,[2] 1892.
E. A. Shores,[5] Tacoma, Wash., 1893.
J. A. Watrous, Waupaca, 1894.
W. D. Hoard,[2] 1895.
D. Lloyd Jones,[2] 1896.
E. B. Gray,[2] 1897.

WISCONSIN—Continued.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

C. H. Russell,[2] 1898.
Henry Harnden,[2] 1899.
S. H. Tallmadge,[2] 1899.
D. G. James,[1] Richland Center, 1900.
A. H. DeGroff,[6] San Jose, Calif., 1901.
J. H. Agen, Houston, Tex., 1902.
J. P. Rundle, Milwaukee, 1903.
Pliny Norcross,[2] 1904.
F. A. Copeland, LaCrosse, 1905.
John W. Ganes, Ripon, 1906.
John C. Martin,[1] Madison, 1907.
E. D. Coe,[2] 1908.
R. B. Laing, Racine, 1909.
William H. Grinnell,[1] Beloit, 1909.
Frank A. Walsh,[1] Milwaukee, 1910.
Hiram J. Smith, Racine, 1911.
Geo. Spratt,[1] Sheboygan Falls, 1912.
Charles H. Henry, Eau Claire, 1913.
S. A. Cook,[2] 1914.
W. J. McKay,[1 7] Madison, 1915.
O. L. Rosenkrans, Milwaukee, 1916.
William A. Wyse, Reedsburg, 1917.
George D. Breed, Chilton, 1918.
Robert R. Campbell, Green Bay, 1919.

[1] Present.
[2] Deceased.
[3] Comrade Thomas. See Nebraska.
[4] Comrade Weissert, past commander in chief.
[5] Comrade Shores. See Washington and Alaska.
[6] Comrade DeGroff. See California and Nevada.
[7] Comrade McKay, assistant adjutant general.

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DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, ACCORDING TO DATES OF PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AS HERETOFORE ANNOUNCED.

No.	Department.	Organized.
1	Illinois	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina As department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina May 20, 1892.	July 27, 1871
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868	June 9, 1876[1]
17	Nebraska	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868	Jan. 22, 1879 [1]
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866	Jan. 23, 1879 [1]
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866	Oct. 3, 1879 [1]
21	Colorado and Wyoming As department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming Aug. 28, 1889.	Dec. 11, 1879
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1866	Mar. 16, 1880 [1]
23	Delaware	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867	Aug. 17, 1881 [1]
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867	Apr. 22, 1882 [1]
26	Oregon	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868	Feb. 20, 1883 [1]
29	South Dakota As department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota Apr. 11, 1890.	Feb. 27, 1883
30	Washington and Alaska	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico	July 14, 1883
33	Utah	Oct. 8, 1883
34	Tennessee	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi As department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888.	May 15, 1884
36	Florida	June 19, 1884
37	Montana	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma As department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma July 3, 1891.	Aug. 7, 1890
45	Indian Territory Consolidated with and merged into the department of Oklahoma May 19–22, 1908.	July 3, 1891

[1] Reorganized.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 1920.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1920—MORNING SESSION.

The Fifty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened at Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, Ind., on September 23, 1920, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The encampment was opened in due form by Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall.

The following-named comrades were in charge of Tomlinson Hall, under the direction of Chief of Staff George A. Hosley, performing their duties efficiently:

Officer of the day: Zach T. Landers, Anderson Post, Indianapolis (who acted in a similar capacity at the Twenty-seventh National Encampment held in Indianapolis in 1893).

Officer of the guard: H. L. Bruce, Joseph R. Gordon Post, Indianapolis.

Members of the guard: Ben Jerrald, D. W. Fox, W. R. Shearer, Isaac Julian, Irby Wagoner, and Ben F. Bitner, of Thomas Post; Henry Lauer, Joe Jerard, Wm. Neiman, Fred Sturn, A. Helen, and B. C. Cantur, of Joseph R. Gordon Post; H. L. Trublood, Ely Smith, and Joshua Humble, of Chapman Post; Robert Clark, George Eagle, Rack Royster, and J. J. Sincebaugh, of Anderson Post, all of Indianapolis.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, now let us have quiet. I am going to ask an unusual thing of you at the opening. I am going to ask every member to rise to his feet, and stand with bowed head for one moment in memory of him whom we elected commander in chief and who we expected would preside over us to-day.

(The representatives rise and stand with bowed heads.)

The chaplain will now invoke the Divine blessing.

Chaplain in Chief W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Our kind Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for the favorable circumstances under which we assemble in this encampment. We thank Thee for the mercies that have attended us through the past year and through the years that have come and gone. And though our chosen beloved commander has been called away and though thousands of others have finished their lives here upon earth, we thank Thee that they still live in their influence. Their manhood and their uprightness and their loyalty are our common heritage for the years to come.

We thank Thee, dear Father, for the blessings that have rested upon us individually and as members of the Grand Army of the Republic. We thank Thee, our Father, that our commander has had health and strength to meet the arduous duties that have come

unexpectedly upon him. Give him strength during these remaining days that we may rightly finish the work of this encampment.

Now, our Father, may Thy blessings attend us. Help us in all of our discussions to keep our heads. Help us to realize that we may differ upon great vital questions and yet we may be equally patriotic. Bless us as an order, and bless our Nation. O, God, our Father, in all the years that have rolled by, we thank Thee that we have the evidence that Thy right hand has been guiding us, and in this time of dissension and in this time of turmoil we pray that the right may triumph and that evil may be overthrown.

May Thy blessings rest upon our officers, upon all our membership, and grant that the closing days of the closing years of these comrades may be the richest and the best and the happiest, and may their influence still continue as the years roll by. We ask all in the Master's name. Amen.

The Commander in Chief. I will ask you to remain standing while we sing the first and last verses of "America."

Comrade William L. Heiskell, of Indiana (leading). Sing it as though you believed that this was and is your country, the best country on earth.

("America" was then sung by those present in an enthusiastic manner.)

The Commander in Chief. The first business in order will be the report of the credentials committee. Without having any report ready, I am satisfied that there is a quorum, more than a quorum present, and I am going to say to you that this encampment is now open for the transaction of business. Comrade Ketcham has an announcement to make.

Comrade William A. Ketcham, of Indiana. Comrades, I want to borrow your ears for a minute, and I want especially the attention of your assistant adjutants general. To-morrow afternoon, as near 2 o'clock as possible, after the adjournment of the encampment and the installation of the officers, the citizens of Indianapolis will give to the representatives—mark that, representatives—an automobile ride, finishing up with a parade of the troops at Fort Benjamin Harrison and a lunch given by the colonel in command, and the committee wants to know by 12 o'clock to-day how many representatives desire to participate in that ride. They want to have enough automobiles and they don't want too many. The automobiles will be in Monument Place at 2 o'clock. Monument Place has been properly closed to all vehicle traffic during encampment week, but the barriers will be let down in order that the boys and their automobiles can get through without any trouble. Now, if you will kindly have your assistant adjutants general ascertain how many from your department want to participate in this ride and send the number here to headquarters, and the adjutant general will find out how many on the stage want to go, it will be a great accommodation to the good citizens of Indianapolis. You want to understand that you must wear your badges. That is all that will be asked of you, and if you have left your badges at home you can not get into an automobile on the password. You get into an automobile on your badges and nothing else. Because so wise a man as Charlie Burton didn't understand the announcement, I want to make it plain. Nobody is to go on that trip except representatives. Your wives, your

daughters, your friends must amuse themselves as best they can otherwise. They are not invited to go on that ride.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. I desire to ask a question. The comrade in announcing the invitation to ride emphasized representatives. Does that include all members of this encampment, the past department commanders? Representatives are representatives, but past department commanders are another class. They are not representatives.

Comrade KETCHAM. Every man who has a badge and is as such entitled to sit in this encampment is invited to go. He will go on his badge. If he has got a badge he will go, and if he hasn't got a badge he won't go.

(Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles B. Wilson was then called to the chair, after which the commander in chief read his address to the encampment, as follows:)

ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

At the Fifty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Columbus, Ohio, during the week of September 7, 1919, Comrade James D. Bell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, at which time I was honored by being elected to the high office of senior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief Bell, after a few days' illness, died November 1, 1919, at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y. The news came to me, as I know it did to all of you, as a great shock. I was called to Brooklyn and attended his funeral, after which I was duly installed as commander in chief by Past Commander in Chief Alfred B. Beers.

No one in all the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic regretted more than I did the sad circumstance that made me commander in chief. I had never aspired to this position; but, coming to me as it did, there was but one thing to do—assume the duties of the exalted office and give it the best service that lay in my power.

At the encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, last September, Atlantic City was selected for holding the encampment of 1920. Commander in Chief Bell had called his executive committee to meet on the 6th of November. His death intervening made it necessary for me to take up the matter. I met the committee November 6, at Atlantic City, and we entered into a contract, practically the same as that signed at Columbus last year. After corresponding with the committee at Atlantic City for about six months, they notified us that there was some doubt about the appropriation granted by the New Jersey Legislature being available. A visit to Atlantic City brought out the information that while the 1919 legislature and the governor then in office had invited our encampment to meet in Atlantic City this year and the 1919 legislature had voted $25,000 for our entertainment, they had left it for the 1920 legislature to appriate the money. The 1920 legislature for some reason haggled over the matter until the latter part of May, and when at last the appropriation was made, it was some time before the governor signed the bill, and when he did, he turned the money over to a special commission of seven members of the Grand Army of the Republic, four of whom are members of the national encampment. This commis-

sion decided that the appropriation was made by the legislature for the benefit of members of the department of New Jersey Grand Army of the Republic, and would not be available for the Atlantic City encampment committee. When we inquired of the committee if they intended to carry out the contracts without the appropriation, they notified us that without it they would be obliged to accept our cancellation of the contract with regret.

We at once notified Colorado Springs, Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Indianapolis of the situation. From Indianapolis we received a cordial invitation by wire, signed by the governor of Indiana, the mayor of Indianapolis, the president of the chamber of commerce, the president of the business men's association, and the department commander of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic, to hold our 1920 encampment in that city. I at once called the executive committee of the council of administration to meet at national headquarters, in Columbus, Ohio, on June 19, 1920. After explaining the situation to them, a motion was made and unanimously carried to cancel the Atlantic City contract.

Judge Robert W. McBride, commander of the department of Indiana, was present and extended us a very cordial invitation to come to Indianapolis with the 1920 encampment, which was unanimously accepted. On June 29, accompanied by Adjt. Gen. O'Neall, Q. M. Gen. Stowits, and secretary, Miss Flood, I visited Indianapolis and made a very satisfactory contract for this encampment.

We are delighted to meet here to-day in this, the capital of the great patriotic State of Indiana. We have been royally received by the populace and our comrades of your beautiful city. We must feel thankful that we have been spared to be present at this, the fifty-fourth encampment of our organization. I will not take up your time to enumerate the wonderful accomplishments of the Grand Army of the Republic. The order has always stood as a bulwark for freedom and an enemy to the disloyal elements of our land and the greatest exponent of patriotism in the world. For details of the year's work, I refer you to the reports of Adjt. Gen. O'Neall, Q. M. Gen. Stowits, and of other officers of the encampment.

PENSIONS.

Comrades, you will remember that at our last encampment the Fuller pension bill was indorsed by a rising vote. The bill had been favorably reported upon by the Pension Committee of the House and placed on the calendar, but had not received any action. On the 1st day of December, 1919, I called a meeting of the committee on legislation to meet at the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C. On December 5 the entire committee was present, except Comrade Royce, who was unable to attend on account of sickness. We invited the Invalid Pension Committee of the House to meet with us at the Hotel Washington on the evening of the 6th. Mr. Fuller was indisposed and unable to be present. At that meeting the Fuller pension bill was fully discussed, and the entire committee of the House pledged themselves to do their utmost to accomplish its early passage. Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner arranged a meeting for the next day with Speaker Gillett of the House. He agreed to recognize Mr. Fuller on the first day that bills would be

considered under suspension of the rules, which was January 5, 1920. The bill was brought up by Mr. Fuller on that day, and after some discussion was passed—231 votes for it and 55 votes against it. The bill then went to the Pension Committee of the Senate. Mr. McCumber, chairman of the Pension Committee of the Senate, was unable to get his committee together until the 10th day of February, upon which day he notified me to be present. I was accompanied by Adjt. Gen. O'Neall, Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner, John McElroy, Gen. John L. Clem, of our legislative committee, and Past Commander in Chief King, of Baltimore. Each one of us made an earnest plea for the early passage of the bill. The committee lacked a quorum and there was no official action that day. After much delay the bill was put upon its passage early in April and passed, becoming a law by the President's signature on May 1, 1920. This is probably the last general pension law that will be passed.

The bill providing for monthly payment of pensions has been introduced in the Senate and will probably receive early action when that body reconvenes December 1.

ARMY NURSES.

It is a real pleasure to me to announce that the Fuller pension bill, which became a law on May 1, 1920, provided for the noble band of Civil War nurses, who now number less than 100, by increasing their pensions from $12 to $30 per month, the same as widows. We remember the valiant service performed by them in hospitals and camps, and even upon the battle fields, patiently, with self-sacrifice, and without hope of reward. They were truly called "Angels of Mercy."

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This band of noble women, organized more than 37 years, has stood steadfastly by the Grand Army of the Republic, anticipating its needs and ready to supply them. Too much credit can not be given their national president, Mrs. Abbie Lynch, of Pittsburgh, Pa., for her untiring efforts in behalf of her order. The organization has had a wonderful growth until it now has approximately a membership of 190,000. They came to us this year, as they have been in the habit of doing, with a donation of $1,000 for the southern memorial fund. I desire to assure the president and members of the Woman's Relief Corps that we fully appreciate their work and bid them godspeed.

THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

From the time of their organization to the present time, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have been zealous workers for our comfort. They are our kinfolks, and we, the members of the Grand Army, appreciate their efforts in our behalf. This has been a prosperous year for them under the leadership of national president, Mrs. Lilliam Clark Cary, of Dubuque, Iowa, whom I have met at many department encampments during the past year. We

feel under great obligations to her for her help and the kind words she has spoken. May their organization continue to prosper and may its loyalty to the Old Flag never waver!

THE DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

The Daughters of Veterans are a part of our family. A comrade should love his daughter better than anyone else in the world, with the exception of his wife. There is no organization in existence more patriotic, more true to its country and flag, than this. Always thoughtful of their fathers, carrying flowers to our sick comrades while they are living, they prove their devotion. The national president, Mrs. Clara G. Yengling, of Cleveland, Ohio, is deserving of great credit for her wonderful work this year. I have met her many times during the past year at department encampments, and found her to be an untiring worker for her organization and the cause of patriotism.

THE SONS OF VETERANS.

The Sons of Veterans is the organization that we must look to and lean heavily upon for support from this time on. They are our sons, our own flesh and blood, and they will stand loyally by us and take up the patriotic work as we lay it down. Under the able leadership of Commander in Chief Harry D. Sisson, of Pittsfield, Mass., they have made great progress during the past year. Comrades, let us do more for them in the future than we have done in the past by reporting to their nearest camp the names of men eligible to membership in their noble order.

SONS OF VETERANS' AUXILIARY.

This organization has increased in numbers and usefulness until now it wields a powerful influence, being prompted and actuated at all times by the highest type of patriotism. The requirements for membership are such as bring to their ranks a desirable class of women. It has been my pleasure to meet their president, Miss Mary Tredo, at several of the department encampments. Her eloquent words have been an inspiration for patriotism and love for the flag.

VETERANS OF OTHER WARS.

I have met with the United Spanish War Veterans many times this year and have found them patriotic Americans, ever ready to aid the veterans of the Civil War.

Very soon after my installation as commander in chief I received a telegram from Minneapolis, Minn., inviting me to be present at the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice, November 11, 1919. As it was impossible for me to reach there in time, I immediately wired Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance, of Minneapolis, to represent these headquarters at that meeting, and to extend greetings to the American Legion on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, which he did in a very eloquent address, creating great enthusiasm among those present.

Now, comrades, let us extend to the United Spanish War Veterans and American Legion the right hand of comradeship and journey forward together.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day this year was observed to a greater extent than ever before. It is a pleasure to note that the citizens of this country each year are becoming more interested in the observance of this day, and its sacredness has taken deep root in the hearts of our people. There is less desecration of the day than formerly. It is gratifying to know that our graves and those of our comrades who have gone before will be tenderly cared for in the future.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Grand Army of the Republic this year for the third time in its history suffered the loss of a commander in chief by death. Col. James D. Bell, six weeks after his election and installation into office, was mustered into the Grand Army above, there to answer the last Roll Call. Few men have filled as important a place in public life as he had, and while we mourn his sudden passing, we regret that he could not have been left with us to carry out the plans which he had made for the good of our order and to preside over this encampment, as he had anticipated. Comrades James Tanner, Samuel Fallows, and A. J. Gahagan will present to this encampment resolutions on the death of Col. Bell.

Just as we had begun to recover from the shock caused by the death of Commander in Chief Bell, we were again startled by the news of the death of Past Commander in Chief Alfred B. Beers. Comrade Beers has filled such an important place and has taken such an active part in our national encampments for years past that we will miss him greatly from our deliberations. His knowledge of the rules and regulations and of the action of the national encampments almost from its beginning made him a wise counselor and safe advisor. Comrades Leo Rassieur, Charles Fenton, and Clarendon E. Adams will present to this encampment resolutions on the death of Comrade Beers.

We were again shocked to hear of the sudden death of Past Commander in Chief Elias R. Monfort, while he was visiting his daughter in New York. A regular attendant at our national encampments, well versed in the laws of our order, we shall miss his advice and suggestions for the good of our organization. Comrades Orlando A. Somers, John M. Adams, and Thomas H. Brown will present to this encampment resolutions on the death of Comrade Monfort.

The muster out of these three leaders, all men on whom we depended at our national encampments and to whom we looked for guidance during the year, should only serve to remind us that it will not be so very long until we, too, shall answer the last Roll on the other shore. Comrades, let us close ranks and touch elbows a little closer, that we may be able to give the proper countersign when we, too, shall answer the last Roll Call.

RAILROAD RATES.

The matter of railroad rates to this encampment has caused us more worry and travel and correspondence at national headquarters this year than almost anything else. For a long time it looked as if we would not get any reduced rates. When we called at the office of the Railroad Administration in Washington last February they informed us that they could not give us rates, as the railroads would be turned back to private control before the meeting of our encampment. As soon as the railroads ceased to be under Government control we made application to the chairman of the Trunk Lines Passenger Association for a rate of 1 cent a mile to the national encampment. Mr. Burt promised to lay the matter before the roads in his territory, and said when they had taken action he would submit the rate decided upon to the six other passenger associations, and they would either accept that rate or make their own rate for passage through their respective territories. We were glad to be informed early in June that the Trunk Lines Association had granted us a rate of 1 cent a mile, and later learned that the Central Passenger Association had accepted that rate for its territory. Before the other passenger associations had had an opportunity to act, we were obliged to change our place of meeting to Indianapolis, which was in the Central Passenger territory. This meant that the Central Passenger Association would have to take action on our appeal for a reduced rate and then submit the rate decided upon to the other associations. The Central Association met, voted to grant us a rate of 1 cent, and when they submitted the matter to the Interstate Commerce Commission were told that the commission did not favor selling tickets on the certificate plan, but wished the railroads to sell a ticket at the regular fare going, all attending the encampment to secure a certificate from the adjutant general entitling them to buy a return ticket at a reduced rate. As soon as we were informed of this the adjutant general went to Washington to see the Interstate Commerce Commission, and after explaining the matter to Mr. Hardee, was assured that we could buy tickets on the certificate plan, as formerly, and he would so notify Mr. Fox, chairman of the Central Passenger Association. Much to our surprise, we received from Mr. Fox, a week later, copy of letter received from the Interstate Commerce Commission denying the request of the passenger association to sell us tickets on the certificate plan. We immediately called on Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, who was in Columbus at the time, and explained the situation to him, stating that this ruling would make it impossible for the railroads to grant us a cent-a-mile rate, and would have a great effect on the number attending the national encampment. He immediately wired to the counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission, stating that the privilege had been granted for several months to organizations holding conventions, and protesting against the Grand Army of the Republic being deprived of this privilege. Then we were informed that the passenger associations had all agreed to charge 2 cents a mile. Just after this information was received we were notified that the Interstate Commerce Commission had consented to allow the passenger associations to sell us tickets on the certificate plan. We immediately went to Chicago to interview the chairman of the

several associations and brought all influence possible to bear on them to the end that we might have a 1-cent rate. The result you all know. While we regretted our inability to announce the rate sooner than we did, yet we were thankful to secure the reduced rate, even at a late day, in order that our comrades might benefit thereby. It seems to me that this encampment should express to Senator Watson, to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and to the several passenger associations our appreciation of their action and willingness to aid us. We are indebted to the chairman of each of the associations, and in particular to Mr. C. A. Fox, of the Central Association, for courteous and kindly treatment.

VISITATIONS.

My first address was made on November 5, 1919, at a banquet given by past commanders of Grant Post, No. 327, Brooklyn, N. Y., in honor of the eightieth birthday of Col. George A. Price, of our executive committee. I continued from that time to respond to the numerous calls made upon me to visit meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic and many of the allied organizations. My visits led me into 38 States to meet with their encampments, traveling approximately 31,000 miles, making 135 patriotic addresses. Whatever success has come to me is due largely to the membership of the Grand Army. Possibly the highest honor that came to me was to be chosen to preside at the dedication of the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C., on May 15, 1920. Other arrangements had been made, when Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner, of the legislative committee, and Comrade John McElroy, the Grand Army member of the commission having supervision of building the Amphitheater, succeeded in convincing the Secretary of War that the exercises of dedication should be conducted by the Grand Army of the Republic. Other associations and Government officials were present and took an active part in the proceedings.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles B. Wilson, of Los Angeles, Calif., has given me very able assistance while I was touring the Pacific States, and represented me at the meeting of the department of California and Nevada and has performed other valuable services.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Isidore Isaacs, of New York City, has been a loyal and efficient helper in the Grand Army work, representing me at the encampment of the department of Connecticut and accompanying me and rendering all assistance in his power at other encampments.

Surg. Gen. Stephen I. Brown, of Knox, Ind., has stood ready to perform any duty or do anything required of him to make the administration a success.

Chaplain in Chief W. W. Gist. of Cedar Falls, Iowa, has been faithful in the discharge of his sacred duties. He attended the dedication ceremonies of the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery, and is entitled to great credit for the able manner in which he performed his duties upon that occasion.

Joseph W. O'Neall, adjutant general, is one of the best known comrades in the organization. He has been a great help to me, accompanying me to many of the department encampments and representing me at others where I was unable to attend on account of other duties. A careful reading of his report will show how well our organization is holding its own, in spite of our increasing age.

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, of Buffalo, N. Y., is certainly the right man in the right place. His long experience in financial matters and his extensive acquaintance with the comrades, especially qualify him to discharge the duties of his office in a most acceptable manner. As the custodian of the funds of the order, a great responsibility is placed upon him which he guards carefully, and for which he has our thanks. It is shown by his report that the revenue derived from all sources is not sufficient to meet the running expenses of our order, and rather than draw heavily on our permanent fund, I approve his recommendation with reference to increase in our per capita tax from 3½ cents to 7 cents per year. I think, comrades, we can well afford to pay 7 cents per year out of our pension of $600, rather than deplete our permanent fund too fast.

Judge Advocate Gen. William A. Ketcham, of Indianapolis, Ind., has discharged the duties of his office in a very acceptable manner. Possessing as he does, a trained judicial mind, he is well qualified to pass upon the many problems that even at this late day, come up from time to time. His decisions have given universal satisfaction and have been of great help to the commander in chief.

Hosea W. Rood, of Milwaukee, Wis., national patriotic instructor, has proven by his untiring zeal in his work, his many fine articles of a patriotic character, published in the National Tribune and read and enjoyed by thousands of comrades, that no mistake was made in selecting him for that important office. His instructions and advice to the schools and institutions of learning throughout the country have been of great benefit to them. I most respectfully refer you to his report.

Asst. Adjt. Gen. William S. Matthews, of Columbus, Ohio, has been of great service and help to me by his wise counsel and splendid comradeship, always ready and willing to assist when called upon.

Asst. Q. M. Gen. and Custodian of Records J. Henry Holcomb, of Philadelphia, Pa., has filled this office for many years to the satisfaction of each succeeding commander in chief. The records of the Grand Army of the Republic are in his possession, and he exercises a watchful guard over them. He is a careful and conscientious officer.

Too much praise can not be given to George A. Hosley, chief of staff, of Boston, Mass., for the very efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. He is fully competent, his experience in this line having made him a skillful organizer. He lays his plans and executes them fearlessly. He rendered valuable service to me at the encampment of Massachusetts, and I detailed him to represent me at the New Hampshire and Maine encampments, which he did in a very satisfactory manner. He was also present at the dedication of the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington Cemetery, and acted there as senior vice commander in chief.

Senior Aid-de-camp Thomas J. McConekey, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has held himself in readiness to respond to any call that might be

made upon him. He is a splendid comrade and has an excellent record as a soldier.

I desire to thank the members of the executive committee of the national council of administration who have been careful and efficient in the discharge of their duties. To these comrades I desire to express my deep appreciation of the assistance they have given and courtesies shown me. Our association together has been a source of deep and lasting pleasure to me. There are many others who have given good advice when sought for, too many, in fact, to mention all of their names in this address, but I have a deep appreciation of the helpfulness of all my comrades.

Too much praise can not be given Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, of Newton, Mass., secretary to the commander in chief. She has held this position for 10 years, and her experience in the detail work of the order, her pleasing personality, her extensive acquaintance with the membership, make her a valued member of the office force whose place it would be most difficult to fill.

Comrades, on November 1, 1919, James D. Bell, whom you had honored by electing to the highest office in the gift of the order, passed away. As senior vice commander in chief, according to the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I was called to succeed him in office. I realized fully the greatness of the honor conferred and the high responsibilities that I had to assume, and determined as far as possible to live up to the full measure of the usefulness and duties of the office. The labors of the year have been arduous and trying, both mentally and physically, and yet filled with pleasure, and during it all I have had the hearty and cordial support and sympathy of all my comrades, not only from those occupying the high offices of the order but from the humble and earnest workers in the ranks. If I have achieved any measure of success it is due more to my comrades than to myself. I congratulate you that you are living to-day, more than half a century since the close of the Civil War.

At the beginning of my administration as commander in chief I was confronted with serious trouble in one of our departments, but I am happy to say to you that that trouble has all been settled, and as far as I know there is peace in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic in every department. Comrades, we are now all old men, and our dispositions should be mellowed with age. Let us continue to live together in peace. Again I thank you for the great honor conferred upon me, and my prayer is that the Great Commander may bless and keep you.

The Senior Vice Commander in Chief (calling the encampment to its feet by the gavel). Salute your commander in chief. (Salute given.) The address of the commander in chief will be referred to a committee on the address of the commander in chief composed of Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner, Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance, and Past Commander in Chief Orlando A. Somers.

(The commander in chief resumed the chair.)

The Commander in Chief. Comrades, I am informed that a committee of the Sons of Veterans is at the outpost wishing to extend

their greetings to their fathers. Shall we admit them now? [Cries of "Yes."]

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania. I move that all the other reports be received without reading and referred to the various committees.

(The motion prevailed.)

Comrade H. H. Bengough, of Pennsylvania. Should not all of these greetings have been extended at the semiofficial meeting?

The Commander in Chief. We can not tell them they can not come in now.

Comrade Bengough. While I am on my feet, Commander in Chief, I want to say that I think that this encampment, at our age, the business ought not to be interrupted by any greetings whatever; that the greetings should all be extended at the semiofficial meeting. I therefore make a motion to test the feeling and sense of this encampment. I move you, not out of any lack of consideration for the splendid allied organizations, that this encampment be not disturbed by any greetings. [Cries of "No."] It has been my experience that a very large number of the comrades of this encampment do not stay in it. They do not stay to attend the meeting after the first day.

Past Commander in Chief James Tanner. When I was commander in chief I instituted that special meeting for the reception of the greetings of all these organizations. It went for a year or two and we dropped back into the old habit. I am frank to say, sir, that with added years I have changed my mind. A distinguished American statesman once said that "a man is a damned fool who didn't know more to-morrow than he did to-day." I for one, sir, would not for any consideration whatever have those boys turned away from our door in 1920. [Great applause.] Open the doors and show them in.

The Commander in Chief. The question is on the motion that we do away with our custom of permitting greetings to be extended by the allied organizations in this encampment. All in favor of the motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." The motion is lost. The officer of the day will conduct the Sons of Veterans to the stage at once.

(The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel as a delegation from the Sons of Veterans composed of Past Commanders in Chief E. R. Campbell, of Washington, D. C., A. E. B. Stephens, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and N. J. McGuire, of Indianapolis, Ind., was escorted to the platform.)

The Commander in Chief. Comrades, I have the pleasure of introducing to you a delegation from our own boys, the Sons of Veterans. Comrades, salute. (Salute given.) I have the pleasure of introducing to you Past Commander in Chief Campbell, of the Sons of Veterans, who will now address you.

E. R. Campbell, of Washington, D. C. Comrades, for by that sacred appellation I am privileged to address you, I have been detailed by the commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans to bring a committee of greetings from that organization to our parent organization, and it is not presumed that the chairman of the committee will presume to make a speech. But we have with us Past Com-

mander in Chief Ambrose E. Burnside Stephens, M. C., from Ohio, who will give you the greetings for the committee. My comrades, as the son of a veteran to the veterans, I greet you.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Brother Stephens. He is from the United States of Ohio. [Applause.]

A. E. B. STEVENS, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am sure it is a great pleasure to be one of the members of the committee to bring to this great body the greetings of your sons, the Sons of Veterans of the United States. We have learned many lessons from you. We have listened to the stories of the Civil War. We have read from the pages of history the work that you boys did in 1861–1865, and through these lessons, these teachings to us when we were trotted upon your knees, has been brought to us that spirit of patriotism that teaches us to go along in the footprints that you have left and are leaving in the sands of time. [Applause.]

We have been with you on all the battle fields of the Civil War. We have been with you at Shiloh and in the Mississippi campaign. We have been with you all through the Battle of the Wilderness and at Gettysburg. We have heard all the details of your great service, and I want to say to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, from you and your services have sprung many patriotic organizations that were organized not for selfishness nor for private gains, but to do everything in their power to help the Grand Army of the Republic, their widows, and their orphans. This work we have been engaged in for many years, and I want to bring to you from the Sons of Veterans of the United States their very heartiest greeting and the love that they have for you. They will always cherish your memory as long as the grand old Stars and Stripes float upon this Republic. [Applause.]

There is something for us to do. You have led the way, my comrades, and it is up to this younger generation to see that we still live and still enjoy the blessings and the freedom that is given to us by our great Constitution. I want to say that it will be our work in the future to know and to build upon the great teachings and the great principles that our Constitution gives. In that respect I want to say that we are all in the Sons of Veterans for America first. [Applause.] I don't want anyone to be afraid but that we will carry out all the principles that you have been teaching since you preserved for us this great Republic.

Had it not been for your services, had it not been for your patriotism, had it not been for the fact that you shouldered a musket in 1861 and went out to fight to preserve the Constitution and to keep for us this Republic undivided—you saved for us our Union, and with the help of all of the patriotic citizens of this Government we hope to preserve this Union for time immemorial. [Applause.]

I will not take up your time, but again will say that from the hearts of the boys that you are leaving behind comes that great spirit, that great feeling of love and affection. I thank you.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Past Commander in Chief of the Sons of Veterans McGuire. I want you to look at him anyway. He is a

good deal like Past Commander in Chief Stephens. They both part their hair in the middle.

N. J. McGuire, of Indianapolis, Ind. God bless you, veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Sons of Veterans take their inspiration and their organization from your doings, and history has shown that there is work enough for all of us to help in the great patriotic questions of the Nation that are presenting themselves to-day. I thank you.

The Commander in Chief. Without giving him any notice, I am going to call on one of the old wheel horses of the Grand Army, Comrade Keifer, of Ohio, to respond to these greetings.

Comrade J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio. Business requires brevity. We welcome this presentation. We acknowledge the truth of what these distinguished gentlemen have told you who come from the Sons of Veterans. We want to have it understood that the great Grand Army of the Republic, collectively and individually, thank them for the great lessons of patriotism they are carrying down to posterity. I dare not make a speech. I want it still understood, as I said some years ago, that the Grand Army as it may get thinner must still have vested in it individually the right to tell the great stories of valor, personal achievement, and all that took place in the Civil War. We have no proclamation, as happened once in the history of the world, to the people behind, that they must believe, but they have gotten so they believe the old soldier. When Alexander the Great discharged his 10,000 Macedonians to go back to their own country he charged them to go there and tell all the great stories of the war and to magnify them as much as they pleased. And then he was not satisfied. He issued a proclamation to the home people in Macedonia requiring them to believe all the stories. [Applause.]

The Commander in Chief. I am going to ask the adjutant general to announce the committees now, that those who are on the committees may know what committee they are on and get together and be ready to perform their duty. Let us have order.

The Adjutant General. Before reading the list of committees I am requested to say that only 14 of the departments have reported the number of comrades that will take the automobile ride, and they are very anxious to have this reported in before noon. [Reading:]

COMMITTEES.

On quartermaster general's report:
- Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa.
- Comrade Frank R. Chase, of Michigan.
- Comrade Edwin N. Armstrong, of Illinois.

On reports of other officers:
- Comrade R. W. McBride, of Indiana.
- Comrade Lewis S. Pilcher, of New York.
- Comrade Philip A. Nordell, of Massachusetts.
- Comrade A. M. Trimble, of Nebraska.
- Comrade C. H. William Ruhe, of Pennsylvania.

Greetings to Army Nurses:
- Comrade George B. Loud, of New York.
- Comrade John A. Barr, of Alabama.
- Comrade Marshall S. Crawford, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Greetings to Woman's Relief Corps:
Past Commander in Chief Clarendon E. Adams, of Nebraska.
Comrade Samuel Fallows, of Illinois.
Comrade LeVant Dodge, of Kentucky.
Greetings to Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:
Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, of Missouri.
Comrade William James, of Florida.
Comrade Joseph A. Walter, of Kansas.
Greetings to Daughters of Veterans:
Past Commander in Chief S. R. Van Sant, of Minnesota.
Comrade Edwin C. Milliken, of Maine.
Comrade John M. Adams, of Ohio.
Greetings to Sons of Veterans:
Comrade John B. Inman, of Illinois.
Past Commander in Chief David J. Palmer, of Iowa.
Comrade Edwin N. Armstrong, of Illinois.
Greetings to Sons of Veterans Auxiliary:
Past Commander in Chief John R. King, of Maryland.
Comrade D. L. Morgan, of Vermont.
Comrade Enos F. Hann, of New Jersey.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. I beg for a moment. I hold in my hand a telegram which I have drawn up to bring a momentary presence of joy to the heart of a dying comrade, past commander of the department of the Potomac and past junior vice commander in chief of this organization. Comrade Charles C. Royce is near the open door that leads to the Other World. I called upon him just before I left Washington and told him that when I got back I would come and see him again and give him in detail all the gossip and interesting things that I could remember about this encampment. His response was a gentle pressure of the hand, and the words came out slow, "Oh, Jim," he says, "when you get back I won't be here." He will never leave his apartment until we carry him over to Arlington. And because I am afraid that he will not be there in life when I get back to Washington I have drawn up this telegram, Commander in Chief, which I believe the encampment will adopt and which you, as commander in chief, will be glad to sign and put on the wire. [Reading:]

CHARLES C. ROYCE,
The Cairo, Washington, D. C.:

Your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled in their fifty-fourth national encampment are deeply pained at your absence, enforced as it is by your physical disability, and I am directed to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy in your affliction. We pray that you may be restored to health, but if God's will be different and you are near your final muster out from earthly scenes, we assure you that you leave with us the memory of a comrade who did his whole duty as a patriot in time of war and who has in all the years since exemplified the best type of American citizenship.

I beg leave to offer that.

Comrade J. H. CROWDER, of Illinois. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the telegram read that is to be sent to Comrade Royce, who lies upon his deathbed at Washington. This message may be a consolation to him as he closes his eyes upon the scenes of this world. It has been moved and seconded that this be sent. All in favor of the motion will say "aye." There is no use of calling for the contrary.

The ADJUTANT GENERAL. It has become the custom of the several departments to select a member of the committee on resolutions and

a member of the council of administration. A number of departments have not yet reported, and I want to ask you that you be very careful in the spelling of names. The following departments have failed to report their selections. (Reading a list of departments.) The following departments have failed to report the number of representatives that desire to go on the automobile ride. (Reading the list of departments.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We are going to have this superstructure or this miserable platform torn down during the recess. You people that are sitting close by won't have to break your necks to see the speaker. We will do our business from the regular stage. If there is nothing else just at this moment, the committee on rules and regulations are ready to report. Give them your attention now, comrades.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON (reading):

To the COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND COMRADES:

The committee on rules and regulations would respectfully submit:

That at the national encampment held at Columbus, Ohio, one year ago the following amendment to section 4, Article IV, Chapter II, of the Rules and Regulations was offered by the Department of Missouri, and that owing to the character of the proposed amendment and lack of time for its proper consideration action thereon was continued until this encampment.

The amendment as proposed is in words and figures as follows:

"*Resolved*, That section 4, Article IV, Chapter II, of the Rules and Regulations be amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. Members of disbanded posts who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, upon written application to the assistant adjutant general of the department, shall receive from him transfer cards, which shall have full force, or at the option of the applicant his name shall be entered upon a roll to be kept by the assistant adjutant general and known as a Roll of Comrades at Large. Comrades so enrolled shall pay dues semiannually direct to the assistant adjutant general of 50 cents each, payable on the 1st days of January and July of each year. The department encampment shall have the right to increase the amount of such dues at any meeting by resolution duly adopted.

"If the dues of any comrade at large shall remain unpaid for more than 30 days after the same is due, he shall be notified by the assistant adjutant general that unless his dues are paid within 10 days from the date of such notice he will stand suspended from the Grand Army of the Republic until all arrearages are paid. Any comrade at large whose dues remain unpaid for more than one year after the same are due shall be notified by the assistant adjutant general that unless all arrearages are paid within 30 days from the date of such notice he will be dropped from the roll and no longer be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that he can only be restored by making a written application to be approved by the department commander and the payment of one year's dues."

Under the rules and regulations as they now stand, upon the dissolution of a post a member of such post may become a member of some other post. The amendment, if adopted, will permit him to become a member at large upon the rolls of the assistant adjutant general, to whom his dues will be paid.

The committee are of the opinion that the integrity of the posts ought to be maintained so far as possible and that every member of a disbanded post ought to, if possible, become a member of some other post, but, recognizing the fact that there are some counties in the respective departments in which there are or soon will be no posts, the committee recommend that between the word "applicant" and the word "his" on the sixth line of said proposed amendment there shall be inserted the following, to wit:

"Providing there is no post in the county in which such member of a disbanded post resides."

Your committee also recommend that at the end of said proposed amendment there be added the following words, to wit:

"The provisions of this section shall apply to all comrades who have been or shall hereafter be mustered in by the commander in chief or a department commander, as provided in section 9 of Article II of Chapter II."

With the above amendments to the proposed amendment your committee are of the opinion that it should be adopted, and so recommend.

Respectfully submitted.

C. G. Burton.
Jno. R. King.
Oscar A. Janes.
J. E. Gandy.

Comrade Frank O. Cole, of New Jersey. This amendment, if adopted, destroys the unit of the organization, the post. If a man wants to belong to the Grand Army, let him affiliate with a post where he can do some good. These men who join through the assistant adjutant general and become a Grand Army man at large, what post will they ever visit? The great State of Missouri submits this amendment. Now, St. Louis is on the Mississippi River, and any comrade in the State of Missouri will find it as far to go to the assistant adjutant general's office as he will to go to any neighboring post. When a post disbands let him affiliate with some other post. Let him take up the active work of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that work is in the post. Destroy the post and I'll tell you the whole organization will go to pieces.

The Commander in Chief. Until there is a motion to adopt or reject the report, your discussion is out of order.

Comrade Samuel P. Town, of Pennsylvania. I move the adoption of the report.

Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, of Missouri. I rose for the purpose of moving the adoption of the report of the committee, and I am especially for it as amended. Now, Commander in Chief, I have studied that question a good deal, and drew that proposed amendment and presented it to our department encampment. After doing so it was unanimously adopted by the department encampment. Discussing the matter since the last encampment, I have come to the conclusion and observed that it was weak in those very points that have been covered by the committee on rules and regulations. I am heartily in favor of the amendment to that section of our rules and regulations as amended by the committee on rules and regulations. I hope it will be adopted as they have presented it.

Comrade Joseph A. Walter, of Kansas. Since I have been department commander of the Department of Kansas I find that we are getting old. I appointed a man my adjutant who is 76 years old. I have studied, like Comrade Henry, this proposed amendment, and I find it is weak. I imagine in the Department of Washington there may be a case of that kind. But I find that our assistant adjutant general is overworked now. When I came to Indianapolis to make my reservation I went to the assistant adjutant general of the Department of Indiana, Comrade Ball. He is an efficient man. He has a stenographer. In Kansas we can not afford a stenographer unless we raise our per capita tax. As I say, our assistant adjutant general is 76 years old and next year will be older, and to put this burden on that office is not right. A member at large will forget to send in his per capita tax, and it will be up to the assistant adjutant general to send him a dun. I am opposed to that motion unless it is provided that it shall only apply to States that have no posts in the county.

Comrade THOMAS E. BLANCHARD, of California and Nevada. I am heartily in favor of the report of the committee. It in nowise interferes with the operation of the posts or the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. This only applies to those comrades who can not join other posts, and if that is not carried it leaves hundreds or perhaps thousands of comrades who desire to remain comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who are entirely cut out and become virtually discharged members without any home at all. This, as I understand it, provides only for such comrades as can not join other posts, that they may be entitled to the benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic. I think the report of the committee covers the ground.

Comrade C. A. B. FOX, of South Dakota. I wish to introduce a substitute motion, which I would like to have the adjutant general read. (Bringing the same to the platform.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. A substitute motion is in order.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. We are going to lose posts instead of saving them. We are going to lose members of the Grand Army by that.

Comrade HARMON BROSS, of Nebraska, Commander, "Corporal" Tanner, as we all call him out in Nebraska, has made my point clear, that we are going to lose posts instead of saving members of the Grand Army. We have posts in Nebraska that I am keeping on the roll because there is one man that takes care of that post. Now, if you adopt this rule, you will lose next year 12 or 15 posts in the State of Nebraska that have been taken care of. It would be a bad thing for the department and the national organization.

Comrade ORTON S. CLARK, of Minnesota. I have about all I can attend to. I haven't any stenographer, and to add this to my work as assistant adjutant general it will be almost impossible to attend to it. It won't amount to shucks. A man that does belong to a post that is abandoned or has surrendered its charter will never apply to the assistant adjutant general to be a member at large, and the adoption of this resolution won't amount to shucks.

Comrade GEORGE T. LEECH, of Maryland. I want to say, Commander in Chief and comrades, that I am heartily in favor of the spirit of the resolution. I believe that something ought to be done for our comrades who are scattered throughout the different States. In our State we have nearly 2,000 comrades that ought to be in the Grand Army of the Republic that can not reach posts directly. They are in several counties. I understand the pressure that is put upon the assistant adjutant general, but I think if this resolution was so worded that the assistant adjutant general would have the power to assign these parties to the different posts and leave the post adjutants to take care of them, I think we can make it a success. We want those comrades in our Grand Army. We are anxious to get them in there, and the way to get them in there is by the wisdom of this body, and I think it ought to be done in some way. I know it will put a great pressure on the assistant adjutant general, but let him assign it to different posts and let the adjutants of those posts take care of it.

Comrade C. A. B. FOX, of South Dakota. I have the floor, comrades, and I will now read this substitute.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. He has offered a substitute.

Comrade Fox (reading):

Commander in Chief DANIEL M. HALL and COMRADES OF THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT:

We desire to say that the resolution from the Department of Missouri presented at the Fifty-third National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, and by that encampment referred to the Fifty-fourth National Encampment, proposing to amend the rules and regulations under Chapter II, Article V, section 4, of the Rules and Regulations, is too cumbersome, and not far reaching as it should be; therefore we offer the following as a substitute to this resolution:

"WHEREAS, The comrades are falling out by old Time's scythe in vast numbers, be it therefore

"*Resolved*, That any post in good standing in their department may mail to any comrade or old soldier residing within the department a copy of the obligation, together with a copy of an application for membership, both to be signed in ink by the comrade and returned to the post adjutant together with an affidavit stating his service in the Army between 1861 and 1865, or Navy. Also inclosing the sum of $1 as an application fee. Thereupon the adjutant shall read the application, together with the obligation as signed, and move the suspensions of the rules and that the comrades be voted upon by ballot. Should this ballot be clear, the adjutant will immediately notify the comrade by mail of his being accepted as a member of the post and place his name upon the post muster rolls as a member in good standing, and by the payment to that post of the sum of $1 yearly he shall remain in good standing in the order and have full benefits of the order."

By C. A. B. FOX,
Post 17, Department of South Dakota.

Commander and comrades, we have already in that State taken in nine comrades in that department. I hold their applications and the obligations, and the money is in the post treasury. They are members of the Grand Army to-day. One of them is here, who lived over 300 miles from our post. I think that is a good substitute. Comrades, do with it as you please.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The question is on the substitute offered.

Comrade C. T. MARSH, of Illinois. I move that the substitute resolution be laid on the table. (Seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the substitute offered be laid on the table. All in favor of the motion will say, "aye." Contrary, if any, "no." The ayes have it. The question is now upon the report of the committee.

Comrade W. A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. I am heartily opposed to this resolution, for the reasons, first, that it imposes a great duty upon the assistant adjutants general of the several departments; second, that it would bring in a great many comrades who positively are not eligible to the Grand Army of the Republic. They may have been members dropped out, as this resolution which has been put here says "those who have been and those who ought to be." Some may be men who may have gone wrong since they have gone out. The assistant adjutant general knows nothing about their standing, and can not. There may be departments who may need this. If there are, they are in the Far West. I say, let them have it. But I arose to move an amendment that this action shall be optional with the departments and shall not take effect in any department until after it has been accepted by the department encampment in convention assembled.

Comrade JOSEPH A. WALTER, of Kansas. Second the amendment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Put your amendment in writing.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. May I say one word? I am assistant adjutant general of Missouri. I have been in the assistant adjutant general's office there since Tom B. Rodgers, whom everybody knew, passed away. Some one said that an adjutant general 75 years of age is having all the duties he can perform. I think the duties of the assistant adjutant general of Missouri are equal to any other department. I am 82 years of age, and I am glad to take that duty upon me that I may get some of the comrades back into the order that want to come there and wear the button instead of wearing it without having any right to do it. [Applause.]

Comrade W. S. TILTON, of Oklahoma. I wish to say in this connection that, in my judgment, any movement looking to the separation of members of the Grand Army of the Republic from some post of the Grand Army is a fatal error. [Applause.] With us in our Department of Oklahoma we have posts ranging in numerical strength from 100 men down to 3 or 4, and our only hope of securing additional strength in that department is to hitch up men not now connected with any post to some post and establish a fraternity of relationship between those outsiders and the members of the posts who love those outsiders and want to see them become members of the Grand Army of the Republic and placed in line to receive a soldier's burial when they pass away. By all means, let us keep up the posts.

Comrade C. A. HUSTON, of Oregon. I just beg a moment of this convention. It is well told that a great majority come from the Middle West and the East. But, gentlemen, stop one minute and think that this great country is composed of parts that need your consideration, though they are not in the majority. I live in the State of Oregon. We have a post numbering 110 and have an average attendance of 45, meeting twice a month. In that State a large number——

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. When the comrade stands under the gallery the echo is such that we can not understand.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have got to be brief in this discussion. You may talk here all day.

Comrade H. H. SPAYD, of Pennsylvania. I move the previous question. The point is this, we will stay here all day, and it is an unimportant question to most of us. I move the previous question without further discussion.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. It is not in order. He broke in on the comrade who has the floor.

Comrade HUSTON. How could that be until I am off the floor?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Finish your talk, but be brief.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I rise to a question of information.

Comrade HUSTON. You have the majority vote here. Under those circumstances this change in the order is not necessary, but as the comrade from Maryland said, there are hundreds of men out on the Pacific coast who are not near any post. Don't we as comrades owe the same obligation to them that we do to the others? We should

help those in the West. Give those outsiders some consideration, notwithstanding you have this majority vote.

Comrade SPAYD. I again repeat the point of order, and move the previous question.

Comrade COLE. I want to ask for information. I want to ask the chairman of the committee a question. A comrade insists it is the duty of a post to care for the sick and bury the dead. These men will not belong to any post. They can not attend a department encampment. They can not go to a national encampment. What benefit are they going to derive from the Grand Army of the Republic?

Comrade SAMUEL D. WEBSTER, of Missouri. The right to wear the bronze button.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. The comrade has asked me a question. I presume that if a comrade was so unfortunate as to die 150 or 200 miles away from other comrades that he would have to be buried by some church organization and not by the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Now, just one word before the comrade moves the previous question. Personally your committee has no pride of opinion. In the East and the Middle West there is a post in every county, but in the great States of Washington and Oregon and Wyoming and Montana there are many counties in which there is no post, and the enactment of this change will not throw any burden upon my dearly beloved comrade of Massachusetts or the assistant adjutants general of many of the departments, especially those in the East and the Middle West. But in the great West our adjutants general are willing to assume the increased burden which will afford an opportunity to many a comrade to remain a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic until he shall have passed over the Divide. And now, Commander, I move the previous question.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The previous question is on the recommendation of the committee to adopt the resolution as amended. All who favor that question will say, "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. A point of order. My point of order is this: The rules and regulations require that all amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote. Is the commander in chief of the opinion that that was adopted by a two-thirds vote?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. He is.

Comrade COLE. Very well. That settles it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, it is a quarter past 12. Shall we recess?

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. The committee on rules and regulations have directed me to present this matter to this encampment. We have been interviewed by a great many comrades who ask that the response of the senior vice commander to the post commander in the closing ceremonies, which response ends "One country and one flag," shall be amended so as to be "One country, one language, and one flag." [Applause.] Now, wait, comrades. Under the rules and regulations such a proposed amendment to the ritual would have to be indorsed by some department and published

in a general order. Therefore the committee have been asked by a great many comrades to ask for unanimous consent for the suspension for the time being of Article XVI. Article XVI is in regard to alterations and amendments and provides that amendments and alterations shall be made in the manner I have designated. But at the conclusion of that section are these words, "but any section herein may be suspended for the time being at any annual meeting of the national encampment by a unanimous vote." If any one comrade objects, that is the end of it. But in obedience to the request of a great many comrades I am directed by your committee on rules and regulations to ask unanimous consent for the suspension of that section for the time being in order that we may move that the response may be amended by making it read, "One country, one language, and one flag." I ask unanimous consent.

Comrade Ernest C. Stahl, of New Jersey. Commander in Chief and comrades, when 17 years old I came across the waters. When I was 18 the war broke out. I fought——

The Commander in Chief. You are entirely out of order.

Comrade Stahl. I move you, sir, that we have in this great order of ours but one language, one flag, and one country.

The Commander in Chief. Is unanimous consent granted, as the chairman of the committee requests?

Comrade C. H. Wm. Ruhe, of Pennsylvania. I offer a motion that unanimous consent be given as the committee has asked for.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

The Commander in Chief. All in favor of this request that unanimous consent be granted say "aye." The motion is carried.

Past Commander in Chief Charles G. Burton. Now, comrades, I am directed to move that the ritual be amended so that the response of the senior vice commander shall be "One country, one language, and one flag."

Comrade John M. Snyder, of Illinois. I second the motion.

The Commander in Chief. The motion is that the response of the senior vice commander in the post shall be "One country, one language, and one flag." All who favor the motion will say "aye." Contrary, if any, "no." The motion prevails.

Comrade D. C. Zimmerman, of Illinois. What are we to do with resolutions? There has been no arrangement made about resolutions.

The Commander in Chief. Pass them up to the adjutant general. I will announce the chairman of the committee on resolutions immediately after we convene this afternoon.

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania. I move that we take a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Commander in Chief. The motion is not debatable. A motion to adjourn until 2 o'clock is before you.

Comrade J. H. Crowder, of Illinois. I was about to propose a recess until 2 o'clock.

The Commander in Chief. That is better; a recess.

Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, of Missouri. I would like to ask a question. Was the amendment to the report of the committee on rules and regulations adopted? The previous question was moved.

The Commander in Chief. I understand. I overlooked that. Just wait a minute, now. The question was carried on the taking

up of the previous question, but this question itself was not voted on; the main question was not voted on. All who favor it will say "aye," contrary "no." It has been adopted. There is a motion to adjourn until 2 o'clock, which is not debatable.

Comrade JAMES R. GOSS, of Montana. I want to say that you are passing upon a question that is of just as much importance to us in the rear as it is to those in the front, and we don't know what you are talking about.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will have a different arrangement this afternoon.

(Announcements of the meeting places of various committees were then made.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All who favor the motion to recess until 2 o'clock will say "aye."

(The motion prevailed, and at 12.20 p. m. the encampment took a recess until 2 p. m.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1920—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The encampment was called to order at 2.10 p. m. by the commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Let the encampment be in order. Let us have quiet, comrades, so we can get down to business. Please do your visiting some other time. I want, first, to announce the committee on resolutions. Is Asst. Adjt. Gen. Matthews in the audience? Take the adjutant general's place until he arrives. I will ask Comrade McElroy to act in his place and read the names of the committee on resolutions, so that you may know who is on that committee.

(Comrade John McElroy, of Potomac, as acting adjutant general, then read the following:)

Committee on resolutions.

Department.	Name.	Address.
Alabama	Henry M. Austin	Bedford City, Va.
Arizona	Warren E. Day	Prescott.
Arkansas	Horace Wyman	Bentonville.
California and Nevada	D. W. Hasson	Buena Park.
Colorado and Wyoming	William Butler	Longmont, Colo.
Connecticut	David W. Sharpe	New Haven.
Delaware	Wm. A. Reilly	Wilmington.
Florida	A. C. Shaffer	Lakeland.
Georgia and South Carolina	J. C. Wade	Cornelia, Ga.
Idaho	M. W. Wood	Boise.
Illinois	W. F. Calhoun	Decatur.
Indiana	Mahlon D. Butler	Indianapolis.
Iowa	David J. Palmer	Washington.
Kansas	George Plumb	Emporia.
Kentucky	LeVant Dodge	Berea.
Louisiana and Mississippi	O. Pilman	New Orleans.
Maine	Edward A. Butler	Rockland.
Maryland	George Prechtel	Upperco.
Massachusetts	Francis E. Mole	Adams.
Michigan	Oscar A. Janes	Detroit.

Committee on resolutions—Continued.

Department.	Name.	Address.
Minnesota	Levi Longfellow	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Chas. G. Burton	Portland, Oreg.
Montana	James R. Goss	Billings.
Nebraska	Thomas J. Majors	Peru.
New Hampshire	J. C. Lewis	Milford.
New Jersey	Frank O. Cole	Jersey City.
New Mexico	John G. Caldwell	Albuquerque.
New York	Lewis S. Pilcher	Brooklyn.
North Dakota	James McCormick	Devil's Lake.
Ohio	Thomas R. Shinn	Ashland.
Oklahoma	L. C. Coffin	Elgin.
Oregon	J. E. Hall	Portland.
Pennsylvania	L. F. Arensberg	Uniontown.
Potomac	George H. Slaybaugh	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island	John M. Burdick	Riverpoint.
South Dakota	T. T. Snow	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	John C. Murdough	Knoxville.
Texas	A. Rockhold	Dallas.
Utah	Wm. M. Bostaph	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	John H. Amidon	Waterville.
Virginia and North Carolina	H. W. House	Portsmouth, Va.
Washington and Alaska	James H. Chase	Cashmere.
West Virginia	H. S. White	Matewan.
Wisconsin	F. D. Stannard	Greenbush.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will appoint as chairman of that committee Lewis S. Pilcher, of New York, and I will ask Comrade Pilcher to call his committee on resolutions together as early as possible, that we may have the report later on in the day.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I believe this committee must be appointed by the encampment. I therefore move you that these nominations as made by the departments be confirmed and they stand as the committee on resolutions.

(The motion prevailed.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I recognize Comrade Adams, who has to leave very soon. He wants to make a report on a committee that was appointed a year ago.

Past Commander in Chief CLARENDON E. ADAMS. Your commander in chief has explained the appointment of this committee. Their report consists as follows [reading]:

Your committee, to whom was referred the advisability of a federation by the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, American Legion, and other patriotic societies, have had the same under consideration and report as follows:

"*Resolved*, That this society shall be known as the Federated Patriotic Societies of the United States of America, and that the objects and purposes of this society shall be to promote the spirit of patriotism and loyalty to our country and its institutions; to hold in sacred memory the lives of those who paid the supreme sacrifice, and to unite the Great War and patriotic societies of this country in the observance of our Memorial Day exercises on May 30 of each year. Also to unite in appropriate exercises for the celebration of our national holidays, to create a true American spirit throughout the country, to recognize the Constitution of the United States as the supreme law of the land, and to inculcate a strict obedience of law and order; to stand firmly against bolshevism, I. W. W'ism, anarchy, sedition, and all other acts that are designed to disrupt our Government and disturb our economic, social, and commercial

relations. An association that will take a united stand upon the broad grounds of America for Americans, demanding that there shall be but one flag in this country and that flag shall be the American Flag. An organization that will demand the prosecution of any and all persons who may attempt to destroy the resources of our country, to burn our mills nd factories, to shut down our mines, hoard supplies, disrupt transportation facilities, or to do any act that will interfere with the public good; to concentrate our societies into a concrete body that will protect our State and National Governments against the acts of all disloyal persons from within or without; to say to all conspirators: 'You must depart from this fair land of ours.' To demand loyalty, competency, and integrity from all those who govern. An organization that will not forget the sacrifices of our comrades of all our wars, remembering the wounded, and caring for the widow and orphan. To foster and perpetuate the spirit of 100 per cent Americanism and combat autocracy in all its forms and put forth the fact that freedom, justice, and equality are the true essentials of government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

We recommend the appointment of an advisory committee of three, one from each organization, to assist in carrying out these resolutions.

C. E. ADAMS,
WASHINGTON GARDNER,
ELL TORRANCE,
W. S. MATTHEWS,
WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,
Committee, Grand Army of the Republic.
THOS. J. CUNNINGHAM,
Quartermaster General for the United Spanish War Veterans.
T. VICTOR KEENE,
Member National Executive Committee, the American Legion, by appointment of the National Commander.

I move the adoption of the resolution and the report.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. What is the recommendation of the committee, do we amalgamate or not?

Past Commander in Chief ADAMS. No, sir. No amalgamation about it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved that the report of the committee be adopted. Do I hear a second?

(The motion was seconded.)

Comrade GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, of Potomac. As I understand the report as read, it states: "The Grand Army, the Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, and other patriotic organizations." How much does that "other organizations" take in? I would like to have that explained.

Past Commander in Chief ADAMS. "And all other patriotic societies," meaning that any society—in order to explain—I suppose it was explicit enough and I believe you so understand it—that this is not in any manner whatever an amalgamation of any of these war societies. Each one of them maintain their separate and distinct organization. This is simply a resolution to unite the mighty forces of this country, which I believe to be these patriotic societies, in carrying out the principles for which you fought for four long years. That is all there is to it, gentlemen.

Comrade A. W. HASTIE, of Washington and Alaska. This is a wedge. They don't dare to talk assimilation to us. They have tried it for years. Why, the Mexican War veterans wanted to join, and the other organizations, the War of 1812. Then came the Spanish American War veterans, splendid fellows. I like them, but they wanted to join. They wanted to come in. And now you have the World War, and then you have everybody, according to this. They are not specified. It is the G. A. R. they are after;

it is the name and membership of the G. A. R.; and it is contrary to it. [Cries of "No."] You know better. I understand it exactly. The Masons that you belong to, the Odd Fellows that you belong to, are they appointing committees like this and bound by what they say? Never. But they come into the Grand Army; they want to take possession of you. That is a fact. We have had to deal with them right along. I have been the assistant adjutant general of the Department of Washington and Alaska for a number of years, and I know they are always trying to get in. Now, then, you are in danger. You don't understand it. You are voting without discussion. Let it be discussed some. The way I understand it, it is to appoint a committee by which you will be bound. It came up at Portland. Where is Somers? He went against it tooth and nail. We went against it in all of the organizations in Washington. Your posts have not acted upon this. They don't know what you are going to do, and you will go back to them. If I should go back to that 2,000 there they will repudiate me. I am satisfied they will, and I shall vote against this measure. It is dangerous. Keep out of it.

Comrade William A. Ketcham, of Indiana. Commander, I move to amend the resolution reported by the committee by adding these words: "*Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed or held as authorizing any change whatever in the organization or existence of the Grand Army of the Republic"; and on that just one moment. We are no longer young. Time has laid its hands pretty heavily on some of us, and if we sink the individuality of the Grand Army unit with these 4,000,000 veterans of the American Legion, magnificently as they work; with the Spanish American War Veterans, splendidly as they worked in their time; it won't be long until the Grand Army of the Republic will be a thing of the past in power and recognition and example, and I for one want to see the Grand Army of the Republic go along independently on its own feet until in the course of time we shall have closed its eyes in death. And it is our organization that I want to keep, and I don't want any possible question after we have adjourned about the attitude of the Grand Army of the Republic in this Nation. I want it to stand. There is a bare possibility that I may have something to do with the Grand Army of the Republic in the next year. [Applause.] And if I do, I will loyally obey every order of this encampment, but I don't want this encampment to put a padlock on my lips and tie my hands and insist that I shall say that we are only subordinate to three separate organizations. For that reason I want that amendment to the resolution adopted, and I so move.

Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner. Commander in Chief, my comrade Ketcham is usually right. If he is right in his data he is always right, but he is clear off in his data here. He speaks from the standpoint of federation. There is no federation in this proposed arrangement. There is no alliance in the sense of uniformity of action save from a patriotic point of view. Now, I think I am as jealous as any man here of the good name and influence, the glory in the past, the possible future of the Grand Army of the Republic. Now, there were present at this committee meeting representatives officially designated from the Spanish War Veterans and

from the American Legion. If you could have heard the tribute that they paid to the Grand Army for what it has done since the Civil War as well as during that conflict, if you could have heard the high esteem in which both bodies hold this organization, you would not be fearful of what might be done. Now, if you notice this, primarily it looks after Memorial Day and Memorial Sunday. In my own town, for example—not a large place—the American Legion was out in uniform. They took their places in an orderly manner. They had their meeting preliminary with the Grand Army committees and arranged with the Spanish American War Veterans. It had the united efforts from a patriotic standpoint of these three orders that fought under the Flag. Is there anything wrong about that? [Cries of "Yes."] Is there anything wrong about these young men coming up and saying, "We will march with you. We will help to preserve this Memorial Day even after you are gone"? I saw them put the flag over the graves of their own members. Any objection to that?

Past Commander in Chief Charles G. Burton. Commander in Chief, I desire to ask the comrade a question. Conceding that all you say is true, what objection have you to Comrade Ketcham's amendment?

Past Commander in Chief Gardner. I am not through yet. Any objection to their going to the cemetery on the same day and joining in the same service, calling public attention of childhood and youth, manhood and age, to this greatest patriotic day in all the calendar? Any objection to that?

Now what is the other? It is to stand firm and solid against every wind that blows, for the integrity of the United States of America against the world. [Applause.] Have you any objection to the Spanish War Veterans standing side by side with us against these insidious Bolsheviks that are seeking to undermine this country? Have you any objection to the million of American Legion men standing unitedly with us in our declining years and feeling the burden shift somewhat from our feeble shoulders and limbs, with a consciousness that these men will be here when we are gone to guard the citadel which we fought to uphold? Any objection to that? If there is not, then there can be no objection to the resolution as presented.

I have no objection to Comrade Ketcham's putting that in. It don't do any good. It won't do any harm. But if you want it in, put it there. After careful consideration of this whole subject we believe that it will not minimize the Grand Army save as death minimizes it; that it will not destroy our influence save as our gradually decreasing numbers destroy our power; that it will not render less lustrous our glorious past; and so I hope the resolution will pass. If Ketcham thinks he will feel easier after we have elected him commander in chief to have that seal of protection, I am perfectly willing he should have it.

Comrade Ketcham. I am grateful to my distinguished friend and comrade for the admission that I am sometimes right, and this is one of the times when I am altogether right. Now listen: "Your committee, to whom was referred the advisability"—of what? "Of a Federation by the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish

War Veterans, American Legion, and other patriotic societies * * * report as follows: *Resolved*, That this society"—What society? A society composed of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish War Veterans, and the American Legion—"shall be known as the Federated Patriotic Societies of the United States of America * * *. We recommend the appointment of an advisory committee of three, one from each organization, to assist in carrying out these resolutions." That is the federation of which the Grand Army is one in three. Now, I have not raised an objection to the patriotic purposes proclaimed here. All that I have done is to suggest that the Grand Army of the Republic shall not be swallowed up. I have read and practiced law for a long time, and I have learned something about the use of language and what it means. I have not had the good fortune to be in Congress where the idea seems to be to conceal what is meant. [Laughter.] I am a lawyer whose object is to let it be known what I am trying to do, and all that I am trying to do by this supplement to this resolution is not to wipe out anything but to let it be assured that there will be a Grand Army of the Republic to-day, to-morrow, next week, and next year. [Applause.] I can get along without being commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. I don't want to, but I can. But this Nation can not get along without the patriotism of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, of Missouri. A question of privilege. My comrades say they can not understand what is going on, we have been moved back so far. I would like to ask that we may move our seats up into the vacant space near the platform.

The Commander in Chief. How many have you?

Comrade Henry. There are about 20; something more than 20, perhaps, and they all want to hear. They have been asking me what you have been talking about.

The Commander in Chief. We are doing the very best we can to make you hear.

Comrade Henry. There is room enough in that vacant space there to allow us to bring our seats up near the platform.

Comrade C. A. Huston, of Oregon. Oregon is still back of them, and the only good we get out of this convention is a close look at our comrades' backs.

The Commander in Chief. Now, comrades, let me tell you something. There has been a delegation of ladies from the Relief Corps standing for a long time outside while you were discussing this matter.

Comrade Patrick H. Coney, of Kansas. Our comrades in the back part of this hall have been able to hear only one speech. That is Comrade Ketcham's.

The Commander in Chief. That has been told us time and again. You can move your seats up here as soon as you can without too much confusion. The officer of the day will conduct the committee from the Relief Corps to the platform, and we will take this question up immediately afterwards.

Past Commander in Chief S. R. Van Sant. The members of the committee to visit the Daughters of Veterans will meet me at the door immediately, Edwin C. Milliken, of Maine, and John M. Adams, of Ohio.

Comrade LEWIS S. PILCHER, of New York. The committee on resolutions, this is important, those departments in the rear of the room have the greater number of the members of this committee. There is only one from each one of these large departments that are right here. Now, the committee on resolutions will meet immediately after the close of the afternoon session at the Columbia Club. The Columbia Club is on the Circle, just to the right after you reach the Circle. Immediately after the close of the afternoon session the committee on resolutions will meet.

(The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel while a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, consisting of National President Mrs. Abbie Lynch, of Pennsylvania; Past National Presidents Mary L. Carr, of Colorado, and Geraldine E. Frisbie, of California; and Mrs. Daniel M. Hall, of Ohio, was escorted to the platform.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, let us have your attention now. I have the honor and, I assure you, the great pleasure of introducing to you the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Abbie Lynch, of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. ABBIE LYNCH, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, we shall take but a very few minutes of your time. Our laws require us to bring to you at the end of the year an account of our work, and I will now read the report of the year's work of your auxiliary. [Reading:]

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, TO THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *September 20, 1920.*

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have the pleasure of presenting to you a brief summary of the work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, for the year ending March 31, 1920.

General summary to Mar. 31, 1920.

Number of departments		36
Number of provisional departments		3
Number of corps		2,274
Number of members		188,368
Amount expended for relief	$31,768.78	
Amount of cash turned over to posts	22,538.65	
For relief other than money	58,398.46	
Total expended as above		$112,705.89
For Memorial Day	1,787.62	
For Southern Memorial Day	1,000.00	
For Army nurses	1,360.00	
		4,147.62
As above during the year		116,853.51
Total expended for relief, Memorial Day, etc., from date of organization to Mar. 31, 1919		5,070,131.85
Total expended for year ending Mar. 31, 1920		116,853.51
		5,186,985.36

The national treasurer's report shows cash balances Mar. 31, 1920:		
In general fund	$9,586.08	
In all other funds	17,767.34	
		$27,353.42
Due from departments	96.09	
Due from detached corps		
Salable supplies, valued at cost	9,000.00	
Invested in Liberty bonds	2,000.00	
		11,096.09
Total assets		38,449.51

Liabilities, none.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

ABBIE LYNCH, *National President.*

Commander in Chief, this report is submitted with the assurance that in the future, as in the past, our service is for you always, and it is because of our deep respect, our devotion to the principles for which you fought, that we have done this work. Our loyalty to you is assured.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I want to introduce to you Mrs. Mary L. Carr, past national president of the Relief Corps.

Mrs. MARY L. CARR, of Colorado. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have no speech to make. We expect our national president to do all the speechifying. But I want to congratulate you on having such officers at the door. We have been out there a little over a half an hour, and I was listening, catching a word once in a while. We tried to push past the guards and they presented a gun with a bayonet on it and we women began to shudder. But he says, "It is not loaded, the gun isn't." I said, "What would be the penalty if we should go in? Would we be shot at sunrise?" "No," he said, "I would wait till supper time." So I think that you have some very excellent officers at the door, and we are very glad to know that we were able to get in, and we are ready now to go on with another year's work just as we have for 37 years, which we have worked for you and with you. We have kept step with you, but sometimes we have got ahead, because you didn't go quite fast enough for us; and we have led the way in many things in making good citizens of our school children and in patriotic work. I thank you.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This is Mrs. Frisbie, past national president of the Relief Corps.

Mrs. GERALDINE E. FRISBIE, of California. Commander Hall and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, this is another proud moment for me to stand before this grand body of men. Once before I had this honor when I was national president in Chattanooga, Tenn., and I felt that one of the greatest honors, and always have since. And to-day, again, I have had this honor of coming before you. This is not the first time I have had the honor of meeting your commander in chief, Mr. Hall. He visited San Francisco. He left his snow-bound home and crossed the mountains and the snowy deserts to come to California, to our lofty mountains, our sun-kissed hills, our fertile valleys, and to reach that beautiful city by the Golden Gate, San Francisco, where he was met with open arms by the Grand Army of the Republic, and I may add the Woman's Relief Corps,

and we had the most glorious visit from him. There was a banquet given to him. What shall I say, you escorted me or I escorted you to that banquet? Any way to keep peace in the family. And we had the most delightful visit with him, and that visit has gone on the pages of history in the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps and I am sure all the allied organizations. We pledge again our loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic as long as a comrade lives. You are living lessons of patriotism, and we realize this, and to the last one we are going to be loyal and true to you.

The Commander in Chief. Comrades, there is another member of the Relief Corps here, who has never appeared before you, a home body who would not attempt to make a speech, but I am going to introduce you to the wife of the commander in chief, Mrs. Hall. [Applause.]

Chief of Staff George A. Hosley. Mrs. Hall, I have something to say to you. The comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic through me, whom they have delegated, have something to say to you. It has been customary, as you know, for years to present the commander in chief with something upon his going out of office, which is very commendable on the part of the comrades; and also at times when they have not forgotten themselves—it is always a mistake of the head, never of the heart, if they do—they have helped the wife out in her sorrow for the long absences of her husband. I know emphatically that you tell Commander in Chief Hall when to head in, but for the past year you have been unable to do that because the Grand Army of the Republic in a way has superseded you in authority. But we realize the long nights that you passed with anxiety, and of course there must be some anxious nights because the commander in chief, like the rest of us, is growing old. He don't like to admit it, but, of course, all of us are subject to more or less chances of sickness in our routes around the country. Therefore you must have been anxious. Now, we are going to help you hold him down for the coming year. And to help you I am going to present you on behalf of the comrades with a pendant and chain. That chain is to help chain him down at home so you will be able to become acquainted with him in the coming year. And if that chain is not enough we also present you with a chain of pearls, not an imitation but a chain of pearls; and that chain and this rope of pearls, both combined, ought to surely provide you with all the tools for holding that man at home where he belongs.

Mrs. Hall. I will try.

Chief of Staff Hosley. Commander Hall, I ask and call upon you to respond for Mrs. Hall.

The Commander in Chief. Comrade Hosley, I have responded so much I have scattered my voice all over Indianapolis. I responded so many times the other night that I don't know but I am about talked out. But I want to say to Comrade Hosley and the good comrades who have been so kind to my better half as well as to myself, that I appreciate this more than we are able to tell. As I said the other night, these gifts that come to us in this world are not to be measured by their intrinsic value or by their beauty, but valued more on account of the love, on account of the affection, on account of the good will of those who donate them, and for that reason I can say

for my wife that she will appreciate these splendid gifts and will remember the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic as long as she lives. I heard her say the other night when the flowers were presented to her, that she loved flowers but she loved the old comrades better. [Applause.]

I just want to say to you that she comes from a family of four sisters, all of them of marriageable age, who waited until the war was over and then all of them married old soldiers. A patriotic family, people that love the country and love the old flag. From the bottom of my heart and in behalf of my wife, speaking for her, I thank you.

I am going to ask Comrade Washington Gardner to say a word in response to the Relief Corps.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. Pardon me, Commander in Chief, but I have not heard a word that has been said by the committee. But I do know from a wide field of observation throughout the country of the inestimable services the ladies of this organization have done and are doing in a patriotic way as well as for the Grand Army of the Republic. I have watched with increasing interest their approach to our numbers. We have been declining; they have been increasing. They have passed us almost a hundred thousand. That is, they are as many as we are and as many more. But they are not satisfied. They are continuing to grow. And they grow because they have the vital spirit of patriotism. We welcome you, Mrs. President and your associates, to the floor and to look these men in the face who come from every part of this great land, and every one of them shares your splendid efforts in behalf not only of the Grand Army of the Republic but of the great country which we all love.

(The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel while the officer of the day escorted the delegation to the door.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The question before us is on the amendment as offered by Comrade Ketcham.

Comrade JOHN MCELROY. of Potomac. In this discussion we have lost sight of the main question. You are talking about something which we haven't heard. The question is, Should we go into this federation, what position, what weight, will we have? I can trust that the comrades who are going to enter in and form this federation will not overlook the example of the League of Nations and give us a subordinate place. We can trust them to make the Grand Army's place at the head of the whole federation. That is the only question that comes in here. The World War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are now engaged in a great competition, which seems to have produced some bitterness, as to their membership. The World War Veterans have established posts and are striving for membership against the American Legion. I hear on all sides the story that the World War Veterans are in a struggle with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which order has been growing considerably. It is a question which will become the stronger. They are going through what we did when we tried to build up the Grand Army of the Republic in our early days. There has been no question among them as to the rank of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am quite willing that Comrade Ketcham's amendment be adopted, and we can make it even more emphatic.

We recently fought out the Grand Army's precedence in the dedication of the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington, and we obtained there our precedence, our domination, our absolute proprietary rights in Arlington in the dedication of the Memorial Amphitheater. This was entirely conceded to us by the members of the other veterans' organizations, and we went so far as to have our commander in chief, assisted by every other commander in chief, in dedicating that magnificent structure, use the Grand Army ritual in that dedication. That indicates something of the spirit of these young fellows toward us. I do not apprehend any trouble from them, and I do not apprehend any trouble, whatever these articles of federation may be, that we will not preserve our individuality as the Grand Army of the Republic; and everything that pertains to the subject——

Adjt. Gen. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL. Why not say so?

Comrade MCELROY. As I said before, I am willing to accept Comrade Ketcham's amendment and even make it stronger. Nothing can make it stronger than the feeling that these young men manifest to us on all public occasions when they come in and ask to be allowed to join with us on Memorial Day and other public celebrations. I have not heard of the slightest attempt to rob us of our precedence. While we were fighting over this dedication of the Memorial Amphitheater, our friends, the Confederate Veterans, came in and began to talk very largely about Arlington being too big to be under the charge of any one organization. The Spanish War Veterans and the World War Veterans stood by us as to our precedence, and I feel very confident that we will always have their cooperation and consideration.

Past Commander in Chief CLARENDON E. ADAMS. I believe in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic that some Infinite God stepped into your ranks and directed you in the course that you should follow, and you have followed it. And to-day I want to say I would like to see the color of a man's hair that would attempt to step into your ranks and absorb your institution. There has been no thought on the part of any member of this committee that anything of that kind should be the case. It has absolutely been brought in here contrary to any idea that the committee had, amalgamating your great organization with any other in this land; and if Comrade Ketcham wants to define and designate and have you tell him exactly what to do with this resolution I have no objection under heaven, and I will second his motion and will ask that he himself write out the interpretation and present it to this encampment, and I will vote for it.

Now, just for one moment. These splendid men composing the Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion have been somewhat criticized here for their motives. Let me read you what they say to this encampment over their own signatures, and I think it will go further than the statement of any man. [Reading:]

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *September 21, 1920.*

To the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

The representatives of the United Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion, appointed by their respective national commanders to represent their organizations at this encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, extend to you hearty greetings. At a joint meeting called by your past commander in chief, Col. C. E. Adams, a declaration of principles was unanimously adopted.

It was agreed that one of our Nation's most valuable institutions for the teaching of patriotism has been the Grand Army ceremonies for the soldier dead. We younger war veteran groups have esteemed it an honor to participate in these ceremonies in many localities, and it was believed that a wider recognition by all of the national veteran groups in a formal manner of the opportunity so afforded would result in mutual good and profit. The younger veteran groups desire the Grand Army to clearly and definitely understand that we recognize their seniority and hold the Grand Army, composed as it is of our fathers and grandfathers, in reverent affection. We hold it a splendid thing to be permitted to aid and help the Grand Army in its work during its life, and when the Grand Army shall be no more, to, with the appreciation that all men who have seen service feel for brothers in arms, continue the customs and honor the memory of the Grand Army as we will our own.

THOS. J. CUNNINGHAM,
For the United Spanish War Veterans.

T. VICTOR KEENE, M. D.,
For the American Legion.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. The Grand Army of the Republic has one great deliberative body, the committee on resolutions. There are too many of us here, and our hearing is too feeble to hear all that is said from the platform; but if this entire matter is referred to the committee on resolutions and they thrash it out, then we can know, as we do not now know, what it is that we are going to act upon, and I therefore move you that the report of the committee and the suggested amendment and all the literature with reference to it be referred to the committee on resolutions for their action and report.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Second that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion is that the report of Comrade Adams's committee be referred to the committee on resolutions for their consideration and report, and it has been seconded. Let us have the question. We will make nothing by further discussion. All who favor the motion will say "aye." Contrary, if any, "no." The motion prevails.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. The committee on the memorial of Comrade Bell is ready to report. Are you ready to hear it?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. A committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have been in waiting almost half an hour.

Past Commander in Chief TANNER. I sit down.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The officer of the day will escort the committee to the platform.

(The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel while the officer of the day escorted the committee, composed of Mrs. Mary E. Tarbox, of Maine, and Mrs. Della R. Henry, of Missouri, to the platform.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, I have the extreme pleasure of introducing to you at this time Mrs. Tarbox, past president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. MARY E. TARBOX, of Maine. Commander in Chief, past officers, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is a great pleasure for me to-day to be requested by our national president, Sister Lillian Clark Cary, to come here to you and bring you the greetings, the cordial greetings, of 60,000 relatives of yours.

[Applause.]

We know that you are a very busy class of people at this time, as we are ourselves, but I am not going to take any time to make an address or anything, only to assure you of our willingness at all times to do for you as we have in the past. There is one thought I wish to leave with you, however, and that is that I want every member of this audience present to give some thought to a question that I am going to ask you.

I come from a State where I think most of you are willing to acknowledge we know, both men and women, what our duty is, and when the way is open to us we perform it, that is the State of Maine. And we feel that the honor of having a commander in chief, which I have always argued is the grandest office that any man was ever called to fill in this world, we feel that that honor at some time belongs to the State of Maine. We have never had one and we are the only New England State but what has had a commander in chief, and we have a man who is amply able in every way to fill that office, and when the time is ripe, when there is not any other man that wants it [laughter], I am going to ask every comrade present to do their utmost to aid the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Relief Corps and the Daughters of Veterans; they all love and admire Col. Edwin Milliken, of Maine, who is equal to that position and will do you honor when you give it to him.

You all know that the State of Maine two weeks ago knew what was right and did what was right. [Applause.] We want you all to follow and keep pace with the example we have set and you will have no reason to regret it. [Great applause.]

The Commander in Chief. I will now introduce Mrs. Henry, of Missouri, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Della R. Henry, of Missouri. For the first time it is my proud privilege to stand in the presence of so large a company of those grand men who made American posterity possible by maintaining American unity against all the powers that secession could bring to them. When we look at the work you did during those four years, the prowess of every other nation fades into insignificance; and to-day I just want to raise my voice and cry, "All honor and all hail, comrades of the Grand Army." To the Ladies of the Grand Army you are as the Holy Grail.

Our organization, composed of the wives and the blood kin, and the descendants of the Union veterans of the Civil War, is taking a deep root. We are going to live forever, perpetuated by our descendants, a living monument of your hearts and homes, carrying the name of the Grand Army of the Republic and showing to the world in future years that the perpetuation of the memory and the history of your noble deeds has fallen into safe hands. The bright, golden, glorious shreds of tissue of that dear Old Flag are forever twined around the heart strings of the Ladies of the Grand Army, and catching the spirit that comes to us from the battle fields, of our husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers, we will be true to their comrades just as long as light and warmth of life remain in us.

The wonderful parade and procession of this Grand Army yesterday was one of the greatest lessons in patriotism to the rising generations that could ever be. I remember that the mayor of Minneapolis, Minn., said: "I would rather my children would see one Grand

Army parade than read all the histories of the Civil War." I am just going to close now with a little incident that happened in my own observation, sitting on the grand stand at Boston a few years ago, of a lady who was clapping and cheering vigorously when the Grand Army went by. Another lady sitting right close was perfectly emotionless. She never had a word to say; she was not cheering; she was not at all enthused over it. And the woman that was cheering said: "Why don't you cheer? Why don't you cheer?" The second lady just sat there. The first continued, "Why don't you cheer? I guess if you had three husbands killed in the Civil War, as I did, you would cheer." [Applause.]

The Commander in Chief. Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance will respond to the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army.

Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance. Mrs. Tarbox and Mrs. Henry, representing the committee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, you are certainly very welcome here. This gives just a little taste of home when you come in, and to know that you represent 60,000 relatives is a very beautiful thing. My visit to this city has been greatly enhanced from the fact that I have, or that my wife has, one or two relatives here, and they have added very much to the pleasure and happiness of my visit. And you women, 60,000 women, you represent the very best that there is in the home life of America. You have done a whole lot for the veteran soldier of the Union. We are getting old and we are not just as attractive in form and movement as we once were, but your love for us is unchanged, your vitality is unbroken.

You never make any trouble for the men of the Grand Army of the Republic. I read a story the other day of a young couple that were just engaged, and the happy young girl looked into her lover's face and said, "I want to share all your trials and sorrows." He said, "My dear, I haven't got a trial or sorrow in the world." "But," she said, "I mean after we are married." [Laughter.] Well, we are all the better for anything that has come into our life, either of joy or sorrow, since we were married.

Take back to your convention our most cordial salutation and good wishes, and we hope that the future will bring many opportunities for you to continue your good work. Your organization is immortal, as you have said. It will live in the lives of your children and your grandchildren, and through them the finest things in American history and in American patriotism will be forever preserved.

The Commander in Chief. The officer of the day will escort the ladies to the outpost. We thank you for this visit.

(The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel as the delegation retired.)

Past Commander in Chief James Tanner. Following the death of our New York comrade, whom we had recently elected commander in chief, Comrade Bell, New York, asked Comrade Pilcher, residing in the same city and intimate with him, to prepare a suitable but brief memorial for presentation here. When the commander in chief's order was issued, naming the committee, in which he was pleased to name Comrade Fallows, of Illinois, Comrade Gahagan, of Tennessee, and myself as such a committee, Comrade Pilcher at once sent to me the memorial he had prepared and placed it at the service

of your committee. Comrade Fallows and I have gone over it, felt that it was a splendid production, and we have thankfully accepted it as the expression we wished to present to this encampment. And now, sir, as Comrade Pilcher is on the platform and his nerves are steadier and his eyes are better than mine, I will ask him on behalf of our committee to read that production.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will now listen to the report of the memorial committee on the death of Comrade James D. Bell.

(Whereupon Comrade Lewis S. Pilcher, of New York, read the following report of the committee:)

(See In Memoriam, p. 265.)

Adjt. Gen. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL. I move the adoption of the memorial by a rising vote.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that we adopt this memorial by a rising vote. All in favor of the motion will rise. (Unanimously carried.)

Comrades, I have received notice that a delegation from the Daughters of Veterans is at the outpost. The officer of the day will escort them to the platform.

(The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel while a committee, composed of Mrs. Nellie M. Goodman, of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Azubah Perry, of Medina, N. Y.; and Mrs. Minnie Anthony, of Portland, Oreg., was escorted to the platform.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, it is my pleasure to introduce to you a delegation from the Daughters of Veterans, headed by the president elect, Mrs. Goodman, who will now address you.

Mrs. NELLIE M. GOODMAN, of Boston, Mass. Commander in Chief and comrades, the greatest honor that has ever come to me in my life is with me this moment when I stand in the national encampment to greet our fathers. I know how busy you are. I know that you are busy and that you are tired. We want, when we go out, to have every one of you love us, and we know that you will love us if we don't say too much. So I will tell you that we bring you the love and honor and esteem of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans. Comrades, you are our fathers. We look to you for all that is good. We look to you for the inspiration that is in the heart of every daughter of a veteran in the United States to-day.

Commander in Chief, I bring you these few posies, and may every moment you spend in your encampment and every moment that every comrade spends in this encampment be as bright as the flowers we bring you. (Presenting the commander in chief with a bouquet.) [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This is Mrs. Perry, another one of our girls, who will now talk to you.

Mrs. AZUBAH PERRY, of New York. Commander in Chief, officers of the staff, and comrades of my father, this is, indeed, the happiest moment that ever came to me, to come into the meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic. I never was in one before, and when I say that this is the greatest honor that could come to me, I mean it, the greatest honor that could come to a past president of the New York Department, Daughters of Veterans. We love you all, and we hope to keep you with us many, many years; and I hope that this will not be the last time that I can come to you. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Mrs. Anthony, of Portland, Oreg., another daughter of a veteran.

Mrs. MINNIE ANTHONY, of Oregon. Commander in Chief and the Grand Army of the Republic, I know of no greater honor that could have been conferred upon me than the honor conferred by our national president of the Daughters of Veterans. To be invited into this wonderful audience, my father's comrades, it seems more of a pleasure than I can tell you. I bring you the greetings of our convention. I also bring you the greetings of Portland, Oreg., where you were our guests a few years ago. We, the Daughters of Portland, Oreg., are busy as bees working out the problems which concern you most. Comrades, I could spend an hour talking to you, but, as the sisters have said, we know that you are a busy body and we don't wish to take up your time. But let me leave with you the best wishes of the Daughters of Veterans here and elsewhere ever to be your servants. May God bless every one of you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief, it is my pleasure at this time, if you will accept this little badge from the Daughters of Betsy Ross Tent, No. 1, of Portland. I thank you.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Just a word later. I am going to ask our comrade, Judge Willett, to say a word in response to this cordial greeting of the Daughters.

Comrade J. W. WILLETT, of Iowa. Commander in Chief, Daughters of Veterans, I wondered when I saw you come in where I had seen the lady in black. Now I know. It was in Portland, Oreg., and a right jolly good time they gave us. [Applause.] It goes without saying that when our Daughters call upon us we simply ask them what they want and give it to them as the best way to avoid difficulty. [Laughter.] At any rate that is the way it occurs in my household. I have but one daughter and she could always work her papa, and I have no doubt that each of you have been able to do that in times past. And it is apparent from the manner in which you have been received by the comrades that you have carried the art much further than working papa, because you have worked this encampment to a very hearty, gracious reception. We, too, hope that in the future encampments we may see your smiling faces at recurring annual encampments. We thank you for your gracious presence.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I just want to say, comrades, when I visited Portland, Oreg., they took me to the Hotel Portland and up to one of the finest rooms in the hotel. The landlord himself went up with me and opened the door. He said, "Walk in." I stepped into the room and looked around, and I said, "Who has been here?" "Oh," he said, "the Daughters of Veterans put in pretty near all the forenoon here." You never saw a room banked with beautiful flowers and flags nicer than that was. I thank you for this visit. The officer of the day will conduct the ladies to the outpost.

(The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel as the committee retired.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Just a moment. I want to tell you where this came from. [Reading a card attached to a large bouquet which had just been brought to the platform.] "A token of love and

best wishes from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary No. 10, Indianapolis, Ind." Isn't it a beauty?

I have two telegrams here. I want to introduce Asst. Adjt. Gen. Matthews, who will read them.

(The assistant adjutant general then read the following telegrams:)

NEW YORK, N. Y., *September 23, 1920.*

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief, Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, Ind.:

National Security League desires to extend to National Encampment of Grand Army of the Republic its best wishes for successful session. Your organization has been notable in the past for its active and sincere cooperation on every occasion in efforts toward unionization of patriotism and good citizenship, of our work and of our desire to cooperate with you in every possible way.

NATIONAL SECURITY LEAGUE,
CHARLES D. ORTH, *President.*

NEW YORK, N. Y., *September 23, 1920.*

COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Greetings. Good wishes from Argonne Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

WILLIAM F. EIGHMEY, *Commander.*

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. I move that they be placed on file, Commander.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is so ordered without a motion. These telegrams will be placed on file.

The committee on remembrance to our last year's commander in chief.

Comrade A. M. TRIMBLE, of Nebraska (reading):

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *September 22, 1920.*

COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

COMRADES: The committee of which Past Commander in Chief Alfred B. Beers, of Connecticut, now deceased, was chairman, selected at the Columbus, Ohio, encampment last year, to procure a testimonial to the outgoing commander in chief, for the splendid services rendered by him during his administration, have to report that we, the other members of said committee, have performed that duty by the purchase of 62 elegant pieces of silverware, and by having the same shipped to Comrade Clarendon E. Adams, past commander in chief, Omaha, to which we received the following beautiful reply of approval and acceptance, and we ask that the same be published, together with this report, in the proceedings of this national encampment.

A. M. TRIMBLE,
GEORGE A. PRICE,
Members of Committee.

OMAHA, NEBR., *September 15, 1920.*

Comrades A. M. TRIMBLE and GEORGE A. PRICE,
Committee.

Through the courtesy of your committee, the testimonial from the Grand Army of the Republic has arrived.

The pains you have taken as a committee adds much value and interest. But its choicest value lies in the fact that it comes from the hearts of my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

From no other organization could come such tender and sacred memories of duty done, of patriotic devotion, sacrifice, and love of country; so sublime are they that they reach far beyond the ability of pen or tongue to describe; they come from the fountain of purer hearts, dispensing joy supreme.

So sublime are the sentiments expressed in this memorial that they not only bring joy to the recipient, but exalt and ennoble the donors.

There is an unwritten love arising from the ranks of our comrades, pure and holy; in the early days of the Grand Army of the Republic it seemed as though some unseen God had entered our ranks and sanctified the blessed name of "comrade."

I realize that I am receiving this testimonial from the hands of men far greater than I, or any one man; it comes from the living combined forces that "saved us our glorious Union undivided and our flag unsullied." From the hands of men who answered the call of Lincoln, who marched and fought with Grant and Sherman, Thomas and Sheridan, Logan, Hancock, and Meade. Could anything be grander than the service you rendered; could any token be more valuable than one from your hands? Ah, no; your friendship is unique in the service you performed and grand in the history you shaped and molded; a history purely American—you fought as Americans fight for liberty, justice, and right; you demanded an "unconditional surrender"; you made a solid basis for peace, and then you said "Let us have peace," and we have had peace for fifty-five years, peace in all our hearts and all our homes, and we will continue to have peace as long as the patriotism kindled by your services shall endure. Your services gave a new glory to freedom's shrine—Lincoln's Gettysburg speech has become the beacon light of the world—and blended together with the citizenship of the hour is pointing our country to a higher and grander patriotism, embraced in the words, "America for Americans."

Most humbly and sincerely do I thank you for this beautiful testimonial endeared by the love of my comrades and emblazoned by the victories they have won. Again do I sincerely thank you.

CLARENDON E. ADAMS.

(On motion of Comrade L. F. Arensberg, of Pennsylvania, duly seconded and carried, the report was received and placed on file.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I am requested by the chairman of the committee on resolutions to ask that departments place all resolutions in his hands at once. The committee meets immediately on the recess of the encampment at the Columbia Club, and he is anxious to have them in.

Comrade McBride has a communication to read.

(Whereupon Comrade Robert W. McBride, of Indiana, read the following:)

OREGON BAR ASSOCIATION,
Portland, Oreg., September 11, 1920.

The Oregon State Bar Association in session assembled, send warmest greetings and best wishes to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic about to convene in annual session. We realize and doubly appreciate what they have done and that their ranks are thinning, and that no "new" blood can come in and no recruits can be drawn into the ranks; that the gaps in the picket line grow wider; day by day details are made for the reserve, summoned into the shadowy regions to return to touch elbows no more, until by and by only a solitary sentinel stands guard, waiting till the bugle call from beyond shall muster out the last comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless you all and be with you in your deliberations.

Attest: A true copy.

ALBERT B. RIDGWAY,
Secretary Oregon State Bar Association.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The communication will be put on file.

We will have the report of the committee on the quartermaster general's report, by Judge Willett.

Comrade J. W. WILLETT, of Iowa (reading):

To the Commander in Chief, Officers, and Members of the Fifty-fourth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic:

COMRADES: We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the quartermaster general, beg leave to report that we have examined said report

and have investigated same. We find said report is correct as regards the financial part thereof, and that the books of the quartermaster general have been audited by proper auditing committee and found correct, and said report and audit has been approved by the executive committee and council of administration. Therefore this committee recommend the approval of said report in so far as it pertains to the accounts of the quartermaster general.

(The recommendation was duly seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that the report as far as made, of the committee on the quartermaster's report, be adopted.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I ask you, does the approval of the report increase the per capita tax?

Comrade WILLETT. Later on.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All who favor the motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." The motion prevails.

Comrade WILLETT. Further reporting:

Clause 2. Your committee, reporting on the fourth paragraph of said report wherein the quartermaster general recommends that the annual per capita tax be increased from 3½ cents to 7 cents per annum, be amended to read "10 cents per annum, payable in semiannual installments of 5 cents each"; that with this amendment your committee recommend that the report be approved in that regard.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I second it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that the report of the committee on this clause be approved. Any remarks?

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. We offer an amendment that it be not approved.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey, Commander in Chief, I would like to ask, if we increase the per capita tax will it be necessary for the new administration to draw out any moneys from the reserve fund? Will the 10 cents per capita tax pay the expenses of the administration?

Comrade WILLETT. In the opinion of this committee, under ordinary circumstances, the administration would not be required to draw any funds from the principal of the permanent fund. They might possibly have to use the interest.

Comrade COLE. Then, Commander in Chief, I hope the encampment will adopt that resolution. I hope that we may maintain the reserve fund until some future time when we will be less able to pay the per capita tax. Our department at its last session increased the per capita tax from 20 cents to 40 cents. I think the comrades of the department will be entirely willing to increase the national per capita tax from 3½ to 10 cents, provided we can maintain the reserve fund intact as it now stands.

[Cries of "Question."]

Past Commander in Chief LEO RASSIEUR. I believe it is usually considered at this time of life, it is according to my notion, a crime to increase the load that our comrades are to carry. It is a hardship upon the departments to meet this demand. Three-and-a-half cents per comrade ought, with proper management, to suffice for the Grand Army of the Republic. The trouble is, we are spending faster than we should. There was a time when, out of $2,000 devoted to the expense of travel, $1,500 was turned into the treasury of the Grand Army. Let's get back to those times. Let's spend in

accordance with our income and not be loading down the comrades in their advancing years with additional money. I understand the increase is from 35 cents per capita to $1.

Comrade WILLETT. Ten cents a year, payable semiannually in installments of 5 cents.

Past Commander in Chief RASSIEUR. Very well. Then the increase is more than double the old, just as I have been talking about. Instead of 35 it is 3½. The increase is in the same ratio. It is an increase of a kind that should not be made. It is an increase for which, in my judgment, there is no cause. I will take this organization and run it on less money than the present amounts to, and others would do the same. This I hope the comrades will consider before they increase it. We ought to consider that. If money must be paid for the actual expenses, take it out of the permanent fund, don't load this onto the comrades. It will drag them out faster from the organization than we are able to replace them. So I hope that the report of the committee will not be adopted. It looks small, my comrades, but the difference between 3½ and 10 is nearly three times and over twice what it has been in the past.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. Commander, at Portland we were reported to have a membership of 120,000. At Columbus we were reported to have a membership of 110,000. To-day, I understand, we have a membership of 103,000. There is not a man in this audience; there is not a man in the Grand Army of the Republic that is not to-day receiving $600 a year [applause] as the result of the action of the Grand Army, and it seems to me to be a refinement of economy, not to use a stronger expression, to make a fuss over taking 10 cents out of $600 every year for the support of the organization [great applause] that has got him this $600. That matter came before the delegation of Indiana with a recommendation from the executive committee, and the delegation from Indiana, an economical delegation, by unanimous vote united in the recommendation of the executive committee for an assessment of 10 cents. We want that 10 cents so that the administration, and I may have something to do with the administration [laughter], will not be tempted to dip their hands into the permanent fund. I want this encampment to provide for expenses, but leave the permanent fund as it ought to be, untouched and intact. I think it is absolutely necessary, and that can not be done unless we adopt the recommendation of the executive committee and of the quartermaster general concurred in by the committee in its report.

Comrade H. H. BENGOUGH, of Pennsylvania. I want to ask Comrade Ketcham a question.

Comrade KETCHAM. I have cross-examined a good many people, and I would be glad to be cross-examined myself and see how it goes.

Comrade BENGOUGH. Comrade Ketcham, I want to ask you a question: What is the use of continuing this permanent fund with such a large amount? What is the purpose? We have got a permanent fund, and we ought to, in my judgment, and it may differ from the forcible judgment of Comrade Ketcham, but it seems to me that it is much better for this encampment to use its permanent fund gradually, when it may last for six or seven years, when most of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic will be at their long rest. It does seem to me that it is not good business practice, when

you have that amount of money in reserve, to tax the comrades of this encampment and the comrades at home.

Comrade KETCHAM. I will answer your question. It is pretty hard to find any question in that speech, but if there is any question in the speech it is, Why shouldn't we exhaust our permanent fund and not make any per capita tax at all? That is what that means, and my answer to that is: There may come a time—I hope it may never come—but there may come a time when the Grand Army of the Republic will need that permanent fund; and it is a very small thing to say that a man can not pay out of the $600 that he gets as a result of the work of the Grand Army 10 cents for the expenses of the Grand Army, leaving him $599.90 to do with as he pleases. [Great applause.]

Comrade M. W. WOOD, of Idaho. Commander in chief and comrades, we have heard some little here about the American Legion. I am talking about the Grand Army right now, which I love. I belong to every single last one——

A COMRADE. Louder.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As long as you keep hollering you can not hear him. He is doing the best he can.

Comrade WOOD. I want to tell you the dues of every member of the American Legion is $1, and you are kicking here, some of you, because you must pay less than a cent a month. Those of us who have had the fortune to have been department commanders know what a bill of expense the position has been to us if we have performed our duties. Nearly all of us know what our commander in chief has done for us during the past year. If we were to pay him $5,000 for what he did he would still be out of pocket. Some comrade spoke about there having been appropriated $1,500 and $1,200 to turn back. If he did, the other $300 was wasted. It would be better and money in our pockets, a better investment, if our commander in chief had $5,000 instead of $1,500. It would be worth more money to us to-day. Let us keep the Grand Army where we can as long as we can, and don't make any little fuss about less than a cent a month.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. Commander in Chief, I wish that we might have substantially if not entirely a unanimous vote upon this question. As chairman of the committee on legislation, it fell to my province to face both the committee in the House and in the Senate in your behalf, my comrades, appealing for an increase in pensions. Two years ago we said to them, "If you will give us this"—and they did—"we won't ask you again." This year we met some of the same men, and two or three of the Senators said, "Didn't you tell us two years ago if we would give you the increase desired that you would not ask us again?" I said, "I did; but what you gave us two years ago is not equivalent in purchasing power to what we ask you to give us now." It was because of the universal experience of the increased cost of living, as well as the growing feebleness of age, that these Representatives of our Government granted the prayer of the commander in chief and others who besought them. Now what? You have asked this man and his adjutant general and members of the committee to go here and there this year in their duties. Who paid the bills? They went for you. The change from Atlantic City to this city cost a very considerable amount of money. It had to be done. To illustrate, I bought a reservation

this morning from Indianapolis to Toledo in order that I might sleep to-morrow night on the cars, $4.20. It cost me as much to get a reservation from this city to Toledo as the car fare from Michigan to Indianapolis. Do you ask Ketcham—might as well nominate him now as any time—to sit up all night, as commander in chief, in a day coach; or will you put him to bed and save his life, though it costs some money? It costs more money at the hotel—everywhere.

Now, but another thought. Gentlemen, if it had not been for the Grand Army of the Republic, its power in national affairs, you would not be receiving $600 as the minimum of compensation the Government pays you for what you did 50 years ago. [Applause.] Why, we used to stand up and be shot at for three days at a time for $13 a month. Now we get $50 a month and sit in a chair and squirt water in the front yard. That is the difference. But the Government has done it. Now, is there a man here or anywhere, is there a comrade who will say, "I can not pay 5 cents every six months for the organization that has made it possible for me to draw $600 a year"? That is the size of it, comrades.

Now, don't let's go home bewailing the extravagance of the Grand Army of the Republic because the national organization costs us 10 cents a year. I don't smoke, but if I did I would be mighty glad to get two good cigars for 10 cents.

Comrade Willett. Fifteen cents for a good cigar.

Past Commander in Chief Gardner. Now, you old smokers, you understand it. You say you can not. But what I want [cries of "Question"], I judge you are smokers, every one, but what I want to say is this: Let the Members of Congress, when they read of your deliberations, not read that you are not willing to give 10 cents a year for the support of your national organization. Make it unanimous on the 10 cents. [Cries of "We will."]

The Commander in Chief. I believe this matter has been discussed long enough. Let us have the question.

Comrade John M. Snyder, of Illinois. I move the adoption of the report of the committee.

The Commander in Chief. The chairman of the committee wants to make an explanation.

Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa. Commander in Chief, pardon me for making an explanation. As this matter now stands it is only a recommendation. A majority vote is all that is required to approve it as a recommendation. But if you are prepared to vote on this question and the matter is unanimous, and you have made this recommendation, this committee will move that the rule be suspended and that the rate of 10 cents, as recommended, be adopted.

The Commander in Chief. The question is on the adoption of the recommendation of the committee.

Comrade Wm. L. Heiskell, of Indiana. I move the previous question.

The Commander in Chief. All in favor of the adoption of the recommendation of the committee will say "aye." Contrary, if any, "no." The recommendation is adopted. The committee will proceed with their report.

Comrade Willett. Commander in Chief and comrades, this committee has paved the way for this subject matter, and before this encampment shall have concluded I am directed by the unanimous

vote of the council of administration to submit the proposition to you of fixing the per capita tax at 10 cents per annum, payable in semi-annual installments of 5 cents each, and to ask unanimous consent of this encampment that such a law may be enacted, and this is but paving the way so that you may understand the proposition and be discussing it. You have recommended it and approved the report of the committee.

Now, to another subject, which is included in the quartermaster's report:

Your committee approve the fifth paragraph of said report with the addition of the words "not to exceed 15 per cent of the principal of said permanent fund" following the word "requirements" at the end of line 4 from the top of page 25 thereof; and with this amendment we recommend your approval of said report.

In that report the paragraph referred to reads:

I would further recommend that the rules and regulations be changed by striking out the limit of 10 per cent to be drawn from the permanent fund in any one year; that is, the commander in chief should be empowered to draw such amounts from the permanent fund from time to time, upon requisition from the quartermaster general, as may be absolutely necessary to meet actual requirements.

Your committee, investigating this matter, added after the word "requirements" the words "not to exceed 15 per cent of the principal of said permanent fund," and we recommend that that amendment with the recommendation be approved.

Comrade C. H. Wm. Ruhe, of Pennsylvania. I move its approval. (Seconded.)

The Commander in Chief. It has been moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved.

Comrade Frank O. Cole, of New Jersey. It will take not quite seven years to exhaust the permanent fund. Think of that, even if it does not exceed 15 per cent. Now, we have increased the per capita tax from 3½ to 10 cents. That gives the national administration $10,000 to conduct its business for the ensuing year. I do not believe that you should touch that permanent fund. I asked the chairman of the committee when that was adopted if it would be necessary. He assured us that in his opinion it would not. The comrades heard that. We don't want to touch the permanent fund. As Comrade Ketcham said, there will come a time when it will be necessary, absolutely necessary, to touch the permanent fund. That time has not arrived as yet. If it is necessary to incur extraordinary expenses the administration can incur those expenses and refer the matter to the next encampment. That has been done before. It is not necessary to use all the money we have got in the bank. I say, maintain that permanent fund. Most of it has been given to us. Don't touch the permanent fund. And therefore I move that the recommendation just offered be laid on the table.

[Cries of "Second the motion."]

Comrade William A. Ketcham, of Indiana. I wish you would withdraw that a moment. I want to say something.

Comrade Cole. I withdraw it.

Comrade Ketcham. Comrades, I think you have voted wisely on the per capita tax increase. I don't think that this permanent fund

ought to be the subject of attack any further, and I especially think that the incoming commander in chief, whoever he may be, whatever may be his name, ought not to be put to the embarrassment of saying "No." I want this encampment to say "No," and not leave it up to the incoming commander in chief to be crowded by his quartermaster general and by everybody else to dip into this fund. That ought to be a sacred fund and ought not to be touched for that purpose. Therefore I hope that the motion that my comrade from New Jersey is about to make will pass.

Comrade Cole. I now renew the motion.

Comrade Wm. L. Heiskel, of Indiana. I rise to a point of order.

Comrade Willett. Please withdraw that motion just one moment and you will be satisfied.

Comrade Cole. No; we don't want to withdraw it. It is not debatable.

Comrade Willett. Please withdraw that motion one moment, and I say you will be satisfied.

Comrade Ketcham. I hope you will let him——

Comrade Cole. Go on, Judge.

Comrade Willett. Then I understand it is withdrawn, and the committee withdraw that part of the report. [Great applause.]

Now, comrades and Commander in Chief, I ask the unanimous consent of this encampment to pass this resolution, which is recommended by your council of administration:

Resolved, That the rules be suspended and that the per capita tax be increased from 3½ cents a year to 10 cents per annum, payable semiannually in installments of 5 cents each—

and I ask unanimous consent that that resolution may be offered in this encampment and voted upon.

Comrade Cole. You have adopted it already.

Comrade Willett. No; that was a recommendation.

Comrade Cole. I move that the recommendation of this committee be adopted, and on that motion I move the previous question.

The Commander in Chief. The question is on this last recommendation. Will you kindly read that recommendation again?

(Comrade Willett again read the resolution.)

The Commander in Chief. The question comes up upon the unanimous consent and unanimous vote to make the per capita tax 10 cents per year, payable in installments of 5 cents semiannually. Now you have the question. Are you ready for a vote? All who favor the resolution will say "aye." Contrary, if any? It is unanimous.

Comrade Willett. Now, Commander in Chief and comrades, with the foregoing additions and amendments, as disposed of by this encampment, your committee recommend the adoption of the report of the quartermaster general. (Seconded by several comrades.)

The Commander in Chief. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the quartermaster general as amended. All who favor that motion will say "aye." Contrary? The motion prevails.

We have three memorial committees appointed—one on the death of Comrade Bell, one on Comrade Beers, and one on Comrade Monfort. We have had one of them. Let us have the others. The committee on the death of Monfort. The senior vice commander will

(Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles B. Wilson took the chair.)

Past Commander in Chief ORLANDO A. SOMERS. The memorial for Comrade Monfort——

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move you, sir, that this encampment now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. A motion is not in order when a comrade is speaking.

Past Commander in Chief SOMERS. The memorial for Comrade Monfort, of which I was chairman of the committee, has been prepared by the department commander of Ohio, Comrade John M. Adams, who was a lifetime friend of Comrade Monfort, who was his adjutant general, and was in closer intimate relations with him than any other man. As a matter of love and duty, Comrade Adams makes the report for the committee instead of its chairman. I ask you to hear him, and as you will be quiet you will hear him.

Comrade JOHN M. ADAMS, of Ohio. I beg the comrades to indulge me a little from the fact that I have not had to make my living making speeches. I will do the best I can with the little voice that has been left me, and if you will kindly listen I will not indulge myself more than a few minutes in reading this paper. You all know my relations with Past Commander in Chief Elias Riggs Monfort. His was a familiar face in these encampments and he was well known to you. It was my good fortune to have him as my personal friend, and he has indulged himself in the past, before his death, in saying to his relatives that I was his friend. This is the paper [reading]:

(See In Memoriam, p. 269.)

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The memorial is received and made a part of the record.

Comrade GEORGE T. LEECH, of Maryland. This lobby here is a great interference to us along this side. They are showing great disrespect to this encampment. I wish it was cleared out.

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Move the lobby out into the street.

Comrade J. F. ELLIS, of Wisconsin. I move that the election of officers be made a special order of business at 8 o'clock this evening, and that we continue that special order until it is disposed of.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move that we now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Commander in Chief DANIEL M. HALL. Why not finish these memorial resolutions? There is just one more.

Comrade COLE. I withdraw it until he gets through.

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The resolution on the death of Comrade Beers.

Past Commander in Chief LEO RASSIEUR. Commander in Chief and comrades, your committee appointed to prepare appropriate resolutions upon the demise of our distinguished comrade, Past Commander in Chief Alfred Bishop Beers, beg leave to report the following, to wit [reading]:

(See In Memoriam, p. 267.)

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the report of the committee. What will you do with it?

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN, of Connecticut. It was my proud privilege as a delegate from the department of Connecticut to first present to this national encampment the name of Judge A. B. Beers. I have known him since the War of the Rebellion as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and as a friend and comrade in civil life. I wish to reiterate everything that those resolutions say of the comrade. You have known him as commander in chief. You can not add to the luster of his name. I move the adoption of the resolution by a rising vote.

(The motion prevailed.)

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. My motion was that we adjourn——

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Bishop Fallows is here and has got to go away. He just wants to make a word of explanation. Do you withdraw for Bishop Fallows?

Comrade COLE. I withdraw it for Bishop Fallows.

Comrade SAMUEL FALLOWS, of Illinois. Commander and comrades, I made a statement a year ago as the chairman of the committee appointed by Congress to complete the statue of Gen. Grant in Washington. I made the statement then, coming from the War Department——

Comrade J. M. SHELLEY, of Oregon. I have come here from Oregon more than 2,500 miles to attend this encampment. The circumstances are such that I may have to return without attending another session of this encampment. I want the opportunity——

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It must be a special privilege, or you can not break in on this present speaker.

Comrade FALLOWS. I have only a word to say now. It is a word of explanation that is due you and the rest of those comrades belonging to the Grand Army of the Republic. For 18 years the statue of Gen. Grant has been under construction at Washington in the Botanical Gardens there at the Capital of the Nation; for 18 years we have been expecting, year by year, that the statue would be completed that we might dedicate it and have a reunion of all the armies of the Union at its dedication. As chairman of that commission and president of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, I just received word from the War Department that it may take a great many months yet before the statue is finished. So it can not be finished and dedicated this year, but probably will be some time during the coming year. Eighteen years! But the architect or the sculptor of the monument told me in the presence of his wife, "I have paid $20,000 of my own money to complete that monument, but owing to circumstances I won't recapitulate, I can not do it." Now, as the statue will not be finished until next year; that is what I wish to say, to exonerate the members of the commission, consisting of the Secretary of War, Senator Brandegee, and myself. It is all owing to circumstances we can not control that the statue is not finished. We will keep at it until it is completed, and then, God helping us, we will all be there to celebrate its completion.

Comrade COLE. My motion is to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

(The motion was duly seconded, put to the encampment, and carried, and the encampment stood adjourned (5 p. m.).)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1920—MORNING SESSION.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF (9.20 a. m.). The encampment will come to order. It is a warm morning. Take off your coats if you want to.

Adjt. Gen. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL. I am requested to say that the automobile ride will start as near 2 o'clock as possible from the Circle or Monument Square. There will be no ladies along.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Let us have order. Now, we are under the head of "Reports of committees." Comrade Hosley asks the privilege of saying a word first.

Comrade GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts. Comrades, for three years there has been a son-in-law of a veteran who has been at headquarters attending on all of you men, answering all questions, assisting there, placing these cards around here designating your departments, and giving his time through pure enthusiasm and love of the Grand Army of the Republic, nothing else. He gets nothing else. He has come to our encampments for years, and we can do no less than extend to him a unanimous vote of thanks for his work for us, and I move that a vote of thanks be extended to him. He is R. J. Cant, of Buffalo, N. Y. You see him at headquarters every day and evening.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will just say, comrades, that he has worked untiringly ever since we opened headquarters, arranging the badges and tickets and everything of that kind. All who favor the motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried.

I will call upon Comrade McBride, chairman of the committee on incorporation, to make his report. Let us have order now.

Comrade ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, of Indiana. I will say to those who have the report before you that the printer made a mistake by omitting one word from section 5 of the bill. They omitted the word "or."

(Comrade McBride then read the report of the committee as set out on pp. 63 and 64 of the printed reports of the fifty-fourth encampment.)

Comrade MCBRIDE. That provision (referring to the second paragraph of sec. 5 of the bill) was inserted because many posts and possibly some departments—I think one, at least, and possibly more—have organized as corporations under State laws for the protection of their own property, and this proviso was inserted so that this act shall not in any manner affect the rights of such corporations.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I would like to ask Comrade McBride—in section 1 it reads "members of the Army or Navy"—wouldn't it be a good idea to include marines?

Comrade MCBRIDE. Comrade, we followed the rules and regulations on that subject.

Comrade ALFRED LYTH, of New York. I move that the report of the committee be approved and its recommendations adopted.

Comrade MCBRIDE. I was about to make that motion myself.

Comrade JOHN M. VERNON, of Illinois. I thought it said between the years 1861 and 1865.

Comrade MCBRIDE. If you will pardon me just a moment. On referring to the rules and regulations I find a paragraph in which eligibility to membership is stated in broader terms.

Comrade VERNON. That is what I was going to speak of.

Comrade McBRIDE. In behalf of the other members of the committee, I will say that we will voluntarily change that provision so that the membership as prescribed here shall be precisely as is laid down in the rules and regulations.

(Following is the act of incorporation as revised by the committee:)

A BILL FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic, with a membership limited to persons who served as soldiers and sailors of the United States Army and Navy, or Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service, between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865, in the War for the Suppression of the Rebellion, and of such State regiments as were called into active service and subject to the orders of the United States general officers between the dates mentioned, and have been honorably discharged therefrom after such service, is hereby created a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia, by the name of "The Grand Army of the Republic," by which name it shall be a person in law, capable of suing and being sued, and of having and exercising all incidental powers as a litigant or otherwise, as if it were a natural person, with power to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or bequest, and to hold, convey, or otherwise dispose of property, real or personal, as may be necessary or calculated to carry into effect the patriotic, fraternal, and charitable purposes of its organization, as such purposes are avowed and declared in its rules and regulations.

SEC. 2. The supreme governing and controlling authority in said organization shall be the national encampment thereof, composed of representatives from the several department encampments, as are now or may hereafter be organized: *Provided*, There shall never be any change in the plan of organization of said national encampment that shall materially change its present representative form of government, or render possible the concentration of the control thereof in the hands of a limited number, or in a self-perpetuating body not representative of the membership at large.

SEC. 3. The qualifications for membership in said organization, except as they are limited by the provisions of section 1 of this act, and the rights and privileges of the members thereof, shall be such as are fixed by the laws, rules, and regulations adopted by said national encampment, and the meetings of said organization, whether for the transaction of business or otherwise, may be held at any place in the United States.

SEC. 4. The activities of said corporation shall be exercised through and by the following agencies, in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations now in force or such as may be hereafter enacted by the national encampment thereof, viz:

First. Through the national encampment, its officers and committees.

Second. Through such department encampments as may have been heretofore or as may be hereafter organized, their officers and committees.

Third. Through such posts as may have been heretofore or may be hereafter organized, their officers and committees.

Such department encampments shall be subject and subordinate in authority to the national encampment, and such posts shall be also subject to such control, exercised through the department encampment and department officers of the particular department to which it belongs.

SEC. 5. The corporate existence of the Grand Army of the Republic and the exclusive right of its surviving members to wear the insignia of membership therein shall terminate only when the last of its members dies: *Provided, however*, That if at any national encampment hereafter held a memorial shall be adopted by the votes of three-fourths of the members present reciting that because of the decrease in its membership, or because of the age and infirmity of its surviving members, it is no longer advisable and practicable to hold future annual national encampments, such action shall not operate to deprive said organization of any of its corporate powers, but the government thereof may be modified to provide for such contingency, subject to the restrictions contained in section 2 of this act: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall in any manner affect the ownership of property held by any post or department

in its own right, or the power of such posts or departments to dispose of the same, or affect the right of such posts or departments to organize corporations under State laws for the purpose of caring for and disposing of such property.

SEC. 6. The national encampment may, by resolution, provide for the disposition and future ownership of its property and archives, and may declare the event in which such disposition shall become effective, and such ownership vested, and a duly authenticated copy of such resolution shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Upon the happening of the event thus declared, and upon the filing of a petition in said supreme court reciting said facts, said court shall take jurisdiction thereof, and upon due and satisfactory proof being made the court shall enter a decree which shall be effectual to vest title and ownership in accordance with the provisions of such resolution.

"Respectfully submitted."

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,
DAVID F. PUGH,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. I would like to ask for information, as I was delayed in getting here. I want information regarding the matter of the election of the officers of the corporation. In Massachusetts we have had a very bitter experience in reference to incorporation with our soldiers' home. The Grand Army of the Republic in the Department of Massachusetts organized one of the best soldiers' homes in this country. The men, who were put in there by the vote of the encampment, a little later got themselves incorporated under articles of incorporation, and the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic hasn't got any more to say about that home to-day than you have; and I think we ought to see about that before we get in too deep.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I am going to ask Judge McBride to answer your question.

Comrade MCBRIDE. By the act, as we have prepared it, the officers of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the officers of the department encampments, the officers of the posts, as they are elected, are the officers of this organization. The election of the commander in chief makes him the head.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. This matter has been carefully considered by the best legal talent we had in the United States. The whole matter has been read, and if we are going to listen to the inquiries of those who come late and did not hear it, we will spend all the forenoon here and all day in answering questions. I move the adoption of the report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are you ready for the question? [Cries of "Question."] All those who favor the adoption of the report of the committee will say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is unanimous.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. I ask a moment for the consideration of a telegram, which I am sure will meet with the approval of every comrade in this encampment. It is addressed, sir, to the widow of our late comrade, Commander in Chief Bell. With your permission, I will read it, and if the encampment approves, I will ask the commander in chief to put his name to the telegram and put it on the wire [reading]:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *September 24, 1920.*

MRS. JAMES D. BELL,
91 Rugby Road, Brooklyn, N. Y.:

The comrades of your lamented husband, assembled in their fifty-fourth national encampment, where they expected to greet him and you at the close of the

brilliant and successful year of the administration they justly expected because of his eminent qualifications to administer our affairs, are deeply impressed by a realizing sense of the great loss our comradeship has suffered in his, to us, untimely passing into the realm beyond. It was God's will, and we bow to it with all possible resignation, but as most of us have in the past been obliged to pass under the rod, we beg to assure you that from over our whole land, where our comradeship extends, we tender to you and all your domestic circle our deepest sympathy. May the God of the widow and fatherless comfort and console you and yours as only God can.

I move the adoption.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. It is my deliberate judgment that a communication, beautifully worded as this, would be far more gratifying to the widow of this honored man if it was written out and formally signed by the officers of the encampment after it has adjourned, so that she may keep it not only in her heart but in her archives, than to have it come over the Western Union Telegraph Co.'s wire. I beg to suggest that it should be sent in the form of a communication, properly signed by the officers of the encampment, to Mrs. Bell, rather than to be transmitted by telegraph.

Past Commander in Chief TANNER. I accept the suggestion.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. The committee on resolutions last night adopted a resolution instructing the memorial committee to prepare a suitable resolution of condolence, have it properly engrossed and signed by the commander in chief, and presented to Mrs. Bell.

Past Commander in Chief TANNER. Then I will present this as I first intended. I don't want her to feel that this encampment has met and conducted its business and adjourned without some word going to that home at 91 Rugby Road. I ask the commander in chief to put it on the wire as a telegram.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion is on the message as presented by Comrade Tanner. All who favor its adoption will say "aye." Contrary, if any, "no." It is carried.

Comrade J. M. SHELLEY, of Oregon. I have crossed the Rocky Mountains, comrades, and traveled 2,500 miles. I had one special object in view, and that is to present to you—I am not going to put it in the shape of a motion, but, as some one suggested here on the floor, in the form of a suggestion, because no one man knows enough to know it all, or to tell you how to run things, you understand. But I have been in deliberative bodies when motions were presented. When motions are put, the presiding officer takes it, unless there is objection immediately interposed, that that shall be the voice of the convention, and it is voted on without a motion on the part of anyone, and that saves you a whole lot of time, you understand, and you get the same result exactly.

Now, there are one or two other things. If the men who have the settling of things would plan it, they could curtail the time of this convention by setting aside the first day for the work on rules and regulations, change of constitution, and such as that, and then get down to business the next day in the forenoon, and you won't keep us here. If you will adopt these short methods of doing business, you can transact in 2 hours what would take you 14 here the way you are doing business. You know what I am trying to get at. Take these suggestions and see if you can't work them out.

Comrade SAMUEL D. WEBSTER, of Missouri. He is taking up our time here.

Comrade SHELLEY. My wife has been sick and I am going home. I am sorry I can not stay longer.

(Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles B. Wilson was called to the chair.)

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will have the report of the committee on commander's address.

(Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner then read the following report:)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the commander in chief, begs leave to say: That the sudden death of Commander in Chief Bell, coming as it did without warning and without anticipation, brought the duties and responsibilities of the highest office in our order to Comrade Daniel M. Hall.

Your committee desires to express as the sense of this encampment their appreciation of the admirable manner in which Comrade Hall has uniformly discharged the many and varied duties which have devolved upon him. The wise, conservative, and able manner in which he has met all the requirements of his office teach us that the greatest care should be exercised in the selection of senior and junior vice commanders in chief.

