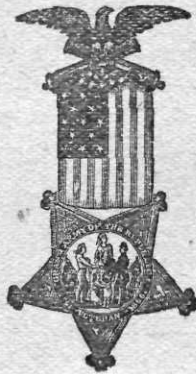


PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Third  
Annual Encampment



GRAND ARMY

OF THE

REPUBLIC

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, APRIL 22-24, 1908

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## PROCEEDINGS TWENTY-THIRD DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

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San Antonio, Texas, April 23rd, 1908.

The Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, and Woman's Relief Corps Grand Army of the Republic, met in Harmony Hall, San Antonio, Texas, at 10 o'clock a. m., with a good gathering of members of both organizations and a nice audience of patriotic citizens.

The Department Commander, L. L. Whitaker, introduced Col. A. I. Lockwood of Ord Post as the Chairman of the meeting.

After a few timely spoken words of welcome to all present, Col. Lockwood introduced Hon. Joseph Ryan, City Attorney of San Antonio, who came to represent the Hon. Mayor Bryan Callaghan in tendering a welcome to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Encampment then welcomed Joseph Ryan, City Attorney. Mr. Ryan welcomed the veterans in behalf of the city administration. He told them the city is theirs and all that is in it has been put here for their use and delight, that they may remember for years to come the pleasant visit to the Alamo City.

### THE MEN IN BLUE.

"With buildings scarred by battles fought for freedom's cause at every hand and the old Alamo itself in our midst," said Mr. Ryan, "we have come to regard bravery wherever we find it and low to the man who fought for his country and a cause he thought was just, whether he wore the blue or the gray.

"We know, even though we have been reared in Southern environments, that the men who wore the blue were no

less brave and no less patriotic than those who wore the gray, and you men know as well as we that the men who wore the gray fought for freedom's cause as sincerely and for right as religiously as you who sought to protect the Union and stand by Old Glory.

Mr. Ryan referred touchingly to the civil war times, and when he closed with the declaration that the war and the feelings it engendered are all past for all time he was given prolonged and enthusiastic applause.

Dr. Whitaker, in behalf of the veterans responded eloquently and at times humorously. In telling of how delighted the veterans are with San Antonio, he spoke of their expressions concerning the size of the glass of beer one can get in San Antonio, and the numerous places at which it can be purchased. This produced laughter and applause.

Dr. Whitaker then introduced Mrs. Louis N. Knauff of Cleveland, Ohio, National Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps. She expressed the appreciation of the women of the Relief Corps at the hospitality they have enjoyed in the Southland, and, addressing Mr. Ryan, answered his address of welcome and cautioned the veterans not to take Mr. Ryan too literally and carry off the entire city, as she assured Mr. Ryan they would like to do.

Mrs. Emma Dunlap and Mrs. Alice McEwen conveyed the greetings and the compliments of the Woman's Relief Corps to the veterans. They were accompanied by the women of the Relief Corps, who had been in session for a short time at Turner Hall, where their meetings are being held. The women marched in a body to Harmony Hall at the head of their leader, with the stars and stripes at the head of the column. Col. Lockwood then introduced Genl. Jesse M. Lee, U. S. Army, who was received with hearty cheers.

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Gen. Lee made a typical soldierly address. He began by declaring that he could not make a speech, and then he launched in and proved to the satisfaction of the veterans that he was only seeking a fitting beginning when he said it. He told them stories of the war, of which he is also a veteran, and alternately made them laugh cry and applaud as he recounted experiences and told stories.

In concluding he spoke of the passing of the prejudices and passions aroused by the war. "I was never more impressed in my life," said Gen. Lee, "with this fact than when President Roosevelt visited San Antonio a few years ago. I was then commander of the Department of Texas. I have since been retired for old age, but not for feebleness," and the general struck an expanded chest. "We were there with a guard of soldiers. When the President drew near his platform the modern soldiers were brushed aside and the Confederate Veterans of Albert Sidney Johnston Camp and the Grand Army of the Republic Veterans of F. O. C. Ord Camp, arm in arm, came up and acted as a guard of honor to the President while the band played 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee.' A man who would not have been impressed by that scene is fit for treason, strategy and spoils, and he will certainly return to the dust from which he sprung unhonored and unsung."

Gen. Lee closed by telling a story. It was about the members of the various branches of the Christian church knocking at the pearly gates and on being admitted, being assigned to places. The veteran then comes up and admits that he is just a soldier, but that he gave his life for his country in freedom's cause. He is told to 'walk right in and take any place you like. Heaven is yours."

Chaplain T. J. Dickson, Twenty-sixth Infantry, was then introduced and delivered a brief address, expressing

his pleasure at meeting with the veterans. He was given a rousing cheer when he remarked with reference to Gen. Lee, that "Even those who do not think the general is a thing of beauty, must admit that he is a joy forever."

