



Yours truly,
A. K. Taylor
Department Commander

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,

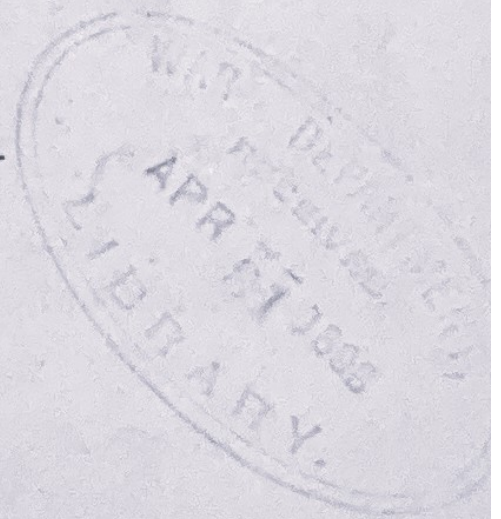
Grand Army of the Republic,

CONVENED IN THE

AUDITORIUM OF THE CITY HALL, DALLAS, TEXAS, MARCH 4th.

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DEPARTMENT ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 15, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

I. Having been chosen Commander of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, at its Sixth Annual Encampment, held in the City of San Antonio on March 5th and 6th, 1890, I hereby assume command, assuring you of my appreciation of the honor conferred, and promising you that I will use every endeavor to make the coming year a prosperous one for our order, relying upon your earnest support to that end.

II. The following comrades were also elected to the offices named :

John H. Bolton, Post No. 4, San Antonio, Senior Vice Commander.

W. F. Cottman, Post No. 6, Dallas, Junior Vice Commander.

Dr. J. W. Coombs, Post No. 9, Houston, Medical Director.
H. Webb, Post No. 23, Denton, Chaplain.

III. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

S. H. Buchanan, Post No. 19, El Paso.

R. L. Ferguson, Post No. 21, Temple.

J. N. Steere, Post No. 6, Dallas.

R. P. Sargent, Post No. 2, Galveston.

Thos A. Pope, Post No. 28, Cameron.

IV. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Delegate at large, Geo. A. Knight, Post No. 6, Dallas.

Delegate, C. W. Ricker, Post No. 27, Palestine.

Alternate at large, Ed. Ketchum, Post No. 2, Galveston.

Alternate, J. H. Pratt, Post No. 17, Ft. Clark.

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V. The following appointments are announced :
J. W. Temby, Post No. 9, Houston, Assistant Adjutant General.
J. M. Odell, Post No. 10, Austin, Assistant Quartermaster General.
E. Ketchum, Post No. 2, Galveston, Inspector.
B. I. Arnold, Post No. 28, Cameron, Judge Advocate.
Geo. A. Knight, Post No. 6, Dallas, Chief Mustering Officer.
Further appointments will be announced in subsequent orders.

VI. Headquarters are established at Houston, Texas.

VII. Requisitions for supplies should be forwarded direct to the Assistant Quartermaster General, at Austin, accompanied with remittance to cover same, which should be by P. O. order or bank draft.

VIII. Post Commanders will immediately forward names of comrades for appointment as Aides-de-Camp and Assistant Inspectors on Staff of Department Commander. None but earnest, zealous comrades are desired for these positions.

IX. By resolution unanimously adopted, the per capita tax due from Posts in this Department was fixed at "sixty (60) cents per annum, payable quarterly." Post Commanders will therefor remit fifteen cents for each member in good standing for first quarter, 1890.

X. Blank forms for Quarterly Returns will be forwarded by the Assistant Adjutant General, and the attention of Post Commanders is earnestly called to the necessity of being prompt and correct in the rendering thereof.

[OFFICIAL.]
A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander.*
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, APRIL 19, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.

I. National General Orders Nos. 10 and 11 have been duly promulgated, and are enclosed herein, your attention is called to paragraph 1, Order No. 10.

II. Forms F and G will be forwarded to each Post as soon as received by the A. A. G.

III. Commanders of Posts will please comply with the request contained in Order No 11, and send Roster of Post to Robert P. Porter, Washington, D. C. Blanks for this purpose, with return envelopes properly addressed, which require no postage, are sent by this mail. Post Commanders are requested to see that these reports are promptly made and forwarded.

IV. A recent circular issued by order of the Surgeon General calls attention to the law in relation to commutation for the loss of the use of a limb or limbs by disease or injury, which circular is at the same time a blank form of application for those who may desire to use it as such. Notwithstanding the length of time which has elapsed since the passage of the Commutation Act, it appears that many disabled veterans are still in ignorance of their rights under it; and many, perhaps a majority, of those who are aware of the law and draw commutation under it, seem to consider the services of an Attorney needful to the satisfactory transaction of the business. This circular is intended to reach both of these classes. A supply of these blank applications is now in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General, and will be sent on application to any one needing them. The law provides that :

“ Every Officer, or enlisted, or hired man, who has lost a limb, by injury or disease, in the Military or Naval Service of the United States, is entitled to receive once in five years, an artificial limb or apparatus, or commutation therefor. The period of five years is reckoned, from the filing of the first application after June 17, 1870, and no arrears accrue previous to such filing. The commutation allowed in cases of the amputation of a leg is \$75; in all other cases \$50. Commutation can be allowed only in cases of loss of a limb or loss of use of a limb—that is, arm or leg—not for other injuries.”

(The laws relating to artificial limbs are the Revised Statutes, Sections 4787 to 4791, an act of August 15, 1875, Chapter 300.)

A Pensioner who has already received one or more installments of commutation has only to send his name and post office address to the Surgeon General of the Army about the time the five years have expired, and his claim will be attended to without any expense to him for attorneys' fees or affidavits.

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Dept. Commander,*
J. W. TEMBY, *Ass't Adjutant General.*

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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, APRIL 21, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.
L. The following additional appointments, on the Staff of the Department Commander, are hereby announced; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

SENIOR AID-DE-CAMP AND ASSISTANT MUSTERING OFFICER:
Jas. B. Newcomb, San Antonio.

AIDES-DE-CAMP AND ASSISTANT INSPECTORS:

John Donaldson, Post No. 1.

A. B. Homer, Post No. 2.

W. H. Robinson, Post No. 3.

C. B. Morgan, Post No. 4.

W. O. Kretsinger, Post No. 5.

R. McCormick, Post No. 6.

Geo. A. Race, Post No. 9.

C. B. Stoddard, Post No. 10.

E. G. Rust, Post No. 11.

C. C. Sanborn, Post No. 12.

H. C. Adler, Post No. 13.

W. T. King, Post No. 15.

J. H. Dunn, Post No. 16.

Geo. A. Pennington, Post No. 17.

D. F. Gerrish, Post No. 18.

A. G. Blacker, Post No. 19.

W. H. Webber, Post No. 20.

R. L. Ferguson, Post No. 21.

Thomas J. See, Post No. 22.

J. E. Stringer, Post No. 23.

G. A. Jones, Post No. 25.

E. A. Russell, Post No. 26.

F. M. Goodner, Post No. 27.

C. C. Dudley, Post No. 28.

Smith Odell, Post No. 29.

Clark Arnold, Post No. 30.

L. T. Miller, Post No. 31.

Wm. Campbell, Post No. 32.

Jas. Farrell, Post No. 33.

W. A. Cox, Post No. 34.

Jas. Hickey, Post No. 35.

Jas. Powers, Post No. 36.

Carl C. Olson, Post No. 37.

Jas. A. Callahan, Post No. 38.
 A. H. Bennett, Post No. 39.
 H. S. Stokes, Post No. 40.
 N. B. Glover, Post No. 41.

II. The National Encampment directs that the time for closing the Annual Inspections, shall be June 15th. Therefore the inspections of all the posts of this Department are hereby ordered to take place during the months of April and May, and must give the standing and condition of the Posts up to and including March 31st, 1890. Upon the receipt of this order, (which is accompanied by Blanks of Form H.) Assistant Inspectors will arrange with Commanders of Posts to which they have been assigned, fixing the date for the inspection.

III. The attention of the Assistant Inspectors is called to the great importance of a careful and fully detailed inspection not conducted as a mere matter of form, but from a keen observance of the working of the Post. See that the Rules and Regulations are carefully complied with; the Ritual and Secret Work are respected; the Quarterly Returns promptly made; the books properly kept; and thus be able to make not only an intelligent report, but such a one as shall show at a glance the standing and condition of the Post inspected, as well as the efficiency of the officer inspecting; and also bestowing renewed vigor to the Order in this Department. To this end their attention is directed to the form of inspection, as found on page 62 of Service Book [a copy of which is sent herewith]; a strict compliance with its requirements is requested.

IV. The Blanks of Form H. sent to each Assistant Inspector with this order, should be filled out and sent on or before May 15th, 1890, to Department Inspector, ED. KETCHUM, Galveston, Texas, in order that this report to the Inspector General shall reach Headquarters in due season.

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*.
 J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, MAY 1, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4.

"Memorial Day," this most beautiful and impressive National Holiday, was established on the 30th day of May,

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twenty-two years ago, by the Grand Army of the Republic. At first it was an institution of our Order, but was soon adopted by all the loyal hearts of our land, and is now observed in all sections of our country, forming one of the surest guarantees to the future peace and prosperity of our National Union, by holding in everlasting remembrance the patriotic deeds of the brave men who gave their lives that the Nation might live.

At each recurrence of the day, the loyal people gather in ever-increasing numbers, and dress with the wealth and beauty of blossoming spring, the graves of our honored dead. It is earnestly recommended that every Post in this Department observe the day in a true spirit, not merely in the performance of an imposed duty, but with feelings inspired by true patriotism and a solemn reverence for the memory of their dead comrades.

It is desired that where organizations of that noble order, the "Women's Relief Corps," exists, they will aid in the observance of the day, and that all loyal citizens, regardless of past affiliations, join the Grand Army Comrades in thus strengthening the holy bonds of future and perpetual peace and National Union.

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, MAY 26, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5.

I. The attention of officers of Posts is called to the fact that the standing of Departments is based on the number in good standing in the reports for the second quarter of each year, and the Department Commander earnestly hopes that all will bear this fact in mind, and every Post in the Department of Texas will be represented in the report of the Assistant Adjutant General for the coming quarter.

II. Enclosed herewith are blank forms (A), for Adjutant's report, and (B) for Quartermaster's report, for the second quarter ending June the 30th, 1890. These reports must be made in duplicate, one copy to be retained and filed with the Post papers, and should be made out at the last meeting in

the quarter (which in some Posts is the first Monday in the month in June), and forwarded together with the per capita tax to the Assistant Adjutant General ; return envelopes correctly addressed are also enclosed.

III. The per capita tax is fifteen cents per member in good standing, which must accompany the reports to these Headquarters. Send by postal note or money order to the order of J. M. Odell, Assistant Quartermaster General, at Austin, Texas.

The Department Commander is anxious to have the Department of Texas reported as excelling all others in prompt rendition of returns to National Headquarters, and to that end calls upon all Post Commanders for a strict and prompt compliance with this order.

[OFFICIAL]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*.
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
HOUSTON, TEXAS, JUNE 2d, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 6.

I. Comrade J. P. Newcomb, of Post No. 3, San Antonio, having tendered his resignation as Senior Aid-de Camp and Assistant Mustering Officer, the same is hereby accepted, and Comrade R. B. Baer, of Post No. 9, Houston, is appointed to fill the vacancy.

II. The Countersign for this Department is herewith transmitted, and will go into effect immediately upon being received by each Post.

III. Extensive preparations are being made for the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in Boston in August next, and as the time is rapidly approaching, Post Commanders will ascertain as near as possible the number that will go from their Posts and the route of travel preferred, and without delay inform the Assistant Adjutant General at these Headquarters.

IV. The address of Wm. Hyde, late Veterinary Surgeon 14th Missouri Cavalry, is desired. Any Comrade knowing the same will please correspond with C. M. Miller, Lamar, Mo.

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V. It is suggested that each Post secure from the Assistant Quartermaster General a copy of the Membership Certificate adopted at the 21st National Encampment. These certificates are to be signed by the Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General, and countersigned by the Post Commander and Post Adjutant, and are furnished complete for 50 cents per copy. All orders should be forwarded through Post officers.

[OFFICIAL:]
By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, JUNE 13, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 7.

In order that Department Headquarters may be furnished with a complete record of each Post in this Department, Post Commanders will cause the Adjutant, Sergeant-Major or other competent person, to prepare and forward without delay a complete transcript of the descriptive book of their respective Posts, supplying such information as may be lacking therein when possible. Let the report show all musters, transfers, suspensions, reinstatements, discharges and deaths, thus making a complete history of the Post. Each name should be spelled correctly and written plainly. Give date of your Charter. Blank forms for these reports are enclosed herewith.

[OFFICIAL:]
By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, JUNE 20, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 8.

I. General Order No. 14 National Headquarters is herewith enclosed. A prompt compliance with this order is imperative. Returns from all Posts in this Department must be in this office by the 1st day of July. Posts failing to comply will be published in General Orders as delinquents.

II. The Department Commander is assured that a favorable rate on railroads to the 24th Annual Encampment, to be held in Boston, August 12th, will be given, and it is hoped that the Department of Texas will send a representation to Boston that will be a credit to the empire State of the South, and to the forty Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in her borders.

As soon as rates are determined, and the route fixed upon, notice will be sent to each Post. Those intending to go are requested to advise the Assistant Adjutant General at once, so that a reasonable approximation may be reached of the number for which transportation is to be furnished.

The usual extension of thirty days is assured, and all who go with Headquarters train can have that time for the return trip.

III. The Committee on Accommodations of the National Encampment desire to inform Posts in this Department, that application must be made for quarters before July 20th. Post Commanders will communicate direct with Comrade Harrison Hume, Chairman of said committee, Boston, Mass.

IV. Post Chaplains will forward to the Department Chaplain, without delay, a report of the observance by the Post of Memorial Day. Newspaper reports of public ceremonies, when held are desired. Posts that held no services will also report.

[OFFICIAL.]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander.*
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
HOUSTON, TEXAS, JULY 26, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 9.

I. The Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the National Encampment, G. A. R., will be held at Boston, Mass., on the 12th day of August, 1890.

II. The price of tickets, according to the latest advice from all points in Texas, will be one fare for the round trip, good to return to the place of starting until September 30th, by making special arrangements with joint railroad agent at Boston. A lower rate may yet be secured.

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III. The General Headquarters of Texas Department will be at Eaton Hall, Y. M. C. Union Building, No. 18 Boylston Street. Headquarters of Department Commander and Staff will be at Adams House, 553 Washington Street.

IV. On the day of parade the Department Officers, Aides-de-Camps and Representatives to the Encampment, and all comrades from Texas, will report at the General Headquarters in uniform one hour before the time designated for the column to move. Form at the point in column designated for the Texas Department.

V. The Department Commander announces, for the guidance of all comrades, that from the fact that comrades in this State are so scattered, being located on all the different lines of railroads leading out of the State of Texas, it will be impracticable to name a point of concentration in the State, but that it will be left to the option of all comrades and Posts going to Boston to select the most desirable route to St. Louis, and that a concentration be made there, Aug. 8th, P. M., and then take train for Boston on one line. The line agreed upon is the Big Four. Special coaches for the accommodation of our whole delegation and comrades will be in readiness, artistically decorated and leave St. Louis at 7:25 P. M., passing through Indianapolis, Cleveland, Buffalo, Albany, Worcester, arriving in Boston at 9:40 A. M., Aug. 10th. In purchasing tickets see they read "Big 4," from St. Louis, via Buffalo and Albany, to Boston. Wagner sleeping cars from St. Louis to Boston will be \$6.50; Tourists' cars \$2.00. Comrades wishing sleepers or tourists' cars will please notify J. W. Temby, A. A. G., Dallas, Texas, by Aug. 7th, care Windsor Hotel.

VI. The Department Commander and Staff will leave Dallas at 12 M. on Aug. 7th, via St. Louis and San Francisco line. All comrades that find it convenient are cordially invited to accompany them.

VII. The Twenty-fourth Encampment promises to be the largest and most interesting ever held. The rate offered promises to be a very liberal one and all comrades who can afford to do so are urged to avail themselves of this privilege. Texas, the largest and one of the most prosperous states in the Union, should be well represented. Free accommodations have been provided in Mechanics' Hall Building, Boston, for such comrades as desire them. Those availing themselves thereof must provide themselves with blankets;

mattresses are furnished but no blankets. Parties desiring rooms and quarters can have same secured by addressing at once Harrison Hume, Chairman of Committee on Accommodations, Q. A. Beacon Street, Boston, or to our Comrade H. W. Nye, Quincy House, Boston. Comrade Nye has been detailed by the Commander to go to Boston in advance to make all necessary arrangements for this Department.

[OFFICIAL.]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
HOUSTON, TEXAS, JULY 27, 1890 }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 10.

Special Order No. 21, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, creating the Provisional Department of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, is hereby published for the information of the Comrades of this Department:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DETROIT, MICHIGAN, JUNE 28th, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 21.

I. It satisfactorily appearing to the Commander-in-Chief that the comrades of the various Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, located in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, desire to be organized into a separate Department; therefore so much of said Territory as is attached to the Department of Texas, and so much of said Territory as is attached to the Department of Kansas, are hereby detached from said Departments for Grand Army purposes and erected into the Provisional Department of Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

II. Comrade CASSIUS M. BARNES, of Guthrie, Oklahoma, is hereby appointed Provisional Commander of the New Department.

III. Under the provisions of Chap. 5, Art. 10, Sections 1 and 2, of the Rules and Regulations, the Provisional Commander will appoint the regular officers, and immediately thereafter proceed to recommend to these Headquarters [there already being the necessary number of Posts organ-

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ized), the time and place for the meeting of the Department Encampment for the purpose of effecting a permanent Department organization.

By order of R. A. ALGER, *Commander-in-Chief*,
GEO. H. HOPKINS, *Adjutant General*.

In obedience to said order, all Posts in that portion of the Indian Territory heretofore attached to the Department of Texas are hereby instructed to make all returns and reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Indian Territory and Oklahoma, at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

[OFFICIAL:]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, OCTOBER 13, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 11.

More than one-half of the Posts of this Department are delinquent on account of their Adjutants' and Quartermasters' returns for the third quarter of the year; such negligence seriously embarrasses Department Headquarters. It is most earnestly urged upon all delinquent Posts that the current reports be made out and forwarded AT ONCE, together with the exact amount of the per capita tax, 15 cents for every member in good standing. Failure to do this on or before October 20th, will result in the publication in General Orders of each Post so delinquent.

Many Posts have not complied with General Order No. 7, calling for rosters of Posts, all those that have not done so are again urgently requested to make out and forward same without delay.

[OFFICIAL:]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, OCT. 20, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 12.

The Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition having set apart October 29th as "Grand Army Day," and the local Posts of Dallas having arranged a programme for the occasion and made arrangements for the entertainment of all comrades who may attend, the Department commander desires to give his cordial approval thereto, and earnestly requests that Commanders of Posts endeavor to have as large a representation from their Commands as possible upon that occasion.

[OFFICIAL.]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander.*J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 25, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 13.

I. In accordance with the rules and regulations the Post Officers, (the Adjutant, Sergeant Major, and Quartermaster Sergeant excepted) shall be elected at the first stated meeting in December, by ballot, unless a ballot be dispensed with by unanimous consent, and they shall be installed into their respective offices at the first stated meeting in January following.

II. The delegates and alternates to the Department Encampment shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the Post Officers; they shall be furnished with credentials signed by the Post Commander and Post Adjutant, a copy of which must be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department. The number of delegates to which each Post is entitled is based upon the reports for the quarter ending September 30th, 1890, and is as follows:

	Post No.	No. of Delegates,
McPherson,	1.....	0
W. S. Hancock,	" 2.....	2
E. O. C. Ord,	" 3.....	3
W. S. Parmly,	" 4.....	4
Nath. Lyon,	" 5.....	2

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Geo. H. Thomas,	6.....	4
Geo. B. McClellan,	9.....	1
Jos. A. Mower,	10.....	2
John A. Dix,	11.....	1
S. R. Curtis,	12.....	1
F. Hurst,	13.....	0
Garfield,	15.....	0
Lincoln,	16.....	0
W. H. Lewis,	17.....	2
Ellsworth,	18.....	0
Crawford,	19.....	2
Phil. Kearney,	20.....	1
E. A. Starling,	21.....	0
Joe Hooker,	22.....	1
John A. Logan,	23.....	0
Phil. Sheridan,	25.....	1
George W. Wright,	26.....	1
Jno B. Murray,	27.....	1
Farragut,	28.....	1
Oliver P. Morton,	29.....	1
Simon Cameron,	30.....	1
U. S. Grant,	31.....	2
Custer,	32.....	1
E. M. Stanton,	33.....	1
Meade,	35.....	1
Jeff. C. Davis,	36.....	1
Augustus Belknap,	37.....	1
Putnam,	38.....	1
Sedgewick,	39.....	1
Kilpatrick,	40.....	0
A. J. Hamilton,	42.....	1
Washington,	44.....	1
Sam. J. Randall,	45.....	1
R. S. McKenzie,	46.....	1
John C. Fremont,	47.....	1
Canby,	48.....	1

This representation is based upon one representative for each twenty-five members in good standing, or the fractional part of twenty-five over one-half; but each Post is entitled to at least one representative. Posts Nos. 1, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 25 and 42, being in arrears with their reports and per capita tax for one or more quarters, are under the rules and regulations entitled to no representative in the Department

Encampment. This, however, will not debar a Past Commander of either of the above mentioned Posts from his privileges of the Encampment; provided, he is in good standing in his own Post. The above named Posts can be reinstated by making reports and paying arrearages and per capita tax prior to election in December.