Under the circumstances your committee unqualifiedly approve changing the place of holding the encampment from Atlantic City to Indianapolis.

Your committee desires further to express appreciation of the persistent and successful efforts of Commander in Chief Hall in securing the low railroad rates to and from the encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

WASHINGTON GARDNER.
ELL TORRANCE.
ORLANDO A. SOMERS.

I move the adoption of the report.

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the report. What will you do with it? All those in favor of accepting the report as read say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is carried.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. The committee beg leave to present the following:

Resolved, That the incoming commander in chief be authorized to appoint a committee to procure and present to Comrade Hall a suitable testimonial in recognition of his valuable, arduous, and acceptable service as commander in chief.

WASHINGTON GARDNER.
ELL TORRANCE.
ORLANDO A. SOMERS.

I move its adoption.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. I move to amend that by saying that he be directed, not authorized.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. I accept it.

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. Those in favor will signify it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered.

(The commander in chief resumed the chair.)

Past Commander in Chief ELL TORRANCE. Commander in Chief and comrades, when our late and lamented Commander in Chief James D. Bell was installed to his great office he immediately made to the encampment the following recommendation:

I recommend that a committee be appointed to make suitable preparations for celebrating the centenary of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on April 27, 1922, with

directions to report from time to time to the commander in chief and the national encampment.

That resolution was unanimously adopted, and by the last general orders of Commander in Chief Hall a committee was appointed in accordance with this recommendation. The committee was not able, not having time to communicate with each other, to take any definite action in regard to the matter. Last night a meeting of the committee was held, and we felt that this matter was one of vast importance not only to the Grand Army of the Republic but to the Nation, for it is now admitted by all that Gen. Grant was the greatest soldier that this Nation ever produced. It especially belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic to lead in the matter of the observance of this day. We have no doubt that the Nation in all its departments and agencies will observe the day. But this committee will enter upon its duties and, as required by the recommendation, will report from time to time to the commander in chief and at the next annual encampment we hope to lay before you a plan that will be suitable and appropriate.

Comrade Campbell Stanton, of Pennsylvania. I move the continuation of that committee.

Past Commander in Chief Torrance. I move that this report be accepted. (Seconded.)

The Commander in Chief. It has been moved and seconded that the partial report of the committee on the observance of the centenary of Gen. Grant be accepted.

(The motion was put to the encampment by the commander in chief and duly carried.)

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits. Commander in Chief and comrades, a motion has just been made and adopted that a committee on testimonial be appointed to procure a proper testimonial for the retiring commander in chief. It has been the habit of this organization to defer that matter for a whole year, and at our time of life I do not think that is a proper thing to do. He has served his time and I think that by all means this committee should act, and that the testimonial should be sent on Christmas Day each year, and not wait for a whole year, because there are great chances he might pass away before he ever receives it. I make that as a suggestion, and I would like to see that matter adopted. I make the motion that the committee procure the testimonal and present it on Christmas Day. (Seconded.)

The Senior Vice Commander in Chief (presiding). You have heard this motion. Those in favor of it will signify it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." It is adopted.

The Commander in Chief (resuming the chair). I will call on the committee on resolutions for their report. Now, comrades, just listen. We have a whole bunch of resolutions. We can take till Sunday morning. When the resolution is read, if there is no objection to its adoption, it is moved by the one reading it and considered as adopted, and we will move along with this as fast as possible.

Comrade Lewis S. Pilcher, of New York. The committee desires to report as follows: A resolution asking that memorials of soldiers of the World War shall be dedicated to the memory of soldiers in all wars in which our country has been engaged. However much we may

personally favor this, we feel that as an organization it is not for us to consider, and we have laid it on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection to the report of the committee it is so ordered.

Comrade ERNEST C. STAHL, of New Jersey. I suggest that Comrade Cole of that committee read that so we can hear. The chairman of the committee is unfit physically to make us hear.

Comrade PILCHER. Comrades, I think I can make you hear. Next is a memorial for a recommendation in regard to a Department of Education at Washington, which we feel should not properly come before us, and we have laid it on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation is adopted if I hear no objection. It is so ordered.

Comrade PILCHER. Next is a memorial asking that we recommend that our members should not sell their Liberty bonds. We feel that is not a matter for proper consideration here, and recommend it be laid on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I hear no objection. It is so ordered.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a series of resolutions pertaining to pension matters. They do not properly belong to the committee on resolutions, and are referred to the committee on pensions.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If I hear no objections they are so referred.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a request that the adjutant general shall keep account of the time consumed by him in his correspondence and shall report to the next encampment. We respectfully refer it to the incoming adjutant general.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection it will be so referred.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a matter referring to the railroad rates to our national encampment. It is of sufficient length and importance to ask for the very best presentation before you, and I will ask Comrade Cole, with his voice, to give it to you.

(Whereupon Comrade Frank O. Cole, of New Jersey, secretary of the committee, read the following resolution:)

Whereas it appears to this, the Fifth-fourth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, that the courtesies of the various railroads of the United States have in the past and current year been abused in the matter of rates to our national encampments in that posts, auxiliary, and affiliated societies have freely received into membership many whose object seems to have been to obtain the reduction in rates only and whose interest in the various organizations have ceased after taking this advantage: Therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this encampment that in the future no reduction of rates shall be requested from the various railroad lines to our national encampments for members of auxiliary or affiliated societies for any person or persons who have not been members of such organizations in good standing for at least one year preceding the date of any national encampment.

Comrade PILCHER. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Comrade T. C. DE JEAN, of South Dakota. I move that we amend that and make it three months.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. All who favor the motion say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is adopted.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a memorial asking you to take some action favoring the erection of a memorial in Washington in honor

of the Negro soldiers of the late war. The committee reports that, while they sympathize with the movement, they deem it inexpedient for this body to take any action in the matter.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Unless there is objection, it will be so adopted.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a resolution—

Resolved, That the more adequate provision made for our needs in declining years, and for the widows of departed comrades, by the recent pension legislation, calls for our hearty expression of thanks to Representative Fuller and Senator McCumber, chairmen of Pension Committees in the House and Senate, and to their associates on committees and Members of those bodies who supported the so-called Fuller bill, as well as to President Wilson for his prompt official approval of that measure.

We recommend its adoption.

Comrade T. C. DE JEAN, of South Dakota. I move to amend by adding the name of John McElroy.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no further objection, it will be adopted as amended.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a resolution asking us to fix the rates for railroad transportation to future encampments. We are asked to declare that we will not pay more than 1 cent a mile. We feel that we can not act on that, and we must lay it on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection, the report of the committee is approved.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is another memorial, which the chairman greatly regrets that he can not take the time to fully present to you. It amounts, however, to asking that we adopt the poppy of the fields of France as our national flower; that on certain days of the year we import them and that we pay 10 cents a flower therefor. We feel that it should go on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It goes upon the table unless there is objection.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a memorial asking that in case of the death of a pensioner all arrears shall be paid to the family. It should go to the committee on pensions for their consideration.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It will be referred to the committee on pensions unless there is objection. It is so ordered.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a resolution asking that the basis of representation to national encampments be one delegate to 200 members. We recommend its reference to the committee on rules and regulations.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection, it will be so referred.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a series of resolutions asking that an organization of women called the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic should be officially recognized by the encampment. After full consideration of this, involving circumstances which would not be desirable to report before this body, but nevertheless sufficiently convincing to the committee, we recommend that it be disapproved.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection, it is so disapproved.

Comrade C. H. DAVIS, of Illinois. I want to say one word. Comrades of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is not without a little fear or trembling that I stand before

this body of magnificent men. It is my first attendance at the national encampment. The Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, comrades, is an organization composed of the daughters and granddaughters of honorably discharged soldiers of the Civil War. They have banded together to give aid and comfort to the aged and infirm of the Grand Army of the Republic. They not only do that, but they are banded together to aid and assist the widows of the Grand Army of the Republic. They do not go abroad with sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, but they go in the still hours of the night, watching by the side of those who are passing away, and giving aid and giving comfort to the sick. I stand before this great body to-day a living example of what they did for me, and it is with the greatest pleasure I say it to-day. When I lay at the point of death at my home in the city of Chicago, there are comrades sitting right here that will bear me out in every word I say, when the family physician had practically given me up for dead, and when that grim monster, Death, was attempting to clutch me by the throat, and when he was attempting to breathe his foul, obnoxious breath into my nostrils, one of these women, a stranger to me, came to my rescue. She was a Daughter of the Grand Army of the Republic. She was a daughter of a past department commander of Wisconsin. I had no——

[Cries of "Time."]

The Commander in Chief. I want to say that not 50 men are hearing a word you say. Your voice does not carry back there.

Comrade Pilcher. You are taking up our time to no good.

Comrade Davis. I want to place myself right in the record.

Comrade Pilcher. You have done it well.

Past Commander in Chief S. R. Van Sant. I move the adoption of the report of the committee, and move the previous question.

[Cries of "Second the motion."]

Comrade Davis. I move the acceptance that comes from the great State of Illinois. It does not come from the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Commander in Chief. The first motion I hear is to adopt the report of the committee. All in favor of the motion will say "aye"; contrary, "no." The report of the committee is adopted.

Comrade Pilcher. Here is a resolution pertaining to the centenary of the birth of Gen. Grant. It should be referred to the special committee appointed on that subject.

The Commander in Chief. It is so referred if there is no objection.

Comrade Pilcher. Here is an interesting memorial from the Department of South Dakota reciting the difficulties attending the securing of proper aid to indigent soldiers in certain States where no such provision has yet been made, and urging that the department commanders in those several States make special effort to secure the necessary legislation for their comrades. We move that it be adopted.

The Commander in Chief. It is already adopted unless there is objection.

(Following is the resolution:)

Whereas it is a well-known fact that in nearly every State there are many of our comrades and their families who have gotten beyond the time where

they can earn their livelihood, find it almost impossible to get along with simply their pension; and

Whereas several of our States have passed laws to aid these comrades in their distress, which aid is not recognized as charity but as a debt they owe to the men who gave the best years of their lives in keeping this Nation a united Republic; be it

Resolved, That the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic heartily indorses the action of the States in passing such laws and most earnestly urges the department commanders of such States as have not yet placed such laws upon their statute books that they take immediate steps to prepare a bill to be presented to the incoming legislatures of their respective States urging the adoption of such a law as will lighten the heavy load many the veterans of the Civil War are called upon to bear in their declining years.

Resolved, That the incoming commander in chief is hereby requested to call special attention to this resolution in his first general order, and otherwise as he may deem proper, urging that the several departments where such laws do not exist, take immediate action to the end that the aid thus provided may come to those who need it while they are still living.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a memorial from Washington with reference to a proposed change in the name of that mountain which, up to the present time, has been called either Mount Tacoma or Mount Rainier, according to the special local predilections of those who mentioned the place. The proposition is that we ask that the name of this mountain be changed to Mount Lincoln. It was very fully presented to the committee at its meeting by a most eloquent address from the representative of that portion of our country, and we were so moved and influenced by what he said that we recommend its adoption by the encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Unless there is objection it is so adopted.

(Following is the resolution:)

National encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States, held at Indianapolis, Ind., September, 1920.

To the honorable, the members of the Geographic Board of the United States,

GREETING: Your memorialists, the veterans who volunteered their lives under Lincoln to save this Nation from disunion and destruction, now constitute the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States, who did on many sanguine battle fields preserve its integrity and honor, now in its annual encampment respectfully represent that:

Whereas the great mountain commonly known as "Mount Rainier," in the State of Washington, and situate near the cities of Seattle and Tacoma, is and has been for many years inadequately and unsatisfactorily named to very many American citizens, and the cause of bitter controversies among the people, many of whom always have, and do refuse to call it by its present official name. It was named in honor of an English admiral who was an enemy to America in our seven-years war for freedom, and not by any right of discovery, and it was so named because he *was* our enemy and captured our ships. It was named to please England, not America.

It is a noble mountain, standing more than 14,400 feet high, and visited annually by tens of thousands of American tourists, few of whom have any knowledge of why or how it came to be so named. Its favor lies in being to us but little more than a myth, while all the world would know Lincoln. It is an American mountain and deserves an American name.

God reared the noble monument,
It waits for a noble name,
And "Lincoln" well becomes it
So great is his worthy fame.

Wherefore, your memorialists respectfully petition your honorable body to substitute the most deserving and appropriate name of all, that of "Lincoln" for the name of Rainier. Grant us the right to name the monument, and retain Rainier for the parks and reserves. And the old soldiers now living who fought

under their illustrious leader, and millions of other loyal citizens will ever pray.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a memorial reciting the efforts to mangle the Star-Spangled Banner, and asking action by this body to the effect that the Star-Spangled Banner shall hereafter be published and sung in full as written by Francis S. Key himself. We move its adoption.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is so adopted if there is no objection.

(Following is the resolution:)

Whereas the long-continued and very active unpatriotic actions of many of our otherwise well-meaning citizens deluded by American Tory and unfriendly foreign influences have so misrepresented, abridged, and mutilated our national song—the Star-Spangled Banner—as to rob it of its American spirit—the spirit made sacred to us through its glorious beginning and its spiritual strengthening through our Civil War and other trying times—and to help correct the abuses referred to, we hereby

Resolve, That we hereby recognize the Star-Spangled Banner as written by Francis Scott Key during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, September 14, 1814, as our National Song of our country, and we hereby instruct our national patriotic instructor to issue an order to all Grand Army of the Republic State departments that in so far as they can they will take such action as may correct the abuses referred to and that they refuse to participate in any function where the Star-Spangled Banner should properly be sung, unless its whole four verses be there sung.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a communication with reference to the coming celebration at Vicksburg, which I will ask Comrade Cole to read.

(Whereupon Comrade Frank O. Cole, of New Jersey, read the following:)

ANNOUNCEMENT—DEDICATION AT VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK, MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, OF THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARCHWAY.

Of the $150,000 appropriated by the United States Congress for the entertainment and comfort of surviving Union and Confederate Civil War veterans attending the never-to-be-forgotten National Memorial Reunion and Peace Jubilee held in Vicksburg National Military Park, in October, 1917, there remained an unexpended surplus fund which, by authority of congressional act of July 11, 1919, the erection of an imposing imperishable Greek Doric Monumental Memorial Archway is being erected in commemoration of the National Memorial Reunion and Peace Jubilee, wherein a complete reconciliation, fraternal amity, and returning friendship after a lapse of half a century's estrangement reigned supreme.

The State of Louisiana has completed a magnificent, enduring Doric Memorial Monument in said Vicksburg National Military Park to commemorate the valiant defense of Vicksburg stronghold in which her 41 military organizations shared.

Unless most important official duties prevent it, the Secretary of War, Mr. Baker, will honor this occasion with his presence and official participation in the impressive ceremonies of dedicating these two monuments on Monday, October 18, 1920.

The governors of the 32 States whose soldiers shared in the siege and defense of Vicksburg are especially invited to attend this notable event, as also are all Civil War veterans, members of all other military organizations, and the public generally cordially invited to participate in this rare incident.

For any desired information on this matter and for reservations at Vicksburg inquirers are urged to communicate with F. A. Roziene, chairman of Vicksburg Arch Commission, 4316 North Kildare Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

F. A. ROZIENE,
Chairman Vicksburg Arch Commission.

Comrade PILCHER. That is simply a communication without any recommendation. Here is a resolution of some importance. [Reading:]

Whereas at this and other recent national encampments the attendance has been so large that the lobby, halls, and elevators have been so congested that many comrades have been compelled to walk up long stairways in order to reach the national headquarters for the transaction of business; now, therefore, in order to relieve the comrades from the evils of such congestion,

Be it resolved, That at the next and following national encampments, national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic shall not be located or maintained at any hotel where the national headquarters of any other organization, either of the auxiliary or of any of the allied societies, shall be established or maintained, and the executive committee is directed to see to it that the provisions of this resolution are complied with.

The committee recommend its adoption.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection to that, it is adopted.

Comrade PILCHER. Here are resolutions from the department of Pennsylvania. [Reading:]

Resolved, That at future meetings of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in order that the business of the encampment shall not be interrupted during the sessions thereof, a semiofficial meeting shall be called by general orders of the commander in chief, prior to the sessions of the national encampment and presided over by the commander in chief, and at such meeting all addresses of welcome and the greetings of our affiliated patriotic organizations shall be presented, and that no visits from representatives of affiliated organizations be permitted at the regular sessions of the encampment.

We recommend its adoption.

Comrade T. C. DE JEAN, of South Dakota. That does not look right. If we had commenced our business when we came here, we would be through with our business to-day.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You are out of order. It has already been adopted.

Comrade PILCHER. A second resolution from the department of Pennsylvania. [Reading:]

Resolved, That the column of the parade at such future encampments include:

First. An escort of uniformed Sons of Veterans not exceeding 100 in number;

Second. Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic in the order of seniority, excluding from the line of march all persons not members of the order;

Third. All patriotic organizations assigned to places by the commander in chief shall follow the Grand Army in the line of march.

We recommend its adoption.

Comrade ERNEST C. STAHL, of New Jersey. I would like to have that read by Comrade Cole. We can not understand a word.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. It is not necessary to read it. The effect of this resolution is that at all future encampments in the parade there shall be an escort to the commander in chief of not more than 100 Sons of Veterans; that the line of march shall be taken up by the departments in the order of seniority; and that no person, man, woman, or child shall be allowed or permitted in the line of march except the Sons of Veterans, and the 100 veterans of the Sons of Veterans must appear in uniform.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Commander in Chief and comrades, I move to amend by saying "except musicians." Our bands are not comrades of the Grand Army, and you have got to have them.

Comrade H. H. BENGOUGH, of Pennsylvania. Allow me to make an explanation. That was in the original resolution which was sent to the national headquarters. Some way or other the original became

lost, and in rewriting the resolution the bands were omitted. I except the bands of music and patriotic organizations.

Comrade COLE. That was in there, and I failed to state it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That resolution is amended to except the musicians. If there is no further objection, the report of the committee is adopted.

Comrade PILCHER. Here is a report upon the preamble and resolutions pertaining to a committee on federation of patriotic societies which was referred to the committee by the encampment yesterday. You know what it is. It was fully discussed before this body. It was subjected to a prolonged and intimate discussion before the committee on resolutions where every portion of the whole body of the Grand Army of the Republic was adequately represented, and every one had a chance to hear and to talk. The result of our full discussion was the conclusion, very largely supported, that it should not be further considered at the present time; that it was inexpedient to consider it any further at the present time; and that its further consideration should be postponed.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the report of the committee. If there is no objection, it will be adopted.

Comrade PILCHER. Comrade Cole will read the next resolution.

Comrade COLE (reading):

Resolved, That the committee that prepared the memorial on the life and death of our late Commander in Chief J. D. Bell be directed to prepare suitable resolutions of condolence, and that the incoming administration be directed to have them engrossed and presented to the family of our late comrade.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection, it is so ordered.

Comrade COLE (reading):

We thank the authorities and the good people of Indiana and Indianapolis for the splendid manner in which they have so freely extended their hospitality. The commodious streets, the fine buildings, the beautiful women, the attentive and careful policemen have all contributed to make our visit one long to be remembered. We are specially grateful to the officers and employees of the street railways who have so materially assisted in enabling us to go about the city. As we return to our homes and this encampment becomes a memory, we go with gratitude for what you have done and an earnest prayer that your prosperity may continue.

Comrade C. H. WM. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. I move that the report of the committee on resolutions be adopted as a whole as the action of the encampment.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I want to make a motion on that one resolution.

Comrade COLE (reading):

Resolved, That we deem the granting of special rates to these encampments, consecrated as they are to the cause of patriotism and devoid of selfish interest, as being a graceful recognition of services which we have tried to render to our country. We tender our sincere thanks to the railroads which have again granted us this valued favor, so faithfully and tactfully sought by our national officers and the appropriate committee.

I move the adoption of this report by a rising vote.

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. I move that a copy of these resolutions be given to the daily papers.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That will be done. All in favor of the motion to adopt this resolution by a rising vote will rise. It is so adopted.

Comrade PILCHER. That closes the report of the committee on resolutions.

Comrade COLE. I move you, sir, that the resolutions as submitted and adopted seriatim now be adopted by this encampment as a whole. (Seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the report of the committee on resolutions be adopted as a whole. All in favor of the motion say "aye." It is so adopted.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Where is the resolution asking that the name of Sheridan be placed in the Hall of Fame in New York?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I think they have overlooked it, Comrade Tanner.

Comrade COLE. It is here. I will state the substance of it. Comrades, there is in the city of New York connected with New York University a Hall of Fame. There has been placed therein the effigies of distinguished men who have lived and died throughout our country. There is to-day there a memorial of Grant, Sherman, Farragut, and Lee. The committee on resolutions has been asked that we petition the governing body to add to that collection that noted leader, that great cavalryman, the dashing soldier, Gen. Philip H. Sheridan; and the committee has unanimously adopted the resolution and asks this encampment to indorse their action.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Let us vote on that. All who favor the report of the committee will say "aye." Carried.

I want to say just a word. Perhaps it is not exactly in order. I have sent out to the voting members of that commission 104 letters asking them to put the name of Phil Sheridan in the Hall of Fame, and signed it as commander in chief, representing 103,000 men.

(Following is the resolution:)

Whereas the name of Gen. Philip H. Sheridan is eligible for selection for the Hall of Fame of the New York University; and

Whereas military critics have placed Sheridan among the greatest Cavalry generals in the world; and

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic is proud of the record of "Phil" Sheridan; proud of his great achievements and the fact that he was one of our most illustrious comrades in the great struggle for the preservation of the Union; and

Whereas the names of Grant, Sherman, Farragut, and Lee have already been placed in the Hall of Fame: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic, through its members in national encampment assembled, recommends and indorses the selection of the name of Gen. Philip H. Sheridan for the Hall of Fame and that the electors be notified of this action and urged to vote for Sheridan.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The committee on rules and regulations have the floor.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Commander in Chief and comrades, there have been referred to the committee on rules and regulations two resolutions, one changing the basis of representation to one representative for every 200 members; the other to make past national chaplains members of the national encampment. Neither of these resolutions has been indorsed by a

department or published in general orders, and to adopt them otherwise would be in violation of our organic act. I make this statement for the benefit of the comrades who presented them.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, we have a list of letters waiting to be called for, and I am going to call the biggest man with the biggest voice to read that list, Comrade Willett.

(Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa, then read the list of uncalled-for mail at headquarters.)

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move you, sir, that we now proceed to the nomination and election of officers.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We generally call for invitations for our next encampment before we elect officers. Was the report of the committee on officers' reports made yesterday? Comrade Nordell will read the report of the committee on the reports of officers other than the commander in chief and the quartermaster general by request of the chairman of this committee, Comrade McBride.

Comrade PHILIP A. NORDELL, of Massachusetts (reading):

To the Commander in Chief and comrades of the Fifty-fourth Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Your committee appointed to consider the reports of the officers of the national organization beg leave to report that they have attended to this duty.

They find that all these officers have fulfilled their several duties with a commendable degree of fidelity and efficiency.

Certain recommendations presented in the report of the quartermaster general seemed to require special consideration, but as they have already been reported upon by another committee further comment upon them from this committee is unnecessary.

The suggestion of the patriotic instructor that the antiquated blank reports now sent out to the departments be revised so as to conform to present conditions is hereby indorsed.

The report of the committee on legislation recounts the work done by it promoting the passage of the Fuller pension bill, whereby every veteran of the Civil War now receives a minimum pension of $50 a month. This praiseworthy result is largely due to the untiring efforts of your committee on legislation, whose unselfish efforts should receive the lasting gratitude of every comrade.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, of Indiana, *Chairman.*
LEWIS S. PILCHER, of New York.
PHILIP A. NORDELL, of Massachusetts.
ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, of Nebraska.
C. H. WM. RUHE, of Pennsylvania.

I move the adoption of the report.

(The motion prevailed.)

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. I move that we now go into the nomination and selection of the place of holding the next national encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is anyone wants to extend an invitation to us to meet with them next year, we are ready to hear them now. I think it is unnecessary to put the motion, comrade. It is the regular order of business, anyway. Does anyone want the encampment next year, or shall we go into the woods?

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Commander in Chief, I understand that no invitation will be extended. I therefore move that the matter of selecting the place of holding our next national encampment be referred to the incoming administration and executive committee, with power to act. (Seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion, comrades. All who favor the motion will manifest it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The motion prevails.

Unless there should be some unfinished business come up——

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. My motion is now in order, that we proceed to the nomination and election of officers.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Unless there is some unfinished or new business to come up, your motion is in order. I hear nothing. We will now proceed to the election of officers. We are ready for the nomination of a commander in chief. Do you want the roll called?

[Cries of "No."]

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I have great pleasure in placing in nomination for commander in chief William A. Ketcham, of Indianapolis; and if there are no other nominations I move that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general cast the vote for Comrade Ketcham.

Comrade C. H. WM. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Ketcham.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will just wait a moment to see if there are any other nominations.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. New York had an idea, after the death of Comrade Bell, that it might come to this encampment and present another most worthy comrade; but New York has known Comrade Ketcham for lo these many years. We know the rough side of his nature and we know the smooth side; and you have got to be well acquainted with him for a good many years to find out all the delightful points in his character. New York defers her aspirations to-day until next year, when we shall bring to you the candidacy of Comrade Pilcher. To-day New York unanimously seconds the nomination of Comrade Ketcham for commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief ORLANDO A. SOMERS. For 20 years I have had an opportunity to know the worst of William A. Ketcham, and we present him that you may know the best of him for one year.

Comrade ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, of Indiana. I move that the adjutant general be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for William A. Ketcham for commander in chief. (Seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All who favor that motion will say "aye." It is carried. The adjutant general will cast the vote.

Adjt. Gen. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL. I take great pleasure in obeying the instructions of this encampment and cast the unanimous vote for William A. Ketcham for commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare William A. Ketcham duly elected commander in chief for the ensuing year.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. I think that you ought to be congratulated that I wore my voice out yesterday. I have no voice to-day either for peace or war, but my heart sings with gratitude, and I will not delay you further, except to say that this is the proudest moment of my life [applause], and I hope that I will be able to carry the banner of the Grand Army of the Republic throughout the next year so that the people of this Nation may continue to recognize what a splendid organization it is. I will

not further interfere with the business of the encampment. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The next business before the encampment is nominations for senior vice commander in chief.

Comrade PHILIP A. NORDELL, of Massachusetts. Comrades, I consider it a great privilege to be permitted to present for your consideration and your ballots the name of one of our well-known comrades from Massachusetts. A nominating speech should never be made long. I will make it as brief as possible, possibly not quite so brief as that sermon which Dean Swift was invited to make in favor of a certain charitable institution and was warned also to be brief. He said when he arose, "My text is, 'He that giveth unto the poor lendeth unto the Lord.'" That was the text. His sermon was, "If you are satisfied with the Scripture, down with the dust." And the dust came down. I simply want to say, that in Massachusetts we have a great many people who trace their ancestry back to the *Mayflower*. I have never heard my friend and comrade say anything about his ancestors coming over in the *Mayflower*, but I do say this, that he was born 100 per cent American. Every day of his life since then he has shown the spirit and has preached the gospel of patriotism, of 100 per cent Americanism. [Cries of "Name him!"] Is there anything more necessary than that? That is the kind of a man you want. During his service in the Civil War he volunteered for service that was at the peril of his life, when the officers would not detail men for it. [Cries of "Name him!"]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The longer you holler the longer we will stay here.

Comrade NORDELL. I simply want to present the name of my comrade and the comrade of Massachusetts, George A. Hosley, who has been the chief of staff of five successive commanders in chief and now holds that position, and is well known to you all.

Comrade JOSEPH A. WALTER, of Kansas. I move that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general be instructed to cast the entire vote for the comrade from Massachusetts.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will first ask if there are any further nominations for senior vice commander in chief? [Cries of "No!"] It is moved and seconded that the adjutant general be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for George A. Hosley for senior vice commander in chief. All in favor of the motion will say "aye." It is unanimous.

Adjt. Gen. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL. I again have the pleasure of casting the unanimous vote of this encampment for Comrade George A. Hosley for senior vice commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare George A. Hosley duly elected senior vice commander in chief for the ensuing year. Your commander elect wants a word with you.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. I simply want to announce before some of you may run away that immediately upon the adjournment of this encampment and the installation of the elected officers there will be a meeting of the national council of administration at Parlor B in the Columbia Club, which is, as you all know, right on the Circle within a couple of squares from here, and I want every member of that national council of administration pres-

ent at that meeting, immediately upon the installation of the officers, following the adjournment of this encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Now, comrades, let us go through with this business without any further useless discussion. We are ready for nominations for junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade E. A. SHORES, of Washington and Alaska. Comrades of the Grand Army, you have now elected for the head of our grand order for the ensuing year, Comrade Ketcham, of Indiana, in the center, almost, of the United States, of population and geographically. You have reached out your right hand clear over to the Atlantic in Boston and taken Comrade Hosley for your senior vice commander. Now, reach your left hand out to the Pacific and recognize the great State of Washington. We have never had a representation in your national body, and we have out there 2,186 members. [Cries of "Name him!"] J. E. Gandy, of the sunny city of Spokane, Wash.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Any further nominations?

Comrade JOHN MCELROY, of Potomac. Comrades, it is my pleasure and my duty to present to you for junior vice commander in chief, Comrade Henry A. Johnson, a splendid soldier in the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania, and now a member of the department of Potomac, a man who has worked in the Grand Army of the Republic faithfully, zealously, and with high ability in every position and duty assigned him. He has always been with us and of us in everything he did. When any work was to be done, Comrade Johnson's only question was where he could best help. For many years he has been the head of the Record and Pension Division of the War Department. This is the bureau which furnishes the Pension Bureau with the evidence it requires in the adjudication of claims. Under Comrade Johnson's able management this work has been systematized until every call of the Pension Bureau has been immediately answered, and the distressing delays of past years entirely eliminated. Comrade Johnson has no superior in all that constitutes a comrade, and will make us an admirable junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade R. H. BARTON, of Idaho. Idaho seconds the nomination of Comrade Gandy, of Spokane.

Comrade R. L. CHASE, of Iowa. I am here to second the nomination of the comrade from Washington. He was from an Iowa regiment.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Inasmuch as we have selected our commander in chief from the Middle West and our senior vice commander in chief from New England, it is proper that we recognize the great Pacific slope, and I therefore hope that the comrade from Washington and Alaska will be elected junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade C. H. WM. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania always echoes the sentiment of fairness in every national encampment, and there is nothing more fair, there is nothing more great, there is no greater manhood in the proceedings of the Grand Army of the Republic than if we have our commander in chief from the center and we go to the East for our senior vice, we have just as good comrades, just as warm blood in the hearts in the West, and I think we should go to the great Pacific coast to get our junior vice commander, and Pennsylvania heartily seconds the nomination of Comrade Gandy.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. New York, by unanimous vote, seconds the nomination of Comrade Johnson, of the District of Columbia. Having lived there for the last 31 years, I know his mettle and his worth, and if any instance or circumstances should arise he is, I assure you, a man capable of carrying the responsibilities of the Grand Army of the Republic up to the high-water mark. You would never have occasion to regret his selection if he be the choice of this encampment.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. On behalf of the comrades of Kansas and adjacent territory, I take delightful pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Gandy, of Washington and Alaska, for junior vice commander in chief to accompany the noted comrade from Massachusetts and the splendid comrade from Indiana,

Comrade JOHN MCELROY, of Potomac. I recognize the justice of the candidacy from the Pacific coast, and I therefore, very much to my regret, withdraw the name of Comrade Johnson.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief CHARLES B. WILSON. I move the suspension of the rules and that the adjutant general cast the vote of this encampment for Comrade Gandy for junior vice commander in chief. (Seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general cast the unanimous ballot of this encampment for Comrade Gandy, of Washington and Alaska. All who favor that motion will say "aye." It is carried.

Adjt. Gen. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL. Once more I obey the instructions of this encampment and cast the vote for Comrade Gandy for junior vice commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare Comrade Gandy duly elected junior vice commander in chief.

[Cries of "Gandy."]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We have not called on the senior vice, and we will not call on the junior vice just now.

Next will be nominations for chaplain in chief. We are ready for nominations. Are there any candidates for chaplain in chief?

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. I have been inspired by the prayers and the services of one of the most devoted and one of the most energetic and serviceable comrades as our department chaplain, and without extending my remarks Kansas asks you to-day to call him to the service of the comrades by this encampment, that his prayers and his services may be rendered to and benefit all of our comrades as they have us in Kansas. He is a comrade with a magnificent military record, an upright life upon the prairies of the State, his service for God and for man is second to none. I take pleasure, on behalf of the department of Kansas, in unitedly asking that you elect Rev. Wm. A. Bosworth, of Post 244, of Wichita, Kans., our chaplain in chief. I assure you, comrades, that he is worthy.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Any further nominations?

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move that nominations close.

Comrade C. H. WM. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. I move that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general cast the ballot of this encampment for Comrade Bosworth.

(The motion prevailed.)

Adjt. Gen. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL. I am well acquainted with the comrade and take great pleasure in casting the vote for Comrade Wm. A. Bosworth, of Kansas, for chaplain in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I now declare W. A. Bosworth duly elected chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing year.

We are now ready for nominations for surgeon general. We want somebody that will prescribe for us.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. Comrades, I desire to present for surgeon general a comrade, one of five brothers who served in an Illinois regiment. He is the youngest of the five, and as evidence of his ability as a surgeon and physician I will say that he was my family physician for several years and I am still alive. I am not going to take any time with this speech, for it would take an hour to tell of his good qualities and I could tell of his poor ones in two minutes. His name is Dr. C. W. Burrill—that is all I need to say—of Post 4, Kansas City, Mo. He stands as high as any comrade in the Nation; is loved by all who know him and hated by none.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are there any other nominations?

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. Not for the purpose of imposing any burden on you, I rise to recommend a comrade who has been 51 years a practicing physician, over 50 years a member of the Grand Army, and 45 years a surgeon in the United States Army. He was a surgeon in the Philippine War and in the late World War, and is to-day a young man. I place in nomination that magnificent comrade, that splendid United States surgeon, Comrade Marshall Warner Wood, of Boise, Idaho, a distinguished soldier and citizen.

Comrade R. H. BARTON, of Idaho. I desire to second the nomination of Comrade Wood, a veteran of three wars. He was with Col. Roosevelt at San Juan Hill as division surgeon, and moved his forces up to the very front, took care of the sick, and received the encomiums of Col. Roosevelt. Anyone who has done an act that will receive the encomiums of that great man is certainly worthy of the consideration of this encampment. I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Col. Wood, of Boise, Idaho.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Any other nominations for surgeon general? We have two.

Comrade J. D. HICKS, of Pennsylvania. I move that nominations close.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will ask that Comrade Gist, of Iowa, and Comrade Inman, of Illinois, act as tellers. The rules and regulations require a vote by ballot. If there is no objection, the adjutant general will call the roll of departments, and the chairman of each delegation will announce the vote. If there is no objection, we will ballot in that way. The adjutant general will call the roll of departments. But we must have it quiet.

The ADJUTANT GENERAL. The candidates are Dr. Burrill, of Missouri, and Dr. Wood, of Idaho.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I don't want any chairman to vote any more votes than he has got delegates in the seats. Remember that.

(The roll of departments was then called by the adjutant general and the votes announced, as follows:)

Department.	Burrill.	Wood.
Alabama	9	.....
Arizona	2	.....
Arkansas	8	.....
California and Nevada	.....	24
Colorado and Wyoming	10	.....
Connecticut	.....	15
Delaware	.....	5
Florida	9	.....
Georgia and South Carolina	.....	9
Idaho	.....	10
Illinois	20	2
Indiana	17	17
Iowa [1]	29	.....
Kansas	10	5
Kentucky	15	.....
Louisiana and Mississippi	.....	.....
Maine	14	.....
Maryland	12	.....
Massachusetts	7	.....
Michigan	23	.....
Minnesota	1	.....
Missouri	21	.....
Montana	9	.....
Nebraska	.....	12
New Hampshire	.....	.....
New Jersey	24	.....
New Mexico	6	.....
New York	.....	39
North Dakota	.....	9
Ohio	.....	25
Oklahoma	9	.....
Oregon	1	9
Pennsylvania	34	.....
Potomac	7	.....
Rhode Island	7	.....
South Dakota	14	.....
Tennessee	.....	16
Texas	8	.....
Utah	.....	1
Vermont	11	.....
Virginia and North Carolina	9	.....
Washington and Alaska	8	.....
West Virginia	10	.....
Wisconsin	3	8

[1] When the vote of Iowa was announced the commander in chief said, "Remember you are not to vote for any more men than you have in your delegation in the seats."

The Adjutant General. We have yet the council of administration. I will read the names of the members of the council of administration from the several departments, and if there are any corrections you will please make it known.

(Following is the list of the council of administration as read by the adjutant general, with corrections noted:)

Department.	Name.	Address.
Alabama	Geo. F. Jackson	Birmingham.
Arizona	E. S. Godfrey	Cookstown, N. J.
Arkansas	Cos Altenberg	Little Rock.
California and Nevada	Wm. H. Noll	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	James E. Jewell	Fort Morgan, Colo.
Connecticut	Harry L. Beach	Hartford.
Delaware	Wm. Kelley	Wilmington.
Florida	M. H. Porter	Kissimmee.
Georgia and South Carolina	Geo. E. Whitman	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho	Geo. F. Kimery	Boise.
Illinois	John B. Inman	Springfield.
Indiana	Orlando A. Somers	Kokomo.
Iowa	J. W. Willett	Tama.
Kansas	Scott Kelsey	Topeka.
Kentucky	Americus Whedon	Washington, D. C.
Louisiana and Mississippi	Basile Ulgere	New Orleans.
Maine	Alphonzo Rollins	Portland.
Maryland	John A. Thompson	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Wilfred A. Wetherbee	Newton.
Michigan	H. A. Chapin	Lansing.
Minnesota	Philip G. Woodward	Anoka.
Missouri	John M. Williams	California.
Montana	George H. Taylor	Helena.
Nebraska	W. H. Stewart	Geneva.
New Hampshire	Henry L. Harris	Warner.
New Jersey	Ernest C. Stahl	Trenton.
New Mexico	John Greenwald	Socorro.
New York	George A. Price	Brooklyn.
North Dakota	Pat H. Cummings	Fargo.
Ohio	John C. Roland	Cleveland.
Oklahoma	F. E. Hills	Enid.
Oregon	J. G. Chambers	Portland.
Pennsylvania	J. Andrew Wilt	Towanda.
Potomac	John Middleton	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island	John A. Medbery	East Providence.
South Dakota	M. M. Baird	Sturgis.
Tennessee	Newton Hacker	Jonesboro.
Texas	Henry W. Nye	Fort Worth.
Utah	H. W. Charter	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	J. A. Thwing	Bellows Falls.
Virginia and North Carolina	H. W. Weiss	Emporia, Va.
Washington and Alaska	F. H. Hurd	Seattle.
West Virginia	Wm. Kiely	Charleston.
Wisconsin	H. R. Bird	Madison.

Comrade Frank O. Cole, of New Jersey. I understand that several years ago the national encampment ordered that the senior vice commander in chief should be made a member of the executive committee of the council of administration. Am I right?

The Commander in Chief. He is now a member.

Comrade Cole. The encampment has a right to determine who else shall be on the council, and I would therefore move you, sir, that the executive committee of the council of administration shall be composed of the commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief, the junior vice commander in chief, the adjutant general, the

quartermaster general, and three members of the council of administration to be selected by the commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We are not through calling the roll yet. You are out of order.

Comrade COLE. Why did you let me speak?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I tried to call you down and couldn't.

Adjt. Gen. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL. Comrades, I move the election of the several members of the council of administration.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All in favor of the motion will say "aye."

(The motion prevailed.)

The ADJUTANT GENERAL. You will remember the announcement of the commander in chief-elect, that immediately upon the adjournment of the encampment these members of the council of administration will meet at the Columbia Club.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The tellers will announce the result of the election for surgeon general.

Comrade JOHN B. INMAN, of Illinois. The vote cast for surgeon general was as follows: Number of votes cast, 573; necessary to a choice, 287; of which Comrade Burrill received 367 and Comrade Wood 206.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare Comrade Burrill duly elected surgeon general for the ensuing year.

Past Commander in Chief Beers, who was a member of the trustees of the permanent fund, passed away, and during the recess I appointed Comrade Walton Weber, past department commander of Ohio, to fill the vacancy until this encampment met. He must be elected, or some one else, by you.

Comrade W. S. MATTHEWS, of Ohio. I put in nomination the Ohio comrade, Walton Weber, now filling the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Beers. (Seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded, comrades, that Comrade Walton Weber, who is filling the office now by appointment, be elected to the position of trustee of the permanent fund.

Past Commander in Chief W. J. PATTERSON. There is another vacancy on that board. Commander in Chief Bell, who died, was a trustee.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Commander in Chief, who comprise the trustees of the permanent fund at the present time, and when do their terms expire?

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Patterson, Pilcher, and Weber.

Past Commander in Chief TANNER. When do their terms expire?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Two of them expire now. You have got two to elect.

Past Commander in Chief TANNER. Which two?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Pilcher and Weber.

Past Commander in Chief TANNER. Then I move that Comrade Pilcher be elected to succeed himself on that board of trustees. (Seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that Comrade Pilcher be elected to succeed himself, and it has been moved and seconded that Comrade Weber be elected to succeed himself, as

members of the board of trustees of the permanent fund. All in favor of that will say "aye." It is so ordered.

We will now proceed with the installation of officers. I turn over the gavel to Comrade Burton, who will act as installing officer.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Comrades, as a compliment to our officers elect, I ask as many of you as can to remain. It won't take me 10 minutes. You who remain please come forward. Those who can not remain will please go out of the hall at once.

(The officers elect were then called to the platform.)

The INSTALLING OFFICER. Comrade Ketcham, are you prepared to name any of your appointive officers?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF ELECT. I will name Mahlon D. Butler, of George H. Thomas Post No. 17, Department of Indiana, as adjutant general, and Cola D. R. Stowits, of New York, as quartermaster general. The commander in chief will advise himself further before he announces further appointments.

(The following officers were then duly installed:)

Commander in Chief, William A. Ketcham, of Indiana.
Senior Vice Commander in Chief, George A. Hosley, of Massachusetts.
Junior Vice Commander in Chief, J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.
Chaplain in Chief, Wm. A. Bosworth, of Kansas.
Surgeon General, C. W. Burrill, of Missouri.
Adjutant General, Mahlon D. Butler, of Indiana.
Quartermaster General, Cola D. R. Stowits, of New York.

(During the installation, the installing officer in advising the officers elect of their duties, said:)

"Comrade Stowits, it would be a work of supererogation to tell you what your duties are. You may be seated.

"The same is practically true of you, Comrade Butler, and you may be seated.

"The surgeon general and the chaplain have been with us many years. The one knows how to physic; the other how to pray. Gentlemen, be seated.

"You three comrades who have been elected to the highest offices have been in the service of the Grand Army for many years. Comrades Hosley and Gandy, you will be seated.

"Comrade Ketcham, the love and affection of your comrades has resulted in placing upon your breast the badge of the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. And for one who has known you intimately for more than 25 years, for one who has served with you upon the committee on resolutions for 25 years, I know that I know you. The comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic have elected you for several reasons. First, as a gallant soldier you won your commission upon the fields of battle. In civil life you have been an exemplification of American citizenship. As attorney general for the great State of Indiana you have demonstrated that a public office is a public trust. I know that no comrade living, and but few dead, have rendered greater service to our organization than have you. We all know that you have the courage of your convictions and the ability to express them without any interpreter. We who know you best and love you most know that you are clean of hands and pure of heart, broad-minded, whole-souled, and with a

heart as tender as a child's. We have confidence, Comrade Ketcham, that your administration will reflect great credit upon you and bring additional honor to the organization which we all love.

"The quartermaster general informs me that the badges are not here, but they will be given to you this afternoon.

"And now, Comrade Ketcham, I give you this gavel of authority, and may God bless you."

(The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF (WILLIAM A. KETCHAM). Commander in Chief, for your many kind words, far beyond my deserts, I desire to say that my heart overflows with gratitude. And to you, my comrades of this great organization, I can express the hope that nothing that I may do and nothing that I may leave undone in the year to come will dim the luster or darken the glory of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

I now declare the Fifty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic closed. (11.45 a. m.)

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CHARLES B. WILSON,

Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

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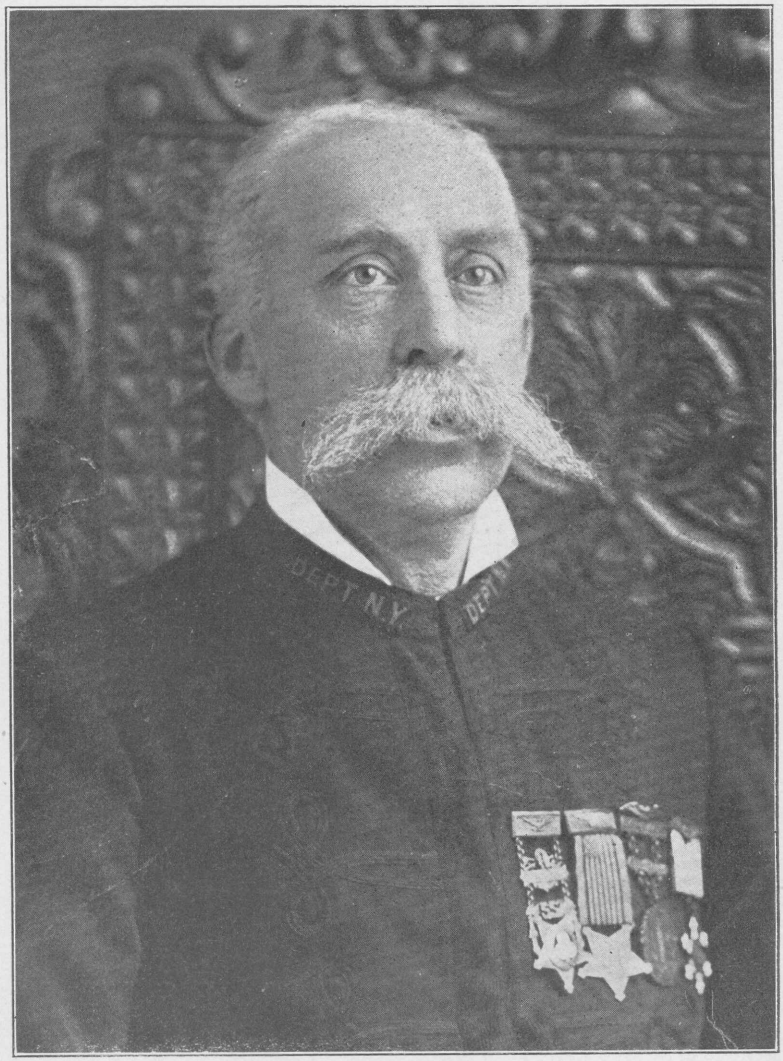


ISIDORE ISAACS,

Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., *July 27, 1920.*

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General, G. A. R., Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR COMRADE: In submitting my report as senior vice commander in chief, I desire first to thank my comrades who so loyally supported me for the office of junior vice commander in chief and for the honor they bestowed on me at the encampment at Columbus, Ohio. On the death of our beloved commander in chief, James D. Bell, and the promotion of Senior Vice Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall to commander in chief, I became senior vice commander in chief, in which office I have, to the best of my ability, performed the duties assigned me. The offices of junior and senior vice commander in chief carry more honor than duties. These officers are not called upon to perform any service unless in their immediate locality.

In January I installed the officers of several posts. When the commander in chief visited the Department of California and Nevada I accompanied him with our department commander, Russell C. Martin, to several receptions and camp fires, and his talks were an inspiration to all the comrades to carry on the work of our order with courage and fidelity. He was received at all gatherings with great enthusiasm. I attended the department encampment of California and Nevada at Santa Barbara, and, at the request of Commander in Chief Hall, represented him there and extended his fraternal greetings to the encampment. By request, I installed the newly elected officers of the department.

During the year I have attended several receptions and parades. At the invitation of the Los Angeles reception committee I represented the Grand Army of the Republic at the reception to King Albert of Belgium and to Gen. Pershing, and also attended Armistice and Appomattox Day celebrations. I was present on Memorial Day at services at the cemetery and auditorium. I have visited several schools during the year and urged the teaching of patriotism, loyalty, love of country and the flag to all of the younger generation.

In retiring from the office you honored me with, I wish to thank Commander in Chief Hall, Adjt. Gen. O'Neall, and Q. M. Gen. Stowits for the many favors extended me the past year.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

CHARLES B. WILSON,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

New York City, *August 1, 1920.*

Comrade Joseph W. O'Neall,
Adjutant General, G. A. R., Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Comrade: In compliance with the rules and regulations of our beloved order, and following the example of my predecessors, I have the honor to submit my report of the duties performed by me during the past year as junior vice commander in chief.

One year ago the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, in encampment assembled at Columbus, Ohio, selected as their standard bearer Comrade James D. Bell, of the Department of New York. A short two months thereafter the Great Commander above mustered him out of our ranks, and he answered the last roll call to the realms above. Due to this fact a vacancy existed in the office of junior vice commander in chief, caused by the advancement of the senior and junior vice commanders in chief. The comrades of the national council of administration saw fit to elect me to fill the honorable office, and I desire at this time to return to the comrades my sincere thanks for the honor conferred in promoting me from the ranks and in choosing me in preference to other comrades more qualified to perform the duties of the office.

On receiving the official announcement on January 10, 1920, I immediately made arrangements to devote my whole time to the interests and advancement of our order and beg leave to report the duties performed by me during the year.

On January 24 I was obligated and installed into office by Past Department Commander Lewis S. Pilcher at the headquarters of U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, Department of New York.

On February 13 I attended a reception tendered to our respected commander in chief, Daniel M. Hall, by U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, in the Borough of Kings, city of New York. February 16 I attended a meeting of the executive committee of the council of administration at Atlantic City, N. J. February 17 and 18, in company with the commander in chief, I attended the encampment of the Department of the Potomac in the city of Washington, D. C.

During the month of March I received the sorrowful announcement of the sudden death of our beloved and respected comrade, Past Commander in Chief Alfred B. Beers, and in compliance with orders from headquarters I visited the city of Bridgeport, Conn., to participate in the funeral obsequies and to represent the commander in chief in paying proper tribute to the memory of a gallant soldier and a devoted comrade of our beloved order.

Owing to the inability of the commander in chief to be present at the annual encampment of the Department of Connecticut, at his request I attended the same in the city of Middletown, Conn., April 14 and 15 as his representative. The encampment, while not largely

attended, was very enjoyable. On the evening of the 14th a campfire was held, which was largely attended and at which time an eloquent address was delivered by Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb. I was privileged to address the audience and endeavored in my humble way to impress on all present the importance in these days of unrest of joining in the fight to save the Nation, as we "old boys" did in 1861.

On May 14 and 15 I was privileged to take part in the dedication of the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater at Washington, D. C., erected to commemorate those who died that the Nation might live. It was an impressive sight and one that will long live in my memory as evidence that the Nation is not ungrateful and will always remember the men who gave their all in defense of Old Glory.

On Memorial Day, May 31, I was present in my home city and participated in the proper observance of the day and would state that during my membership of 52 years in the Grand Army of the Republic I never witnessed more evidence of the loyalty and devotion to flag and country.

I attended, with the commander in chief and Adjt. Gen. Joseph W. O'Neall, the encampment of the Department of New York in the city of Syracuse June 22–24. Owing to the sudden illness of our beloved commander in chief, he was unable to participate in any of the proceedings and festivities incident to the occasion. It was with deep regret that the comrades and members of the allied organizations were deprived of the privilege of having him address them. I endeavored to make him as comfortable as possible, and during my spare moments I accompanied Adjt. Gen. O'Neall in a fraternal visit to the various meetings of the allied organizations.

In my visits to the meetings of our allied organizations I was more than impressed with the great work being performed by the Woman's Relief Corps in endeavoring to alleviate the wants of our distressed comrades and their widows by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in endeavoring to inculcate a spirit of loyalty and devotion to country amongst the children of foreign birth, and of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, our own boys and girls, in their endeavors to keep alive the spirit of patriotism and to remember the deeds performed by their fathers.

In concluding my report I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the commander in chief, to yourself, to the members of the staff, and especially to your able assistant, Miss Flood, "our Kitty," for kindness and favors shown me.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

ISIDORE ISAACS,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL.

KNOX, IND., *August 2, 1920.*

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General, G. A. R., Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR COMRADE: In contemplating my report I was somewhat at a loss just what to say, when I chanced to meet a past department commander of Indiana, and asked him for advice as to the nature of my annual report to the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. After some thought on the subject, he said: "Be sure to say something good in regard to the conduct of its members."

In following this advice I can think of nothing more appropriate, and at the same time true, than is contained in the following resolution, which I beg to offer: "*Resolved*, That we are all good fellows, and entitled to the very best treatment that we can get." For I am thoroughly convinced that there is nothing in this reunited country of ours that we saved from a disastrous wreck, when we were only boys in our teens, that is too good for us, for we have all passed our threescore years and ten, and many have passed their fourscore years.

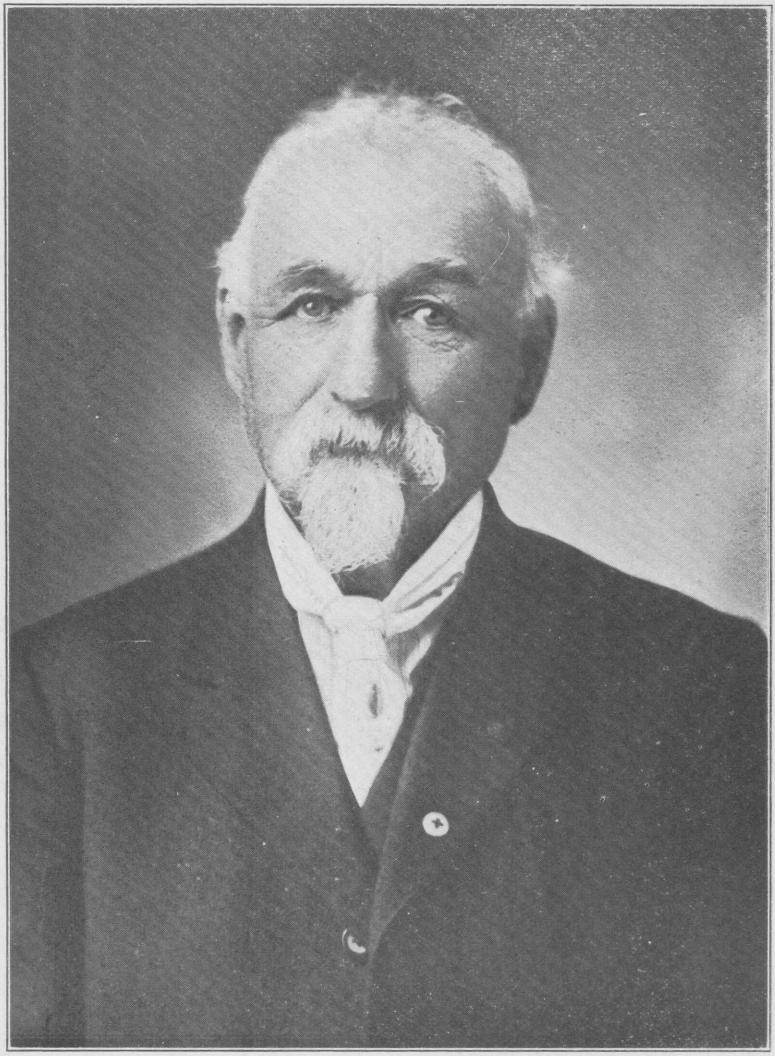
May I suggest, my comrades, that we have all passed our productive stage in life, and the remaining part of the road should be traveled with great caution and care, avoiding all excesses and enjoying all the comforts possible, not forgetting in the meanwhile that we are nearing the end, and that "the old man with long white whiskers, and a scythe over his shoulder" is on our trail.

It has been my privilege to be a member of a pension board since May 3, 1897, having been appointed by that man whom we all loved and revered, and whose memory is an oasis in our lives, William McKinley, and I have made physical examination of several hundred ex-Union soldiers, and I have been able to find some physical defects in nearly every one.

Knowing something of the physical condition of the comrades and having practiced medicine for nearly 50 years, I believe you will be willing to receive a little advice from your retiring surgeon general, so I will advise you to eat sparingly, keep clean and warm, sleep in well-ventilated rooms and on good soft beds; do not get angry or excited about anything that may happen.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

STEPHEN I. BROWN,
Surgeon General G. A. R.



STEPHEN I. BROWN,

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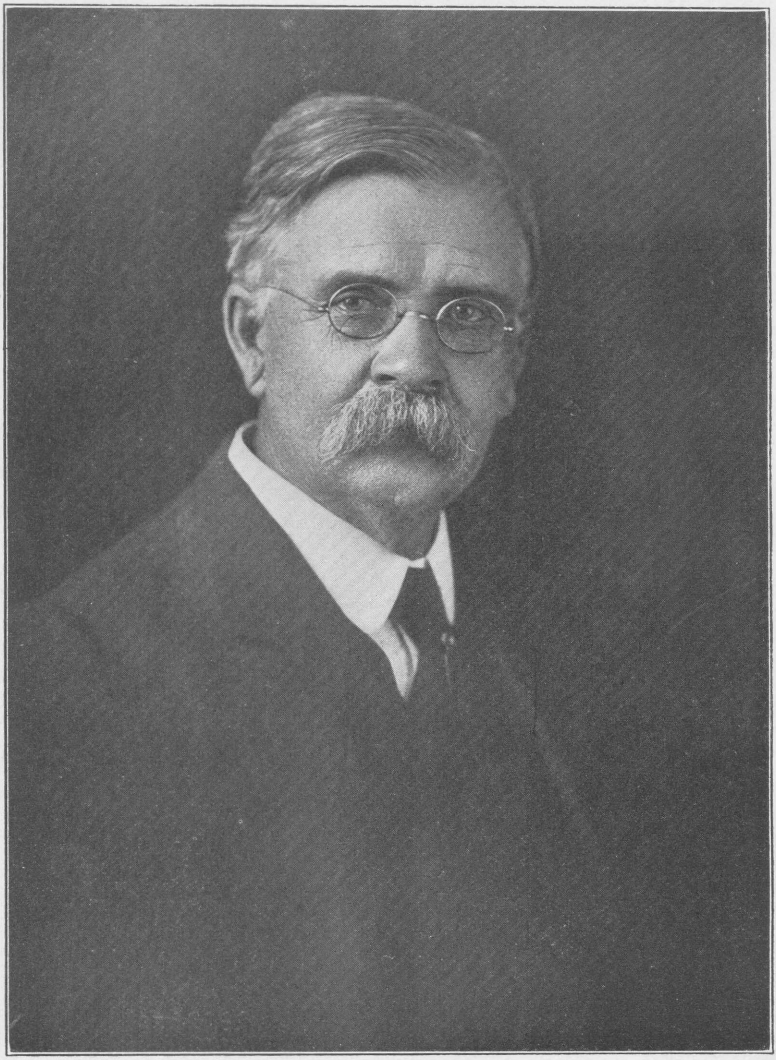

WILLIAM W. GIST,

Chaplain in Chief.

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REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, *July 21, 1920.*

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General, G. A. R., Columbus Ohio.

DEAR COMRADE: In submitting my report I bear cheerful testimony to the uniform courtesy extended to me by all national and department officers with whom I have had official relations.

The reports that come from the department chaplains cover 31 items of information relating to the Sabbath services, Memorial Day services, graves decorated, etc. A summary of these figures would be misleading as to the actual facts, because many of the reports are lacking and many of those furnished are incomplete, notwithstanding the diligence of department chaplains. A chaplain of one of the largest departments says he can not tabulate the figures and so gives none at all. I take it that he simply means that so many of the reports are lacking or incomplete that the truth would not be conveyed by giving the figures to the public. The chaplain in chief is of the opinion that the time has come when the form for chaplains' reports should be simplified, so as not to cover so many items. Some department chaplains favor this. Many of the comrades are aged and feeble and find it difficult to make reports. I have tabulated from the 21 reports that have come to me the number of graves decorated and I find them to be nearly 300,000, but we know that there are probably six times that number of graves of those who wore the Blue and it is morally certain that practically all were decorated and marked with our beautiful flag.

The reports in general are full of interest and show that the few remaining comrades are determined to honor the dead. The department of Georgia and South Carolina got returns from but two posts, but it reports 14,300 graves decorated. This indicates the harvest of the battle field and the hospital. Ohio and Pennsylvania had returns from only about 40 per cent of their posts, but they report more than 110,000 graves decorated. Comrade W. T. Hilton says he has been chaplain of the department of Connecticut for 18 years consecutively. In that time the membership has decreased from over 4,200 to less than 1,500, indicating how rapidly comrades are being mustered out. Four posts in Arkansas report that they decorated more than 7,000 graves. Only 80 comrades were present and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was the only organization assisting. Department Chaplain N. I. Louthian, of South Dakota, died just before the department encampment in June. In his death the department lost a good soldier and a worthy citizen.

Interest in memorial services is not waning, but rather increasing. The Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army, the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, the Spanish War Veterans, the World

War soldiers, the public schools and colleges, other patriotic bodies, and citizens in general seem anxious to do honor to the Civil War veterans. Memorial Day will certainly be perpetuated, but the responsibility will be borne more and more by the younger soldier organizations. Already there is an element of pathos in the services, not felt so much in former years. One town observed the day with elaborate ceremonies with only one Civil War veteran present. Another had only one such soldier living in the place and he was not able to be present. In both places there was a considerable number of graves decorated by appreciative hands. There were many such experiences doubtless and they will become more numerous with the passing years. Naturally not as many veterans preached the memorial sermons as in former years. This year the Sons of Veterans preached three times as many memorial sermons as did their fathers. Pennsylvania led with 40 and Ohio was next. In Florida a son of a Confederate preached the sermon. More Sons of Veterans were orators on Memorial Day than there were of the veterans.