After singing the hymn "America" by the audience, the meeting adjourned.

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### PROGRAM

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The officers and members of E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3 of San Antonio, prepared the following program in honor of the meeting of the Encampment in our city and it was carried out fully, to the entire satisfaction of the visitors, the Post and the city generally.

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#### FIRST DAY—APRIL 23D.

9:00 A. M. Committees on Credentials and the Council of Administration will meet at the Bexar Hotel, E. Houston St.

10:30 Delegates, members G. A. R., W. R. C., and their friends will meet at Harmony Hall on Navarro Street.

Mayor Bryan Callaghan and the Hon. Joseph Ryan will deliver an address of welcome in behalf of the City of San Antonio.

Department Commander L. L. Whitaker and President Elma Kline will respond.

Adjournment.

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11:30 The Twenty-Third Annual Encampment will be called to order in Harmony Hall, Navarro Street.

9:00 The Nineteenth Annual Convention W. R. C., will be called to order at Turner Hall, Nacogdoches Street.

RECEPTION.

8:00 P. M. Reception tendered visiting Officers and Members G. A. R., and W. R. C., and their friends, by the local Post, Ord No. 3, and Ord Corps No. 5.

Short addresses by prominent members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., followed by a dance.

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SECOND DAY—APRIL 24TH.

9:00 A. M. G. A. R. Encampment called to order in Harmony Hall on Navarro Street. Regular official business.

Owing to the change in dates by the Carnival Club designating the 24th of April as the Battle of Flowers Day, there will be no joint installation of Officers.

8:00 P. M. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. and their guests, will partake of a Mexican Supper at Turner Hall, Necogoches Street.

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THIRD DAY—APRIL 24TH.

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Arrangements have been made to give to all members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. in the city a Trolley Ride, showing the principal parts of the City.

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Twenty-third Annual State Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Texas was called to order by the Department Commander, L. L. Whitaker, at 11:30 a. m., Capt. H. Karber, officer of the day.

In the absence of the Department Chaplain, Comrade J. C. Bonnell was called on to deliver the invocation.

The Department Commander having announced the Encampment opened in due form, called upon the Committee on credentials for a report. The following roll was called and those marked with a star were reported present:

Past Department Commander W. F. Conner was then called to the chair, and Department Commander L. L. Whitaker read his annual address.

The address was then referred to Past Commanders Moore, Ketchum and Russell.

The Department Commander then took the chair and the address of Junior Vice Commander J. J. Billow, who had written that it was impossible for him to be present, and wishing the Comrades to have a good time, was read by the Adjutant General and referred to a committee of comrades, H. A. Johnson, Pat Kenney and George Kumpel.

Report of Assistant Adjutant General read and referred to Comrades Gerard, Tuttle and Kretsinger.

Report of Assistant Q M. Genl. read and referred to Comrades Bonnell, Mills and Engle.

*To the 23rd Encampment, Department of Texas.*

Comrades: We, your committee to whom was refer-

red the report of our esteemed Commander, have the honor to report that we have received same and find much to approve and naught to condemn.

Regarding the expenditure of \$50 for the relief of Comrade Rich, we most heartily approve of his action therein.

We feel that he has been most efficient, painstaking during his administration as Commander, as it was possible for him to be and deserves well of all his comrades.

Very respectfully submitted,

R. M. MOORE,  
ELMORE A. RUSSEL,  
ED. N. KETCHUM.

Department Commander appointed Comrades Hubbard, Conner and Ketchum a committee on resolutions.

Committee on Necrology, Comrades M. B. Young, H. A. Johnson and Horace Welch.

Department then took a recess until 2 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON MEETING.

At 2-o'clock the encampment was called to order by Commander Whitaker. Officers and delegates present as per roll call.

Communications were read from Comrade Graebner of Holcomb Post regretting his enforced absence on account of sickness.

From Department Chaplain Albritton that he would be present at the second day's meeting.

From Past Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weisart sending greetings.



The committee appointed to call upon the Woman's Relief Corps and inform them that the Encampment was in session reported that they had performed the pleasant duty, were cordially received by the ladies, who would send a committee to report.

A committee of the Woman's relief corps having arrived, they were admitted and received with honors of the Encampment.

Mrs. Lois M. Knauff, National Patriotic Instructor, made a very interesting talk of the work of the organization since its origin at Denver to the present time.