III. The Department Commander earnestly hopes Post Commanders will endeavor to have as large an attendance as possible of their members upon the occasion of the Annual Election. Let the Commander-in-Chief's circular letters Nos. 1 and 2 be again read, and each comrade resolve, no matter how lukewarm he may have been in the past, that the appeal therein made shall have a prompt response by renewed efforts on his part to bring into our noble order the worthy ex-union soldiers and sailors who may have dropped out, or those who have never united with us.

[OFFICIAL:]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, DEC. 1, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 14.

It appearing to the Department Commander that the Fourth Annual Encampment, held in the City of Fort Worth, February 22 and 23, 1889, fixed the representation at the next Annual Encampment at "one representation for every twenty (20) members in good standing, and one representative for a final fraction or more than half of that number," and the Fifth Annual Encampment, held in the City of San Antonio, March 5 and 6, 1890, having omitted to fix the basis of representation, it is hereby ordered that so much of General Order No. 13 as fixes the ratio at one representative for every twenty-five members in good standing, as provided in the rules and regulations, be and the same is hereby countermanded, and that said basis remain as fixed by resolution of the Fourth Encampment at Fort Worth, until the next meeting of the Department Encampment. It is also ordered that that part of the General Order No. 13, designating the representation from each Post, be and the same is hereby annulled, and the following is given for the guidance of the

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comrades, being based upon the reports for the quarter ending
September 30th, 1890.

	Post No.	No. of Delegates.
	1.....	0
	2.....	2
McPherson,	3.....	4
W. S. Hancock,	4.....	6
E. O. C. Ord,	5.....	3
W. S. Parmly,	6.....	5
Nath. Lyon,	9.....	1
Geo. H. Thomas,	10.....	2
Geo. B. McClellan	11.....	1
Jos. A. Mower,	12.....	1
John A. Dix,	13.....	0
S. R. Curtis,	15.....	0
F. Hurst,	16.....	0
Garfield,	17.....	2
Lincoln,	18.....	0
W. H. Lewis,	19.....	2
Ellsworth,	20.....	1
Crawford,	21.....	0
Phil. Kearney,	22.....	0
E. A. Starling,	23.....	2
Joe Hooker,	25.....	0
John A. Logan,	26.....	1
Phil. Sheridan,	27.....	1
Geo. W. Wright,	28.....	1
Jno. B. Murray,	29.....	1
Farragut,	30.....	0
Oliver P. Morton,	31.....	1
Simon Cameron,	32.....	2
U. S. Grant,	33.....	1
Custer,	35.....	1
E. M. Stanton,	36.....	2
Meade,	37.....	1
Jeff. C. Davis,	38.....	2
Augustus Belknap,	39.....	1
Putnam,	40.....	1
Sedgewick,	42.....	0
Kilpatrick,	44.....	1
A. J. Hamilton,	45.....	1
Washington,	46.....	1
Sam J. Randall,	47.....	1
R. S. McKenzie,	48.....	1
John C. Fremont,		
Canby,		

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander,*
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
HOUSTON, TEXAS, DEC. 15, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 15.

I. The inspection of all Posts in the Department not inspected previous to the late National Encampment, will be made between the 1st and 20th days January. Blanks for inspection reports are herewith sent to such Posts, and the Post Officers are instructed to preserve them and present them to the Post Inspectors on their arrival at the Post for inspection. The inspections are ordered, not only as a mere matter of form, but to promote the interests and welfare of the Posts, and to insure complete records and prompt returns. Inspectors will fix dates for inspections, after consultation with Post Commanders, and all Post Commanders will call special meetings for that purpose unless the date fixed upon should be on their regular time for meeting. Inspectors are instructed to not only answer all questions in the printed blanks, and observe all the instructions therein, but also to see that the Adjutant and Quartermaster's returns for the fourth quarter, 1890, are made out and forwarded with per capita tax to the Assistant Adjutant General or delivered to the Inspector for mailing before the inspection is completed and the Post passed. This is *very important*, and Inspectors should not fail to insist upon the performance of this duty upon the part of the Post Officers.

II. Blanks for Post returns for the fourth quarter, together with certificates for names and addresses of newly elected or appointed officers, have been forwarded. The officers elected in December should be installed at the first stated meeting in January, or the installation may be public at a special meeting to be called for that purpose. It is the duty of the Senior Past Post Commander present to conduct the installation, except where a staff officer is present for that purpose. All Staff Officers including Post Inspectors are authorized to conduct the installation services. The installing officer *will not* install the new officers until he has ascertained that the Adjutant and Quartermaster's reports for the fourth quarter of 1890 have been forwarded with the per capita tax to Department Headquarters, or until such reports are delivered to him to be forwarded. Post Quartermasters are required to file a bond for the faithful performance of their

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duties, as provided in chapter V, article VII, Rules and Regulations.

III. Special attention is called to paragraph III, General Orders No. 5, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic. All Posts in this Department in arrears for returns or dues for more than one quarter are hereby notified to make out and forward to these Headquarters without delay all past due returns, together with remittance to cover dues. Delinquent Posts failing to comply with this order before January 1st, 1890, will be dealt with in accordance with instructions of the Commander in Chief. This order will be strictly enforced.

IV. Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are urged to make their reports for this quarter immediately after the last meeting in December. Reinstate all the old members and muster as many new ones as possible this month. The representation of this Department in the next National Encampment is based upon our report for the period ending December 31st, 1890. Ask for dispensations where you can use them to secure additional members, remembering also the prize flag to be presented at the next Department Encampment to the Post "securing the greatest number of recruits during the present year."

Attention of comrades is called to one Harvey H. Duggnar, or similar name, who claims to have been a musician, Co. G. 13th U. S. Infantry. He is reported by Morton Post No. 29, at Waco, to be an impostor and fraud. *Pass him around.*

It affords the Department Commander pleasure to announce to the comrades the prosperity of the Grand Army in Texas, harmony prevails and enthusiasm in our great work is increasing. Each comrade is urged to continue his efforts to bring into our lines all old soldiers still outside.

To all the comrades of the Grand Army we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander.*
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, FEB. 2, 1891. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 16.

I. The Council of Administration having unanimously decided that the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department shall be held on the 4th and 5th days of March, 1891, at Dallas, it is so ordered; the location having been decided upon by the Fifth Encampment.

II. Place of meeting, auditorium of the City Hall. Department headquarters will be established at the McLeod Hotel.

III. Posts are entitled to representation by—

First. All Past Department Commanders.

Second. All Past Post Commanders.

Third. All Post Commanders; in their absence, by the Senior or Junior Vice-Commanders in the order of their rank.

Fourth. Representatives and alternates prescribed by the Rules and Regulations.

All of the above must be in good standing December 31st, 1890.

Posts mustered after December 31st, 1890, are entitled to be represented by their Post Commander; in his absence, by the Senior or Junior Vice-Commander in the order of their rank.

No proxies will be recognized; and in the absence of any representative the first alternate on the list will supply his place; and so on to the end of the list of alternates.

Posts which are in arrears for *any* reports or *per capita tax* for the year will not be considered as entitled to representation.

Blank credentials are forwarded by this mail. A copy signed by the Post Commander and Post Adjutant, to be furnished each delegate and alternate; and a copy immediately forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General of the department.

IV. A meeting of the Council of Administration will be held at department headquarters on Tuesday, March 3d, at 8 o'clock P. M., to prepare the business of the encampment and to attend to such other matters as may be properly brought before it.

V. The following committee on Credentials will meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at a place to be provided:

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Comrades J. W. Temby, Assistant Adjutant General; Geo. A. Race, Post No. 9; W. J. Purnell, Post No. 6; F. C. Loring, Post No. 3; T. W. Manchester, Post No. 39.

VI. All department officers will furnish these headquarters with a full report [written on one side of the sheet only] of the operations of their different officers during the past year, to be read by them to the encampment and then filed with the Assistant Adjutant General.

In order to facilitate the rapid transaction of business *all communications and resolutions will be reduced to writing* before being brought to the attention of the encampment.

VII. The Commanders of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 6 and Jno. A. Dix Post No. 11 are requested to make arrangements to furnish a detail each day from their respective Posts; such details to consist of Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard, and two comrades who will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at 10 o'clock each day.

VIII. Efforts are being made to obtain reduced rates of fare to the encampment; if successful comrades will be notified.

IX. It is earnestly requested that every Post be represented; and it would give the Department Commander great pleasure to see a large attendance of comrades, other than officers and representatives, and a cordial invitation is extended to them and all old Union soldiers.

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander.*
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND REPUBLIC OF TEXAS,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, February 2, 1891. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 17.

I. The new Rituals adopted at the Boston encampment in August last, are just received at these headquarters. The National Countersign is also at hand.

These will be mailed to Posts that have made reports for the fourth quarter of 1890, at once, and to the other Posts immediately on receipt of the returns for the last quarter of the year.

The National Countersign and Cipher will be mailed in a separate envelope, sealed. Post Commanders should impart this countersign to comrades of their Post only who are in good standing, and they should be instructed not to communicate it to each other.

The Department Countersign is not announced until after the Department Encampment, when the newly elected Department Commander will send it to Post Commanders.

On receipt of the new Rituals Post Commanders will securely tie up the old ones and mail, in sealed package, to the Assistant Adjutant General at Houston, with a memorandum showing from what Post they are sent, and will send to same address, in a sealed envelope, the old cipher and obligation.

A list will be kept of the Posts complying with this order, and the return of the old Rituals and cards will be a receipt for the new ones.

The pass word and countersign of the Sons of Veterans, in cipher, are enclosed. The key will be sent with the G. A. R. cipher. These words of the S. of V. may be communicated to members of the G. A. R.

II. The attention of Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters of such Posts as are in arrears for more than one quarter is especially called to the importance of sending in their back reports at once. The few Posts that have not yet reported for the fourth quarter, ending December 31st, should do so without delay. Hereafter these reports are to be made semi-annually, on January and July 1st. The next reports to be made will be July 1st, for the six months ending June 30th.

III. All orders, circulars, blanks and receipts for quarterly dues are mailed to the Post Commander, and should be at once handed to the Adjutant and Quartermaster, in order that the business of the Post may have prompt attention. Much unnecessary delay and confusion is frequently caused by neglect of this duty on the part of Post Commanders.

IV. The following additional appointments of Aid-de-Camps and Assistant Inspectors are hereby announced :

J. S. Moffatt, Post No. 42, P. O. Austin.

W. B. Worsham, Post No. 44, P. O. Henrietta.

A. E. Barr, Post No. 45, P. O. Millsap.

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J. H. Mason, Post No. 46, P. O. Del Rio.
 S. H. Hutchinson, Post No. 47, P. O. Sulphur Springs.
 H. H. McConnell, Post No. 48, P. O. Jacksboro.

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander.*
 J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, FEB. 2, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 18.

Pursuant to instructions from National Headquarters, the following is issued for protection to the several Posts within this Department:

In view of the large and rapidly increasing number of appeals for assistance being made directly upon the Posts, by individuals and societies from all parts of the country by means of circulars and otherwise, and in order that charitable contributions may be protected against imposition and be applied as designated, the Commander-in-Chief suggests that in future no written or printed appeal, request or solicitation for pecuniary aid by the sale of tickets or otherwise from individuals or Posts outside the Department limits of them through the regular official channels with the favorable endorsement of the Post and Department Commander within whose jurisdiction the application originates and also with that of the Commander-in-Chief.

If the appeal is designed only for circulation within the Department in which it originates, it should have the endorsement of the Post of origin and that of the Department Commander of that jurisdiction.

Posts should upon the receipt of any such appeal, not endorsed as suggested, immediately forward the same to their respective Headquarters for such endorsement, before taking any action thereon.

The Commander-in-Chief also suggests that all remittances made by Posts in responses to such regular and authentic appeals as meet their approvals, be sent through their respective Department Headquarters and never directly to the applicant.

These suggestions are not, of course, intended to apply to

or debar any comrade from the full and free exercise of any charity he may be disposed to extend individually to any comrade or object he deems worthy, but only to actions of Posts as such, relating to charities outside their own limits.

This matter was suggested to the Commander-in-Chief, by the fact that some applications have been made which he had conclusive reasons to believe unworthy.

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*.
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

Posts will arise and stand at Parade Rest while this order is being read.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
HOUSTON, TEXAS, Feb. 16, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 19.

On Saturday, February 14th, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., "went to his rest" our beloved Commander,

Gen'l William T. Sherman.

It is with feelings of profound sorrow that the Department Commander is compelled to make this sad announcement.

A nation mourns his departure but he is enshrined in the hearts of thousands of his comrades, who will ever hold him in affectionate remembrance.

What more beautiful tribute can we offer than the words of that great preacher:

"The century had no grander soul to surrender into eternity than the one who just passed away—frank, honest, brilliant, gallant, patriotic William T. Sherman. Simple as a child, brave as a lion; sympathetic as a woman, firm as a rock; wrathful as a tempest when aroused against a great wrong, lovely as a June morning among his friends."

We, his old comrades, would manifest our deep sorrow upon his death.

It is therefore directed that all Department and Post Officers when on duty wear the usual badge, and all Post flags, badges and all insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic be draped in mourning for thirty days from date of this order.

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*.
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, APRIL 21, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 20.

I. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the following railway companies have kindly consented to grant one fare to Dallas and return, for the Sixth Annual Encampment, viz :

Texas & Pacific,
 Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe,
 Missouri, Kansas & Texas,
 International & Great Northern,
 Ft. Worth & Denver.

And the following company four cents per mile to Dallas and return :

Houston & Texas Central.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday, March 2d to 4th, inclusive, and good to return until March 7th. Arrangements have been made by the Dallas comrades for reduced rates at hotels.

It is earnestly hoped that the courteous concessions made by the above named railroads (which applies to all who may wish to attend, Comrades of the G. A. R., Ladies of the W. R. C., Sons of Veterans, and others), will be the means of inducing a large attendance at this Encampment.

II. The Department Commander desires that all comrades wear, at least on day of the parade, the Grand Army uniform, consisting of dark blue suit with G. A. R. buttons, and slouch hat with cord ; each comrade to carry a cane.

It is expected that all comrades will turn out in parade, and should report at Headquarters at 9.30 A. M., on Wednesday, March 4th, for that purpose.

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander.*
 J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
HOUSTON, March 15th, 1890. }

CIRCULAR No. 1.

The following suggestions relative to quarterly reports are hereby published for the information of officers of Posts, viz :

The Post Adjutant must prepare, under the direction of the Post Commander, all reports and returns required of him. The Post Quartermaster shall make and deliver to the Post Commander all reports and returns required of him. (Sections 3 and 4, Art. viii, Chap. 11, pages 10 and 11, R. & R.)

These returns are to be forwarded by the Post Commander to the Assistant Adjutant General on the first days of January, April, July and October.

The requirements of the rules and regulations are clear and explicit. The responsibility of forwarding the reports upon the days stated is laid directly upon the Post Commander. It is his place to *know* that the records of his Post are so kept that there shall be no delay in making and forwarding the reports. With timely attention there should be no difficulty in making up the reports *on the day following the last meeting of the quarter*. In many Posts it is the rule to make up the returns at the close of the last meeting in the quarter, and this, which is within the compass of each Post, will avoid the labor and annoyance that follow unnecessary delay. A Post Commander desirous of making a good record for his Post at department headquarters, will have his reports in the mail on the dates prescribed.

He should be able to read to his Post at the first or second meeting in the quarter the acknowledgment from the A.A.G. of the prompt receipt of his report. Much of the delay and annoyance in making reports is caused by failure to keep duplicate copies, and where books are carelessly kept the result is shown in reports that do not agree. The Commander should prepare the reports before forwarding them, and see that the "Number in good standing" on Form A, and the "Balance cash on hand" on Form B. on the retained copies for the previous quarter are properly brought forward for the current report.

The "Number remaining in good standing" on the recapitulation of Form A, is the number upon which dues are to be paid and reported on form B. On the recapitulation the

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number of those "gained" during quarter, added to "number in good standing at last report," make the "aggregate," from which will be deducted the "losses during the quarter," leaving "number remaining in good standing." In this simple addition and subtraction there ought to be no mistake, and yet errors therein are frequent, causing considerable correspondence and adding unnecessarily to the labors of Post and Department Officers.

Make all money orders and drafts payable to the order of J. M. Odell, Assistant Quartermaster General, Austin, Texas.

Send *both* reports in addressed envelope, enclosed to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Houston, Texas, enclosing therein your per capita tax, being 15 cents for each member per quarter.

[OFFICIAL:]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, JUNE 2d, 1890. }

CIRCULAR No. 3.

The attention of Commanders of Posts is called to the following resolution adopted at the Department Encampment held in San Antonio, March 5th and 6th, 1890:

"Resolved, That the Assistant Quartermaster General be, and he is instructed to procure a flag to cost not exceeding \$25, to be presented at the next annual encampment to the Post numbering the greatest number of recruits during the present year."

It is earnestly desired by the Department Commander that every Post strive zealously for this prize, not alone for the honor of obtaining it, but in order that the benefits of our Order may be extended to many worthy comrades of the war, who have not yet united with us. Let each comrade constitute himself a committee to procure the muster of at least one new recruit during the present year. If your Post does not win the banner you will feel the consciousness of having performed a duty, and contributed your share toward doubling the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic in this department.

The extension of the Order is not the only thing that should claim the attention of the comrades. Much of the interest in Post meetings depends upon the social intercourse of the members. Every comrade should strive to make the meetings interesting. Sing the old songs, tell the old stories, have a comrade give you an address or read an article of interest to all, give public entertainments where you can, in return for all of which you will cultivate a spirit of true fraternity and enable yourselves to contribute to the relief of your surviving comrades and the widows and orphans of those that need your assistance.

There are many places in this department where new Posts could and should be instituted. Comrades knowing of such are requested to send the name or names of any comrade, resident of such locality, that he may be communicated with by the department officers.

[OFFICIAL]

A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander.*

J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, March 29, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDER No. 1.

Jas. H. Bowman, late 1st Lieutenant 47th Illinois Infantry, and others, having complied with the Rules and Regulations for the organization of a Post at Lone Oak, Indian Territory, to be known as W. B. Hogan Post No. 43, Comrade Hackett, of Hackett City, Arkansas, is hereby detailed as special mustering officer to muster said Post.

Comrade Hackett will, as soon as possible after the muster of said Post, make a written report to these headquarters showing names of comrades mustered, of officers elected, appointed and installed, and the time fixed for holding meetings of said Post, together with such information as he may deem of interest.

[OFFICIAL.]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander.*

J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, June 15, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDER No. 2.

Milton Aldridge, Company I, 1st Arkansas Cavalry, and nine others, having complied with the Rules and Regulations for the organization of a Post at Bokoshe, Indian Territory, to be known as Brownlow Post No. —, Commander Jas. H. Bowman, of Oak Lodge, Indian Territory, is hereby detailed as special mustering officer to muster said Post.

Commander Bowman will, as soon as practicable after the muster of said Post, make a written report to these headquarters showing names of comrades mustered, date of muster, names of officers elected, appointed and installed, and the time fixed for holding meetings of said Post, together with such other information as he may deem of interest.

[OFFICIAL:]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
 J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, June 15, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDER No. 3.

Upon application of the Post Commander, and its appearing for the best interest of the Post, permission is hereby granted to Parmly Post No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic at Fort Worth, Texas, to muster on the night of stated meeting June 23, 1890, W. Butler and W. Goodridge, candidates duly and legally elected by said Post, but who failed to present themselves for muster within the three months prescribed by the Rules and Regulations.

[OFFICIAL.]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Dept. Commander*,
 J. W. TEMBY, *Ass't Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, June 22, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 4.