I attended the dedication of the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery on May 15 and offered the invocation and the dedicatory prayer. The occasion was one not to be forgotten. On the 18th of June I gave an address at the funeral of Comrade George A. Newman, adjutant general of the Grand Army in the year 1914–15 and for 20 years assistant adjutant general of the Department of Iowa. He had also served as commander of the same department. He was a man of great business capacity and will be missed at our annual gatherings.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor that the comrades conferred on me in electing me to this office. My prayer is that the blessings of Heaven may rest upon the comrades as they approach the evening of life and wait to be mustered out. May they be welcomed by the Supreme Commander on high.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. Gist,
Chaplain in Chief.

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,

Adjutant General.

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, *August 14, 1920.*

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: In compliance with the rules and regulations, I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

Following the death of our beloved commander in chief, James D. Bell, your installation as commander in chief, the removal of headquarters to this city, and the resignation of our esteemed Comrade Isidore Isaacs, I, on the 14th day of November, 1919, at your earnest request and at some financial sacrifice to myself, accepted the office of adjutant general, and have from that day discharged the duties thereof to the very best of my ability. I take this opportunity to most sincerely thank you for your uniform kindness to me during my term of office.

The removal of the national encampment from Atlantic City, N. J., to Indianapolis, Ind., and the securing of the 1-cent-a-mile rate to Indianapolis, have greatly added to the duties of the adjutant general and greatly increased my travels and expenses.

I went with you to Washington three times in connection with the passage of the Fuller pension bill; to the reception tendered you by Grant Post, Brooklyn, N. Y.; to the annual banquet of the Sons of Veterans' Club of Philadelphia; to a meeting of a subcommittee of the executive committee of the national council of administration at Atlantic City; assisted in the service of dedication of the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington Cemetery; went with Q. M. Gen. Stowits to Atlantic City; attended the encampment of the Department of Kansas at Hutchinson, Kans.; attended campfires in your honor at Kansas City, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa; represented you at the encampment of the Department of Indiana at Bloomington; and attended with you the New York Encampment at Syracuse.

In the effort to secure reduced rates to the national encampment, I made two trips to Chicago, one to New York City, and went to Washington, D. C., to see the Interstate Commerce Commission. In this connection I want to express my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown me at Washington by Mr. Hardee, of the assistance given by Mr. C. A. Fox, chairman of the Central Passenger Association, who aided in every way possible in securing the reduced rate; by Mr. C. M. Burt, chairman of the Trunk Lines Association, to the chairman of each of the other passenger associations, and to Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, for his invaluable services in securing for us from the Interstate Commerce Commission their approval of the selling of tickets to the encampment on the certificate plan.

The reports show a membership in good standing on December 31, 1919, of 103,258 against a membership in good standing on De-

cember 31, 1918, of 110,357. Loss by death, 8,931. Percentage loss by death, 8 per cent. Considering the advanced age of our comrades, this is a remarkable showing. Gains from all causes during 1919, 6,979. Loss from all causes during said time, 14,078, including 2,538 suspended. Percentage of net loss during the year 1918, 8.7 per cent; during 1919, 5.5 per cent. This, too, under all circumstances is most gratifying.

The report of the Commissioner of Pensions shows that there were on the pension roll December 31, 1919, 259,830 Civil War veterans. Total number of comrades in the Grand Army, in good standing, on December 31, 1919, 103,258. It would, therefore, appear that on said date there were more comrades outside of the Grand Army than in it. This is astounding. How an honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine can remain outside of the Grand Army, the greatest patriotic society that has ever been established or ever will exist, composed of men who shot to death secession, rebellion, and human slavery, is beyond my comprehension. The little bronze button is evidence of honorable service and honorable discharge—an emblem more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other that can be bestowed by king, prince, potentate, or sovereign. It can be legally worn only by members of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing. Every honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine ought to be proud to wear it. I regret to say it is worn by many comrades who have no right to do so. It seems to me that a suspended, dropped, or discharged member should be obliged to return his bronze button and badge to the post of which he was a member, thus putting a stop to the indiscriminate wearing of our button and badge.

With 156,572 honorably discharged veterans outside of our ranks, it would seem that the day of recruiting is not passed. If each of us would resolve to bring into the post one comrade, and do it, the membership would be greatly increased, if not doubled. Membership in the Grand Army should be the pride of every honorably discharged soldier, sailor, and marine. There has never been but one Grand Army and there can never be another. Loyalty to our incoming commander in chief and to our comrades requires that each of us should constitute himself a recruiting officer and get busy.

I fully concur in the recommendation of the quartermaster general, that our per capita tax be increased to 7 cents. Since our pension has been increased to $50 a month, this will not work a hardship on any of our members. I also recommend that the trustees of the permanent fund be authorized to sell such securities as may afford sufficient funds to carry on the work of national headquarters.

Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, the efficient headquarters secretary, has been of great assistance. Her wide acquaintance with the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, her thorough knowledge of the rules and regulations and of the detail work, render her services invaluable. I shall always be under great obligations to her.

I further wish to return my thanks and best wishes to each and every member of the staff and especially to Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, to the assistant adjutant general of the several departments, to the executive committee of the national council of administration, to the members of the national council of administration in general, and to the members of the committee on legislation, for their kind-

ness and many courtesies shown me, and I want to assure them that it will always be a great pleasure to serve them in any manner possible.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

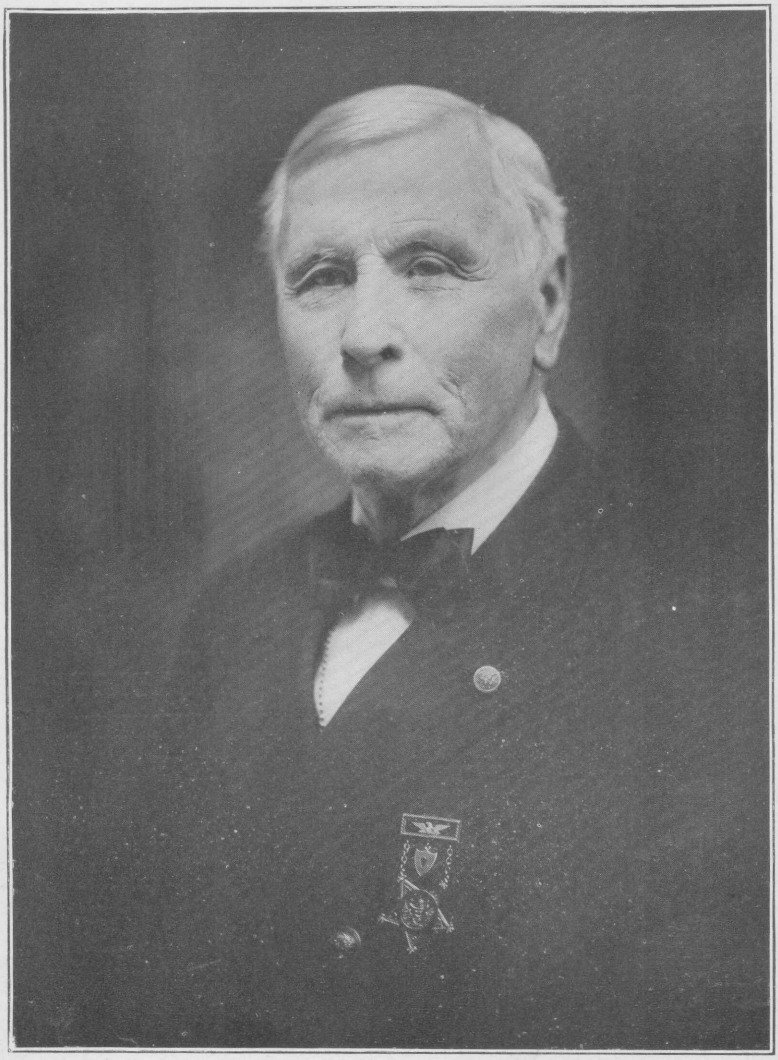
JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General.

Consolidated returns of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for year ended Dec. 31, 1919.

Departments.	Dec. 31, 1918.		Dec. 31, 1919.		Posts.		Members.	
	Posts.	Members.	Posts.	Members.	Gain.	Loss.	Gain.	Loss.
Alabama	3	58	3	55	.....	.....	.....	3
Arizona	5	75	5	75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas	7	174	11	243	4	.....	69	.....
California and Nevada	94	4,660	92	4,852	.....	2	192	.....
Colorado and Wyoming	53	1,426	57	1,406	4	.....	.....	20
Connecticut	58	1,640	57	1,489	.....	1	.....	151
Delaware	16	259	16	225	.....	.....	.....	34
Florida	21	634	19	607	.....	2	.....	27
Georgia and South Carolina	7	125	7	116	.....	.....	.....	9
Idaho	18	398	18	356	.....	.....	.....	42
Illinois	364	8,380	347	7,625	.....	17	.....	755
Indiana	240	6,620	231	6,309	.....	9	.....	311
Iowa	281	6,201	265	5,977	.....	16	.....	224
Kansas	244	5,664	256	5,359	12	.....	.....	305
Kentucky	52	604	52	535	.....	.....	.....	69
Louisiana and Mississippi	18	211	19	242	1	.....	31	.....
Maine	110	2,016	111	1,828	1	.....	.....	188
Maryland	46	882	46	820	.....	.....	.....	62
Massachusetts	197	6,597	196	6,097	.....	1	.....	500
Michigan	238	5,115	227	4,667	.....	11	.....	448
Minnesota	131	2,254	128	2,015	.....	3	.....	239
Missouri	145	3,054	144	2,953	.....	1	.....	101
Montana	14	281	13	271	.....	1	.....	10
Nebraska	167	2,456	159	2,241	.....	8	.....	215
New Hampshire	67	1,107	63	921	.....	4	.....	186
New Jersey	91	2,019	90	1,833	.....	1	.....	186
New Mexico	8	92	8	86	.....	.....	.....	6
New York	484	10,976	471	9,739	.....	13	.....	1,237
North Dakota	18	164	16	155	.....	2	.....	9
Ohio	439	11,453	428	11,029	.....	11	.....	424
Oklahoma	50	979	55	1,039	5	.....	60	.....
Oregon	62	1,768	62	1,660	.....	.....	.....	108
Pennsylvania	453	10,980	430	10,019	.....	23	.....	961
Potomac	12	863	12	782	.....	.....	.....	81
Rhode Island	22	722	22	664	.....	.....	.....	58
South Dakota	55	672	55	633	.....	.....	.....	39
Tennessee	19	498	24	500	5	.....	2	.....
Texas	10	242	8	242	.....	2	.....	2
Utah	5	189	5	162	.....	.....	.....	27
Vermont	83	1,272	83	1,147	.....	.....	.....	125
Virginia and North Carolina	19	277	20	287	1	.....	10	.....
Washington and Alaska	78	2,269	78	2,185	.....	.....	.....	84
West Virginia	27	647	27	699	.....	.....	52	.....
Wisconsin	173	3,382	168	3,113	.....	5	.....	269
Aggregate	4,704	110,357	4,604	103,258	33	133	416	7,515
Net loss	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	6,099

RECAPITULATION.

Members in good standing, Dec. 31, 1918		110,357
Gains:		
By muster	2,138	
By transfer	1,444	
By reinstatement	2,176	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	1,221	
Total		6,979
Aggregate		117,336
Losses:		
By death	8,931	
By honorable discharge	252	
By transfer	777	
By suspension	2,538	
By dishonorable discharge	1	
By delinquent reports	687	
By surrender of charter	892	
Total		14,078
Membership in good standing, Dec. 31, 1919		103,258
Posts in good standing, Dec. 31, 1919		4,604
Net loss for the year		6,099
Total number remaining suspended, Dec. 31, 1919		1,986
Number dropped during the year		532
Number of posts which surrendered charters		113
Number of posts mustered		1
Expended in relief during the year		$33,690.37
Members and families relieved		828
Other than members relieved		89



WILLIAM S. MATTHEWS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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COLA D. R. STOWITS,

Quartermaster General.

REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

BUFFALO, N. Y., *August 10, 1920.*

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief G. A. R., Columbus, Ohio.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: I submit herewith a statement in detail of the business transacted in the office of the quartermaster general for the term ending August 10, 1920.

The past year has been a trying one, owing to a change of administration caused by the death of our beloved commander in chief, James D. Bell, who passed away at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., on November 1, 1919. The mantle of authority immediately fell upon the shoulders of our most worthy senior vice commander in chief, Daniel M. Hall, who has conducted the affairs of the office of commander in chief to the complete satisfaction of the comrades throughout the country.

Our financial condition at the end of the year is not what I wish it might be, and this is due to the falling off in revenue from per capita tax and sale of supplies, and also to the additional expense that has been necessarily incurred through the change of administration and the change of location of the fifty-fourth national encampment. The transfer of the encampment from Atlantic City to Indianapolis brought about by sinister influence on the part of a New Jersey appointed commission, caused us serious trouble and made necessary a personal reapplication for issue of the rates of railroad fare. The application for rates had to shifted from the eastern district in New York City, where the original rate was made for us, to the central district, with headquarters in Chicago, and the railroad officials in Chicago were obliged to take up the matter with the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington. This necessitated an extra official visit on our part to the cities mentioned and a large amount of extra traveling expenses, which could not have been avoided very well, and which has depleted our general fund to a considerable extent.

The cost of maintaining the order in all branches has increased fully 30 per cent, which is beyond our control. In this connection I wish to say that the revenue derived from the usual sources during the past two years has not been sufficient to meet current running expenses, and I would therefore respectfully recommend that our per capita tax be increased from 3½ cents per year to 7 cents per year. Personally, I do not believe that any comrade, a member in good standing of the Grand Army of the Republic, can reasonably object to paying this small sum to maintain the standing and dignity of the national organization, which has been indefatigable in its efforts and finally succeeded in securing for them a very much increased pension, the minimum being $50 per month. It does not

seem possible that any comrade can find fault with this increase in per capita tax when it is remembered that they have a minimum pension income of $600 per year, and we simply ask for 7 cents of that amount, which is the smallest tax imposed upon its members by any organization.

I would further recommend that the rules and regulations be changed by striking out the limit of 10 per cent to be drawn from the permanent fund in any one year—that is, the commander in chief should be empowered to draw such amounts from the permanent fund from time to time, upon requisition from the quartermaster general, as may be absolutely necessary to meet actual requirements. It is very evident that even with an increase in the per capita tax to 7 cents it will not be sufficient to meet our current running expenses, and we shall still be obliged to draw upon the permanent fund. With the advanced age of our order and its membership, conditions similar to those of the past year are to be expected, and we must therefore be financially prepared to meet them. It is also recommended that the trustees of the permanent fund be hereby authorized to sell and transfer in such manner as may be necessary whatever amount of securities held in this fund may be required to conform to the above recommendations. These are strictly matters of business, and must be so considered.

Our faithful auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, has helped us in our urgent necessities by donating the magnificent sum of $1,000 to the general fund and $1,000 to the southern memorial fund, and for this timely assistance we are under very many obligations. Had it not been for their generous aid we could not have met the many calls that have been made upon us. We feel confident that we may count upon these noble women to stand by us in the future as they have in the past.

We also wish to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, donations from the Daughters of Veterans, $608.21; Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, $250; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, $187.75.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. George H. Carter, clerk of the Joint Committee on Printing, for the time and attention which he devoted to the issue of the Journal of the Fifty-third National Encampment.

And now, my dear commander, with assurances to you and the other national officers that I deeply appreciate the courtesies of which I have been the recipient, and with the hope that the feelings of friendship and comradeship which have existed in the past may grow even stronger as the years roll on, believe me, with kindest regard and best wishes,

Fraternally, yours,

Cola D. R. Stowits,
Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Transcript of books, Aug. 1 to Sept. 15, 1919.

BUFFALO, N. Y., *September 15, 1919.*

Cash balance in all funds, as reported to the Fifty-third National Encampment		$5,092.17
Subsequent receipts:		
Sale of supplies	$221.55	
Southern memorial fund refund	34.00	
Woman's Relief Corps	1,000.00	
Daughters of Veterans	500.00	
Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary	250.00	
Sale of old furniture	59.00	
		2,064.55
Total		7,156.72
Disbursements:		
For supplies	513.00	
For traveling	186.26	
For expenses, incidentals	288.76	
For expense, 1,000 rolls	132.35	
For expense, 1,000 reports	211.25	
Deposited in permanent fund	750.00	
		2,091.62
Total cash in all funds		5,065.10
To be credited as follows:		
General fund	2,315.56	
Southern memorial fund	2,749.54	
		5,065.10

Account current.

DEBIT.

Cash received for term ended Aug. 10, 1920; balance in all funds as reported in the supplemental report, Sept. 15, 1919		$5,065.10
Subsequent receipts:		
Sale of supplies	$2,367.66	
Per capita tax	3,611.42	
Southern memorial fund	1,315.96	
Permanent fund, interest	2,000.00	
Permanent fund, transfer	3,000.00	
Sale of furniture	60.50	
Rebate on rent, etc	26.11	
Interest from bank	121.83	
		12,503.48
Total		17,568.58

CREDIT.

Cash paid out, term ended Aug. 10, 1920:		
For supplies	$1,429.02	
For traveling	3,977.38	
For salaries	3,750.00	
For expenses	3,944.97	
For southern memorial fund	1,605.00	
		14,706.37
Total cash in all funds, Aug. 10, 1920		2,862.21
To be credited as follows:		
General fund	1,401.71	
Southern memorial fund	1,460.50	
		2,862.21

ASSETS.

Cash, general fund	$1,401.71	
Cash, southern memorial fund	1,460.50	
Supplies on hand	900.00	
Furniture on hand	200.00	
Lithograph stone	20.00	
Gun metal	100.00	
Free blanks	100.00	
Total		$4,182.21

Sale of supplies for term ended Aug. 10, 1920.

Alabama	$1.25	New Jersey	$23.16
Arizona	3.07	New Mexico	------
Arkansas	------	New York	170.55
California and Nevada	297.75	North Dakota	------
Colorado and Wyoming	42.65	Ohio	232.98
Connecticut	9.09	Oklahoma	8.20
Delaware	9.35	Oregon	76.55
Florida	28.19	Pennsylvania	215.02
Georgia and South Carolina	3.28	Potomac	19.67
Idaho	18.45	Rhode Island	10.06
Illinois	90.40	South Dakota	10.20
Indiana	105.95	Tennessee	6.80
Iowa	68.95	Texas	11.26
Kansas	69.88	Utah	6.19
Kentucky	6.05	Vermont	1.20
Louisiana and Mississippi	2.60	Virginia and North Carolina	28.47
Maine	23.85	Washington and Alaska	35.25
Maryland	30.20	West Virginia	3.50
Massachusetts	111.50	Wisconsin	14.50
Michigan	59.75	Joseph K. Davison's Sons	12.00
Minnesota	47.25	Woman's Relief Corps	30.00
Missouri	67.50	Aids-de-camp	315.42
Montana	8.38		
Nebraska	31.34	Total	2,367.66
New Hampshire	------		

Per capita tax, southern memorial fund, interest, etc., received for term ended Aug. 10, 1920.

Departments.	Feb. 1, 1920.	July 15, 1920.	Southern memorial fund.	General fund.
Alabama	$1.00	$1.00		
Arizona	1.35	1.35		
Arkansas	4.26	4.26		
California and Nevada	84.91	84.91		
Colorado and Wyoming	24.61	24.60		
Connecticut	26.06	26.06		
Delaware	3.94	3.94		
Florida	10.62	10.62		
Georgia and South Carolina	2.03	2.03		
Idaho	6.81	6.81		
Illinois	133.44	133.44		
Indiana	110.41	110.41	$15.00	
Iowa	104.59	104.59		
Kansas	93.78	93.78		
Kentucky	9.36	9.64		
Louisiana and Mississippi	4.38	4.38		
Maine	31.99	31.99		
Maryland	14.35	14.35		
Massachusetts	106.70	106.70		
Michigan	81.68	81.68		
Minnesota	35.27	35.27		
Missouri	51.68	51.68		
Montana	4.74	4.74		
Nebraska	39.22	38.22		
New Hampshire	16.11	16.11		
New Jersey	32.07	32.07		
New Mexico	1.52			
New York	170.44	170.44		
North Dakota	2.71	2.71		
Ohio	193.01	193.01		
Oklahoma	15.36	20.68		
Oregon	29.05	29.05		
Pennsylvania	175.34	175.34		
Potomac	13.68	13.68		
Rhode Island	11.62	11.59		
South Dakota	11.08	11.08		
Tennessee	8.75	8.75		
Texas	4.25	4.25		
Utah	2.84	2.90		
Vermont	20.07	20.07		
Virginia and North Carolina	5.03	5.03		
Washington and Alaska	38.25	38.25		
West Virginia	11.32	11.32		
Wisconsin	54.48	54.48	5.00	
Sale of furniture				$60.50
Rebate on rent and phone				26.11
W. J. Patterson, treasurer, 1919 interest				2,000.00
W. J. Patterson, treasurer, 1920 transfer				3,000.00
Woman's Relief Corps			1,000.00	
Daughters of Veterans			108.21	
Ladies of G. A. R.			187.75	
Interest from bank				121.83
Total	1,804.16	1,807.26	1,315.96	5,208.44

Disbursements for the term ended Aug. 10, 1920, by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general.

Date.		No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Travel.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1919.								
Oct.	1	1	Isidore Isaacs, Sept 15–30	.....	.....	$50.00	.....	$26.22
		2	C. D. R. Stowits, September	.....	.....	41.66	.....	24.20
		3	Katharine R. A. Flood, September	.....	.....	150.00	.....	5.21
		4	Charles S. Nathan, office furniture	.....	.....	.....	.....	88.00
	10	5	Isidore Isaacs, office rent, October	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00
		6	American Surety Co., premium quartermaster general bond	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.50
		7	Wagner-Taylor Co., insurance premium on records	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00
	11	8	Town Printing Co., letter sheets, etc	.....	.....	.....	.....	36.58
	18	9	Gordon Elliott, reporting fifty-third national encampment, 3 copies	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00
	23	10	J. Krauss & Co., carpets, linoleums, etc	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00
	30	11	Isidore Isaacs, October	.....	.....	100.00	.....	59.49
		12	Katharine R. A. Flood, October	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....
		13	C. D. R. Stowits, October	.....	.....	41.66	.....	11.20
		14	John F. James & Sons, rent, headquarters, November	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00
Nov.	6	15	Daniel M. Hall, traveling expense	.....	$100.00	.....	.....	.....
	8	16	C. D. R. Stowits: Attending funeral of Commander in Chief Bell and attending executive committee meeting, Atlantic City	.....	82.20	.....	.....	.....
	11	17	William L. Smith, auto service, funeral Commander in Chief Bell	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.30
		18	Phillips, florist, wreath, etc., Commander in Chief Bell	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.00
		19	Stevenson & Marsters, office supplies	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.09
	12	20	Western Union Telegraph Co., service for November	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.98
		21	George A. Price, transportation (5 tickets) New York to Atlantic City	.....	35.15	.....	.....	.....
		22	Isidore Isaacs, salary in full to Nov. 15	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....

Disbursements for the term ended Aug. 10, 1920, by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued.

Date.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Travel.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1919.							
Nov. 12	23	Katharine R. A. Flood:					
		Expense, moving office from Brooklyn to Columbus					$36.03
		Trip, Brooklyn and Boston to Columbus		$60.91			
20	24	T. J. O'Neill, floor covering, Columbus					70.00
	25	Columbus Transfer Co., moving furniture					5.00
	26	Daniel M. Hall, express charges from Brooklyn to Columbus					25.49
	27	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges, buttons, etc	$310.00				
29	28	Katharine R. A. Flood, November			$150.00		
	29	C. D. R. Stowits, November			41.66		7.25
	30	Joseph W. O'Neall:					
		Nov. 15 30			50.00		8.28
		Trip to Toledo		14.55			
		Premium on bond					2.50
	31	Western Union Telegraph Co., service, Nov. 1–15					30.59
Dec. 2	32	Daniel M. Hall, traveling expense		200.00			
	33	J. H. Holcomb, September, October, and November			75.00		25.06
2	34	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, buttons, etc	91.00				
5	35	Columbus Blank Book Co., desk, chairs, and cabinet					94.00
	36	Underwood Typewriter Co., No. 5 machine					91.50
	37	Town Printing Co., general orders, blanks letterheads, etc					399.22
	38	Hann & Adair Printing Co.:					
		Stamped envelopes					97.65
		Special Order No. 1					24.25
20	39	Central Union Phone Co., service for December					6.32
	40	Orlando A. Somers, legislation committee, Washington, D. C		73.30			
	41	Washington Gardner, legislation committee, Washington, D. C		92.54			
	42	Katharine R. A. Flood, December			150.00		

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Date.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Travel.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1919.							
Dec. 20	43	Joseph W. O'Neall:					
		December			$100.00		$8.04
		Legislation committee, Washington, D. C		$75.78			
	44	C. D. R. Stowits, December			41.66		6.50
23	45	J. Payson Bradley, legislation committee, Washington, D. C		44.13			
1920.							
Jan. 10	46	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, buttons, etc	$168.00				
	47	Joseph W. O'Neall:					
		Legislation committee, Washington, D. C		73.27			
		Stenographer's work					50.00
	48	John C. Roland, attending meeting at Columbus		17.21			
	49	C. D. R. Stowits, attending meeting at Columbus		31.53			
	50	Daniel M. Hall, traveling expense		200.00			
10	51	Katharine R. A. Flood, trip with commander in chief and adjutant general, Washington, D. C		24.93			
15	52	Central Union Phone Co., service for January					6.50
20	53	Hann & Adair Printing Co., General Orders No. 4					94.46
29	54	W. A. Ketcham, trip to Columbus		18.63			
	55	Katharine R. A. Flood, January			150.00		
	56	Joseph W. O'Neall:					
		January			100.00		19.07
		Trip to Cincinnati, etc		29.63			
	57	C. D. R. Stowits, January			41.66		7.50
Feb. 7	58	Central Union Phone Co., service for February					5.50
	59	Frankenburg Bros., 500 mailing tubes					9.00
	60	Columbus Blank Book Co., office supplies					13.55
	61	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, rank straps	95.50				
	62	Hann & Adair Print. Co. stationery, etc					30.20
18	63	Washington Gardner, trip to Washington, D. C		89.76			

Disbursements for the term ended Aug. 10, 1920, by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued.

Date.		No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Travel.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1920.								
Fe0.	18	64	Joseph W. O Neall, trip to New York, Washington, and Atlantic City		$121.40			
		65	C. D. R. Stowits, trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City		42.50			
		66	John C. Roland, Ex-Committee, trip to Atlantic City		41.67			
		67	John B. Inman, trip to Atlantic City		95.17			
		68	Daniel M. Hall, traveling expense		400.00			
	26	69	Katharine R. A. Flood, February			$150.00		
		70	Joseph W. O'Neall, February			100.00		$21.94
		71	C. D. R. Stowits, February			41.66		5.50
Mar.	2	72	J. H. Holcomb, December, January, February			75.00		24.00
	8	73	Central Union Phone Co., service for March					5.50
		74	Western Union Tele. Co., service for February					14.44
		75	J. Andrew Wilt, trip, Atlantic City		22.96			
	30	76	Katharine R. A. Flood, March			150.00		
		77	Joseph W. O'Neall: March			100.00		18.07
			Extra compensation					50.00
		78	C. D. R. Stowits, March			41.66		7.25
Apr.	5	79	Isidore Isaacs, trip to Atlantic City		28.75			
		80	Central Union Phone Co., service for April					5.50
	20	81	James Horan & Son, flowers, Beers funeral					20.00
		82	Isidore Isaacs, attending Connecticut encampment		15.25			
		83	Town Printing Co., printing and postage					41.90
		84	The Ohio Co., general orders, etc. (10,000)					145.79
		85	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges and rank straps	$203.52				
	28	86	Katharine R. A. Flood, April			150.00		
		87	Joseph W. O'Neall: April			100.00		51.59
			Extra compensation					50.00
		88	C. D. R. Stowits, April			41.66		6.50
May	4	89	Daniel M. Hall, traveling expense		400.00			

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Date.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Travel.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1920.							
May 4	90	John A. Barr, department commander, Alabama				$50.00	
	91	I. A. Spencer, department commander, Florida				80.00	
	92	F. A. Jones, for department commander, Georgia and South Carolina				300.00	
	93	E. T. Gipson, department commander, Louisiana and Mississippi				200.00	
	94	Max Hart, department commander, Texas				50.00	
	95	Charles H. Haber, department commander, Virginia and North Carolina				600.00	
	96	Jacob E. Leas, department commander, Arkansas				125.00	
	97	O. L. Thompson, department commander, Tennessee				200.00	
	98	Public Printer, Washington, D. C., 1,000 paper and 200 cloth Journals, Fifty-third National Encampment					$262.87
	99	Central Union Phone Co. service for May					6.50
29	100	Katharine R. A. Flood, May			$150.00		
	101	Joseph W. O'Neall:					
		May			100.00		12.73
		Extra compensation					50.00
	102	C. D. R. Stowits, May			41.66		7.25
	103	Joseph W. O'Neall:					
		Attending Arlington dedication					
		Kansas, Iowa, and Indiana encampments		$249.54			
	104	Geo. A. Hosley, trip, Washington and Atlantic City		19.83			
June 5	105	Central Union Phone Co., service for June					6.00
	106	Western Union Telegraph Co., service for May					20.72
7	107	J. H. Holcomb, March, April, and May			75.00		13.25
	108	Daniel M. Hall, traveling expense		200.00			
12	109	C. D. R. Stowits:					
		Trip, Philadelphia and Atlantic City, June 7–10		41.25			

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Date.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Travel.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1920.							
June 19	110	C. D. R. Stowits—Con. Trip, Columbus, June 18–19		$31.25			
	111	Joseph W. O'Neall, trip, Atlantic City, etc., June 7–10		94.71			
	112	P. G. Woodward, attending Columbus meeting		72.86			
	113	John B. Inman, attending Columbus meeting		39.35			
	114	George A. Price, attending Columbus meeting		62.90			
	115	J. W. Willett, attending Columbus meeting		71.40			
	116	J. C. Roland, attending Columbus meeting		16.65			
	117	J. Andrew Wilt, attending Columbus meeting		40.90			
28	118	Katharine R. A. Flood, June			$150.00		
	119	Joseph W. O'Neall: June			100.00		$11.93
		Extra compensation					50.00
	120	C. D. R. Stowits, June			41.66		7.65
	121	Geo. A. Hosley, attending Maine encampment		15.15			
	122	Griffiths-Stillings Press, 1,000 commissions					75.00
30	123	C. D. R. Stowits, trip to Indianapolis		45.40			
	124	Joseph W. O'Neall, trip, New York, Chicago, and Indianapolis		135.84			
	125	Katharine R. A. Flood, trip with commander in chief to Indianapolis		20.75			
July 7	126	Central Union Phone Co., service for July					6.00
	127	A. M. Trimble, editing Journal of Fifty-third National Encampment					208.22
	128	Hann & Adair Printing Co., circular letters, etc					7.20
	129	Town Printing Co., patriotic instructors' reports					40.00
	130	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges, rank straps, etc	$219.75				
24	131	Joseph W. O'Neall, trip to Washington, D. C., July 14–17		102.26			
	132	Town Printing Co., commissions and electro cuts	36.25				20.00

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Date.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Travel.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1920.							
July 24	133	Western Union Telegraph Co., service for June					$65.91
29	134	Katharine R. A. Flood, July			$150.00		
	135	Joseph W. O'Neall:					
		July			100.00		35.35
		Extra compensation					50.00
		Extra stenographic expense					45.00
	136	C. D. R. Stowits, July			41.66		15.25
Aug. 2	137	Joseph W. O'Neall, trip, Chicago and Cincinnati		$51.17			
	138	Katharine R. A. Flood, trip to Indianapolis and Cincinnati		34.95			
	139	Daniel M. Hall, traveling expense		200.00			
	140	Jaccard Jewelry Co., Kansas City, testimonial to Past Commander in Chief Adams					497.00
	141	Joseph W. O'Neall, salary for balance of term			100.00		
	142	Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for balance of term			150.00		
	143	C. D. R. Stowits, salary for balance of term			41.74		
	144	J. H. Holcomb, June, July, and August			75.00		32.00
	145	George Durban, Cincinnati, Ohio, flowers for Past Commander in Chief Monfort's funeral					18.00
5	146	Central Phone Co., service for August					6.00
	147	Western Union Telegraph Co., service for July					13.73
	148	Hosea W. Rood, expense for term					14.20
7	149	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges and rank straps	$245.00				
	150	Samuel P. Town, transfers and discharges (4,000)	60.00				
		Total	1,429.02	3,977.38	3,750.00	$1,605.00	3,944.97

Supplies on hand, purchased, issued, and remaining on hand for the term ended Aug. 10, 1920, by C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general.

	Rules and regulations.	Rituals.	Officers' cards.	Service books.	Odes.	Applications.	Leaves of absence.	Transfers.	Discharges.
On hand Aug. 1, 1919	1,992	15	2,111	1,350	400	5,217	1,040	268	.....
Purchased, per contract	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	3,000	1,000
Total to be accounted for	1,992	15	2,111	1,350	400	5,217	1,040	3,268	1,000
Issued	222	15	203	631	....	2,269	845	1,207	25
Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1920	1,770	....	1,908	989	400	2,948	195	2,061	975

	Post charters.	Descriptive books.	Badges.	Rank straps.	Buttons.	Ribbons, pieces.	Electrotypes.	Blue books.	Cost.
On hand Aug. 1, 1919	203	....	.....	304	69	40	....	197	$750.00
Purchased, per contract	....	....	2,085	1,929	8,200	5	50	....	1,708.02
Total to be accounted for	203	....	2,085	2,233	8,269	45	50	197	2,458.02
Issued	14	....	1,845	1,194	7,606	21	15	54	2,367.66
Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1920	189	....	240	1,039	663	24	35	143	900.00

Supplies purchased by C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, during term ended Aug. 10, 1920.

From whom purchased.	Date.	Transfers.	Discharges.	Badges.	Rank straps.	Buttons.	Strap ribbons.	Electrotypes.	Cost.
	1919								
Joseph K. Davison's Sons	Aug.–Sept	.....	.....	500	340	700	...	...	$279.00
Do	Oct	.....	.....	525	102	1,700	2	...	310.00
Do	Nov	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300	...	...	91.00
Do	Dec	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400	...	...	168.00
	1920								
Do	Jan	.....	.....	.....	382	.....	...	...	95.50
Do	Mar.–Apr.	.....	.....	325	435	.....	2	...	203.52
Do	June	.....	.....	210	16	2,100	1	...	219.75
Town Printing Co	July	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	50	36.25
Do	...do	3,000	1,000	.....	.....	.....	...	...	60.00
Joseph K. Davison's Sons	...do	.....	.....	525	350	.....	...	...	245.00
Total	.....	3,000	1,000	2,085	1,625	8,200	5	50	1,708.02

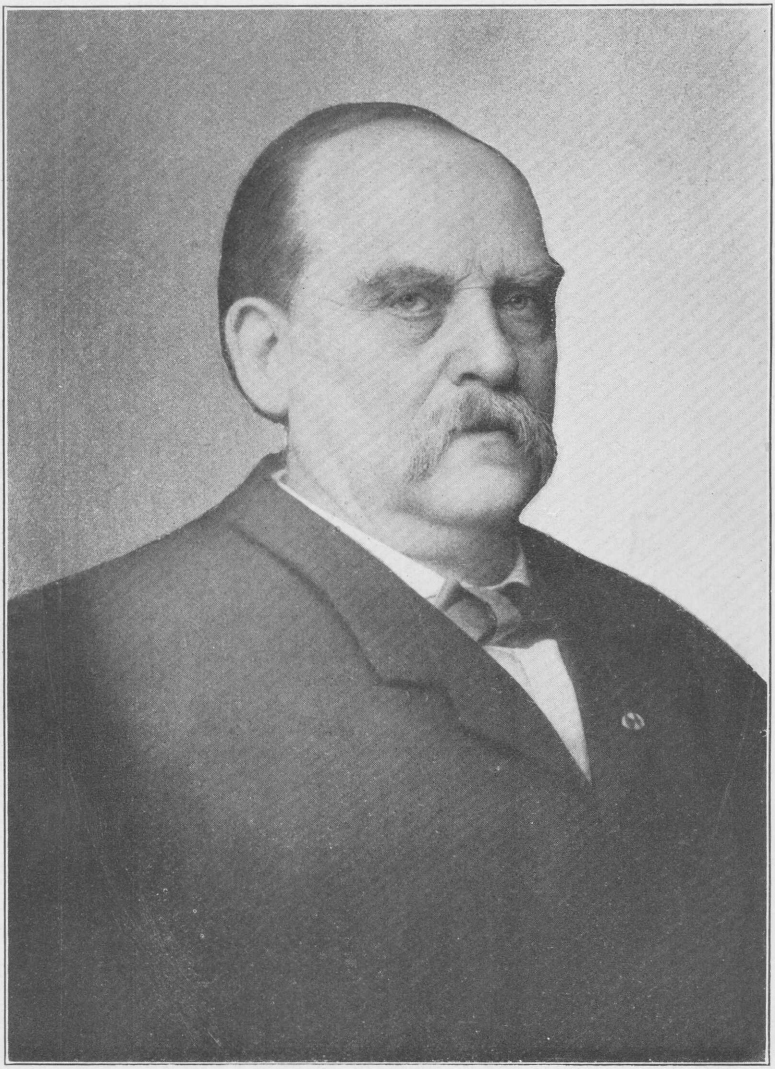
Statement of total number of posts, membership and financial condition of the departments of the Grand Army of the Republic, Jan. 1, 1920.

[Compiled by Cola R. D. Stowits, quartermaster general.]

Departments.	Total posts.	Members.	Value of real estate.	Cash, post and relief.	Furnishings.	Total value of property.
Alabama	3	55	$260.00	$171.99	$152.00	$583.99
Arizona	3	75	.....	260.96	.....	260.96
Arkansas	11	243	.....	281.14	150.00	431.14
California and Nevada	92	4,852	6,355.92	19,502.98	6,538.35	32,397.25
Colorado and Wyoming	57	1,406	8,645.24	4,626.09	2,916.80	16,188.13
Connecticut	57	1,489	53,027.43	44,868.24	18,360.57	116,256.24
Delaware	16	225	.....	1,208.10	1,867.35	3,075.45
Florida	19	607	4,100.00	.....	36.64	4,136.64
Georgia and South Carolina	7	116	1,050.65	185.87	150.00	1,386.52
Idaho	18	356	10,781.62	1,084.55	795.00	12,661.17
Illinois	347	7,625	41,590.00	39,339.98	22,189.87	103,119.85
Indiana	231	6,309	3,789.40	59,390.40	8,418.46	71,598.26
Iowa	265	5,977	25,480.00	27,739.14	1,860.00	55,079.14
Kansas	256	5,359	14,670.00	8,515.53	9,375.50	32,561.03
Kentucky	52	535	200.00	279.30	1,000.00	1,479.30
Louisiana and Mississippi	19	242	.....	683.34	364.75	1,048.09
Maine	111	1,828	50,320.00	20,344.84	16,352.85	87,017.69
Maryland	46	820	5,000.00	12,170.60	3,450.00	20,620.60
Massachusetts	196	6,097	150,000.00	138,377.05	4,000.00	292,377.05
Michigan	227	4,667	14,200.00	9,170.42	23,232.89	46,603.31
Minnesota	128	2,015	3,380.00	6,311.71	6,278.00	15,969.71
Missouri	144	2,953	3,313.66	58,902.19	5,161.15	67,377.00
Montana	13	271	1,124.80	2,066.82	395.00	3,586.62
Nebraska	159	2,241	28,890.00	19,760.63	5,888.70	54,539.33
New Hampshire	63	921	29,632.50	19,527.56	17,465.26	66,625.32
New Jersey	90	1,833	39,344.10	38,535.01	12,742.78	90,621.89
New Mexico	8	86	170.05	.....	.....	170.05
New York	471	9,739	36,227.31	95,938.83	64,904.06	197,070.20
North Dakota	16	155	2,066.40	314.29	649.40	3,030.09
Ohio	428	11,029	31,442.00	49,536.51	25,769.15	106,747.66
Oklahoma	55	1,039	500.00	1,486.34	960.00	2,946.34
Oregon	62	1,660	2,500.00	8,637.45	2,242.35	13,379.80
Pennsylvania	430	10,019	190,000.00	53,217.26	12,000.00	255,217.26
Potomac	12	782	.....	16,026.33	1,020.60	17,046.93
Rhode Island	22	664	.....	14,577.55	7,453.56	22,031.11
South Dakota	55	633	.....	393.40	200.00	593.40
Tennessee	24	500	.....	700.00	.....	700.00
Texas	8	242	1,200.00	102.98	550.00	1,852.98
Utah	5	162	954.60	1,199.99	150.00	2,304.59
Vermont	83	1,147	1,785.00	11,224.44	7,212.14	20,221.58
Virginia and North Carolina	20	187	160.00	48.76	70.00	278.76
Washington and Alaska	78	2,185	3,427.00	2,606.82	4,538.20	10,572.02
West Virginia	27	699	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin	168	3,113	14,874.00	13,362.73	17,069.83	45,306.56
Total	4,604	103,258	780,291.63	802,848.17	313,931.21	1,897,071.01

J. HENRY HOLCOMB,

Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian.



WILLIAM A. KETCHAM,

Judge Advocate General.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL AND CUSTODIAN.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *August 10, 1920.*

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General, G. A. R., Columbus, Ohio.

COMRADE: I have the honor to make this, the twenty-fifth annual consecutive report of the work of my office for the term ending as above.

Agreeable to my recommendation made to the Fifty-second National Encampment which was approved by that body, the commander in chief communicated with the Congressional Library in Washington and arrangements were made for that institution to take over the archives of the Grand Army of the Republic and to make proper provision for them. Accordingly, on the 24th of June I had them packed in six large cases and shipped to Washington and the Librarian has made acknowledgment of their receipt. I am still receiving some department journals, which I will take care of and forward them to the Library. I recommend that the assistant adjutants general put the Congressional Library on their mailing list, so that the files may be kept filled up.

I have purchased and sent out all supplies for use by the Grand Army of the Republic under the supervision of the quartermaster general.

Full schedules of all supplies on hand, purchased, issued, and now remaining on hand, appear in the report of the quartermaster general.

The following "free blanks" have also been furnished the departments, viz:

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster)	11,364
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general in detail)	105
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, consolidated)	118
Form D (report of assistant quartermaster general, consolidated)	120
Form E-2 (report of department inspector, consolidated)	13
Form H (report of post inspector)	1,600
Form I (requisition for supplies)	374
Report of post chaplain	4,093
Report of department chaplain	118
Report of patriotic instructor (post)	3,385
Report of patriotic instructor (department)	75
Credentials of members	200

I acknowledge with pleasure the kind and courteous treatment accorded to me by the commander in chief, by yourself, by the quartermaster general, and by all others with whom I have had official relations, and remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. HENRY HOLCOMB,
Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *July 20, 1920.*

Comrade JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General Grand Army of the Republic:

I have the honor to submit herewith for the use of the commander in chief my report as judge advocate general of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year past.

I have had submitted to me for formal opinions but two cases, and in these, briefly summarized, my opinions were as follows:

IN CASE NO. 1.

On the appeal of Comrade Stagg from the action of the department commander of Kansas in refusing to call a meeting of the council of administration, it was my opinion (1) that the appeal should be sustained, and (2) that the department commander of Kansas should be directed to convene the council of administration for the consideration of such matters as might be brought before it.

IN CASE NO. 2.

On the appeal of Comrade Charles Collard Adams, of the Department of Connecticut, it was my opinion that the appeal should be denied and the matters presented dismissed from further consideration either by yourself or myself.

For the reasons controlling my recommendations I beg to refer to the opinions themselves, copies of which, designated, respectively, as Exhibits "A" and "B", are attached hereto as a part of this report.

There was one other matter upon which I was orally consulted by you and which bade fair to present some serious and troublesome questions for the consideration of each of us, but the matters, as I am advised, were satisfactorily adjusted by a personal visit of the commander in chief to the department in question. I can see no useful purpose to be subserved by further reference to it.

The untimely death of Commander in Chief Bell prevented my having any official relations with him and my relations to Commander in Chief Hall and yourself have been of so pleasant and satisfactory a character that I feel it incumbent on me to recognize the privilege of serving under you and to express the wish that our friendly relations may long continue after our official relations have been terminated.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

WILLIAM A. KETCHAM,
Judge Advocate General.

EXHIBIT A.

(Opinion No. 1, Oct. 23, 1919.)

In the matter of the appeal of Comrade W. J. Stagg from the action of the department commander of Kansas, refusing to call a meeting of the council of administration.

SYLLABUS.

1. The appeal of Comrade Stagg from the action of Department Commander Gardner in refusing to call a meeting of the council of administration should be sustained, it being the duty of the department commander to convene the council of administration as requested by seven members thereof, as suggested by Past Commander in Chief Adams.

2. The department commander decides who were properly elected members of the council of administration and the department commander had no power after the department encampment had adjourned to question or deny the right to participate as a member of the council of administration upon the suggestion, whether embodied in an affidavit or otherwise, that the comrade claiming to be a member of the council of administration had not been properly elected.

3. The department commander, after the adjournment of the department encampment, is powerless to override or overrule the decision of the encampment upon any matter properly before it.

Hon. JAMES D. BELL,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I have received from you a batch of papers, a list of which is attached to this opinion, and my opinion is requested in your letter of the 20th.

In response to that request I beg to say:

While the papers themselves are not in the precise form that a transcript from a lower to a higher court would present, I think it sufficiently appears that what is complained of is that the department commander had refused, upon proper request by seven members of the council of administration, to call a meeting of the council "for the purpose of straightening out the affairs of the department"—among other things, the approval or disapproval of the bond of the new assistant quartermatser general—it further appearing that Past Commander in Chief Adams had directed in a somewhat informal way the department commander to convene the council of administration.

Among the papers submitted is an affidavit, sworn to by one Ira F. Collins on the 1st of September, professing to show that he, and not Comrade Stagg, was elected a member of the council of administration, and a letter from the department commander to Comrade Stagg, under date of September 4, purporting to inform the latter that his seat as a member of the council had been contested, as shown by the copy of a document filed, being the affidavit of Comrade Collins.

It appears from the papers that the department encampment was held at Wichita on the 22d of May last, and that that encampment had selected, among others, Comrade Stagg as a member of the council of administration.

Who should constitute the council of administration was a matter for the department encampment to decide, and it was altogether too late, in my opinion, for Comrade Collins or the department commander to assume that Comrade Stagg was not a member of the council of administration, or that his right was contested, based on the affidavit of Comrade Collins made some three months later.

If there was any power in anyone to question the right of Comrade Stagg to a place on the council of administration, the most that could be said—and I seriously doubt whether that much could be said—is that that would be a matter for the council of administration, when properly convened, to decide. The department commander had no right or shadow of authority, in my opinion, to question Comrade Stagg's right to his place on the council.

I am, therefore, of the opinion: (1) That the appeal of Comrade Stagg should be sustained; (2) that the department commander of Kansas should forthwith be directed by the commander in chief to call a meeting of the council of administration promptly upon the receipt of the order from the commander in chief,

at which meeting any and all questions proper to be considered by the council of administration should be taken up and determined by it.

I herewith return the papers transmitted to me. I have the honor to be,

Very sincerely, yours in F., C., and L.,

WILLIAM A. KETCHAM,
Judge Advocate General.

List of papers submitted to the Judge Advocate General in connection with the request for his opinion.

1. The letter of Commander in Chief Adams to Department Commander Gardner, dated August 18.
2. Letter from Commander in Chief Adams to Comrade Stagg of same date.
3. Letter from A. A. G. Denison to Commander in Chief Adams of August 19.
4. Letter of Department Commander Gardner to Commander in Chief Adams of August 25.
5. Copy of suggestions of Commander in Chief Adams, without date, as to what should be done in the matter of the bond of the assistant quartermaster general.
6. (*a*) A typewritten letter from Comrade Stagg to the comrades of the department of Kansas, bearing date of August 26; (*b*) printed copy of same.
7. (*a*) A typewritten statement of Past Commander Smith; (*b*) printed copy of same signed by Past Department Commander Smith and Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. Sweeney.
8. Letter from Comrade Stagg to Commander in Chief Adams, dated August 27.
9. Letter of Department Commander Gardner to Commander in Chief Adams of September 4, inclosing copy of the Collins affidavit.
10. Affidavit of Collins as to his candidacy for council of administration and the action of Past Department Commander Coney in relation thereto.
11. Copy of letter of Department Commander Gardner, dated September 4, to Comrade Stagg, advising him of the affidavit of Comrade Collins and that until the contest was settled the first district would not be represented in the council.
12. Letter of Comrade Stagg to Past Commander in Chief Adams under date of October 14.
13. Letter from Past Commander in Chief Adams to Commander in Chief Bell, dated October 15.

EXHIBIT B.

(Opinion No. 2.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *February 9, 1920.*

Comrade DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R., Columbus, Ohio.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: I have received a manuscript communication from Charles Collard Adams, from Cromwell, Conn., covering some five pages, which I have carefully considered, and a pound and a half of other papers, which I have neither read nor considered, and with respect to the situation as it presents itself to me beg to submit the following:

SYLLABUS.

The record submitted does not justify an examination of the grave charges made against the officers of Wadhams Post, No. 49, department of Connecticut, the department commanders of Connecticut, and the department encampment of Connecticut, held at New London in 1901, and for that reason the application should be denied and the appeal dismissed.

1. It would seem that up to December 31, 1898, said Adams had been a member of Wadhams Post, No. 49, Department of Connecticut; that on that day he was suspended and dropped March 11, 1899; restored April 15, 1899, and again dropped August 12, 1899, and that he now seeks—among other things—a discharge from Wadhams Post, No. 49, to enable him to join Mansfield Post, No. 53.

2. It appears from the communication of Mr. Adams—I have not investigated the batch of papers sent me to ascertain whether the charges are well founded—that:

(*a*) He makes charges against the following comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, viz, Past Commanders Jones, Bucklyn, Simonds, and Rogers; Past Adjutant, A. A. G., D. C. Cornish, the department encampment of Connecticut for 1901; A. A. G. Barnum; and a party by the name of Kilbourne, but whether he is a comrade or officer of the Grand Army is not clearly disclosed.

(*b*) His charges include duplicity, the suppression of an appeal, the ignoring of a proper request by D. C. Jones, a false statement and a request ignored by D. C. Bucklyn, false report of evidence by Kilbourne, a forgery of the records of Wadhams Post by some one undisclosed, fraudulent entry of suspension December 31, 1898, request to annul ignored by Rogers in 1902 and again by the department commander in 1917, the refusal of the post to act, a like refusal to produce records at the post room January 3, 1920, and likewise at the office of the department commander.

When my attention is called to these grave accusations involving practically the entire Department of Connecticut, including its judge advocate, I am forcibly reminded of the "eleven obstinate jurors" and am inclined to quote with approval from the dissenting opinion of Mr. Justice Greer in Gaines *v.* Hennen, 24 Howard, at p. 631: "I do not think it necessary to vindicate my opinion by again presenting to the public view a history of the scandalous gossip which has been buried under the dust of half a century and which with a proper feeling of delicacy should have remained so," and when, in addition, I recognize what an easy thing it is for Mr. Adams to join Mansfield Post—if he feels so disposed and is otherwise justly entitled to be admitted to the Grand Army, I am forced to the

OPINION.

That the application or appeal of Mr. Adams be denied and the matter dismissed from further consideration either of yourself or myself, and so I recommend, leaving him the right to join some other post if he feels so disposed and some other post be willing to receive him.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. KETCHAM,
Judge Advocate General.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

NEWARK, N. J., *August 13, 1920.*

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General, G. A. R., Columbus, Ohio.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Through you, I most sincerely wish to express my appreciation for the honor conferred upon me by Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall, thereby showing his concurrence in the appointment made by his predecessor, James D. Bell, whose sudden demise so shocked us all.

This, of course, disarranged the work of the national administration of our order, and caused some delay in getting matters in good working shape. All of the departments have now responded to my request and have sent me the names of their nominees for the office of assistant inspector general, all of which I immediately forwarded to national headquarters.

Owing to the short time at my disposal, caused by the delay above referred to, and further delay of many of the departments in responding to my requests, I can only report in a general way that, notwithstanding the large losses by the ravages of time during the past year, the spirit of comradeship and of fidelity to our order is not diminished by the members remaining.

Let us hope and pray that this spirit of the men who made us a Nation may continue to the end.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

JAMES C. TAYLOR,
Inspector General.

JAMES C. TAYLOR,

Inspector General.

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HOSEA W. ROOD

National Patriotic Instructor.

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

MADISON, WIS., *July 23, 1920.*

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

DEAR COMRADE: It is not easy to decide just where to begin my report as national patriotic instructor. When I was notified last year of my appointment, I feared that I was not capable of doing the work as it should be done. I was afraid I could not come into close enough touch with the various department patriotic instructors to get much from them and be of real help to them. But now, after a year of observation and experience, I feel that I have come to appreciate, in part at least, how broad and rich a field there is for patriotic activity, both department and national; and what a call there is for earnest, warm-hearted, and capable workers. Having now served 14 years as patriotic instructor in my own department, I have found in Wisconsin an ever-enlarging field of labor—more abundant opportunities. As national patriotic instructor during the past year, I have been getting a broader view. It takes a year for one to get fairly started in such work—to become familiar enough with it to understand something of what may be done and how to do it.

When first the names of the 44 department instructors began to come to me, they seemed like strangers. I knew nothing of their personality, and it is so with a few of them yet, but the many pleasant letters I have received from the most of them have led me to regard them as good comrades—warm-hearted, earnest men, in the best sense Christian men—whom I wish I could meet every day and at regular intervals in the post room.

PATRIOTIC MANUALS.

In order to find out what patriotic instruction and inspiration came from the educational department of the various States in the Union, I sent letters last February to all State superintendents of public instruction asking what patriotic manuals they publish for use in their schools. I have received such publications from 24 States. I presume that some of the 24 that did not respond print and send out such manuals, yet I do not know. I feel, however, that in a part of them not much attention is given to the matter, which is unfortunate. A few superintendents have expressed regret that no provision is made by their States for such inspiration in Americanism. Some have said that if the teacher will do so, he or she may make every lesson in history and civics a means of patriotic instruction. But there are, I fear, some teachers not so disposed.

COURSES OF STUDY IN AMERICANISM.

We do not say that if the teacher chooses to do so, he or she may give instruction in arithmetic and geography. We put those subjects into the course of study, provide textbooks, require teachers to

pass examinations in them, and say it must be done. Conditions of unrest in these days, when all the disturbing elements are foreign to American spirit, make it as important to Americanize our boys and girls as to teach them the length and depth of the Senegal River, or how to extract the cube root. It would be well worth while to put into every school a small textbook to teach American ideals and inspire our little citizens with them. We can not do this overnight, but by careful education and training. Our citizenship bye and bye must depend very much upon what we are teaching in school to-day. The boys and girls of to-day, with the ideals they are forming, will be the men and women of the near future.

I am just now sending letters to all the State superintendents urging systematic Americanization in our schools. I expect to have a bill written, with the advice and help of our State superintendent and other educators, for presentation to the next session of our State legislature requiring the superintendent to formulate for use in the schools a short, simple, and practical course in Americanism, which is another name for patriotism. I would like to have it both instructive and inspirational. One of our oldest and most sensible educators told me the other day that we must teach diligently American ideals or find some day that we have no America.

REPORTS OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS.

I have been told that it is rather difficult to get reports from patriotic instructors, which is no doubt true, yet they have done very well indeed for me. So far—July 19—I have received reports from 32 departments. From some of them there have come only the filled-out blanks sent to them. The most satisfactory of them have come accompanied with letters very interesting to me, some of them suggestive. They indicate that it is well worth while to have patriotic instructors appointed. I wish I could quote at length from them, yet, because my space is limited, I can only run over them hastily.

Alabama.—Comrade A. N. Ballard says the schools are all patriotic, nearly every one having flags and flag exercises—small flags in the rooms and a large one floating from a pole in the yard.

Arkansas.—Comrade Altenberg says that "the ex-Confederates vie with us Yanks in patriotic expressions. They take part with us in patriotic meetings. In Little Rock, Confederates and Yanks marched together to the national cemetery on Memorial Day. Together we flagged the 8,000 Union graves and 5,000 Confederates. All agree that we have one country and one flag." Miss Leah Bradley, of Little Rock, just now visiting us, bears cheerful testimony to the truth of what Comrade Altenberg reports.

California.—Comrade George D. Kellogg, now department commander, writes with enthusiasm about patriotism in the schools of his State. All have flags. He says that certain matters pertaining to patriotic instruction will be taken up with the next legislature and with a good prospect of success. Comrade J. R. Milner, patriotic instructor of the department, writes encouragingly along the same lines.

Georgia.—Comrade Charles Haskins, of Atlanta, writes in particular concerning memorial services at national cemeteries, about 36,000 Union soldiers being buried in the State. The members of the Grand

Army post at Atlanta go 20 miles to the cemetery at Marietta on Memorial Day, where there are 11,000 graves. They are assisted by members of the post at Tallapoosa, who come 80 miles for the purpose. Exercises are held at Andersonville by the Fitzgerald Post, the comrades coming 135 miles. He sends a copy of the program at Marietta, in which Grand Army comrades, Confederate veterans, Spanish War veterans, American Legion, and soldiers of the Regular Army all take part. I wonder how many of us in the North would go so far for Memorial Day services?

Idaho.—Comrade C. L. Langley has been active, though he reports upon no particular feature of his work. I have received a copy of an eloquent address of his on Lincoln's birthday, when the Grand Army presented a flag to the American Legion.

Florida.—Comrade N. W. Beauchamp has not, because of ill health, been able to do much patriotic work. A State law requires the flag to float over every school while in session. The most of them have flags. The principal of schools at St. Cloud is a son of a Confederate veteran—a real patriot in his work.

Hawaii.—I am glad that over in our island Territory the people and the schools are wide-awake upon the subject of Americanism. I have received some intensely patriotic matter from there.

Iowa.—Comrade Sidney Pitts has sent letters to the State and county superintendents urging practical patriotic instruction in the schools, and they respond in an excellent spirit. Iowa law requires the flag in schools.

Indiana.—Comrade Orville J. Chamberlain quotes facts and figures from the lately published book of Col. Leonard P. Ayers, head of the Division of Government Statistics, to show that the sacrifices and losses of the Civil War were much greater than those of the late World War.

Kentucky.—Comrade John T. Gunn thinks it is not so easy to keep up an interest in patriotic instruction in his State as it must be farther north, yet the schools help in Memorial Day programs, salute the flag, etc., though the law does not require that flags be displayed from schools.

Louisiana.—Comrade Paul Bruce, of New Orleans, says that Memorial Day was generally observed throughout the department, and all soldiers' graves were flagged. The Spanish War veterans and those of the World War assisted in this work. There are flags on all schoolhouses in the department; also on Flag Day Old Glory floats from nearly every home in New Orleans.

Maine.—The law requires schools to fly the flag. School children help very much on Memorial Day and are generally patriotic. But Comrade Silas Adams has cause for regret that the State University and colleges desecrate Memorial Day with sports and a general disregard of its significance. This is indeed unfortunate.

Maryland.—Comrade John T. Holmes is active in Baltimore. He says that all the schools closed on Memorial Day. He has had the flag put into 15 churches and intends to get it into all the others. He has permission of the school board to give flag talks in the schools. All the schools have flags and the pupils practice the flag salute. He has to bear all the expense of what he undertakes to do.

Massachusetts.—Comrade C. O. Norcross says for his State that every school has its flag, and that "the boys in blue have always a warm welcome in the schools, especially at memorial time. They are hailed as saviors of the Union, the preservers and defenders of liberty, the men who made this Nation's position in the great World War in behalf of democracy possible. In many ways they are shown the highest respect and honor."

Minnesota.—Patriotic Instructor Levi Longfellow has for years been an earnest worker. He speaks in schools and on various public patriotic occasions—and he sings, too. Only a third of his post patriotic instructors have reported to him; all are growing old and feeble. Much attention is paid to the flag in schools. The American Legion helps in memorial services.

Missouri.—I have some of the best of reports from this State, especially in the way of personal letters from Comrade Alfred Zartman, of Kansas City, and William C. Calland, of Springfield. I would like to quote at length from what they write to me about flags on schoolhouses and in churches. They contend that both old and young should be instructed in the principles of Americanism. Comrade Calland is happily so situated that he can give much time to patriotic work, and he does it. In his letters he makes many valuable suggestions. A day or two ago three young lady high-school teachers from St. Louis visited me. In answer to my questions they became quite enthusiastic about the flag in school. At 8.30 every morning, at the sound of the bugle, the flag at their school goes up, and then all the pupils, whatever they may be doing, stop and stand at salute. "And," they said, "the boys and girls like to do it."

Montana.—Comrade Charles P. H. Bielenberg makes a good report. The State requires every school to have its flag. In many of them the flag salute is practiced. The pupils aid very much in Memorial Day programs. Comrade Bielenberg has to pay all his expenses as patriotic instructor, yet he has presented flags and pictures of Lincoln to many schools. He has sent out 500 patriotic circulars to teachers and ministers and furnished the press with copies of them. He sends me some newspaper clippings in which his work is warmly commended. He visits and speaks in the schools.