*To Department Commander G. A. R. and Officers of the Officers of the 23rd Convention.*

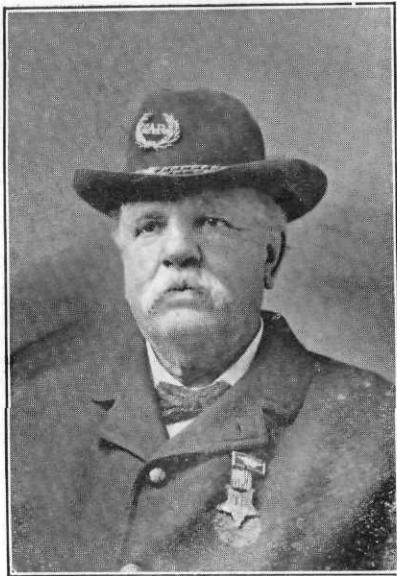
I have the honor to report the number of soldiers assisted 12; total number of persons assisted, 23; money expended for relief, \$16.00; relief other than money, \$50.75; total, \$66.75.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,  
ELMA KLINE,  
Department President.

Mrs. Emma Dunlap also spoke good cheering words and brought greetings from the Department Corps. Mrs. Alice McEwen read the report of the Department President for the past year which was received and ordered to be entered in our proceedings. Department Commander Whitaker thanked the ladies in appropriate words for their courtesy in paying us this visit and for their good work for the comrades and their families.

Report of Committee on address of Department Commander was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on address of Junior Vice Commander was read and adopted.



L. L. WHITAKER, San Antonio,  
Past Department Commander, G. A. R.,  
Department of Texas.

Report of Committee on Report of Assistant Adjutant General read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Report of Assistant Quarter-Master General read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Necrology recommitted.

On motion the special order of the Encampment on the second day's proceedings at 10 o'clock to be nomination and election of officers. Adopted.

*Department Commander, Department of Texas, G. A. R.*

We, your committee appointed to examine the report of the Adjutant General, Department of Texas, G. A. R., have the honor to report that we find the said Report correct in every detail.

ALONZO GERARD, Chmn.  
W. O. KRETSINGER,  
S. TUTTLE.

Report of Committee on Junior Vice-Commander's address.

Comrades: Your committee on report of Junior Vice-Commander, report that they approve the recommendations contained herein and trust that they will be carried out.

P. KENNEY.  
H. A. JOHNSON,  
GEORGE KUMMEL.

Past Commander Ketchum drew the attention of the Encampment to the report of the special committee appointed at the 30th annual Encampment. Department of California and Nevada G. A. R. as to amounts contributed from all sources for the earthquake fund, that the \$25 appropriated and disbursed by this Department in the 21st encampment had not been reported, and for the incoming administration to investigate and report thereon.

Whereas, At the 21st encampment of this Department twenty-five dollars were donated the earthquake sufferers of San Francisco, Cal.; and,

Whereas, The report of the special relief committee of San Francisco earthquake and fire sufferers gives the Department no credit for this amount. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the incoming administration is hereby instructed to inquire, through National Headquarters, the cause of this oversight, to the end that this Department receive due credit for its donation,

KETCHUM,  
Commander.

Committee Room, April 24.

*Twenty-third Department Encampment.*

Your committee towhom was referred the resolution touching the donation of this Department to the earthquake sufferers of San Francisco most heartily concur in the accompanying resolution and recommend that the incoming administration be instructed to carry out its suggestions.

W. F. CONNER,  
C. R. HUBBARD.  
ED KETCHUM,  
Committee on Resolutions.

The Department then took a recess to 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

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*Resolution by Comrade Horace Welsh.*

That in 1870 the Grand Army of the Republic was organized and Governor E. J. Davis was elected the first Department Commander, it appearing that the record has been lost and that the record of this Department merely dates from 1885, that a comrade be appointed to look at this matter, to ascertain what became of the records from 1870 to 1885, and report as soon as possible.

Resolution by Comrade Horace Welch referred to committee.

Report of Committee on Resolution of Comrade Horace Welsh.

This matter having been thoroughly threshed out in previous encampments, there being no organized Department of Texas until 1885, your committee recommend that Post Department Commander Ed N. Ketchum be instructed to make full research and full report to our next encampment.

C. R. HUBBARD,  
W. F. CONNER,  
E. N. KETCHUM,  
Committee on Resolutions.

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON A. Q. M. G.

San Antonio, Texas, April 23rd, 1908.

We, your committee on the A. Q. M. G., report and beg to say that we have carefully inspected and we approve the same, and with the proper receipts and vouchers that are filed, the report is correct and in true form to our Department G. A. R. Rules and Regulations.

All expenditures have been made, we believe, in the best interests of our Department, and the report should be embodied in the minutes of this encampment.

Respectfully,  
JNO. C. BONNELL, Chmn.  
W. W. MILLS,  
A. M. ENGLE,

## SECOND DAY.

The Encampment was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m. by Department Commander L. L. Whitaker.

Invocation by Comrade J. C. Bonnell.

Roll of officers and delegates called, quorum present.

Proceedings of the Encampment Thursday, April 23, read and adopted.

Report of the Department Chaplain read.