I. Comrades Geo. A. Knight, Dallas; O. T. Lyon, Sherman; R. B. Baer, Houston; Ed. Ketchum, Galveston; C. B. Stoddard, Austin; John H. Bolton, San Antonio; W. H. Mowry, Laredo; S. H. Buchanan, El Paso; E. D. Conger, Waco; W. H. Nye, Fort Worth; L. B. Moore, Denison; J. S. Colgate, Paris; and C. C. Sanborn, Gainesville, are hereby appointed a committee of arrangements for the Department of Texas, at the 24th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, August 12th, 1890

II. The above named comrades will, without delay, proceed to make such necessary arrangements for the transportation of comrades from this department by such routes as may be hereafter selected; provide for the decoration of the headquarters train, and to provide suitable headquarters in the city of Boston for this department during the session of the National Encampment; and also to perform such other duties as may be designated in orders from these headquarters.

[OFFICIAL:]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*.
 J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, JUNE 30, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDER No. 5.

John Glynn, late Company G, 2d Pennsylvania Cavalry, and nine others, having complied with the Rules and Regulations for the organization of a Post at Del Rio, to be known as ——— Post No. —, Comrade J. H. Pratt, of Post No. 17, at Fort Clark, Texas, is hereby detailed as special mustering officer to muster said Post.

Comrade Pratt will, as soon as practicable after the muster of said Post, make a written report to these headquarters showing names of comrades mustered, date of muster, names

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of officers elected, appointed and installed, and the time fixed for holding meetings of said Post, together with such other information as he may deem of interest.

[OFFICIAL:]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 15, 1891. }

SPECIAL ORDER No. 6.

Comrade Carl C. Olsen, of Post No 37, San Antonio, Texas, is hereby appointed Special Mustering Officer and is requested to muster a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at San Antonio, Bexar County, on the —th day of —, 1891, to enstall the officers elect thereof and to make report of such muster to department headquarters.

[OFFICIAL,]

By order of A. K. TAYLOR, *Department Commander*,
J. W. TEMBY, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

RECEPTION PROCEEDINGS.

The Encampment was called to order at 10 A. M. by Comrade J. M. Steere, Chairman of the Reception Committee, as follows: We will open with prayer by the Department Chaplain, H. Webb.

After prayer Comrade Steere introduced Mayor Connor, of Dallas, who welcomed the members of the G. A. R. in the following spicy speech. Mayor Connor was received with applause. He said:

“As the chief executive of the city of Dallas, it is my pleasure to extend to you, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and your lady visitors, a most cordial and enthusiastic welcome to this, the bustling, busy metropolis of this great, imperial State. In extending this invitation twelve months ago by wire to you at your last annual meeting at San Antonio, I assured you that should you accept you would receive at the hands of the local committee here such treatment, cordiality and hospitality as only old comrades know how to extend to each other. It has been said to you by the master of ceremonies that the street railways and other transit lines in our city would pass you free, and that your badges would be recognized as all the transportation needed. I desire to add to this that I do not believe that there is anything in Dallas within reason that your badges would not entitle you to receive. It is an old time custom that when the chief executive of a city receives a distinguished body of visitors, which I assure you you are, to deliver to them a key of the city. Permit me to say that the key to Dallas has been lost years ago. The doors and the gates of this city are open to all good people regardless of all previous conditions. Yet as an evidence of my gratification at your presence on this occasion, I have a souvenir which I wish to present to the Grand Army Commander and the members of the Grand

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Army of the Republic in the shape of a paint bucket and a brush, filled with red paint, assuring you that should the same give out you may call on me and it will be replenished. [At this point Mayor Connor presented a bucket of red paint. Tremendous applause.] And now to the good ladies present I desire to present Mrs. Loring, of San Antonio, the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, this basket of flowers as a peace offering and an offset to the bucket of red paint. [The audience almost lifts the ceiling with cheers.] Again assuring you of a hearty welcome, I place myself at your service."

The speech was followed by more loud applause and the band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner."

Department Commander A. K. Taylor, of Houston, was then introduced and responded to Mayor Connor's address as follows:

"In behalf of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps, I can truly say that I am glad of the opportunity which gives me the unusual pleasure of to-day; the fraternal greeting from our Dallas comrades, your warm and cordial address of welcome and the courtesies extended to us by the citizens will long be remembered. In behalf of the organization we represent, I accept your hospitality so generously tendered and thank you for your cordial expressions of welcome. The reputation of the people of Dallas for hospitality and kindness to strangers is well known, and I have no doubt but that our stay among you at this time will be rendered so pleasant that each comrade will ever cherish its recollection among his most pleasant memories.

We have come to Dallas in response to the kind invitation so generously tendered by our comrades here, supported by your earnest assurance of welcome at San Antonio one year ago. But a few years ago I was one of a large party of excursionists that accepted the hospitalities of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, upon the occasion of the completion of their line to this city. We debarked from the train amidst the stumps of fallen trees, not even a platform to step upon, habitations few and far between, and they of rough and uninviting exterior. A long ride over a dirt road brought us to a frame hotel known as the Crutchfield House, then the

leading hotel. A few blocks near the river, composed mostly of frame buildings, was the city of Dallas.

We now alight from the train with a city all around us; we come through clean and well paved streets lined on both sides with costly and magnificent buildings, to fine brick hotels furnished with all the modern conveniences. Rapidly increasing in business, in population and wealth, your city is a monument to the industry and indefatigable work of man, and it is to your credit that you have built such a city upon the vacant lands of a few years ago. We are assembled here in our Sixth Annual Encampment to review the work of the past year, counsel together for the future and to renew the ties which bind us together as comrades. The Grand Army of the Republic is composed of men from all the walks of life, the high and low, rich and poor. Upon its rolls have been borne some of the most illustrious names in history, as well as thousands of those nameless heroes, called privates, who performed deeds as brave as Junot or Ney. We are not a party organization, for within our ranks are men of all parties. We are not a selfish order, for one of our greatest duties is to assist those of our comrades in need of help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen. We are all citizens of Texas, most of us of many years standing, interested and associated with you in enterprises to promote the growth and prosperity of our great State. Years ago many of us joined hearts and hands with the fair daughters of Texas, thus welding the ties of citizenship. Our children, some men and women grown, are native Texans, and with yours imbued with an equal pride in her glorious future.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks for the cordial invitation to partake of the freedom of the city, which I understand to mean freedom from arrest, a luxury I have no doubt that the comrades will appreciate. [Applause.]”

Commander Taylor's response was received by the assemblage with deafening applause and cheers.

Mrs. Hattie Loring, of San Antonio, President of the Women's Relief Corps, then addressed the meeting as follows :

“It has been only a few years ago that the Relief Corps was organized, but you know or knew them when the army nurses went among you and bound up your wounds. They

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were the relief corps then, though not organized. We were organized eight years ago with a membership of 42. Now we have 102,000. One year ago we had but two corps; now we have eight. When Mrs. Plummer, the national officer whom the national president sent down here to organize our department, came here, she worked very hard to have an Order formed, and we ladies worked very hard to have an organization to take rank in the Grand Army of the Republic. When we organized in this State our membership numbered but 184. Now we have eight corps with a membership of 275. Every corps, nearly, in the department has doubled their membership, and we are here to-day to bring up new ideas and thoughts and strengthen our forces, and I hope those Posts which have no auxilliary will go home with the feeling that they must have a Relief Corps."

The Encampment then adjourned to meet for business session at 2 o'clock P. M.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Business Session of the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the auditorium of the City Hall, Dallas, Texas, March 4th, 1891, and was called to order by Department Commander A. K. Taylor.

Department Chaplain H. Webb invoked the divine blessing upon the proceedings of the Encampment.

Comrade McCormick, Post No. 6, acted as Officer of the Day. The following telegram was read :

RUTLAND, VERMONT, February 27, 1891.
J. W. Temby, A. A. Gen'l G. A. R., Houston, Texas.

Inspector General Burst will represent Commander in Chief at Dallas Encampment. Commander can not get away.
G. H. GOULDING, *Adjutant General*.

The committee on Credentials appointed by the Commander, made the following report :

To the Officers and Members of the Sixth Annual Encampment, G. A. R.:

COMRADES:—Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the roll prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General correct.

We beg further to report that Post No. 51, mustered March 2d, 1891, elected as Post Commander Comrade W. H. Catts, who presents himself as representative, also Comrade Fritz Ahrens was elected as delegate from said Post. According to Rules and Regulations, Posts mustered after January 1st are not entitled to delegates, and Comrade Ahrens is not entitled to a seat in this Encampment only by a vote of this body, and we, your committee, recommend his admission as delegate.

J. W. TEMBY, A. A. G.
W. J. PURNELL, Post No. 6.
T. W. MANCHESTER, Post No. 4.
FRED C. LORING, Post No. 3.
GEO. A. RACE, Post No. 9.

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On motion this report was accepted. The following is the roll:

Roll of Department Encampment, 1891.

Those marked with a * were present.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

- *A. K. Taylor, Department Commander, Houston, Texas.
- John H. Bolton, Senior Vice Commander, San Antonio.
- *W. F. Cottman, Junior Vice Commander, Dallas.
- J. W. Coombs, Medical Director, Houston.
- *H. Webb, Chaplain, Denton.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

- *J. W. Temby, Assistant Adjutant General, Houston.
- *J. M. Odell, Assistant Quartermaster General, Austin.
- *Ed. Ketchum, Inspector, Galveston.
- B. I. Arnold, Judge Advocate, Cameron.
- *Geo. A. Knight, Chief Mustering Officer, Dallas.
- R. B. Baer, Senior Aid-de-Camp and Assistant Mustering Officer, Houston.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

- *S. H. Buchanan, Post No. 19, El Paso.
- *R. L. Ferguson, Post No. 21, Temple.
- *J. N. Steere, Post No. 6, Dallas.
- *R. P. Sargent, Post No. 2, Galveston.
- Thos. A. Pope, Post No. 28, Cameron.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

- E. J. Davis, 1871 and 1873.
- *W. D. Wylie, 1885, Dallas.
- *O. T. Lyon, 1886, Sherman.
- W. H. Sinclair, 1887, Galveston.
- J. C. DeGress, 1888, Austin.
- *A. G. Malloy, 1889, El Paso.

NOTE—Alternates are entitled to seats in the Encampment in absence of Delegates.
In the absence of the Post Commander, the Senior or Junior Vice Commander may represent the Post.

REPRESENTATIVES.

McPHERSON POST No. 1.

Past Post Commanders.

C. E. Hale.

R. M. Grubbs.

L. E. Edminster.

Pierce Kirsh.

*John Donaldson.

*John Cochran, Delegate. Sam Maers, Alternate.

W. H. Henderson, P. C.

John Slusher, S. V. C. M. L. Forbes, J. V. C.

W. S. HANCOCK POST No. 2.

Past Post Commanders.

*Ed. Ketchum.

J. B. Dolan

R. F. Pancoast.

Frank L. Kirk.

*M. O. Perkins, Delegate. L. C. Macintire, Alternate.

*John Morrison, " L. H. Jones, "

*R. P. Sargent, P. C.

A. J. Burkitt, S. V. C. M. O. Perkins, J. V. C.

E. O. C. ORD POST No. 3.

Past Post Commanders.

W. H. Huston.

S. M. Johnson.

*Fred C. Loring, Delegate. L. A. Heil, Alternate.

*J. T. Kline, " W. L. Winter, "

*D. H. Toomy, " A. K. Melton, "

*M. H. Redwood, " Theo. Billings, "

*R. M. Moore, P. C.

J. H. Turnell, S. V. C. *J. P. Kline, J. V. C.

W. S. PARMLY POST No. 4.

Past Post Commanders.

*D. S. Brown.

*W. P. Goff.

*J. N. Diehl.

Those marked with a * were present.

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G. W. Hill, Delegate.	*Andrew Uttz, Alternate.
W. H. McDill, "	*J. H. Orr, "
*Theo. Hitchcock, "	*H. A. Mulholland, "
*L. H. Shubert, "	E. B. Wagoner, "
*C. B. Morgan, "	*E. B. Palmer, "
D. C. Milan, "	*A. Bader, "
T. W. Rouse, S. V. C.	*H. W. Nye, P. C.
	C. B. Morgan, J. V. C.

NATH'L LYON POST No. 5.

Past Post Commanders.

L. B. Moore,

S. S. Clark.

*Edward Clifford.

*D. A. Boam, Delegate.	W. O. Kretsinger, Alternate.
P. J. Kennedy, "	*D. D. Wright, "
J. F. Jordan, "	John F. Taggard, "
P. J. Kennedy, S. V. C.	W. W. Bostwick, P. C.
	D. D. Wright, J. V. C.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST No. 6.

Past Post Commanders.

*W. D. Wylie.

*C. E. Henry.

*A. G. Leffel.

*Geo. A. Knight.

*Jas. M. Steere.

*N. K. Wright, Delegate.	Clinton Jack, Alternate.
*R. McCormick, "	J. W. Fortune, "
*A. McWhirk, "	Jas. Sharp, "
*J. R. Harned, "	J. C. Kellogg, "
*W. J. Purnell, "	J. G. Simms, "
A. McWhirk, S. V. C.	*W. F. Cottman, P. C.
	A. Rockhold, J. V. C.

GEO. B. McCLELLAN POST No. 9.

Past Post Commanders.

*A. K. Taylor.

R. B. Baer.

S. C. Noble.

*J. W. Tenby.

David Perkins.

*Geo. A. Race, Delegate. *H. T. Rue, Alternate.
Still Hull, P. C.
P. W. Hudson, S. V. C. Geo. A. Race, J. V. C.

JOS. A. MOWER POST No. 10.

Past Post Commanders.

*J. M. Odell.
J. C. DeGress.
D. Friedman.
J. M. Burke.

J. H. Warmoth, Delegate. *V. C. Thomas, Alternate.
C. B. Stoddard, " J. L. Vredenburg, "
J. P. Richardson, P. C.
V. C. Thomas, S. V. C. B. A. Reed, J. V. C.

JOHN A. DIX POST No. 11.

Past Post Commanders.

*D. McKay.
*J. L. Boyd.
*A. G. Malloy.
*S. B. Gibson.
*J. C. Bigger.
*H. B. Davis.

*J. W. Ayers, Delegate. H. B. Davis, Alternate.
*D. M. Baker, P. C.
E. G. Rust, S. V. C. J. C. Leeds, J. V. C.

SAM'L R. CURTIS POST No. 12.

*O. C. Durland, Delegate. C. C. Sanborn, Alternate.
*H. E. Schropmeyer, P. C.
E. Burchord, S. V. C.

F. HURST POST No. 13. (Delinquent).

H. C. Adler was present and admitted as a Delegate.

GARFIELD POST No. 15. (Delinquent).

LINCOLN POST No. 16.

Past Post Commanders.

J. W. Pitt.
J. Mayfield.
M. Clark.

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- R. Perkins, Delegate.
- Wm. Bertram, S. V. C.
- J. M. Elledge, Delegate.
- Wm. Kitsch, " "
- J. A. Purrington, S. V. C.
- Jesse Harman, Alternate.
- Jacob Blockleman, P. C.
- J. O. Senor, J. V. C.
- W. H. LEWIS Post No. 17.
- John Herzing, Alternate.
- *J. H. Pratt, P. C.
- W. J. Russell, " "
- W. Kitsch, J. V. C.

ELLSWORTH POST No. 18.

- Past Post Commanders.
- *D. T. Gerrish.
- *H. E. Smith.
- J. S. Gentle.
- Thos. Hall, Delegate.
- H. C. Rutledge, " "
- J. T. Ragsdale, S. V. C.
- A. Ward, P. C.
- W. J. Norris, Alternate.
- D. T. Gerrish, " "
- W. W. Crosson, J. V. C.

EMMET CRAWFORD POST No. 19.

- Past Post Commanders.
- A. C. Wheeler.
- *W. T. Kitchen.
- *S. H. Buchanan.
- W. N. Vilers, Delegate.
- *Allen Blacker, " "
- T. E. Fustin, S. V. C.
- *M. M. Spencer, P. C.
- John Sullivan, Alternate.
- Benj. E. Davies, " "
- W. W. Mills, J. V. C.

PHIL. KEARNEY POST No. 20.

- Past Post Commanders.
- W. H. Webber.
- *Thos. J. Upton, Delegate.
- Thos. J. Upton, S. V. C.
- Alexander Wurtz, Alternate.
- C. C. Mullady, P. C.
- W. S. Bonner, J. V. C.

E. A. STARLING POST No. 21.

- Past Post Commanders.
- *R. A. Ferguson.
- *J. Q. A. Simmins, P. C.
- W. Bobo, S. V. C.
- A. Sharp, J. V. C.

Those marked with a * were present.

GEN. JOE. HOOKER POST No. 22. (Delinquent).

JOHN A. LOGAN POST No. 23.

Past Post Commanders.

*H. Webb.

*H. R. Lyon.

*D. A. Wellborn, Delegate. E. A. Vincent, Alternate.

*S. G. Raley " W. J. Lanham, "

*Jas. E. Stringer, P. C.

*S. G. Raley, S. V. C. R. P. Ballew, J. V. C.

PHIL. H. SHERIDAN POST No. 25.

Past Post Commanders.

Powell Raider.

R. W. Vinnig.

H. G. Niblo.

Wm. P. Flemming, Delegate. Jas. Knight, Alternate.

J. W. Kincaid, P. C.

G. A. Jones, S. V. C. C. S. Jones, J. V. C.

GEO. W. WRIGHT POST No. 26.

Past Post Commanders.

E. A. Russell.

J. S. Colgate.

T. U. Johnson.

J. C. Easterbrook, Delegate. *D. W. Bingham, Alternate.

Mack Bonham, P. C.

J. A. Huskey, S. V. C. B. McCarn, J. V. C.

J. B. MURRAY POST No. 27.

Past Post Commanders.

Chas. B. Randolph.

C. W. Ricker.

Harry Rankin, Delegate. *Ira H. Smith, Alternate.

Frank C. Clevenger, P. C.

J. Biggs, S. V. C. J. B. Rogers, J. V. C.

FARRAGUT POST No. 28.

Past Post Commanders.

B. I. Arnold.

A. S. Russell, Delegate. H. L. Witcher, Alternate.

Thos. A. Pope, P. C.

John T. O'Neil, S. V. C. Jas. B. Pool, J. V. C.

Those marked with a * were present.

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OLIVER P. MORTON POST No. 29.

Harvy E. Conger, Delegate. W. T. Lynch, Alternate.
 *Frank M. Shick, P. C.
 Anthony Schrader, S. V. C. Anthony Heffner, J. V. C.

SIMON CAMERON POST No. 30.

*Clark Arnold, Delegate. John Mara, Alternate.
 M. A. Husted, " J. G. Cox, "
 M. A. Husted, S. V. C. G. W. Prince, P. C.
 Sam'l Stuart, J. V. C.

U. S. GRANT POST No. 31.

Past Post Commanders.
 L. T. Miller.
 A. L. Thornberry.
 *Julius Alvord, Delegate. A. Tracy, Alternate.
 J. M. Mason, P. C.
 H. C. Turner, S. V. C. H. M. Cauble, J. V. C.

CUSTER POST No. 32.

Past Post Commanders.
 W. R. Kimmins.
 A. W. Calhoun.
 W. R. Kimmins, Delegate. J. H. Parrish, Alternate.
 *A. W. Calhoun, " H. J. Pile, "
 J. H. Parrish, P. C.
 G. W. Maxwell, S. V. C. W. W. Hughes, J. V. C.

E. M. STANTON POST No. 33.

Past Post Commanders.
 Jas. B. Ralston.
 (Entitled to 1 Delegate).

MEADE POST No. 35.

Past Post Commanders.
 *H. C. Barber.
 W. H. Alkerson, Delegate. *Jas Hickey, Alternate.
 O. Farrington, P. C.
 N. Reynolds, S. V. C. Geo. Simpson, J. V. C.

JEFF C. DAVIS POST No. 36.

C. Mulhern, Delegate. W. Keeseey, Alternate.
 Otis Keeseey, P. C.
 C. Mulhern, S. V. C. Geo. H. Perrin, J. V. C.

AUGUST BELKNAP POST No. 37.

C. H. Rump, Delegate. *A. H. Moeglin, Alternate.
 *W. C. Peters, " " " " " "
 A. J. Seffell, P. C.
 Thorwald Oleson, S. V. C. M. Herwick, J. V. C.

PUTNAM POST No. 38.

Past Post Commanders.
 *Jno. W. Parks.
 *Horace Welch, Delegate. Samuel Camp, Alternate.
 *Jas. A. Callahan, P. C.
 Horace Welch, S. V. C. Jno. W. Burch, J. V. C.

SEDGWICK POST No. 39.