Nebraska.—Comrade Addison Wait, who is commandant of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Burkett, writes a most comprehensive report of what he is undertaking to do. The good coming from his intelligent efforts can not be measured. He says that on the first day of every department encampment a "Patriotic institute" is held. He sends programs of patriotic meetings. Lack of space forbids my saying of his work all I would like to.

New Hampshire.—Comrade D. E. Procter says that the flag is in schools everywhere in his State, and there it is saluted and honored. He gives talks in the schools about our good country, telling how much it cost in men and money. The boys and girls are glad to take part in the services of Memorial Day.

New Jersey.—Comrade G. W. Lawrence gives considerable time to talks in the schools upon loyalty to the flag and all it means. He is heartily welcomed by both teachers and pupils. He has urged others to attend the schools, but the most of them are becoming too old and feeble. He is very much in earnest, and sees more to do than he can accomplish.

New York.—Comrade George B. Fairhead, of Utica, has for years been active in patriotic work, but old age is beginning to limit his activities. His patriotic sentiment finds expression in poetic form, some of which he sends to me.

North Dakota.—Comrade A. J. Pierce is doing such patriotic work as he can. He is a fighter by nature, and directs no little energy in making war upon the use of tobacco, especially in the form of cigarettes. I guess he is right in considering this a patriotic work, for a boy with a befogged brain has little promise for the future of either himself or his country. Comrade Pierce shoots cigarettes with spicy rhymes, a collection of which he sends to me. He calls them "Hot Stuff."

Ohio.—Comrade Alfred Garner says that all his reports from his posts show that by law the schools must fly the flag, that the salute to it is a part of the daily program, and that the boys and girls are active in the exercises of the memorial season. He received reports from 86 posts. The State superintendent does not furnish manuals for use in schools. Comrade Garner says, "We'll be after him about it." He is particularly desirous of having the name, "Sons of Veterans" changed to "Sons of the Grand Army."

Oregon.—J. F. Butler, now department commander, had a report from only one of his post patriotic instructors. He says the law requires the flying of the flag by all schools during school hours, and that it be saluted by the pupils.

Pennsylvania.—Among the best of all reports is that from Campbell Stanton, of the "Keystone State," successor to that grand old man, Charles Otto Smith, now gone on to his reward. Comrade Stanton is particularly well pleased to have been influential in having had passed by the State legislature the following addendum to the school laws:

> The State superintendent of public instruction shall prescribe a course of instruction conducive to the spirit of loyalty and devotion to the State and National Governments, which shall be taught in all the public schools of the State.

Comrade Stanton says: "Had this been done at the close of the Civil War it would have nipped in the bud bolshevism, anarchism, I. W. W.-ism, and all others that so disturb our country's prosperity, happiness, and peace." He offers certain suggestions as to what this proposed course of study should include.

Tennessee.—Comrade W. E. Rhegness, of Jackson, does not find patriotic instruction so easily given as the most of us do in the North. Still, he says that by law the State requires the flag to be displayed from every schoolhouse, yet he does not think it the regular thing to salute it. His report is brief.

Texas.—I have more information from this Lone Star State concerning patriotic instruction than from any other three. Several letters have come from Comrade C. S. Brodbent and his successor as patriotic instructor, Comrade Moses H. Redwood. Both are earnest and enthusiastic. They sent to me the reports they have received from post patriotic instructors and from leading teachers; also one from Miss Annie Webb Blanton, State superintendent. I would like to dwell in detail upon all those good comrades have sent to me, but

I have not the required space. Through their efforts good flag laws have been passed by the legislature, and they are respected and observed. I must thank those loyal comrades for their well-directed patriotic zeal. God bless them!

A day or two ago an old lady, bright and intelligent, born and so far a resident in San Antonio, Tex., visited me. She enthusiastically declared that "Patriotism is in the air in Texas. Old Glory, with the flag of Texas under it, floats from our schoolhouses. The old war-time questions are settled for good."

Utah.—Comrade H. W. Charter writes enthusiastically about the flag in Utah. He sends me a copy of a letter he has sent to the teachers and school superintendents in his State. He wants no one who is not 100 per cent American to be allowed to teach. He commends Principal Henry Peterson for placing a flag over every main entrance to school buildings and in the office of every school in his district.

Vermont.—J. P. Aikens has not been in good health for some time, so his report is brief; yet in his letter to me he shows a delightful spirit. He sends newspaper clippings about local memorial services. Vermont has wholesome flag laws for schools. Both the clergy and teachers are good patriotic instructors.

Virginia and North Carolina.—The patriotic instructor of this department died, and the commander writes that he himself is in very poor health; that at the Soldiers' Home he was burned out, escaping with only the clothing he had on him. A corner of the letterhead on which he wrote was burned off. He hopes for something better by and by, and so do we, all of us, for him.

Washington and Alaska.—Comrade James H. Chase, Cashmere, sends a good report about flag laws and respect for Old Glory. "Memorial Days are big with us. All the children join in the services." Comrade Chase is particularly interested in the name of the big mountain that is the pride of all Washington, known as Mount Rainier. As a Washington patriot he thinks it should not retain this name, given to it in honor of a British admiral. He thinks the name should be changed to "Mount Lincoln." It would then be Mount Lincoln in the State of Washington, a truly patriotic name. For 30 years there has been a strife concerning the name between Seattle and Tacoma. The latter city wants it called Mount Tacoma; and so they sometimes speak of it. Comrade Chase says the matter may well be settled by calling it Mount Lincoln, and so say all the Grand Army men in the department. I guess the rest of us agree with him.

Wisconsin.—And now, last of all, I come to "our good State, Wisconsin," best of all to me in one sense, yet in a larger, just the same as all the others. We have here school flag laws, flag salutes, and patriotic school exercises, especially during the memorial season. As department patriotic instructor, I have spoken during the last 14 years in many city, village, and country schools in all parts of the State, mostly upon the history and meaning of the flag; also in public halls and churches. The flag story seems to be interesting and school audiences are of the best, all the way from the kindergarten to the grave and reverend seniors. I was a long-time teacher, and so school seems to me like home. I have had occasion to do some little writing on patriotic subjects. It has been part of my

work to aid in the preparation of the Wisconsin Memorial Day Manual.

Just now I am particularly interested in getting into our schools a course of study in Americanism. It is my intention to have a bill introduced into the next session of our legislature requiring the State superintendent to formulate such a course. I have talked with him about it and he is much interested in the matter.

Wisconsin is generous toward her Grand Army men, giving us fine and commodious headquarters in the Memorial Hall of our new capitol, paying all running expenses, printing and postage, and appropriating every year a thousand dollars for the necessary expense of our department.

ALL THESE REPORTS ARE INTERESTING.

On the whole all these 32 department patriotic reports are interesting. They indicate that the comrades who prepare them—old men, every one of them in years—still have spirit in them, and are doing what they can for the present and future good of our country. Though some reports are much more comprehensive than others, I have felt it worth while to say some good about every one of them. Every instructor tells about conditions as he sees them. Nearly all have to pay their own expenses for printing, postage, etc. Unless they have considerable means, they can not do any traveling in their work. This ought not so to be. If the State does not pay for patriotic work, the department encampment should do so. The position and duties of a patriotic instructor are honorable, indeed, and worthy—no less so than those of the commander. If asked to do what incurs expense, the department as a whole is better able to bear it than he alone.

BEST KIND OF WORK.

This must be done in school or in connection with the education of our little citizens. This does not imply that we ourselves should go into the classroom and teach. That is the work of the persons appointed so to do; yet we should feel it a duty and a privilege to encourage them in every way we can. We should be glad to visit the schools when patriotic programs are presented, and then thank both teachers and pupils. So far as we have anything to say about it, we should insist upon having teachers who in spirit are every bit American—not "pro" anything else.

I do not myself think it best to discuss the relative merits in statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, or the generalship of Grant and Lee, Sherman and Johnston. All had good in them. The particular difference in them was the fact that Lincoln and Grant and Sherman defended the Union and succeeded, while Davis and Lee and Johnston sought to destroy it—and failed. While we should dwell upon the heroic courage, the hardship and danger, the sadness and sorrow of our four years of service for freedom and union, there is yet more in the conditions of these days and the outlook for those to come to demand all the patriotism we can inspire in both old and young. I undertake to make my flag talks such as would be just as acceptable in the schools of South Carolina as they are in Wisconsin. We have gone a long way ahead since the war.

PATRIOTIC INFLUENCE OF THE GRAND ARMY.

For more than 50 years one leading purpose of the Grand Army of the Republic has been the perpetuation of the same spirit of patriotism that actuated us in our struggle for the preservation of the Union. This spirit has manifested itself in particular on the days when we have memorialized our heroic dead. It is then when we have come into close touch with our little citizens in the making—our boys and girls in school. Memorial Day services are tender, touching the heart. What is impressed upon the heart of the child, goes far toward fixing the character of manhood and womanhood. These yearly manifestations in every city, village, and hamlet for more than half a century have had a greater cumulative influence for good than we can understand. We may have feared that, as we grow older and fewer, public interest in Memorial Day would become less, but the reports of both post and department patriotic instructors for this year say that never before has Memorial Day been so generally and impressively observed. And now, as the average age of our comrades has come close to fourscore years, and we find our physical strength leaving us, we are made glad that our brave, hearty, young comrades in khaki, just come victorious out of the great World War—organized as the American Legion—have accepted our Memorial Day as theirs. This year they have fraternally united with us in its observance; and after we have been borne, one by one, out to the quiet white city, this younger Army will bring flowers to strew over our resting places, while they tenderly remember their own comrades asleep under the poppies in Flanders Field. Let us extend to them the right hand of comradeship as we welcome them and share with them the sacred and patriotic traditions of Memorial Day.

REVISION OF REPORT BLANKS.

Let me offer the suggestion that it would be a good plan to have the blanks for the reports of patriotic instructors revised. We are using the old forms of many years ago. Some of the questions, it seems to me, might well be omitted, for instance, question 14, asking, "How many flags have been supplied to schools this year?" In practically every State, flags are supplied by public funds. The Grand Army may furnish a few flags, yet there is no need for making it a matter of report. The Relief Corps does more of that work. And I do not see the value of questions 15 and 16, about the expense of patriotic work this year, as compared with that of last year. They can not bring forth any information worth while. Also there are some questions that might well be taken from the blanks for reports of department patriotic instructors, such as those numbered 1, 2, 3, and 22. And there is some spelling in question 23, that will bear revision. I am sure that, as conditions are at present, a few new questions might well take the place of those I would like to have omitted. I respectfully suggest that a committee on revision be appointed to do this work. I may add that some others of our old Grand Army blanks could, in my opinion, be made better by revision.

CONCLUSION.

Commander Hall and Adjt. O'Neall, I wish, in closing, to thank you for your confidence in me as shown by my appointment as national patriotic instructor. It is a position deserving hearty and efficient service—one to which one's full time might profitably be given. But I am a very busy man, and so my time and attention have been limited. I wish I might have done more and better. I wish to thank you, too, for your fraternal courtesy in all your communications with me. They have been pleasant as well as helpful. My thanks are due also to my good comrades who have reported to me about their work as department patriotic instructors, especially those who have not only filled out the required report blanks, but written good letters about themselves and what they have undertaken to do. I wish I might meet with every one of them personally.

May God bless them all!

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

HOSEA W. ROOD,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

CHESTER, N. H., *August 12, 1920.*

Comrade JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: Complying with the custom honored by my predecessors, and gratefully acknowledging the great honor conferred upon me by our esteemed commander in chief in appointing me chief of staff, I herewith submit this brief report of my year's service.

The bulk of the work of the chief of staff coming the latter part of the term and from now on until after the national encampment, leaves but very little for me to report. I have strictly obeyed all orders and filled all details as far as possible.

It was a source of great pleasure to accompany the commander in chief on his official visit to the Department of Massachusetts, and to represent him at the Departments of New Hampshire and Maine, where I met with a most cordial welcome. I also accompanied him on his trip to Washington, D. C., and assisted in the dedication of the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater at the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., May 15, 1920.

In the performance of my few duties so far, I have received much real pleasure and benefit to myself, and I am anticipating much enjoyment of my work at the national encampment at Indianapolis, Ind.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

GEORGE A. HOSLEY,
Chief of Staff.

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THOMAS J. McCONEKEY,

Senior Aid-de-Camp.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR AID-DE-CAMP.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., *August 30, 1920.*

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General G. A. R.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I am very grateful to our commander in chief and I can not express in fitting words my appreciation of the very high honor conferred on me by him in appointing me his senior aid.

I appreciate the honor more, for the reason that our commander in chief reappointed me to his official family after the death of Commander in Chief James D. Bell.

There is little for me to report, but in this connection I desire to say I was ready to obey every order intrusted to me.

It was my great pleasure to accompany the commander in chief to the department encampment of New York held in the city of Syracuse in June, 1920, when the commander in chief was cordially received by all comrades.

I deem it only proper at this time, my dear adjutant general, to extend to you my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me during the year.

Very truly yours in F., C., and L.,

THOS. J. MCCONEKEY,
Senior Aid-de-camp.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND.

Account of Wm. J. Patterson, treasurer of the permanent fund, Grand Army of the Republic, for the year ended Aug. 1, 1920.

SECURITIES ON DEPOSIT WITH UNION TRUST COMPANY.

1919.		
Aug. 1.	4½ per cent corporate stock city of New York	$20,000.00
	4½ per cent Cleveland school bonds	4,000.00
	4 per cent Philadelphia registered loans	9,800.00
	4¼ per cent United States Liberty loan No. 3	500.00
	Total	34,300.00
1920.		
May 4.	Corporate stock of city of New York sold	3,000.00
Aug. 1.	Securities on hand with Union Trust Co	31,300.00

INCOME.

1919.			
Aug. 1.	To balance of cash on hand with Union Trust Co		$953.57
21.	To interest Cleveland school bonds	$90.00	
Sept. 16.	To interest United States Liberty loan	10.63	
Nov. 1.	To interest New York City corporate stock	450.00	
1920.			
Jan. 2.	To interest Philadelphia registered loans	196.00	
Feb. 21.	To interest Cleveland school bonds	90.00	
Mar. 16.	To interest United States Liberty loan	10.62	
May 1.	To interest New York City corporate stock	450.00	
5.	To interest 4 days on New York City corporate stock sold	1.50	
July 2.	To interest Philadelphia registered loans	196.00	
			1,494.97
May 5.	To proceeds of sale of New York City corporate stock		2,778.75
1919.			
Sept. 12.	To donation Daughters of Veterans		500.00
12.	To donation Sons of Veterans Auxiliary		250.00
	To interest on balances in Union Trust Co		17.90
	Total income		5,994.97

EXPENDITURES.

Nov. 26.	By check to quartermaster general	$2,000.00	
1920.			
May 13.	By check to quartermaster general	3,000.00	
Aug. 1.	By 5 per cent to Union Trust Co. for collections	74.74	
			$5,074.74
Aug. 1.	Cash balance on deposit with Union Trust Co		920.23

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

WM. J. PATTERSON,
Trustee and Treasurer.
LEWIS S. PILCHER, *Trustee.*
WALTON WEBER, *Trustee.*

CERTIFICATE OF UNION TRUST CO., OF PITTSBURGH.

The Union Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, depositary for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the foregoing annual statement to August 1, 1920, showing $31,300 in securities and $920.23 cash on deposit with this company is correct.

THE UNION TRUST CO., OF PITTSBURGH,
By W. W. GRINSTEAD, *Assistant Trust Officer.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

ALBION, MICH., *August 16, 1920.*

Comrade JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Inasmuch as the pension bill which became a law in May of the present year is probably the last general measure of a similar nature to be framed and passed in the interest of Civil War veterans, their widows and the surviving Army nurses of the Civil War period, it is deemed proper to set forth somewhat in detail the history and passage of the measure above referred to.

When the last preceding bill with its liberal provisions became a law it was thought that no further request for a general increase would be made, but the marked advance in the cost of every necessity of life, together with the decline in the purchasing power of the dollar, made the amount received under the last increase of less real value than that which had previously been paid. Hence, your committee on legislation endeavored to get through the last Congress a readjustment of rates and an increase of pensions for veterans of the Civil War, widows of veterans, the maimed among our comrades, and for the Army nurses more nearly commensurate with the present cost of living. Owing, however, to the great amount of World War legislation and the vast appropriation bills that had to be considered and passed, nothing in the way of general legislation was accomplished.

Very early in the month of June, 1919, the Hon. Charles E. Fuller, Member of Congress, chairman of the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, courteously met representatives of your committee and went carefully over the entire situation. In the month of July several bills having been introduced in both House and Senate, Chairman Fuller forwarded copies of these to the chairman of the legislative committee with the request that they be "looked over carefully and suggest any amendments" or "redraft the entire bill as you think it should be and I will present the same to the committee." "I am anxious," said the chairman, "to have a good bill reported and passed at the earliest practicable date."

The matter was at once taken up with the different members of the committee and rates substantially agreed upon and the same forwarded to Chairman Fuller with the accompanying letter signed by members of the legislative committee:

As you and your committee well know, it is impossible to frame a bill that will be satisfactory to all parties in interest; equally impossible is it to so frame a bill as to do justice in each and every individual case. The most that can be hoped for is that your committee will be able to strike a fair general average. I transmit herewith a tentative bill which as to rates has received the general approval of the committee representing the Grand Army of the Republic and others to whom it has been submitted and are deemed qualified to judge. The bill naturally divides itself into three sections:

THE MAIMED SOLDIERS.

1. These men, while not always the worst injured nor the greatest sufferers, bear the visible evidence of the sacrifice made. Again, it is not easy to define and to fix a rating in such cases that will be fairly liberal, equitable, and just. Pensioners of this class have not hitherto received their just dues and it is hoped that your committee and the Congress will expedite action which will be more nearly commensurate with the sacrifice made and the suffering endured by our maimed comrades.

2. It is the general opinion among the committee and of those consulted, that aside from the maimed soldiers, pensions should be rated according to age and length of service.

3. Mexican War widows, Civil War widows, and Army nurses should all be treated alike as to rating and that $30 per month under present conditions is but fairly liberal. Justice to Mexican War widows, Civil War widows, and Army nurses has too long been delayed.

4. If, as soon as practicable, the pensions could be paid monthly, it would be appreciated by a large per cent of the recipients.

Very soon after the above was forwarded to Chairman Fuller, the chairman of the legislative committee received the following from the then Adjt. Gen. Trimble:

The commander in chief (Adams) has read your letter and inclosures with much interest. We both, however, think that the pension bill should provide a pension of $50 a month, irrespective of length of service. Departments and posts all over the country are passing resolutions asking for $50 per month and we should at least try to secure it. Then if Congress will not grant it we can make concessions and secure what this bill now provides. Many men who saw but three or six months' service saw more real fighting than some men who were in the service for three or four years. At this day it is not so much a question of what a man did; it is a question more of what he needs in his old age and weakness. The commander in chief directs me to express to you his appreciation of all you are doing in the interest of pensions and of our comrades.

September 3, Chairman Fuller wrote as follows: "I am inclosing herewith a typewritten copy of the bill which will soon be reported, and I hope it may have early consideration in the House." Later in September this bill received the unanimous and enthusiastic indorsement of the national encampment in session at Columbus, Ohio.

It now remained to get the measure enacted into law. The present Congress did not convene until December of last year. The present commander in chief, on taking office, at once manifested his interest in the pending pension legislation, and that interest never slackened until the bill became a law, carrying in its provisions for the benefit of his comrades a sum exceeding $60,000,000. Chairman Fuller, of the House, was from the first the steadfast and tireless friend of the bill even after, under his wise management, it had passed the House of Representatives. The Grand Army of the Republic owes much to this devoted friend of our order.

In the Senate the bill was intrusted to the care of Porter J. McCumber, chairman of the Pension Committee in that body. Senator McCumber during his long and distinguished service has repeatedly shown his friendship for and disposition to aid the veterans of the Civil War. In his hands, assisted by Senator Smoot and other of our loyal friends on the committee, the bill, substantially as it passed the House, was favorably reported by the Senate committee and in May passed that body and was almost immediately signed by President Wilson and became a law, which carried much-needed aid to

many thousands of our comrades and to the widows of our deceased comrades.

It is not pleasant to seem to discriminate where all do well, but as chairman of the legislative committee I feel that it is but just to mention the untiring efforts of our commander in chief, Daniel M. Hall, of Adjt. Gen. Joseph W. O'Neall, of John McElroy, and Col. D. M. Rice. The last named, though not a veteran, with Comrade McElroy, through the National Tribune, exerted widespread and favorable influence in behalf of the bill at every stage of its progress from inception to adoption. To these, with Fuller, Ashbrook, and other zealous friends in the House of Representatives, to McCumber, Smoot, and other equally loyal colaborers in the Senate, are we obligated for the passage of this bill, which spells the last word in the memorable chapter that for all time will tell of the Nation's gratitude and liberality in peace toward those who in war saved its life on the battle field.

Very truly, yours, in F., C., and L.,

WASHINGTON GARDNER, *Chairman.*
ORLANDO A. SOMERS,
CHARLES C. ROYCE,
JOHN MCELROY,
J. PAYSON BRADLEY,
JOHN L. CLEM,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO DRAFT BILL OF INCORPORATION.

Comrade DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R., Columbus, Ohio:

Your committee appointed by General Orders, No. 4, to prepare and present to the next national encampment an act for the incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic, in compliance with the action of the national encampment at Columbus, Ohio, respectfully submit the following report:

In undertaking the task entrusted to us, your committee has taken it for granted that the only purpose of the proposed incorporation is to give to the Grand Army of the Republic standing as a legal entity—a person in the eyes of the law—so that it can take any and all steps necessary for the protection and preservation of its rights, property, and otherwise, and be empowered to make final disposition of its property and archives. In the opinion of your committee this can and should be accomplished without interfering with our method of government, our rules and regulations, or with any of the rights and privileges of our members. We have accordingly prepared a bill that we submit herewith, which, if it is enacted into law by Congress, will accomplish the desired result, while it will make no change in our organization, except that it will make permanent and unchangeable the qualifications for membership as they are now prescribed in our rules and regulations. Your committee has incorporated this restriction in the bill because in their opinion no one should ever be admitted to membership in our order or allowed to wear our insignia of membership who did not earn the right thereto as we earned it—by service to our country as soldier or sailor in the suppression of the great rebellion from 1861 to 1865. When the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic dies, let our order die, except as it will forever live in the hearts of our countrymen and in the pages of history, with its record of glorious achievement.

We respectfully recommend that the following bill be submitted to the Congress, with the request that it be enacted into law:

A BILL FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic, with a membership limited to persons who served in the Army or Navy of the United States in the war of 1861 to 1865 for the maintenance of the Union and the preservation of the integrity of this Government, is hereby created a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia, by the name of "The Grand Army of the Republic," by which name it shall be a person in law, capable of suing and being sued, and of having and exercising all incidental powers as a litigant or otherwise, as if it were a natural person, with power to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or bequest, and to hold, convey, or otherwise dispose of property, real or personal, as may be necessary

or calculated to carry into effect the patriotic, fraternal, and charitable purposes of its organization, as such purposes are avowed and declared in its rules and regulations.

SEC. 2. The supreme governing and controlling authority in said organization shall be the national encampment thereof, composed of representatives from the several department encampments, as are now or may hereafter be organized: *Provided*, That there shall never be any change in the plan of organization of said national encampment that shall materially change its present representative form of government or render possible the concentration of the control thereof in the hands of a limited number, or in a self-perpetuating body not representative of the membership at large.

SEC. 3. The qualifications for membership in said organization, except as they are limited by the provisions of section 1 of this act, and the rights and privileges of the members thereof, shall be such as are fixed by the laws, rules, and regulations adopted by said national encampment, and the meetings of said organization, whether for the transaction of business or otherwise, may be held at any place in the United States.

SEC. 4. The activities of said corporation shall be exercised through and by the following agencies, in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations now in force, or such as may be hereafter enacted by the national encampment thereof, viz:

First. Through the national encampment, its officers, and committees.

Second. Through such department encampments as may have been heretofore, or as may be hereafter, organized, their officers and committees.

Third. Through such posts as may have been heretofore, or may be hereafter, organized, their officers and committees.

Such department encampments shall be subject and subordinate in authority to the national encampment, and such posts shall be also subject to such control, exercised through the department encampment and department officers of the particular department to which it belongs.

SEC. 5. The corporate existence of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the exclusive right of its surviving members to wear the insignia of membership therein, shall terminate only when the last of its members dies: *Provided, however*, That if at any national encampment hereafter held a memorial shall be adopted by the votes of three-fourths of the members present, reciting that because of the decrease in its membership, or because of the age and infirmity of its surviving members, it is no longer advisable and practicable to hold future annual national encampments, such action shall not operate to deprive said organization of any of its corporate powers, but the government thereof may be modified to provide for such contingency, subject to the restrictions contained in section 2 of this act: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall in any manner affect the ownership of property held by any post or department in its own right, or the power of such posts or departments to dispose of the same, or affect the right of such posts or departments to organize corporations under State laws for the purpose of caring for and disposing of such property.

SEC. 6. The national encampment may, by resolution, provide for the disposition and future ownership of its property and archives, and may declare the event in which such disposition shall become effective, and such ownership vested, and a duly authenticated copy of such resolution shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Upon the happening of the event thus declared, and upon the filing of a petition in said supreme court reciting said facts, said court shall take jurisdiction thereof, and upon due and satisfactory proof being made the court shall enter a decree which shall be effectual to vest title and ownership in accordance with the provisions of such resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,
DAVID F. PUGH,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

NATIONAL COUNCIL *and* EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1920, IN CLAYPOOL HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

The meeting, which had been announced in general orders for 10 o'clock a. m., was postponed until 11 a. m., and was called to order at the latter hour by Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall. The following members of the committee, in addition to the commander in chief, were present: Charles B. Wilson, senior vice commander in chief; Adjt. Gen. Joseph W. O'Neall; Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits; and Comrades George A. Price, John C. Roland, John B. Inman, Philip G. Woodward, J. W. Willett, J. Andrew Wilt, and Harry L. Beach.

The Commander in Chief. The first business will be the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

(The adjutant general then read the following minutes:)

A meeting of the executive committee of the national council of administration was held at national headquarters, Columbus, Ohio, June 19, 1920. There were present all members of the committee but the senior vice commander in chief.

The commander in chief explained the situation regarding Atlantic City, outlining the correspondence that he had had with the local committee of Atlantic City; that the committee had written that without the appropriation which had been allowed by the legislature of New Jersey the committee would have to cancel the contract, inclosing a letter from the chairman of the New Jersey committee, Comrade Cole, stating how the appropriation was to be used—that the State committee had refused to allow the local committee to use all the fund for the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Upon motion, unanimously carried, the commander in chief was directed to cancel the Atlantic City contract, and the acts of the commander in chief in the matter were approved.

The commander in chief then stated that the adjutant general had gone to Detroit, to see if the encampment could be held there, and he had written to Pittsburgh, Pa., and Hartford, Conn., but without any results.

He then stated that Judge McBride, commander of the Department of Indiana, was on his way to the meeting to extend an invitation for the encampment to meet in Indianapolis. Judge McBride was admitted to the meeting, and extended the invitation on behalf of Indiana, the city of Indianapolis, the board of trade, chamber of commerce, and the Grand Army of the Republic, which invitation was unanimously accepted.

It was voted to hold the encampment the week of September 19, and it was further voted that should the United Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion desire to participate in the parade, they should follow the Grand Army of the Republic.

It was voted that the commander in chief, the adjutant general, quartermaster general, Comrade Price, and the secretary should go to Indianapolis on June 29 to meet the Indianapolis committee and execute the contract.

The meeting then adjourned to meet subject to the call of the commander in chief.

Joseph W. O'Neall, *Adjutant General.*

A subcommittee of the executive committee of the national council of administration met the encampment committee of Indianapolis at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis on June 29. There were present for the Indianapolis committee, Gov. Goodrich, Mr. Huesman, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Balch, Mr. Wallen representing Mayor Jewett, Department Commander R. W. McBride, and Comrade W. A. Ketcham. There were present representing the Grand Army, Commander in Chief D. M. Hall, Adjt. Gen. O'Neall, and Q. M. Gen. Stowits.

The secretary read the proposed contract, which was accepted by the Indianapolis committee.

After a general discussion of the arrangements for the encampment the meeting adjourned.

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, *Adjutant General.*

Comrade WILLETT. Commander in Chief, as I glean the record, there should be an approval by the executive committee of the report of the subcommittee who made this contract here. The subcommittee came down here at the appointment of the executive committee and made the contract. It is all made there in one, and I move you, sir, that the action of the subcommittee in making the contract with Indianapolis be approved by the executive committee.

(The motion was seconded by Comrade Inman, put by the commander in chief, and unanimously carried.)

Comrade WILLETT. In my judgment, it would be the proper thing, as far as this matter ought to go before the national encampment, to report the action of the executive committee to the council of administration. I do not know that there will be any controversy on the floor of the encampment as regards the doings of the executive committee, but if there should be it would be important that we begin to make our record now for the presentation of any matter pertaining thereto that may come up before the encampment, and for that reason I would like the council of administration to approve the action of the executive committee of that council. That is to say, the executive committee, a portion of it, is standing by reason of the offices they hold, and the others are raised from the council of administration. There is a link within a link to complete the chain, and I believe that this subject matter should be submitted to the council for their approval. Am I right?

Comrade WILT. I think you are.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Commander in Chief, I heartily concur in what has been said by Judge Willett. To that end I believe that a special committee should be appointed here to draft a proper report to present to-morrow afternoon to the council of administration, setting forth the facts just as they appear in the minutes as read, with such other commendations or recommendations as this subcommittee may deem best. I think by all means, from what I can hear, that the council of administration should positively agree on this matter before the opening of the encampment, so that there can not be any question, so far as the council is concerned, in the encampment. Let us stand right square on our feet. Therefore I would make a motion that a subcommittee of three, of which Judge Willett shall be the chairman, be appointed to prepare a proper report for the council of administration to-morrow afternoon.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. Second that motion.

Comrade WILLETT. You will pardon me if it should appear as seeming modesty, but the financial head of our committee and subcommittee is the honored comrade from New York. I would be

pleased to serve on the committee, but I would suggest Comrade Price as the chairman of that committee.

Comrade PRICE. As Judge Willett has already stated the object of the matter so succinctly I suggest that he be elected the chairman of the committee. I will serve under him gladly.

(The motion prevailed.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As the other members of the committee in addition to Judge Willett I will appoint Comrade Stowits and Comrade Price. I don't know as I should have had two from New York, but they are familiar with the matter.

Now what is the next business to come before the committee?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. I move that the minutes as read be approved.

(The motion was seconded by Comrade Price, put by the commander in chief, and carried unanimously.)

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I would suggest, Commander in Chief, that all correspondence between our committee or the commander in chief and Atlantic City be handed to Judge Willett, as the chairman of this committee, to show him exactly what has been done.

Comrade WILLETT. By all means.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I think that the secretary, Miss Flood, has the correspondence.

Comrade PRICE. I wish to make my report as chairman of the auditing committee. [Reading:]

SEPTEMBER 20, 1920.

To the Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your committee appointed to audit the books of the quartermaster general have performed the duties assigned them and find them to be correct in every particular. They find the balance in bank to be $2,862.21.

Very respectfully,

PHILIP G. WOODWARD.
J. W. WILLETT.
GEORGE A. PRICE.

To the Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic:

In addition to approving the report of the quartermaster general, we would also heartily recommend the suggestion he makes as to increasing the per capita tax, but we believe it should be at least 10 cents instead of 7 cents, payable semiannually. Your committee believe it to be necessary for the good of the order.

We also approve his recommendation as to changing the rules and regulations limiting to 10 per cent the amount to be drawn from the permanent fund, and leaving it to the commander in chief to decide on the requisition of the quartermaster general as to the absolute necessity for such an amount as he may require for the proper discharge of the business of his office, not exceeding 15 per cent of the principal thereof.

Respectfully,

GEORGE A. PRICE.
J. W. WILLETT.
PHILIP G. WOODWARD.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I rise to a question of privilege now. In connection with that, so that the comrades here will know what I have said, so that there can not be any misunderstanding, I will read from my report. [Reading the first five paragraphs of the printed report of the quartermaster general.]

Comrade WILT. Do I understand that the committee on audit recommend it be increased to 10 cents?

Comrade PRICE. That is the proposition I made in making the report; that instead of 7 it be made 10 cents, payable semiannually—a nickel every six months.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The subject before us is the report of the auditing committee. What are you going to do with it?

Adjt. Gen. O'NEALL. I move its approval as read.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. Second the motion.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I want to say, comrades, that the commander in chief and the adjutant general have approved my recommendations in their report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes. My report will be read in the encampment.

Adjt. Gen. O'NEALL. Having been at headquarters I think I know something of the financial condition of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I want to most heartily concur in this recommendation. We actually need the money. Of course our expenses this year, as Comrade Stowits has suggested in his report, have been very greatly increased. We had to go to Chicago, I believe four times, and we had to go to Washington to take this matter up. Senator Watson of this city was a great help to us, and we had to come here three times to get help on the matter of railroad rates. Expenses have been greatly increased. It may come just as bad some other time. I most heartily concur in this recommendation that the per capita be increased, and that the trustees of the permanent fund be authorized to sell such bonds as may be necessary to carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is an actual necessity. It is not a question of policy; it is a question of necessity.

Comrade WILLETT. Commander in Chief, this body should approve, if they are so minded, the report of the subcommittee auditing the books of the quartermaster general. That is the first subject matter before the house. As regards the other matter I have a motion that I wish to suggest.

Adj. Gen. O'NEALL. My motion was to approve the report of the auditing committee.

Comrade WILT. I second that motion.

(The report of the auditing committee was then read by the commander in chief, the motion put to the committee by him, and unanimously carried.)

Comrade WILLETT. Now, as regards the other subject. I think that that should not only be adopted by this executive committee, if they are of that mind, but as adopted by the executive committee should be referred by the executive committee to the council of administration for further action before the matter is brought to the floor of the encampment. My reasons, briefly put, are that a certain number of the encampment should be thoroughly informed, if possible, on the subject matter before it is broached in open encampment, to avoid confusion. And if the executive committee see fit to approve that recommendation of 10 cents per capita per annum, payable in semiannual installments of 5 cents, well and good. If not, in my judgment we should approve the recommendation made by the quartermaster general. But the question will first occur upon the 10 cents per capita.

Comrade INMAN. It seems to me that as far as the report to the council of administration is concerned, all the business transacted

by the executive committee must be reported to the council of administration; whether it is of one character or another, it must be reported there, under this general order, at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. I think, Judge, all the business we transact must be reported to the main council of administration without special motion.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. The reading of the minutes of this meeting will be the report.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. Why wouldn't it be best to make an amendment to the quartermaster general's report, inserting 10 cents instead of 7?

Comrade WILLETT. That is his individual report.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. I move that the recommendations be approved.

Comrade WILT. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion is on the adoption of the report or the approval of the report of the auditing committee that the per capita tax paid to the national headquarters be 10 cents instead of 3½, payable semiannually. Are you ready for this question?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. He said 10 cents instead of 3½. Is that right?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Three and a half is the present. There are two recommendations. Are you going to vote on both of these at once? The first recommendation is in regard to per capita tax. The second recommendation is as to the changing of the rules and regulations limiting to 10 per cent the amount to be drawn from the permanent fund annually, leaving it to the commander in chief to decide on requisition from the quartermaster general as to the absolute necessity for such an amount as he may require for the proper discharge of the business of his office. Do you want to vote on both of these recommendations at once? Is the motion to adopt both recommendations at once or just the first one?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. I think it best to divide the recommendations.

(The motion to adopt the first recommendation of the auditing committee with respect to increasing the per capita tax was then put to the committee by the commander in chief and unanimously adopted.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Now you have before you the recommendation of the committee on the change in the rules and regulations. What do you want to do with it?

Adjt. Gen. O'NEALL. I move its adoption.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. If we change the rules and regulations hasn't that got to be referred over one meeting, one year, without unanimous consent?

Comrade INMAN. If there is one vote against it in the encampment it must go over for a year.

Adjt. Gen. O'NEALL. We can recommend this and our recommendation can be approved or disapproved in the encampment.

Comrade WILT. Can the committee on rules and regulations offer changes that have not been recommended by departments?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. Not without unanimous consent.

Adjt. Gen. O'NEALL. As I recollect the matter, the comrades are right about that. It will have to be by unanimous consent, unless it was published as a recommendation by the national encampment. If

any department had recommended this and it had gone into general orders as a matter to be considered, then it could be passed by this encampment. But if it has not it is not proper as a recommendation of the committee on rules and regulations, and it will have to lay over one year if anybody objects to it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That won't make any difference about your recommending it.

Adjt. Gen. O'NEALL. I move the approval of the recommendation.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILSON. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Now the motion is before the committee, which is to approve of this recommendation as to changing the rules and regulations. Any remarks?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. The rules and regulations now read "can draw but 10 per cent."

(The motion was then put to the committee by the commander in chief and unanimously carried.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. What further business is there to come before the committee? Anyone anything to offer, any suggestions to make?

Adjt. Gen. O'NEALL. I move we adjourn.

Comrade WILLETT. A motion to adjourn is not debatable, but there is always a possibility that you might need us fellows again, so that if we adjourn it should be subject to the call of the commander in chief.

Adjt. Gen. O'NEALL. Yes. I accept the suggestion.

Comrade INMAN. Second the motion.

(The motion prevailed, and at 11.35 o'clock a. m. the executive committee of the council of administration stood adjourned subject to the call of the commander in chief.)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1920, AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M., AT THE CLAYPOOL HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

The council of administration met at 2 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, September 21, 1920, pursuant to the call of the commander in chief. Those present were:

Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall, Columbus, Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles B. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Isidore Isaacs, New York City.

Chaplain in Chief W. W. Gist, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Adjt. Gen. Joseph W. O'Neall, Lebanon, Ohio.

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade George F. Jackson, of Alabama.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade W. H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade Harry L. Beach, of Connecticut.

Comrade Henry A. Thompson, of Florida.

Comrade G. E. Whitman, of Georgia and South Carolina.

Comrade G. F. Kimery, of Idaho.

Comrade John B. Inman, of Illinois.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.

Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa.

Comrade Edwin Riley, of Maine.

Comrade John A. Thompson, of Maryland.

Comrade Philip G. Woodward, of Minnesota.

Comrade John M. Williams, of Missouri.

Comrade George H. Taylor, of Montana.

Comrade William O. Allen, of New Jersey.

Comrade John Greenwald, of New Mexico.

Comrade George A. Price, of New York.

Comrade Pat H. Cummings, of North Dakota.

Comrade John C. Roland, of Ohio.

Comrade F. A. Brown, of Oklahoma.

Comrade J. Andrew Wilt, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade John Middleton, of Potomac.

Comrade John A. Medbery, of Rhode Island.

Comrade Newton Hacker, of Tennessee.

Comrade H. W. Nye, of Texas.

Comrade H. W. Charter, of Utah.

Comrade H. W. Weiss, of Virginia and North Carolina.

Comrade H. R. Bird, of Wisconsin.

The Commander in Chief. I am sorry there are so many absent, but we have more than a quorum so we can proceed to business. There is a subcommittee of the executive committee that I would like

to have report. We will first, however, have the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee read by the reporter.

(The shorthand reporter then read the following minutes:)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, HELD AT CLAYPOOL HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1920.

The meeting was called to order by Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall, and all members found to be present.

The minutes of the meeting of the executive committee held at Columbus, Ohio, June 19, 1920, and of the subcommittee held at Indianapolis, Ind., June 29, 1920, were read and approved, said minutes containing an account of the cancellation of the Atlantic City contract and the execution of the contract with the encampment committee of Indianapolis.

Upon motion the action of the subcommittee in entering into the Indianapolis contract was unanimously approved.

Upon motion, unanimously adopted, the commander in chief was directed to appoint a subcommittee of which Comrade Willett should be chairman, to draft a report to be made to the council of administration of the action of the executive committee in changing the location of the encampment from Atlantic City to Indianapolis.

The commander in chief appointed as the remaining members of this committee, Q. M. Gen. Stowits and Comrade George A. Price.

Comrade Price read the report and recommendations of the auditing committee, as follows, which report and recommendations were unanimously adopted after discussion by the committee. (See complete report of proceedings of executive committee in this journal, pp. 179–184, for full text of report and recommendations of auditing committee.)

At 11.35 a. m. the executive committee adjourned, subject to the call of the commander in chief.

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, *Adjutant General.*

Comrade WILLETT. Commander in Chief, supplementing that report—You will observe, comrades of the council of administration, in the reading of those minutes, that a subcommittee was raised to boil it down in order that you might take some action here that could be presented to the encampment, if required. I started, as chairman of that committee to boil it down, found I was boiling up, tore up the manuscript, and rewrote what I have here. [Reading:]

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,
Indianapolis, Ind., September 21, 1920.

To Daniel M. Hall, commander in chief, associate officers, and members of the council of administration of the Fifty-fourth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic.

COMRADES: Your committee, to whom was assigned the duty of reporting the action of the executive committee since last encampment, beg leave to make the following report:

1. The committee appointed to audit the books of the quartermaster general performed that duty and found said books to be correct in every particular. That the balance on hand in bank compared with said books is $2,862.21.

2. The committee of audit recommend that the per capita tax be increased to 10 cents per annum, payable semiannually, in installments of 5 cents each.

3. That the rules and regulations, which now limit the expenditures from the principal of the permanent fund to 10 per cent of the same, be changed, so that if an emergency arises requiring a greater expenditure, that the commander in chief on the requisition of the quartermaster general as regards the absolute necessity of additional expenditure for the proper discharge of the business of his office, may draw from the permanent fund a sum or sums not exceeding 15 per cent of the principal thereof and disburse the same as the necessities of such emergency require.

The foregoing report of the auditing committee and its recommendations were unanimously approved by your executive committee.

Your committee further reports:

4. Change of place of meeting for the Fifty-fourth National Encampment, 1920.

Custom has established the rule, which has been followed for many years in our national encampments, that all appropriations made for the annual entertainment of each succeeding encampment should be surrendered to a citizens' committee of the then encampment city to be expended by such committee in that behalf, so that the fund required to pay the expenses of the national encampment is thus placed in responsible hands for disbursement for the purposes appropriated before any pecuniary obligations are made.

The Fifty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Columbus, Ohio, in a competitive contest selected Atlantic City, N. J., for the place of meeting of this Fifty-fourth National Encampment.

The hotel association and citizens of Atlantic City subscribed $5,000 toward a fund to defray the expenses of the present national encampment to be held in Atlantic City.

The legislature of the State of New Jersey appropriated $25,000 to pay the expenses of the Fifty-fourth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, at Atlantic City this year.

When the citizens committee of Atlantic City, N. J., and our national officers sought to obtain the possession of said State appropriation, and the surrender of same to said citizens committee to be disbursed by them to pay the expenses of the present Fifty-fourth National Encampment, they found that said fund was placed by the governor of New Jersey in the control of a committee, other than the citizens committee of Atlantic City, and that the committee appointed by the governor construed the statute appropriating the $25,000 to mean an appropriation for the entertainment of the soldiers and sailors of New Jersey only, and said committee and the officers of the State of New Jersey refused to turn said appropriation over to the citizens committee of Atlantic City for disbursement.

Whereupon, the citizens committee of Atlantic City declined to entertain the Fifty-fourth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, because of the fact that said State appropriation was not surrendered to them to pay the expenses of such entertainment.

The national administration was confronted with an emergency, with no place of meeting for the Fifty-fourth encampment.

Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall called a special meeting of the executive committee of the national council of administration to determine what course to pursue. That committee met in special session at Columbus, Ohio, June 19, 1920, and after due deliberation directed the commander in chief to cancel all contracts with Atlantic City, and the committee unanimously accepted the generous invitation of the patriotic and hospitable city of Indianapolis, Ind., for said encampment, and we are here.

The executive committee at this national encampment have unanimously approved of the action of the commander in chief, his associates and executive committee, and this report with the minutes of the executive committee meetings are now respectfully reported to the council of administration for their consideration.

J. W. Willett.
Cola D. R. Stowits.
George A. Price.

The Commander in Chief. Now, comrades, you have heard the report of the subcommittee of the executive committee of the council of administration. It is before you. What will you do with it?

Comrade Willett. Commander in Chief, I move the adoption and approval of the acts of the executive committee, the commander in chief, and his associates, and the recommmendations made by the executive committee, by the entire council of administration; and if it does not meet with the approval of every one of you here individually and officially, I invite discussion, in order that we may inform ourselves before sitting in the national encampment. Because

if this council of administration can not advise themselves so that they are willing to act substantially as a unit, why it would be useless for us to carry any special recommendation before the encampment, for the lack of concerted action.

Comrade WHITMAN. I heartily second the motion as made by Comrade Willett.

Comrade ALTENBERG. On behalf of the State of Arkansas, I accept of the report and trust that every member present here will vote for it.

Comrade CHARTER. I represent on the council of administration the department of Utah, and I want to say that you, Commander in Chief, are an honor to the position and to your associates.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The question is on the adoption of this report.

Comrade RILEY. I should like to inquire what this 15 per cent means in round numbers—15 per cent of the general fund.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. There is about $31,000 or $32,000 in the permanent fund. We can vote $3,000 or $4,000 if it is absolutely necessary, but only in the event of its being necessary, as it was this year when we were so terribly upset. I want to say in this connection, before we take this vote, that we were obliged to expend $2,000 more than we anticipated. Such an emergency may arise again. You can never tell, with our limit, what is going to happen.

Comrade RILEY. It seems to me that 15 per cent is a good deal of money.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. It will last until you and I are gone, because every year it will be less, 15 per cent of the amount on hand.

Comrade RILEY. It may until after you are gone, but not until after I am gone. I am not finding any fault.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Fifteen per cent is set as a limit. They may draw less if they need less.

Comrade RILEY. I understand that, but you can use 15 per cent.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If it is absolutely necessary.

Comrade RILEY. I just wanted to know what 15 per cent was. If you do that for a term of six or seven years you would not have any left.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. We figure it will last about 10 years, but we will never draw that amount.

Comrade RILEY. I am merely asking the question. Of course, I have got a perfect right to ask a question and inform myself so I can know what to say to some one else, perhaps, if they ask a question. Perhaps 15 per cent is all right, but it seems to me it would not last more than seven years to the Grand Army of the Republic. We know in our State of Maine that we are dying off fast. Our revenue is getting less every year, and we have got to do something either personally or some one has got to give us something to carry on the work of the administration in the State of Maine. To increase the per capita tax from 7 to 10 cents is nearly 50 per cent, or 40 per cent. For us to give 40 per cent more out of the State of Maine so as to pay you or pay us means a good deal.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Only 10 cents a year, my comrade.

Comrade RILEY. I know, but we are dying off fast. We lost between 200 and 300 last year.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. The income goes down in like proportion.

Comrade RILEY. When you increase anything 33 per cent it goes up, doesn't it? I am merely asking this question. They will ask me when I go home what it means.

Comrade WILLETT. I think the comrade should be answered, perhaps, in an explanatory way. There is about a round 100,000 in the Grand Army of the Republic. Ten cents a member per year will raise $10,000, won't it? Now, as they die off, that percentage, while it remains at 10 cents, will be augmented or decreased according to the fact of the numerical strength of the body. But when we consider that 5 cents every six months is all that it costs the subordinate organization to maintain the national head of this institution, it seems to me that it is a mere bagatelle if we look at the results obtained within the last two years as regards the matter of pensions. Now, then, as regards the 15 per cent, there might come a time when 10 per cent of the principal would not pay the emergency expenses of maintaining the national organization. Can't we trust our officers? We have trusted them for over 50 years. We surely can trust them for another decade to not squander our money; and the 10 per cent was found in this particular emergency to be scarcely adequate to fill the bill. Hence the recommendation that it be augmented to 15 per cent, so that if the emergency arises they can use that in full or any portion thereof as that emergency requires. Do you understand, my comrade?

Comrade RILEY. I think so.

Comrade WILLETT. That is the full and complete explanation, as I understand it.

Comrade TAYLOR. On behalf of Montana I want to say that we will be perfectly willing to make it 20 cents instead of 10.

Comrade MEDBERY. You know, comrades, that this is the only order on top of the earth that hasn't got to lay up for the future. There is very little of the future left for us as an order. There will be comrades, of course, all over the country that may live for 20 years, but they will be confined to their homes. They never can get together; they never will have the use of the money for themselves. Now, as the comrade has said, we have trusted our good men for 50 years. While they say that the good die young, there are plenty of good men left yet, and I believe there will be. Therefore I would ask, if it is not out of order, that the question be put, and ask for a rising vote.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Any further remarks?

Comrade RILEY. It seems to me that some remarks have been made that are not absolutely true. As a matter of fact, this comrade gets up and makes a statement. Didn't the State of New Jersey repudiate the very thing they promised to do for the Grand Army of the Republic? If it hadn't been for the officials of the Grand Army of the Republic and the patriotic men in, we will say, the city of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana, if it hadn't been for them you would have been in the hole, wouldn't you? We couldn't have had the fifty-fourth encampment the same as we have to-day. It is money that does the trick. You understand that. I am a business man. I know what business is and all that.

Comrade MEDBERY. I am a Yankee, too. I can sympathize with you.

Comrade RILEY. Don't tell me there is going to be plenty of money. There is one illustration I know of in the State of New Jersey that repudiated their obligation, and they were just as sacred as any other obligation ever made by any other State. So we don't want to bankrupt ourselves.

Comrade MEDBERY. Thank the Lord there isn't but one New Jersey in the United States.

Comrade ALTENBERG. Vote on it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Any further remarks on the question, on the adoption of the report? We will try a viva voce vote first. If it is necessary we will call for a rising vote. All who favor the adoption of the report will manifest it by saying "aye.' Contrary, "no." It is unanimous. I want to thank you, comrades, for the expression of approval contained in the adoption of the report, and I want to say to you that we did not throw away any money this year. This emergency arose. It cost money traveling; cost something to get this thing in shape so that we might have an encampment this year.

Adj. Gen. O'NEALL. It didn't cost anything for rent whatever.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I secured quarters in Columbus absolutely free for the headquarters for the last year. What other business is there to come before the council? Comrades, I wish you would get the delegates from your different departments as familiar with this subject as you can before we go into session as a national encampment, that they may understand, as fully as you can explain it to them, why this recommendation is made, and have them ready to vote on it when it comes up, when it is recommended in the national encampment on Thursday.

Comrade MEDBERY. Put it before the caucuses of our departments?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes; when your different departments caucus bring this matter up and become familiar with it. Talk it over and know when you get into the encampment what is before you.

Comrade NYE. Commander and comrades, I have already explained this to my department, that it was a special emergency, and we are thankful to the commander and the committee that you have done as well as you did. No complaint to make. We are going to meet your requirements, but think of these bills and be just as prudent as you can.

Comrade MEDBERY. That is the only issue really, is the per capita tax?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. No; that is one issue. The other is to amend the rules and regulations so that we may draw, instead of 10 per cent, in case of emergency 15 per cent. That question will come up.

Comrade MEDBERY. That is the only real issue, isn't it?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That and the raising of the per capita tax.

Comrade ALTENBERG. For information, will the report of this committee and the proceedings at this meeting be published in the morning papers so that we can present them to our comrades?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. No; you can present it to your delegates by having the quartermaster's report and showing it to them, to show the financial condition of the organization.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. There will be a copy in each seat Thursday morning.

Comrade ALTENBERG. Count on Arkansas as solid for the resolution.

Comrade WHITMAN. I wish to ask a question: Do I understand it correctly when I say this, that the encampment proper must pass on this; that is, we are not doing this, just recommending this to the encampment; isn't that it?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is what they have got to approve. This action must be approved by the encampment in regular session. Now, is there anything else? Any of the comrades, any of the members of the council here while we are in session, anything to offer?

Adjt. Gen. O'NEALL. I want to make an announcement. I had the honor 14 years ago to be the adjutant general. At that time the members of the council of administration and of the committee on resolutions were announced from the floor and the encampment elected the council. Since that the practice has been changed, and the names are now handed to the adjutant general before Wednesday evening. Some of the departments have already made their report, some of them a month ago. I wish that as soon as the departments have caucused that you would see that these reports are handed in. I want them all by to-morrow night, so that when the encampment meets the names can be read and they can be properly elected. When I was adjutant general before they were announced on the floor and acted on by the encampment. Now they are handed in by written reports. There is a good reason for that, because the stenographer might not always get the correct spelling of names and post-office addresses.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Anything further?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I move that we adjourn subject to the call of the commander in chief if necessary.

(The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried, and at 2.40 o'clock p. m. the council of administration stood adjourned subject to the call of the commander in chief.)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, HELD AT THE COLUMBIA CLUB, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1920.

The new council of administration met at the Columbia Club at 12.30 o'clock p. m., September 24, 1920, pursuant to the call of the commander in chief.

Upon roll call the following members of the council were found to be present:

Commander in Chief William A. Ketcham, Indianapolis, Ind.
Senior Vice Commander in Chief George A. Hosley, Boston, Mass.
Junior Vice Commander in Chief J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.
Adjt. Gen. Mahlon D. Butler, Indianapolis, Ind.
Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Comrade Geo. F. Jackson, of Alabama.
Comrade E. S. Godfrey, of Arizona.
Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.
Comrade Wm. H. Noll, of California and Nevada.
Comrade James E. Jewell, of Colorado and Wyoming.
Comrade Harry L. Beach, of Connecticut.
Comrade William Kelley, of Delaware.
Comrade M. H. Porter, of Florida.
Comrade Geo. E. Whitman, of Georgia and South Carolina.
Comrade Geo. F. Kimery, of Idaho.
Comrade John B. Inman, of Illinois.
Comrade Orlando A. Somers, of Indiana.
Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa.
Comrade Scott Kelsey, of Kansas.
Comrade Americus Whedon, of Kentucky.
Comrade W. A. Wetherbee, of Massachusetts.
Comrade H. A. Chapin, of Michigan.
Comrade Philip G. Woodward, of Minnesota.
Comrade John M. Williams, of Missouri.
Comrade George H. Taylor, of Montana.
Comrade W. H. Stewart, of Nebraska.
Comrade Ernest C. Stahl, of New Jersey.
Comrade John Greenwald, of New Mexico.
Comrade George A. Price, of New York.
Comrade John C. Roland, of Ohio.
Comrade F. E. Hills, of Oklahoma.
Comrade J. Andrew Wilt, of Pennsylvania.
Comrade John Middleton, of Potomac.
Comrade John A. Medbery, of Rhode Island.
Comrade H. W. Weiss, of Virginia and North Carolina.

When South Dakota was called Comrade T. C. De Jean responded and said that he had been directed by his department commander

to appear in place of M. M. Baird, the regularly elected member of the council from that department, but the commander in chief held that not having been elected a member of the council by his department he could not sit in the council.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There is more than a quorum present. As near as I can find out from what has transpired at this meeting of the national council of administration, the first thing to do would be to fix upon the number of the executive committee. Will some comrade make a motion on that subject?

Comrade WHITMAN. I move that the executive committee consist of the commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief, the junior vice commander in chief, the quartermaster general, the adjutant general, and seven members of this council, to be selected by the commander in chief.

Comrade WILT. I second that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion, gentlemen, that the executive committee shall consist of the commander in chief, the senior and junior vice commander in chief—which is an innovation—the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and seven members to be appointed by the commander in chief from the council of administration. Is there anything to be said on that subject? The matter will be open for debate.

Comrade WILT. The only difference is, Commander in Chief, that we have added the junior vice commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes; I understand that.

Comrade WILT. I want to say to the comrades here, I believe the junior vice commander ought to have something to say and be on this executive committee. I am decidedly in favor of including the junior vice commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You hear the suggestion, gentlemen. Any other suggestion on the subject?

Comrade SOMERS. Commander in Chief, the only thought I have in the matter is as to what the commander in chief thinks about this point. I know what the custom is, and ordinarily we ought to follow the custom. If the commander in chief, upon whom rests the responsibility of the administration, thinks that there might be a shortening of the column, I should vote for it. If he thinks there should be an increase, I should vote for it. We are going to hold him rigidly responsible, because that is his way of doing business. We are going to hold him responsible for the welfare of the great Grand Army of the Republic for one year, and I don't want to handicap him in any manner at all.

Comrade STAHL. On the floor of the encampment a member of our delegation offered a resolution that the executive committee of the council of administration should consist of the officers that have already been named, and but three advisory members of the council, with the object of curtailing the expenditure, and making but 8 members instead of 11 as there have been before. I am just like my distinguished comrade here. The responsibility rests upon you, commander in chief, and I as one am willing to accept exactly what you dictate to be the number.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There will be, until some extraordinary necessity arises, no dictation by the commander in chief. But it is my present opinion that there being a commander in chief liv-

ing and a senior vice commander in chief living, because in case of the unfortunate event of the death of either the commander in chief or the senior vice commander in chief automatically their places will be filled, so we will always have a commander in chief and we will always have a senior vice. I think perhaps not to have too unwieldy a body it would be just as well to adhere to what has been the long-continued practice, as I understand, that the junior vice commander in chief is not a member of the executive committee. That would be my offhand impression as to that. Now, as to the suggestion by the comrade from New Jersey that was made on the floor of the encampment and not considered—I don't know why it was not considered—it is my opinion that it would not be desirable to reduce the members from the council of administration from seven to three. If that was done, there being four of what are called ex-officio members, the four ex-officio members would have it in their power at any meeting to dominate those that particularly represent their departments; and I think that the executive committee ought to have from the various departments a sufficient number so that if there should at any time be a full meeting of the committee at which all the ex-officio members and all the appointed members of the executive committee should be present, it ought not, in my opinion, to be in the power of the ex-officio members to overrule the members that more particularly represent their departments. I would myself think that it would be an unwise move to reduce the number of the executive committee from seven to three. It might not be unwise in the interest of economy to reduce the appointed members of the executive committee to five in lieu of seven. That would give, then, four members of the executive committee from the officers themselves and five members of the executive committee from the departments, so that the departments would in that contingency have, as I think they ought to have, an overriding vote in the meeting of the executive committee. But as to that I am not caring very much. But I should think it would be a serious mistake to reduce these members to three. As it stands now it is on the motion to make the executive committee consist of five ex-officio members, being officers, and seven members from the council of administration. That is what is now before you. If there is anything in the way of suggestion by amendment, why, the chair will be glad to entertain it.

Comrade Wetherbee. As the commander has suggested that he thought the junior vice commander should be left out, that would be four.

The Commander in Chief. The motion that is before the house is to make the five officers members. So far as I am personally concerned I am rather inclined to the opinion—I haven't much opinion on the subject, however—I am rather inclined to the opinion that it would be perhaps better to adhere to the old rule and not to take the junior vice commander in chief onto the executive committee, because there will always be, under our rules, a commander in chief and a senior commander in chief to be on the executive committee.

Comrade Wetherbee. I move, so that this council may vote on it, that the old rule shall be adhered to, and that it include simply the

commander, the senior vice, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and seven members of the council.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Will the original mover accept that?

Comrade WILT. I accept that, Commander. But my reason was the very thing that the commander in chief mentioned, like this last year. I think the junior vice commander in chief should be in full touch with all the business of this national encampment as much as the senior vice commander in chief. In case of a vacancy in the office of commander in chief it is true the senior vice becomes commander in chief, and then the junior becomes the senior vice commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. And then a member.

Comrade WILT. But if he becomes a member now he is constantly and always in touch, full touch, with everything that this executive committee may do and would be better prepared if he became senior vice commander in chief to perform the duties of that office than he would if he were simply thrust in there and had no influence with this executive committee. That was my reason.

Comrade INMAN. There certainly is a disposition here and should be a disposition here to give full credence to the wishes of our new commander in chief. Now, with all respect to my friend, Comrade Wilt from Pennsylvania, I want to call his attention to the fact that the commander in chief has said explicitly that he does not desire to change the formation of the executive committee in these two particulars. Comrade Wetherbee has offered a substitute, or an amendment, and it seems to me, as long as the commander in chief has outlined what he thinks it ought to be, and it has been so through all the years—I speak with all respect to the new junior vice commander in chief—I think that we should respect the wishes of our commander in chief and make this executive committee what he thinks it ought to be, and he has said that he thinks it best to continue it as it has been.

Comrade WILT. I have no objections to withdrawing that, Commander, but I wanted to state the reasons why I suggested that addition.

Comrade WHITMAN. In making the motion as I did, including the junior vice commander in chief, I thought as the comrade from Pennsylvania, and that was the reason I included him. But after hearing the commander in chief and his opinion as regards the matter, and Comrade Wetherbee's motion to amend, I accept the amendment. I don't want to insist upon breaking over. So that if it is permissible I accept the amendment of Comrade Wetherbee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As it stands now with the amendment accepted, the resolution is before you in precisely the form that it was one year ago and as, it is my understanding, it has been for a number of years. [Reading:]

Resolved, That the executive committee of the council of administration shall consist of the commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and seven members to be appointed by the commander in chief from the council of administration.

That is the motion that is now before you. Are there any further remarks to be made on that subject. If not, all that are in favor of

the motion as presented will signify it by saying aye. Contrary, no. It seems to be a unanimous vote. (Carried.)

Now, the next thing in order apparently—that is, it was last year—is a resolution that was offered by Comrade Inman. I read it for your information. [Reading:]

Resolved, That the commander in chief be authorized to draw on the quartermaster general for the sum of $1,800, or as much thereof as may be necessary to pay actual traveling expenses; that the salary of the adjutant general be fixed at $1,200 per year; that the salary of the quartermaster general be fixed at $500 per year; that the bond of the adjutant general be fixed in the sum of $1,000, and the bond of the quartermaster general be fixed in the sum of $5,000, to be executed by surety companies and the expense thereof to be borne by the national encampment; and that the salary of the custodian of records be fixed at $300 for the ensuing year.

That was the motion that was adopted one year ago.

