

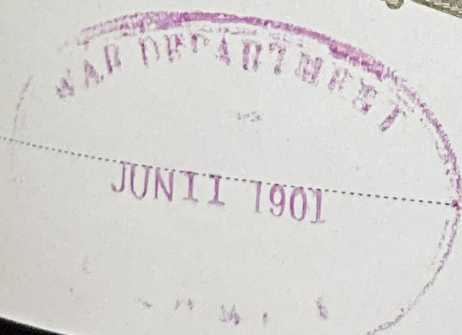


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FIRST DAY.

The Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas Grand Army of the Republic convened in the city of San Antonio at the Empire Opera House on the 19th of April, 1900.

It was ten years since the Alamo City had entertained the "Grand Army Boys," but lapse of time in no way decreased the reception accorded us in 1890 and the comrades of E. O. C. Ord Post and Corps and the citizens of San Antonio put forth every possible effort to render our sojourn in their midst enjoyable and entertaining, and nothing was left undone to insure our comfort and pleasure.

Promptly at 3 o'clock p. m. the Encampment was opened by Department Commander John Roch, Comrade S. W. Patterson invoking the Divine blessing in an eloquent and feeling manner.

All the Department officers were present excepting Judge Advocate Gardner Work and Comrade J. O. Estabrook, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

The Report of the committee on Credentials showed seventy eight Representatives present and the Roll of the Encampment as prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General was read and adopted, viz.

ROLL OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

*JOHN ROCH,	Department Commander.
*C. C. HASKELL,	Senior Vice Department Commander.
*J. J. WEILER,	Junior Vice Department Commander.
*S. W. PATTERSON,	Department Chaplain.
*T. MARKS,	Medical Director.
*EDWARD KETCHUM,	Department Inspector.
GARDNER WORK,	Judge Advocate.
*J. J. BILLOW,	Chief Mustering Officer.
J. O. ESTABROOK,	Chief of Staff.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

C. B. GRABE.	*E. G. RUST.
*A. McWHIRK.	H. C. ADLER.
J. McCUNE.	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. D. WYLIE.	O. T. LYON.
†W. H. SINCLAIR.	†J. C. DEGRESS.
A. G. MALLOY.	A. K. TAYLOR.
*M. W. MANN.	†O. G. PETERSON.
*J. W. PARKS.	*R. M. MOORE.
W. W. BOSTWICK.	GEO. W. McCORMICK.
*ED. KETCHUM.	*W. F. CONNER.

NOTE—Those marked * were present. Those marked † deceased.

The report of the Committee on Credentials showed the following representatives present and entitled to vote:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

McPherson No. 1, Sherman, 15 members.—Post Commander, Wm. Flesher; Senior Vice Commander, Wm. Allen; Junior Vice Commander, Pierce Kirsch; Representative, W. H. Heflin; Alternate, Wm. Lentz; Past Post Commanders, O. T. Lyon, *Wm. Allen, Pierce Kirsch, L. Q. Edminston, *H. A. Johnson, *Jno. Brown, and George Colts. 3 votes.

Hancock, No. 2, Galveston, 48 members.—Post Commander, *Edward Gruis; Senior Vice Commander, W. T. Clayton; Junior Vice Commander, Jno. Seidenstricker; Representatives, Tony Sheppard and W. T. Clayton; Alternates, *Alfred Trecht and Alex. Wilson; Past Post Commanders, *Ed Ketchum, Frank L. Kirk, R. P. Sargent, *J. L. Rich, W. H. Boyd, Jas. B. Dolan, H. G. Niblo, Del Cahoon, P. Farrell and J. C. Schutte. 4 votes.

Ord No. 3, San Antonio, 89 members.—Post Commander, *John H. Bolton; Representatives, *J. Jones, *N. Underwood, *C. H. Rump and *A. Mosher; Alternates, A. I. Lockwood, E. H. Bacon, M. Herweck and H. Arnold; Past Post Commanders, *W. H. Huston, *R. M. Moore, M. H. Redwood, *Alex Kuhn, *Edward Mayers, H. H. Alvord, *August Meller, Wm. Holt, *J. M. Smith and M. J. Riddle. 11 votes.

Parmly, No. 4, Ft. Worth, 25 members.—Post Commander, *W. Z. Manchester; Senior Vice Commander, F. G. Bound; Junior Vice Commander, S. F. Van Wagner; Delegate, *E. P. Brown; Past Commander, *J. N. Diehl. 3 votes.

Lyon, No. 5, Denison, 51 members.—Post Commander, *Thomas M. Wright; Representatives, L. H. Ruthroff, *Jos. Cassell, *P. Curry; Alternates, C. E.

Farnsworth, C. C. Hotshkiss and J. P. Bucklin; Past Post Commanders, S. S. Clark, W. W. Bostwick, L. B. Moore, C. C. Clifford, *W. O. Kretsinger, *John L. Tygard and C. C. Haskell. 7 votes.

Thomas, No. 6, Dallas, 52 members.—Post Commander, *P. Y. Mullen; Senior Vice Commander, J. T. King; Junior Vice Commander, C. E. Theall; Representatives, *J. S. Dunlap and J. T. King; Alternates, M. L. Mullen and M. L. Bulwig; Past Post Commanders, Jas. M. Steere, Geo. A. Knight, Robert McCormick, *J. R. Harned, W. E. Danforth, *W. F. Cottman, J. S. Thatcher, W. F. Thatcher, *A. McWhirk, P. B. Sprague, J. P. Clark and *W. F. Conner. 6 votes.

McClellan, No. 9, Houston, 40 members.—Post Commander, *N. L. Mills; Senior Vice Commander, W. Allen; Junior Vice Commander, W. H. Honneus; Representatives, *C. W. Ricker and *Geo. L. Smith; Alternates, W. H. Honneus and F. A. Hyatt; Past Post Commanders, R. B. Baer, *E. G. Rust, *J. J. Billow, J. H. Berry, P. W. Hudson, *H. Hume, *J. J. Scholl, R. A. Grant, *A. M. Engle and *Chas. B. Peck. 9 votes.

Mower Post, No. 10, Austin, 16 members.—Post Commander, Julius Ray; Delegate, *William Walsh; Past Post Commanders, Jacob Hansen, Edward Payne, Alonzo Gerard. 2 votes.

Dix Post, No. 11, Dallas, 45 members.—Post Commander, *J. W. Ridge; Delegates, *A. Evans and E. J. Lemon; Alternates, W. R. Carr and Eugene Gale; Past Post Commanders, Jno. L. Boyd, I. B. Gibson, *D. Mackay, Geo. W. McCormick, *J. W. Ayers, H. B. Davis, *J. C. Bigger, *Theo. Hitchcox, *M. W. Mann, *D. M. Baker, Jno. Hunter, *J. J. Weiler, Patrick O'Dwyer, *S. W. Patterson, *J. W. Parks and *L. C. Leeds. 12 votes.

Hurst, No. 13, Terrell, 16 members.—Post Commander, Boyd Terrell.

Lewis, No. 17, Ft. Clark, 12 members.—Post Commander, *J. H. Pratt; Delegate, *D. Fagan. 2 votes.

Crawford Post, No. 19, El Paso, 39 members.—Post Commander A. G. Malloy; Representatives, John D. A. J. Cole; Past Post Commanders, Pat Durrack and H. Buchanan, A. G. Malloy, F. E. Tusten, W. W. Mills, Geo. M. McConaughy and P. M. Kehoe. Kearney, No. 20, Lampasas, 7 members.—Post Commander, W. H. Webber.

Logan, No. 23, Denton, 16 members.—Post Commander, S. J. Switzer; Senior Vice Commander, W. R. Watson; Junior Vice Commander, W. L. Lanham; Representative, Paul Fay; Alternate, W. R. Watson; Past Post Commanders, H. R. Lyon, J. E. Stringer, S. G. Raley, R. Vermillion, J. O. Berry, W. L. Lanham and Thos. A. Robinson.

Sheridan, No. 25, Georgetown, 12 members.—Post Commander, Jacob Lineberger; Representative, *W. P. Fleming; Alternate, C. S. Jones; Past Post Commanders, Powell Reder, *C. S. Jones, W. P. Fleming, G. A. Jones and J. W. Kincaid. 2 votes.

Wright Post, No. 26, Paris, 14 members.—Post Commander, J. O. Estabrook, Senior Vice Commander, T. U. Johnson; Junior Vice Commander, Jno. Levitt; Delegates, *T. E. Dingman, *M. Yarborough, *E. A. Russell. 3 votes.

Meade Post, No. 35, Decatur, 16 members.—Post Commander, D. F. Davis; Delegate, *D. T. Howell. 1 vote.

Kilpatrick Post, No. 40, Belton, 10 members.—Post Commander, *W. H. Harvey. 1 vote.

Randall Post, No. 45, Weatherford, 12 members.—*Horace Baker. 1 vote.

Canby Post, No. 48, Jacksboro, 10 members.—Post Commander, *Israel Stoddard; Delegate, *H. W. Clingman. 2 votes.

Sherman Post, No. 51, Granbury, 12 members.—Post Commander, *J. F. Ahrens; Representative, J. A.

Massey; Alternate, *Frank Bupp; Past Post Commanders, *W. H. Catts, *Floyd Thomas. 4 votes.

Opdycke Post, No. 53, Jefferson, 7 members.—Post Commander, John Grant.

E. J. Davis Post, No. 54, Corpus Christi, 10 members.—Post Commander, J. H. C. White; Past Post Commander, E. J. Kilmer.

Houston Post, No. 55, Dublin, 46 members.—Post Commander, *John Roch; Delegates, *Will Smith, *G. C. Russell, *T. Marks. 4 votes.