Chaplain J. L. Albritton being present, spoke in a very interesting manner at some length, his remarks were very cheerful and much appreciated by all present. He particularly urged a more general attendance in observing our Memorial Day and attending services at some church the Sunday preceding same. Report of Department Chaplain adopted.

The hour having arrived for the nomination and election of officers of the Department for the ensuing year, the Department Commander announced nominations in order.

## NOMINATIONS.

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Past Department Commander W. F. Conner placed in nomination for Department Commander, Comrade T. M. Wright of Lyon Post No. 5, Denison, Texas.

Nomination of Comrade Wright was seconded by Comrades H. A. Johnson, C. R. Hubbard, R. M. Moore, Ed. N. Ketchum, C. A. Calhoun, J. W. Parks and W. O. Kretsinger.

Comrade W.A. Rowan placed in nomination for Commander, Comrade John C. Bonnell of McClellan Post, No. 9, Houston, Texas.

Nomination of Comrade Bonnell was seconded by Comrade J. K. Powesr and Alanzo Gerard.

Nominations closed, and Comrades A. I. Lockwood and C. R. Hubbard appointed tellers. The ballot resulted in 32 votes for Comrade Wright and 13 for Comrade Bonnell.

On motion of Comrade Bonnell Comrade Wright was unanimously elected for the following year as Commander of this Department.

Comrade R. M. Moore presented the name of Comrade A. I. Lockwood of Ord Post, for Senior Vice Commander seconded by Comrades Ketchum and Conner.

Nominations closed. Adjutant General directed to cast the vote of the Department for Comrade Lockwood, which being done, he was declared elected Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Gerard nominated Comrade William Henry of Mower Post for Junior Vice-Commander, seconded by Comrades Moore and Bonnell. Nominations were declared closed and the Adjutant General was directed to cast the vote of the Department for Comrade William Henry, which being done, he was declared duly elected Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Ed. N. Ketchum nominated Comrade J. L. Albritton for Chaplain, seconded by Comrades Conner, Bolton and Gerard. On motion Comrade Albritton was unanimously re-elected Chaplain of the Department for the ensuing year.

Comrade Conner nominated Comrade W. F. Thatcher for Medical Director, seconded by Comrades Kretsinger, Bolton and Gerard.

On motion the Adjutant General cast the vote of the Department for Comrade Thatcher and he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The following Comrades were nominated for Delegate-at-Large: Pat Kenny, M. R. Young, H. A. Johnson and A. Gerard.

On motion the ballot was spread and the comrade receiving the highest vote was to be declared as follows:

Delegate-at-Large, M. R. Young.

Delegate, Pat Kenny.

Alternate-at-Large, H. A. Johnson.

Alternate, Alonzo Gerard.

And the foregoing named comrades were declared duly elected.

Comrades Engle, Brook and Dunn were appointed a committee to select five comrades to serve as Council of Administration for ensuing year, and reported the following names: J. C. Bonnell, J. P. Dunn, W.F. Conner, J. S. Dunlap and H. A. Johnson. Report was adopted.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Twenty-third Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of Texas, now in session, tender to Miss Adina A. Zavalla, of the Zavalla Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, our sincere respect for her greetings, and trust that the Alamo will always be cared for by the people of San Antonio and the State of Texas, irrespective of persons and factions, in honor of the brave defenders of same who fought for the liberty of the people, against oppression.

The following telegram was read:

Denison, Texas, April 24, 1908.  
Dr. L. L. Whitaker, Commander G. A. R., San Antonio.  
Texas:

Denison cordially invites the G. A. R. to hold their next annual encampment here.

Alex W. Acheson, Mayor City.

Comrade J. C. Bonnell nominated Denison as the city



to meet in in 1909 and the Council of Administration to fix the dates of the meeting.

Seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

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FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Department Commander L. L. Whitaker called the Encampment to order.

Past Department Commander John W. Parks presented the following resolution which was seconded by Comrade W. O. Kretsinger, relative to the death of Past Department Commander M. W. Mann, with the approval of the Encampment it was ordered that it be entered upon a memorial page of the Journal.

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Thou hast gone, Old Soldier, true and brave,  
Above the stars in mystic lands to dwell,  
Farewell, thou hast passed beyond the grave,  
Farewell, dear Comrade, a long farewell.

WHEREAS; Again the all-conquering foe,  
Death, has invaded our ranks, and taken from  
among us our beloved Comrade and Past De-  
partment Commander

M. W. MANN

who died at Dallas, Texas, January 26, 1908.

RESOLVED; That while by his love and devo-  
tion to our organization, and his kind and af-  
fectionate regard and action to every Comrade,  
and by his great usefulness and help in times  
of need, he had so truly endeared himself to us  
all, and while his taking from us was a grievous  
avement, and a sore loss, yet we bow to  
Him whose will it was, and say

“THY WILL BE DONE.”