Comrade WILT. Commander in chief, I offer that same resolution as you have read it, for the adoption of this council.

(The motion was seconded by several comrades.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. Is there anything to be said on the subject?

Comrade WILLETT. There is just one suggestion. It might be technically understood that traveling expenses did not mean hotel bills. I believe that should be amplified a little in the record. I will make that suggestion that has been made by way of an amendment: That the commander in chief be authorized to draw on the quartermaster general for the sum of $1,800, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay actual traveling expenses, including hotel bills.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. It is not any of our business as members of the council of administration what the commander in chief does with his appropriation.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Well, I would say, as a matter of fact, that the change is not necessary.

Comrade WILLETT. If it is satisfactory to the commander in chief, I say "Let it alone." But I thought that was helping to particularize.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. My own impression would be that when you say traveling expenses, that the expense of a hotel would be as much a traveling expense as the expense of a Pullman or a railroad ticket. That would be my opinion as commander in chief, and, incidentally, as a lawyer, that the motion as presented would include that item.

Comrade WILLETT. With your interpretation, I am satisfied.

Comrade SOMERS. I understood the quartermaster general to say that it made no difference, it was nobody's business what was done with this money. Was that the statement?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That has been the sentiment always, Comrade Somers.

Comrade SOMERS. I do not indorse the sentiment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The chair will rule, Comrade Somers, that that is a statement that will not bear analysis or examination. I think that the expenses of the commander in chief, the traveling expenses, should be itemized and they should be approved by the executive committee before they would be regarded as payable.

Comrade SOMERS. I would not go as far as that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I traveled a while ago down to Washington and I was surprised to find there was not any account kept of what the expenses were. They started out with so much money and then when they got back they had so much less. That included, therefore, their traveling expenses. I don't believe that that is a very good way of keeping it, and the books won't be kept that way in this administration. [Applause.]

Comrade SOMERS. I wanted to say that during my administration it was generally understood—I have been demoted; I am getting down in our work in the ranks—during my administration the appropriation was fixed at not to exceed a certain sum. I did not consider that I was to have that sum, but only so much as was necessary for my expenses.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That is what this says.

Comrade SOMERS. I was able to save a portion of that, and that portion that was saved I could in no manner consider my own, but that it belonged to the encampment. I am well enough acquainted with the present commander in chief to know, without instruction, about what his policy would be. And if it is his policy that he is going to itemize his statements and have them passed upon by this executive committee, that is about what he will do whether it is in order or not. Now, then, there might be circumstances come up when the amount appropriated would not be sufficient to pay the necessary expenses of the commander in chief, and then I would want to go beyond that.

Comrade WILLETT. Here too.

Comrade SOMERS. Pay the necessary expenses of the commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This is preliminary, and if it should be found I would say to the council of administration that there is an increase in railroad rates or an increase in hotel rates or an increase in Pullman rates, and the ordinary things—I don't know of anything being decreased. Everything is increased—it would be time enough to cross that bridge when we get to it. It will be then for the council of administration to vote as to whether there ought to be an additional sum appropriated. But as it stands now I think it ought to be pretty definitely understood that the executive committee shall keep within the limits of this resolution. Any further remarks to be made on this question? If not, those in favor of it will signify it by saying aye. Contrary, no. Carried unanimously.

The next proceeding that took place a year ago, and it is appropriate here, is a resolution that was offered by the member of the council from New York. [Reading:]

Resolved, That the commander in chief is hereby authorized to employ a secretary at national headquarters at such price as he may deem necessary, and not to exceed $1,800.

Do I hear a motion to that effect now?

Comrade STAHL. I make that as a motion.

(Several comrades seconded the motion, it was put to the council by the commander in chief and unanimously carried.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The next thing in order was a motion by the quartermaster general fixing the compensation for the reporter in the sum of $200. That is for the next encampment. Do I hear a motion to that effect now?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I renew the motion.

(The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and unanimously carried.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Now the next thing that was called up last year was that an appropriation of $200 be made for the editing of the Journal. Do I hear anything with reference to that?

Comrade WETHERBEE. I move that that appropriation be renewed.

(The motion was duly seconded, put to the council by the commander in chief, and unanimously carried.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That seems to be all that transpired there except that the commander in chief indicated where his headquarters would be. The present commander in chief mentioned the fact to some of the board of trustees of the Odd Fellows building. It will have to be called to the attention of the board, but this man thought that the board would give us headquarters in the Odd Fellows building and that without charge. That will depend on the action of the board, and I will find out what the board will do with reference to that. But I don't intend to carry the national headquarters around under my hat. I will temporarily establish the headquarters in my law office. I have a room, there, a very big room, that the adjutant general and the secretary can occupy until I find out from the grand lodge what they will do with reference to furnishing us headquarters. I would not want the Grand Army to think that the headquarters of this great organization was simply the appendix to a law office of any lawyer. I don't care what lawyer it was. I do not think it would look well. But temporarily I will have the headquarters in my office. I will have quarters in the Odd Fellows building as a part of my own office, and if I do not get satisfactory information from the officers of the grand lodge in regard to what they will do, I will then undertake to find quarters that will be commensurate with the dignity of the Grand Army. It is not going to be a very easy thing to do. The statehouse would give us anything that they had, but it is chuck full clear to the top. The courthouse is a venerable pile. I have practiced law in it ever since it was built, but I do not think it is a very reputable place for the Grand Army of the Republic to have its headquarters. I don't know of any room there is in the courthouse that I would be willing to invite the members of the Grand Army to come and see the Grand Army in. I tried the Federal building and they say they are full up there, and we could not do anything with them until they heard from Washington, and so that is in the air. I do not believe that there is space in the city hall. The best I can say to you now, comrades, is that for the present, at any rate, the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be in the Odd Fellows building, and just the precise room I do not know until I hear from the grand lodge. If anybody goes to the Odd Fellows building to find the Grand Army headquarters there will be no difficulty in finding out where it is.

Comrade SOMERS. You heard the statement and I believe I will make a motion that the commander in chief shall be directed to procure suitable rooms for the headquarters of the Grand Army of the

Republic on the best terms possible, and as authority for that shall have the approval of the council of administration in the transaction. Now, I am thinking that he will try first to get them without expense. If he is not able to do that, then he will make the very best terms he can. The amount is not known now. I want to approve his action in doing that, and not have him wandering around without any authority or any instructions. You know the substance. I think Comrade Willett probably could put that in better form.

Comrade WILLETT. No. I will simply second the motion made by the past commander in chief authorizing the commander in chief——

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Put the adjutant general in, too.

Comrade WILLETT (continuing). And his adjutant general to secure the necessary quarters in harmony with the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I say that the adjutant general and I do not add the quartermaster general because the adjutant general is here and the quartermaster general may not be here when we want to decide about something. You have heard the motion. It is now open for your consideration. If anyone has anything to add we would be glad to hear from them. [Cries of "Question."] All in favor of the motion, which is that the commander in chief with his adjutant general be authorized to secure appropriate headquarters for the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing year at the expense of the quartermaster general, will signify it by saying aye. Contrary, no. There seems to be a very surprising unanimity in the meeting of this council of administration. I know of no instance where there was much more unanimity than there is here unless it was when they were selecting a commander in chief.

I want to say to the council of administration and through them to all the members of the Grand Army of the Republic that it was a matter of very great gratification to me, after having served as long as I have with the Grand Army of the Republic and being as well known as I have tried to make myself, that I received this place by the unanimous vote of my comrades. I regard it as a wonderful tribute that I shall prize all the days of my life. [Applause.]

That closes for the present all the business, as I understand it, of the council of administration. Is there anything else to come up?

Comrade WHITMAN. I move that we adjourn.

(The motion prevailed, and at 1.05 o'clock p. m. the national council of administration stood adjourned.)

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CAMP FIRE AND PARADE

RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, HELD IN TOMLINSON HALL, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 20, 1920.

EDWARD A. KAHN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE, PRESIDING.

The meeting was called to order, after music by the band, at 7.45 p. m.

Hon. ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, department commander of Indiana. The governor of the State of Indiana will now extend a welcome to the visiting comrades and their allied organizations.

Hon. JAMES P. GOODRICH, governor of Indiana. Mr. Chairman, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies and gentlemen: I count it a high honor on behalf of Indiana, a State that gave to the cause of the Civil War nearly a quarter of a million of her brave sons, a State that has never failed to respond to any call of the Federal Government in time of peace or time of war, the State of Oliver P. Morton [applause], the Great War governor of Indiana, to extend a word of welcome to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their affiliated organizations.

A meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic is always an assemblage of patriots, giving inspiration for the coming generations, calling upon men and women in every walk of life to do their whole duty to the country in time of peace as you did your duty in times of war.

Many of those who participated in the Civil War, the most of them, have answered to the final roll call. In a few short years there will be no more of you among us, but long after that beautiful monument in the Circle, erected by a grateful State in memory of the brave boys of the Civil War, shall have crumbled into dust, the memory of those brave men who served the country in that great conflict will live, a priceless heritage to our people, inspiring each generation firmly to resolve that the Government for which they sacrificed so much shall not perish.

You and your comrades came to the country's aid at a time when its life was threatened. Then the Nation was divided against itself. The war threatened to break the country into two discordant parts, a prey to any designing foreign power that might desire to set one against the other. Now, as the result of that war, the United States is an assured fact, a great, strong, free Nation, North and South, willing, as shown by the World War, to make whatever sacrifice may be necessary that the Nation might live with dignity and honor, and discharge its full duty to the other free nations of the world.

A defeat of the Union cause in the Civil War would have set back the cause of liberty for centuries. Instead of a great, strong,

united nation, we might easily have become a hopeless aggregation of jealous States, so that when the call of humanity came in the World War we would not have been able to have answered.

When the cause of the rebellion was checked on the field of Gettysburg, the Union Army was not only dealing a death blow to slavocracy, but was also preserving for the future a great Nation which was to deliver the death blow to the Prussian spirit of world domination. Had you lost then, there would have been no Government of the United States of America to-day. Liberty would have been a byword, and disloyalty and disunion would have been the tenets of faith. For your sacrifices and your heroism the hearts of the American people and the civilized world go out to you in gratitude to-day.

Generation after generation appear upon the stage of action in our country, play their parts, and go their way. The ability of one generation to do its full duty depends upon how the preceding generation did its duty. The soul and the spirit of the Nation is made up of the contribution of the men and women in every age, who have not failed when the country called, whether in times of peace or in times of war. Measured by that standard, what a priceless heritage is ours to-day!

There speaks to us across the intervening years the memories of Bunker Hill, of Valley Forge, of Yorktown, of Chickamauga, of Gettysburg, of Antietam, and the Wilderness, of San Juan and El Caney, of Chateau Thierry, and the Argonne, calling to the men and the women of to-day to dedicate their lives to the great cause of civil and religious liberty, and see to it that the institutions of our country shall not fail because of any lack of service and sacrifice upon the part of her citizenship. [Applause.]

To see to it that the principles of the American Constitution, under which we have developed a civilization unequaled in the world, is protected against the assaults of internationalism from within or without. [Applause.]

The precious heritage of American liberty and freedom of action, established by our Revolutionary ancestors, and preserved by the blood of our soldiers, is too vital a thing to be bartered away for the prospect of an experimental journey into any untried Utopian field. [Great applause.]

Again and again, I bid you welcome. We are glad to have you with us. It is an honor and a rare privilege to entertain you. Your presence here, awakening the memories of days gone by, will strengthen the soul and spirit of Indiana, and when you leave us there will remain in our midst spiritual forces that will make Indiana a better, a truer, and a nobler State. [Applause.]

May we not hope that you will carry back to your own States nothing but the most pleasant recollections of your stay among us, and that all the good that comes to us from your presence here may return unto you many, many, fold. [Applause.]

(The next number was music by the band.)

The Chairman. Ladies and gentlemen, when I was appointed chairman of the citizens' committee I knew that I would love the work, and I now find myself in the position of the orphan child who took sick with a contagious disease in an orphan's home and had to be removed to a private family. When the child recovered

the nurse said, "Come, Dolly, let's go back to the home." And the child cried and sobbed and said, "Please don't take me back to the home. Please don't take me back." And the nurse said, "Why"? "Because here auntie kisses me good night, and they don't kiss me at the home." And I am in the same position as that child. I don't like to go back to my routine work, because this has been a great work for a great cause, and all I can say is "God bless the Grand Army of the Republic and all that it stands for." [Applause.]

You have heard greetings from the State of Indiana. Now we will have a message of welcome from one of Indiana's veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am sure the next speaker needs no introduction to an Indianapolis audience or to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. With great pride do I present to you Judge Robert W. McBride, of Indianapolis, commander of the department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Hon. Robert W. McBride. As the chairman of the citizens' committee has said to you, the work of entertaining this national encampment has been a work of love. It is but little over two months and a half ago that the work was undertaken. As soon as we knew that it might be possible to obtain this encampment and the word went out, among others, to our governor, to our mayor, to the heads of our commercial institutions, the response from every direction was prompt and emphatic: "Invite them, by all means, and while we will have to do in two and a half months the work that other cities have taken a year in which to do, we will do it." [Applause.]

The work has been one of love. It has not been done, however, by the men of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was our boys, to most of whom the War of the Rebellion is only history. Our mayor, our governor, don't know much about it from personal recollection, and I am certain that the chairman of this committee and the heads of nearly every other committee know nothing about it except as a matter of history. And yet they have gone into the work enthusiastically and promptly.

I think I could give you some of the reasons why Indiana and Indianapolis have been thus so prompt, so earnest, and so sincere in wishing to have you come among them. I am a believer not only in national but in local patriotism. I don't think much of the man who doesn't stand up for his State, his city, as well as for his country. [Applause.] And there are some things about Indiana's history that will explain why the people of Indianapolis and the people of Indiana were so ready and so eager to have you come among them.

Indiana was admitted to the family of States in 1816, and she immediately took a boy to raise—a 7-year-old boy from Kentucky. She kept him for 14 years, nurtured him, brought him to manhood, and when he was full 21 years of age, 6 feet 4 inches in height, and of mental and moral stature that is immeasurable, Indiana presented to Illinois and the Nation and the world the greatest of all Americans—Abraham Lincoln. [Great applause].

Abraham Lincoln is credited to Illinois, is claimed by Kentucky, but, as I have said, he left Kentucky a boy 7 years old, and the 14 years he spent in Indiana between 7 and 21 are the years that made character, and it was Lincoln, the man, that left Indiana and became the common property of the world. [Applause.]

There are some other things about the history of Indiana that I think it might be worth while to recall at this time. When Lincoln called upon the men of the North to rally to the defense of the Union, Indiana gave to the Nation that greatest of all the war governors of that wonderful time, Oliver P. Morton. [Applause.] [A comrade: "How about John A. Andrew?"] [Another comrade: "We had a good one over in Iowa, too."]

There were good war governors in many States, but Oliver P. Morton towered head and shoulders above all of them. What Indiana did in the way of furnishing men to help save this Nation you may know if you read the record on the monument over here in the Circle.

It was an Indiana man who first died on the field of battle in the Civil War over in West Virginia. It was an Indiana man who laid down his life in the last battle of the war. The last man to die was a man from this State. [Applause.] And in the Great War overseas the first man to die in battle was an Indiana boy, Gresham, of Evansville. And the first shot that was fired from a cannon was fired by an Indiana boy, Sergeant Archer, of South Bend.

Now, the governor, I think, would have referred to some of these things except for the fact that he is a native-born Hoosier; and one of the facts that all the world knows is the modesty of the native-born Hoosier. [Laughter.] It is proper enough for me to say these things because I am only an adopted son of Indiana. True, I was adopted some 54 years ago, and it is for that reason that I take pride in Indiana's record.

There are some things that are very interesting in connection with Indiana's record. When Lee started on his retreat from Petersburg and reached Appomattox he found an Indiana man in command of a division of infantry in line of battle across his path, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Foster, popularly known in Indianapolis as "Sandy" Foster, one of the most prominent generals developed in the Civil War.

You have all read the story of Chateau Thierry. I believe the governor referred to it. How when the general officer who was commanding the American troops stepped into the breach and undertook to stem the tide of German militarism, the French officer explained to him that he was only expected to hold the line as long as he could and then to fall back and they would cover his retreat. The general said: "Retreat! Why, we are just beginning to advance." And they did advance, and their advance never stopped until it swept through the Argonne woods and to victory. [Applause.] And that general was an Indiana boy, reared over here in our neighboring county of Henry.

Indiana has had many things in that way to be proud of, but there are some things in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. Why, the Grand Army of the Republic was born here in Indianapolis in 1866. Its first annual encampment was held here. The ritual was written by a man from Illinois, but here the first encampment was held, and that same general, Robert S. Foster, was its first junior vice commander in chief.

Now, commander in chief, heads of the allied organizations, and comrades who are here present, in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Indiana I bid you welcome to this,

your homecoming to the place where your organization was born. [Applause.] You have always had a warm place in our hearts. Come into our homes; make yourselves at home; and when you go away, go away expecting to come back here in 27 years to another national encampment. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. We will now be favored with a selection from the band, "Hail to the Chief."

(The selection was played by the band.)

Ladies and gentlemen, I take great pleasure in introducing Col. G. A. Hosley, chief of staff.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army, and members of the allied organizations, citizens of Indianapolis, it was with extreme pleasure that I listened to the introductory remarks by Judge McBride, department commander of Indiana. It almost made me wish I had been born in Indiana. I am sure if I had been consulted about the matter I would have been born here in Indiana. [Applause.] Unfortunately, I was not.

Now, I have a pleasant duty to perform here. It is one of the duties that I came to Indianapolis to perform. It is a duty that I have performed for the last five years, and I take more pleasure as each year comes around on its orbit in doing my part in this little matter.

The Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic did not seek this office. It was thrust upon him, unfortunately, by the death of him who was elected commander in chief at Columbus, Ohio. But since he came into this office he has worked gloriously for the good of the order. No commander in chief who has ever held that office has worked more sincerely, more generously, given his time more conscientiously in the performance of his duty than Dan Hall, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

You all know the unfortunate circumstances of our changing our encampment—fortunately for you people of Indianapolis—from Atlantic City to this city. In a short time the work you have performed, Mr. Chairman and your citizens, has been marvelous. It is shown by the grand welcome here to-night of the citizens in welcoming these boys. The commander in chief in his hard work and strenuous work has succeeded in getting a 1 cent a mile rate. You comrades will realize, and you ladies of the allied organizations, the work that has devolved upon him and his committee in securing this rate to you. Without any further remarks I am going to call on Commander in Chief Hall to stand up and face me. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief, I take great pleasure in presenting this diamond badge to you. It is raised by contributions of your official family and your aids-de-camp. These friends who are true friends to you wished to have you wear it, not for the intrinsic value of this gift, but for the love that accompanies it, and they wish you to cherish it as long as you live. I take great pleasure in presenting it to you, Commander in Chief Hall. [Applause.]

Comrades of the Grand Army, ladies of the Relief Corps and allied organizations, Army nurses, citizens, and all—Daniel M. Hall, commander in chief.

Commander in Chief DANIEL M. HALL, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Chairman, Comrade Hosley, Gov. Goodrich, comrades, and friends. I expected to say a few words in response to the warm words of

welcome that we have received, but Comrade Hosley has scared my speech entirely away. I want to say to Comrade Hosley and to the aids and friends who have so generously contributed to this badge, that I shall prize it probably higher than any other gift I have ever received, coming as it does from those whom I love best outside of my own family—the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.] As he has said, I shall prize it, not entirely for its beauty, for it is beautiful; not on acocunt of its value, although it may be valuable; but on account of the love in the hearts of those that gave it, and as I look upon it I shall remember you, my comrades, who have donated so generously for this badge, and always have a pleasant memory of you, my dear comrades.

We have received, my comrades, a warm welcome into this city. As we rolled into this city on the trains and came in sight of it, we saw Old Glory floating from the house tops. When we saw it we knew that we were welcome. When we alighted from the trains and saw the smiles upon the faces of the comrades and the people of this city, we knew we were welcome. When the glad hand was reached out to us, we knew we were welcome. And to-night we have received these warm words of welcome from Gov. Goodrich and from Judge McBride, our beloved comrade, and we know we are welcome. We are glad, Mr. Governor, we are glad, Department Commander of Indiana, that we are in this city. We are pleased to be here in the patriotic State of Indiana, and those of us that were in the war are old enough to remember that great governor of this State, the war governor as he was called, Oliver P. Morton.

We are glad to come to this State. Indiana is a patriotic State. Indianapolis is the hotbed of patriotism, and I think it certainly will be this week. You have more patriotic people in your city to-day and this week than you have ever had before since its existence. These men, gentlemen, that you see before you to-night were boys a little more than half a century ago, when that greatest of all American citizens, President Lincoln, called for 75,000 troops.

Oh, I wish I could make these young people, these people born since the war, feel something of that thrill that went through the hearts of these old boys—young boys then—when that first gun was fired on Fort Sumter. From the time that Burgoyne and Cornwallis laid down their arms before Washington, from the date that Washington established a government in this country, while we had had wars, we had wars that called for patriotism and called for sacrifice, but never till then had we had a war that threatened the life of the Nation. The people of this Nation had always been patriotic, but that partiotism had lain dormant until the life of the Nation was threatened, and then patriotism became a passion.

These young men went to the recruiting offices and instead of 75,000, twice that number offered their services to defend the old flag and preserve the Nation. The Government was uprepared for war. They were poorly armed, with old muskets that had been laid away for years and years, but they were rushed to the front.

It is hardly worth while for me to go to any extent over the results of the war. The first awful battle of Bull Run was disastrous to us. Hardly drilled at all, poorly armed! But from Bull Run to Appomattox, over a period of more than four long years, you marched

and tramped and fought, and along that long trail that lasted for four long years you left behind you, buried in shallow graves, approximately 100,000 of your comrades. Add to that the number that died from disease and were starved to death in those rebel hell-holes, and 400,000 precious lives were sacrificed that we might have one country under one flag—I would to God it was one country, one flag, and *one language*.

But you marched, and camped, and fought, and at Appomattox you conquered. You came home. A certain class of people in the North was very much worried for fear you would all become bandits and outlaws, and there were terrible things said about what would happen. But this great army melted away into citizenship.

You paid off—maybe these people, some of them, don't know what we got for standing in line of battle to be shot at. At first, $11 a month; later on, $13; and when we were discharged the maximum was $16 a month. And that money was worth 40 cents on the dollar, $6.40 in gold. And you didn't kick about it, either.

You went to work. You didn't look for a job the hardest part of which would be to draw your salary. These men, when they came home from the Army, were the backbone of the Nation. We found our mothers, our sisters, working in the harvest fields, and we took their places.

They went into the shops, they went into the stores, they went onto the farms, they went West, and kept going West. During the last few months I have gone across the wide prairie States; States that had no citizens, no men to send into the Army in the sixties, have large departments of the Grand Army of the Republic to-day. It was the soldiers, the Civil War veterans, that went West and set up the western empire, that turned those prairie States into gardens. The Dakotas, that raise the wheat for the bread to feed half the world to-day, were settled largely by Civil War veterans and their descendents.

In 1862 my regiment was sent down through Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, inhabited then by Indians, wild animals, and a few rattlesnakes, now one of the wealthiest States of this Union, and a large Department of the Grand Army of the Republic there. [Applause.] It was the men who fought the war to the finish who came home and made this country what it is to-day. I will have to be careful or I will take too much of your time. There are some eloquent speakers here, and there are half a dozen of them to come after me. I just want to repeat what I said, when I got up, to these men that have given us such a warm welcome. We thank you for this hearty welcome. We knew and I knew I had to take the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic away from Atlantic City, and I stated the situation to four or five of the large cities in the Middle West—but a telegram came from Indianapolis: "The governor, the mayor, the president of the chamber of commerce, and of the business men's association, and the department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic ask you to come to Indianapolis."

I called my executive committee of the council of administration together and I sent word to Judge McBride to come to Columbus. We went over the situation and canceled our contract with Atlantic City, they saying that they could not entertain us without the ap-

propriation made by the legislature, which was not available. We canceled the contract, and Judge McBride arose, and as he has talked to you to-night, he talked to us and told us to come to Indianapolis and we would be welcome, they would take care of us, and the unanimous vote of that committee was to come. We are here to-night, my comrades. We are here to-night, fellow citizens, and we are glad we are here. [Applause.] And from the bottom of my heart and in behalf of the 103,000 members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you for this welcome—for this cordial welcome.

The CHAIRMAN. The city of Indianapolis is represented by a fellow citizen, who is 100 per cent American. Mayor Jewett reminds me of the story of the man who could not get into a club because he was not for America first. Mayor Jewett is not for America first. Mayor Jewett is for America first, second, and last. [Applause.] Mayor Jewett coined a sentence during the last war in one of his addresses which I can never forget. He said: "How wonderful it is to live under a flag that never trailed in the dust of defeat." I take pleasure in introducing the mayor of the city of Indianapolis, Hon. Charles W. Jewett.

Mayor CHARLES W. JEWETT. Mr. Chairman, honored guests, Gov. Goodrich, ladies, and gentlemen, the train upon which our house guests for this occasion were to arrive was due to arrive here at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Since that time Mrs. Jewett and I have been lingering at the Union Station until 7.45, thus my delay in arriving at the beginning of this meeting, for which I apologize.

There is no word, my friends, of welcome which I might extend to you which would be sufficient to express the gratitude of the citizens of this great city upon your presence here. Seldom, if ever, has Indianapolis been more highly honored than it is by the presence of the Grand Army of the Republic and the societies affiliated with that great patriotic organization. [Applause.]

We are living to-day in a new world. Our great Republic has came down to this hour rich in wealth, mighty in influence, and the entire world to-day has its eye on the American Republic. [Applause.] It stands the brilliant example in all history of a great people governed by their own consent. There is not a nation in all the world like America. I like to think of the things that distinguish this great American Republic from the other peoples of the world.

We are peculiarly constituted. We have drawn our citizenship from every race and every nationality in all of the world. It has not been the vagabond that has come here as our forefather. It was not the derelict of Europe that pioneered this great country of ours. It was the man of purpose, the man of ambition, the man whose character and whose worth spoke of an ambition that he held in his breast as sacred to him for the welfare of himself and his future and the future of his family that brought him to America.

It takes a great deal of courage, my friends, for a man away over there, three or four thousand miles away, to take his little wife by the hand and his small infant children, to wrap all of their earthly possessions into a red tablecloth and tie the four corners together, swing it over his shoulder, and start thousands of miles away to the west to a land that he knows nothing of, filled with strangers, but

only in his mind the single purpose and ambition that the great freedom of this country, the great liberty, and the great justice of this free America means to him and to his greater and more blessed opportunities. It takes a man of character and of sterling worth to come from those distant lands with that noble purpose in view, to pioneer his career and his own life in a country like ours. That is the kind of stock that our forefathers came from. [Applause.]

And after they had been here into the second generation they knew no foreign traits. They left the prejudices of the Old World behind them, and their sons and daughters had been melted into the great citizenship of this Republic, and they stand to-day, and their offspring, as the most stalwart human beings with the most noble purposes that men can have anywhere in the entire world. [Applause.]

We are peculiarly constituted as a people. We have taken from every nationality and every race the best elements of character, the best elements of manhood, and welded them into one great common Americanism, and that has been the process of the last 150 years. We know the history of our great country. We know the trials and the tribulations and the hardships of our forefathers. We know from reading our history that this great Nation of people was not made as if by magic. It is the culmination of an ideal. It is the last accomplishment of a purpose, and it has been carried out by the best type of manhood and womanhood.

We have just gone through probably the greatest crisis that the world has even known in the Great World War. America was not so favorably thought of as a great power before that war. We had been isolated upon this continent. Most of our difficulties had been among ourselves. We fought the Revolutionary War, declared and established our independence. We fought the War of 1812, established our rights upon the high seas. We repulsed Mexico in 1845, and then came the great Civil War, testing whether, as Abraham Lincoln said, "This Government so constituted and so endowed could live." And then the Spanish-American War.

But in the World War, in which armies were measured, not by the hundreds of thousands, but by the millions—by the millions—with France with 7,500,000 men in uniform, England an equal amount, and Italy only a trifle less, with 5,500,000; with every means of warfare that could be devised in play; with all of the scientific inventions of the past 50 years centered into the implements and the machinery of scientific destruction—why, little had we thought of warfare in the light it was shown to be in 1914 to 1917. It was not the same kind of war that you men knew. There wasn't the romance and the chivalry in it that we read about in history. It was scientific, modern destruction, inspired by the most military autocratic Government that ever existed on the face of the earth—the German Imperial Government. And, my friends, their preparation for destruction led to a revolutionary stage of warfare, and we were called upon to cope with that kind of an enemy that dared stoop to the meanest trick in order to destroy human life and win a certain target or prospective.

It was the greatest trial, probably, that this Nation will ever have, and one big, significant thing impressed itself upon me during that great crisis that we were called upon to face. It was this: I never

fully realized until then the great accomplishment of the soldiers of the Civil War. Think what it would have meant if in the sixties this American Republic had gone to pieces. Think what it would have meant to-day to the progress of Christianity and of the civilized world if, instead of having a united Republic, a Union of States, strong, mighty, great in its power, in its potentiality, and in its influence, this Nation had lost the struggle of the Civil War.

What would it have meant to future generations? Almost as certainly as we are present here to-night victory would have been delayed and maybe never accomplished, because we know that poor, bleeding France had been bled white on the battle fields of Flanders and the eastern front, and we know that England, with her stubborn tenacity, was giving way and breaking before the onslaught of the German murderers when the American soldiery came to the rescue with the balance of power that preserved and saved the liberties of the world, with the balance of power that brought home the victory for those ideals and those principles that our forefathers fought to establish here and you veterans of the Civil War fought to preserve in this Union. [Applause.]

So, my friends, not only is this great Republic that has made such phenomenal progress during the past 70 years grateful to you men, but the entire world is grateful to the men who saved the American Union that it might come down to the year 1917 and be the great factor in saving the liberties of the civilized world for generations to come. So, my friends, to-night, upon the opening of this your encampment, may I bid each of you a hearty, sincere welcome on behalf of the city of Indianapolis? You will find in our citizenry no more patriotic people in all the United States. Their loyalty can not be excelled, and we pride ourselves upon Hoosier hospitality. [Applause.]

If it were necessary in this city I would present each and every one of you with a key that would unlock every hidden recess that we possess. But I assure you that upon this occasion there is nothing locked to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.] It is all open. The city is yours. We want you to enjoy it to the utmost of your capacity, and if there is anything that you want that you don't see that we can legally give to you we certainly will procure it. [Great applause.]

(Mrs. Arnold Spencer, of Indianapolis, then sang "Marching Through Georgia," which was heartily applauded.)

The CHAIRMAN. Who are nearest to the hearts of the Grand Army of the Republic? The Army nurses. Who went on the battle fields at the call of their country? The Army nurses, who are now held in love, honor, and devotion! The Army nurses, God bless them, one and all. We are now privileged to hear greetings from Mrs. Alice Cary Risley, national president of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

Mrs. ALICE CARY RISLEY, of Jefferson City, Mo. Mr. Chairman and our comrades, fifty-eight years ago when you were boys and we were girls, never in our wildest imagination could we have pictured our meeting here to-night. Yet 104 Army nurses, members of the National Association of Army Nurses, send you hearty greetings, fragrant of the memory of those old, old days. There are many nurses

who are not members of the association who would gladly join me in these greetings if they knew anything about it.

No organization can come closer to you than the Army nurses. There is a bond of comradeship between us which will endure until the end of time. When I say the end of time, I speak advisedly, for when you cross over, if you are in need of an Army nurse, you will find her right there. We are just as loyal to you to-day as we were in the days of 1861 to 1865.

Now, I did all my work in the sixties. These other people are going to tell you what they have done since. So I haven't anything to brag about since 1867.

I understand that the Thirty-fourth Indiana was made up in or near Indianapolis. I am an honorary member of the Thirty-fourth Indiana for my services in the hospitals and convalescent camps in New Orleans. If there are any of the Thirty-fourth Indiana or the Eighteenth Indiana, Col. Washburn's regiment, I would be glad to have them call on me at the Claypool Hotel.

Again, I extend you hearty greetings from the Army Nurses' Association.

The CHAIRMAN. Response to the greetings of Mrs. Risley will be made by that well-known past commander in chief, Corpl. James Tanner. I regret to advise you that Corpl. Tanner is not here.

We will now have greetings from the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, and with pleasure do I present Mrs. Abbie Lynch.

Mrs. ABBIE LYNCH, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, members of the allied organizations, and friends, I think perhaps no greater honor can ever come to me than to stand before you this evening as the representative head of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and bring to that organization the greetings of 194,000 loyal women. Our object has been always—service. We have determined again that we can in no better way do honor to these comrades of ours than to teach the youth of our land to be 100 per cent American. And so, as we have done in the past, we propose to do in the future.

Our order is growing steadily. We have devoted our service to those men who gave so much for us, and we shall continue to do so always. It has been said we are all travelers in this world, and he is a fortunate voyager who finds a friend, and fortunate, indeed, is he who finds many.

So, Commander in Chief, in order to prove to you in a substantial way that the Grand Army of the Republic has many friends in this organization, I desire to present to you in the name of the National Woman's Relief Corps this check for $1,000, and we trust that you may find it in some degree useful.

Mrs. Risley, national president of the Army Nurses' Association, the Woman's Relief Corps are very near to those angels of mercy who served our comrades on the battle field, and we feel that we can not do too much for them. And so the Woman's Relief Corps present you this check for $100 to help you have a good time. [Applause.] I thank you.

Commander in Chief DANIEL M. HALL. Mrs. Lynch, I want to say to you in behalf of 103,000 Grand Army men that we fully appre-

ciate your generosity and the great good that we have received from you, not only to-night by this check for $1,000, but I want to say to you people that the fact that we have a permanent fund upon which we can draw in our old age is largely due to those loyal women of the Relief Corps who have come to us year after year, many and many times, with a check for $1,000 and sometimes $2,000, that we might not as an organization come to want. [Applause.]

So I know I speak the sentiment of every Grand Army man in all this broad land when I say that we fully appreciate the noble work of the ladies of the Relief Corps, our auxiliary, and we thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Response to the greetings of Mrs. Lynch will be given by a well-known past commander in chief, Hon. W. J. Patterson.

Past Commander in Chief W. J. PATTERSON, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman and comrades: I came in during the eloquent address of Judge McBride. He spoke of all the great men of Indiana, and I agree with him that Indiana has a great many great men. But we must remember that there are representatives here to do honor to this occasion from 47 other great States of the Union, and I am here to-night particularly to say a word about Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Abbie Lynch, the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, is of Pennsylvania, and she is loved by every member of the Grand Army of the Republic in that State, and we all appreciate the noble work that the Woman's Relief Corps have accomplished for the Grand Army of the Republic. All the members of Pennsylvania already know her and love her, and I know that all the members of the organization of the Relief Corps, as well as the members of the Grand Army of the Republic from all parts of the country, love her. [Applause.]

I, personally, highly appreciate the privilege of saying a word on this occasion for the noble work she has accomplished in behalf of that organization in assisting the Grand Army of the Republic in such a substantial way as has been evidenced by the gift of this evening. Mrs. Lynch, I thank you heartily for your generous representation of your organization in presenting this check. [Applause.]

(Mrs. Arnold Spencer, of Indianapolis, then sang Tenting on the Old Camp Ground.)

The CHAIRMAN. I am going to request that the audience remain seated while the speakers have the floor. We will now have greetings from the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary.

Mrs. LILLIAN CLARK CARY, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, of Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, members of the patriotic allied organizations, and citizens of Indianapolis: We believe to-night that the heroes of the past speak to us, bringing us glad tidings for all this day holds, with its rich promises of continued prosperity and peace. No flames of battle shake our Nation with the deafening sound of death. No aching hearts, no constant prayers for safety of loved ones. All this has ceased, all but the service to our great country. We still serve the great America, greatest of all the wonders of the world, mighty, supreme, God's garden spot of hope and light and truth, wherein He sees reflected the glory of His habitation.

It is my great pleasure, as the national president of that great patriotic order of women, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, to bring you greetings to-night. This great order of women is caring for these veterans and their wives or their widows. They have erected homes in many different States of the Union where the widows of these veterans live in comfort and in peace. But this great patriotic order of women is not only planning for the present needs—they expect to transmit this order with increasing usefulness and power to their descendants, thus perpetuating the glorious record and the magnificent valor of the Union soldier. [Applause.]

Irrespective of creed or religious sentiment, they are promoting loyalty in the hearts of the children, and they deem this among the highest obligations of life. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are kin to the finest specimens of soldiery that ever listened to the marching call of the Nation, the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

This great army, as we have heard to-night from these beautiful tributes, suffered and fought under the scorching rays of a southern sun. They marched in countless numbers to the sea or scaled the heights of mountains, and all around them was the sound of murderous artillery, reminding them that lives must be sacrificed in order that the Nation might live. And the dying utterance of the Union soldier, "My country, 'tis of thee," is the grandest oration of patriotism that ever fell from human lips.

The progress of this great army has not been interrupted for a little more than half a century, and now after the destruction of slavery and the preservation of the Union we behold the promised day of jubilee. But, patriotic citizens, this day would never have dawned for us if the Grand Army of the Republic had not fought out the problems on the southern battle fields.

Out of this Civil War and all of the other wars there has arisen a real liberty that defies any nation upon the face of the earth to dare to trample upon its sanctity. The Grand Army of the Republic are now pitching their tents by the silent river. But they are not passing into the silent city of the dead. They are passing into the mausoleum of human hearts to be enshrined there throughout all eternity.

I am proud to-night to say to you that I am a daughter of one of these veterans. [Applause.] And though these long and many years my father has been sleeping his long and dreamless sleep he still speaks to me from the Great Beyond to carry the message of love to his comrades and tell the story of how they saved the flag.

Against the skies Old Glory flies;
It never looked so bright;
And now it seems as though it gleams
With a calm and even light.

And from on high it greets the eye,
It grips the heart somehow;
Though it has passed through struggles vast,
Its proudest hour is now.

[Applause.]

The Chairman. We are now to be favored with greetings from the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, Mrs. Clara Gilchrist Yengling.

Mrs. Clara Gilchrist Yengling (national president of the Daughters of Veterans, Cleveland, Ohio). Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Hall, Your Excellency the Governor, Mr. Mayor, members of the patriotic allied orders and of the Grand Army of the Republic, and citizens of Indiana: For this whole-souled and royal welcome you have given to our fathers I bring you the profound gratitude of their daughters, and for this great brain power and patriotic fervor expressed by and through this wonderful program for the week we tender you our thanks.

We are proud to proclaim to the world we are the direct descendants of the brave men who fought for all that Old Glory represents in her proud position of never having known defeat. And we are proud of our fathers, for they have demonstrated the brotherhood of man in carrying to a successful issue the greatest and grandest patriotic organization in existence, the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is my great pleasure and privilege to-night to represent the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans and, Commander in Chief Hall, in this silver casket you will find our annual contribution to the Grand Army of the Republic permanent fund. You will find a check for $600. And to you, Commander, we are giving the silver casket, believing that as you look upon its shining surface in the years to come you will have tender and pleasing memories of the year when you were commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And to your dear wife [Mrs. Hall called to the front of the platform], these flowers in all their beauty and fragrance carry our message of love.

Mrs. Daniel M. Hall. I dearly love flowers, but the one thing I love more is the grand old soldiers.

Mrs. Yengling. And to our dear Army nurses we also have a little token. This is our first meeting; we have been corresponding all the year through. Mrs. Risley, it would be hard for me to express to you the love and reverence that we have for you and the association that you represent in this token. This check for $100, we give it to you. [Applause.] It carries with it our undying gratitude to the brave women who cared for our fathers on the battle fields in the war of 1861–1865.

Comrades, one and all, God bless you, and may the direct descendants of the Union veterans of the Civil War, the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, be worthy of the recognition given them because their fathers saved the Union and laid the foundation for the democracy of America. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall. Mrs. Yengling, these good things are coming so thick and fast to-night that I hardly know what to say. But in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, the greatest organization of any kind in existence in the world to-day, I want to thank you and through you the organization you represent, the Daughters of Veterans, for your generous gift. If there is anyone in the wide world a man should love more than his own wife it should be his own daughter, and, comrades, we should think more of the Daughters of Veterans than anyone else because they are our descendants, our flesh and blood.

And so we say to you, Mrs. Yengling, that from the bottom of our hearts we thank you for this generous, this noble gift.

I have met Mrs. Yengling many times during the year at department encampments. I have heard her eloquent words and known of her great and noble work for the order she represents and for the Grand Army of the Republic. We haven't quarreled any, even if she is red-headed. We have got along all right. She says I always have to say something about that red hair.

Mrs. Yengling. I will tell you, he is my grandfather's comrade, and he can call me names if he wants to.

Commander in Chief Hall. I know she is good-natured, and so I say just what I have a mind to about her. But I know that it is not only my thanks, but I know that I represent and I speak the feelings of every Grand Army man here when I say to this lady, and through her to her organization, "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

The Chairman. Your chairman understood that Hon. David J. Palmer was not here to-night, but I have since learned he is, and I am going to ask him to respond to the greetings of Mrs. Cary, who is president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander in Chief David J. Palmer, of Iowa. Mr. Chairman, over in our country we had a young man that thought he was calculated to go to Congress. He prepared a maiden speech, hired the hall himself, and gave out the date and hour. A great audience gathered, and he took his young wife with him down and seated her and told her, "When this is over I will find you and we will go home together." He made his speech—quite awhile at it—got out, got his wife, and started home. They walked several blocks, not a word said. Finally he said, "Jane, how did I get along with that speech?" "Why, George, you did first rate, but you didn't observe your opportunities." "Opportunities! What do you mean by that?" "You had several opportunities to quit before you did."

My speech is just like a bologna sausage. I can cut it off any place and it won't hurt it a bit. If I were to stand here and recite all the good things that have been done by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and you would wait on me, you would not get out of here until midnight. [Applause.]

My good friend and neighbor here comes from Iowa (referring to Mrs. Cary), and it is said, "In all that is good Iowa affords the best." She is the president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic of this Union. She has been at work at that a great many years, along the line of work done by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the works and deeds that have been done are simply without number. They are numberless. They are always busy, always at it, and always seem to have their eye on the flag of the Union, and that is worth a lot to any young man or young woman, or old one either.

How did these boys do when they came home? Did they lose sight of the flag? They went out into western Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, and others of these States that hadn't any inhabitants scarcely. There they built up communities second to none in the world around for reputation. How did that come? Because they had their eye on the flag all the time. [Applause.] That is what makes loyal boys and loyal girls, to keep the flag in sight and call their attention to what it means.

That is what the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have been doing for these years past, showing the flag of the Union to the boys and girls in school and out of school. That to us is something, my comrades, that we can not forget and ought not to forget. Think of that, of the women that we have in this country, uncrowned queens of America that are worth more than all the queens in the world. [Great applause.]

What makes a household is a queen in the household, one whose orders are obeyed. I have a queen over in Iowa that tells me where to head in, all right, and I always head in, too. That is what every man needs, is a queen to direct him, give him proper orders. Now, we have got this country full of queens; great uncrowned queens of America. That is worth all the world to us, and we want to care for them.

That is what these Ladies of the Grand Army have been doing for years past; that I have observed for many, many years past. They are busy all the time, all the time talking about patriotism. What is that to us—patriotism? It is all to us. That is what we want to think about, right now and from this on. Right in this country, my comrades, you know what is going on. All of you people know what is going on right in our country here. Why are those depredations going on? It is because somebody has taken their eyes away from the flag. They have forgotten what freedom is, and we want to put them in mind of it; and these Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are helping to do that, and we stand by them with all the might and main we have, and this country will still be "the land of the free and the home of the brave." [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. Response to the greetings of Mrs. Yengling will be given by another well-known past commander in chief, Hon. Washington Gardner.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER, of Michigan. Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen, I do not know why Past Commander in Chief Palmer should have waited until my girl spoke. He had a good speech to reply to in Mrs. Cary. He did not need to wait until the president of the Daughters of Veterans spoke in order to get inspiration for his speech. I wish he had gotten in where he belonged and not in my place, for I am commissioned by my comrades of the Grand Army to reciprocate the greetings of the Daughters of Veterans.

You have heard our speaker. She is just characteristic of the girls that she represents. Nothing less than $100 goes with any of them when they buy a new dress, or $500 for a new cloak, as the case may be. Those are our girls, and Mrs. Yengling has the honor to be president of the National Alliance of the Daughters of Veterans, organized, I think, in 30 of the great States of this Union, and new States are entering into the confederacy—that does not have a very pleasant sound in a Grand Army meeting—into this new union of the Daughters.

I am proud to be here and recognize this body of women in whose veins flows the blood that was made vibrant along a thousand miles of battle line where the fathers fought, and fought out to a settlement, all the great issues that were involved.

Mrs. Yengling, 90 out of every 100 that Lincoln called to the colors are on the Other Side. A bare 10 per cent remain. Soon

these will be gone. But your organization will remain. The Nation will remain. Your work will remain. The Daughters of the Veterans of the Civil War along the line of succeeding generations will hold up the standard around which their sires rallied in the great strife. We can pass on, feeling secure that in their hands and those whom they will influence the country will be safe.

God bless the Daughters of Veterans, and may they live a thousand years in their organization and perpetuate this mighty Republic until it shall lead out all the world unto the high plane which our fathers sought when they founded it. [Applause.]

(The band then played "On the Banks of the Wabash.")

The CHAIRMAN. We will now have greetings from the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America by Hon. Harry D. Sisson, commander in chief.

HARRY D. SISSON, of Pittsfield, Mass. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, and comrades—a few of you: It is a distinguished privilege, I assure you, to stand before you at this time and bring to you the greetings of your sons. It has been a remarkable experience in the year to have been associated with the Grand Army of the Republic and its representatives. Early in the year it was your misfortune to lose your commander in chief, the man of your choice of last year. Early in the year it was your fortune, none the less, to find Dan Hall, and you have had a commander in chief who was a commander in chief in deed as well as in name. [Applause.]

It has been a pleasure to serve with him and serve him in a humble way, and I want to say to you, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, that no stronger hope animates the breasts of your boys than that the privilege of attending to the duties of Memorial Day as you would have it done shall devolve upon them during all the years to come.

I will take no more of your time, but I will assure you that the loyalty which has been set as a standard for the world by you is appreciated by your boys, and the right to extend it to future generations is a privilege which we shall prize in your memory. I thank you. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. Response to Mr. Sisson by Hon. Samuel R. Van Sant, past commander in chief.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. He has gone to bed. He always goes to bed at this time.

The CHAIRMAN. Next will be greetings from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Miss Mary Tredo, national president.

Miss MARY L. TREDO, of Paterson, N. J. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Hall, and comrades, during this past year it has been my great pleasure and privilege to have met your commander in chief on many occasions, and I am happy to say that we have had many pleasant associations and that we have always found him very courteous and very pleasant in every way. Our associations have been of the very happiest during the past year, and I am proud, as the national president of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, to bear greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic.

And in appreciation for all the courtesies shown us during the past year I have a little token that I wish to present to Commander in Chief Hall in the name of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. (Presenting $250.) I thank you.

Commander in Chief DANIEL M. HALL. It seems that once more I have to acknowledge a gift from another of our allied organizations, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, an organization of which the Grand Army is proud. It has been doing a great work along the line of patriotism. I have met the president at many of the department encampments in the year that has past and gone, and our association has been very pleasant, indeed. I thank you in behalf of all the members of the Grand Army of the Republic for your gift.

The CHAIRMAN. Response to Miss Tredo by Hon. John R. King, past commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING, of Maryland. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Hall, comrades, ladies, and gentlemen, Comrade McBride, in his wonderful talk about the first things and the first men of Indiana, forgot one thing—that is, that they had the tallest man in the Army. I knew Tom Buskirk. He was 10 feet 6½ inches tall, and he told me he had a sister that could stand flat-footed and lick salt off the top of his head. I just wanted to add that to Indiana's greatness.

Miss Tredo, you represent an organization that will outlive the Grand Army of the Republic, and I know that the work of your organization in the past will continue long after we have gone. Your work along the line of patriotism will live. But there are new duties and new responsibilities that have come to the women of this land in the last few weeks. You have now been panoplied with citizenship true and great, a favor that has been too long deferred. And I know that as citizens of the United States your auxiliary will continue to preach patriotism and to teach it to the children. You will teach them to vote as their fathers shot. You will teach the coming generation to honor the flag. That old flag shall stand alone, not entwined with any other flag on the face of the earth. [Applause.] It shall stand at the forefront. That flag shall stand alone in the high heavens, unstained with dishonor. And, thank God, it has never gone down to defeat.

(The audience then sang "America," after which the benediction was pronounced by Chaplain in Chief W. W. Gist, of Iowa, and at 10.10 p. m. the meeting closed.)

THE GRAND PARADE.

The following accounts of the parade held on Wednesday, September 22, 1920, are taken from the Indianapolis daily papers:

[News, Sept. 22, 1920.]

With firm tread 15,000 veterans of the Civil War marched in parade Wednesday before thousands of cheering spectators, bringing to a climax the fifty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Marching tunes of the Civil War were played all along the line. For more than two hours the column marched past the reviewing stand on the south lawn of the statehouse, on which were national officials of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Indianapolis was host to a huge crowd present to witness the parade. Grand Army of the Republic officials and members of the citizens' encampment committee estimated that 100,000 visitors were in the city. Police officials said they had never had such a large crowd to handle in the downtown district. The spectators numbered from 75,000 to 90,000, according to estimates by police officials.

TOO HOT FOR MANY VETERANS.

The temperature of 85° was too hot for scores of the veterans, who were cared for at first aid stations along the line of march. Several mild heat prostrations were reported, but only five of the veterans were taken to hospitals. The majority, who were taken care of at first aid stations, however, were able to leave after a few minutes rest.

Starting at Pennsylvania and New York Streets, the veterans marched west to Meridian Street, south around the Circle to East Market Street, east to Pennsylvania Street, south to Washington Street, and west to Senate Avenue, where the parade disbanded.

PERSONS IN REVIEWING STAND.

Squads of motor cycle and mounted police kept the streets open. Promptly at 10 o'clock, a signal of three cannon shots started the column marching. Forty-five minutes later, automobiles containing William H. McDonald, of Columbus, Ohio, and John Little, of Pittsburgh, bearing Old Glory and the national Grand Army of the Republic colors drew up before the reviewing stand. Daniel M. Hall, commander in chief, was in an automobile following. The three took their places in the reviewing stand, where they were greeted by Governor and Mrs. Goodrich and Mayor and Mrs. Jewett.

Then past the stand came the marchers. Harry B. Smith, adjutant general of Indiana, grand marshal of the parade, and his aids, were first. As they passed the commander in chief and colors in the stand they came to a salute. George A. Hosley, of Boston, chief of staff of the Grand Army of the Republic, followed on horseback. An escort to the commander in chief composed of members of the Sons of Veterans, with Edward Amies, of Altoona, Pa., chief of staff, Regular Army soldiers, and aids of the commander in chief followed. The aids took places in the stand. Hundreds of Sons of Veterans were in line. As they passed the stand they saluted and cheered for the veterans. Many drum corps were in the parade.

OHIO DETACHMENT CHEERED.

Cheer after cheer rose from the spectators as the Old Guard of Ohio, under arms, with one of the best drum corps of the parade, passed by the stand. Veterans of the Old Guard carried rifles with bayonets fixed. Their commander, William Miller, of Columbus, Ohio, presented saber and the veterans executed eyes right as they passed the reviewing stand.

As the first divisions of the parade arrived, a battery of moving-picture cameras opposite the reviewing stand clicked. The Eighty-first Field Artillery band, stationed at Camp Knox, Ky., and a drum corps of the National Association of Civil War Musicians, headed the first division of veterans.

First in the division came Illinos with hundreds of men in line. E. N. Armstrong, of Peoria, Ill., department commander, was at the head of his department. The U. S. Grant Post and the George H. Thomas Post, two of the oldest posts of Chicago, marched with their own bands.

COLORED MEN IN LINE.

John Brown Post, of Chicago, composed of colored veterans, with Willis Hickman, commander, received a rousing cheer. Despite their march of nearly a mile over hot pavements, they still had strength to cheer their commander in chief. Old Glory Post, of Chicago, carried a banner on which were a number of 1920 campaign cartoons.

Following Illinois came Wisconsin, led by a fife and drum corps. Behind these units were Pennsylvania veterans. Their band, playing "Marching Through Georgia," evoked round after round of cheers that almost drowned the music. The old soldiers all along the line took up the tune and for blocks they could be heard singing the chorus.

Frankfort (Pa.) veterans carried a banner boasting that their town gave more men to the Union Army than any other town of its size in the Union.

FORMER SLAVES IN LINE.

Two of the unusual characters in the parade came just behind the Pennsylvania veterans. They were both former slaves. Charles Wyatt, of New Orleans, the first, was wearing the uniform he wore in the war, and the other, Harry Johnson, of Danville, Ill., was wearing the Navy uniform he wore in the war. Each is 90 years old.

The drum corps of the Brooklyn Post, Daughters of Veterans, of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Indianapolis Newsboys' Band were at the head of the Ohio Department. David Stambaugh, a veteran of Mansfield, Ohio, dressed in colonial costume worn by his revolutionary ancestors, was in the line. Among the prominent men in the Ohio contingent was Dr. George T. Harding, father of Warren G. Harding, Republican candidate for President, marching at the side of Judge Louis B. Ewbank.

New York veterans called out the old "left, left," as they passed the stand. In succession came the departments of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maine, California and Nevada, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, and the Potomac, or the District of Columbia. In this column was the central division Jackies' Band, led by Drum Major Binckley.

"RED NECKTIE" DIVISION.

"Maryland, My Maryland," was the tune to which veterans of that State marched. The battle flag of the Custer "Red Necktie" cavalry division, with a cannon cast in memory of Gen. Custer, were in the care of the "Red Necktie" veterans.

Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming, and Kansas veterans, wearing big sunflowers, followed in line. A Kansas fife and drum corps played "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." Delaware came next, and then Minnesota veterans carrying a big flag, on which spectators tossed coins.

By this time it was evident that the strain of waiting on the hot asphalt streets and marching along the mile-long line of the parade was beginning to be felt. Boy Scouts appeared from somewhere with pails of cold water.

Departments of Missouri, Oregon, Kentucky, West Virginia, South Dakota, Washington and Alaska, Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi, Florida, Texas, Idaho, Arizona, Georgia, Alabama, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Utah, and naval veterans quickly marched by.

HOOSIER VETERANS PASS.

Then came the Hoosier veterans. It was estimated more than 1,000 were in line. At their head was Robert W. McBride, of Indianapolis, department commander. In the second line was W. A. Ketcham, of Indianapolis, candidate for the office of commander in chief.

At the rear came automobiles carrying veterans too feeble to march. They received their share of cheers.

Ten minutes after 1 o'clock the last man marched past the reviewing stand.

"It was a great parade," Commander Hall said, holding his righ arm to give it a rest from responding to so many salutes. "I think we had as many in line as we had last year at Columbus."

GIRLS DISTRIBUTE FLOWERS.

As the column swung into the southeast sector of Monument Circle they were greeted by a group of Indianapolis school girls, who scattered flowers in the path of the marchers. These girls, wearing white, ran back and forth among the veterans, handing a bouquet to some, placing flowers in the coat lapels, cartridge belts, or rifle barrels of others.

The tribute of these school girls seemed to please the veterans. From time to time when the parade halted temporarily some soldier would gather the girls about him and lead them in singing, "Marching Through Georgia," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and other patriotic songs.

Efforts of Boy Scouts at this place in the line of march were also greatly appreciated. The Boy Scouts went among the veterans with buckets of water and paper cups and handed drinking water to those that desired it.

A large American flag supported by two box kites several hundred feet above the ground drew cheers from the old soldiers as they swung around the circle.

[Indiana Daily Times, Sept. 22, 1920.]

More than 15,000 veterans of the Civil War marched again to-day behind the flag they fought to protect and kept step to the same tunes that stirred them in the days of 1861.

It was the big day of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the veterans, most of them wearing their cherished blue, stepped briskly, despite their age, between crowds of thousands upon thousands of the younger generations who did them honor.

The parade was one of the longest and one of the most stirring of any that ever passed through the streets of Indianapolis, and required three hours to pass.

The long line formed at Pennsylvania and New York Streets and moved promptly at 10 o'clock, moving west in New York Street to Meridian Street, south to the Monument Circle, around the circle to East Market Street, east on Market Street to Pennsylvania Street, south in Pennsylvania Street to Washington Street, and west in Washington Street to Senate Avenue.

The parade was reviewed from a stand on the south side of the statehouse lawn by Daniel M. Hall, commander in chief of the G. A. R., and his staff.

The lines were handled by Adjt. Gen. Harry B. Smith and a corps of aids, who headed the procession.

The space in front of the reviewing stand where Gov. James P. Goodrich and Mayor Jewett with Commander Hall viewed the parade was like a magic carpet to the veterans.

"Heads up, chest out," cried the leaders as they passed the reviewing stand.

The command was obeyed to a man.

Many a white-haired veteran straightened his aged shoulders and his step became sprightly as he marched before his beloved commander.

He dreamed of the days gone by and his dreams were rewarded.

Every veteran was a boy again as he received the salute from the aged commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It was three hours of the greatest picture of a glorious past ever revealed in Indianapolis.

The commander in chief arrived at the reviewing stand at 10.45 o'clock.

The commander in chief raised his hat in answer to salutes.

The mighty spectacle was on.

George A. Hosley, of Boston, Mass., chief of staff, appeared mounted on a splendid horse and saluted.

Then swung into line the patriotic Altoona band.

With the weight of 80 years on his shoulders, Mark Cheeney, of Jamestown, Pa., straightened up and saluted his chief.

Marching proudly at the head of the New Jersey department of the G. A. R. was George Binckley, the strutting cock-o'-the-walk of the central division Navy recruiting band, of Chicago.

These lads received a tremendous ovation as they marched before the admiring eyes of the commander of the G. A. R.

Never had A. Moravec, bandmaster of the Navy band, and the mascot of the band, Master Maxwell, 5, appeared to better advantage.

Delaware, New York, and Ohio marched in perfect time while the Ohio veterans sang a rousing Buckeye war song.

East was west when the Oregon delegation appeared carrying a large cake of ice and just behind them was the drum corps, Camp No. 26, of the Illinois division of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Hearts beat faster as the grand old men of the Old Guard of Ohio appeared with a drum corps composed of old veterans.

The veterans carried old-fashioned rifles, those used in the Civil War, decorated with flowers.

The old instruments of war are now silent, but their hearts were just as patriotic to-day as they marched past their commander as the time years back when they answered the call of President Lincoln.

Maj. Leo Rassieur, of St. Louis, and former past commander in chief, appeared and took his place in the reviewing stand.

Miss Henrietta Kahn, of this city, had the honor of driving the car which carried Maj. Rassieur past the thousands of applauding people.

Then came Cooper Post of the G. A. R. and George Allison at the age of 77, singing, "I am young at seventy-seven," and to prove it he danced a little jig to the music.

Music heralded the approach of the National Association of the Civil War Musicians, and they were headed by a woman standard-bearer and the Rockford (Ill.) post of the G. A. R. appeared singing "Marching Through Georgia."

Tramp, tramp, tramp.

And still they marched with members of the George H. Thomas Post, No. 5, of Chicago, Ill.

An old white-haired veteran with an unsteady step proudly beat an old drum which bore the notice, "A Relic of 61–65."

The echo of the past in the patriotic thump-thump brought tears to the eyes of many in the reviewing stand.

Many other posts were represented in the Illinois contribution to the parade.

BOY SCOUTS HEAD BADGER DELEGATION.

A detail of Boy Scouts, proudly headed the Wisconsin section, and a number of veterans with fife and drum thrilled the multitude with patriotic airs.

Dressed in a brilliant uniform Walker S. Clark, of Smith Center, Kans., marched in measured step.

The Pennsylvania veterans wore white trousers and white caps and blue coats, and this section was headed by a Navy drum major.

The Frankfort, Ind., delegation proudly exposed a banner which read: "Carried in the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg."

Then came the marching veterans from Royal City, Pa., and then a section of colored veterans.

The Ohio veterans wore possum tails on their hats and in the California delegation was Robert M. Green, past junior vice commander of the Department of California and Nevada of the G. A. R., who has made 27 trips from the Pacific coast State to again be with the "boys."

SECOND SECTION, HEADED BY OHIOANS.

Section 2 was headed by Addison Post, No. 151, of Ohio, and these aged men, beaming with pleasure, doffed their hats as the grand stand broke out with thundering applause.

Then came the boys of Memorial Post, of Cleveland, Ohio, marching to a stirring tune as they sang "We Are the Boys from Ohio," and back of them were members of Forsyth Post, G. A. R., of Toledo, Ohio.

A game leg, made so in the war, did not prevent H. V. Keller, of Dayton, Ohio, aged 76, from marching the entire line of march on crutches.

When he appeared many men watched intently the heroic effort to march again before his chief.

Other Ohio posts followed, and then came David Stambough, 88, of Mansfield, Ohio, dressed in silk knickerbockers, black silk stockings, a high hat, and a long-tailed coat.

As he shook his white locks in lifting his hat to the applause while stepping very high, he said, "I am the youngest one in the parade."

Playing some of the old camp-fire melodies came a little man blowing a French harp.

In the Ohio delegation was a quiet little veteran marching along with Louis Ewbank, a member of the Indiana State Supreme Court.

FATHER OF REPUBLICAN NOMINEE IN LINE.

The quiet little man with the jurist was Dr. George C. Harding, father of Warren G. Harding, the Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

The appearance of the big New York delegation was announced by a military band and was followed by Alfred E. Stacey, department commander, and his staff.

These veterans made a striking appearance in their big square formation.