Burnsides Post, No. 56, Springtown, 15 members.—Post Commander, J. C. Hutcheson; Representative, W. L. Hutcheson; Alternate, Thos. Welsh.

Holcomb Post, No. 57, Mason, 10 members.—Post Commander, Louis Graebner; Senior Vice Commander, Adam Ritter; Junior Vice Commander, M. V. Bridges; Representative, S. F. Bridges; Alternate, John Hull; Past Post Commanders, M. V. Bridges, D. Doole.

Rousseau Post, No. 60, Graham, 7 members.—Post Commander, J. F. Orrell, Past Post Commander, *P. B. Hunt. 1 vote.

Terry Post, No. 64, Fredericksburg, 14 members.—Post Commander, Chas. Enderlin; Representative, Jacob Hirsch; Alternate, Jos. Hoelger.

Travis Post, No. 66, Abilene. — members.—Post Commander, Samuel Hammer.

Barney Post, No. 67, Brownsville, 7 members.—Post Commander, Wm. Kelly; Representative, J. J. Smith; Alternate, E. H. Goodrich.

Raum Post, No. 71, Gibtown, 12 members.

Wainwright Post, No. 72, Alvin, 18 members.—Post Commander, W. H. Struthers; Senior Vice Commander, E. S. Stockwell; Junior Vice Commander, R. H. Smith.

Kit Carson Post, No. 74, Waco, 36 members.—Post Commander, A. Hoefner; Senior Vice Commander, T. J. See; Junior Vice Commander, A. H. Schrader; Representatives, Wm. Spence, J. A. Gillett; Alternates, A. Kuttner, Geo. J. Elam; Past Post Com-

manders, J. McCune, Gardner Work, W. A. Stoner,
 *H. E. Conger, F. M. Schick, A. Hoefner. 1 vote.
 San Jacinto Post, No. 75, La Porte, 6 members.—
 Post Commander, H. G. Fish.
 B. F. Stephenson Post, No. 77, Clarksville, 11 mem-
 bers.—Post Commander, N. Stone.
 Vardeman Post, No. 78, Gatesville.—Post Com-
 mander, Harry Harris.

The Department Commander after calling Senior Vice
 Department Commander, C. C. Haskell, to the chair,
 read his highly interesting address as follows:

COMMANDER'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 DALLAS, TEXAS, April 19, 1900.

Comrades:

Another year of the life of the Grand Army of the
 Republic is about to pass into history and, as your De-
 partment Commander for this year, I will now give you
 an account of my stewardship.

VISITS TO THE POSTS.

Visits were made during the year to the different Posts
 and to meetings of members of our order and other or-
 ders of ex-soldiers. An effort was made to go wherever
 invited—no instance occurred where I failed to go,
 when invited, unless in conflict with previous G. A. R.
 engagements. A short time after our last Encampment
 I was notified by the committee on transportation that
 the railroads would give me transportation to visit the
 different Posts. On my first application on behalf of
 myself and the president of the Woman's Relief Corps,
 I was pointed to an act of the Legislature entitled "An-
 ti-Pass Law," hence, I got no transportation. In the
 absence of definite resolutions there was not only a
 doubt but a strong conviction that the Department
 Commander had no authority to expend money out of
 the treasury to pay for visits to the Posts. But there
 was no money in the treasury, therefore, I tried to
 reach all comrades, as well as those who ought to be
 comrades, by printed matter. I had printed three thous-
 and copies of a circular letter suggested by the Com-

mander-in-Chief and three thousand copies of my speech delivered at Dallas, October 6, 1899, which was heartily endorsed by the Commander-in-Chief, sent to the different Posts and to the communities where there was no Posts.

CONDITION OF THE POSTS.

The condition of many of the Posts of the Department is prosperous and healthy—their meetings are kept up with regularity and they are liberally attended and they are made profitable to the members by addresses, recitations, old war tales, etc., but there are many other Posts that are in a sickly condition, some are half dying, their meetings are irregularly held, they are poorly attended; there is nothing done to attract members to their meetings. Post Commanders were urged to have "camp-fires" or to devise open exercises that would both instruct and amuse, and if invited, the Department Commander would attend. This was as far as the Commander could go.

In General Orders the Commander asked the Post Commander to bring up for discussion the subject, "Why has the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department been decreasing in numbers instead of increasing?" and report their findings to headquarters. From the few letters received by the Commander the following reasons are set forth; 1st, That so many of the comrades were dying; 2nd, That so many were suspended or dropped; 3rd, That they were scattered over too much territory; 4th, That there were so many old soldiers who were not members; 5th, That they were not treating each other as comrades.

The increase in mortality excites a melancholy, but not an uninteresting thought. It is one of our duties to die and to die heroically, in peace as well as in war. For more than half the soldiers of the civil war there has been substituted for the "New Heaven and new Earth" to our redeemed and regenerated country, "that low green canopy whose curtain never outward swings." We can but mourn for and honor their memories.

In regard to suspended and dropped members, I call your attention to the fact that Sam Houston Post, No. 55, of which I, for the fifth time, have had the honor of being the Commander, does not drop or suspend any of its members for non-payment of dues. We never col-

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lect dues. When we require money for any purpose, we pass the hat.

Some effective means ought to be adopted to persuade those who have never belonged, to join with our membership. It seems that if a recruiting desire and zeal should take hold of us for a few months many of the several thousand soldiers who never belonged to the organization, might be induced to join us. It is a conservative estimate that there are 20,000 ex-union soldiers in Texas, and yet less than 1000 belong to our order. This condition should not be allowed to continue. A Department Commander can only direct—the boys in the ranks must do the “capturing.” I don’t like to believe that a member of the Grand Army of the Republic would treat a member of our organization other than as a comrade, if so, he was only half mustered in as he should have sworn that he would treat every comrade as a brother.

The meetings which I attended were large and those present were deeply interested in the proceedings. The receptions were cordial and the entertainments were successful. The Woman’s Relief Corps participated in many of them, making them of double interest to those present and contributing largely to their success.

LAW QUESTIONS AND COURT MARTIALS.

I am happy to say there has been no cause for either.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial day was, as far as known at Headquarters, observed by all the Posts in the Department. If there is any change in sentiment in regard to this day it is, that the comrades feel more tenderly about it. Why not? It recalls the brooding of love over beloved sons, brothers, husbands and lovers, the hope, the fear, the prayer, the tear and the frequent agony. The graves of our dead comrades send up their benignant blessings to those who are willing to receive them. Whenever we cease to lay upon their graves the annual tribute of the early glories of spring we should disband and go into disgraceful oblivion.

PENSIONS.

The living also deserve our consideration. There is no doubt now but that while our pension laws are not

as just as they should be, there is a growing conviction among many comrades that the existing laws are not properly administered. The National Pension Committee, with the Commander-in-Chief, has devoted a great deal of time with the present Congress, working like the heroes they are to obtain relief for the comrades. There has been introduced several bills for the relief of the boys who saved the nation. It seems to me the only remedy is the bill endorsed by the Commander-in-Chief, a bill to create a Court of Appeals. The average old soldier does not claim an undue meed of praise nor does he mean to bankrupt the country to pay pensions. He knows that time, God and history will not deny the sacredness of the cause for which he fought, and the completeness of his triumph. He contributed to the preservation of the Nation, the supremacy of the constitution and law and the regeneration of the country. He puts a more precious appraisal on the value of his country and its institutions because of his personal sacrifice; but at the same time he demands that *justice* shall be done in the way of pensions to his deserving comrades. It is a libel—an untruth to assume that the debt the government owes her defenders can be overpaid by pensions, no matter how generous they may be.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Woman's Relief Corps for the great and good work they are doing deserve the sympathy, love, help and admiration of every comrade. They constantly remind us of the days of the war, when the smiles of the loyal women of the North were the reward of every brave man in battle, and every coward in battle received their deserved contempt. In every charitable and patriotic work of our order we find the Woman's Relief Corps to the front with willing hearts and hands—to the relief of the distressed old veteran and his family, no matter how obscure, and I am impressed with the fact that some Posts in this Department would not today be in existence but for the untiring labors of the Relief Corps. God bless them; may their shadows never grow less.

THE FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The finances of this Department are in a healthy con-

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dition. When I was elected a year ago I found the department in debt to the amount of \$100. This debt has been paid, as well as all debts contracted by the present administration, and a balance left in the treasury of \$100. I also found a membership of 652 in good standing. I have the honor to report 789 in good standing. There was 33 Posts reported; there is now 35. I have not taken one cent from the treasury for stationery, postage, printing and distributing documents, traveling or any other cause, as I considered myself in that way, making the grand rounds.

VISIT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

I received a letter from Comrade Clark, Commander of the Department of Arkansas, stating that he had been appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to arrange his trip through the Southern states. For Texas it was as follows: Arrive at Houston, March 19, at 10:30 p. m., leave Houston, March 20, at 9:20 a. m., arrive at Dublin same day at 8:15 p. m. I wrote the Assistant Adjutant General at Dallas asking him to change the route and make it Dallas. A few days after I received notice from Watertown, N. Y., that the Commander was pleased with the route and schedule arranged by Comrade Clark. I then wrote the Assistant Adjutant General to let the arrangement stand and that I would write the Commander-in-Chief and do the best I could, and further, that Houston, Waco, Dublin and Fort Worth might feel that they were slighted if we were to change to Dallas. On the morning of the 20th, I started with an escort of eight of the leading men of Dublin, a majority of them ex-Confederates, for Waco. On the train and 30 miles from that city I received a telegram from Houston signed Albert D. Shaw, asking me "where shall I go from here to strike you?" Arriving at Waco I wired to Houston and Bremond, intercepting him at the latter place. At Waco he was met by the comrades and Woman's Relief Corps. On the train I found for the first time that there had been a change made in the route and dates, and he must leave Dublin on the 21st to make Muscogee, I. T., on the 22nd. His only route was by way of Dallas, to catch the early train, hence, the program at Dublin was cut short and Fort Worth, which had made arrangements to give him a grand reception, was left out.