Past Post Commanders.
 *L. P. Goodell.
 *T. W. Manchester, Delegate. W. J. Whittekind, Alternate.
 Geo. H. Kimball, " " *J. D. Bound, " "
 *Chas. B. Grabe, P. C.
 S. B. Getts, S. V. C. Geo. H. Kimball, J. V. C.

KILPATRICK POST No. 40.

*Lyman Johnson, Delegate. H. S. Stokes, Alternate.
 *M. F. Hiatt, P. C.
 H. S. Stokes, S. V. C. Chas. Peters, J. V. C.

A. J. HAMILTON POST No. 42.

Past Post Commanders.
 John G. Caulfield.
 Chas. McAnnally, Delegate. R. L. Preece, Alternate.
 Geo. B. Jones, P. C.
 J. S. Moffatt, S. V. C. L. D. Maxwell, J. V. C.

WASHINGTON POST No. 44.

Past Post Commanders.
 *L. B. Upham.

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 H. H. Rice, P. C.
 W. C. Worsham, S. V. C. *J. M. Butterworth, J. V. C.
- SAMUEL J. RANDALL Post No. 45.
 Past Post Commanders.
 J. G. Gibson,
 *A. E. Barr, Delegate. J. G. Gilbert, Alternate.
 *Horace Baker, P. C.
 Jas. M. Johnson, S. V. C. Geo. S. Foster, J. V. C.
- R. S. McKENZIE Post No. 46.
 *Thos. Cunningham, Delegate.
 John Glynn, P. C.
 H. D. Bonnett, S. V. C. T. Cunningham, J. V. C.
- JOHN C. FREMONT Post No. 47.
 D. Gunn, Delegate. Thos. Weigers, Alternate.
 C. Denyvan, P. C.
 Phillip Simmins, S. V. C. J. M. Perkins, J. V. C.
- CANBY Post No. 48.
 H. H. McConnell, P. C.
- GEO. CROOK Post No. 49.
 Wm. Holt, P. C.
 Henry Arnold, S. V. C. Ferd. Buckholdt, J. V. C.
- DAVID PORTER Post No. 50.
 _____, P. C.
- W. T. SHERMAN Post No. 51.
 *Fritz Ahrens, Delegate. *W. H. Catts, P. C.

Those marked with a * were present.

On motion of Comrade Jas. M. Steere, the Rules of Order for the National Encampment (as far as applicable,) should be adopted for the government of this Encampment. The following order of business was adopted :

1. Opening of the Encampment.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling Roll of Members.
5. Report of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committees on Reports of Officers and such other Committees as may be necessary.
7. Reception and reference of Communications.
8. Report of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Election of Officers.
11. Installation of Officers.

Roll of membership was then called showing 82 present.

The arrival of Inspector General Burst on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, was announced; was ushered in by a committee appointed to receive him; introduced to the Encampment by Commander Taylor, and was welcomed with warm applause by the comrades, to which he responded in a short address, after which the Encampment resumed the regular order of business.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

COMRADES:—In compliance with the rules and regulations, we are again assembled in our Annual State Encampment to confer with each other upon the present condition of the Order and to suggest means for its continued prosperity. Another year has been added to the history of our Order in this State and I trust the work accomplished has been satisfactory and acceptable to you.

These annual reunions bring us together as friends and comrades; recall the memories of field, camp or prison, in that most gigantic struggle of modern days; unite more closely, if possible, the bonds of friendship and comradeship of those who voluntarily entered that great contest in defense

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of our Nation, and afford us the opportunity of grasping the hands of our comrades who stood shoulder to shoulder for four years in defense of our country.

It is a source of great satisfaction to greet so many of our comrades and to extend hearty congratulations to each and every one who may attend this Encampment. The Com-mander trusts that the business thereof may be dispatched promptly, harmoniously and with satisfaction to all con-cerned.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

According to the returns received by the Assistant Adju-tant General for December 31st, 1890, 1165 Comrades were reported in good standing, with 42 Posts fully organized. This is a net gain during the year of 10 new Posts and 352 members. Thirteen Posts have been organized since January 1st, 1890, but in the month of June the Department of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma was organized, thereby tak-ing from this Department 3 Posts with 48 members, located in the Indian Territory south of the Canadian River, which had been previously attached to the Department of Texas.

Since the above reports were received at Department Head-quarters there has been two Posts organized and mustered— one at San Antonio (Geo. Crook No. 49, with 14 members), and one at Canadian, Roberts County, with 10 members, and Post No. 32, delinquent, has since reported with 40 members, making in all 1229 members in good standing. Application has been made and steps taken for the establishment of addi-tional Posts at Granbury, Hood County, and at Corpus Christi.

These figures are encouraging, but they do not embrace one-tenth of the defenders of the Union in this State; there are many cities, towns and counties where good working Posts can and should be organized. Very few old soldiers refuse to join our organization when the opportunity is given. Let every comrade constitute himself a recruiting officer and not cease his efforts until every honorably discharged soldier is enrolled in our ranks.

The finances are in a most satisfactory condition. It ap-pears from the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General that the cash balance on hand December 31st, 1890, was \$976.66. The disbursements have been as carefully and econ-omically made as was consistent with the best interests of the Department. The balance standing so long on the books

of the Quartermaster General (ordered paid by the last Encampment), has been paid, books and blanks have been purchased and the Assistant Adjutant General's and Assistant Quartermaster General's Departments put in good working order.

It would seem, in consideration of the fact that our Department is constantly growing, with an increasing revenue, that a small reduction in the per capita can be made. I would therefore recommend that you consider the same. It is expected that the Department Commander, Assistant Adjutant General and the Representatives attend the National Encampment, and in view of the great expense attending the same. I would recommend that some provision be made for a portion, at least, of the actual and necessary expenses incurred.

MEMORIAL DAY.

We are pleased to note that Memorial Day is being more generally observed by the Posts of this Department. This day, with its beautiful and touching ceremonies, grows rapidly in public favor in the South, as well as the North. Instead of arousing feelings of bitterness and hate, the 30th of May finds the soldiers of both armies in many cemeteries of the South, side by side with flowers in their hands and respect and esteem in their hearts for our honored dead.

It is earnestly recommended that every Post in this Department observe the day by some appropriate ceremony. There is hardly a city or town in this State where some brave comrade is not buried; if it be but one, let that grave be decorated with the flag he loved so well.

"It is meet that we do honor
To the Comrades who have fallen;
Meet that we the sadly woven garlands twine,
Where they buried lie is sacred,
Whether neath the Northern marble,
Or beneath the Southern cypress tree or pine."

It is customary, and the rule in other Departments, for the Post Chaplain to make full and complete reports of the observance of the day to Department headquarters, and I would recommend that Post Chaplains in this Department be instructed to do so hereafter.

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WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This excellent and valuable auxilliary society to our Order has made encouraging progress during the past year. The Department President and her able assistants have been active and energetic in the promotion of new Corps, as well as adding to the membership of the old ones. These loyal and earnest women are entitled to our warmest support. Let us proffer them our grateful thanks and extend every assistance and encouragement in our power.

SONS OF VETERANS.

I have been informed that there are several Posts or Corps of the Sons of Veterans in this State, but I have no official information of the fact. I am sorry that there has been so little interest taken in this organization. They are legitimately our successors. To them, before many years, will be given the task of keeping the camp fires bright and to perpetuate the great principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. It is our sacred duty to use our utmost endeavors to foster and develop this Order, so that when our time shall come to pass over the dark river, we can feel that we have left those behind us who will take up the line of march and perform the duties that are now incumbent upon us.

PENSIONS.

As the years pass the subject of pensions is growing more and more in importance. The men who suffered from wounds or from disease contracted in defense of their country, certainly merit prompt recognition from their government.

I believe that our government should carry out in good faith its obligations to the men who supported it in time of danger, and should see that none of her defenders come to want. The methods and plans for securing pensions should be made as simple and direct as the best interests of the public service will permit. The rules and regulations established by the government in making applications, should be as few and as clear and intelligible as it is possible to make them, so that very much of the annoyance and financial loss often occasioned by the employment of dishonest claim agents may be avoided.

Since our last session the National Congress has enacted a measure that will be of great relief to thousands of our help-

less and indigent comrades, and to the widows and orphans that are in need of assistance.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Met in Boston, Mass., August 12th to 15th, inclusive, and was a great success. The weather on the day of the grand parade was cool and pleasant; about 40,000 veterans were in line. The Texas Division, though few in numbers, was enthusiastically received. The long horns with our Texas banner, borne by Comrade Ricker, and the cotton stalk with flowers, bolls and open cotton, plucked from the fields of Lamar County, and carried by Comrade Catts, attracted great attention.

It was a grand ovation tendered by one of the most loyal cities of the Union to its brave defenders. Texas was represented by the Department Commander, Junior Vice Commander Cottman, Assistant Adjutant General Temby, C. W. Ricker and J. H. Pratt, Representatives; Ed. Ketchum, Alternate Representative; Past Department Commanders W. D. Wylie and O. T. Lyon, and S. H. Buchanan, J. N. Steere and R. P. Sargent of the Council of Administration.

The Encampment was in session two days and much needed legislation was had.

The following resolutions were adopted :

1. That in the selection or appointment of Governor, Superintendent or Manager of National or State Soldiers' Homes none but men who have done service in the Army or Navy should be selected.
2. Asking that Congress enlarge the provisions of Revised Statutes Nos. 1754 and 1755, relating to preference to be given honorably discharged Union veterans in the Civil Service, so as to include all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, whether physically disabled or not, when properly qualified.
3. Endorsing the movement of the Union Prisoners of War National Memorial Association, for the erection of a Memorial Hall in the city of Washington, D. C.
4. Thanking Congress for the "most liberal system of pension laws ever enacted," and the President for his sympathy and prompt approval of the disability bill.
5. That the display of the Confederate flag should be forbidden by the United States law.

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6. That enlisted men now in the service who served three months or more during the war of the Rebellion, and who have served thirty years or more, including service in the war, be placed upon the retired list.
7. Endorsing the action of the comrades of the Department of the Potomac in organizing the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hall Association.
8. Endorsing a bill now before Congress relating to exemption of veterans now in the civil service from competitive examinations for promotion therein, except such as may be required by the appointing power to test their fitness for promotion.
9. Thanking the Committee on Library of Congress for favorable action upon measure for printing the National Roster of this Order, compiled by Comrade W. R. Austin.
10. Asking that the Naval veterans be accorded the same privileges in the Naval Home as is accorded to the inmates of the National Homes for disabled volunteers.
11. Asking for modification of the construction of the present law, or for additional legislation securing to veterans of the Navy the same and equal rights with soldiers in admission to National Homes.
12. That the Commander-in-Chief take action for proper celebration of the quarto-centennial of the organization of this Order, April 6th, 1891.
13. Asking the passage of a Service Pension Bill.
14. Making reports from Posts and Departments semi-annual instead of quarterly, and recommending the printing of Department Journals of Proceedings uniform in size with that printed of the Proceedings of the National Encampment.
15. Providing for the countermarch of the Parade occurring at National Encampments.
16. Expressing sorrow at the death of John Boyle O'Reilly.
17. Congratulating Commander-in-Chief Alger and his National Staff on the success of the year's administration.

It was a source of great pleasure to all the comrades present to see the face and hear the voice of one of our comrades whom all loved so much, the great comrade who has just gone to his long home—General William T. Sherman—a most

touching incident of the Encampment and long to be remembered, was the presentation of a clock and candlebra by General Sherman, in behalf of the National Encampment, to Past Commander-in-Chief Comrade William Warner, of Missouri. Comrade Sherman spoke of his connection with the Grand Army; that he did not belong to it when in active command of the army; that he thought it was not right for him to do so; but the very moment he retired from active life he notified the Post, or rather Department, in which he then lived (Missouri), that he desired to join a Post and to remain with it so long as enough members remained to carry him to his grave. How mournfully and tenderly his Post (Ransom of St. Louis) have just performed that sad duty, all the world knows. I would suggest that some portion of the two days fixed for this meeting be set apart for the purpose of expressing the great sorrow of the comrades of this Department upon his death.

THE EXHIBIT.

At the suggestion of Comrade Geo. A. Knight and other comrades, an exhibit of the grains, grasses, fruits, minerals, woods and other products of this great State was determined upon, and through the energy and enterprise of the Texas and Pacific and Denver and Rio Grande Railway Companies, in charge of Mr. ——— Rossler and ——— Cohen, was a great success. The exhibit was held on the third floor of the Horticultural Hall on Tremont Street, in Boston, and was daily visited by many thousands of people from all parts of our country, who took with them to their homes much useful information in the shape of books, circulars and newspapers. Comrade H. W. Nye, of Fort Worth, deserves the special thanks of the comrades of the Department for his earnest and indefatigable work in procuring the fine hall for the display of Texas products, and for his courteous attention to visiting comrades and strangers.

DECISIONS.

In reply to letters of inquiry, I have, during the past year, rendered the following decisions :

Question—“Should a Post, organized in the last month of a quarter, pay the per capita tax for that quarter ?”

Answer—“Yes ; Section 2, Chapter V, Article III, provides that the quarterly installment due from each Post shall be

determined by the number of members in good standing therein, as reported in the return of the Post Commander, made on the first day of the current quarter, which of course must include all who were members on the last day of the previous quarter." See Decision VII, page 91, Blue Book.

Question—"Can a soldier who was impressed into the Rebel Service, and served a few months under compulsion, and subsequently served in the Union Army, become a member of the Grand Army of the Republic?"

Answer—"No; Chapter I of the Rules and Regulations distinctly states that, no person who has at any time borne arms against the United States shall be eligible to membership. Involuntary service forms no exception." See Opinions 4, 114 and 136, pages 10 and 11, of the Blue Book.

Question—"Can a Post make a By-Law imposing a fine on absentees?"

Answer—"No; there is no authority in the Rules and Regulations for a Post to fine its members for non-attendance at regular or called meetings, or at least no authority to suspend a member for failure to pay a fine; no penalty can be imposed for non-attendance."

Question—"A soldier makes application for membership in a Post; a committee is appointed, and for want of proper evidence as to eligibility, report is delayed for about three months, when the same, being favorable, the applicant is elected, but never presents himself for muster, and afterwards makes application for membership in another Post in same city; can the latter Post, if report of committee be favorable, muster the said applicant?"

Answer—"The soldier having made application, been balloted for and elected by the first Post, they hold jurisdiction over him until three months after notice of his election was given him by the Adjutant; failing to present himself for muster within that time, his election became null and void, and he forfeits to the Post all monies paid by him. After the expiration of the three months, he may make application to another Post for membership, stating in the application the fact of his previous application."

Question—"Can a Past Post Commander of a Post in another jurisdiction, who moves into this and suffers more than a year to elapse after obtaining a transfer, thereby becoming

honorably discharged, join a Post in this jurisdiction and be entitled to the honors and privileges of the position formerly held by him?"

Answer—"He can not; by such discharge he lost all rights and privileges acquired, by reason of official position during previous membership, and he could not be restored by again joining the Order. Neither can a Past Post Commander of another Department, who has joined a Post of this Department by transfer, be entitled to a seat and vote in this Department."

CASE OF NEWCOMB.

It was with great regret that the Department Commander was compelled to approve the action of Ord Post No. 3, at San Antonio, in dropping from its rolls the name of Past Post Commander Jas P. Newcomb, on the grounds of ineligibility.

The facts, as stated by Commander Johnson, of Ord Post, are as follows: Upon charges made, the Adjutant of said Post wrote to the Adjutant General of the State of California (from which State Comrade Newcomb claimed to have enlisted), asking for the comrade's record. The Adjutant General replied that the name of Jas. P. Newcomb did not appear on the rolls of the California Volunteers. Comrade Newcomb was then called upon to furnish evidence that he had been regularly mustered into the service and had received an honorable discharge. This Comrade Newcomb failed to do; on the contrary he produced a communication from the Adjutant General of California corroborating his former statement, Comrade Newcomb also stating to the Post that he was unable to produce any evidence of muster in or discharge, and that his name did not appear upon the records of the War Department at Washington, D. C. Under the circumstances, and greatly to the regret of the Post, they were compelled to drop his name from the rolls. The Rules and Regulations are very explicit upon the question of service and honorable discharge. Enlistment, muster and honorable discharge are absolutely necessary.

The Grand Army Blue Book has many decisions on this question. Opinions 131 and 132, pages 8 and 9, declares in a similar case: "Although the party named may have rendered the service claimed, yet he can not be admitted to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, for the reason that he was never mustered into the service; not being mustered,

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he was not subject to orders as provided in Article IV, Chapter 1, and not being mustered, of course never received an honorable discharge. Nothing can take the place of enlistment and muster in, to render a person eligible to membership in the G. A. R., because there can be no 'honorable discharge' without a previous muster in." Comrade Newcomb became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic more than twenty years ago. He was one of the chief organizers of E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, of San Antonio, which was mustered in January 17th, 1884, and since that time to the time when dropped from the rolls—June 16th, 1890—he was one of the most energetic and earnest workers in our Order, having held many positions of honor in Post and Department. He was ever present at our Annual Encampments and all of us who knew him well will miss him in this and all future Encampments. I am sure should he yet succeed in proving his right to enter our organization, his welcome back into the Order would be so warm as to prove the esteem in which he was held by his comrades.

The flag offered by the Encampment, at its last session, to the Post mustering the greatest number of recruits during the year, has been won by John A. Logan Post No. 23, at Denton, they having added 51 recruits to their roll. It is with great pleasure that the Department Commander tenders his congratulations to this live and energetic Post. May the starry banner they have so deservedly won, be a constant reminder of the spirit and purposes of our Order, to preserve and strengthen these kind and fraternal feelings which bind us together, and to maintain a true allegiance to our country and the flag.

The Department Commander has observed with pleasure numerous instances in other Departments where the flag of our country has been presented by Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic to public schools in their respective localities. How important it is that the boys and girls in our elementary schools should be imbued with a reverence for that flag and all it represents.

It is therefore recommended that the comrades use their influence, both as Posts and individuals, to induce school boards to provide flags for their respective school houses. Patriotism will thus be stimulated, love for the old flag increased, and loyalty to country intensified.

In January last a communication was received from Com-

rade S. E. Faunce, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of the Potomac and Chairman of the Department Employment Committee, enclosing a copy of a Bill, entitled: "A Bill to insure preference in appointment, employment and retention therein, in the public service of the United States, to veterans of the late war," which had been introduced in the Senate of the United States by Mr. Evarts, of New York.

This Bill proposes to make the law, now on the Statute books, preferring honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines in the service of the United States, operative by prescribing a penalty for its violation.

To the end that the committee, of which Comrade Faunce was Chairman, might go before the proper Committee of Congress, it was requested that the Department Commander of Texas inform them if it met with his approval. In answer the Department Commander stated that he heartily favored the passage of said Bill, feeling assured that while it would afford employment to many deserving comrades, it would at the same time improve generally the service in the various departments of the government by putting on duty men who learned to love and serve their country in times that severely tested their fealty. No information has been received of the fate of the Bill.

The Department Commander also affixed his official signature to a petition to Congress to set aside a small portion of the United States Reservation adjoining the National Cemetery at Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the purpose of erecting a G. A. R. Memorial Hall, and to secure the passage of a Bill now before Congress to establish a Soldier's Home in the Chicamauga National Park, the latter to be used as a retreat for the Union soldiers now residing in the South that may need and desire it.

I have regretted very much my inability to visit the Posts of this Department during my term of office. Texas is a State of great distances, and the few Posts of the Grand Army in her borders are, in some cases, nearly a thousand miles apart, thus rendering it almost impossible for the official visits which Department Commanders and their staff make in the smaller and more thickly populated States of the North. I would suggest that Assistant Inspectors and Mustering Officers (both offices to be combined in one, a comrade who shall not be a member of the Post he may be appointed to inspect), be appointed for districts to embrace three or

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more Posts, whose duty it shall be to make semi-annual visitations to each Post for the purpose of making thorough annual inspections, as required by the Rules and Regulations, and instruction in the secret work of the Order, and that provision be made for the necessary expenses incurred. Our last Post mustered at Canadian, February 26th, with 10 members, desired to take the name of our grandest departed comrade, Sherman. They had, however, selected the name of "Panhandle," in their application, and before their muster and notice of their change of name was received. Application was received and signed by 11 names, with charter fee, from Granbury, requesting that a charter for a Post be granted them, to be called William T. Sherman. It is not at all remarkable that there should be a simultaneous rush among old soldiers organizing into Posts to take that name, so dear to all, who served under him from Atlanta to the sea, to all who wore the blue, to all patriotic Americans who feel proud of their great men. In deciding, the name properly belonged to the Granbury applicants. I fully considered the claim of the new Post at Canadian, but as they had selected a name in their application, and I had no notice of a change, the selection of the name by the Granbury Post was compelled to be recognized.