Thomas Hollingsworth, 77, of Brooklyn, N. Y., walked with a youthful step, and on answering the applause of the crowds in the grand stands he raised his hat and exposed a bald head.

In perfect marching order came the members of Pierce Post, of Rochester, N. Y.

George Fairhead, a handsome man of 86 years, and neatly dressed in a new uniform, was the champion thrower of kisses to the women along the line of march.

"He has thrown away 10,000 kisses," said one of his comrades.

"His kisses have all hit their mark," responded another veteran as a woman in the reviewing stand waved Mr. Fairhead a kiss.

[Star, Sept. 23, 1920.]

Advancing line after advancing line of wrinkled faces under campaign hats or forage caps, thousands on thousands of advancing feet that can not move so quickly now as they did more than half a century ago, scores of waving battle flags, side by side with the glory of the Stars and Stripes, old rifles bedecked with flowers, shouts of greeting to this or that comrade on the side lines, and snatches of ancient battle songs in wavering voices—that was the Grand Army of the Republic, again on the march. And where, in the sixties, these men had advanced to the thunder of the enemy guns, yesterday there was only the thunder of welcoming voices of the packed thousands—100,000 at least—who lined the streets and filled every window along the line of march, and the only battery they were called upon to face was the battery of the motion-picture machines placed at vantage points along the route to catch and preserve forever the picture of the veterans on their triumphant march.

An old-time soldier parade, the one of yesterday. During the World War we thought of a military parade as one composed of line after line of figures in olive drab, marvelous fieldpieces drawn by half a dozen horses, lumbering tanks, and airplanes circling overhead.

SPECTATORS THRILLED BY SIGHT.

But the parade of the G. A. R. relied on no modern improvements to make itself impressive; it was strangely lacking in striking features—just these thousands of ancient warriors, some in uniform and some in civilian clothes—all of them marching on foot who could, and those who could not riding in flag-draped automobiles, and most of the music was coaxed from fifes to the accompaniment of rolling drums, by the veterans themselves. Yet it held the vast crowds of spectators in their places for more than two hours—brought them up cheering again and again, touched their hearts with a magic that tightened throats and brought unhidden and unbidden tears to their eyes.

"The old vets!"—and back of the words a world of veneration and honor for every man of the G. A. R., from the commander in chief, proudly erect in the reviewing stand while his command marched in review before him, to the most obscure traveler in the ranks.

No one who was near that reviewing stand will ever again be in doubt as to what the first name of the commander in chief is; he heads the list under the name of Daniel M. Hall, and he was an impressive figure, as, in full uniform and surrounded by his staff, he stood on the rose-decked reviewing stand. But did the old veterans pass stiffly by, "eyes right," hand at salute, in silence? The eyes were turned to the right, and veined hands touched hat brims or cap visors, but countless calls were heard—

"Hi there, Dan—" "What's the matter with Dan'l?" "Glad to see y', Dan," and the commander was busy nodding recognition.

William H. MacDonald, of Columbus, Ohio, and John Little, of Pittsburgh, national color bearers, took their places in the reviewing stand with Commander Hall. Others in the stand were Corpl. James Tanner, of Washington;

Judge Ell Torrance, of Minneapolis; Leo. Rassieur, of St. Louis; and Orlando A. Somers, of Kokomo, all past commanders in chief; Cola D. R. Stowits, of Buffalo, quartermaster general; Joseph W. O'Neal, adjutant general; and Henry Gibson, of Delphi, Ind.; Andrew Houghton, of Boston; T. D. Nelson, of Ishpeming, Mich.; Jerome Brown, of Bedford Hills, N. Y.; and Robert T. Sedam, of St. Lawrence, S. Dak., aides de camp on the staff of the commander

HALL AN IMPRESSIVE FIGURE.

The vanguard of the parade—a platoon of mounted police and Grand Marshal Harry B. Smith and staff—arrived abreast the reviewing stand about 10.30 o'clock. Shortly afterwards two gorgeous automobiles drew up at the curb, the car of Commander in Chief Hall, a vast bouquet on wheels, the entire body of the car hidden beneath masses of gladioli, lilies, and ferns, with waving flags. A brief halt ensued while the officers mounted to the stand with Mayor Jewett and other civil and military officials.

Then suddenly the parade was passing. Company after company of Civil War veterans, marching four abreast, with a sprinkling of the Sons of Veterans and an occasional glimpse of olive-drab uniform. Few of these, though, for this was the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, their parade and their day, and the uniforms were the faded blue, when uniforms were worn.

The Altoona city band passed, and a contingent of old veterans from Ohio, telling the world that they were from Ohio as they passed the stand. And yonder—who goes there? Who but Mark Chaney, of Jamestown, Pa., only 80 years old, and quite the most gorgeous thing in the parade so far—with the possible exception of the aforesaid automobile in which Commander Hall had arrived on the scene a short time before. Mr. Chaney was arrayed in a blue uniform, belted in at the waist, with large gold epaulettes and black varnished boots; from his hat waved not only a yellow plume but flowers as well, and he carried a flag. Part of the Pennsylvania delegation followed in Mr. Chaney's wake, but not all of them.

OLD GUARD DRAWS CHEERS.

The fife and drums corps of the Department of Michigan was farther along in the line, and following a delegation of the Illinois Sons of Veterans, very brave in white trousers and blue coats and white hats. Still farther on, even before an added burst of cheers indicated that something unusual was about to heave in sight, was one of the most picturesque features of the parade, the Old Guard of Ohio, personal escort to the commander in chief, two companies of them, with the Old Guard drum corps. They were in full uniform, from caps to shoes, and marched behind their blue flag. "Keep your lines straight!" called out one veteran as the lines approached the stand, with their rifles held at port.

More and more Ohio veterans—G. A. R. Post No. 117, from Marion, Ohio—all for Harding, apparently, and glad of it, especially as farther back in the line the father of the Republican candidate for President was marching. Following the Ohio men came the National Association of Civil War Musicians Band, playing Yankee Doodle as they got within range, the biggest fife and drum corps in the whole parade, having no less than five bass drums, a dozen or more snare drums, and the same number of fifes. A splendid and inspiring racket they made as they marched by.

IMPRESSIVE FIGURES GALORE.

Impossible to pick out from these onmarching thousands any figure more striking, more filled with the dignity of valor proved, than any other figure. The white hair and beards—occasionally an empty sleeve—the frequent canes and crutches that aided the old soldiers in their march—the tunic covered with medals—who could pick out from all these thousands any one more deserving of mention than any other? Yet here and there some figure stood out even from its impressive fellows.

The Thomas Post of Chicago, an unusually large contingent, came by, bearing its big blue flag white starred, all the members decked with roses and carrying flags; Grant Post, No. 28, of Chicago, with its own fife and drum corps, its guard carrying their venerable rifles; Old Glory Post and Meade Post, also of Illinois. Old Glory Post giving its battle yell as it passed. The Kansas delegation, wearing huge sunflowers, brought a lot of extra cheers, and among

them marched W. S. Clark, of Smith Center, Kans., a replica of Kit Carson, with his long and flowing hair. "Seventy-six years old last 4th of July," panted Mr. Clark. The Pennsylvania delegation passed, all in full regalia of blue uniform and caps, with an added touch of white waistcoats and white gloves.

Charles Wyatt, of New Orleans, and Harry Johnson, of Danville, Ill., both ex-slaves and more than 90 years old, marched in the rear of the Pennsylvania delegation. Wyatt, who served as a soldier, and Johnson, who was in the Navy, wore the uniforms in which they had seen service.

BAGLEY SEES IT THROUGH.

One lonely drum and one equally solitary fife furnished the marching rhythm for Post 117, of Pittsburgh, but they made up in volume of sound what they lacked in numbers. Another contingent of Ohio veterans passed—John Bagley, of Columbus, not only wore his uniform, but toted his blanket roll as well, and his rifle. The post from Frankton, Ohio, had in its midst a member who bore aloft a giant buckeye.

An occasional veteran burst into song as he passed the stand, picking out some such standard classic as "Marching Through Georgia" or "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and trying to gather up his comrades in a chorus as he warbled. Often the crowd took up the tunes, if they happened to know them. Also, on occasion, an especially agile and sprightly veteran, overcome by the occasion, would prove that he had a lot of life left in him yet, even if he was just finishing up a parade that had covered many weary blocks, and would indulge in a special and peculiar kind of dance as he passed the stand.

The New Yorkers sent a big delegation, headed by their staff officers, in impressive array. Paul Kemmer, a bugler with the New York Department, paraded off at the left-hand side of the column, and, though he is far past 70, he bugled most of the time he was on the march. The First United States Sharpshooters passed, the contingent from Connecticut, the delegation from Massachusetts, with George Merrill, a lone drummer, doing his best to keep things going, and succeeding nobly. The Massachusetts men were all in uniform, with the gold-corded black campaign hat. New Jersey, Wisconsin, and scattering veterans from Montana and Minnesota were in line. Heading the California and Nevada Departments was a fife and drum corps playing "Dixie."

ANCIENT STANDARD BEARER.

W. H. Gladding, 78 years old, accompanied by his small grandson, was the flag bearer for the Rhode Island Department, and carried the heavy banner without a tremor. The men from Vermont wore sprigs of green in their wide-brimmed hats; one fife and one drum headed the Department of the Potomac from Washington. A terrific detonation rent the air as the Maryland Division drew near—but it was no bomb explosion—only the little brass Custer cannon set off by its personal cannoneer, Joseph Trax. A fife, snare drum, and bass drum, all operated by veteran power, heralded the fact that Farragut Post, of Lincoln, Nebr., was among those present.

O. D. Mosher, chief of staff of the Michigan Department, rode a horse—one of the few veterans to show any equestrian prowess—his steed prancing at the head of his delegation, and followed by a goodly fife and drum corps—ten drums and half a dozen fifes.

"Corn and hay—corn and hay—we're the boys from Ioway!" announced the Iowa delegation as it arrived at the stand, aided and abetted by another fife and drum corps. Where are all these fifes and drums hidden, anyway, in the times between encampments? You can hear most any kind of instrument you want to hear, and a great many you don't want to hear, at any hour of the day or night, but it seems to take a G. A. R. encampment to bring the fifes and snare drums out of their winter quarters.

THE CHICKEN SCREAMS.

"The same old chicken!" hollered—yes, hollered is the word—G. W. Williams, of Montezuma, Iowa, holding aloft a rumpled and unhappy fowl, a veteran in its own right. Mr. Williams appears at every encampment, always provided with a chicken. He says this is the same chicken.

W. A. Gorman Post, No. 13, evidently not a superstitious crowd, of Duluth, Minn., carried an immense American flag, a score or so of veterans holding it by the edges. The St. Louis delegation boasted only one drummer, but one drummer, given his head and a pair of drumsticks, can provide marching music for a regiment. Kentucky, West Virginia, South Dakota, Arkansas, all had delegations; so did Washington and Alaska; and the Southern States, such as Misssissippi, Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee, were well represented. Last of all the marching veterans came the Indiana delegations—hundreds and hundreds of them, almost every city and town in the State represented.

A group of Indianapolis school girls, dressed in white, strewed flowers in the path of the veterans as they rounded the southeast sector of Monument Circle. The girls made their way along the line placing flowers in the coat lapels and the cartridge belts of the veterans.

As the marching columns swung down Washington Street a shower of confetti, hastily torn sheets of paper, floated from the windows of office buildings, glistening in the sun like huge snow crystals, and clinging to the blue coats as they settled upon venerable shoulders.

The ranks of the Department of Indiana, headed by Robert W. McBride, of Indianapolis, department commander, contained more than 1,000 veterans, it was estimated. W. A. Ketcham, of this city, candidate for the office of commander in chief, marched in the second rank of the Indiana veterans. The Nebraska delegation, with its fifer and drummer, followed immediately after the Maryland Department. The Nebraska veterans were led by the Rev. Harmon Bross, of Lincoln, assistant adjutant general.

Last of all came the flag-draped automobiles that carried the veterans on whom the added weight of years lies too heavily to permit them to participate in even the shortest of marches—the old soldiers looking out at the crowd, seeking friendly faces and finding that every face was friendly.

So passed the veterans, and so passed the day of their glory, under skies of almost cloudless blue, with the breezes fluttering the myriad flags that waved from poles and cornices, and with the spirit that they fought for more than half a century ago awakened in the hearts of the spectators.

A great day for the old soldiers—their day. One that has surely proved to them that they have not been forgotten and that the Nation still accords them all honor and reverence.

[News, editorial page, Sept. 22, 1920.]

THE BOYS ARE MARCHING.

On May 24 and 25, 1865, a grand review of veterans of the Civil War was held in Washington. Sixty-five thousand men, in the prime of life, marched past their commanders and the highest Government officials. In that grand review there was a note of gladness and a note of sadness. There was rejoicing that the great civil conflict had come to an end, that the Union had been preserved, and that the Stars and Stripes remained the flag of the country. There was sadness that Abraham Lincoln had fallen by the hand of an assassin.

To-day, more than fifty-five years after, the survivors of the Rebellion marched in Indianapolis again. To-day there was the sound of the old-time tramp, tramp, tramp to the inspiring strains of martial music. There comes to mind that old song these veterans know so well:

In the battle front we stood,
When their fiercest charge they made,
And they swept us off, a hundred men or more;
But before we reached their lines,
They were beaten back dismayed,
And we heard the cry of victory o'er and o'er.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching! Once more there are present gladness and sadness. Gladness that they have been spared, that they could take part in their annual encampment; sadness that the lines are thinning and that some of them falter as they strive to keep step with the drum beat. Twenty-seven years ago there was a similar parade of Civil War veterans in Indianapolis, the closing spectacle of a national Grand Army encampment. In a few years more, people said, the survivors would be gone. Never again would Indianapolis see such a parade. Yet Indianapolis did see such a parade to-day. It saw men, under the weight of over quarter a century more, straighten their backs and step out to the stirring music of fife and drum. In spirit they were as young as when they marched in the grand review or the former national encampment in Indianapolis.

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TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Columbus, Ohio, September 12, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.

I. Having been elected commander in chief by the Fifty-third National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established at 12 Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y., where all official communications will be addressed to the adjutant general.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant general: Isidore Isaacs, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Quartermaster general: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general: William A. Ketcham, Indianapolis, Ind.
Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records: J. Henry Holcomb, Philadelphia, Pa.

IV. Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

JAMES D. BELL,
Commander in Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2. } HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, *Brooklyn, N. Y., October 25, 1919.*

I. At the Fifty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Columbus, Ohio, September 7 to 13, 1919, the following-named comrades were duly elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief: James D. Bell, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Senior vice commander in chief: Dan M. Hall, Columbus, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief: Charles B. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.
Surgeon general: Stephen I. Brown, Knox, Ind.
Chaplain in chief: William W. Gist, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

National council of administration:
Alabama: Manoah Bostick, Birmingham.
Arizona: E. S. Godfrey, Cookstown, N. J.
Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.
California and Nevada: W. H. Noll, Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming: O. S. Reed, Pueblo.
Connecticut: Harry L. Beach, Hartford.
Delaware: Henry W. Hancock, Wilmington.
Florida: Silas Cooke, St. Cloud.
Georgia and South Carolina: G. E. Whitman, Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho: G. F. Kimery, Boise.
Illinois: John B. Inman, Springfield.
Indiana: David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.
Iowa: J. W. Willett, Tama.
Kansas: G. F. Pendarvis, Parsons.
Kentucky: Americus Whedon, Washington, D. C.
Louisiana and Mississippi: E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La.
Maine: Edwin Riley, Livermore Falls.
Massachusetts: W. A. Wetherbee, Newton.
Maryland: John A. Thompson, Baltimore.
Michigan: H. A. Chapin, Lansing.
Minnesota: Philip G. Woodward, Anoka.
Missouri: John M. Williams, California.
Montana: George H. Taylor, Helena.
Nebraska: John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.
New Hampshire: John R. Emerson, Dumbarton.
New Jersey: William O. Allen, Newark.
New Mexico: John Greenwald, Socorro.
New York: George A. Price, Brooklyn.
North Dakota: Pat. H. Cummings, Fargo.
Ohio: John C. Roland, Cleveland.
Oklahoma: F. A. Brown, Shawnee.
Oregon: A. W. Gowan, Burns.
Pennsylvania: J. Andrew Wilt, Towanda.
Potomac: John Middleton, Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island: John A. Medbery, East Providence.
South Dakota: T. C. De Jean, Plankinton.
Tennessee: Newton Hacker, Jonesboro.
Texas: H. W. Nye, Fort Worth.
Utah: H. W. Charter, Sandy.
Vermont: James Cummings, Orwell.
Virginia and North Carolina: H. W. Weiss, Emporia, Va.
Washington and Alaska: F. H. Hurd, Seattle, Wash.
West Virginia: E. A. Billingslea, Fairmont.
Wisconsin: H. R. Bird, Madison.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief are hereby announced:

Adjutant general: Isidore Isaacs, New York, N. Y.
Quartermaster general: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general: William A. Ketcham, Indianapolis, Ind.
Inspector general: James C. Taylor, Newark, N. J.
National patriotic instructor: Hosea W. Rood, Madison, Wis.
Assistant adjutant general: George A. Newman, Des Moines, Iowa.
Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records: J. Henry Holcomb, Philadelphia, Pa.
Chief of staff: George A. Hosley, Boston, Mass.
Senior aid-de-camp: Thomas J. McConekey, Brooklyn, N. Y.

III. At a meeting of the national council of administration held at the Hotel Deshler, Columbus, Ohio, September 12, 1919, it was voted that the executive committee of the national council of administration should consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and seven members to be appointed by the commander in chief from the national council of administration. In accordance with this action the following-named comrades are hereby appointed members of the executive committee:

George A. Price, Brooklyn, N. Y.
John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill.
Philip G. Woodward, Anoka, Minn.
J. W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.
J. Andrew Wilt, Towanda, Pa.
W. A. Wetherbee, Newton, Mass.
Americus Whedon, Louisville, Ky.

IV. Official headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established at 302 Temple Bar Annex, 186 Remson Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

V. Comrade W. J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected to succeed himself as trustee of the permanent fund, for a term of three years.

VI. Comrade Manoah Bostick, member of the national council of administration from the department of Alabama, having died at his home in Birmingham, Ala., September 26, the commander of the department of Alabama has appointed Comrade George F. Jackson, Birmingham, Ala., to fill the vacancy, and his appointment is hereby confirmed.

VII. All requisitions for suppiles, etc., with remittances therefor, must be sent direct to the quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, 877 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to him as quartermaster general. All remittances of less than $5 must be sent in post-office money orders. At the end of each month the quartermaster general will render to these headquarters a report of his receipts and expenditures.

VIII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to these headquarters notice of the death of any permanent member of the national encampment, in their respective departments, with brief sketch of military and Grand Army service, that it may be published in general orders.

IX. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send all department general orders to these headquarters, and immediately on receipt of these orders will send to the adjutant general a copy of the department roster and journal of the last department encampment.

X. The commander in chief is desirous of visiting as many of the department encampments as possible, and in order that he may arrange for visitations as early as possible, department commanders are requested to notify these headquarters immediately as to the location of their next department encampment, and the date, if it has been fixed.

XI. Comrades are advised that requests for an opinion or an appeal from the decision of a department commander must be made to the commander in chief through department headquarters. The judge advocate general can render an opinion only to the commander in chief, and will be obliged to return all requests sent to him out of the regular channels.

XII. Department commanders are requested to forward to these headquarters as soon as possible the names of comrades whom they desire to recommend for

appointment as aid-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief. They are requested to give the full name of the comrades recommended, their post number, and post-office address, so that notice of appointment may be sent them promptly.

The official badge for aids-de-camp is as follows: Rank strap, silver eagle on black-enamel field, ribbon composed of the flag, with buff border.

Following the custom of previous administrations, every aid-de-camp will be required to pay $1 for his badge and commission, which will cover the cost of badge, commission, and engrossing, and the necessary printing and postage. On receipt of acceptance of appointment and remittance, the names of comrades thus accepting will be published in general orders.

Comrades appointed aids-de-camp will be expected to be active and energetic in the interests of the order. It is hoped that they will give especial attention to recruiting and to aiding weak posts. They are requested to report to the chief of staff at the end of the year the result of their endeavors.

XIII. On the nomination of the inspector general, assistant inspectors general will be appointed by the commander in chief. They will report to the inspector general by letter and will be advised by him as to the duties of their office.

XIV. General Orders No. 1, which were issued at Columbus, Ohio, to department headquarters only, will not be issued to posts, as the information contained therein is incorporated in these orders.

XV. The following committees are hereby appointed:

Committee on legislation:

Orlando A. Somers, Kokomo, Ind., *chairman.*
Charles C. Royce, Washington, D. C.
Samuel Fallows, Chicago, Ill.
A. E. Sholes, Flushing, N. Y.
J. G. Chambers, Portland, Oreg.

Committee on rules and regulations and ritual:

Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn., *chairman.*
Charles G. Burton, Portland, Oreg.
R. A. Parker, Detroit, Mich.
John R. King, Baltimore, Md.
J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.

Committee on Gettyusburg peace monument:

Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn., *chairman.*
John E. Gilman, Boston, Mass.
James Tanner, Washington, D. C.
Elias R. Monfort, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.
Levi G. McCauley, West Chester, Pa.
David Beem, Spencer, Ind.
George W. Martin, Brookfield, Me.
L. L. Cadwell, Decorah, Iowa.
John B. Banderob, Oshkosh, Wis.
George Breck, New York, N. Y.
Thomas H. Brown, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Thomas H. Hopkins, Washington, D. C.
William H. Harries, Minneapolis, Minn.
E. L. Hawk, Sacramento, Calif.

XVI. In accordance with the action of the national encampment, the following committee is appointed to obtain a testimonial for Past Commander in Chief Clarendon E. Adams:

Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn., *chairman.*
George A. Price, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Albert M. Trimble, Lincoln, Nebr.

XVII. In his address to the Fifty-third National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, Commander in Chief Adams recommended a federation of all societies composed of soldiers of all wars, and concerning this recommendation the encampment adopted the following report of the committee on the commander in chief's address:

As to the recommendation that proper resolutions be drawn and a committee be appointed looking toward the formation of a patriotic federation of all the soldier organizations of all wars, your committee favor the recommendation, provided that such federation will fully preserve the integrity of our organization and the qualifications for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic as the same now exist, and does not mean a consolidation of all patriotic societies into one body by which the Grand Army of the Republic would lose its distinction as an organization of soldiers, sailors, and marines of the War of the Rebellion, who saved the Union, or its highly honorable distinction as a patriotic society by its more than 50 years of service in time of peace in the upbuilding of patriotism and loyalty in the hearts of our people.

We realize that however desirable it may be to form such a federation, that every step should be carefully considered and the whole plan laid before this organization for its approval before the decisive step is taken, and as that is impossible at this encampment, owing to the limited time at its disposal for the consideration of the matter,

We recommend that a committee of five be appointed by the incoming commander in chief, of which Clarendon E. Adams shall be chairman, to consider this subject and report upon the same at the next National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In accordance with the above action the following comrades are appointed a committee to consider such federation:

Clarendon E. Adams, Omaha, Nebr., *chairman.*
Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.
Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn.
Washington Gardner, Albion, Mich.
W. S. Matthews, Columbus, Ohio.

The encampment provided for the appointment of a committee to consider the subject, but did not provide for any traveling expenses for said committee, and in view of that fact the commander in chief will decline to approve of any such expense.

XVIII. Further decisions of the Fifty-third National Encampment will be announced as soon as transcript of proceedings is received. The transcript was shipped us by express from Des Moines, but as the employees of the American Railway Express are on strike, we deem it best not to defer publication of general orders until receipt of the transcript.

XIX. The commander in chief desires to express at this time to the members of the Fifty-third National Encampment and to all of the membership of our order, his deep appreciation of his unanimous election to the office of commander in chief. He regards it as the highest honor that could be conferred upon him, and will always bear in remembrance everyone who directly or indirectly contributed to it.

By command of—

JAMES D. BELL,
Commander in Chief.

Official:
ISIDORE ISAACS,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade MANOAH BOSTICK, member of the National Council of Administration from the Department of Alabama and past commander of the department, died at his home in Birmingham, Ala., September 26, 1919, aged 79 years. Comrade Bostick enlisted August 9, 1862, in Company B, One hundred and twenty-second Illinois Infantry, was commissioned captain of the company and served until the close of the war. He was elected department commander in 1895.

Comrade AMOS HART EVANS, past commander of the Department of Iowa, died at his home in Keokuk, Iowa, July 25, 1919, aged 79 years. Comrade Evans enlisted as a private in Company D, Third New Jersey Militia Infantry, at the first call for troops and was mustered in April 24, 1861, to serve three months. He was discharged July 31, 1861, and on September 23, 1861, he reenlisted for three years in Company F, Ninth New Jersey Infantry. In November, 1864, he reenlisted again as a veteran volunteer in the same regiment. He was finally discharged July 12, 1865. In October, 1864, he was commissioned captain. Comrade Evans was elected department commander in 1897.

Comrade DANA C. SHERMAN, past commander of the Department of Oregon, died in his home in Salem, Oreg., September 24, 1919, aged 71 years. Comrade Sherman enlisted in 1862, at the age of 14 years, in the Forty-eighth Massachusetts Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He later served three years in the Eighth United States Cavalry as sergeant. He was elected department commander in 1896.

Comrade REUBEN T. LEAVITT, past commander of the Department of New Hampshire, died at his home in Pittsfield, N. H., September 12, 1919, aged 79 years. Comrade Leavitt enlisted in Company F. Twelfth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, September 5, 1862, was severely wounded at Chancellorsville, and was discharged for disability November 21, 1863. He was elected department commander in 1916.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3. } HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, *Brooklyn, N. Y., November 4, 1919.*

I. With great sorrow I announce the death of my predecessor, Comrade James D. Bell, on November 1, 1919, after an illness of a few days. The news came to me, as I know it will to all the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, as a great shock.

A few weeks ago when Comrade Bell was elected commander in chief he had many plans for the good of the organization, and we all looked forward to a year of great activity for the Grand Army of the Republic. His sudden muster out only serves to remind us of the uncertainty of life.

Comrades, let us close ranks and let the bonds of fraternity, charity, and loyalty unite us the more closely in our bereavement.

To the stricken widow and the daughters and the son the members of the Grand Army of the Republic extend their tender sympathy. May "He who doeth all things well" comfort them.

II. Having been installed commander in chief by Past Commander in Chief Alfred B. Beers, I hereby assume command.

III. National headquarters will be transferred to Memorial Hall, Columbus, Ohio, as soon as the business affairs of the organization can be closed in Brooklyn, N. Y. Immediately on the opening of the headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, general orders will be issued.

By command of—

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 1, Series 1919–20. } HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, *Columbus, Ohio, November 19, 1919.*

I. All officers and committees appointed in General Orders, No. 2, Series 1919–20, dated October 25, 1919, are hereby relieved from duty.

II. The following officers are hereby appointed:

Adjutant general: Joseph W. O'Neall, Columbus, Ohio.
Quartermaster General: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Assistant quartermaster general: J. Henry Holcomb, Philadelphia, Pa.
Judge advocate general: William A. Ketcham, Indianapolis, Ind.

III. Further appointments and decisions of the Fifty-third National Encampment will be announced in General Orders, No. 4.

By command of—

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief.

General Orders, No. 4, Series of 1919–20.

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, *Columbus, Ohio, December 10, 1919.*

I. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief are hereby made:

Inspector general: James C. Taylor, Newark, N. J.
National patriotic instructor: Hosea W. Rood, Madison, Wis.
Assistant adjutant general: W. S. Matthews, Columbus, Ohio.
Chief of staff: George A. Hosley, Boston, Mass.
Senior aid-de-camp: Thomas J. McConkey, Brooklyn, N. Y.

They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

II. The executive committee of the national council of administration will be constituted as follows:

Daniel M. Hall, commander in chief.
Charles B. Wilson, senior vice commander in chief.
Joseph W. O'Neall, adjutant general.
Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general.
George A. Price, Brooklyn, N. Y.
John C. Roland, Cleveland, Ohio.
John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill.
Philip G. Woodward, Anoka, Minn.
J. W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.
J. Andrew Wilt, Towanda, Pa.
Harry L. Beach, Hartford, Conn.

III. Comrade Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y., is appointed a trustee of the permanent fund, vice James D. Bell, deceased, and will serve until the next national encampment.

IV. The following committees are hereby appointed:

Committee on legislation:
Washington Gardner, Albion, Mich., *chairman.*
Orlando A. Somers, Kokomo, Ind.
Charles C. Royce, Washington, D. C.
John McElroy, Washington, D. C.
J. Payson Bradley, Boston, Mass.
John L. Clem, Washington, D. C.

Committee on rules and regulations and ritual:
Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn., *chairman.*
Charles G. Burton, Portland, Oreg.
R. A. Parker, Detroit, Mich.
John R. King, Baltimore, Md.
J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.

Committee on Gettysburg peace monument:
Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn., *chairman.*
John E. Gilman, Boston, Mass.
James Tanner, Washington, D. C.
Elias R. Monfort, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.
Levi G. McCauley, West Chester, Pa.
David Beem, Spencer, Ind.
George W. Martin, Brookfield, Me.
L. L. Cadwell, Decorah, Iowa.
John B. Banderob, Oshkosh, Wis.
George Breck, New York, N. Y.
Thomas H. Brown, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Thomas S. Hopkins, Washington, D. C.
William H. Harries, Minneapolis, Minn.
E. L. Hawk, Sacramento, Calif.

Committee to obtain testimonial for Past Commander in Chief Adams:
Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn., *chairman.*
George A. Price, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Albert M. Trimble, Lincoln, Nebr.

Committee to consider federation of all soldier organizations:
Clarendon E. Adams, Omaha, Nebr., *chairman.*
Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.
Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn.
Washington Gardner, Albion, Mich.
W. S. Matthews, Columbus, Ohio.

V. The following resolutions were adopted by the Fifty-third National Encampment:

1. A resolution indorsing the Fuller pension bill.
2. A resolution that the Grand Army of the Republic should have charge of the dedication of the amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery.
3. A resolution that future administrations shall take steps to protect the name "Grand Army of the Republic."
4. A resolution that steps be taken to incorporate the Grand Army of the Republic in order to protect its privileges, and that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable act of incorporation and present the same to the next national encampment.
5. A resolution of thanks to Commander in Chief Adams in appreciation of his services to the Grand Army of the Republic and to our country.
6. A resolution that the National Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Va., be returned by the War Department to the jurisdiction of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and that its former inmates be returned there immediately.
7. A resolution of thanks to President Wilson for his executive order granting leave of absence with pay to veterans of the Civil War to attend the national encampment at Columbus.
8. A resolution asking the Government to furnish granite headstones instead of marble headstones, because granite will endure and marble crumbles away.
9. A resolution indorsing H. R. 6862 (Shreve), for the repair and maintenance of the naval brig *Niagara,* Commodore Perry's flagship in the Battle of Lake Erie, and authorizing posts to write letters or send petitions to Congress through their Senators and Representatives, urging the passage of the bill.
10. A resolution indorsing the war-savings stamp campaign of the United States Treasury.
11. A resolution that the Grand Army of the Republic shall officially live so long as one comrade remains on earth.
12. A resolution favoring the monthly payment of pensions.
13. A resolution recommending that Congress make an appropriation to be added to the balance already on hand for the erection of a memorial archway at the National Park at Vicksburg.
14. A resolution protesting against the covenant for a League of Nations as now proposed as a rider to the treaty of peace.
15. A resolution of thanks to the officials and citizens of the city of Columbus and the State of Ohio for their magnificent hospitality to the "strangers within their gates."
16. A resolution that a committee be appointed to make suitable preparations for celebrating the centenary of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on April 27, 1922, with directions to report from time to time to the commander in chief and the national encampment.

VI. The committee on rules and regulations recommended that the amendment proposed by the department of Missouri, being such a radical change, should be considered by the next national encampment and should be printed in general orders fixing the date of the encampment. The proposition from Missouri is as follows:

That Chapter II, Article IV, section 4, of the rules and regulations be amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Members of disbanded posts, who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, upon written application to the assistant adjutant general of the department, shall receive from him transfer cards which shall have full force, or at the option of the applicant, his name shall be entered upon a roll to be kept by the assistant adjutant general, and known as a 'roll of comrades at large.' Comrades so enrolled shall pay dues semi-annually direct to the assistant adjutant general, of 50 cents each, payable

on the first days of January and July of each year. The department encampment shall have the right to increase the amount of such dues at any meeting by resolution duly adopted."

"If the dues of any comrade at large shall remain unpaid for more than 30 days after the same is due, he shall be notified by the assistant adjutant general that unless his dues are paid within ten days from the date of such notice he will stand suspended from the Grand Army of the Republic until all arrearages are paid. Any comrade at large whose dues remain unpaid for more than one year after the same are due shall be notified by the assistant adjutant general that unless all arrearages are paid within 30 days from the date of such notice he will be dropped from the roll and no longer be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that he can only be restored by making a written application to be approved by the department commander and the payment of one year's dues."

VII. In accordance with section 4, Article V, of these orders, the following committee is appointed to prepare and present to the next national encampment an act of incorporation:

Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind., *chairman.*
David F. Pugh, Columbus, Ohio.
John M. Williams, California, Mo.

VIII. The Fifty-fourth National Encampment will meet in Atlantic City, N. J., September 26 to October 2, 1919. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be located at the Hotel Chalfonte. The encampment committee of Atlantic City insist now, as they did in 1910, that but one national organization shall be located in any hotel, and that no department headquarters shall be located in the same hotel as the national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic. The committee claims that there are sufficient hotels to care for all the organizations and departments without crowding any of the hotels. This decision the commander in chief was reluctantly obliged to accept.

Information as to hotels, rates, etc., may be obtained from Mr. Charles P. Stine, publicity director, publicity bureau, Atlantic City, N. J.

IX. Department commanders and assistant adjutants general are reminded of the importance of forwarding their reports for the term ending December 31, 1919, with per capita tax, not later than February 1, 1920. (See Chap. V, Art. III, sec. 1, Rules and Regulations.) Checks or money orders for per capita tax ($1\frac{3}{4}$ cents per member) should be made payable to Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, but should be sent with Forms C and D to Joseph W. O'Neall, adjutant general, Memorial Building, Columbus, Ohio.

X. The commander in chief desires to express his thanks for, and appreciation of, all the letters which have come to him since his succession to the office of commander in chief promising him help and support. No one regrets more than he the circumstances which have led to his promotion, and he now calls upon his comrades to support him in everything for the good of the organization during the coming year.

XI. The commander in chief and adjutant general wish for all members of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the allied orders a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

By command of—

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief.

Official:
JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade James David Bell, commander in chief, died in office November 1, 1919, aged 74 years. Comrade Bell was born in New York City, September 29, 1845, of Welsh parentage. He was a student in the institution now known as the College of the City of New York when the Civil War started, a member of the class of 1863. October 1, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Troop B, First New York Mounted Rifles. Most of his services was in campaigns in Virginia. He was wounded in action at Zuni Ridge, November 14, 1862. On February 1, 1864, he reenlisted as a veteran volunteer at Yorktown, Va. He was captured by the Confederates and for a short time was a prisoner of war at Salisbury, N. C. He was honorably discharged from the service as first sergeant of Troop E on June 26, 1865, after three years and nine months service.

Comrade Bell was a charter member of Abel Smith First Long Island Post, organized in 1883, and has served as commander for 13 years, holding that office at the time of his death. He had served as chief mustering officer, three times as judge advocate, as senior vice department commander, and in 1914 was elected department commander of the Department of New York. He was appointed a member of the trustees of the permanent fund of the national encampment to fill a vacancy caused by death, in January, 1918, and was elected for a term of three years at the national encampment in Portland, Oreg., on August 19. While judge advocate of the Department of New York he codified the laws of the State of New York relative to the rights of the veterans and revised the code every year to agree with changes in the laws. He had been a member of the Grand Army memorial and executive committee of Brooklyn for 31 years. Comrade Bell received what he said was the greatest honor of his life in his election as commander in chief by the Fifty-third National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, September 12, 1919.

We can pay him no greater tribute than that paid in an editorial in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle the day of his death.

"Very few men ever made so strong an impression on the municipal life of Brooklyn as Col. James D. Bell, whose death is chronicled in the Eagle of today. Soldier, lawyer, history student, publicist, and politician, never shirking conflict and never seeking it, Col. Bell had a unique position in the community. His latest public service as United States attorney was short and unselfish. Washington wanted him and he accepted its offer.

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"James D. Bell was first of all a loyal man, loyal to his country, loyal to Brooklyn, loyal to his party, loyal to his friends. His name belongs to the history of the Nation, of the State, of the city. It will have a place there, undisputed and indisputable."

Commander Louis Benecke, past commander of the Department of Missouri, died at his home in Brunswick, Mo., August 29, 1919, aged 76 years. He enlisted as a private September 11, 1861, and was discharged as captain of Company I, Forty-ninth Missouri Infantry, August 2, 1865. He was a charter member of Pinhart Post, No. 268, and for the past 10 years served as its commander. He was elected department commander in 1895.

Commander Alfred Atkins, past commander of the Department of New Jersey, died at his home in Roselle Park, N. J., October 21, 1919, aged 80 years. He enlisted in 1861 in the Fifth New York Infantry, known as "Duryea Zouaves," and later was captain in Company B, Ninety-eighth New York Infantry. He was discharged from service December 30, 1864. Comrade Atkins was elected department commander in 1906 and had served as a member of the national council of administration for some years.

Comrade ANSON B. CULVER, past commander of the Department of Alabama, died at his home in Birmingham, Ala., November 15, 1919, aged 87 years. Comrade Culver enlisted August 12, 1862, in Company B, Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was elected department commander in 1908.

Comrade MARTIN A. HAYNES, past commander of the Department of New Hampshire, died at his home in Lakeport, N. H., November 29, 1919. He served three years in the Second New Hampshire Infantry and was the historian of the regiment. He was elected department commander in 1881. Comrade Haynes represented his district in Congress from 1883 to 1887. He was connected with the Internal-Revenue Department in various localities and was selected to establish that branch of the Government service in the Philippines.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn., has on its books policies issued on the lives of certain men from whom they have heard nothing for many years. It is possible, because of the age of these men, if living, that they were Civil War veterans. Following is the list:

Henry N. Carter, born May 19, 1832, insured at Westfield, Mass., in 1864.
Henry Griffin, born June 14, 1828, insured at Centralia, Ill., in 1864.
Adolphus Schmidt, born August 21, 1827, insured at Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1859.
George Turner, born September 20, 1829, insured at Utica, N. Y., in 1866.
John Wadsworth, born July 18, 1831, insured at New Sharon, Me., in 186—.
Richard Williams, born January 24, 1822, insured at Elmira, N. Y., in 1868.
Charles A. Wood, born August 10, 1824, insured at New York City in 1860.
Franklin Gibbs, born June 15, 1834, insured at West Springfield, Mass., in 1859.

Benjamin W. Loveland, supervisor of claims of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn., would like to hear from anyone who can give him any information as to the families of any of the above named.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 5.
Series of 1919–20.

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Columbus, Ohio, April 5, 1920.

MEMORIAL DAY.

(Rev. S. F. SMITH.)

Not costly domes nor marble towers,
Shall mark where friendship comes to weep;
Let clustering vines and fragrant flowers
Tell where the Nation's heroes sleep.

They rest in many a shaded vale,
By, and beneath the sounding sea;
The forest winds their requiem wail—
The glorious sons of Liberty!

Some, in the stalwart years of life;
Some, in the pride of manhood's bloom,
Unshrinking, joined the bitter strife,
Unconquered, found a soldier's tomb.

They gained what their ambition craved,
Freedom and love to all to bring;
And peace, o'er all the land they saved,
Broods, like the dove, with sheltering wing.

They merit all our hearts can give;
Our praises and our love they claim;
Long shall their precious names survive,
Held sacred by immortal fame.

Blest be the land for which they fought—
The land where Freedom's banners wave,
The land by blood and treasure bought,
Where dwell the free, where sleep the brave.

I. As May 30 this year falls on Sunday, in accordance with the rules and regulations, the preceding day shall be observed, except in States which have by legislative enactment made the succeeding day a holiday, and in such States Monday, May 31, shall be observed.

II. As provided by the forty-fifth national encampment, flags shall be placed at half-mast and bells tolled for five minutes from 12 o'clock noon at all public Grand Army exercises on Memorial Day, during which time every comrade shall remain standing uncovered.

III. The national encampment has directed that Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and Gen. Logan's Memorial Day Order shall be read as a part of the public services. The following is a copy of Past Commander in Chief Logan's Memorial Day Order:

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 11.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and those bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes?

Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander in Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

IV. The Sunday preceding Memorial Day has been observed as Memorial Sunday for many years. This year Sunday, May 23, will be observed as Memorial Sunday. Posts are urged to attend divine service on that day, accompanied by their auxiliary and allied orders.

V. Post commanders are asked to detail comrades to visit the schools the week preceding Memorial Day, at such time as may be arranged by the school authorities. The children look forward to these visits and appreciate hearing of the Civil War from the men who participated in it.

VI. Comrade Isidore Isaacs, New York City, has been elected by the national council of administration as junior vice commander in chief to succeed Comrade Charles B. Wilson, who became senior vice commander in chief at the death of Commander in Chief Bell.

VII. Department commanders, who have not done so, are asked to immediately send to Comrade James C. Taylor, inspector general, Newark, N. J., their nomination for assistant inspector general.

VIII. Assistant adjutants general are asked to send immediately the name and address of their department chaplain to Comrade W. W. Gist, chaplain in chief, Cedar Falls, Iowa; the name and address of their department medical director to Comrade Stephen I. Brown, surgeon general, Knox, Ind.; and the name and address of their department patriotic instructor to Comrade Hosea W. Rood, national patriotic instructor, State Capitol, Madison, Wis.

IX. Comrades who desire copies of the national encampment journals for the years 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, and 1918 may secure them by writing Mr. George H. Carter, clerk, Joint Committee on Printing, Washington, D. C., stating which journals they wish.

X. The Atlantic City encampment committee has prepared a list of hotels and rates for the national encampment. These lists will be shipped to each department headquarters so that a copy may be inclosed with general orders to each post. All communications with reference to the national encampment should be addressed to Mr. Charles P. Stine, secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic encampment committee, care Atlantic City Publicity Bureau, Atlantic City, N. J.

XI. We are gratified to announce the passage by the National House of Representatives of the Fuller pension bill, and we are hopeful that before these general orders reach the posts, the Senate may also have taken favorable action. Everything possible has been done by the commander in chief and adjutant general and committee on legislation to hasten and assure the passage of this bill.

XII. Saturday, May 15, the dedication of the Amphitheater at Arlington Cemetery will take place under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall, presiding. Comrades are invited to attend these services. The program has not yet been completed and comrades are advised to watch their local papers for this information.

XIII. There has recently been incorporated in the State of Vermont The Green Mountain Home, " for the purpose of founding and maintaining at Bennington, Vt., a home for the care, maintenance, education, and scientific instruction in agriculture and horticulture of the minor sons of soldiers and sailors

who have served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America or in the Army or Navy of any of its European Allies, and thereafter for the like care, maintenance, education, and scientific instruction of the lineal male descendants of such sons." It is expected that the school will be ready for occupancy this year, and the secretary, Mr. Edward L. Bates, Bennington, Vt., writes us that the founder of the school, Mr. Edward H. Everett, formerly of Newark, Ohio, but now of Bennington, Vt., desires that the Grand Army of the Republic, through its officers shall designate the young men who shall first avail themselves of the benefits to be derived from this school. No boy shall be admitted to the school until he shall have attained the age of 13 years. Comrades who have sons or grandsons desiring to take advantage of the education to be obtained at The Green Mountain Home, should communicate with their department commander, who will make recommendations to Mr. Edward L. Bates, secretary, Bennington, Vt.

XIV. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.		
Aubrey, James M.	55	Los Angeles.
Baldwin, Albert J.	61	Chino.
Barnum, Henry P.	33	San Diego.
Barrett, T. M.	170	Glendale.
Buell, C. E.	6	Los Angeles.
Burlingame, G. M.	93	Pasadena.
Butler, Robert H.	172	San Diego.
Clark, C. Henry	170	Tujunga.
Collier, J. H.	153	National Soldiers' Home.
Crowell, Silas	93	Pasadena.
Durfee, E. C.	52	Santa Barbara.
Estes, Wm. E.	1	San Francisco.
Ficks, George W.	.....	Sacramento.
Fink, Norris A.	118	Riverside.
Griswold, George B.	55	Los Angeles.
Grumley, Edward I.	55	Do.
Hasson, D. W.	131	Buena Park.
Hogue, J. D.	188	Sawtelle.
Huddart, W. A.	88	Berkeley.
Kelsey, Sidney W.	6	Los Angeles.
Knowlton, O. V.	131	Fullerton.
Kreider, Frank L.	55	Los Angeles.
Milner, James R.	181	Long Beach.
Paul, A. B.	17	Santa Ana.
Prothero, Thomas	8	Oakland.
Savercool, W. W.	8	San Leandro.
Woodruff, Henry H.	50	Oakland.
CONNECTICUT.		
Alden, J. Everett	34	Torrington.
Bechtold, John H.	61	New Canaan.
Bellmay, W. F.	68	Thomaston.
Hotchkiss, James D.	43	Naugatuck.
McKee, James	1	Norwich.
Newell, Kilburn E.	71	Ellington.
GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.		
Brist, Fillmore M.	14	Beaufort, S. C.
Cox, Charles H.	1	Atlanta, Ga.
Ryan, P.	14	Savannah, Ga.
IDAHO.		
Anderson, Peter	4	Boise.
ILLINOIS.		
Eighme, George	91	Chicago.
Howison, George	91	Do.
Lamb, J. Walter	91	Do.
Lewis, E. R.	540	Do.
Patton, Hugh N.	45	Columbus, Ohio.
Wright, Wm. P.	91	Chicago.
INDIANA.		
Goodwin, Augustus B.	1	Terre Haute.
IOWA.		
Blades, William	78	Dubuque.
Cowles, D. B.	18	Chariton.
Fowler, James A.	79	Keosauqua.
Gast, Herman	153	Grandview.
Gibbs, E. C.	271	Villisca.
Lott, C. S.	309	Lacona.
Perrine, Henry	29	Council Bluffs.
Reeve, O. G.	81	Hampton.
Roberts, William	45	Adel.
Shepherd, T. A.	22	Sioux City.
Weston, C. B.	200	Greene.
MAINE.		
Foster, James E.	105	Bar Harbor.
Noyes, Joseph A.	148	South Paris.
MARYLAND.		
Alford, A. G.	6	Baltimore.
Comp, Adam A.	5	Cumberland.
Dean, George A.	2	Frederick.
Leasure, Emery	3	Baltimore.
McAllister, Robert A.	76	Do.
Thomas, Joshua	4	Hagerstown.
Vickers, Jacob H.	1	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS.		
Abbott, John L.	45	Magnolia.
Almeder, Chas. H.	11	Boston.
Atwood, J. Murray	35	Plymouth.
Bailey, Henry J.	22	Milford.
Bailey, Melzar C.	83	Hanover.
Balch, Hiram T.	49	Newburyport.
Benjamin, Wm. H.	81	Watertown.
Bixby, Luther W.	26	Roxbury.
Bright, Albert W.	143	Brookline.
Brookings, Samuel	49	Newburyport.
Bulfinch, George W.	5	Lynn.
Bunton, Henry S.	121	Hyde Park.
Byrne, John J.	5	Lynn.
Corey, George W.	168	Southbridge.
Crocker, E. C.	117	Medfield.
Dailey, George E.	14	Hopkinton.
Dearborn, S. B.	12	Wakefield.
Dusseault, John H.	139	Somerville.
Edgell, John D.	116	Gardner.
Flood, John	62	Newton.
Foreman, William	169	Norwood.
Frampton, Rob't L.	121	Hyde Park.
Frothingham, Ed. G.	47	Haverhill.
Giles, J. Frank	132	South Sandwich.
Gilman, Albert I.	185	Lowell.

Name.	Post.	Address.
MASSACHUSETTS—continued.		
Gray, Joshua S	74	Rockland.
Harper, John H	74	Do.
Hart, William	10	Worcester.
Heald, Alvah	53	Leominster.
Heath, Lucius E	22	Milford.
Hersey, Jason B	74	Rockland.
Holman, Alvin	53	Leominster.
Houghton, Chas. S	53	Do.
Kellogg, Harvey A	156	Everett.
King, David	15	Boston.
Larrabee, Emery E	5	Lynn.
Libbey, Eugene M	5	Do.
Mann, Ezekiel F	156	Everett.
Moore, Joseph A	45	Gloucester.
Mottau, Edward	13	Brockton.
Nickerson, Albert A	35	Chelsea.
Pearson, J. Hiram S	23	Boston.
Pierson, Edward O	87	Braintree.
Pike, Eben W	30	Cambridge.
Pratt, George W	72	Stoughton.
Prentice, Theodore P	56	Belmont.
Rollins, Elisha E	121	Hyde Park.
Rouillard, George	56	Revere.
Sanborn, Alfred G	143	Brookline.
Saunders, Henry M	19	Fitchburg.
Sawyer, John W	5	Revere.
Tappan, Alonzo L	146	Haverhill.
Tarbell, George G	195	East Pepperell.
Underwood, Nath'n C.	141	Harwich.
Weston, Richmond L.	94	Canton.
Willey, J. Otis	5	East Lynn.
Wright, Henry E	11	Somerville.
MICHIGAN.		
O'Dwyer, Cornelius	17	Detroit.
MINNESOTA.		
Coburn, George W	22	Minneapolis.
Gale, George W	119	Do.
Robinson, C. H	119	Do.
Tenney, W. P	85	Redwood Falls.
MISSOURI.		
Barnes, A. J. P	14	Joplin.
Suppan, Benjamin A.	1	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA.		
Buck, C. H	89	De Witt.
Cress, Jacob W	2	South Omaha.
Cutler, R. E	32	York.
Gage, I. P	4	Fremont.
Galley, James H	9	Columbus.
Havens, Ansel D	39	Atkinson.
Hill, M. V	20	Rising City.
Larimer, J. A	1	Kearney.
Ort, Jacob	90	Wahoo.
Paul, James N	8	St. Paul.
Ryan, George F	11	Grand Island.
Sanders, S. F	111	Holdrege.
Thomas, Griff J	60	Harvard.
Tullis, H. C	25	Lincoln.
Wilcox, Justin A	207	McCook.
Wilson, T. J	227	Chadron.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.		
Sanborn, Elijah	51	Raymond.
NEW YORK.		
Molitor, Augustus	286	Brooklyn.
McNeight, Joseph	403	Fredonia.
OHIO.		
Applegate, Andw. B	544	Milford.
Austin, Walter R	187	Cleveland.
Butt, George W	299	Covington.
OHIO—continued.		
Coale, Garrison	29	Youngstown.
Conger, J. W	187	Cleveland.
Durfey, Charles H	451	Linden Heights.
Ferrell, J. K. P	422	Uhrichsville.
Field, Joel E	219	Wellington.
Fields, William	117	Caledonia.
Fletcher, C. B	299	Covington.
Foark, Joseph	321	Hilliards.
Gough, David	303	Leesburg.
Greenwood, Walter	29	Youngstown.
Houghton, Frank H	1	Daytona, Fla.
Jay, Sidney W	15	Toledo.
King, Jabez W	15	Do.
McClay, John	592	Linden Heights.
McDonald, Wm. W	451	Columbus.
Otte, A. E	401	Cincinnati.
Payne, Thomas	1	Columbus.
Playford, George H	81	Zanesville.
Reimer, Joseph D	265	Wadsworth.
Riley, John W	369	Troy.
Sadler, John	1	Columbus.
Smith, Gustavus	446	Dayton.
Sprague, William E	29	Youngstown.
Stewart, F. R	27	Fostoria.
Stone, A. C	58	Wilmington.
Tucker, Theodore B	15	Toledo.
VanWormer, Willard	15	Do.
Wintermute, W. A	396	Mount Liberty.
OKLAHOMA.		
O'Donald, Wayne	1	Oklahoma City.
PENNSYLVANIA.		
Baish, George W	415	Mechanicsburg.
Barger, Louis F	1	Atlantic City, N. J.
Bishop, Jacob W	63	Philadelphia.
Blank, George W	23	Pottsville.
Bleichert, Anthony	42	Lebanon.
Bower, A. J	180	Uniontown.
Burkett, George W	89	Apollo.
Burns, Andrew N	88	Pittsburgh.
Charles, Henry F	407	Port Treverton.
Deacon, Howard R	2	Philadelphia.
Deininger, Chas. P	114	Do.
Ellis, Charles O	187	Carbondale.
Fisher, Daniel	167	Oil City.
Hoffman, Andrew	151	Pittsburgh.
Holtz, Joseph B	10	Philadelphia.
Leeper, John H	37	York.
Lilley, Oliver W	94	Philadelphia.
Little, John	157	Pittsburgh.
McCormick, J. Q. A	162	Do.
McCurdy, James C	77	Ardmore.
McNamee, Frank	400	Philadelphia.
Miller, Jacob	12	Do.
Ohmit, S. K	64	Williamsport.
Rhenard, Charles H	97	Wilkes-Barre.
Sailer, John V	63	Philadelphia.
Schuck, Louis	236	Pittsburgh.
Stephens, Thomas P	28	Indiana.
Strickler, Wm. J	118	Columbia.
Tait, A. J	105	Butler.
Wireman, Henry	22	Danville.
POTOMAC.		
Myers, Abram	3	Washington, D. C.
RHODE ISLAND.		
Congdon, Giles S	15	Bristol.
Hathaway, Edwin C	25	Providence.
Kent, George E	20	East Providence.
Nevins, John R	1	Providence.
Read, Charles F	17	Pawtucket.
WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.		
Street, Samuel F	1	Edmonds.

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
WISCONSIN.			WISCONSIN—con.		
Beitler, Lewis	134	Bloomington.	Hoare, James A	125	Mineral Point.
Bird, F. A	11	Madison.	Hood, N. B	24	Spring Green.
Breck, Lloyd	131	Merrill.	Lohr, Charles F	165	Hartford.
Brink, C. L	165	Hartford.	Myers, Harvey F	141	Hillsboro.
Chatterton, W. W	121	Belleville.	Parker, B. F	149	Plover.
Donlevy, James A	74	Oconto.	Sproesser, W. D	94	Watertown.
Fox, George B	197	Plainfield.	Truax, H. F	230	Kenosha.
Fuller, Wm. P	63	Westfield.	Van Mater, Andw. P.	45	Darlington.
Grow, Allen D	186	Pardeeville.	Whittier, Reuben	247	South Kaukauna.
Hallas, G. F	52	Eau Claire.	Wood, U. D	184	Black Earth.
Herbert, Henry	68	Chippewa Falls.	Sanford, J. B	142	Clear Lake.
Hill, I. B	170	Superior.	Schmidt, Carl G	18	Manitowoc.

XV. Appointment of assistant inspectors general and additional aids de camp will be announced in future general orders.

By command of—

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief.

Official:
JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade John C. Schotts, past commander of the Department of New York, died at his home in Yonkers, N. Y., August 26, 1919, aged 75 years. He enlisted April 16, 1861, in Company A, Seventeenth New York Infantry, and was discharged at New York City June 2, 1863. Comrade Schotts was elected department commander in 1894.

Comrade W. B. Todd, past commander of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina, died at the home of his sister in Greenwood, Ind., October 14, 1919, aged 75 years. He enlisted December 20, 1863, in Company L, Ninth Indiana Cavalry, as a private, and was discharged as sergeant August 28, 1865. Comrade Todd was elected department commander in 1914.

Comrade Samuel W. K. Allen, past commander of the Department of Rhode Island, died at his home in East Greenwich, R. I., December 4, 1919, aged 79 years. He enlisted as a private in the Eleventh United States Infantry November 4, 1861, and was discharged as sergeant January 19, 1863. Comrade Allen was elected department commander in 1898.

Comrade Ezra K. Parker, past commander of the Department of Rhode Island, died at his home in Providence, R. I., December 19, 1919, aged 89 years. He enlisted September 4, 1861, as private in Battery D, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, was commissioned second lieutenant and then first lieutenant, and as such commanded his battery at the Battle of Antietam. He served as assistant adjutant general of the Artillery Brigade of the First Army Corps, and was discharged June 14, 1865, as captain. Comrade Parker was elected department commander in 1905.

Comrade Theodore W. B. Brake, commander of the Department of Florida, died at his home in St. Augustine, Fla., January 3, 1920, aged 71 years. He enlisted as musician in the Eighteenth United States Infantry August 21, 1861, and was assigned to Company F, First Battalion. He reenlisted in January, 1864, in the Second Battalion, Eighteenth United States Infantry, and was discharged at Lookout Mountain March 16, 1865. Comrade Brake joined the Grand Army of the Republic soon after its organization, and in 1886 was elected chaplain of the Department of Ohio. He was elected commander of the Department of Florida in April, 1919, and up to the time of his death had served as superintendent of the National Cemetery at St. Augustine, Fla.

Comrade Daniel Hall, past commander of the Department of New Hampshire, died at his home in Dover, N. H., January 8, 1920, at an advanced age. The only record of his service furnished us is that he served as a captain and aide de camp in the Regular Army during the war. He was elected department commander in 1892.

Comrade Alexander P. Asbury, past commander of the Department of Indiana, died at the home of his daughter in Eagle, Idaho, January 25, 1920, aged 73 years. He was a recruit in Company H, Eighty-fifth Indiana Infantry, and served in that regiment until its discharge, when he was transferred to the Thirty-third Indiana Infantry, from which he was discharged July 1, 1865. Comrade Asbury was elected department commander in 1910.

Comrade Milton Garrigus, past commander of the Department of Indiana, died at his home in Kokomo, Ind., January 26, 1920, aged 88 years. He enlisted as private in Company D, Thirty-ninth Indiana Volunteers (Eighth Indiana Cavalry), serving three years. He then served 100 days as adjutant of the One hundred and thirty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and was commissioned captain of Company I, One hundred and forty-second Indiana Infantry, in November, 1864, and was discharged in July, 1865. Comrade Garrigus was elected department commander in 1902.

Comrade Charles Van Campen, past commander of the Department of Minnesota, died in Los Angeles, Calif., in January, 1920, aged 76 years. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Company I, Eighty-ninth Illinois Infantry, and served until the close of the war. Comrade Van Campen was elected department commander in 1916.

Comrade Christopher C. Duffy, past commander of the Department of Illinois, died at his home in Ottawa, Ill., February 29, 1920, aged 76 years. He enlisted as private in Company K, One hundred and fifth Illinois Infantry, August 12, 1862, and was discharged June 7, 1865. Comrade Duffy was elected department commander in 1911.

Comrade David L. Stanton, past commander of the Department of Maryland, died at his home in Baltimore, Md., December 26, 1919. He enlisted as private in Company A, First Maryland Infantry, in May, 1861; was promoted to first sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel, and was brevetted brigadier general of Volunteers to date from April 1, 1865, and was discharged July 2, 1865. Comrade Stanton was elected department commander in 1898.

Comrade Amos Huffman, past commander of the Department of Ohio, died at Long Beach, Calif., February 1, 1920, aged 79 years. He enlisted as private in Company C, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, July 27, 1861, and in the Battle of Stone River, December 31, 1862, was so severely wounded as to require the amputation of his left leg. He was discharged April 1, 1863. Comrade Huffman was elected department commander in 1905.

Comrade William A. Pittenger, past commander of the Department of Ohio, died at his home in Dennison, Ohio, March 5, 1920, aged 77 years. He enlisted as a private in Company C, Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 6, 1862, and served until near the close of the war, when he was discharged for disability. Comrade Pittenger was a charter member of the first post organized in Ohio, its charter bearing the date of September 7, 1866, and he was elected department commander in 1917.

Comrade Robert S. Smith, past commander of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina, died at his home in Tallapoosa, Ga., March 18, 1920, aged 82 years. He enlisted as private in Company C, One hundred and thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 16, 1862; was later transferred to the First United States Engineers, and was discharged in 1865. Comrade Smith was elected department commander in 1916.

INFORMATION WANTED.

S. T. Wiesmore, 3339 Thirty-ninth Avenue south, Minneapolis, Minn., desires information as to the regiment and company in which Charles J. Biggs served. He is supposed to have entered the service from California.

Miss Minnie King, 3412 North Hamlin Avenue, Chicago, Ill., desires information about John King, formerly of Lowville, N. Y. He enlisted in 1863 and at the close of the war reenlisted in the Regular Army, from which he was discharged about 1884.

Comrade D. A. Newell, Saginaw, Mich., would like to hear from any of his comrades in Company K, Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and Company A, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry.

Comrade Crowell Mikesell, formerly of Company I, One hundred and twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, now living at 1 Humboldt Avenue, Fort Scott, Kans., would like to hear from any of those who served with him. He would also like to procure a copy of the history of his regiment.

General Orders,
No. 6,
Series of 1919–20.

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic,
Columbus, Ohio, August 14, 1920.

I. The Fifty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at its meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in September, 1919, accepted the invitation of the State of New Jersey, the city of Atlantic City, and the Department of New Jersey, Grand Army of the Republic, to hold the Fifty-fourth National Encampment in Atlantic City. The invitation guaranteed the usual concessions. Pursuant to the custom the commander in chief and the executive committee of the national council of administration entered into a contract containing the usual provisions with the Atlantic City committee. Later the $25,000 appropriated by the Legislature of New Jersey for the entertainment of the national encampment was diverted through the action of the special committee appointed by the governor of New Jersey, and held not to be available for the Atlantic City committee for the entertainment of the fifty-fourth national encampment. The Atlantic City committee notified national headquarters that without the State appropriation they could not carry out the terms of the contract, whereupon the executive committee of the council of administration was convened at national headquarters, Columbus, Ohio, and with the consent of the Atlantic City committee the contract which had been made and entered into was canceled. At this meeting, Indianapolis, Ind., patriotically came forth with an invitation and offered to do all that any other city had done for the Grand Army of the Republic, and thereupon the invitation was unanimously accepted. June 29, 1920, a contract containing the usual provisions and providing for the ample care of the Grand Army of the Republic was made and entered into, and the fifty-fourth national encampment will meet at Indianapolis, Ind., September 19 to 25, 1920.