However disappointed we may be in the change, his visit to Texas accomplished a world of good. His speech at Dublin, as well as that of Mrs. Work, President W. R. C., were the cause of making extensive arrangements to raise "Old Glory" over the College, at Dublin and Comanche.

CONCLUSION.

Now, comrades, with this presentation of such of my official acts as I deem it necessary to present to you, I desire to express to you my thanks earnestly and sincerely for the numerous acts of kindness of which I have been the recipient. The membership of this Department of the G. A. R. has rendered me every assistance since doing me the honor of placing me at the head of their organization and I have endeavored to fulfill the duties thereof to the best of my ability.

No one realizes more fully than I do how much better it could have been done, and in looking over the events of the year I could recall much that I would have liked to have accomplished but I am unconscious of any act committed which I today regret. I return to the ranks and hope to work therein during the remainder of my life. I must not close without thanking the officers who composed my official family, particularly the Adjutant General and the President of the Woman's Relief Corps, whose aid and assistance I never found wanting.

JOHN ROCH,
Department Commander.

P. S.—Since writing the above I organized a Post at Gatesville.

The reading of the Department Commander's address was listened to with marked attention and was received and referred to a committee consisting of Past Department Commanders, M. W. Mann, J. W. Parks and R. M. Moore. After the reference of his address, the Department Commander resumed the gavel, and Senior Vice Department Commander C. C. Haskell read his report as follows:

DENISON, TEXAS, April 20, 1900.
Comrades of the Department of Texas, G. A. R.:
Deeply sensible of the honor you have conferred on

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me the last two years, first electing me to the Junior then to the Senior Vice Commander's chair, I have ever held myself in readiness to obey the commands of the Commander, but as no duty specially devolves on the Senior Vice except in the absence of the Commander and not having been assigned any duty, I have only in a general way looked after the interests of the Department in my "neck of the woods," and am glad to say that North Texas stands today fully up to if not ahead of previous years. Lyon Post No. 5 retains her proud position among the Posts of the Department. While with our noble order it is not expected to make gains so much as to look after the rapidly declining ones and keep our ranks as full as possible, Lyon Post has been able to do this. How long this can be done only remains for a few years to tell the tale.

Picket Posts were looked after in the early part of the year with a very good prospect of two or more being formed, but one of the comrades whom we depended on (belonging to the late Custer Post) was taken sick and has only a few weeks ago been able to get out, and so weakness and declining years, together with that feeling of timidity against becoming prominent as a veteran of the Union here in the South, has had its effect.

It was my esteemed privilege to install the officers of McPherson Post No. 1, at its meeting in January, at which time the Veteran's wives gave a very delightful banquet and on the spur of the moment I strongly urged the formation of a W. R. C. and at no distant day No. 1 will again be assisted by that noble auxiliary, without which I believe it is impossible for a Post to succeed and do the good it was designed for it to do. At Van Alstyne there is now a good and opportune time to organize a Post. The Post at Ennis can be again revived with a small amount of personal work.

Any how, comrades, let us stand for the great principles of fraternity, charity and loyalty, and close up the ranks and march shoulder to shoulder as long as a vestige of the Grand Army of the Republic remains.

C. C. HASKELL,
Senior Vice Department Commander.

The report was received and referred to a committee consisting of comrades J. N. Diehl, W. F. Cottman, and E. A. Russell.

Comrade J. J. Weiler, Junior Vice Department Commander, made a verbal report to the Encampment and on motion he was requested by the Encampment to reduce his report to writing, which he did, and it was received and accepted without reference to a committee. The report of the Junior Vice Department Commander is as follows:

DALLAS, TEXAS, April 20, 1900.

Commander and Comrades:

As Junior Vice Commander of this Department, I make the following as my report. The Department Commander and Senior Vice, not being absent at any time during the year, I had no special duties to perform, and therefore had nothing to report. I was ready at all times to perform any duty that the Department Commander would require of me, but was never called on to perform any service. We have two Posts in Dallas, where I live, that are doing well and will make as good showing as any Posts of the Department.

I thank the comrades for the honor of electing me Junior Vice and am always ready to do any duty they call on me to do, that will be for the benefit of our grand association.

Yours in F., C. & L.

J. J. WEILER,
Junior Vice Commander.

The Department Chaplain then read his very complete and interesting report as follows:

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, April, 1900.

John Roch, Department Commander:

COMRADE: I have the honor to submit the following report: Permit me in the beginning to express to you my heartfelt thanks for the courtesy and kindness shown me by the Department Commander and the Posts throughout the Lone Star state of Texas. For the third time I close my official year and now present my annual report, the largest in the history of our Encampment, 23 Posts reporting Memorial Sabbath day, and Decoration Day observance.

McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman, reports: No special

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sermon preached on Memorial Sabbath. Ten of the comrades and 20 of the school children participated in the Decoration Day service. The remnant of the W. R. C. joined in making wreaths for the graves of our fallen comrades. The procession of buggies and wagons started from the hall to West Hill cemetery, where the ritual was carried out. Twenty-eight graves were previously marked with flags. The children (bless their little hearts), patriotic as the greatest American soldier, placed a wreath on every soldier's grave and not only upon their graves were the flowers placed, but upon the graves of the boys who wore the gray. What great changes have taken place in these few years. Three graves were reported unmarked by proper headstones. W. S. Hancock No. 2, Galveston, reports: Eighteen comrades were present on Memorial Sabbath and 38 on Decoration day. The W. R. C. participated in both services. The Post decorated graves in five cemeteries. Father Kirwin, Chaplain of the 1st Texas Volunteers, was the speaker. The number of graves decorated are not given. All the graves are unmarked by proper headstones. Submitted, L. H. Jones, Post Chaplain.

We now submit the report of the Post whose hospitality we at the present enjoy.

E. O. C. Ord No. 3, San Antonio. Abner T. Rollins, Post Chaplain, reports both the days, Memorial Sabbath and Decoration Day, properly observed. Eleven comrades attending Memorial Sabbath service. The sermon was preached by W. A. Cooper. The memorial Decoration day was participated in by about 40 comrades and 150 children, and the A. & N. Union. Comrade Bolton, a veteran, was the orator of the day. 1250 graves were decorated.

Parmly Post No. 4, Fort Worth: Twenty-five comrades attended Divine worship on Memorial day. The sermon was preached by the son of a veteran, Rev. George McAdams. Decoration day was observed with much enthusiasm. 50 comrades, their families, many ex-Confederates and a large number of citizens took part in the decoration of the graves of our dead heroes. Four cemeteries were visited. Thirty-nine graves were decorated and about 100 other graves were strewn with flowers, including one deceased member of the W. R. C. This is the first time that I have ever seen in print any reference to such a noble act. Let us not forget in our decoration memorial day to let the flowers fall plen-

tifully, upon the graves of the deceased members of the W. R. C. This Post reports 37 unmarked graves of our dead comrades. We must not forget in this excellent report to mention three addresses that were delivered upon this occasion, one by Mrs. Julia Jackson, one by an ex-Confederate, Judge Cummings, and one by the son of a confederate, Capt. Kelly, of the Lloyd rifles, and a veteran of the Spanish-American war. In answer to the question, "What can you suggest to improve and make more impressive the exercises of memorial day?" I answer: Turn the whole matter over to the young veterans of the last war, both Federal and Confederates giving their undivided support. J. D. Bound, Acting Post Chaplain.

Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5, Denison, reports both Memorial Sabbath and Memorial Decoration day observance. The memorial Sabbath services were held in St. Patrick's church. A good sermon was preached by the ex-Department Chaplain, Father Crowley. The beautiful edifice was packed by the veterans, W. R. C. and church members. Father Crowley took for his text, Psalm xxxii, 12. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance." I can do no better in submitting this report than send the clipping from a Denison paper.

"There was a crowd of several hundred people assembled and by the time the ceremonies began the audience had been increased to probably fifteen hundred people. The grand stand had been tastefully decorated and presented a very pretty appearance, covered with bunting and flags. The ceremonies were opened by an earnest prayer by Rev. Hauser, following which there was music by the band.

"In the absence of Mayor Lebrecht, who was ill and could not attend, Major W. O. Kretsinger delivered a short welcoming address and thanked the crowd for their attendance.

"After the band had played another selection, W. J. Mathis spoke for about ten minutes and his very able effort was followed by the audience with the closest attention. Judge F. N. Robertson, who was in the crowd, was called upon for a speech and responded with a five minute talk which was loudly cheered by the audience.

"A selection was rendered by the band, after which Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg was read by Major Kretsinger.

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"The school children sang "America," in which they were joined by the band and audience.

"The beautiful ritual services for the unknown dead were then conducted by the W. R. C. and the G. A. R. A mound had been thrown up on the north side of the grand stand which was covered by evergreens and decorated with flags and the services were held around this mound in memory of the unknown dead, the mound being strewn with flowers by the post and corps.

"Upon the conclusion of the ritual services, the two committees and many of the audience proceeded in carriages and buggies to the various cemeteries in the city where the last resting place of every soldier was decorated with flags and covered with beautiful flowers.

John A Dix Post No. 11, and George H. Thomas Post No. 6, both of Dallas, and the two W. R. C's joined in Memorial Sabbath and Decoration day service. The memorial sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Riggs, of the 2nd Presbyterian church. The church was neatly decorated with bunting, flags and flowers. The services were very interesting and instructive. The memorial Decoration day was observed, as it always is, in a very impressive and instructive way. The ritual was observed, impressive talks by the comrades were made, patriotic songs were sung and all honor to our noble W. R. C's of both Posts. Flowers were prepared and with those flowers were dropped the tears of wives and mothers. How thin our ranks are getting, boys.