Words are poor to express what a grand Com-  
rades he was, none were nobler, more true or  
devoted. How he loved our organization—The  
Grand Army of the Republic—and how beloved  
to him was “Our Flag”—a holy light shone from  
his eyes when he spoke of it—and taught the  
lesson of Patriotism. He was a true and pure  
patriot—and a brave soldier—his bravery as  
Commander of a battery during the War is on  
record—he was an exemplary citizen, a friend of  
humanity, and though his voice is now stilled  
in death, he left us a heritage of works and  
deeds which will ever be remembered and cher-  
ished by us while life shall last.

Dead, but the end was fitting,  
First in the ranks he led,  
And he marked the height of his Nation's gain  
As he lay in his harness—dead.

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Report of Assistant Inspector was read and on motion was received and adopted.

Report of Patriotic Instructor not being written out, he was granted further time.

*To the Officers and Members of the 23rd Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Texas.*

I hereby make my official report. Having been unable to make any official visits to any but George B. McClellan Post No. 9, would state that it is in a flourishing condition. It has increased its membership about 25 per cent from muster's reinstatement admittance by cards. It has also one of the finest Woman's Relief Corps in the State. They have an entertainment committee which gives an entertainment once a month for the benefit of the Post, which is enjoyed very much by them, especially the good coffee, which is an old soldier's delight. I would advocate that there be a cordial union between the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps, as a Post cannot exist without a good W. R. C. I would also advocate that a greater interest be taken in the ritualistic work, especially in the muster of recruits, to create a greater impression on them as to the duties of a G. A. R. member, for I think we are all getting too dillatory in our work, Hoping that G. A. R. Posts will not remain idle until all honorable old soldiers are in their ranks, for it was by their gigantic perseverance that they now get their \$12 per month pension, which is quite a help in their declining years.

Yours in F. C. and L.

J. J. BILLOW,  
Junior Vice Department Commander.

The motion of Past Department Commander John W. Parks, that the Delegates to the Forty-second Na-

tional Encampment be instructed to vote for H. M. Nevius of New Jersey for Commander-in-Chief was seconded, and on vote of the Encampment, lost.

Oglesby Post No. 6, G. A. R. of Dallas, presented a grievance, that the Civil Service Commission refused to grant a position as clerk or carrier in the Dallas post office to a man, he being a veteran of the Civil War, he having passed the necessary examination. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Committee on Resolutions reported upon the grievance presented by Oglesby Post:

Your committee are of the opinion this entire matter should not be taken up by this Encampment.

Comrade Bolton moved that the report of the committee be not concurred in; that all papers in this case be referred to the Commander in Chief for his investigation and action. Comrades Albritton and Calhoun seconded the motion to non-concur in committee's report, and that all papers be referred to the Commander in Chief. Motion carried.

Comrade H. A. Johnson moved that fifty dollars be set apart for printing the Journal of 1908, or so much as may be needed.

Motion seconded and adopted.

Department Commander Whitaker then called upon Past Commanders Conner and Ketchum to install the newly elective and appointive officers.

The following comrades were duly installed in their respective offices:

T. M. Wright, Commander.

A. I. Lockwood, Senior Vice Commander, Ord Post, San Antonio.

William Henry, Junior Vice Commander, Mower Post. Austin.

J. L. Albritton, Chaplain, Oglesby Post, Dallas.

W. F. Thatcher, Medical Director, Oglesby Post, Dallas.  
C. R. Hubbard, Chief Mustering Officer, Phil Kearney Post, Lampasas.

C. A. Cahoon, Assistant Inspector, Hancock Post, Galveston.

John H. Bolton, Judge Advocate, Ord Post, San Antonio.

O. D. Owen, Sen. Aide-de-Camp, Crawford Post, El Paso.

E. A. Russell, Patriotic Instructor, Geo. W. Wright, Post, Paris.

W. O. Kretsinger, A. A. and Genl. and A. Q. M. Genl., Lyon Post, Denison.

Past Department Commander L. L. Whitaker, in laying down the gavel, made a grand talk in reference to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members, especially those present, thanking them for their universal kindness to him during his term of office, and wishing one and all a hearty good-bye.

Past Department Ed. N. Ketchum moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Department Officers, for the capable manner in which they had conducted the work of this Encampment. Motion was seconded by several Comrades, and adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Ketchum presented a resolution, thanking the Bexar Hotel, the City Press, President W. B. Tuttle of the Traction Company, the Honorable Mayor Bryan Callaghan, the Hon. Joseph Ryan, City Attorney, the citizens of San Antonio, the various hotels and the railroads centering in this city, for the many courtesies received, and who have contributed to make our stay pleasant, and that we will ever remember with kindly thoughts our appreciation of their kindness and consideration for our wants and comfort, and to the Officers and Comrades of E. O.