II. National headquarters will be temporarily established in the English room, mezzanine floor, Claypool Hotel, Thursday, September 16.

III. Detailed program of meetings and entertainment may be secured from the local committee on arrival in Indianapolis.

IV. Special patriotic services will be held in all the churches in Indianapolis Sunday, September 19, to which all comrades and members of the auxiliary and allied orders are cordially invited.

V. The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Claypool Hotel, Monday, September 20, at 10 a. m.

VI. The national council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Claypool Hotel, Tuesday, September 21, at 2 p. m.

VII. The semiofficial meeting and reception will be held Monday evening, September 20, at 7.30 o'clock, in Tomlinson Hall.

VIII. Tuesday evening, September 21, at 7.30 o'clock, a camp fire will be held in Tomlinson Hall.

IX. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held Wednesday morning, September 22, at 10 o'clock. The formation and route of the parade will be announced in later general orders.

X. Comrade John Little, Post No. 157, Pittsburgh, Pa., is hereby detailed as headquarters color bearer and Comrade William W. McDonald, Post No. 451, Columbus, Ohio, is hereby detailed as national color bearer for the parade.

XI. Department commanders are requested to notify the adjutant general immediately on receipt of these orders of the probable time of arrival of their respective departments in Indianapolis, and the location of their department headquarters.

XII. Department commanders or their representatives will report to the chief of staff at national headquarters, Claypool Hotel, Tuesday, September 21, at 5 p. m., for instructions regarding the parade.

XIII. The following comrades are appointed on the committee on credentials:

Joseph W. O'Neall, adjutant general, *chairman.*
W. S. Matthews, assistant adjutant general.
Henry Spaulding, Department of Michigan.
Albert J. Ball, Department of Indiana.
Samuel P. Town, Department of Pennsylvania.
W. A. Wetherbee, Department of Massachusetts.
George W. Clark, Department of Arkansas.

This committee will meet at national headquarters, Claypool Hotel, Monday, September 20, at 2 p. m., and Tuesday, September 21, at 10 a. m. Assistant adjutants general may secure from the adjutant general Monday morning, September 20, copies of the Roll of the Fifty-fourth National Encampment.

XIV. Comrades George A. Price, Philip G. Woodward, and J. W. Willett, of the national council of administration, are hereby appointed a committee to audit the books of the quartermaster general. They will report to the national council of administration at its meeting Tuesday, September 21, at 2 p. m.

XV. The first business session of the national encampment will convene in Tomlinson Hall, Thursday, September 23, at 10 a. m.

XVI. Department commanders will report to the adjutant general not later than 7 p. m. Wednesday, September 22, the names of their representatives on the committee on resolutions and their nominees for the national council of administration.

XVII. Comrades desiring rooms in hotels should write Theodore A. Randall, chairman of hotel committee, 211 Hudson Street, Indianapolis, Ind. Comrades desiring rooms in private houses may secure them by writing Scott Brewer, care Washington Bank & Trust Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

XVIII. Comrades desiring to arrange for regimental reunions may make arrangements as to time and place of meeting by writing Rev. E. S. Shumaker, chairman of committee on reunions, 706 State Life Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

XIX. Comrade Hosea W. Rood, national patriotic instructor, has arranged for a meeting on Tuesday morning, September 21, at 10 o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, corner of Illinois and New York Streets, to which department and post patriotic instructors of the Grand Army of the Republic are invited. The patriotic instructors of the Army Nurses of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Veterans, the Sons of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary are also invited to attend this meeting.

XX. A meeting of the Retired Volunteer Officers' Association has been called at the Board of Trade Building on the seventh floor, corner Meridian and Ohio Streets, Tuesday, September 21, at 9.30 a. m., by Comrade Leo Rassieur, secretary and chairman of the legislative committee of the association.

XXI. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliary and allied societies will be located during the encampment, as follows:

Grand Army of the Republic, Claypool Hotel.
Army Nurses of the Civil War, Claypool Hotel.
Woman's Relief Corps, Claypool Hotel.
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Denison Hotel.
Daughters of Veterans, Severin Hotel.
Sons of Veterans, Severin Hotel.
Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Severin Hotel.

XXII. The following committee on rules and regulations and ritual is announced:

Charles G. Burton, Portland, Oreg., *chairman.*
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.
John R. King, Baltimore, Md.
J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.
W. A. Huddart, Berkeley, Calif.

XXIII. The Fifty-third National Encampment provided for the appointment of a committee to arrange for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gen. U. S. Grant, September 27, 1922. In accordance with this action the following committee is appointed:

Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn., *chairman.*
Washington Gardner, Albion, Mich.
W. J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry J. Seeley, Bridgeport, Conn.
W. S. Matthews, Columbus, Ohio.
John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill.
O. H. Oldroyd, Washington, D. C.
E. L. Hawk, Sacramento, Calif.

XXIV. Comrade Walton Weber, Columbus, Ohio, is appointed a trustee of the permanent fund, vice Alfred B. Beers, deceased, and will serve until the national encampment convenes.

XXV. The following committees are hereby appointed to prepare resolutions:

On the death of Commander in Chief James D. Bell:
James Tanner, New York.
Samuel Fallows, Illinois.
A. J. Gahagan, Tennessee.

On the death of Past Commander in Chief Alfred B. Beers:
Leo Rassieur, Missouri.
Charles Fenton, Connecticut.
Clarendon E. Adams, Nebraska.

On the death of Past Commander in Chief Elias R. Monfort:
Orlando A. Somers, Indiana.
John M. Adams, Ohio.
Thomas H. Brown, South Dakota.

XXVI. The commander in chief is greatly pleased to announce the enactment of the Fuller pension bill, increasing pensions of soldiers and sailors and marines of the Civil War who served 90 days or more to $50 a month and increasing the pension of Army nurses of the Civil War and of widows of all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines married prior to June 27, 1905, to $30 a month. This bill was signed by the President May 1 and became a law on that date. This justly deserved increase of pension will prove a blessing to thousands of our comrades and to the widows and Army nurses. Too much credit can not be given to Representative Fuller, of Illinois, author of the bill and chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House, and to Senator Porter J. McCumber, chairman of the Pension Committee of the Senate, and to each of the members of the legislative committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, all of whom worked faithfully and earnestly for the passage of the bill. Especial credit is due Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner, whose long service in the House of Representatives and wide acquaintance with Members in both House and Senate was of inestimable value. Our thanks are due our friends in the Congress for the passage of the bill and the President for his prompt action in signing it. It is hoped that the bill providing for monthly payment of pensions will become a law at the next session of Congress.

XXVI. The following amendment to the rules and regulations was referred to the Fifty-fourth National Encampment by the Fifty-third National Encampment, having been submitted to that encampment by the Department of Missouri:

Chapter II, Article IV, section 4, of the Rules and Regulations amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Members of disbanded posts who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, upon written application to the assistant adjutant general of the department, shall receive from him transfer cards which shall have full force, or, at the option of the applicant, his name shall be entered upon a roll to be kept by the assistant adjutant general and known as a 'Roll of Comrades at Large.' Comrades so enrolled will pay dues semiannually, direct to the assistant adjutant general, of 50 cents each, payable on the first days of January and July of each year. The department encampment shall have the right to increase the amount of such dues at any meeting by resolution duly adopted.

"If the dues of any comrade at large shall remain unpaid for more than thirty days after the same is due he shall be notified by the assistant adjutant general that unless his dues are paid within ten days from the date of such notice he will stand suspended from the Grand Army of the Republic until all arrearages are paid. Any comrade at large whose dues remain unpaid for more than one year after the same are due shall be notified by the assistant adjutant general, that unless all arrearages are paid within thirty days from the date of such notice he will be dropped from the roll and no longer be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that he can only be restored by making a written application to be approved by the department commander and by the payment of one year's dues."

We are in receipt of a resolution from the Department of New York providing that all past senior and junior vice department commanders shall be made members of the national encampment. This should have been submitted by that department as an amendment to Chapter IV, Article II, Rules and Regulations.

XXVIII. On the nomination of the inspector general, the following-named comrades are appointed assistant inspectors general:

Alabama: E. F. Quinn, Birmingham, Ala.
Arizona: Arthur J. Judd, Prescott, Ariz.
Arkansas: J. N. Carnes, Eureka, Ark.
California and Nevada: Julius H. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.
Colorado and Wyoming: George S. Bartlett, Buffalo, Wyo.
Connecticut: David W. Sharpe, New Haven, Conn.

Delaware: R. G. Buckingham, Newark, Del.
Florida: John A. Wallace, Tampa, Fla.
Georgia and South Carolina: G. E. Whitman, Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho: T. J. Leeson, Nampa, Idaho.
Illinois: B. F. Herrington, Yorkville, Ill.
Indiana: W. E. Gorsuch, South Bend, Ind.
Iowa: T. R. Bickley, Ottumwa, Iowa.
Kansas: S. J. Churchill, Lawrence, Kans.
Kentucky: John T. Gunn, Lexington, Ky.
Louisiana and Mississippi: J. Sluby Davidson, New Orleans, La.
Maine: Fred L. Palmer, Monroe, Me.
Maryland: John H. Brandt, Baltimore, Md.
Massachusetts: Luther W. Bixby, Boston, Mass.
Michigan: William O. Lee, Port Huron, Mich.
Minnesota: Calvin R. Fix, Minneapolis, Minn.
Missouri: C. E. Blackmar, Kansas City, Mo.
Montana: William Roney, Billings, Mont.
Nebraska: O. C. Bell, Lincoln, Nebr.
New Hampshire: O. P. Murdick, Keene, N. H.
New Jersey: John B. Fagan, Harrison, N. J.
New Mexico: John A. Ross, East Las Vegas, N. Mex.
New York: James R. Silliman, New York City.
North Dakota: J. M. Johnson, Fargo, N. Dak.
Ohio: G. W. Williams, Marion, Ohio.
Oklahoma: J. H. Norton, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Oregon: Gideon Stolz, Salem, Oreg.
Pennsylvania: Charles Marshall, Collingdale, Pa.
Potomac: John Finn, Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island: Samuel A. Bennett, Providence, R. I.
South Dakota: J. E. Davis, Lennox, S. Dak.
Tennessee: A. M. Gamble, Maryville, Tenn.
Texas: Albert W. Robbins, San Antonio, Tex.
Utah: Joseph H. Newton, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Vermont: James A. Tracey, Middlebury, Vt.
Virginia and North Carolina: W. L. Thurber, Randleman, N. C.
West Virginia: James T. Piggott, Parkersburg, W. Va.
Washington and Alaska: John A. Taylor, Orting, Wash.
Wisconsin: John W. Ganes, Ripon, Wis.

XXIX. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.		
Dolan, J. W	55	Los Angeles.
Dorsey, John W	55	Do.
Fuller, Clifford A	6	Do.
Savage, William H	185	San Pedro.
Wagar, M. H	55	Ocean Park.
COLORADO AND WYOMING.		
Tenney, R. Q	7	Fort Collins, Colo.
GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.		
Brist, Fillmore M	14	Beaufort, S. C.
Cox, Charles H	1	Atlanta, Ga.
Ryan, P	14	Savannah.
IDAHO.		
Garrison, Adolphus	19	Coeur d'Alene.
Gill, James M	4	Boise.
Smith, George D	4	Do.
Wentley, J. B		Do.
ILLINOIS.		
Buggie, James	5	Chicago.
Lewis, E. H	28	Do.
Hulett, Maffit	50	Do.
Martin, John A	5	Berwyn.
Howe, D. W	28	Long Beach, Calif.
Hair, John S	28	Do.
Vaughan, C. E	91	Chicago.
INDIANA.		
Beaber, D. L	271	Fort Wayne.
Beadle, James W	9	Rockville.
Biddle, Jerome H	74	Remington.
Bishop, S. C	2	Brazil.
Boley, Albert	23	Marion.
Buskirk, Thos. B	334	Paoli.
Caldwell, Theo. R	42	Lebanon.
Carpenter, J. T	28	Princeton.
Caseley, John T	55	Richmond.
Caye, Edmund	191	New Albany.
Chappell, S. White	34	Petersburg.
Collins, Enos W	230	Pendleton.
Conder, Solomon	2	Brazil.
Cox, John H	103	Sheridan.
Crabbs, B. F	7	Crawfordsville.

Name.	Post.	Address.
INDIANA—con.		
Creath, A. S.	5	Greensburg.
Crim, I. H.	247	Bedford.
Eldred, John D.	3	La Fayette.
Engle, William	40	Fort Wayne.
Fish, Edwin B.	168	Huntingburg.
Flynn, David H.	3	La Fayette.
Frederick, John W.	17	Indianapolis.
Fritsch, William A.	27	Evansville.
Garrett, Samuel B.	78	Muncie.
Golden, George S.	64	Brookville.
Goorley, Christopher C	127	Franklin.
Hart, John E.	92	Greenfield.
Havens, Thomas	5	Greensburg.
Hays, Francis A.	11	Greencastle.
Heiskell, Wm. L.	17	Indianapolis.
Herron, W. P.	7	Crawfordsville.
Hunt, Elwood	9	Rockville.
Kendall, William F.	13	Columbus.
Knotts, Robert F.	307	Sullivan.
La Dauer, Louis	106	Valparaiso.
Lambert, J. N.	17	Indianapolis.
Livesey, John C.	148	New Castle.
McClure, T. C.	6	Wabash.
McDaniel, Clark E.	29	Marshall.
McIntosh, William H.	67	Auburn.
Mahan, Frank	70	Indianapolis.
Martin, Horace	8	South Bend.
Mead, William S.	93	Spencer.
Miller, Henry A.	3	Montmorenci.
Mitchell, John F.	30	Kokomo.
Moore, John S.	186	Plainfield.
Polen, William P.	13	Columbus.
Pollard, Isaac G.	502	Hammond.
Potter, Charles E.	13	Columbus.
Preston, Albert	104	Lagrange.
Probst, John	89	Auburn.
Provines, James	67	Lawrenceburg.
Randall, Joseph B.	18	Shelbyville.
Ransom, James	85	Bloomington.
Riddle, William W.	505	Kendallville.
Ristine, Theodore H.	7	Crawfordsville.
Root, Marcus	327	Merom.
Roseman, Joseph	16	Vincennes.
Shilling, W. E.	17	Indianapolis.
Shinn, Benj. G.	227	Hartford City.
Snyder, Jacob	152	Cannelton.
Steele, George W.	23	Marion.
Steele, John S.	8	South Bend.
Symons, John Q.	50	Galveston.
Taylor, James P.	474	Odon.
Teter, Mahlon H.	202	Tipton.
Ward, William H. H.	14	Logansport.
Watts, Joseph	60	Winchester.
Wheeler, H. H.	6	Wabash.
Wiles, P. M.	3	La Fayette.
Willis, Moses B.	67	Auburn.
KANSAS.		
Shaffer, Henry P.	130	Hiawatha.
MAINE.		
Hurley, Wm. P.	16	National Soldiers' Home.
Needham, Wm. O.	2	Norway.
MASSACHUSETTS.		
Campbell, Benj. M.	2	Dorchester.
McCausland, F. S.	113	Belmont.
Stanley, Edwin P.	67	Manchester.
MICHIGAN.		
Bailey, Samuel D.	17	Detroit.
Baldwin, Rush P.	132	Portland.
Chapin, Andrew B.	42	Lansing.
Crooks, Andrew	152	Alma.
Dickinson, Chas. N.	75	Grand Haven.
Donaldson, John H.	216	Hohmhurst.
Freeman, George D.	433	Detroit.
MICHIGAN—con.		
Hall, C. M.	88	Union City.
Lawton, Wilbur F.	170	Petoskey.
Leavitt, Roswell	206	Bellaire.
Loomis, J. W.	285	Tustin.
Loveless, L. T.	294	Big Rapids.
Manning, F. L.	48	Jackson.
Marsh, Edward C.	145	Flint.
Martin, James	35	South Haven.
Mason, Wm. H.	174	Hancock.
Miller, John A.	395	Grand Rapids.
Palmer, William A.	20	Hartford.
Phillips, C. C.	19	Bangor.
Ruff, Joseph	210	Albion.
Sears, Edgar	109	Coldwater.
Seel, John	14	Benton Harbor.
Skillman, Martin L.	216	Mount Clemens.
Stephenson, J. R.	5	Grand Rapids.
Stevens, H. W.	140	Tecumseh.
Wickham, F. O.	123	Frankfort.
MINNESOTA.		
Edwards, H. P.	18	Fairmont.
Marsh, Isaiah T.	4	Minneapolis.
MISSOURI.		
Dillard, James W.	76	Kidder.
Flaisig, Nathan W.	7	Alhambra, Calif.
Park, B. F.	1	St. Louis.
MONTANA.		
Goff, Daniel T.	21	Hamilton.
Bielenberg, C. P. H.	2	Deer Lodge.
NEW JERSEY.		
Boyd, George E.	.....	Kearney.
Smith, H. Craig	73	Plainfield.
NEW YORK.		
Brainard, Calvin A.	9	Buffalo.
Brink, Silas	499	Brooklyn.
Coates, Alfred	9	Buffalo.
Dagwell, John H. I.	9	Do.
Dix, Charles H.	327	Brooklyn.
Hague, Amos	499	Do.
Harris, Stephen C.	5	Albany.
Holt, Thomas E.	21	Brooklyn.
Hurley, Edward	9	Buffalo.
Ludlam, Joseph F.	499	Brooklyn.
McCafferty, James A.	327	Do.
Marshall, J. J.	499	Do.
Murphy, Bernard	21	Do.
Russell, Joseph A. C.	499	Do.
Shaw, Charles A.	10	Mount Kisco.
Walker, Marcus B.	507	Avoca.
Whiting, Theodore	207	Brooklyn.
OHIO.		
Allen, Josiah B.	89	Athens.
Anderson, J. M.	422	Uhrichsville.
Brotherton, J. A.	95	Delphos.
Bushong, W. H.	441	Bellefontaine.
Bayne, William E.	5	Dayton.
Cline, L. J.	3	Nelsonville.
Clouse, William	165	Ironton.
Conner, George	41	Wapakoneta.
Garner, Alfred	25	Canton.
Gray, John W.	178	Marietta.
Heffner, W. D.	202	Lima.
Held, Ferdinand D.	368	Cleveland.
Henry, Albert	4	Ashtabula.
Hodge, J. H.	31	Tiffin.
Holbrook, Josiah	213	Lebanon.
Horton, C. H.	17	Painesville.
Hughes, W. J.	77	Lancaster.
McMillen, T. C.	340	Cincinnati.
Menear, B. F.	1	Columbus.

Name.	Post.	Address.
OHIO—continued.		
Myers, John W	22	Defiance.
Neer, John P	38	Urbana.
Osburn, John W	456	Cadiz.
Outcalt, Hiram	575	Columbus.
Poole, Charles C	14	Toledo.
Randall, C. W	213	Lebanon.
Robinson, S. F	1	Columbus.
Rowe, I. N	92	Washington C. H.
Sharp, Clinton E	50	Westerville.
Seeley, J. B	99	Bellaire.
Shobrook, John H	30	Cincinnati.
Titus, S. N	117	Marion.
Townsend, M. D	9	Conneaut.
Van Horn, I. H	7	Columbus.
Walker, James C	45	Springfield.
Woolson, A. M	107	Toledo.
Zehring, S. P	23	Dayton.
OREGON.		
Carrel, G. W	5	Albany.
Phillips, Isaac	17	Dallas.
PENNSYLVANIA.		
Dolphin, Thos. J	149	Media.
McCune, J. W	84	Lancaster.
POTOMAC.		
Myers, Abram	3	Washington, D. C.
SOUTH DAKOTA.		
Basford, Joseph K	5	Redfield.
Blodgett, Charles S	28	Rapid City.
Brown, A. B	36	Alexandria.
Brown, Thomas H	10	Sioux Falls.
Cowell, Robert C	27	Plankinton.
DeLang, Henry H	11	Milton Junction, Wis.
Gantt, W. E	9	Elk Point.
Garner, J. N	95	Onida.
Geeting, William O	21	Lennox.
Laird, George R	15	Egan.
Pulford, Joseph	22	Madison.
Sharp, Thomas S	74	Brookings.
Truax, Charles W	378	Huron.
Woolsey, Adna M	42	Milbank.
VERMONT.		
Hyde, J. M	42	Bennington.
WASHINGTON.		
Zinn, Peter		Seattle.
WISCONSIN.		
Hager, William	237	Prairie Farm.
Hellweg, John H	262	Hayward.
Judd, Charles Lee	140	Ashland.
Kibbe, Alonzo R	103	New Richmond.
Oram, David M	17	Racine.
Price, Henry R	28	Kingston.

XXX. General orders announcing route and formation of the parade will be issued at Indianapolis, Ind., September 20, 1920.

By command of—

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief.

Official:
JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade Alfred Bishop Beers, past commander in chief, died at his home in Bridgeport, Conn., March 29, aged 74 years. Comrade Beers enlisted August 25, 1861, as private in Company I, Sixth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry; was promoted to corporal November 4, 1863; reenlisted as a veteran March 7, 1864; was wounded at Deep Run, Va., August 16, 1864; was promoted to first sergeant October 30, 1864, and was commissioned captain of Company B, Sixth Connecticut Infantry, March 23, 1865, and was discharged August 21, 1865. Comrade Beers had served many years as chairman of the executive committee of the Soldiers' Hospital Board of the State of Connecticut and had much to do with the establishing of the State Home for Soldiers, at Noroton, Conn. Comrade Beers was elected department commander in 1881, served as judge advocate general in 1908 on the staff of Commander in Chief Henry M. Nevius, was elected junior vice commander in chief in 1909 and commander in chief in 1912. He had served as a member of the committee on rules and regulations and ritual for several years, and at his death was its chairman, and was also serving as a member of the trustees of the permanent fund.

Comrade Elias Riggs Monfort, past commander in chief, died while visiting his daughter at Oaks Corners, N. Y., July 29, 1920, aged 78 years. He enlisted as private in Company A, Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry June 18, 1861, and was discharged October 5, 1861, to accept promotion in the Seventy-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted as private in Company F, Seventy-fifth Ohio Infantry, October 8, 1861, commissioned second lieutenant December 14, 1861; promoted to first lieutenant May 15, 1862; and to captain, to date January 14, 1863; discharged January 3, 1864, for wounds received in Battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 1863. Comrade Monfort was elected department commander of Ohio in 1900 and was elected commander in chief in 1915.

Comrade George Ady, past commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, died at his home in Seattle, Wash., June 3, 1919, aged 77 years. He enlisted August 30, 1861, as private in Company I, Second Iowa Volunteer Cavalry; was wounded and taken prisoner at Coffeeville, Miss., December 5, 1862; was exchanged March 15, 1863; and was in the hospital until October 1863. He reenlisted as a veteran volunteer in the same company and regiment February 29, 1864. In July, 1864, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the Tenth United States Colored Heavy Artillery and was discharged February 25, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1887.

Comrade James Moynahan, past commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, died at his home in Denver, Colo., October 8, 1919, aged 77 years. He enlisted August 21, 1861, as a private in Company C, Twenty-seventh Michigan Infantry and was mustered out as captain of his company April 2, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1916.

Comrade Charles Harris, past commander of the Department of Kansas, died at his home in Emporia, Kans., January 27, 1920, aged 73 years. He enlisted in Company A, Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry, from which he was discharged after five months' service. He reenlisted in Company F of the Twenty-first Iowa Infantry and served until the close of the war. He was elected department commander in 1904 and served as assistant adjutant general of the Department of Kansas in 1909.

Comrade William W. Smith, past commander of the Department of Kansas, died at his home in Topeka, Kans., December 22, 1919. Comrade Smith enlisted in 1861 as private in the Seventeenth Massachusetts Infantry, retiring from the Army in 1865 with the rank of lieutenant colonel, having received four commissions from Gov. Andrew, of Massachusetts, viz, lieutenant, captain, major, and lieutenant colonel. He was elected department commander in 1918.

Comrade William Wilson, past commander of the Department of Minnesota, died at his home in Shakopee, Minn., March 9, 1920, aged 77 years. He enlisted in Company E, Eighth Ohio Infantry, and was mustered out November 8, 1864, because of wounds resulting in the loss of an arm. He was elected department commander in 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 7,
Series of 1919–20.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Columbus, Ohio, August 24, 1920.

I. General Orders, No. 6, were delayed for some weeks in the hope that information as to railroad rates might be received, but we finally decided that general orders must be issued without further delay, and information as to railroad rates would be printed as soon as received. We are now in receipt of information from the several passenger associations as follows:

The Central, Trunk Lines, Trans-Continental, and New England Passenger Associations have notified us that their associations have fixed a rate of 1 cent a mile, tickets good going and returning same route only. In the Central, Trunk Lines, and Trans-Continental territories the tickets will be on sale from August 25 to September 21, 1920.

The Western Passenger Association has notified us that all lines but one in their territory have agreed to the cent-a-mile rate, tickets on sale from September 15 to 20, 1920, good returning to reach destination by midnight of October 14, 1920. Stopovers on all lines in the foregoing territories may be had both going and returning on application to the conductor.

The chairman of the Southeastern and the chairman of the Southwestern Passenger Associations have notified us that some of the lines in their respective territories have agreed to the cent-a-mile rate and they will notify us as soon as all have been heard from. Comrades living in either of these territories must apply to their local ticket agents for information as to routes and rates.

II. Certificates have been shipped from these headquarters to the assistant adjutant general of each department. These certificates are to be issued in each department to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Army Nurses of the Civil War, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, National Alliance, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, in good standing in their respective organizations, and members of their families accompanying them to the national encampment.

III. Certificates are *not* to be issued to the following:

1. Members of organizations other than those mentioned in Paragraph II.
2. Veterans of the Civil War who are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic, even though they accompany their wife, son, or daughter, who may be entitled to the rate. Any veteran of the Civil War now drawing $50 a month pension through the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic is not deserving of any privileges in connection with the encampment of the organization which he is too ungrateful to join.
3. Sons and daughters of deceased veterans who do not belong to one of the organizations mentioned in Paragraph II.
4. Widows of veterans of the Civil War who do not belong to one of the organizations mentioned in Paragraph II.
5. Relatives of members of the organizations mentioned in Paragraph II who do not live in the same household with such members.

IV. There have been many complaints received at these headquarters because of the delay in issuing this information, but if the comrades knew what a struggle we have had to secure a reduced rate they would censure us less, The passenger associations met during the third week in July and decided on a rate of 2 cents a mile, full-fare ticket to be bought going and certificate to be secured from the adjutant general, at the encampment, entitling the holder to buy a return ticket at one-third of the regular fare. This action was taken in accordance with the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission as to manner of selling tickets to the national encampment. As soon as we learned of the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission we took steps to have this ruling annulled, so that round-trip tickets might be bought. We also brought pressure to bear to secure the 1-cent rate, with the result announced in Paragraph I.

We feel sure that the comrades will agree that it was better to secure the 1-cent rate, even at the late date, than to have been able to announce a 2-cent rate weeks ago.

By command of—

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief.

Official:
JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General.

General Orders, No. 8. } Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, *Columbus, Ohio, September 15, 1920.*

I. As previously announced in General Orders, No. 6, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Fifty-fourth National Encampment will take place at Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday, September 22, 1920, at 10 a. m.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter, and will form in columns of four files front. Each department will promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distances between departments will be 60 feet; between posts, 20 feet; between files, 4 feet; which distances must be maintained throughout the march.

III. The columns will form promptly at 9.15 a. m., and move at 10 a. m. sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported at 9.45 a. m. by Harry B. Smith, chairman of the parade committee, to Comrade George A. Hosley, chief of staff to the commander in chief.

V. A preparatory gun will be fired at 9.45 a. m. Three guns fired at 10 a. m. will be the signal to march.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments and will close up to the left of the department on the right, but on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between departments. Markers will be placed designating the place of formation of each department. The guide will be right throughout the march.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue the march with their departments to the place of dismissal of the column. When the reviewing stand has been passed they must not attempt to review their commands. No organization will be allowed to leave the column until regularly dismissed.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stand colors will be dipped at six paces from the reviewing officer and will be maintained at salute until six paces beyond him. Officers with side arms will give the officers' salute with the sword. Officers without side arms will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of the hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in the ranks will not salute, but will turn their eyes toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organization, so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands and drum corps will cease playing at Washington and Illinois Streets, to be designated by marker, and will resume playing at Capitol Avenue, this point also to be designated by a marker, and will continue playing until they have passed the reviewing stand.

X. The march will be in common time, the cadence 90 steps to the minute. The bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing. All bands *must* play when passing the reviewing stand.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand on the state house grounds.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present at Indianapolis will make an effort to participate in the parade whether he has a uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will make an effort to appear in the regulation uniform of the order.

XIII. Women, children, and civilians will be prohibited from participating in the parade, and deparment commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments.

XIV. No flags or standards, except the National and State flags and department and post flags and standards will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags or banners will not be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from the staff.

XV. All caricatures and undignified exhibitions will be excluded from the parade.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief in automobiles will ride at the head of the column in advance of the national aids-de-camp. Automobiles or carriages will not be allowed in the parade column in or between departments. Automobiles will be furnished for comrades who are unable to march, and these automobiles will be found on Meridian Street north of East Vermont Street. Comrades unable to march will report to Col. Gavin L. Payne and Col. Albert P. Smith.

XVII. When the column reaches Capitol Avenue the commander in chief will leave the column and take his place on the reviewing stand. The other national officers and past commanders in chief will continue in the parade to point of dismissal, and will then return and take their places on the reviewing stand.

XVIII. Aids-de-camp to the commander in chief will report to the senior aid-de-camp at the Hotel Claypool at 9 a. m. on the day of the parade for orders.

XIX. National officers, members of the executive committee, and past commanders in chief will report to the chief of staff at the Hotel Claypool at 9 a. m. on the day of the parade for assignment to automobiles.

XX. The line of march will be less than a mile in length, over asphalt streets, as follows:

Starting at New York and Pennsylvania Streets, west on New York to Meridian, south on Meridian around Monument Circle to East Market Street, east to Pennsylvania Street, south on Pennsylvania Street to Washington, west on Washington Street to Senate Avenue, where the parade will disband.

The line will form as follows:

Platoon of police and Grand Marshal Harry B. Smith and aids will form on west side of Pennsylvania Street, right resting on New York Street, column extending north.

The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Harry D. Sisson, commander in chief, will form on east side of Pennsylvania Street, column extending north.

Old Guard of Ohio, personal escort to the commander in chief, will form on Pennsylvania Street, right resting on left of Sons of Veterans.

The commander in chief, national officers, executive committee, and past commanders in chief, in automobiles, will form on north side of East Vermont Street, right resting on Pennsylvania Street, column extending west.

National aids-de-camp will form on south side of East Vermont Street, column extending west.

The departments will form in order of seniority, as follows:

1. Department of Illinois, Edwin N. Armstrong, department commander, will form on south side of University Park, right resting on Pennsylvania Street, column extending west.

2. Department of Wisconsin, W. O. Pietzsch, department commander, will form on south side of University Park, right resting on left of Department of Illinois.

3. Department of Pennsylvania, C. H. William Ruhe, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting 30 feet north of New York Street, column extending west.

4. Department of Ohio, Dr. John M. Adams, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting 60 feet north of New York Street, column extending west.

5. Department of New York, Alfred E. Stacey, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting 90 feet north of New York Street, column extending west.

6. Department of Connecticut, R. W. Williamson, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of New York.

7. Department of Massachusetts, Horace Goodwin, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Connecticut.

8. Department of New Jersey, John T. McNeil, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Massachusetts.

9. Department of Maine, Henry E. Merriam, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting 120 feet north of New York Street, column extending west.

10. Department of California and Nevada, George D. Kellogg, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Maine.

11. Department of Rhode Island, William Massey, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of California and Nevada.

12. Department of New Hampshire, James H. Hunt, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Rhode Island.

13. Department of Vermont, L. W. Bush, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of New Hampshire.

14. Department of the Potomac, John McElroy, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Vermont.

15. Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Charles H. Haber, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of the Potomac.

16. Department of Maryland, George T. Leech, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Virginia and North Carolina.

17. Department of Nebraska, Joseph H. Presson, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Maryland.

18. Department of Michigan, Henry Spaulding, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Nebraska.

19. Department of Iowa, R. L. Chase, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting 150 feet north of New York Street, column extending west.

21. Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Marshall S. Crawford, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Iowa.

22. Department of Kansas, Joseph A. Walter, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

23. Department of Delaware, C. W. Frishmuth, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Kansas.

24. Department of Minnesota, J. A. Town, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Delaware.

25. Department of Missouri, S. D. Webster, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting 180 feet north of New York Street, column extending west.

26. Department of Oregon, J. D. Butler, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Missouri.

27. Department of Kentucky, M. H. Davidson, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Oregon.

28. Department of West Virginia, W. S. Grafton, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Kentucky.

29. Department of South Dakota, E. L. Hurlbut, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of West Virginia.

30. Department of Washington and Alaska, O. D. McDonald, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of South Dakota.

31. Department of Arkansas, Jacob E. Leas, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Washington and Alaska.

32. Department of New Mexico, William M. Berger, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Arkansas.

33. Department of Utah, E. D. Haskins, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of New Mexico.

34. Department of Tennessee, O. L. Thompson, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Utah.

35. Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, E. T. Gipson, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Tennessee.

36. Department of Florida, I. A. Spencer, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Louisiana and Mississippi.

37. Department of Montana, James Page, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Florida.

38. Department of Texas, Max Hart, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Montana.

39. Department of Idaho, John Carr, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Texas.

40. Department of Arizona, J. P. Rhodes, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Idaho.

41. Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Ira M. Swartz, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Arizona.

42. Department of Alabama, John A. Barr, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

43. Department of North Dakota, David B. McLain, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of Alabama.

44. Department of Oklahoma, W. S. Tilton, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting on left of Department of North Dakota.

20. Department of Indiana, Robert W. McBride, department commander, will form in University Park, right resting 210 feet north of New York Street, column extending west.

Disabled veterans, in automobiles, will form on Meridian Street, north of East Vermont Street, column extending north.

XXI. The following comrades are hereby appointed aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Henry Gibson, Delphi, Ind.
Andrew Houghton, Boston, Mass.
T. D. Nelson, Ishpeming, Mich.
Jerome Browne, Bedford Hills, N. Y.
Robert T. Sedam, St. Lawrence, S. Dak.

XXII. The name of Henry Stannard should have appeared in the list of aids, published in General Orders No. 5.

By command of—

DANIEL M. HALL,
Commander in Chief.

Official:
JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Adjutant General.

In Memoriam

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COMRADE JAMES DAVID BELL.

Comrade James David Bell, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., November 1, 1919. The crowning honor of his career had been enjoyed by him less than 60 days when the life which had seemed to his comrades strong, secure, and full of promise for years to come, was extinguished. Comrade Bell was spared any prolonged period of physical weakness and mental decay. Those of us who were accustomed to see him almost daily retain a memory of his elastic step and commanding presence undimmed by any vision of failing strength. During a few days of weakness only he was missing from among his fellows, and then came the astonishing news that he was dead! The end was so sudden it seemed premature, but his life was really full and rounded out; it had realized the highest standards of citizenship and comradeship and had illustrated in an eminent degree the possibilities to American youth of America's opportunities.

Comrade Bell was born in New York City September 29, 1845. He was but a boy of 16 years when Fort Sumter was fired on, but he was mature enough, intrepid enough, and aggressive enough to secure acceptance in the ranks of the Union Army, and persistent enough and devoted and brave enough to continue under the colors to the victorious end four years later.

When he returned to his home at the close of the war, the same qualities secured for him step by step his subsequent conspicuously useful career. He became a newspaper reporter and studied law. When he had been admitted to the bar, he chose Brooklyn for his home. Here he rapidly achieved prominence in his chosen profession and became one of the foremost citizens of that great city.

He was early elected supervisor of his ward; later he was appointed commissioner of police of the city; for many years he was the chairman of the county committee of the political organization to which he belonged. He was the president of the Bar Association of Brooklyn and vice president of that of the State. For 10 years he was the corporation counsel of the Borough of Brooklyn. and his superior knowledge of municipal law secured wide acknowledgment from his fellow lawyers. He was United States district attorney for the eastern district of New York at the time of his death.

In his private life, in the sanctuary of the home, he equally displayed the finest qualities of a well-balanced character. He was happiest when he could gain the seclusion of home and his books

and give himself up to the enjoyment of their companionship. His books, many thousands in number, filled his house. He read with an understanding and a critical spirit, and in many fields of knowledge was a deeply interested and intelligent gleaner.

He was not only a patriotic soldier, a good citizen, a devoted husband, an affectionate father, a widely read student of public affairs, a wise counselor, an astute political leader, and a sound and deeply learned lawyer but he was a good comrade! During his Army experience he had known what it was to suffer wounds and to bear the hardships of prisons. No side of a soldier's life was strange to him. He retained throughout all the multiplied responsibilities and cares and successes of his subsequent career his interest in his comrades of the Grand Army. For 13 successive years he was commander of Abel Smith, First Long Island Post of the Department of New York. For 30 years he served as a member of the memorial and executive committee of the Grand Army of Kings County, and during this time was prodigal of his services in aid of his comrades whenever called on for help. For many years he was judge advocate of the Department of New York, and as a part of his work as such prepared a digest of all important decisions of the judge advocate general and of all the New York State laws touching veterans' interests. These have for many years formed an important part of the yearly volume of proceedings published by that department. A final revision had been made by him shortly before his death. Comrade Bell was commander of the Department of New York in 1914–15. He was chairman of the committee on resolutions of the national encampment at Portland in 1918. When he was presented by the Department of New York as its candidate for commander in chief, in 1919, his fitness for the place was so evident to all that no serious opposition declared itself. Comrade Bell accepted his election with a deep sense of the honor it conferred and the esteem which it signified and in return had many plans for service to the organization, none of which, alas, was he permitted to bring to fruition.

"He is at rest; his once proud form at last has had to yield
To Death's keen blade that he defied on many a battle field.
His martial tread is heard no more, his weary march is done,
He sleeps beneath the flag he loved—The Man of Sixty-one."

James Tanner.
Samuel Fallows.
Lewis S. Pilcher.

JAMES DAVID BELL,

Commander in Chief, 1919. Died in office.

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ALFRED BISHOP BEERS,

Commander in Chief, 1912. Mustered out March 29, 1920.

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In Memoriam

COMRADE ALFRED BISHOP BEERS.

Nature has decreed that death shall close the account of each individual. The work done, its character and amount shall determine how valuable the life of the deceased. A survey of the work of our Comrade Beers will disclose remarkable characteristics of which his family and this order may be very proud. We beg to quote a statement of his work as set forth in General Orders, No. 6, of this administration:

"Comrade Alfred Bishop Beers, past commander in chief, died at his home in Bridgeport, Conn., March 29, aged 74 years. Comrade Beers enlisted August 25, 1861, as private in Company I, Sixth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry; was promoted to corporal November 4, 1863; reenlisted as a veteran March 7, 1864; was wounded at Deep Run, Va., August 16, 1864; was promoted to first sergeant October 30, 1864; was commissioned captain of Company B, Sixth Connecticut Infantry March 23, 1865; and was discharged August 21, 1865. Comrade Beers had served many years as chairman of the executive committee of the Soldiers' Hospital Board of the State of Connecticut, and had much to do with the establishing of the State Home for Soldiers at Noroton, Conn. Comrade Beers was elected department commander in 1881, served as judge advocate general in 1908 on the staff of Commander in Chief Henry M. Nevius, and was elected junior vice commander in chief in 1909 and commander in chief in 1912. He had served as a member of the committee on rules and regulations and ritual for several years and at his death was its chairman, and was also serving as a member of the trustees of the permanent fund."

We desire to add that for nearly four years he was the president of the National Association of the Surviving Volunteer Officers of the Civil War.

Comrade Alfred B. Beers was the uncompromising friend of the great order to which he belonged, and he believed in its precepts and earnestly supported its principles.

He did not strive for glory; honor and justice were his aim; he never compromised right with wrong.

He was loved and revered by his comrades with whom he served during the war, and as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic his record is of the highest, and we speak of it in the fondest terms of gratitude.

His wise counsels guided us in the past and will live with us in the future.

In Memoriam

His life was the blending of soldier, patriot, and jurist in the highest order of citizenship and a blessing to all his comrades.

His courage grew to the very heights of human needs, and he is one of our mightiest departed and belongs to the blessed of our ranks.

So just was he that the voice of censure did not overtake him, and our order was especially the object of his pride and ambition. He was just to all; hate and envy were not in him.

The purity of his private life gave emphasis to his public virtues. In undisturbed serenity he closed an exemplary career. Such was the life of the comrade the Grand Army of the Republic mourns.

May he rest in the pure bliss that country and Heaven bestows.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That these resolutions be inscribed upon the permanent record of our order and that the sincere and profound sympathy and condolence of our order be extended to his wife and family, and a copy of these resolutions be delivered to them.

LEO RASSIEUR.
CLARENDON E. ADAMS.

ELIAS RIGGS MONFORT,

Commander in Chief, 1915. Mustered out July 29, 1920.

In Memoriam

COMRADE ELIAS RIGGS MONFORT.

Comrade Elias Riggs Monfort was born at Greensburg, Ind., March 2, 1842, and died at Oaks Corner, N. Y., July 29, 1920.

He entered the three months' service in the war for the Union, a private in Company A, Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; commissioned second lieutenant in the Seventy-fifth Ohio Infantry June 23, 1861; first lieutenant May 15, 1862; captain Company F, same regiment, January 12, 1863.

At the Battle of Gettysburg he received a wound causing permanent disability, and was honorably discharged from the service.

As a private in the three months' service, he was engaged at Philippi, Beverly, Dry Fork, Burlington, Carricks Ford, Laurel Hill and Georgetown, Huttonsville, Elkwater, Mingo Flats, Cheat Mountain, and Greenbriar, W. Va. As an officer in the Seventy-fifth Ohio Regiment, he was present with Gen. Milroy in engagements at Cheat Mountain, Monterey, Crab Orchard, Franklin, Buffalo Gap, McDowell, Shenandoah Mountain, and again at Franklin; with Gen. Fremont at Petersburg, Straussburg, Mount Jackson, Cross Keys, and Port Republic; with Gen. Pope at Sperryville, Culpepper Courthouse, Cedar Mountain, Raccoon Ford, Rapidan, Freemans Ford, Waterloo Bridge (second Bull Run), and Manassas; with Gen. Burnside at Falmouth and Rappahannock; with Gen. Hooker in the Chancellorsville campaign; and with Gens. Reynolds and Meade at Gettysburg, where he was dangerously wounded. After his honorable discharge from the Army for disability, he completed his studies at Hanover College and began the practice of law at Greensburg, Ind. In 1875 he became an editor of the Herald and Presbyter. He was a member and for years president of the Cincinnati School Board, was clerk of the Hamilton County court in 1896 and 1897, and postmaster at Cincinnati from 1899 to 1915.

In his church relations he was trustee of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and for 40 years an elder and clerk of sessions of the Walnut Hills First Church. He was trustee of Lane Seminary, and at various times trustee of Hanover College and other educational and benevolent institutions. He was president of Hamilton County Soldiers and Sailors' Memorial Building Association. Helpful and efficient in all kinds of work, he never failed to respond where he could be of service to his fellow men. Hundreds remember him as their benefactor. The humblest soldier or soldier's widow

or citizen did not hesitate to approach him when in need, confident of a helping hand.

In Grand Army circles he was active and well known; commander of Fred C. Jones Post, No. 401; was elected department commander, Department of Ohio, in 1900, thereby becoming a permanent member of the national encampment. After that date he was present at every annual national encampment, one only excepted, that at Los Angeles, where he gave place to his associate in the Cincinnati post office, Past Commander in Chief William C. Johnson, deceased, who desired to be present at the encampment on the Pacific coast.

In the national encampment he was well known for his ability and general usefulness, for his advice and work on important committees, and his devotion to comrades and the Grand Army of the Republic.

In his death the encampment has suffered a loss, and his comrades mourn.

ORLANDO A. SOMERS.
THOS. H. BROWN.
JOHN M. ADAMS.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA.

COMRADE MANOAH BOSTICK.

Department Commander, 1895.

National Council of Administration—Died in Office.

Mustered Out September 26, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA.

COMRADE ANSON B. CULVER.

Department Commander, 1908.

Mustered Out November 15, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA.

COMRADE CHARLES A. MANGE.

Department Commander, 1915.

Mustered Out July 12, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA.

COMRADE GEORGE H. PATRICK.

Department Commander, 1871–1880.

Mustered Out July —, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS.

COMRADE W. H. H. CLAYTON.

Department Commander, 1891.

Mustered Out December 14, 1919.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS.

COMRADE A. H. SOEKLAND.

Department Commander, 1897.

Mustered Out January 24, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.

COMRADE W. H. AIKEN.

Department Commander, 1873–1880.

Mustered Out September 11, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.

COMRADE CHARLES T. RICE.

Department Commander, 1904.

Mustered Out October 20, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING.

COMRADE GEORGE ADY.

Department Commander, 1887.

Mustered Out June 3, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING.

COMRADE JAMES MOYNAHAN.

Department Commander, 1916.

Mustered Out October 8, 1919.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING.

COMRADE DEXTER T. SAPP.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1911.

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 5, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA.

COMRADE THEODORE W. B. BRAKE.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE.

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 3, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

COMRADE W. B. TODD.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1914.

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 14, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO.

COMRADE A. M. ROWE.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1907.

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 2, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.

COMRADE CHRISTOPHER C. DUFFY.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1911.

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 29, 1920.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

COMRADE ALEXANDER P. ASBURY.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1910.

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 25, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

COMRADE MILTON GARRIGUS.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1902.

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 25, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA.

COMRADE AMOS HART EVANS.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1897.

MUSTERED OUT JULY 25, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA.

COMRADE GEORGE A. NEWMAN.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1894.

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 15, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA.

COMRADE LOT ABRAHAM.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1911.

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 29, 1920.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

COMRADE WILLIAM W. SMITH.

Department Commander, 1918.

Mustered Out December 22, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

COMRADE CHARLES HARRIS.

Department Commander, 1909.

Mustered Out January 27, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

COMRADE JOHN C. CARPENTER.

Department Commander, 1868.

Mustered Out.

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND.

COMRADE DAVID L. STANTON.

Department Commander, 1898.

Mustered Out December 26, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

COMRADE JAMES M. GREENFIELD.

Department Commander, 1909.

Mustered Out September 12, 1920.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA.

COMRADE CHARLES VAN CAMPEN.

Department Commander, 1916.

Mustered Out January —, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA.

COMRADE WILLIAM WILSON.

Department Commander, 1878.

Mustered Out March 9, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI.

COMRADE LOUIS BENECKE.

Department Commander, 1895.

Mustered Out August 29, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI.

COMRADE BENJAMIN WARNER.

Department Commander, 1911.

Mustered Out May 30, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA.

COMRADE JOSEPH S. HOAGLAND.

Department Commander, 1918.

Mustered Out July 31, 1920.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

COMRADE REUBEN T. LEAVITT.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1916.

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 30, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

COMRADE MARTIN A. HAYNES.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1881.

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 29, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

COMRADE DANIEL HALL.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1892.

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 8, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

COMRADE WILLIAM A. BECKFORD.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1912.

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 26, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

COMRADE ALFRED ATKINS.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1906.

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 21, 1919.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

COMRADE JAMES M. ATWOOD.

Department Commander, 1904.

Mustered Out July 22, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

COMRADE JOHN C. SCHOTTS.

Department Commander, 1894.

Mustered Out August 26, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

COMRADE EDWARD J. ATKINSON.

Department Commander, 1895.

Mustered Out February 3, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

COMRADE CHARLES FREEMAN.

Department Commander, 1891.

Mustered Out April 12, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA.

COMRADE WILLIAM A. BENTLEY.

Department Commander, 1891.

Mustered Out March 20, 1920.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

COMRADE AMOS HUFFMAN.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1905.

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 1, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

COMRADE WILLIAM A. PITTENGER.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1917.

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 5, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON.

COMRADE DANA C. SHERMAN.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1896.

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 24, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

COMRADE LEVI G. McCAULEY.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1901.

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 7, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

COMRADE R. P. SCOTT.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1902.

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 12, 1920.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC.

COMRADE J. K. GLEASON.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1914.

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 22, 1914.

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC.

COMRADE NATHAN BICKFORD.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1894.

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 30, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC.

COMRADE WILLIAM S. ODELL.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1920.

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 28, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC.

COMRADE A. H. G. RICHARDSON.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1877.

MUSTERED OUT.

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC.

COMRADE GEORGE C. ROSS.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1911.

MUSTERED OUT.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND.

COMRADE EZRA K. PARKER.

Department Commander, 1905.

Mustered Out December 19, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND.

COMRADE SAMUEL W. K. ALLEN.

Department Commander, 1898.

Mustered Out December 4, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

COMRADE N. I. LOTHIAN.

Department Commander, 1906.

Mustered Out May —, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS.

COMRADE C. A. CAHOON.

Department Commander, 1916.

Mustered Out August 25, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF UTAH.

COMRADE REUBEN OEHLER.

Department Commander, 1913.

Mustered Out February 13, 1920.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT.

COMRADE HUGH HENRY.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1892.

MUSTERED OUT.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT.

COMRADE HENRY C. STREETER.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1916.

MUSTERED OUT.

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

COMRADE JAMES E. PORTER.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1895.

MUSTERED OUT.

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.

COMRADE C. T. PATTERSON.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1896.

MUSTERED OUT.

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA.

COMRADE THOMAS V. SALISBURY.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1911.

MUSTERED OUT JUNE —, 1920.

COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

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First commander in chief,
BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.

First adjutant general,
ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois.

First quartermaster general,
JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois.

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866.

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.
The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—STEPHEN A. HURLBURT, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief—JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief—ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
Surgeon general—D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
Adjutant general[1]—BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
Quartermaster general—AUGUST WILLICH, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief—JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvlania.
Junior vice commander in chief—JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
Surgeon general—JOHN BELL, Iowa.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general[1]—NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
Quartermaster general[1]—T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
Inspector general[1]—EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief—LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
Junior vice commander in chief—JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
Surgeon general—S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general—WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general—TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
Inspector general—FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
Judge advocate general—NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

[1] By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief.....LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
Junior vice commander in chief.....LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Surgeon general.....Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
Adjutant general.....WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C
Quartermaster general.....TIMOTHY LUBEY Washington, D. C.
Inspector general.....FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
Judge advocate general.....NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871.

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
Senior vice commander in chief.....LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Junior vice commander in chief.....JAMES COEY, California.
Surgeon general.....Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
Adjutant general.....WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
Quartermaster general.....CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
Inspector general.....ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general.....W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872.

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
Senior vice commander in chief.....LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Junior vice commander in chief.....J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
Surgeon general.....Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
Adjutant general.....ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
Quartermaster general.....CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
Inspector general.....MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
Judge advocate general.....W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN., MAY 14, 15, 1873.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief.....JOHN R. GOBLE, New Jersey.
Junior vice commander in chief.....EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
Surgeon general.....HANS POWELL, New York.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
Adjutant general.....CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general.....A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
Inspector general.....A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general.....W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief—EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief—GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
Surgeon general—HANS POWELL, New York.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
Adjutant general—HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general—A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
Inspector general—W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general—W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief—J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
Junior vice commander in chief—CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
Surgeon general—JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
Adjutant general—ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general—WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general—W. F. ROGERS, New York.
Judge advocate general—W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief—J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
Junior vice commander in chief—CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
Surgeon general—JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general—ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general—WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspectors general—W. F. ROGERS, New York.[1] MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
Judge Advocate general—W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I., JUNE 26, 27, 1877.

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief—ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
Junior vice commander in chief—WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
Surgeon general—JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general—JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
Quartermaster general—WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general—MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general—WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

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[1] Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JUNE 4, 1878.

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief.....PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
Junior vice commander in chief.....HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
Surgeon general.....JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general.....JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
Quartermaster general.....WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general.....WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 18, 1879.

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief.....JOHN PALMER, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief.....HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
Surgeon general.....WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general.....ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
Quartermaster general.....WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
Judge advocate general.....WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief.....EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
Junior vice commander in chief.....GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
Surgeon general.....A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general.....ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general.....WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
Judge advocate general.....GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., JUNE 15, 16, 1881.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief.....CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief.....C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
Surgeon general.....CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general.....WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general.....WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
Judge advocate general.....GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD., JUNE 21–23, 1882.

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
Senior vice commander in chief.....W. E. W. ROSS, Maryland.
Junior vice commander in chief.....I. S. BANGS, Maine.
Surgeon general.....AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
Adjutant general.....F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
Quartermaster general.....JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general.....JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
Judge advocate general.....JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., JULY 25, 26, 1883.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief.....WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
Junior vice commander in chief.....WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
Surgeon general.....AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
Adjutant general.....JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general.....JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general.....CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
Judge advocate general.....WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JULY 23–25, 1884.

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief.....JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
Junior vice commander in chief.....IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
Surgeon general.....WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
Adjutant general.....W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
Quartermaster general.....JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general.....OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
Judge advocate general.....D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME., JUNE 24, 25, 1885.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
Senior vice commander in chief.....SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
Junior vice commander in chief.....JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
Surgeon general.....J. C. TUCKER, California.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
Adjutant general.....JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
Quartermaster general.....JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general.....ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
Judge advocate general.....CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 4–6, 1886.

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
Senior vice commander in chief—SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
Junior vice commander in chief—EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
Surgeon general—AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
Adjutant general—E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
Quartermaster general—JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general—JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
Judge advocate general—HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO., SEPTEMBER 28–30, 1887.

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
Senior vice commander in chief—NELSON COLE, Missouri.
Junior vice commander in chief—JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
Surgeon general—FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
Adjutant general—DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general—JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general—IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
Judge advocate general—WHEELOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.

TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12–14, 1888.

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
Senior vice commander in chief—MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief—JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
Surgeon general—R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
Adjutant general—EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
Quartermaster general—JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general—GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general—JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS., AUGUST 28–30, 1889.

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
Senior vice commander in chief—A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
Junior vice commander in chief—JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
Surgeon general—HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
Adjutant general—GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
Quartermaster general—JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general—LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
Judge advocate general—D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 13, 14, 1890.

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
Senior vice commanders in chief—RICHARD F. TOBIN, Massachusetts.[1] GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
Junior vice commander in chief—GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
Surgeon general—BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
Adjutant general—JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
Quartermaster general—JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general—JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
Judge advocate general—WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., AUGUST 5–7, 1891.

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—JOHN PALMER, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief—HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
Junior vice commander in chief—THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
Surgeon general—BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
Adjutant general—FRED. PHISTERER, New York.
Quartermaster general—JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general—JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
Judge advocate general—JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.

TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892.

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
Senior vice commander in chief—R. H. WARFIELD, California.
Junior vice commander in chief—PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
Surgeon general—W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
Adjutant general—E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
Quartermaster general—JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general—GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general—JAMES TANNER, New York.

TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893.

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief—IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
Junior vice commander in chief—J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
Surgeon general—GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
Adjutant general—JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general—LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general—ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
Judge advocate general—LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

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[1] Died in office.

TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894.

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....THOMAS G. LAWLER, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief.....A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
Junior vice commander in chief.....CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
Surgeon general.....O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. T. H. HAGERTY, Missouri.
Adjutant general.....C. C. JONES, Illinois.
Quartermaster general.....JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
Inspector general.....C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
Judge advocate general.....MATT. H. ELLIS, New York.

TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY., SEPTEMBER 11–13, 1895.

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
Senior vice commander in chief.....E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
Junior vice commander in chief.....S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
Surgeon general.....J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
Adjutant general.....IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
Quartermaster general.....A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
Inspector general.....WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general.....ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896.

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
Senior vice commander in chief.....JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
Junior vice commander in chief.....CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
Surgeon general.....A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general.....CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
Quartermaster general.....A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
Inspector general.....CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general.....ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y., AUGUST 25–27, 1897.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief.....ALFRED LYTH, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief.....FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
Surgeon general.....DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
Adjutant general.....THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general.....CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
Judge advocate general.....ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commanders in chief	JAMES A. SEXTON,[1] Illinois. W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
Surgeon general	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
Adjutant general	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
Inspector general	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
Judge advocate general	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
Junior vice commander in chief	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
Adjutant general	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
Inspector general	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
Judge advocate general	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900.

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
Senior vice commander in chief	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
Junior vice commander in chief	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
Surgeon general	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
Adjutant general	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
Judge advocate general	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901.

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN MCELROY, Washington, D. C.
Junior vice commander in chief	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
Adjutant general	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

[1] Died in office.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief.....WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
Junior vice commander in chief.....JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
Surgeon general.....A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
Adjutant general.....JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general.....CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
Judge advocate general.....ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903.

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief.....C. MASON KINNE, California.
Junior vice commander in chief.....HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
Surgeon general.....GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
Adjutant general.....CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
Quartermaster general.....CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....ERWIN B. MESSLER, Iowa.
Judge advocate general.....JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commanders in chief.....WILMON W. BLACKMAR, Massachusetts.[1]
JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
Senior vice commanders in chief.....JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
Junior vice commanders in chief.....GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
Surgeon general.....WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
Adjutant general.....JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general.....CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
Judge advocates general.....AMOS M. THAYER, Missouri.[1]
OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....JAMES TANNER, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief.....GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
Junior vice commander in chief.....SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
Surgeon general.....HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
Adjutant general.....JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
Quartermaster general.....FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
Inspector general.....M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
Judge advocate general.....CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

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[1] Died in office.

FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 16, 17, 1906.

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief.....WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
Junior vice commander in chief.....E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
Surgeon general.....W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
Chaplain in chief.....Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
Adjutant general.....JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
Quartermaster general.....CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
Judge advocate general.....FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
National patriotic instructor.....WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907.

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
Senior vice commander in chief.....LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief.....W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
Surgeon general.....G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
Chaplain in chief.....Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
Adjutant general.....JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
Quartermaster general.....CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general.....COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Judge advocate general.....L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
National patriotic instructor.....WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908.

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
Senior vice commander in chief.....J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief.....CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
Surgeon general.....G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
Adjutant general.....FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
Quartermaster general.....COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general.....WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
Judge advocate general.....ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
National patriotic instructor.....Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AUGUST 12, 13, 1909.

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief.....SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
Senior vice commander in chief.....WILLIAM R. BOSTAPH, Utah.
Junior vice commander in chief.....ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
Surgeon general.....WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
Chaplain in chief.....Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
Adjutant general.....GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general.....COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general.....WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
Judge advocate general.....RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
National patriotic instructor.....JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief—CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Junior vice commander in chief—WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
Surgeon general—JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
Adjutant general—EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general—COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general—HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
Judge advocate general—THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
National patriotic instructor—J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 24, 25, 1911.

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief—NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief—WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
Surgeon general—JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
Adjutant general—CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
Quartermaster general—COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general—JOHN H. MCCLAY, Nebraska.
Judge advocate general—WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
National patriotic instructor—JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., SEPTEMBER 9–14, 1912.

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
Senior vice commander in chief—H. Z. OSBORNE, California.
Junior vice commander in chief—AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
Surgeon general—L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general—HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
Quartermaster general—COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general—J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general—BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
National patriotic instructor—LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913.

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief—WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
Senior vice commander in chief—THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
Junior vice commanders in chief—WILLIAM L. ROSS, Maine.[1] / A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
Surgeon general—J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief—Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
Adjutant general—OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
Quartermaster general—COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general—LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
Judge advocate general—P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
National patriotic instructor—LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

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[1] Resigned.

FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914.

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
Senior vice commanders in chief	JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,[1] Michigan. W. F. CONNER, Texas.
Junior vice commanders in chief	W. F. CONNER, Texas. OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
Surgeon general	LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
Chaplain in chief	REV. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
Adjutant general	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
Judge advocate general	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
National patriotic instructor	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915.

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,863.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
Junior vice commander in chief	LEVANT DODGE, Kentucky.
Surgeon general	REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
Chaplain in chief	REV. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Maryland.
Adjutant general	DR. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
Judge advocate general	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
National patriotic instructor	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916.

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 149,074.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Senior vice commander in chief	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City, Mo.
Junior vice commander in chief	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
Chaplain in chief	REV. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
Adjutant general	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Inspector general	CHARLES H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
Judge advocate general	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Detroit, Mich.
National patriotic instructor	URIAH SEELY, Newark, N. J.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20–25, 1917.

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
Junior vice commander in chief	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
Surgeon general	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	REV. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
Adjutant general	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Inspector general	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Judge advocate general	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
National patriotic instructor	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

[1] Died in office.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 18–24, 1918.

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
Junior vice commander in chief	CHAS. H. HABER, National Soldiers' Home, Va.
Surgeon general	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
Adjutant general	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
Inspector general	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
National patriotic instructor	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 7–13, 1919.

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JAMES D. BELL,[1] Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief	DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
Junior vice commander in chief	CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDORE ISAACS, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Surgeon general	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
Adjutant general	ISIDORE ISAACS, Brooklyn, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
Inspector general	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
National patriotic instructor	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19–25, 1920.

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership 103,258.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

Commander in chief	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
Senior vice commander in chief	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
Junior vice commander in chief	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
Surgeon general	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City Mo.
Chaplain in chief	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
Adjutant general	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
Inspector general	M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
National patriotic instructor	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

[1] Died in office.

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