I am sorry to say that Department Headquarters has been put to great inconvenience at the close of every quarter by the neglect and procrastination of many Posts in this Department in forwarding their Adjutant and Quartermaster's returns. Upon assuming command in March last, I issued Circular No. 1 to the Posts, quoting full instructions, and calling the attention of Post Commanders to their responsibility in seeing that the returns were promptly and correctly made. Nearly half of the Posts of this Department are constantly delinquent, delaying the consolidated report to National Headquarters. The fault lies generally with the Adjutants and Quartermasters of Posts. They fail to make up their respective returns, the Quartermaster fails to collect the dues, and the result is that the Post is constantly delinquent and its dissolution but a question of time.

It is in a great measure upon the Adjutant that the success of the Post depends; he should be a man whose heart is in the work and who will attend promptly to the business of the office; he is the right hand of the Commander, and all papers, communications, etc., should be immediately turned

over to him, that they may have prompt attention. Commanders of Posts, most of you who have been lately installed, I appeal to you to see that this important matter of returns shall have your earnest attention. At the last National Encampment a resolution was adopted making Post reports semi-annual instead of quarterly, thus greatly curtailing the labor of Adjutants and Quartermasters of Posts. There certainly can be no excuse for tardiness hereafter.

To the Assistant Adjutant General Comrade Temby, and to Comrade Odell, Assistant Quartermaster General, and to all of the Department Officers, I desire to return my sincere thanks, and to make mention publicly of their constant zeal and efficiency in the discharge of the duties of their several offices.

Comrades: my term of office as Commander of this Department is about to close. I desire here to thank you again for the distinguished honor you conferred upon me one year ago, and to assure you of my appreciation of the confidence you reposed in me, and in laying down the gavel of authority, I desire to say that my interest in the Order shall not cease, and that a warm place in my heart will always be kept for my comrades.

As we near the valley of the shadows and approach the Eternal Camping Grounds, the ties which bind us together, formed many years ago, seem to have an increasing strength and force. It cannot be described, nor can it be understood by any but the old soldier.

"There are bonds of all sorts in this world of ours,
Fetters of friendship and ties of flowers,
And true lover's knots, I ween,
The boy and the girl are bound by a kiss,
But there is never a bond, old friend, like this,
We have drank from the same canteen."

Yours in F., C. and L.,

A. K. TAYLOR,

Department Commander.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
 HOUSTON, TEXAS. March 3, 1891.

A. K. Taylor, Department Commander.

COMRADE:—I have the honor, in compliance with Rules and Regulations of this Order, to submit the following report of the business of this Department for the year ending December 31st, 1890. The Department continues to show a steady increase in membership, by accessions to the older Posts and the mustering of the new, all of which will be shown fully in the following reports:

The Assistant Adjutant General's report for December 31st, 1889, shows the number of members in good standing to be 813, and 32 Posts. For December 31st, 1890, 1165 in good standing and 42 Posts fully organized—a net gain of 352 members and 10 Posts during the year. Three Posts were mustered during the year that were afterwards transferred to help form the Provisional Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. These Posts had an aggregate membership of 48. There have been mustered since December 31st, 1890, two Posts, viz:

Geo. Crook No. 49, San Antonio.....	with 14 members.
_____ No. 50, Canadian.....	“ 10 “

Two other Posts are ready for muster, one at Corpus Christi and one at Granbury named after our grand old comrade just passed away, William T. Sherman. Ten members.

There are four Posts delinquent in reports, as follows:

P. Hurst No. 13, Terrell.....	2 quarters,	7 members.
Garfield No. 15, Bells.....	2 “	7 “
Joe Hooker No. 22, Laredo.....	1 “	20 “
Canby No. 48, Jacksboro.....	1 “	18 “

I submit herewith a condensed report, showing the growth of each Post in the Department during the year. The footings of this report are as follows:

Gains, By muster in.....	539
By transfer.....	41
By re-instatement.....	95
By re-instatement, from delinquent reports..	34

Making a total gain for the year of.....

Loss, By death.....	18	
By honorable discharge	10	
By transfer.....	47	
By suspension	1	
By delinquent reports.....	127	293
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Total net gain to date.....		416

This table also shows the total number in good standing at the present time to be 1229. This is inclusive of two Posts mustered since December 31st. There are in the delinquent list, including "by suspensions" and from delinquent reports, December 31st, 146 members, making the total number on the Department rolls at this date 1375. The following is an abstract of the Consolidated Returns of this office, made through you to the National Headquarters for the four quarters of the year :

ABSTRACT OF QUARTERLY RETURNS FOR 1890.

FIRST QUARTER.

In good standing January 1, 1890.....	813	
Gains, By muster.....	136	
By transfer.....	10	
By re-instatement.	21	167
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Total.....		980
Losses, By death.....	3	
By honorable discharge	1	
By transfer	16	
By suspension.....	24	
By delinquent reports	29	73
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Number in good standing end 1st quarter		907

SECOND QUARTER.

Gains, By muster	79	
By transfer	10	
By re-instatement	38	127
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		1034
Losses, By death.....	5	
By honorable discharge.....	6	
By transfer.....	34	
By suspension.....	26	
By delinquent.....	66	137
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Number in good standing close of 2nd quarter.....		897

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THIRD QUARTER.			
Gains, By muster	144		
By transfer	9		
By re-instatement	85	238	
			1135
Losses, By death	5		
By transfer	7		
By honorable discharge	1		
By suspension	15		
By delinquent	112	140	
			995
Number in good standing end of 3rd quarter			995

FOURTH QUARTER.			
Gains, By muster	118		
By transfer	11		
By re-instatement	129	258	
			1253
Losses, By death	5		
By transfer	20		
By suspension	22		
By delinquent	41	88	
			1165
Number in good standing December 31, 1890			1165

There has been dropped during the year 27 members. The suspended list continues to be very large, and how to correct it is a problem not yet solved. If the Post officers could be inspired with a little more zeal in the cause, and infuse some of the same spirit into the comrades of their commands, we would have fewer suspensions.

Our loss of those comrades, who have laid down to sleep their last sleep in the silent bivouac of the dead, is the same this year as last—nineteen having passed away, being about thirteen to the thousand. Their names are recorded on the rolls of the Department and should be indelibly enrolled on the tablets of our affectionate remembrance :

OUR DEAD.

P. SMITH.....	First Quarter.
W. H. PLASTERS.....	First Quarter.
WINSTON J. ERWIN.....	First Quarter.
L. B. HANNA.....	Second Quarter.
D. T. WHEELER.....	Second Quarter.
EDWARD MCGEE.....	Second Quarter.
OWEN FINLAN.....	Second Quarter.
WILLIAM FITZMAURICE.....	Second Quarter.
G. W. HALL.....	Third Quarter.
DEWITT C. TEEGLES.....	Third Quarter.
EDWARD D. CONGER.....	Third Quarter.
JAMES POWERS.....	Third Quarter.
MELVIN J. FITCH.....	Third Quarter.
JOHN PETERSON.....	Fourth Quarter.
JOHN CROMWELL.....	Fourth Quarter.
GEORGE COOK.....	Fourth Quarter.
CHARLES SHEPHARD.....	Fourth Quarter.
AMOS P. FOSTER.....	Fourth Quarter.
S. E. MACFARLAND.....	Fourth Quarter.

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The business of this office increases each year in equal ratio to the growth of the Department. During the past year the correspondence has been very large. All orders, circulars, etc., issued by the National Commander, and all orders issued by you, have been promptly forwarded to Post officers and to members of your staff. There were issued during the year 19 general orders, 8 special orders and 3 circulars.

The delinquency and delay in making reports has caused much trouble and annoyance, increasing the work of the office more than twenty-five per cent. Before each quarterly report could be sent to National Headquarters, letter after letter was sent to dilatory Post officers urging them to forward their reports. This should not be so. When a comrade accepts the honorable position of Post Commander he should fill the office and perform the duties unflinchingly. Promptness is essential that the business of the Department may go on smoothly; this cannot be unless each comrade performs the duties assigned him, as prescribed by the Rules and Regulations, promptly and correctly. If Post officers will only do this, the office will cease to be such a harassing one, as this dereliction of duty by Post officers is the most annoying part of the Assistant Adjutant General's duties.

Correspondence has been carried on regarding the formation of new Posts with the following old soldiers:

C. H. Booth, Taylor, Texas.
 H. T. Peery, Kaufman, Texas.
 J. H. Millpaugh, San Angelo, Texas.
 W. H. Coombs, San Angelo, Texas.
 William Woods, Hillsboro, Texas.
 A. F. Ackerman, Whitney, Texas.
 T. A. Serviss, Abilene, Texas.
 John A. Rossa, Sandy, Texas.

No doubt Posts will be mustered at most of these places the ensuing year.

Your instructions to make a complete roster of the Department, so that every member of the organization should be recorded in the books of the Department showing fully the description of each comrade's record and service, has been carried out as far as possible. The record is yet incomplete. Blanks were sent to each Post, asking that a roster be sent to me at once from which to compile the Department records. Only twenty-one Posts have responded thus far. I procured

a book suitable for the purpose, which I leave for my successor to complete. It is very important this record should be made and kept up, complete at all times; I hope my successor will give this his early attention. It will be necessary, however, for each Post to send a copy of their roster (on blanks furnished) to the Assistant Adjutant General as soon as possible.

CHARITY.

There has been expended during the year, for relief of comrades and others, as per reports from Posts, \$271 25, against \$268.70 last year. This does not show a growth in the charities of our order in the Department in ratio to its growth in membership. Whether the demands for relief have not been made or that our cardinal principle of charity is growing cold I cannot tell. It is to be hoped, however, that our comrades will never underestimate the blessings that always accrue to an individual or order from giving freely of their substance to aid others, especially when the needy ones are bound to us by the tender ties of comradeship.

I am pleased to acknowledge many courtesies received during my incumbency from officers and comrades. My thanks are due to every member of your staff for special courtesies and favors. It was a pleasure to be connected as a fellow-worker with them in maintaining the honor, existence and perpetuity of our loved order in Texas.

One year ago, when you appointed me to the office of Assistant Adjutant General, I instinctively shrank from undertaking to perform its duties, knowing full well my inexperience in the intricate workings of the office, and, sir, but for your aid and assistance I should have failed to have filled the office satisfactorily. These and many other acts of kindness will never be forgotten, and the sweet fraternal feeling engendered by our intimate associations shall ever remain a pleasant memory.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. W. TEMBY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 DALLAS, TEXAS, March 14, 1891. }

J. W. Temby, A. A. G. Department of Texas, G. A. R.

COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit herewith abstracts
 and vouchers for receipts and expenditures, made from March
 7, 1890, to March 4, 1891.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. M. ODELL,
 Ass't Quartermaster General.

CASH RECEIPTS.

DR.	PER STATEMENT.	
March 7, 1890, from A. K. Taylor, A. Q. M. Gen'l	\$866 61
Per capita tax	620 10
Supplies	544 95
Charter fees	100 00
Cr. Corpus Christi Post	5 00
Express charges refunded	1 75
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Total receipts	\$2,138 41

CR. EXPENDITURES—PER STATEMENT.

Old balance due Q. M. Gen'l	\$ 72 29
Expenses	.....	852 17
Supplies	.....	296 00
Charter fee Kaufman Post returned	10 00
Express charges on package for Q. M. Gen'l	1 75
Balance cash on hand	906 20
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		\$2,138 41

SUPPLY ACCOUNT—SOLD AND ON HAND.

Sold	\$544 95
On hand	104 34
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		\$649 29

1890.		RECEIVED.		
Mch. 7,	from	A. K. Taylor	\$149 27
"	"	J. L. Mitchell	75 00
July 17,	"	Jno. Taylor	105 06
Dec. 11,	"	"	96 36
1891.				
Jan. 21,	"	"	63
Feb. 6,	"	"	9 45
	"	"	9 50
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				445 27
Profit			<hr/>
				\$204 02

ASSETS.		
Cash on hand	\$906 20
Supplies	104 34
Due by R. W. Ryan Post	17 35
C. W. Hartup	.....	50
A. G. Malloy	.....	1 00
J. W. Temby	.....	1 00
Geo. F. Robie	.....	30
A. K. Taylor	.....	1 50
Geo. A. Knight	17 75
W. H. Holt	20
F. C. Loring	35
L. P. Goodell	4 10
Department Banner	54 50
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NO LIABILITIES—PROFIT AND LOSS.

Gain on supplies sold	\$204 02
Charter fees	90 00
P. C. Tax	620 10
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Loss—Department Headquarters	2 95
Expense	852 17
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		855 12
Net gain 1890	59 00
Department balance 1889	1,133 87
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Net worth of Department	\$1,192 87

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OFFICE DEPARTMENT MUSTERING OFFICER,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
DALLAS, TEXAS, February 28th, 1891. }

A. K. Taylor, Esq., Department Commander, Houston, Texas.

SIR:—I have the honor to respectfully report the following Posts mustered by myself during the past year, and under your administration, together with the miles traveled, time occupied in this service and personal expenses paid ;

NAME OF POST.	NO.	PLACE.	Members.	DATE OF MUSTER.	Miles Traveled.	Days.	Expenses.
Washington	44	Henrietta	20	June 21, 1890 ..	256	2	\$4 25
Sam. J. Randall	45	Weatherford	20	July 7, 1890	130	1	2 00
Jno. C. Fremont	47	Sulphur Spr'gs	16	July 17, 1890 ..	168	2	4 00
Canby	48	Jacksboro	18	Sept. 24, 1890 ..	224	3	8 75
Sherman	50	Canadian	10	Feb. 26, 1891 ...	912	3	10 25
			84		1690	11	\$29 25
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Making a total of five (5) Posts mustered, with a charter membership of eighty-four (84), and which has necessitated 1610 miles of railroad travel, together with 80 miles of land travel to reach Jacksboro, or a total of 1690 miles traveled, a loss of time of eleven (11) days and personal expenses paid (which includes team hire for two days to reach Jacksboro, \$6, and railroad fare for 142 miles on the Southern Kansas Railroad to reach Canadian, \$4.25), amounting to a total of twenty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$29.25).

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEO. A. KNIGHT,

Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR.

J. W. Tenby, A. A. G. Department of Texas, G. A. R.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, February 28, 1891.

COMRADE:—In pursuance to Par. V, G. O. No. 16, dated at Houston, February 2d, 1891, I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Inspector to this the sixth Department Encampment.

Reports from the following Posts were received in time to be forwarded to National Headquarters and if the Depart-

ment was not fully reported through my inspection report, I can assure you that the fault does not rest with this office, as I used every effort to procure a full report of all Posts, but failed.

W. S. HANCOCK POST No. 2.

A. B. Howen, Assistant Inspector, Galveston.

Reported May 14 ; a membership of 47 ; a charity fund of \$40 ; a great lack of interest on the part of all officers in their duties, with discouraging prospects for the future.

E. O. C. ORD POST No. 3.

W. H. Robinson, Assistant Inspector, San Antonio.

Reported May 21 ; a membership of 74 ; all duties fairly well performed ; a relief fund of \$8.15 on hand and over \$100 expended in charities in the past year, while the prospects for the future were very good.

W. S. PARMLY POST No. 4.

C. B. Morgan, Assistant Inspector, Fort Worth.

Reported June 7 ; a membership of 62 ; all duties fairly performed ; future prospects good.

NAT. LYONS POST No. 5.

W. O. Kritsinger, Assistant Inspector, Denison.

Reported June 6 ; a membership of 34 ; all duties well performed ; future prospects fair.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST No. 6.

R. McCormick, Assistant Inspector, Dallas.

Reported June 21 ; a membership of 63 ; all duties fairly well performed ; the expenditure of \$89.45 in charities last year, while the prospects for the future welfare of the Post were good.

The report of this Post was received too late to be embodied in my consolidated report to Headquarters, though it appears to have been inspected in ample time to have reached me prior to June 10, the date of closing my report.

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GEO. B. McCLELLAN Post No. 9.

George A. Race, Assistant Inspector, Houston.

Reported May 15; a membership of 29; all duties fairly performed; a relief fund of \$11.02 and an expenditure of \$7.50 for charities, while the future prospects were good.

JOHN A. DIX Post No. 11.

E. G. Rust, Assistant Inspector, Dallas.

Reported May 26; a membership of 16, with not the greatest of or proper interest taken in the performance of duties on the part of officers and men, though the prospects for the future were encouraging. At the time of this inspection the strike was on and it interfered materially with all things, Grand Army affairs included.

SAMUEL R. CURTIS Post No. 12.

C. C. Sanburn, Assistant Inspector, Gainesville.

Reported May 20; a membership of 12 true and tried holding the outpost; thin in ranks, but stout of heart, performing all duties well; having a small charity fund of \$10, but able to expend \$26 in the past year for sweet charity's sake; quite hopeful and expectant of a bright future is this little band of loyal men.

F. HURST Post No. 13.

H. C. Adler, Assistant Inspector, Terrell.

Reported May 23; a membership of 19; performance of duties; condition of past and future prospects but fair.

GARFIELD Post No. 15.

W. T. King, Assistant Inspector, Bells.

Reported June 1; a membership of 8 in good standing, but all things, including the future of the Post, but gloomy, yet the Inspector of this Post was quite hopeful of the holding together of the Post through the loyal-hearted few that were left.

W. H. LEWIS Post No. 17.

George A. Purington, Assistant Inspector, Fort Clark.

Reported May 29; a membership of 42 in good standing and

all duties well and properly performed; an expenditure of \$5 for charities, while future prospects were good.

ELSWORTH POST No. 18.

D. F. Gerrish, Assistant Inspector, McKinney.

Reported May 12; a membership of 16; all duties well performed and Post able to hold its own for the future.

EMMET CRAWFORD POST No. 19.

Allen Blocker, Assistant Inspector, El Paso.

Reported May 27; a membership of 47; in good standing; holding the Post well together and performing its duties fairly well, having expended \$17.50 in charities, with prospects better than ever before for the perpetuation of the Post.

OLD PHIL. KEARNEY POST No. 20.

W. H. Webber, Assistant Inspector, Lampasas.

Reported May 20; a membership of 10, living in four counties, but sufficiently zealous to hold the fort and give a good account of themselves once per month, though some come a distance of 40 miles to attend. With these 10 members the prospects of this Post are good.

E. A. STARLING POST No. 21.

Rob't L. Ferguson, Assistant Inspector, Temple.

Reported May 31; a membership of 11, nearly all grangers, showing that the prophesy of Isaiah has been literally fulfilled: "And they shall beat their swords into plough shares and their spears into pruning hooks;" and though scattered over the half of Bell, Williamson and Milam Counties, they get together once a month, touch elbow and call roll, and report the future of their Post as good.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST No. 23.

J. E. Stringer, Assistant Inspector, Denton.

Reported May 18; a membership of 20, and all duties fairly well performed, with good prospects for the future of the Post.

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PHIL H. SHERIDAN POST No. 25.

G. A. Jones, Assistant Inspector, Georgetown.

Reported May 14; a membership of 20; an out Post that has waited patiently for the relief, but were disappointed, when my letter called their attention to their duties of inspection, as they found it was the Grand Rounds. This is a good Post, in a good county, but the 'boys' are bilious; they need stirring up once in a while, as they are apt to straggle and become coffee coolers. *But they are all right.*

GEO. W. WRIGHT POST No. 26.

E. A. Russell, Assistant Inspector, Paris.

Reported May 16; a membership of 14; all in good shape, but the Adjutant's records are not as complete as they should be. With no roster or descriptive roll of members, etc., as required by Rules and Regulations. But fair prospects only in Paris for the G. A. R.

JOHN B. MURRAY POST No. 27.

Frank M. Gardner, Assistant Inspector, Palestine.

Reported June 10; a membership of 13; all duties fair and prospects for the future the same. Hopeful of better times that shall enable them to shine as one of the brightest stars in the G. A. R. constellation.

OLIVER P. MORTON POST No. 29.

Smyth Odel, Assistant Inspector, Waco.

Reported May 23; a membership of 25, from Central Texas; all fairly well up in their duties and the performance thereof. A small amount expended in charity, from the fact that the call for same was not greater, and future prospects good. The "Geyser City is all right."

SIMON CAMERON POST No. 30.

Clark Arnold, Assistant Inspector, Bowie.

Reported May 7; a membership of 32. This was the first report received, and while not showing the greatest of prosperity in this section, as regards Grand Army matters, it showed a very zealous Inspector, who had the best interests of the Order at heart, and so showed it in his report.

U. S. GRANT POST No. 31.

L. T. Miller, Assistant Inspector, Wichita Falls.

Reported May 29; a membership of 11, in good standing. All moderately well up in their duties, with booming prospects for the future.

CUSTER POST No. 32.

Wm. Campbell, Assistant Inspector, Bonham.