George B. McClellan Post No. 9, Houston, sends a full report. A goodly number attended Sabbath memorial day services. The sermon was preached by a veteran, G. W. Story. Some 40 comrades and 25 Corps ladies attended memorial Decoration day. Four cemeteries containing our slumbering dead were visited. Forty graves were decorated with flowers and each grave was unmarked with proper headstones. Our Post has secured those beautiful iron markers and flag holders and every union soldier's grave is marked with either a "G. A. R." or "U. S. A." marker. Also, markers for W. R. C. graves. The W. R. C. and the United Confederate Veterans joined in memoriam of the day. Post Chaplain George W. Story says: "Our services were instructive and interesting. It requires loyalty and energy to make memorial Decoration day successful." That is very true indeed.

Hurst Post No. 13, Terrell. All the blanks in the Post

Chaplain's memorial day report is filled out with two words "no" and "none." We shall write over this report, "Ichabod."

Emmett Crawford Post No. 19, El Paso. Both days were observed. The Memorial Sabbath service was attended by 25 comrades. The Post was fortunate to have two preachers, Millican and Moore. There were 20 comrades attending Decoration day. Two cemeteries were visited and 25 graves were strewn with flowers. The orator of the day was Gen. A. G. Malloy, a veteran. Headstones were ordered to mark all unmarked graves.

Phil Kearney Post No. 20, Lampasas. S. R. Sprayberry reports no Memorial day service as our membership is too scattered and too small to make a respectable showing.

Phil Sheridan Post No. 25, Georgetown. B. J. Jones, Post Chaplain, sends report back with blank filled out with "no" and "don't know."

George W. Wright Post No. 26, Paris. M. Yarborough, Post Chaplain, reports Memorial Sabbath and Decoration day observed with very interesting services both days. W. K. Loyd, Chaplain of 3rd Texas, Spanish war, preached the memorial sermon and was also the orator on Decoration day. Twenty-five comrades participated. Three cemeteries were visited and six graves of our fallen dead were strewn with flowers. Firemen and city officials participated. 1500 people were present. Everything was harmony and satisfactory, except the Daughters of the Confederacy refused to join with us. In answer to the question, "How to make Decoration day more impressive, this Post reports: "Hold joint Memorial day services with ex-confederates; it did much to promote and cement good feelings among the Blue and the Gray." When the Blue and the Gray are cemented together the Daughters of the Confederacy will come in. M. Yarborough, Post Chaplain.

Kilpatrick Post No. 40, Belton—Post Chaplain M. F. Hiatt reports no observance of either day and remarks, it would be better to remove the Post to some more genial climate.

E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi. E. J. Kilmer, Post commander, reports in the absence of Post Chaplain: "No Memorial Sabbath day service. Three of our Post were present on Decoration day and 40 graves were decorated. The speech of the day was

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made by the Post Commander. In his remarks he says: "Until a greater interest is taken in the G. A. R. as an association it seems idle to suggest new features for Memorial day."

Burnside Post No. 56, Springtown. J. C. Friley, Post Chaplain, reports Sabbath Memorial and Decoration days were observed. Twelve comrades participated. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. J. Moxwell. The speaker on Decoration day was the son of a veteran, W. L. Hutcheson. Five organizations participated and six graves were decorated.

P. E. Holcomb Post No. 57, Mason. In the absence of Post Chaplain John F. Hull, D. Doole, Adjutant, reports: The memorial sermon was preached by Rev. J. P. Lyle. Ten comrades were present. The Decoration memorial was participated in by 25 school children. Eleven graves of our comrades were decorated. The Adjutant urges more patriotism among our people. We forget our ranks are thinning out and we are growing weaker very rapidly each year; death is but a little way off, my comrades, and there never will be but one G. A. R.; none can take our place.

Rousseau Post No. 60, Graham. Post Chaplain Dan Messenger sends memorial report with every space a blank. No memorial sermon, no Memorial day flowers. Soon all will be a thing of the past.

Travis Post No. 66, Abilene. John Russell, Post Chaplain, says: No memorial sermon, but as individuals each one personally decorated the graves. To me this seems very solemn but it breathes the true spirit of patriotism. Comrades with one foot almost in the grave with trembling form bowed down; he drops a flower and a tear and almost wishes he was laid away to rest.

A. M. Barney Post No. 67, Brownwood. Wm. Kelly, Post Commander, reports only five comrades to take part in memorial Decoration day. The five comrades joined with the officers and soldiers of the military Post of Fort Brown and with them decorated the graves in the National cemetery. Our Post is too small for effective public celebration of Memorial day.

Wainwright Post No. 72, Alvin. Both Memorial days were properly observed by Wainwright Post. Rev. J. S. Herrington preached the memorial sermon and 25 comrades were present. The Decoration day service was entered into by the comrades and the Daughters of the Confederacy assisting in the music. Rev. J. M.

Haywood was the orator. W. A. Bowan, Post Commander.

San Jacinto Post No. 75, La Porte. You noticed in our report we began our Posts with number 1, taking the next higher number; we now close this report with San Jacinto Post No. 75. Both days were properly observed. Wm. C. Hall preached the memorial sermon and twenty comrades were present. The Decoration day was observed and flowers were placed on two graves of our dead, who sleep the sleep that knows no waking. H. G. Fish, Adjutant, who sends this report, says: "I wish we were a stronger Post." That is a thing of the past, comrade; no one can take our place, and the time is near at hand when our halls shall ring no more with our voices and songs and patriotism. Let us be thankful for our victories of the past, and let us achieve the greatest victory of life, by overcoming the flesh and the enemy of our souls. Let us have the fruitage to our life which will give us the comfortable assurance that when we cease to be members of the G. A. R. we shall be ready to join the Grand Army of the Redeemed.

I wish in closing this report to thank the members of the Encampment which met in Denison last year, for honoring me for the 3rd time with the office of Department Chaplain. I shall always appreciate the honor you bestowed upon me. I shall now gladly confer this honor upon some other comrade, I have nothing but kind words and kind deeds to bestow upon all my comrades. We shall never again all of us meet as we do this day, face to face, for ere the year closes, some will go as others have gone to meet no more upon earth.

Yours in F., C. & L.

S. W. PATTERSON,
Department Chaplain.

The report was received and referred to the following committee: H. W. Clingman, Alonzo Gerard, and L. C. Leeds. It was moved and carried that the Chaplain of Post No. 55, at Dublin, be requested to send in his report and that it be included in the report of the Department Chaplain, likewise the reports of any Post Chaplains who had failed to send in their reports.

The Report of the Medical Director, Dr. T. Marks, was then submitted by him as follows:

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OFFICE OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
DUBLIN, TEXAS, April 19, 1900.

To Department Commander John Roch, and Comrades:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Medical Director of this Department for the 12 months ending December 31, 1899.

No. of reports from Post Surgeons, 16.
No. of deaths during term, 6.
No. who presumably died of wounds received in service, 3.

No. who presumably died of disease contracted in service, 2.

No. who died of other causes, 1.
No. of ex-soldiers treated free of charge, 20.
Reasonable money value of such service, \$185.

No. of patients treated free of charge, who were members of families of ex-soldiers or sailors, 33.
Reasonable money value of such service, \$167.
Money value of medicines, etc. furnished by physicians, Post or Relief Corps, or by other organizations of comrades, \$313.

Total money value of above mentioned supplies and service, \$665.

No. of deserving sick or maimed soldiers not receiving pensions, 115.

There are no State or National Soldiers or Sailors Homes for the care of ex-union soldiers or sailors in this Department, and not likely to be.

I call attention to the fact that only 16 Post Surgeons have reported to me, and also to my inability to remedy this disgraceful neglect of duty, from not being in possession of their different names and addresses, so that I could communicate with them of their default. The Medical Director should be furnished with a list of the Post Surgeons. I respectfully request that their names and addresses be printed in the next Roll of the Encampment. The value of the Medical Director's report to ex-soldiers is obvious. As will be seen by above report, there are a number of comrades who are entitled to the bounty of a grateful country, served in its hour of need by them, when in their prime of life, who have not yet been recognized by the Pension Bureau or what they have richly earned and deserved. They

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are fast nearing that divide from which bourne no soldier returns, and it is to be hoped that the authorities responsible for this state of affairs will soon order a change of front.

“Oh, then protect our hardy vets,
Be mindful of their merit,
For if again we're plunged in war
They'll show their daring spirit.”

Again the loss of many an old friend and comrade is announced in cold figures, as they one by one depart, to be joined by us again, at no distant date, when the last “taps” shall be sounded and we meet to part no more.

We may drop some tears,
But will wipe them soon, for the world
Is all before us. Where to choose our place of rest,
And Providence our guide. We hand in hand
With wandering steps and slow,
Through Eden take our solitary way.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. L.,
TERTIUS MARKS, M. D.

Medical Director G. A. R., Dept. of Texas.

The very excellent report of the Medical Director was received and adopted without reference to a committee.

The Assistant Adjutant General and Acting Quartermaster General then made his report, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DALLAS, TEXAS, April 18, 1900.

*General John Roch, Commander Department of Texas,
G. A. R.*

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—In accordance with our Rules and Regulations, I herewith most respectfully submit my report for the year last past.

	Posts.	Members.
Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1898,	33	652
	Posts,	Members.
GAIN		
By Muster in		31
By Transfer		20
By Reinstatement		9
By Reinstatement from Delin- quent Reports. 1		10
Total Gain	1	70
Aggregate	34	722

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LOSS	Posts.	Members.	
By Death.....		13	
By Transfer.....		6	
By Suspension.....		36	55
Total loss.....			<hr/>

Number in good standing, June 30, 1899. 667.