Ord Post, for the very nice enjoyable series of entertainments given to members of this Encampment, and the hospitality shown by them to us during our stay in the Grand Old City of the Alamo. Adopted with hearty applause.

Chaplain J. L. Albritton gave the Benediction.

On motion duly seconded and adopted, Commander T. M. Wright declared the 23rd Annual Encampment Grand Army of the Republic, adjourned.



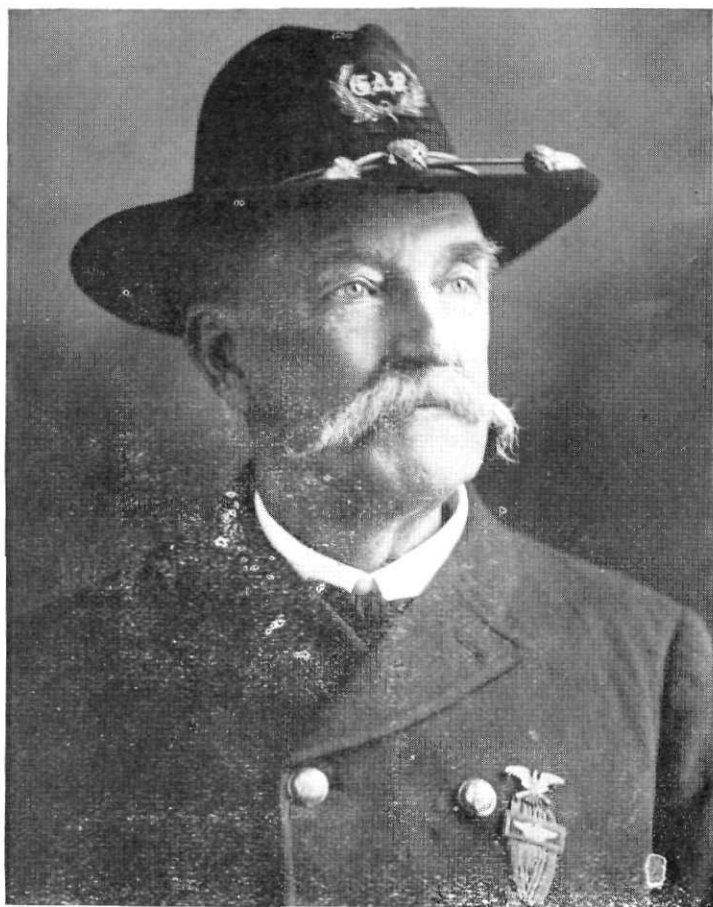
#### ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades of the Twenty-third Annual Encampment  
Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas:

It is my duty as your commander to render to you a report of my administration of that important office during the past year. I shall ever remember the high honor you conferred on me by electing me to the highest office within the gift of the Department. It has been my aim and object to so conduct the duties and the requirements of the Office that all should be treated right and without partiality. But looking over our Encampment I see many vacant seats. Faces that have been so familiar to us in former Encampments are not present and on inquiring I am told they are dead. Grand old Veterans, their last march is completed—their last roll call is answered and they have entered into that rest that awaits us all.

#### *Finances.*

The Assistant Quartermaster General in his report will show in detail the true condition of our Finances, but under this Head of Finance, I desire to call the attention of the Encampment to a fund known as the



A. I. LOCKWOOD, San Antonio.  
Past Asst. Adjutant and Q. M. General, G. A. R.  
Department of Texas.

Galveston Relief Fund. Past Department Commander W. H. Harvey turned over to me Three Hundred and Ninety-Eight Dollars and Eight Cents (\$398.08). Under the direction of the Council of Administration, Fifty Dollars of this fund was paid by me to Comrade N. L. Rich of W. S. Hancock Post No. 2. The balance of this Fund will be paid over to my Successor in Office.

#### *Membership.*

We have the honor to report the Organization of a New Post of some 15 members with a good prospect for more. We feel proud of this Post from the fact that its membership is composed of some of the best citizens of Victoria. We regret very much the loss of Terry Post No. 64, after every effort to have this Post to reorganize and come back, all of our efforts were fruitless. With the assistance of my efficient Adjutant General John H. Bolton, who made personal visits to the Posts at Houston, Galveston and Alvin, resulting in great good, reinstating their membership and urging them to be active in their attendance and more prompt in making out their reports.

#### *Deaths.*

Our hearts are made sad when we look over the roll of our Dead. Twenty-five (25) of our Comrades have crossed over the River and joined the Grand Army above, since our last Encampment. We desire to make special mention of that Grand old Hero and Veteran Past Department Commander Col. W. M. Mann. In his death we lost one of our noblest Comrades and our true friends. He had held many prominent positions in life. He was a good soldier and Citizen. Not only the Grand Army will mourn his loss, but the whole country will miss him. I will suggest that a committee of three be appointed to draft a suitable Memorial to Comrade Mann and proper space in our Journal be given for its insertion.