Reported May 28; a membership of 29; all fairly up in their duties and the same well performed, even to charities, in which a small amount had been demanded and the same expended; with very fair prospects for the future of this Post.

STANTON POST No. 33.

Jas. Ferrell, Assistant Inspector, Vernon.

Reported May 15; a membership of 13; all duties well performed, with no necessity for charity or such a fund. This Post makes a good showing.

W. H. HARRISON POST No. 34.

W. A. Cox, Assistant Inspector, Poteau, I. T.

Reported May 26; a membership of 18; not in a flattering condition.

MEAD POST No. 35.

Jas. Hickey, Assistant Inspector, Decatur.

Reported May 19; a membership of 20; all willing raw recruits, but had not been properly instructed in their duties, hence could not give a very good account of themselves.

JEFF C. DAVIS POST No. 36.

James Powers, Assistant Inspector, Fort Davis.

Reported May 26; a membership of 12; all true and willing, though scattered at distance; make a good showing at Post meetings; with only fair prospects

A. BELKNAP POST No. 37.

Carl Olsen, Assistant Inspector, San Antonio.

Reported May 14; a membership of 27; a charity fund of \$6.25; very zealous and enthusiastic; future prospects quite fair.

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PUTNAM POST No. 38.

J. A. Callahan, Assistant Inspector, Marshall.

Reported May 20; a membership of 19; members in good standing and the Post exerting itself to its fullest to win the prize banner, hence its future cannot be anything else than good.

SEDGWICK POST No. 39.

A. H. Bennett, Assistant Inspector, Fort Worth.

Reported June 7, a membership of 25; all in the most glorious condition of proficiency, from the Commander down, if one can judge from the enthusiasm infused into his report by the Inspector. God bless such men as Comrade Bennett. I hope he sees and feels all he writes.

KILPATRICK POST No. 40.

H. S. Stokes, Assistant Inspector, Belton.

Reported May 13; a membership of 13; all in good shape, with a strong desire to do even better; a new Post with fair prospects.

R. W. RAGAN POST No. 41.

N. B. Glover, Assistant Inspector, Colbert, I. T.

Reported May 13; a membership of 13, with well performed duties and fair prospects. So mote it be.

I have also the following reports that, like that of Post No. 6, reached me too late to be embodied in my report to Headquarters:

MCPHERSON POST No. 1.

J. Donaldson, Assistant Inspector, Sherman.

Reported June 10; a membership of 15; a negative report throughout, with few exceptions. An expenditure of \$22.00 in charities, with a decided lack of it in sentiment.

J. A. MOWER POST No. 11.

C. B. Stoddard, Assistant Inspector, Austin.

Reported June 14; a membership of 42; almost a negative report, with prospects but "So, So," and this the oldest Post in the State.

A. J. HAMILTON POST No. 42.

Amos J. Foster, Assistant Inspector, Austin.

Reported May 14; a membership of 13; duties fairly well performed, with good future ahead; one of the infant class as a Post, but striving for promotion.

Since the promulgation of G. O. No. 15, Department of Texas, I have received the following Inspection Reports:

MCPHERSON POST No. 1.

John Donaldson, Assistant Inspector, Sherman.

Reported February 5; a membership of 10; a purely negative report, and like the hopeless man, its future without light. This Post has lost the meaning of our three letters, I fear, and it would be well for its members to most thoroughly study them and their significance.

W. S. PARMLEY POST No. 4.

C. B. Morgan, Assistant Inspector, Fort Worth.

Reported December 27; a membership of 106, and a very healthy state of affairs throughout, with a good future ahead.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST No. 6.

B. McCormick, Assistant Inspector, Dallas.

Reported January 2; a membership of 102; a very flattering report indeed, having expended \$25.00 in charities, a surplus of cash on hand, all duties well performed and future prospects good.

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Again on hand, but always late.

J. H. MOWER Post No. 10.

C. B. Stoddard, Assistant Inspector, Austin.

Reported February 27; a membership of 43; their duties not as well performed as I would wish, though all exhibit an interest in their Post, having expended a portion of their funds in charity, with a good amount left on hand; its prospects are "fair." Long may your banner wave Mower Post No. 10, of Austin. I tramped to the tap of your drum and answered roll call at your musters, when you were the only Post in the State of Texas. God bless your comrades living, and rest peacefully those who are no longer with us.

ELLSWORTH POST No. 18.

D. F. Zerrish, Assistant Inspector, McKinney.

Reported February 19; a membership of 16; condition not flattering, but Post alive and energetic members trying to keep it so. Its future not bright.

EMMET CRAWFORD POST No. 19.

Allen Blacker, Assistant Inspector, El Paso.

Reported February 18; a membership of 48; but a real cheerful shoestring straight report; an affirmative report throughout, having expended \$100 in charities; with all duties well performed, excepting the Assistant Quartermaster, who having the grippe, was attending sick call at home, but the prospects for the future of the Post is most excellent. This is by far the most cheerful report of all received. I would and do wish all of our Posts a little of Emmet Crawford good feeling.

PHIL KEARNEY POST No. 20.

W. H. Webber, Assistant Inspector, Lampasas.

Reported January 2; a membership of 11; all earnest, faithful workers, though scattered over the country far apart, try to get together and "touch elbows" on second Friday of each month. Their showing is good.

E. A. STARLING POST No. 21.

R. L. Ferguson, Assistant Inspector, Temple.

Reported February 13; a membership of 12, scattered over Bell, Milam and Williamson Counties; but they keep up their Post and make their reports, and think that their prospects are as good as any.

P. H. SHERIDAN POST No. 25.

G. A. Jones, Assistant Inspector, Georgetown.

Reported January 2; a membership of 20; all duties being properly performed and the prospects for the future good.

G. W. WRIGHT POST No. 26.

E. A. Russell, Assistant Inspector, Paris.

Reported February 8; a membership of 25; all duties properly attended to, reports promptly made, etc; fair prospects for the future.

J. B. MURRAY POST No. 27.

Frank Gardner, Assistant Inspector, Palestine.

Reported January 4; a membership of 20; all reports and dues made and paid; \$15.00 expended in charities, and with good prospects for future.

JEFF C. DAVIS POST No. 36.

T. H. Forsyth, Acting Assistant Inspector, Fort Davis.

Reported January 2; a membership of 11; holding the out Post, expecting 3 of these soon to drop out, "but as long as there exists in this Post a set of fours and a file closer, they propose to hold their charter." Surely it was of this kind of material that the armies of Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Thomas were composed. Long may Jeff C. Davis Post No. 36 hold its charter. But for its kind of pluck, the Grand Army in the South would have long since gone to pieces and tucked its head under some sheltering gray coat for assistance and protection.

And now Comrade, to ask pardon of this Encampment for consuming so much of its precious time, and then to sum up

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by saying, that the Grand Army in Texas is more prosperous than it gives itself credit for being. If we could increase our dues to that extent that a Department Lecturer could be sent to each Post once or twice per year, so as to get closer to each other than we have heretofore been, I am sure much good would result, and a far more prosperous condition prevail.

Appended hereto will be found a tabulated statement with considerable information that may furnish food for thought for those of us who may care to peruse same and make some comparisons.

I find, strange to say, that Grand Army Posts, like the business concerns of the world, are only prosperous when they have something to prosper on, or in other words, that those Posts that charge a goodly sum for mustering in fee, and the same for quarterly dues, are prosperous, and those who charge a small fee and small quarterly dues, are just the reverse. That where there is something to be looked after, there can be found promptness and efficiency looking after it, and "where there is no honey there are no bees."

With thanks for your kindness to me through the year past and my congratulations to Department Headquarters for the bright prospects showing for our Order in Texas, I am, with profound respects,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

E. KETCHUM,
Inspector.

 INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

DALLAS, TEXAS, March 4, 1891.

Your committee having examined the within report, do most cordially approve the same, but would suggest that in the appointment of Assistant Inspecting Officers in the future they be made from other than the Posts to be inspected, in conformity with Section 2, Art. V, Chap. V, of the Rules and Regulations.

L. P. GOODELL,
R. P. SARGENT,
S. H. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

No. of Posts in the Dep'tmt	40
“ “ “ reported by Inspectors.....	35
“ “ “ not “ “	7
“ “ reported but not on Dep't Roster.....	2
“ “ in which the Ritual is properly used....	11
“ “ “ it is only fairly done	6
“ “ “ it is not properly done	18
“ “ where Officers and Guards are uniformed	1
“ “ “ “ “ “ partly “	6
“ “ “ “ “ “ not uniformed	28
“ “ owning arms.....	4
“ “ where Officers are regular in attendance	23
“ “ “ Members “ “ “	19
“ “ “ all take an interest, etc.....	31
“ “ “ Records are well kept.....	27
“ “ “ orders are received regularly.....	31
“ “ “ “ “ obeyed.....	29
“ “ who have forwarded all dues and reports	31
“ “ “ “ not “ “ “ “	4
“ “ whose muster in fee is over \$1.00.....	27
“ “ “ “ “ “ \$1.00 or less.....	8
“ “ “ quarterly dues are 75c or over.....	20
“ “ “ “ “ “ less than 75c...	15
“ “ having or using charity fund.....	15
Amount so expended.....	\$157 00
No. of Posts giving value of property.....	8
Aggregate value of same.....	\$643 00
No. of Posts with W. R. C. reported	3
“ “ “ Camp S. O. D. reported	4
“ “ whose prospects are good.....	16
“ “ “ “ “ fair.....	11
“ “ “ “ “ bad	8

No reports from Judge Advocate, Chaplain or Medical Director were received.

The following Committees were then appointed on Reports of Officers:

On Commander's Address: Comrades A. Blacker, Post No. 19; J. L. Boyd, Post No. 11; W. H. Catts, Post No. 51.

On Report of Assistant Adjutant General, Chief Mustering Officer and Inspector: Comrades L. P. Goodell, Post No. 39; S. H. Buchanan, Post No. 19; R. P. Sargent, Post No. 2.

On Quartermaster General's Report: Comrades G. A. Knight, Post No. 6; Geo. A. Race, Post No. 9; J. H. Pratt, Post No. 17.

Committee on Resolution: Comrades W. D. Wylie, Post No. 6; O. T. Lyon, Post No. 1; H. W. Nye, Post No. 4; Ed. Ketchum, Post No. 2; T. W. Manchester, Post No. 39; A. G. Malloy, Post No. 11.

A Committee from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Texas, was announced. Comrades Wylie, Brown and Sargent were appointed to escort them to the hall, and were introduced to the Encampment by Commander Taylor. Mrs. Mary L. Mills spoke for the committee, bringing greetings from the Convention of Woman's Relief Corps as follows:

Commander and Comrades:

As representatives of the 2nd Annual Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, now assembled in this city, we come to you to extend the fraternal greetings of our Order.

We bear you greetings for your love of liberty, justice and equal rights.

For the great sacrifices you made for the common good of mankind.

For your unfaltering fidelity and heroic devotion to country.

For a nation saved, and for a flag that is now the hope of the world. The mighty work of four weary, suffering, sorrowing years, which you helped to perform, is still being felt throughout the civilized world. Since the booming cannon proclaimed the surrender of Appomatox, three Republics—Mexico, France and Brazil—have wheeled into line, and other thrones are tottering.

We bear special greetings to the Commander of this Department for the fraternal and soldierly interest and sympathy which he has manifested throughout the year toward

the Relief Corps of this Department, and we pledge ourselves anew to aid you in all womanly ways, not only because our fathers, husbands and brothers wore the blue, but because we are loyal women, loving our country, and to relieve something of the need and suffering, not only of the living soldier, but of the widows and orphans of those who died, that the Nation might live, is to us a labor of love and gratitude, and in the name of our 100,000 loyal women of our Order, we bid you God speed in your holy work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

This tender and eloquent address was received with warm applause by the Encampment and responded to by Commander Taylor in a few well chosen remarks.

On motion of Comrade Jas. M. Steere, the following committee was appointed to wait on the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps and notify them that the Encampment was ready to receive any communications from them: Committee—J. M. Steere, W. D. Perkins, R. M. Moore, F. C. Loring.

On motion the Encampment adjourned until to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

SECOND DAY.

Encampment assembled at 9:30, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by prayer by Department Chaplain H. Webb.

Comrade Bigger informed the Encampment that Comrade Adler, of Post No. 13, with credentials from Commander of said Post, was present and asked for admission to the floor of the Encampment, and notwithstanding said Post was delinquent in reports and per capita tax for two quarters, he favored his admission on his paying the arrearage of tax, and made a motion to that

effect. The motion was declared out of order by the Commander. Comrade Bigger appealed from the Commander's decision, which appeal was sustained by the Encampment. The motion to admit Comrade Adler was then put and carried, and Comrade given a seat in the Encampment.

A motion was then made and carried that representatives from other Posts in arrears should be admitted on payment of per capita tax due from their Posts.

READING AND REFERENCE OF COMMUNICATIONS.

The following letter from General D. S. Stanley, Brigadier General United States Army, Department of Texas, San Antonio, was received, and read and filed:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, }
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, February 26, 1891. }

A. K. Taylor, Department Commander, State of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, Houston, Texas.

DEAR SIR:—I delayed answering your very kind invitation to myself and staff to attend the Sixth Annual Encampment at Dallas, on the 4th and 5th proximo, thinking that I could answer best by going there. I find now my affairs are so shaped that I cannot go, and write to wish yourself and all the comrades a very happy reunion.

The recent death of General Sherman, one of our most aged and certainly the most distinguished of comrades, reminds us that like in the Atlanta campaign, our ranks grow rapidly thinner; yet with all due regard to the solemnity of death, our comrades are men who can enjoy life, with hearts of thankfulness, that we are spared to meet again and that the flag of the Union waves over us, without one hand that dares to raise to deprecate its majesty.

Yours truly,

D. S. STANLEY,
Brigadier General U. S. Army.

The following communication from A. N. McLaughlin, Post Captain Sons of Veterans, was presented and read by Comrade Rust:

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, March 3, 1891.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, in Annual Session, Greeting:—

As a member of the organization of Sons of Veterans of the United States of America and of Texas, I deem it my duty (as well as all others) to bring this organization clearly before the Grand Army of the Republic of Texas, and after studying very carefully, I concluded that this would be the best opportunity and one of the most appropriate times to bring it before you as representatives of each and every G. A. R. Post in this State

We look to you for your earnest support in our behalf. You do not want to leave the principles for which you fought unfostered, uncultivated and unknown. Your examples of freedom and union have been *planted* deep upon the American soil and it is the patriotic desire of the rising generation to cultivate these examples that we may never have them to plant again. Did you hear the bugle call to-day that laid an army of comrades beneath the sod? You may answer that call to-morrow and leave a widow and orphans to the want and cold charity of the world. And while you yet live is it not your desire to help secure for them an everlasting refuge found in the fostering care and protection of the Sons of Veterans. The beauty of our Order is yet unknown to thousands of your sons, but many of them are lingering with anxious desire to fall in line, and now is the time to start them on a triumphant march, carrying the same banner you carried, upholding the same principles you upheld, thereby transmitting to your children by word and deed that sentiment of loyalty that placed your names among the heroes of the land.

We want the principles for which you fought to be more lasting than the monument reared above your graves. If it is necessary that such principles be maintained and that this government be handed down to posterity in its original unity with its free institutions, then it is the sacred duty of every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic to transmit to his heritage those same principles you loved more dearly

than life itself. If these principles were worth offering your life for when the stars and stripes fell, they are worth living for to-day. If they were worth fighting for in time of war, they are worth preserving in time of peace. You represent the highest type of American citizenship. You are the exponent of our Republic. You have preserved the flag without a star obscured. We, as an organization, desire to mingle with you in fraternal bonds, that such principles as you represent may never die within the hearts of the American people. We hold it a sacred duty to annually assemble around the graves of your fallen comrades who marched to victory and to death, there to deposit a rose of hope and a lily of joy to bloom in a glorious resurrection. We desire to honor those to whom honor is due—those brave and loyal heroes who surrendered their lives that union and freedom may grace our national dignity—those whose hearts once beat as loyal as yours do now, but who have been laid away in their narrow resting places by comrades true and tried “front face to the stars.”

“Tramp! tramp! tramp! the boys are marching” home. In our father’s face we can see the mark of declining years. When we look around us and behold the wrecks of those who were once noble specimens of physical manhood, who sacrificed all that makes life worth living for, that *we might enjoy the blessings which surround us to-day*. We are proud to know that we can take our oath that we will never turn our back upon them or their honored comrades, or for one moment cast a shadow of disgrace upon our country and its flag so dearly bought and beloved by them.

To-day you are with us but to-morrow you may never see. Gradually you submit to the great conqueror, Death, and those who have led the front ranks are tenting to-night on the camp grounds of Heaven, waiting for you yet to come and for “The muffled drum’s sad roll to beat the soldier’s last tattoo. No more on earth’s parade to meet the brave and daring few.”

Monuments will be reared to your memory which will stand for ages, but that does not satisfy the ambitious patriotism of your sons. We want the same loyalty, the same love of union that actuated you to defend the stars and stripes taught in every family circle in the land. We want the same flag under which you fought to decorate every home and become the pride of every citizen; to be unfurled alike from

every dome and mountain top, and wave above the clouds of adversity to guide a united people to a glorious destiny.

The past valor of American patriotism has given to the world a lasting prestige that will stand as a bulwark against foreign invasion and domestic insurrection. The past *will* guide the future. The greatest joy of your life is to know that you have maintained the flag in its original glory and you will find peace at last when you surrender your sword to that great conquerer, Death, if you will only place your sons on guard around the Republic you love so well.

"Then teach the principles of this grand Order in your homes. Tell your sons that to be a member of this Order and live to its principles is to be a true patriot." Urge them to join a camp or assist them to organize one. They look to you for an invitation to this work. It takes this step to make your record complete and unexcelled.

To faithfully maintain the dignity of your country and safely hand it down to your posterity is double honor. That is what awaits you now and the reverence due your memory is yet untold.

Now, organize a camp. Your assistance and encouragement is solicited in the spirit of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty.

Will not each and every one here assembled take this thought home with you "that I will endeavor to organize a Camp or get sons to join Camps that are already organized?"

We hope to organize a State Division before the next annual meeting of the G. A. R. and therefore ask the aid of each and every one of you.

May the Divine Providence ever keep a watchful care in your years of toil is my wish. I remain,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

A. N. McLAUGHLIN,

Past Captain Camp Sons of Veterans,

Fort Worth, Texas.

NOTE—Any information can be had by addressing G. E. Rider, Fort Smith, Ark., any organized Camp, or to me at Fort Worth, Texas.

Same was received and filed.

A letter from Comrade H. E. Conger, Post No. 29, expressing regrets at not being able to attend the Encampment, was received, read and filed.

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The following communication sent by a committee from the Women's Relief Corps was received and read, viz:

A. K. Taylor, Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.

COMRADE:—The ladies in convention now assembled desire that there be a joint installation of the Officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxilliary the Women's Relief Corps. If agreeable, that word be returned to Convention by this committee, and that the hour and place of installation be named.

Cordially in F., C. and L.,

HATTIE A. LORING,

Dep't Pres't W. R. C.

On motion, the request for a joint installation was granted and to take place in the auditorium at 6:30 P.M. this evening.

 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on Commander's Address reported as follows:

DALLAS, TEXAS, March 5, 1891.

To the Sixth Annual Encampment, G. A. R., assembled at Dallas, Texas.

We, your committee, have the honor to report that we have performed the duty assigned to us in examining the able and exhaustive report of our worthy Department Commander, and state that we recommend that the per capita tax be not reduced. We recommend that the sum of \$300, or so much thereof as may be necessary for Departmental expenses at the National Encampment. We heartily endorse the suggestions of the Commander as to Memorial Day, Women's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and pensions.

We recommend that a flag be presented at the next Encampment to the Post mustering the largest number of recruits and heartily congratulate the noble, loyal men of Denton upon the great victory they won in the past year in securing the prize.

We recommend that the District system suggested by our worthy Commander be adopted; that is to say, that the State be divided into four or more Districts, for visitation

and inspection, and that the Posts visited pay the expenses thereof, and in the event that the different Posts inspected do not pay the actual and necessary expense of visitation and inspection, that the Department pay them.

We heartily endorse the loyal and progressive spirit of the Commander's report and hope that in his retirement he may enjoy all the honors that a loyal man deserves.

Respectfully,

A. BLACKER,

J. L. BOYD,

WM. H. CATTS.

On motion, the committee's report was read by section and acted on separately.

1st. The recommendation of the Commander to reduce the per capita tax, not favored by the committee's report; approved.

2d. The recommendation of the committee that \$300 be allowed for expenses of Department at National Encampment was amended, by motion, to read "the necessary expenses of Commander and Assistant Adjutant General" in their attendance at the National Encampment, be paid; carried.