Number in good standing June 30, 1899. Posts. Members.
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GAIN	Posts.	Members.	
By Muster in	1	41	
By Transfer.....		24	
By Reinstatement.....		51	
By Reinstatement from Delin- quent Reports.	1	15	
Total Gain			2 131
Aggregate.....			<hr/> 36 798

LOSS	Posts.	Members.	
By death.....		4	
By Honorable Discharge.....		4	
By Transfer.....		7	
By Suspension.....		2	
Total Loss.....			17

Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1899. 781

Post No. 75 at Fort Worth has been carried, hoping to get it back into the fold, as it seemed to me that a city the size of Fort Worth ought to contain more than 25 Grand Army men in good standing, this number being reported from Parmly No. 4, but writing frequently to comrade Goodell and other members of Post No. 75, I am convinced that DeGress Post No. 76 should be dropped from our rolls.

During the past six months only two members were reported suspended, one from Post No. 2, at Galveston, and one from Post No. 66, at Abilene. It took a great deal of work and persuasion upon my part to hold the posts down to two suspensions for the half year ending Dec. 31, 1899, and this showing as to suspensions is the best ever made and if this record can be maintained the

Department will show a grand gain during the coming year, as suspension is the greatest foe to our increase and success and the hardest to combat.

The loss by death—seventeen—is about in keeping with our usual annual losses from this source, and while heavy, is not alarming, as seventeen out of a membership of nearly eight hundred conclusively shows that the old boys are pretty well and hearty yet, notwithstanding their years and infirmities. The names of those who have joined the silent majority are as follows:

ROLL OF HONOR.

HENRY KISSINGER,	-	Post No.	2,	Galveston.
JESSE H. CORNELL,	-	"	2,	"
JOHN SCHARER,	-	"	3,	San Antonio.
JULES ALVORD,	-	"	4,	Fort Worth
JAMES MORRISON,	-	"	4,	"
J. H. JACKSON,	-	"	5,	Denison.
O. H. WEIR,	-	"	5,	"
J. F. DOUGLASS,	-	"	5,	"
D. A. BROWN,	-	"	5,	"
CHAS. WARBES,	-	"	5,	"
LOUIS H. MEYER,	-	"	9,	Houston.
WILLIAM FLATT,	-	"	10,	Austin,
S. F. NOYES,	-	"	11,	Dallas.
JAS. M. ELLEDGE,	-	"	17,	Brackettville
J. E. KING,	-	"	74,	Waco.
JAS. N. SAVAGE,	-	"	75,	LaPorte.
DANIEL HOPKINS,	-	"	75,	"

The showing made by this Department at the National Encampment at Philadelphia was a most excellent one and the boys who followed the "Long Horns," received an ovation from the numerous throng that viewed the parade.

Ten General Orders, one Circular and seventeen Special Orders have been issued during the year, and all General Orders and circulars issued from National Headquarters have been promptly transmitted to the various Posts and department officers.

I believe that the present year will be a prosperous one for this department. It is now out of debt and has thirty-five posts, all in fairly good condition, and I feel assured that with zeal and energy our numbers can be increased to at least one thousand by the time we meet again.

I cannot close this report without especially mentioning the excellent work done in this regard by Commander John H. Bolton, and the members of his Post, Ord No. 3. This grand Post has more than doubled its membership within the past few months and if every Post and Post Commander would emulate this worthy example the Department of Texas would soon reach its high-water mark, which in June, 1893, was 1668 members in good standing. It will take work and almost unlimited zeal and energy to accomplish this desirable end, but the glorious result to be achieved is well worth it all.

In conclusion, I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to you, Commander, for the honor that you conferred upon me one year ago and for the many acts of kindness that you have from time to time accorded me, and I also sincerely thank the Department and Post Officers and the comradeship throughout the Department for the constant courtesy and consideration that they have each and all extended to me during my term of office.

The receipts and disbursements for the year are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 94.33
Per Capita Tax.....	425.70
Charter fee, Post No. 77, at Clarksville.....	10.00
Sale Supplies and reinstating fees.....	77.06
Total Receipts.....	\$607.09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary Ass't Adj't Gen'l, 12 months	\$200.00	
Printing and Stationery	63.30	
Purchasing Supplies	27.18	
National P. C. Tax	18.11	
Paid liabilities in full	103.46	
Paid for Headquarters, Philadelphia	25.00	
Postage	27.50	
Badges	4.40	
Expense Mustering Officer	4.15	
Storage and expressage	4.00	
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Total disbursements	\$477.10	\$477.10
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Balance on hand		\$129.99

PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Supplies on hand	\$ 22.20
Department Banner	85.00
Headquarters Office Fixtures	30.00
One Pair Horns	30.00
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Total	\$167.29

In compliance with the recommendation of Past Department Commander W. F. Conner, adopted at our last Department Encampment at Denison, the papers, books and records of the department have been collected and safely stored at the home of Comrade L. C. Leeds in this city, who was made custodian of the same.

In my humble judgment the thanks of this Department are due Past Commander W. F. Conner, not only for the work and zeal that he has ever given to our noble order, but for the fact that he has furnished free headquarters for the Department, which has greatly aided us in wiping out, completely, the indebtedness of this Department.

Very truly and in F. C. & L.,
J. C. BIGGER,
Ass't Adj't and Quar. Master General.

The report was received and referred to a committee consisting of Comrades Henry Arnold, A. McWhirk and Albert Evans.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade





erans, and Louis Wolf, of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, representing the veterans of the Spanish-American war.

Mounted Policemen Van Riper and Bennett.

United States officers in ambulances.

Light Battery K, First Artillery, commanded by Capt. C. L. Best.

Fife and drum corps

San Antonio Zouaves and veterans of the Spanish-American war.

Department officers Grand Army of the Republic on foot, with flag and horns.

Carriages containing ex-Confederate and Federal soldiers, among them being Gen'l Young, Gen'l Polley, Hart Mussey, Commander John Roch, M. D. Monserate, Rev. S. W. Patterson, Chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic, and one other gentleman whose name could not be learned.

Drum and Fife Corps of the Old Guard, Belknap Rifles, composed of W. W. Walling, leader; August Kissing, T. R. Heustis, Robert Heustis, S. J. Holmes and A. H. Cadwallader.

Grand Army of the Republic and Confederate Veterans on foot to the number of about 500.

Old veterans in carriages.

City Council.

Chief Tobin, Assistant Wright and the entire city fire department.

Carriages containing ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps.

When the parade reached St. Mary street Beck's band joined in near the head of the procession.

The parade dispersed at the Empire Opera House.

Immediately after the disbanding of the parade the veterans and their invited guests proceeded to the Empire Opera House, where they were formally welcomed to the city by Mayor Hicks. The house was filled with a brilliant assembly, many of the gentler sex occupying seats in the audience.

Mayor Hicks, in his address of welcome, assured the veterans that they were doubly welcome to the Alamo City, the cradle of Texas liberty, and that he could think of no more appropriate place for their meeting. It did his heart good, he said, to see the Union and Confederate veterans walking arm in arm, and that the bonds that were once strained were now firmly cemented. The mayor's address was received with prolonged applause.

Department Commander Roch responded to the Mayor in a happy speech. He spoke in part as follows:

"I class these reunions as a day of memories sacred to the deepest emotions and exciting the liveliest emotions of gratitude in the heart of every true American, for they call us back to the deeds of men in mortal combat, who made the world stand still and shout with admiration for their heroic deeds, and while we are ever chanting a requiem over the ashes of our comrades, we stretch out the olive branch of forgiveness to those who as enemies were met on deadly fields of battle, whose forgiveness has been greater than anything recorded in the annals of humanity dealing with men, memories of scenes of war and peace drifting back to us the prints of a united country, with but one flag—'memories' that recall the moment when in the midst of peace the cruel and gaunt hand of war sounded the alarm, and men rushed from field and shop and counting room, ready to die if need be in order to preserve the Union,"

Commander Bolton of E. O. C. Ord Post, followed Mr. Roch with a brief speech of welcome to the visiting veterans from the E. O. C. Ord post.

Maj. Chas. B. Peck of Houston, and Col. P. B. Hunt responded to Commander Bolton's address. Both spoke in a happy vein, referring to the welcome they had received from the hands of the local veterans and that all the courtesies extended were duly appreciated by the visiting delegates.

Mrs. Ada C. Work, President of the Woman's Relief Corps, spoke on behalf of that organization. In her

address she paid a very pretty compliment to Mayor Hicks, saying that the ladies thought he was the nicest man they had ever met, and that if he would move to Waco after his term had expired here they would certainly elect him mayor of that city.

Gens. Young and Polley, of Albert Sydney Johnston Camp of Confederate Veterans, delivered addresses. Both referred to the cemented bonds of friendship, and that all would unite in defending the flag of their country. They reviewed many of the scenes of the battlefield between the years of '61 and '65.

The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Roch, when the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., arrived, pursuant to adjournment.

Upon motion of Comrade H. E. Conger, seconded by Comrade W. F. Conner, Comrade D. T. Howell, of Meade Post No. 35, at Decatur, was admitted as a representative to the Encampment.

The Committee on the report of the Department Chaplain submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on the Report of the Department Chaplain, heartily endorse his report and recommend that all other Post Chaplain reports not included in his report be incorporated in the Department Chaplain's report, if received within the next thirty days.

H. W. CLINGMAN,

ALONZO GERARD,

L. C. LEEDS,

Committee.

The Committee upon the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Acting Assistant Quartermaster General reported as follows:

We, your Committee on the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Acting Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the reports in full as read, having carefully examined the same.