### *Memorial Day.*

The observance of the Exercises of Memorial Day has become so wide spread that at the present time scarcely a city, town or village can be found in this great Republic that does not in some way pay tribute to the nation's dead. Commanders of Posts assisted by their Chaplains should call special attention of Comrades to Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day. Our Department Chaplain will give a detailed account of both of these days.

### *Flag Day*

June 14th has been set apart for Flag Day. It is generally observed by Posts in this Department with proper ceremonies. Special orders were issued calling attention to Flag Day and we were highly gratified to see so many of our private residences and public buildings with Old Glory unfurled to the breeze.

### *Woman's Relief Corps.*

This Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic is entitled to the highest consideration during the twenty-four (24) years that marks the life of the Order. They have expended the magnificent sum of two and a half million of dollars, most of which has gone to benefit the Comrades of the Grand Army. But we regret that this noble order has such a small membership in this Department. Nothing would do more to build up and hold together a Post than this Noble Auxiliary.

The Forty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened at Saratoga Springs on the 11th of September, 1907. Department Headquarters for Texas were established at the U. S. Hotel. Some 16 Comrades from Texas, 14 of which were in

line of the Parade and marched through Broadway in down pour of rain until drenched with water and covered with mud, quietly and in good order left the Parade for a place of shelter, believing that to continue the march would endanger the lives of the Comrades. Others continued the march and for their imprudence 5 lost their lives and eight were sent to the hospital. Some of the leading men of the Encampment thought best not to have the parade under such unfavorable circumstances. The Texas delegation, including your Commander, was well pleased with their treatment and favors shown them while in Saratoga Springs. Your Commander had the honor to second the nomination of Comrade Burton for National Command erfrom Texas.

In conclusion I offer my sincere thanks to all Officers of the Department and the Council of Administration and all others who may have given me aid in the discharge of my duties as Commander. In living and burning words I bid farewell and hope we may all meet in the Grand Army above.

Fraternally submitted,

L. L. WHITAKER,

Department Commander.

San Antonio, Texas, April 23, 1908.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.

Office of the Department Inspector

April 23rd, 1908.

To Col. John H. Bolton, Ass't Adjutant General,

Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Comrade:

In enclosing the Summary herewith, of the inspection of the Department, in compliance with G. O. No. 6, dated Headquarters Department of Texas, November 14, 1907, I have the honor to call your attention to the

fact that but eleven Posts rendered reports, and that the figures of the Summary relate to that number only.

For the further information and benefit of the incoming administration, I append hereto some of the impressions of the local Inspectors, which I commend to their attention as follows:

W. S. Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston: Inspector Ed. Ketchum says: "Age and infirmities tell their sad tale, and the members are attentively listening."

E. O. C. Ord Post, No. 3, San Antonio: Inspector John H. Bolton remarks: "I have no doubt but that there are some 200 old soldiers in San Antonio, eligible for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, but they do not have that zeal and fraternalism in their make-up, to join our Order. Still, they like to be recognized as Comrades, and wear the button—which I wish could be stopped, by a State law, as in the Northern States. A man should not wear the badge of an organization in which he will not be an active member, and does not appreciate, until he wants some assistance, or office."

Nat. Lyon Post No. 5, Denison: Inspector Kretzinger reports the prospects of the Post as "good."

R. J. Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas: Inspector Cottman reports that the prospects are "fine."

Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 9, Houston: Inspector Bonnell remarks: "While I say the prospects are fair, I am of the opinion that, with the installation of the new set of officers, there will be an improvement in the *esprit du corps* of No. 9. We look for it, and expect it."

Phil. Kearney Post No. 20, Lampasas: The prospects are reported as "flattering," by Inspector Webber.

Phil. H. Sheridan Post No. 25, Georgetown: Inspector Jones regards the prospects as "not flattering."

E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi: Com-

mander E. J. Kilmer, who inspects the Post, says: "There are so few eligibles in this vicinity that there is no prospect of future growth. We hold together, and do what we can."

P. E. Holcomb Post No. 57, Mason: Inspector Doole says: "Prospects are not flattering. Some members are dying, and some moving away."

A. M. Barney Post No. 67, Brownsville: Inspector William Kelly, who is also Commander and main-stay of the Post, reports the inspection. Of a membership of five, he states: "Material is dying out. There are but three members present. Two are non-residents. Two deaths since last report—Mike O'Brien and W. H. Field."

W. H. Lawton Post No. 80, Beaumont: Inspector Underhill reports the prospects "gloomy." He favors "visiting and inspiring the veterans with zeal and the good of the Order, thereby aiding in the increase of membership throughout the Department."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,  
FRANK L. KIRK,  
Department Inspector.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.