3d. The recommendation of the committee that a flag be presented at the next Annual Encampment to the Post mustering the largest number of recruits, was adopted, and \$50 appropriated for the purchase of same.

4th. The recommendation of the committee for the division of the Department into four or more inspection districts, was adopted, with the following amendment, that the maximum expense to be collected from any one Post for such inspection shall not exceed \$10.

Committee on Assistant Adjutant General's report received and adopted.

DALLAS, TEXAS, March 4, 1891.

Your committee having examined the within report take pleasure in approving the same, and in complimenting Comrade Temby for the very efficient manner in which his reports are compiled,

L. P. GOODELL,

S. H. BUCHANAN,

R. P. SARGENT,

Committee.

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The Committee on Assistant Quartermaster General's report reported as follows, which was adopted :

OFFICE COMMITTEE ON
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT. }
DALLAS, TEXAS, March 5, 1891. }

A. K. Taylor, Esq., Department Commander Sixth Annual Encampment.

COMRADE:—Your committee to whom was assigned the duty of reporting on the Assistant Quartermaster General's report, respectfully say that we have been at pains to carefully examine said report in all its details and that the report as read is correct in every particular, showing a net gain in assets for the year of \$59, besides liquidating an old indebtedness to the National Encampment for supplies amounting to \$72 and some cents, and leaving the Department with no indebtedness whatever and assets of over \$1,100 on hand.

We are unanimous in saying that the Assistant Quartermaster General's office has been well managed during the past year and everything kept in business-like shape, and your committee would respectfully recommend that the rule adopted partially by our two last Assistant Quartermaster Generals of requiring all Posts to remit for supplies in advance should be the law of this Department and that the Assistant Quartermaster General be instructed by this Encampment to deliver no supplies to Posts without the money in advance.

GEO. A. KNIGHT,
GEO. A. RACE,
J. H. PRATT.

Committee.

Committee on Chief Mustering Officers, reported as follows :

DALLAS, TEXAS, March 4, 1891.

Your committee having carefully examined the within report, do hereby approve the same, and recommend that the Assistant Quartermaster General be instructed to pay the bill of \$29.25 to Comrade Knight.

L. P. GOODELL,
S. H. BUCHANAN,
R. P. SARGENT,

Committee.

Committee on Report of Inspector was received and read, as follows :

DALLAS, TEXAS, March 4, 1891.

Your committee having examined the within report, do most cordially approve the same, but would suggest that in the appointment of Assistant Inspecting Officers in the future they be made from other than the Posts to be inspected, in conformity with Section 2, Art. V, Chap. V, of the Rules and Regulations.

L. P. GOODELL,
R. P. SARGENT,
S. H. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows :

On Resolution No. 1, offered by Comrade Baker, Post No. 45, as follows :

WHEREAS, It being the unanimous opinion of all the members of the Samuel J. Randall Post No. 45, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, at their stated meeting, to-wit: Monday, February 2, A. D. 1891; that delegates, comrades and citizens who go to the next Annual G. A. R. Encampment, to be held at Detroit next August, should take with them copies of a publication containing a complete roster of this Department—G. A. R., W. R. C., and of every Union soldier in Texas—together with the business cards of the business men throughout the State; and each visitor thereof make it a special feature of the occasion to hand out copies of this publication to comrades during said Encampment; and,

WHEREAS; It has been fully and practically demonstrated by this Post at Boston, last year, that such a publication will be a success in every way, and especially very popular with all live business men of Texas as an advertising medium, and also comrades throughout the United States; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the delegates to this Sixth Encampment from this Post are instructed to offer resolutions to that effect;

PROVIDED, said resolutions be referred to a committee, and if reported favorably, be enacted.

4th. PROVIDED, A committee shall be appointed by said Encampment to revise the proof sheets of said publication.

5th. PROVIDED, That no expense nor liability shall attach herewith to this Department, Post nor comrade thereof.

6th. PROVIDED, That a comrade of this Encampment be elected to take charge, edit and publish same, to carry out these resolutions to the letter and give a sufficient bond for the faithful performance of the same.

7th. PROVIDED, That said publication shall be in size, shape and general make-up like the Congressional Record, and entitled "Grand Army Record—Department of Texas," with one page to each Post and its respective town, and the amount of 50,000 copies, or more, to be published and delivered to the order of the Department Commander at the printing office in Texas, on or before one week prior to the starting of said delegates for Detroit.

8th. PROVIDED, That all comrades in Texas are hereby expected to lend their friendly aid (otherwise than pecuniary) to the success of this enactment, and especially as relates to distributing same at Detroit.

9th. PROVIDED, That the last 25 per cent. of all subscriptions for advertising space in said publication shall be collected by comrades in their respective towns, and turned over to their respective Quartermasters for the sole benefit of the Posts thereof.

10th. PROVIDED, That such towns as contribute hereto, having no Posts, said 25 per cent. shall be turned over to Department Quartermaster for the first Post mustered in said town.

11th. PROVIDED, That said comrade elected to carry out this enactment, shall visit all the towns where Posts exist and distribute circulars concerning the Detroit Encampment, also other towns in Texas, and thus encourage the organizing of new Posts, and also interest the people in going to the National Encampment.

HORACE BAKER,
Post Commander.

Your committee to whom the above resolution was referred beg leave to report adversely on the adoption of the resolution for the following reasons :

That we are in full accord with Comrade Baker in the idea suggested to have a representative paper of the Grand Army of the Republic, as an official organ, but this

committee, in their judgment, believe that the G. A. R., as an organization, cannot, under the Rules and Regulations of the order, in any way endorse the publication of a journal to be devoted to any commercial, political, or any other interest, aside from the proceedings of their Posts or Encampments. While the committee have full confidence in Comrade Baker as a journalist, it is incompatible with the rules and purposes of the order to give any official endorsement to any publication, therefore report unfavorably.

O. T. LYON,
W. D. WYLIE,
H. W. NYE,
ED KETCHUM,
T. W. MANCHESTER.

Report of committee approved.

Resolution No. 2, offered by Comrade Knight :

Resolved, That as soon as the suitable blanks can be prepared, the Assistant Adjutant General shall require the Adjutant of each Post to forward to headquarters a complete roster of all the deaths since the organization of their Post, giving the name, company and regiment, and all other facts in relation to each death, and that hereafter Adjutants be required to report all deaths promptly to the Assistant Adjutant General.

Reported favorably by the committee, with the request that the Assistant Adjutant General take action on this resolution at once.

Report of committee approved.

Resolution No. 3, offered by Comrade R. W. Moore, Post No. 3.

Resolved, That the delegates assembled in Encampment here today place their emphatic condemnation on the scurrilous methods adopted by some comrades of sending defamatory documents to various members attending this Encampment, reflecting on the character of comrades after leaving their homes, as unbecoming and disgraceful to such comrades, and that we express it as our opinion that such charges, if true, be made in their several Posts.

Adopted.

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Resolution No. 4, offered by Comrade A. Blacker, Post No. 19.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that it be, and hereby is, imperatively required that Post Chaplains make full and complete reports of the observance of Memorial Day, on forms to be prepared by the Adjutant General, to Department Headquarters, and they are accordingly so instructed by this Encampment.

Reported favorably and adopted.

Resolution No. 6, offered by Comrade Wylie.

Resolved, That this Encampment petition and request the next National Encampment to embody in their proceedings a petition and request that Congress change Secs. 2304, 2305 and 2909, relating to the entry of homesteads by soldiers, authorizing the service of four years for the completion of his title without the restrictions of actual settlement, as now required.

Ordered laid on the table.

Resolution No. 7, reported by a special committee and adopted by a rising vote.

Be it Resolved, That the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of Texas, held on the 4th and 5th of March, 1891, with reversed arms and our flag draped in mourning, mourn the death of our revered comrade and old commander, General W. T. Sherman, and that on his call for duty on the other side of the river we have lost from our ranks here our friend, comrade and counselor, who in times gone by led us on to victory, in the preservation of our grand old Union, on the field of battle, and in times of peace has been our leader in binding in closer unity our common country, and we to-day join with the entire Nation and one united people in grief at this National loss, and each comrade of this Department will cherish the name and keep green the memory of our beloved commander, and that when we answer the roll call on the other side we feel assured our gallant and grand Commander will meet us with open arms.

W. D. WYLIE,
G. A. KNIGHT,
W. F. COTTMAN.

Resolution No. 8, reported by special committee.

Resolved, That this Encampment, with bowed heads and heavy hearts, express its sorrow at the death of Comrades Richard T. Tobin, General George Crook and Shipmate David D. Porter, who have so lately answered the last roll call and muster on earth and repaired to the Eternal Camping Ground to rejoin the illustrious compatriots—Farragut, Grant, Sheridan, Sherman and others—whose deeds shall live in luminous light, through all ages to come.

Adopted.

Resolution No. 9, reported by special committee.

Resolved, That it would appear that the action of the Legislature of Texas in its provision for the support of a Confederate Soldiers' Home should be most highly appreciated by the people of Texas, especially those who were in sympathy with the cause for which they fought. The brave always respect the brave.

Adopted.

Resolution No. 10, offered by Comrade A. K. Taylor.

Resolved, That the sum of \$25 be appropriated for the purpose of paying the retiring Assistant Adjutant General for compiling reports and proceedings of Sixth Annual Encampment, and ordering the printing of 300 copies, contract to be awarded to lowest bidder.

Adopted.

Election of officers being now declared in order, Comrades A. C. Adler and Wellborn were appointed tellers.

A recess of ten minutes was taken.

Nominations for Commander being declared in order, nominating speeches, limited to five minutes.

Comrade W. M. Mann, Post No. 11, was placed in nomination by Post No. 2, and was seconded by Posts Nos. 10, 12, 13, 19, 23, 26, 31, 37 and 39.

Comrade H. W. Nye, of Post No. 4, was placed in nomination by Comrades of Post No. 3, and was seconded by Posts Nos. 4 and 51.

Before a ballot was taken Comrade Nye withdrew his name and asked that the vote of the Encampment be given to Comrade Mann for Department Commander. On motion, ballot was dispensed with and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Mann as Department Commander for the ensuing year, which was done, and Comrade Mann declared elected.

Comrade John W. Parks, of Post No. 38, was placed in nomination for Senior Vice Commander, and on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Parks for Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year, and he was declared elected.

Comrade J. N. Diehl, Post No. 4; Comrade S. P. Goodell, Post No. 39, and Comrade Ed. Ketchum, Post No. 2, were nominated for Junior Vice Commander. The first ballot resulted as follows :

J. N. Diehl.....	24 votes.
Ed. Ketchum.....	42 "
L. P. Goodell.....	18 "

Neither candidate having received a majority of all votes cast, it was declared that no election was made, whereupon, on motion of Comrade Diehl, seconded by Comrade Goodell, the election of Comrade Ketchum was made unanimous and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for him, which was done.

Comrade D. Mackay was placed in nomination for Medical Director. Being no other nomination, the ballot was dispensed with and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Mackay for Medical Director.

Comrades Webb and Hickey were placed in nomination for Chaplain. Before a ballot was taken, Comrade

Webb withdrew his name and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade James Hickey, which was done.

The following committee was appointed to report names of comrades for a place on the Council of Administration : L. P. Goodell, W. J. Purnell and F. C. Loring—who reported as follows for Council of Administration for the ensuing year :

T. W. Manchester, Post No. 39.

J. L. Boyd, Post No. 11.

F. C. Loring, Post No. 3.

James A. Callahan, Post No. 38.

S. G. Raley, Post No. 23.

Report of committee adopted and Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for the comrades reported, as Council of Administration.

Comrade R. P. Sargent, of Post No. 2, was nominated as Delegate-at-Large to the next National Encampment, and Comrade H. Webb as Delegate and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for these comrades, which was done.

The following comrades were nominated for Alternate : J. C. Leeds and H. Welch as Alternates-at-Large, and Comrade Cochran and W. B. Worsham as Alternate. Result of ballot :

Alternate-at-Large	{	Comrade Leeds.....	30	votes
		“ Welch.....	27	“
Alternate	{	Comrade Cochran.....	19	votes
		“ Worsham.....	59	“

Comrade Leeds was declared elected Alternate-at-Large and Comrade Worsham, Alternate.

Comrade Knight extended an invitation to the Encampment to visit him and family at their home at Oak Cliff during the afternoon. Accepted with thanks.

Comrade Hickey, the newly-elected Chaplain, spoke in response to a call from the comrades. He said:

"The comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the American people should ever bear in mind that the same All-Powerful Being who ruled over the destinies of the Nation and led its armies to victory a quarter of a century and more ago still reigned on high and held the destinies of individuals and Nations in his hand."

The following places were placed in nomination for the holding of our next Annual Encampment: El Paso, placed in nomination by Comrade S. H. Buchanan in an eloquent speech, in which he portrayed in glowing colors the beauties and attractions of his city and locality; he was fully equipped with invitations from the authorities and organizations of El Paso and promises of low rates and other concessions from railroads leading to it and also from railroads leading into Mexico, low excursion rates to the City of Mexico and other points of interest in that Republic; the nomination was liberally seconded by many comrades. Houston was placed in nomination by Comrade Temby and seconded by Comrade Ed. Ketchum. Denison was placed in nomination by Comrade E. Clifford. Ballot:

El Paso.....	49	votes.
Denison	20	"
Houston	11	"

El Paso was declared selected.

An invitation was received from the B. & M. Slaughter Yard Association. Read and accepted with thanks.

A special vote of thanks was tendered Junior Vice Commander Cottman for the beautiful and elegant decoration of the Encampment hall.

Adjourned until 6 o'clock P. M.

Encampment convened in evening session at 6.30 o'clock.

Resolutions were passed by an unanimous vote of the Encampment tendering the thanks of the Encampment to Mayor Connor and the citizens of Dallas for their hearty welcome and open-handed hospitality.

Also to the street railways, rapid transit lines and electric railway company for their generous courtesies of free transportation.

Also to the press of the city, that have so fully and fairly reported the proceedings of the Encampment.

Also to George H. Thomas and John A. Dix G. A. R. Posts of Dallas for their courtesies and labor in making the Encampment such a grand success.

Also a special vote of thanks to Inspector General J. W. Burst, on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, for his visit and that the Sixth Encampment has been made many-fold more interesting and enjoyable by his geniality, his warm comradeship, his wise and eloquent words in council and conversation. He will ever be held in kind remembrance by every comrade of the Sixth Annual Encampment of Texas.

A vote of thanks was tendered Comrade George A. Knight and his estimable lady and other ladies of the W. R. C. for the elegant reception and entertainment given at their residence in Oak Cliff. Adopted.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Comrade John A. Parks for his valuable services in assisting the Assistant Adjutant General during the session of the Encampment.

A resolution was passed tendering a vote of thanks to the retiring officers of the Department for the thorough and prompt manner in which they have discharged their duties during the past year.

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The hour having arrived for the installation of officers, the ladies of the W. R. C. proceeded to install their officers-elect, after which the officers-elect of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, for the ensuing year, were duly installed by Inspector General J. W. Burst, of the National Staff G. A. R., as follows :

Commander, M. W. Mann.

Senior Vice Commander, John W. Parks.

Junior Vice Commander, Ed Ketchum.

Chaplain, James Hickey.

Medical Director, D. Mackay.

Assistant Adjutant General, J. C. Bigger.

Assistant Quartermaster General, J. L. Boyd.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

T. W. Manchester,

F. C. Loring,

James A. Callahan,

S. R. Raley.

There being no further business, the Encampment closed in due form.

CAMP FIRE.

At 8 o'clock the members of the Encampment, their families, and old soldiers of both the Union and Confederate armies, with their families and friends, were present by general invitation in the Auditorium Hall. Captain J. M. Steere, of Dallas, called the meeting to order and introduced Colonel W. D. Wylie, who addressed the audience. He said :

It was a proud moment with him to see old comrades of the Union and Confederate Armies assembled around an old camp fire. It reminded him of the scenes of war times. Men who had the coffee were camped on one side of a creek and those who had the tobacco were camped just across the stream. Coffee was swapped for tobacco in a friendly spirit even then. The Grand Army of the Republic men from the North visited Texas and were greatly surprised. Before they came they thought the people of Texas had horns on them longer than those of a Texas steer. [Laughter.] He had gotten so he couldn't tell blue from gray. He had daughters who had married ex-Confederates and when thinking of them as soldiers he only knew them as American soldiers.

Concluding his speech, Colonel Wylie introduced General Burst, of Chicago, Inspector General of the organization for the United States, who spoke as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES, COMRADES OF THE TWO ARMIES.— I must confess my gratification, as well as surprise, at the sentiments expressed by the comrade who has just addressed you—Colonel W. D. Wylie. My experience during the day has been precisely in line with his remarks regarding the Union and Confederate soldiers. I came into your town this afternoon a stranger to you all; imagine my surprise at being captured immediately after my arrival by the Mayor

of your city and I said to him: "My friend, is it possible that the city of Dallas has elected a Republican Mayor?" "Oh, no, no, no," said he, "I am a Democrat; but, then, my duty as the Chief Executive of this city is to look after all those old soldier-tramps that drop in here as you have done." I told him I was exceedingly well pleased to find the city had made so good a selection and secured an officer who was always ready to perform his duty to the best of his ability. I also found that I was a guest of the city, because he told me the keys would be placed in my possession by him and that I could go wherever I willed, and as I have had some experience in breaking into houses in the past I guess you had all better have the doors pretty well secured and locked and put a guard on until to-morrow morning. I know something of these men to whom this privilege of the city has been given and with whom I expect to associate this evening.

Then, again, after having been captured by your Mayor, I was taken in charge by some of the gentlemen whom we used to call "Johnnies," and I assure you I could not tell the difference between the fellow who used to trade coffee for tobacco and the fellow who used to trade the tobacco for coffee. [Applause.] They all seemed alike to me and it has been my experience for the last fifteen years. I have had the pleasure frequently of being entertained by gentlemen who looked at me along a gun-barrel during the years of '63 and '65 and I have been as pleasantly treated by them as by any comrades with whom I touched elbows and who looked along a gun-barrel at the fellows on the other side.

Now, there is something in this Army called G. A. R. that brings them close together that those who have seen none of the service cannot appreciate; but the men in other Armies, who endured the hardships of life in camp, who marched in the rain and snow, who fought whether the sunshine beamed forth or not, or whether the clouds of rain were hanging over us so that we could not see a man in front of us—these men are drawn together by one common tie, perpetuated under the old "flag," which, by the instrumentality of God, we were permitted to save, and from my experience I will say that our brother, the Confederate, is to-day just as glad that the "old flag," the old banner, is up there as we are. [Applause.]

Now, you may be somewhat surprised to think that a man

from Illinois, who lives out in a radical section of the country, can hear and express the sentiments I am expressing on this question, but I tell you these sentiments are those of every reasonable and honorable Union soldier all over this broad land [Applause] and we have got so that we do not care very much for public sentiment; we have got to that age when it is easier for us to do right than wrong and our hearts tell us that in this matter of association between the men of the two armies is right, and they tell us we are right, and our children, wives, sons and daughters tell us we are right, and we know we are right, and, by the eternal, we will continue right as long as we live.

I am very much pleased to see these ladies who are here to day; I have exceedingly pleasant recollections of them during the war and know much of them since. One thing about the ladies that I remember in the early enlistment during '61 and '62—the politicians over the North—and we had them up there, my friends. Used to say to us, “Go, go down there and save the country—come home all covered up with scars and glory, if you can, and if there is anything good up here you shall have it; you shall have all the offices and everything worth having, if you will just save the country.”