A. MCWHIRK,

H. ARNOLD,

A. EVANS,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted. The report of the Committee upon the report of Senior Vice Department Commander was read and adopted, as follows:

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report on the address of the Senior Vice Commander. We recommend that the same be received and adopted by the Encampment without change.

J. N. DIEHL
W. F. COTTMAN,
E. A. RUSSELL,

Committee.

The following report of the Committee on Pensions was read.

We your Committee on Pensions recommend that this Encampment hereby endorse the present pension laws as generally fulfilling the promise made us when we volunteered for the front in the dark days from 1861 to 1865. But desire them so amended as to prevent their misinterpretation, that prompt execution may be made and no painful delays occur, as in many cases where the needful relief came only to be laid upon the lid of our dead comrades' coffin. And this applies to Texas.

T. MARKS,
T. M. WRIGHT,
WM. H. CATTS,

Committee.

It was adopted by the Encampment excepting that portion of the report that recommended the re-election of Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw, which on motion of Past Dept. Commander W. F. Conner, was stricken out.

The officer of the day announced the Committee of Greetings, accompanied by a delegation of ladies from the Woman's Relief Corps, at the outpost. They were admitted and escorted to the platform and Mrs. Mary S. Allen delivered a splendid address and read a very interesting report of the work of this noble band of women in acts of charity. Her report is as follows:

Department Commander, G. A. R.,

I have the honor to submit to the fifteenth An-

nual Encampment, the following summary as evidence of the continued devotion and work of our order for the Union Veteran and his dependent ones:

Total cash expended for relief.....	\$143.20
Total disbursements for relief other than money.....	199.55

Total disbursements for relief.....	342.75
Total cash turned over to posts.....	80.90
Total cash disbursements from general fund.....	992.52

Total cash expenditures from relief and general fund.....	1416.17
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With greetings from the W. R. C. this is respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

ADA C. WORK,

Department President, W. R. C.

Department Commander Roch responded to the address of Mrs. Allen and the committee and the ladies withdrew, the Encampment arising and giving three rousing cheers for the ladies.

Department Inspector Edwin Ketchum submitted his report. It was very full and interesting and received the complete attention of the Encampment while being read by him. The following is his report.

Commander of Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas.

GENERAL—As your Department Inspector I have the honor to submit the following as a report of my labors:

I find 35 posts in good standing, of which 28 have sent in inspection reports, while 7 have failed so to do; those reporting are as follows:

McPherson No. 1, of Sherman, shows a membership of 15, regular in attendance both officers and members, with good prospects for the future.

Hancock No. 2, of Galveston, has a membership of 49 fairly regular in their attendance, both officers and members; has a fair tho' not encouraging prospect; has expended over \$25 in charities and can spend as much more without exhausting its charity fund.

E. O. C. Ord No. 3, of San Antonio, is the banner post in membership, having 52 in good standing, its ritualistic work properly exemplified, with officers and

members regular in attendance. Has done its share towards its poor by exhausting its charity fund and called on its members' private funds to aid out. While its prospects for the future are good, judging from the remarks of the inspector, as they show an increase of 25 in membership since June 30th and 8 applications on hand and pending, with the promise of three picket posts in the near future. Well done and still doing, should be our words of commendation for E. O. C. Ord No 3.

Parmly No. 4. of Ft. Worth, reports 23 in good standing, officers and members fair in their attendance, their records well kept, future prospects good.

Nat. Lyon No 5, of Denison, reports 48 members in good standing, officers and members in good attendance, reports all properly forwarded and all of the tenets lived up to, especially that of "Charity."

Geo. H. Thomas No. 6, of Dallas, has a membership of 50 in good standing, are in regular attendance, active in "charities," staunch in "loyalty," and we all know what Fraternity means with them, as we have been to Dallas and know full well of what stuff Geo. H. Thomas is made.

Geo. B. McClellan No. 9, of Houston, shows a membership of 40 in good standing and attendance, having gained 14 since the opening of the year 1899, with most excellent prospects for the future.

Joseph A. Mower No. 10, of Austin, reports a membership of 16 in good standing, fair in attendance, active in charity, with fair prospects for the future.

John A. Dix No. 11, of Dallas, numbers 36 in good standing, and since June, 1899, has gained 12 members making 48; duties well performed by officers and members, much interest taken by all hands in post affairs, with most excellent prospects for the future.

W. H. Lewis No. 17, of Brackettville, shows a membership of 12; books badly damaged by water during the June flood; tho' reduced in numbers and but poor prospects, this outpost says it can "hold the fort."

Emmett Crawford No. 19, of El Paso, reports 29 members in good standing regular in attendance, having expended \$40 during the year in sweet charity, never better prospects than in sight for this year.

Phil Kearney No. 20, Lampasas, reports 7 members, with no regular meetings, tho' the dues are kept paid

by the comrades to hold their charter just a little longer. Logan No. 23, of Denton, reports 16 members all in good working shape, having expended a dollar per head in charities and good work, with good prospects for the ensuing year.

Phil. H. Sheridan No. 25, of Georgetown, reports 12 members in good attendance, with moderate prospects for the future.

Geo. Wright No. 26, of Paris, goes one better, naming 13 as its total membership, with fair prospects for the future.

Sam J. Randall No. 45, of Weatherford, hands in a report of 10 members not very good in their attendance, though dues are all paid and records well kept. This post may be a little lax in discipline but it is strong in Fraternity, with as good and loyal Grand Army comrades as there are in the States.

Opdyke No. 53, of Jefferson, reports 7 members, fair attendance and good prospects.

Sam Houston No. 55, of Dublin, reports 39, with splendid prospects for the future. The attendance can not be regular on account of the distance over which the membership is scattered.

Burnside No. 56, of Springtown, reports 15 members, fair attendance, good prospects.

P. E. Holcomb No. 57, of Mason, reports ten members, good attendance of officers and members, well kept books and good prospects.

Rousseau Post No. 60, of Graham, has a membership of 5 with poor prospects for the present year, but are holding together and keeping up their end.

Travis No. 66, of Abilene, reports 13 members, prompt in attendance, well up with books of record, prospects good for this year, a live report with "snap" in it.

A. M. Barney No. 67, of Brownsville, has a membership of 8 earnest faithful comrades, in the extreme southwest corner of our state; originally 11 mustered in, of which number 5 have died; it gathered in all the available timber in the neighborhood and brought their number up to 8 and these have subscribed \$60 to a laudable charity in assisting the widow of General Lawton. God bless Barney Post 67.

Raum No. 71, of Gibtown, reports 11 members, good attendance and prospects.

Wainwright No. 72, of Alvin, vouches for 16 comrades in good standing, with only fair attendance and not very flattering prospects.

Kit Carson No. 74, of Waco, has 36 members in good standing, a live post with good attendance and a bright future. It will be the last to disband of all our posts if the spirit that now controls it continues to hold sway. It is useless to wish it long life, for it will have it and hold it against odds.

Of the other seven posts I can make no report, I am sorry to say, as none was made out by the post inspectors; but hope the old boys are holding together and touching elbows once a month at least, for "Auld Lang Syne."

It is quite evident to me that small posts in the out of the way towns will soon drop out of the list, leaving only such as have the large cosmopolitan cities for their homes, as the public of our small towns are not in full sympathy with the old Grand Army man.

Our present membership is less than 800. Who can say how much longer time we shall have in which to hold our department together. Let each post put and keep its records in such shape, that when the historian shall take up the task of writing the history of our order in this state he shall find a clear and concise record of each post ready for him to draw the story from.

Respectfully submitted,

E. KETCHUM,
Department Inspector.

Upon motion, the report of the Department Inspector was received without being referred to a committee, with a vote of thanks from the Encampment.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander was read by the Asst. Adjt. General, as follows:

The committee begs leave to report that they find the Commander's address most complete and commendable and recognize his able and zealous work, which the committee suggests be recognized by the Encampment by a standing vote of thanks.

M. W. MANN,
R. M. MOORE,
J. W. PARKS,
Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted by a unanimous and rising vote.

Comrade W. F. Conner moved that the Encampment proceed to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Comrade D. Mackay moved to amend by making the election of officers the first business of the Encampment tomorrow morning.

On motion, the amendment was tabled, and the motion of Comrade Conner prevailed and nominations for Department Commander were declared in order.

Comrade J. L. Tygard placed in nomination Senior Vice Department Commander C. C. Haskell, and his nomination was duly seconded by comrades T. M. Wright and W. O. Kretsinger.

Comrade D. Mackay nominated Past Post Commander P. B. Hunt. This nomination received seconds from Comrades J. W. Parks, W. H. Catts, Horace Baker, H. E. Conger and J. C. Bigger.

Past Department Commander Edwin Ketchum placed Past Post Commander Chas. B. Peck in nomination and speeches seconding this nomination were made by Comrades J. W. Ayers, J. H. Bolton, W. F. Conner and E. G. Rust.

On motion, nominations were closed and a ballot ordered, Horace Baker, E. G. Rust, W. O. Kretsinger being appointed tellers.

Whole number of votes	78
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Necessary to a choice	40
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Of which Comrade Peck received.....	35
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Comrade Hunt received.....	32
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and Comrade Haskell received	11
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There being no choice, a second ballot was ordered, which resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	77
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Necessary to a choice.....	39
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Of which Comrade Peck received.....	43
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Comrade Hunt received.....	33
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and Comrade Haskell received.....	1
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Comrade P. B. Hunt moved that the election of Comrade Chas. B. Peck be made unanimous and his motion was seconded by Comrade W. Z. Manchester and carried unanimously.

A committee consisting of Comrades Hunt and Haskell were appointed to conduct the Department Commander elect to the platform, which they did, and the Commander elect in a speech, full of sound sense, wit and gratitude, thanked the Encampment most sincerely for the great honor conferred upon him and pledged himself to do everything in his power to advance the best interests of the Grand Army.

Past Department Commander R. M. Moore nominated Comrade Nathan Underwood, of E. O. C. Ord Post, for Senior Vice Department Commander, which was duly seconded, and no other nominations being made, the Asst. Adjt. General was on motion directed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for him, and he was declared elected.

Post Commander Israel Stoddard nominated Comrade H. W. Clingman for Junior Vice Department Commander, Comrade E. G. Rust seconding same, and no other comrade being nominated for said office, the Assistant Adjt. General was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for him, and he was declared elected unanimously.

Commander elect placed Department Chaplain S. W. Patterson in nomination for re-election, duly seconded by Comrade P. B. Hunt.

Nominations, on motion, were declared closed, and the Asst. Adjt. General ordered to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Comrade Patterson, which was done and the comrade declared elected.

In like manner Comrade Joseph Jones, of E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, nominated by Comrade W. F. Conner, was unanimously elected Medical Director, the Asst. Adjt. General casting the entire vote of the Encampment for him.

Comrade E. G. Rust placed the name of Comrade H. A. Johnson, of McPherson Post No. 1, in nomination for Delegate-at-Large to National Encampment, and Comrade P. B. Hunt nominated Comrade D. Mackay. Both nominations being seconded, a ballot was ordered, which resulted in the election of Comrade H. A. Johnson, he securing 45 votes and Comrade Mackay 23 votes.

Comrade C. C. Haskell was then unanimously elected Delegate to the National Encampment, the Asst. Adjt. General casting the unanimous vote for each comrade, by direction of the Encampment.

In like manner J. W. Ayers was made Alternate-at-Large and Comrade H. E. Conger alternate to the National Encampment, the Asst. Adjt. Gen'l casting a unanimous vote for each comrade, by direction of the Encampment.

Past Department Commander Edwin Ketchum put in nomination, as the city in which to hold our next Department Encampment, Galveston, and in a pleasant and forcible manner urged its selection.

No other nominations being made, the Asst. Adjt. General was ordered to cast the entire vote for Galveston, and the said city was unanimously chosen as the place of holding the next meeting of the Department Encampment.

Comrade Alonzo Gerard offered two resolutions, one in relation to over charges by pension attorneys and one in relation to fees of officers executing pension vouchers.

Whereas, The United States army and navy pension laws under act of Congress of June 27, 1890, provides that no agent, attorney or other person engaged in preparing, presenting or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of this act, shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, receive or retain for such services a sum greater than ten dollars, which sum should be payable only upon the order of the commissioner of pensions by the pension agent making payment of the pen-

sion allowed, and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section or who shall wrongly withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such pensioner or claimant under this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall for each and every such offence be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or be imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both in the discretion of the court; and

Whereas, Positive proof has been shown that said pension laws have been violated by demanding, receiving and retaining from pensioners greater sums than ten dollars, therefore be it

Resolved, That this 15th Annual Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic take proper action against all violators of said laws to prevent further swindling of United States pensioners by said demand in receiving, retaining or in any threatening manner obtaining from said pensioners more than such amount allowed under said laws.

ALONZO GERARD,

Q. M. and Adj. Mower Post No. 10.

We your Commiitee on Resolutions, recommend that the Department Commander inform the comrades of the existence of such law in Circular Letter and have same published in the daily papers of the state.

E. G. RUST,

H. E. CONGER,

W. F. CONNER,

Committee.

Whereas, Section 4718 of U. S. Revised Statutes, page 15, is amended and approved March 1, 1889, which provides that hereafter all U. S. officers now authorized to administer oaths are required and directed to administer any and all oaths required to be made by United States pensioners and their witnesses in the execution of their vouchers for their pensions free of charge and

Whereas, Said amended laws appear to be unknown to many pensioners, therefore

Resolved, That this 15th Annual Encampment, G. A. R., take proper steps to have every pensioner under said laws be made aware of said laws, to enable him to have his vouchers executed free of charge.

ALONZO GERARD,

Q. M. and Adj. Mower Post No. 10.

We your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that we endorse the above resolution and that the substance thereof be embodied in Circular Letter to the comrades and steps taken to have this information published in the daily papers of the state.

E. G. RUST,
H. E. CONGER,
W. F. CONNER,
Committee.

No further business appearing, it was moved and seconded that the Encampment adjourn to meet at 8.30 tomorrow.

THIRD DAY.

The Department Encampment convened promptly at 8.30 a. m., and the Department Commander appointed a committee consisting of Department Commander elect C. B. Peck, Comrades Horace Baker, and F. M. Yarborough to present names of comrades to constitute the Council of Administration for the ensuing year. The committee retired and on returning to the hall reported as follows:

We recommend that the following named comrades constitute the Council of Administration, viz., H. E. Conger, J. C. Bigger, E. A. Russell, R. P. Sargent and J. H. Pratt.

On motion, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

Medical Director T. Marks moved that a Roster of the Department be printed at once and that the names and post office addresses of all Post Surgeons be included in said roster and further that the roster be incorporated in the printed proceedings of this Encampment. Carried unanimously.

On motion of Comrade Horace Baker, a committee of three, consisting of Comrades Horace Baker, R. M. Moore and C. W. Ricker was appointed to draft reso-

lutions thanking the "National Tribune" for its manifest interest in the affairs of the old Veterans and also to take action on the proposed soldiers home at Corpus Christi.

The committee reported the following:

We your committee appointed to present the National Tribune to our Encampment, and all Grand Army men, as well as ex-Federal soldiers in Texas, beg leave to report that as the National Tribune has always been the soldiers friend, we most cordially endorse it and recommend it to every ex-Federal soldier of our state and every lady of the W. R. C.

R. M. MOORE,
C. W. RICKER,
HORACE BAKER,
Committee.

We your committee on the proposed Soldiers' Home at Corpus Christi, Texas, would most urgently request all our members of both houses of our National Congress to support the bill now before them to secure passage of said bill. We wish our National Representatives not to forget the old soldiers on this far away skirmish line of Loyalty and Progress.

R. M. MOORE,
C. W. RICKER,
HORACE BAKER,
Committee.

After some discussion both resolutions were unanimously adopted and the Asst. Adjt. General instructed to have both resolutions published in the National Tribune.

Upon motion, the delegates from the Department of Texas to the National Encampment at Chicago were instructed to urge the establishment of a Soldiers' Home at Corpus Christi.

On motion of Medical Director T. Marks, the Senior Vice Department Commander was called to preside over the Encampment and Past Department Commander R. M. Moore moved that this Encampment tender its sincere thanks by a rising vote to Department Commander Jno. Roch for his zeal and ability in conducting the af-

fairs of this Department during the year last past. Carried unanimously.

Commander Roch then resumed the chair and thanked the Encampment for the compliment bestowed in a neat and feeling speech.

Comrade Mackay moved that the thanks of the Encampment be given to the remaining Department officers. Carried.

On motion, it was carried that the Department Commander send a reply to the telegram of greeting received from Capt. M. B. Davis, of Waco.

The Committee on Resolutions reported resolutions of thanks as follows:

Whereas, The fifteenth annual Encampment of the Department of Texas regard their three days' meeting in San Antonio as one of the most pleasant and memorable meetings ever held in Texas on account of the unbounded hospitality and unreserved friendship of the citizens of this beautiful, progressive and historic city; therefore

Resolved, That the sincere and heartfelt thanks of this order is hereby extended to the citizens of San Antonio and her courteous and talented mayor, Hon. Marshall Hicks, for their generous reception and earnest efforts to make our visit one that will long remain a green spot in the memory of every old veteran of the G. A. R.

Resolved, That we sincerely thank E. O. C. Ord Post and its noble auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, for the splendid work in preparing for this Encampment, the delightful reception at the parlors of Menger Hotel and the camp fire at San Pedro Springs, and trust that the God of the harvest may smile upon them and that when they answer to the last roll call to cross the great divide, they may find as hearty a welcome at St. Peter's gate.

Resolved, That with feelings of the deepest emotion and pleasure we extend thanks to Gen. J. B. Polley, commander of Texas U. C. V., the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, United Confederate Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. A. W. Houston, president, for their many warm greetings and kindly interest and attendance both on the Encampment and convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, this visit of the Daughters of

the Confederacy to the Woman's Relief Corps carrying greetings from their order to our auxiliary being the first instance of record where these two orders of noble women workers for the old veterans of the two great armies have affiliated.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment is hereby extended to the management of all the railways of Texas for their very generous treatment and low rates in the past, and ask for a continuance of those favors to the old veterans and bespeak them for a lower rate than ever before to our future Encampments.

Resolved, That we extend thanks to General Chambers McKibbin, commander of the State of Texas, U. S. army, for the fraternal feeling shown by the participation of the United States troops of this post in our parade.

E. G. RUST,
H. E. CONGER,
W. F. CONNER,
Committee.

The said committee also reported favorably on the resolution offered by Comrade Alonzo Gerard relative to over charges of pension attorneys and fees of officers in executing pension vouchers, with a recommendation in each case that the gist of said resolutions be published in our newspapers and in general orders.

On motion of Comrade Gerard, a committee consisting of himself and Comrades C. C. Haskell and D. Mackay was appointed to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of Commander-in-Chief Shaw's wife.

The committee reported the following:

Whereas, This Encampment learns with profound regret of the sad bereavement suffered by our comrade and Commander-in-chief Albert D. Shaw, by the loss of his wife on Feb. 13, 1900, therefore

Resolved, That we tender our Commander-in-Chief the sincere commiseration of this Encampment.