The girls said, “Go, fight the battles of your country, and when you come home you will find me just as loyal, just as true, and just as willing to keep the last pledge I make to you before you donned the uniform, as now;” and I will say that the girls and mothers were the only class of people we had in the North who absolutely kept every pledge, loyally. As an evidence of this fact, I see quite a number of our comrades here who are not wearing as much hair as when they were out there afoot and hungered; I know just exactly how they lost it and will tell it to you in confidence: Sitting down on the old knapsack, and with another borrowed knapsack for a desk, poor ink and a poor pen, they wrote home letters to those girls I have been telling you about; they wrote good letters, and if they have ever inquired for those letters since, I have never heard of it—well, before sealing those letters up, they would take out an old rusty jack-knife and saw off a lock of that hair and put it in with that letter (applause), and after they got home again from the scene of strife, they would invariably marry that girl, and since then she has helped herself with different degrees of success. I want to say to you, I understand you have an organization

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of the Women's Relief Corps, or some organization of the kind; I want to say that if there are any ladies here who are connected with the Confederate organization, I wish they would be as enthusiastic for the purpose of performing the same work you are doing, as possible for the human beings to do. We discovered in the early years of the organization of the G. A. R's, that men were not the best distributors of public charity. In a cause of distress the Post would probably vote \$15, \$20, or \$25, and select some comrade to hand it over to the distressed, and in two or three weeks we would again have the same appeal for aid, and the same action would be taken again, and we finally discovered that the men were not the best hands to distribute charity that way. The ladies organized first into a corps, kind of attached to the Posts, without any kind of national organization, and they commenced to take care of these cases of destitution, and we very soon discovered that a lady could take \$5 and go into a house where needing, and do more good and make it go farther in applying it to the absolute needs of that family, than the men could with \$15 in the usual way we had been accustomed to do, and we immediately turned that work over to them. The Post of which I am a member—and, by the way, its President has been my Commander for a good many years—I go home when she says I ought; and she knows I do. And we have made it a practice for years, whenever we had any surplus money, to turn it over to the ladies, and they have taken care of the sick in town, and to better advantage, and with less money, than ever before; and when they find they have not enough, they just walk into the merchant's or lawyer's office and make an assessment, and say: "You owe us so much,"—and they do not leave until they get it, either. They are practical in their way, and the result is that there has been no case of destitution in our town for years, and if there has been, the men do not know it, or anything about it. It is a splendid work, and the ladies are entitled to all the credit; we help them a little, but compared with the whole amount expended, very little. According to the report of the Grand Army of the Republic Grand Encampment, the charity distributed is about \$1,000,000 per year. That is, that we can reach in figures, and I presume it is safe to say a million more is contributed that we know nothing about at present, and that work is being performed largely by ladies of the Women's Relief Corps and the auxilliary societies.

I hardly think it necessary to say anything about the old soldiers; you know them as well, and better than I do. They are good fellows—never lie, drink, or tell stories on one another, or anything of that sort, or do anything that is wrong——(?)——that you can prove on them. They are very careful about that and stand in with one another splendidly.

There has been something said about politics in the Grand Army of the Republic—that it was never a political institution, etc. Now, I want to correct that idea for fear it would injure us. The Grand Army of '66, right after the war, organized purely for political purposes—had no other idea. We made up our minds if we organized the old soldiers all over the country that we could do just about as we pleased with this country, so we tried it awhile and the organization lived just about two years—we then discovered that every one of us wanted the best office in the gift of the Nation and if we did not get it there was something entirely wrong with the organization, and, of course, we failed and the Grand Army went to pieces and was so completely destroyed that it was almost impossible to resuscitate it. A few little fellows on the outside thought that we could organize, or re-organize, upon a new basis and that we could make it a success, so it was re-organized and we adopted three cardinal principles—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty—and we went on gathering in our comrades one by one, and I remember well what tremendous efforts it required to bring in the men who had been as high as Colonel during the war, and, as far as bringing in a General, it was simply a matter of impossibility at first—they would say: "You cannot run an organization of that order; you stranded once and will strand again." After awhile, when the organization had gained a foothold and was gradually increasing its numbers, these men—these men, who had led us to victory and defeat—one by one came in with us, and when they got in with us and discovered how little they knew of the organization and what a wonderful work for good was being perpetuated, they said they had made a mistake and were exceedingly sorry they had not united with us earlier, and to-day those men are in it, perfectly satisfied with no power on earth; no difference who you put at the head of your Department as Post Commander, no man is strong enough or big enough to lead any portion of this organization or order; it cannot be

done—let him attempt to discuss politics during the meetings of this order and he is immediately called to order, and, upon charges being preferred against him, he is no longer a member.

I was sent down here, I suppose, to inspect the Department of Texas. From what I have seen of you and learned of you since I came here, I think it quite possible for me to make such a report to the Commander-in-Chief as to induce him, some time, to make an extraordinary effort to come down here and see for himself whether I have told him the truth about it.

I know precisely how difficult it was for you to organize; how difficult it is for you to secure large membership to your Posts; with what immense distances your Posts are separated from each other and how difficult it is for you all to get together and fraternize by counties and districts as we do in the North, but I know your hearts are right and what you are doing you are doing with all your might and for the best interests of the organization, and I know there are many more who will ultimately want to join you, and as these ladies increase in their organizations they will soon be a great help to you and go on doing good until the last old soldier in the great State of Texas has been mustered into the arms of our Divine Lord above, out of the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Colonel Seth Shepard, who had served in the Confederate Army, was then introduced and spoke as follows:

As a native Texan and one who for a short time followed the flag of the Confederacy, I think I could follow in the line of the remarks made to you this evening and meet half-way, if not more than half-way, the generous sentiments expressed. I feel sure that if your eminent comrade continues his visit throughout the State of Texas he will have occasion, when he returns, to feel that not only in Dallas, but in every town he visits, he has met with the same cordial reception he has met at the hands of his ex-Confederate and ex-Federal friends to-day.

It is related in the history—early fabulous history of Rome—that at one time in the confines of the city there came a mighty separation in the earth that threatened to swallow up the earth, and they said in time of appeal that

nothing would bring that chasm together save to sacrifice one of the noblest spirits of Rome. Men looked on wondering until one, a nobleman, Marcus Cassius, dashed into the chasm, which closed beneath him and destruction was averted. So with our country, that was drawn by politicians into another mighty chasm that could not be closed except by the sacrifice of our noblest and bravest on either side, following the dictates of their own consciences. Believing this to be right, the best and bravest threw themselves into this bloody chasm, and thank God it is closed, closed forever, and hereafter the American soldiery will never have occasion to war against each other, never grapple in conflict, and American mothers and sisters mourn their loved ones, dead by their own loved ones' hands.

But the next history—it seems they are bound to have war sometime—the conflict of the future will be of the Americans united against perhaps the united world; and when that day comes, you men of the Grand Army of the Republic and you old Confederate soldiers, I trust will not be called on again, but that the sons you have reared will take your places in the ranks as did their fathers. They will stand from the north and south, emulating each other as to who or which can go the farthest, stand the longest and die the bravest for his country. They will show what can be done by a people without the aid or interposition of some kingly power; that the race of freedmen can do more in war or peace than any race governed by any other power than their own suffrage. Nothing will do more to bring about that blessed day of union than meeting and mingling of the men on either side; abandonment of the politicians so far as they can be avoided; having no more regard to politicians than we are accustomed to in our daily meetings in the accustomed daily walks of business. Remember the lessons of endurance and charity. Do all we can on every side to contribute to the fraternal feelings to bring about this end, and set aside those who seek their own ends, and who would prostitute any organization, whether of Confederate or Federal soldiers. With these ends in view we may believe the time will come when we will look back to the history of this war with much pride and glory. The day will come when each and all will simply regard the heroes of this last great war as great men shining in posterity by their merits; and will think alike of Federal and Confederate; Sherman, Grant, Sheridan on one

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side and Johnson, Jackson and our own immortal Lee. I was almost conscripted into the service of delivering this address to-night, and I hardly dared to trust my own feelings on this occasion, for, fellow citizens, I have pondered over many of the problems upon the result of this war and feel that all that was needed to settle most of it has been to meet together; the meeting together of the men who fought the battles, rather than those who shoved them into the fight, and therefore I thank my friends heartily for this opportunity they have given me this evening, and trust that in the spirit of an American citizen—in the spirit of one who claims to be an American in the strongest sense of the word, I can extend my congratulations; that the old American spirit is triumphing over all and preparing the way for the union of hearts, patriotic sentiments throughout this country that will do more to drown and overwhelm the distending voice of the few whose stock in trade is to kindle animosity between people who ought to be united, and that the time will come when we can all stand as one, from the north, east, south and west, and can all look back with pride to the restoration of this union and at the things we have aided in bringing about in its progress, and all unite with one voice as in the words of one of New England's greatest poets :

"Thou, too, sail on, oh, Ship of State,
Sail on, oh, Union, strong and great ;
Humanity, with all its fears,
All of its hopes of future years
Is hanging breathless on thy fate."

At the conclusion of Colonel Shepard's address, a quartette of male voices, consisting of Messrs. Ducker, Day, Cole and Blount, of Dallas, sang "The Soldier's Farewell." The audience applauded for an encore and the gentlemen sang "The Arion Waltz" with fine effect.

Judge A. B. Norton, being called upon, addressed the Encampment as :

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—the grandest Army of the world. Thirty years ago from the time he was speaking, Texas saw another sight than the camp at which they were assembled to-night. On March 3 the vote had been counted in hot haste and on March 4 a flag that

was not the flag of the Union was hoisted. That night bonfires were built along the banks of the Trinity in celebration of the passage of the secession act. A protest was signed by twenty men and of these three were only left--they were Governor Throckmorton, John Hancock and A. B. Norton. [Applause.]

The speaker concluded his remarks by saying that they were building up a city on the three forks of the Trinity that would "knock the socks off Chicago," the place where the distinguished Inspector General came from, which elicited loud applause.

Captain George W. McCormick was then introduced and made a few remarks, as follows :

It was not true that the G. A. R. sought office. They were soldiers and it took pride to make a soldier, but gall to make a politician. True, a few of the G. A. R. held office, but it was always thrust upon them.

He paid a high compliment to the Confederate soldier, admitting that he was worn out, not whipped.

The following song, entitled "The American Flag," composed by Comrade David Mackay, dedicated to the Sons of Veterans, was read :

All hail our flag that freedom holds
 Midst heaven's gleaming host,
 Forever shall its starry folds
 Protect Columbia's coast ;
 No tyrant power man's progress bars,
 Where sweeps o'er land and seas
 Our flag that bears the stripes and stars
 Through the battle and the breeze.

(For chorus, repeat last two lines.)

It raised the trampled rights of man,
 It broke oppression's chain,
 Aye, foremost in the battle van,
 It ne'er shall float in vain.
 The patriot's heart, where'er he wars,
 Grows dauntless when he sees
 Our flag that bears the stripes and stars
 Through the battle and the breeze.

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Unite we as our fathers did
 To keep that flag unfurled,
 Columbia then shall fearless bid
 Defiance to the world.
 Foul slavery's blot no longer mars,
 Nor traitors' hands do seize
 Our flag that bears the stripes and stars
 Through the battle and the breeze.

The beautiful silk United States flag, offered as a prize to the Post mustering the greatest number of recruits during the year, was won by John A. Logan Post No. 23, of Denton, and was presented to the members of said Post by the Assistant Adjutant General in the following speech :

COMRADES :—The duty of presenting this beautiful United States flag to your Post as a reward for the superior zeal displayed by you in adding to your numbers during the past year, has devolved on me, and I most gladly accept the trust. The theme, "Our Flag," is one nearest my heart. I love that flag, that beautiful symbol of the power and sovereignty of the greatest, grandest and freest nation on earth. It bears no mystic emblem of knight errantry, or of dark age superstition. No cross, crown nor coronet adorns its pure folds. No king, prince or potentate can dictate when and where it shall be unfurled—nor can exist beneath its shadow. It was first thrown to the free breezes of heaven by men whose religion was liberty, and whose sacred creed the universal rights of man. For more than a century it has been held up to the admiring gaze of the universe by the strong arms of American freemen, the world's only standard of equal rights and individual freedom. Its designers copied not from the ensigns of other nations, but from its glorious prototype, spread out athwart the skies by the creator "when the stars first sang together." The blue vault of heaven, spangled by myriads of shining worlds and striped by the fiery brush of the rising and setting sun, gave them their pattern.

"When Freedom, from her mountain height,
 Unfurled her standard to the air,
 She tore the azure robes of night
 And set the stars of glory there."

The American flag, as we now see it (only with fewer stars) was decided upon June 14, 1777. That was the birthday of

our "star spangled banner." Congress was then in session in Independence hall and General Washington was present. It was then decided to have a national ensign, distinctive of the whole American people as a nation. The thirteen states were represented by thirteen stripes, seven red and six white, and also by thirteen white stars formed in a circle on a field of blue. This arrangement of the stars was to symbolize the perpetuity of the union, then formed. The colors selected, red, white and blue, were also significant. The red, defiance; white, purity of purpose; blue, truth and eternal vigilance.

The committee appointed by congress under the direction of Washington designed the flag, and the first one made by the skilled hands of fair woman was hoisted over Fort Schuyler on August 3, 1777. It was first intended to add one stripe and one star for each State admitted into the Union, and when the fourteenth and fifteenth States (Vermont and Kentucky) were admitted in 1791 and 1792, the flag was changed and bore fifteen stripes and fifteen stars. It was found, however, that the additional stripes marred the beauty and symmetry of the flag, and the difficulty of adjusting the number of stripes and stars to the continual accession to the family of States presented itself. From 1792 to 1818 five new States were admitted into the Union that found no place on our Nation's banner. In 1817 it was proposed to change the flag again, that each State might be represented thereon when admitted; a bill was passed April 1, 1818, making the flag with thirteen stripes, as the original one designed by Washington, these stripes to represent the thirteen original States and a constellation of stars representing all the States in the Union, a star for each State, and one star added for each new State admitted. That law remains in force to-day and the little group of thirteen stars has grown into the grand galaxy of forty-four. This is a brief history of our flag's birth and growth, but its complete history would be the history of our Nation for the last 114 years. It took part in the sixty battles of the Revolution, when it cheered the hearts of the brave patriots who fought, suffered and conquered and gave us our independence. It was again unfurled in the face of a British foe in the War of 1812, floated defiantly from our warships, Constitution, Wasp, Essex, Chesapeake and other crafts, that sent consternation to the heart of the boasted "mistress of the sea." England thought to violate our flag with impunity, but the brave

American soldiers and sailors again vindicated the honor of country and flag on land and sea. In 1846 and 1847 our banner was again crowned with glory on the fields of Palo Alto, Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Monterey and waved forth triumphantly from the heights of Chapultepec. And during the war of the great Rebellion, that cost our Nation 400,000 precious lives and six billions of treasure, our flag's honor was again maintained by the strong arms and brave hearts of the Union men of the Nation, and although wreathed in sorrow when the sons of the South, in whose veins coursed the blood of the patriots and heroes of the former wars of the Republic, forgot for a time their fealty to the flag of their fathers and fought to tear it from its rightful dominion in the skies, yet when the clouds of battle had cleared away, our glorious banner, the flag of Washington and Jefferson, of Lincoln and Logan, still remained on high, unstained, unsullied, not a star erased, not a star dimmed, each shining in the purified firmament of blue, radiant with glory, and thank God it floats to-day over every foot of our re-united country. [Applause.]

Our love and devotion for the flag is the essence of a deeper love that fills our hearts for our country. A citizen who loves not his country, whose soul never feels the inspiration of patriotism, is an imperfect character, an unsafe citizen.

"Lives there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself has said,
'This is my own, my native land.'"

The American in whose soul this feeling exists, may travel to any portion of our country—east, west, north or south—and feel that it is "his own native land." He can stand amid the snow capped peaks of the Rocky mountains; he can visit the vine-clad hills and vales of California; the wealth producing mines of Colorado, Nevada or Montana; the golden tinted fields of the Dakotas, Minnesota and Nebraska; or the richly cultivated farms of Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio and Indiana; he can visit the granite hills of old New England and listen to the music of her million spindles, and the fire and smoke belching furnace of Pennsylvania; he can stand in wonder and admiration in the great cities of our country—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis; he can visit the majestic king of waters—Niagara—crowned with its prismatic diadem; he can lounge in luxury in the enchanting clime of Florida; he can travel over the vast

cotton, cane and corn producing regions of the South; ride o'er the fertile plains of Texas; or, stand where we stand to-night in this throbbing heart of our empire State, and everywhere exclaim, "This is my own, my native land."

He can cross the broad Atlantic and visit the effete monarchies of the old world, where despotism still sits enthroned and oppression grinds the poor; there he will hear the down-trodden thousands say: "We have heard of a land far away in the golden West, where oppression is not known; where kings and princes, dukes and lords can not exist; where all men are born free and equal, with the assured rights of life, liberty and joy." Then the patriotic American, his soul swelling with national pride, will exclaim, "That is my own, my native land." [Applause.]

Comrades, it is unnecessary for me to instruct you in your duties in taking charge of this banner. I would not insult your manhood by telling you to protect it from dishonor and disgrace. Men who followed our flag through battle and bloodshed, who offered up their lives and shed their blood in its defense, need no injunction from me as to their duties in protecting it now. The strong command of Governor Dix still lives: "Whoever attempts to pull down the American flag, shoot him on the spot;" and, comrades, your true and loyal hearts will ever prompt aright your action in your sacred duty to your country and your flag. There is no body of our American people in whose hands the honor of country and flag can be more safely entrusted than with the Union soldier. None in whose hearts it awakens such tender emotion. How it thrills the soul of an old soldier to see "old glory" climb from the earth to the skies and strike the gale and storm as if strengthened by the sinews and muscle and fired by the heartbeats of the brave patriots who fought to give it a place in the skies, and those equally brave patriots who fought to keep it there. [Applause.] All good citizens must honor and respect their country's flag, but those only who have followed it through the perils of war, "into the gates of hell, into the jaws of death," in victory, in defeat, can feel that fond affection for the flag the soldier feels. He has seen it on high, waving on the Union hosts, and cheered as he rushed forward in the maddening conflict; he has seen it stricken down by shot and shell, grasped it as it fell and raised it on high again, substituting his strong right arm for the shattered staff. He has

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spread it as a winding sheet o'er a dying comrade to make happy his last moments, and that comrade, as he whispered soft messages for loved ones at home and breathed a faint prayer to his God, pressed the folds of the cherished banner to his pale lips. [Applause.]

Ah, comrades, that flag is made more glorious by the death of our brethren slain in its defense. Their blood gives a richer hue to its crimson bars; their departed, glorified spirits, make more lustrous its constellation of stars.

Comrades, it affords me great pleasure in presenting this flag to your Post, a Post made up of such brave and true men, particularly so as you bear the name of that grand chieftain, the noblest volunteer soldier of the war. He fought nobly for the flag; he loved it well. When will our country find another Logan to serve her and our flag, one so noble, brave and true, to defend it?

A song for our banner? The watchword recall,
Which gave the Republic her station.
United we stand, divided we fall,
Is made and preserves us a nation.
The union of lakes, the union of lands,
The union of states none can sever,
The union of hearts, the union of hands,
And the flag of our union forever.

The flag was accepted by Comrade James E. Stringer, of Post No. 23, in the following address:

As representatives of this Post G. A. R., we are made the happy recipients of this most noble emblem of our Federal government and of our soldier association. We receive it as a tribute to devotion, to principle and to fraternity.

That the John A. Logan Post is profoundly grateful and abundantly happy at this recognition is too mild an expression. The flag of our country! What patriot's eye can dwell on it without enthusiasm? What patriot breast but is stirred to its profoundest depths by this national emblem? It is endeared to us by the blood of revolutionary fathers—by the ensanguined flood poured out in its maintenance and the union it represents. [Applause.]

Sacred in sacrifice and death—of Lyon at Oak Hill and the brave Frank McPherson at the foot of bloody Kenesaw, and of the thousands of others who freely gave their lives that this emblem might wave over the land of the free and home of the brave, from Baltimore to Appomatox, from 1861 to 1865

—this representative of a free people was baptized in blood. The ties that bind us under this flag now are stronger than can be forged anew. It has given to us this glorious peace. It has given to us equal rights and national unity. This banner has been apostrophized in song and story; has made glad the traveler, the wanderer, the return prisoner; has secured to us the full measure of national happiness and grandeur, an honorable soldiery and service, our broad foundation stone, and these are our richest claims. And if past devotion entitles, let it argue for us in future that we may not detract by any action or omission, or by any means from the encomiums surrounding this banner. But we hope to maintain it unsullied to the end and leave it a rich and illustrious heritage to our legal representatives. May the memories of a noble past aid us in this endeavor. And as our life shadows lengthen to a close, may our faith, our love, our devotion to our country, to our comrades and our flag, be as pure, as clear as those of our comrades who have passed over the mystic river, and among the many are that great and stalwart triumvirate who have lately answered to the last roll-call—Grant, Sheridan and Sherman. [Applause.]

The Camp Fire then adjourned to a building near by to attend a "bean bake." "Banquet" was too high-sounding for the old comrades, and so they decided to call their repast a "bean bake." There were no wines or other luxuries, only baked beans, bacon, sauerkraut and the like. Yet over this simple fare the comrades felt good—better than if the menu had consisted of the best that the Delmonico in New York could set—for it reminded them of old times, when they dined on "hardtack, etc." There was no printed menu nor formal toast. Each one said and did what he thought. Besides speeches from Judge Norton and Arch Cochran, of Dallas, and Atchison, of Denison, Ed. Ketchum, of Galveston, played the bugle-call as of old, and interspersed his notes with humorous recollections. Judge Norton turned boy again, and with his long silver locks dangling around his shoulders he danced two waltzes with an old friend. He threw as much vigor into the waltz as he did into his speech last Wednesday night and "brought the house down." His mind was on old scenes and his body enacted them as if by inspiration.