ALONZO GERARD,
D. MACKAY,
C. C. HASKELL, } Com.

J. J. Weiler offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, The Committee on Transportation of this Department have worked faithfully and persistently for the interests of the G. A. R. and succeeded in procuring the lowest rate ever obtained before in Texas, therefore Resolved, That a vote of thanks of this Department Encampment is hereby tendered this committee for their labors.

Which was unanimously adopted.

Comrade H. E. Conger moved that Commander Roch be reimbursed the amount expended by him, \$5.10, in mustering a new G. A. R. Post at Gatesville. Carried.

Comrade Mackay offered a resolution laudatory of our Commander-in-Chief and it was passed unanimously.

Department Commander Roch then called Comrade C. W. Ricker to the platform and detailed a very interesting reminiscence of the early days of the Rebellion and the departure of the 6th and other Massachusetts regiments to the front.

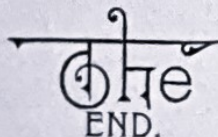
A committee from the ladies of the W. R. C. announced that the officers of the W. R. C. had all been elected and were ready for installation.

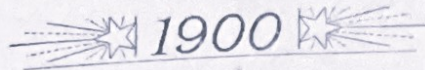
Whereupon, no other business appearing except the joint installation of the officers of the Department and Corps, the Encampment was closed in due form.

J. C. BIGGER,

Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

Immediately afterwards the comrades proceeded to G. A. R. Hall where a joint public installation of the officers elect of both organizations was had.





DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

COMMANDER,
CHARLES B. PECK, - - - Houston.
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER,
NATHANIEL UNDERWOOD, - San Antonio.
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER,
H. W. CLINGMAN, - - - Christian.
MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
JOSEPH JONES, M. D. - - - San Antonio.
DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,
S. W. PATTERSON, - - - Dallas.
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION,
H. E. CONGER, - - - Carson Post No. 74, Waco.
J. C. BIGGER, - - - Dix Post No. 11, Dallas.
E. A. RUSSELL, - - - Wright Post No. 26, Paris.
R. P. SARGENT, - - - Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston.
J. H. PRATT, - - - Lewis Post No. 17, Brackettville.

DEPARTMENT STAFF.

ASS'T ADJUTANT AND A. Q. M. GENERAL,
E. G. RUST, - - - Houston.
DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR,
ED. N. KETCHUM, - - - Galveston.
JUDGE ADVOCATE,

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

J. J. BILLOW, - - - Houston.
SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP AND CHIEF OF STAFF,
BEN D. ATWELL, - - - Hutchins.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

A. I. LOCKWOOD, - - - E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3.
ISAAC W. ROUSE, - - - W. S. Parmly Post No. 4.
JOHN GRAUWYLER, - - - John A. Dix Post No. 11.
E. B. DWYER, - - - Frank Hurst Post No. 13.
ALONZO GERARD, - - - Joseph A. Mower Post No. 10.
FRANCIS W. STEARNS, - - - W. H. Lewis Post No. 17.
JAMES E. STRINGER, - - - John A. Logan Post No. 23.
C. S. JONES, - - - Phil Sheridan Post No. 25.
FRANK E. TUSTEN, - - - Emmett Crawford Post No. 19.
E. J. KILMER, - - - E. J. Davis Post No. 54.
A. McWHIRK, - - - Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 6.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. D. WYLIE, O. T. LYON,
A. G. MALLOY, A. K. TAYLOR,
M. W. MANN, J. W. PARKS,
R. M. MOORE, W. W. BOSTWICK,
G. W. McCORMICK, ED. N. KETCHUM,
W. F. CONNER, JOHN ROCH,

HONORARY MEMBERS.

A. G. WEISSERT, Past Commander-in-Chief, Milwaukee

DEPARTMENT ROSTER, G. A. R., 1900.

NAME OF POST.	No.	COMMANDER.	ADJUTANT.	QUARTERMASTER.	CHAPLAIN.	SURGEON.	MEETING NIGHT.	LOCATED AT
J. B. McPHERSON	1	Wm. Flusher	H. A. Johnson	John Brown	Wm. Lentz		Second Friday	SHERMAN.
W. S. HANCOCK	2	Edw. Grus	Frank L. Kirk	Christian Heitzman	John Sullivan	Jas. Sullivan	First Monday	GALVESTON.
E. O. C. ORD	3	John H. Bolton	Henry Arnold	F. C. Fredrickson	A. T. Rollins	Joseph Jones	2d and 4th Friday	SAN ANTONIO.
W. S. PARMLEY	4	W. Z. Manchester	W. H. Peckham	Chas Bogget	H. A. Mulholland	J. N. Diehl	1st and 3d Monday	FORT WORTH.
NAT. LYON	5	Thos. M. Wright	L. B. Moore	J. H. Dunn	Hank Allen	A. W. Acheson	Second Thursday	DENISON.
GEO. H. THOMAS	6	P. Y. Mullen	A. McWhirk	J. P. Clark	Ed Bower	W. F. Thacher	2d and 4th Tuesday	DALLAS.
GEO. B. McCLELLAN	9	N. L. Mills	J. J. Scholl	A. M. Engle	C. C. Jarrell	Geo. L. Smith	1st and 3d Thursday	HOUSTON.
JAS. A. MOWER	10	Julius Raye	Alonzo Gerard	Alonzo Gerard	James Childers	J. J. Gasser	Third Thursday	AUSTIN.
JOHN A. DIX	11	J. W. Ridge	J. J. Weller	J. C. Bigger	S. W. Patterson	D. Mackay		DALLAS.
F. HURST	13	Boyd Terrell						TERRELL.
W. H. LEWIS	17	J. H. Pratt	Henri Falcott	George Fegan	Henry Roach	John Herzog	Every Tuesday	BRACKETVILLE.
EMMETCRAWFORD	19	A. G. Malloy	F. E. Tusten	G. M. McConaughy	E. P. Lowe	W. E. Vilas	First Sunday	EL PASO.
PHIL KEARNEY	20	W. H. Webber	E. E. Ramsdell	Joseph Bauer	B. R. Sprayberry		Second Friday	LAMPASAS.
JOHN A. LOGAN	23	S. J. Switzer	James E. Stringer	J. O. Berry	R. W. Craig		Second Saturday	DENTON.
PHIL SHERIDAN	25	Jacob Lineberger	Joseph Watson	C. S. Jones		Wm. P. Fleming		GEORGETOWN.
GEO. W. WRIGHT	26	J. O. Estabrook	J. M. Shuder	E. A. Russell	J. A. Farmer	T. O. Proctor	Fourth Tuesday	PARIS.
GEO. G. MEADE	35	D. F. Davis	H. Bucklin	M. E. Buchanan	H. C. Barber	J. S. Haynes		DECATUR.
KILPATRICK	40	Jesse Allen	M. F. Hiatt	Wm. H. Harvey	J. L. Taylor	John Pirimmer		BELTON.
SAM J. RANDALL	45	Horace Baker	G. S. Foster	Horace Baker	John Morrison	T. F. Dixon	First Monday	WEATHERFORD.
E. R. S. CANBY	48	Israel Stoddard	H. W. Clingman	H. W. Clingman	W. B. Youngblood		First Saturday	JACKSBORO.
W. T. SHERMAN	51	J. F. Ahrens	Wm. H. Catts	Thos. Adams	C. L. Edwards	John W. Washau		GRANBURY.
OPDYKE	53	John Grant	John Grant	T. K. Smith	T. K. Smith	Henry Max	Last Saturday	JEFFERSON.
E. J. DAVIS	54	E. J. Kilmer	W. G. Holden	J. H. C. White	Paul Sturm	D. R. Vaughn		CORPUS CHRISTI.
SAM HOUSTON	55	John Roch	G. W. Andrews	H. H. Andrews	John Sullivan	T. Marks	Second Saturday	DUBLIN.
A. E. BURNSIDE	56	J. C. Hutcheson	W. B. Seborn	Wm. Wilson	J. L. Trelley	B. L. Sherley	Third Saturday	SPRINGTOWN.
P. E. HOLCOMB	57	Louis Graebner	D. Doole	A. Glossbrenner	John Hull	S. F. Bridges	Every Sunday	MASON.
ROUSSEAU	60	J. F. Orrell	J. T. Cunningham		Thos. Price	B. Kramer		GRAHAM.
A. H. TERRY	64	Chas. Enderlin	Louis Gardner	Louis Gardner	Otto Kleine		First Saturday	FREDERICKSBURG
W. B. TRAVIS	66	Sam'l Hammer	Thos. Buck	Jesse Lee	Mark Perkins	John Russell	Fri. on or bef F Moon	ABILENE.
A. M. BARNEY	67	Wm. Kelly	John Jay Smith	E. H. Goodrich	R. A. Marsh	R. Romans	Third Saturday	BROWNSVILLE.
JOHN RAUM	71	B. F. Heasley	M. B. Young	John Rish	E. Grindstaff	M. V. Hon	Alter. Saturdays	GIBTOWN
WAINWRIGHT	72	W. H. Struthers	S. D. Anderson	C. S. Linderman	Geo. W. Henrie	T. J. Jones		ALVIN.
KIT CARSON	74	A. Hoefner	J. McCune	J. Kuttner	Chas. H. Jones	Manly McNitt	First Monday	WACO.
SAN JACINTO	75	H. G. Fish	H. G. Fish	J. S. Ewell	J. H. Bullock	John Coe	Last Saturday	LA PORTE.
B. F. STEPHENSON	77	N. Stone	D. S. Miller	J. Suggs	Jas. Bennett	C. L. Mann		CLARKSVILLE.
J. J. VARDIMAN	78	Harry Harris	L. L. Rubarth	F. M. Etheridge	Jas. Y. Treble			GATESVILLE.