Office of Department Chaplain, April 23, 1908.

To Comrade L. L. Whitaker, *Deput. Com. G. A. R.*

Dear Comrade:—I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Chaplain:

Number of Posts in Department .....	24
Number of Posts reporting Memorial Services ....	9
Number of Posts attending services .....	8
Number of sermons preached to Posts .....	3

Number of sermons preached by Veterans .....	2
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans..	3
Number of Comrades present at such services ....	77
Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services	8
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day services .....	170
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated	23
Number of graves decorated .....	1727
Number of graves unmarked by headstones .....	12

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

J. L. ALBRITTON,  
Department Chaplain.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R.

Office of Department Inspector, April 23, 1908.

To Col. John H. Bolton, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Comrade.—I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907:

Total number of Posts .....	25
Total number of members in good standing (11 posts) .....	342
Number of Posts inspected .....	11
Number of Posts not inspected .....	14
Attendance of Officers and members at Post meet- ings .....	Not Generally Good
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly for exemplified .....	8
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed .....	3
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept .....	11
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded .....	11
Number of Posts having a relief fund .....	2
Aggregate of Post relief funds .....	\$ 115

Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief .....\$ 62  
 Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quarter-  
 masters .....\$2140  
 Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts \$1468  
 Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps atch. .... 5  
 Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached, None

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,  
 FRANK L. KIRK,  
 Department Inspector.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GEN-  
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L. L. Whitaker, Department Comander.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to submit  
 herewith by Report for 1907-1908.

RECEIPTS.

Cash from my predecessor, Col. J. S.	
Dunlap .....	\$ 70.16
Supplies sold to Posts .....	38.47
Per capita tax from Posts .....	287.70
Charter fee, J. A. Garfield Post .....	10.00
 Total .....	 \$406.33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Charles Burrow, Q.M.Gen. for Suppliee	\$32.86
Postage .....	16.76
Stationery .....	8.50
Printing Orders .....	12.50
Various Express & Freight items paid..	12.15
Printing Journal 1907 .....	57.00
Saratoga Badges .....	4.25
Saratoga Headquarters .....	40.00
National per capita tax .....	16.79
Repairs to Department property .....	2.55
Salary A .A. G. and A. Q. M. G. ....	125.00
 Total Disbursements .....	 328.36

The following supplies are on hand:

Rules and Regulations .....	24	\$ .72
Rituals, sets .....	4	2.00
Officers cards, sets .....	12	1.20
Service Books .....	6	.90
Odes .....	24	.36
Applications .....	11	.04
Leaves of Absence .....	12	.18
Transfers .....	61	1.37
Discharges .....	17	.38
Post Charters .....	4	1.00
Descriptive Books .....	3	1.50
Blue Books .....	2	1.50
Badges, Members .....	11	3.85
Badges, Officers .....	6	2.10
Rank straps .....	12	2.52
Ribbons, Blue .....	5	.20
Ribbons, Cherry .....	34	1.36
Ribbons, Buff .....	10	.40
Ribbons, Straps .....	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.57
Buttons .....	41	2.46
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Total Supplies .....		\$ 27.61

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

JOHN H. BOLTON,

Asst. Qr. Mr. General.

Office of Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Texas

Grand Army of the Republic

San Antonio, Texas, April 23, 1908.

L. L. Whitaker, Department Commander.

Dear Sir and Comrade: In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I herewith submit my report as Assistant Adjutant General for the term 1907 and 1908.

	Mem-
	Posts
	bers
Number remaining in good standing Dec.	
31, 1906 .....	24 506

Gain	Posts--Members			
By Muster in .....		38		
By Transfer .....		5		
By Re-instated .....		15		
By Re-instated, delinquent Reports .....	7	66	7	124
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Aggregate .....		31		630
Loss	Posts--Members			
By Death .....		25		
By Honorable Discharge .....		2		
By Transfer .....		5		
By Suspension .....		49		
By Delinquent Reports .....	8	87		
Total Loss .....			8	168
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Remaining in good standing			23	462

It is much to be regreted, that the bulk of the suspensions, 40 in number, come from our two strongest Posts, but of this loss and the dropping out of Terry Post, with ten members, would otherwise, with the members of our newly organized Post at Victoria, Texas, J. A. Garfield Post No. 83, with its 15 members, shows a very healthy advance in our Membership during the year.

I sincerely thank you for the uniform kindness you have ever shown me in my official relations with you, and your confidence in sending me on detached duty, for the Department. I regret that my correspondance with Comrades at Tyler, Texas, where some twenty of the Veterans of the Civil War reside, did not bring forth the results I anticipated, in forming a Post there, but I believe that with a little good missionary work, a Post can be organized at that point. To the Comrades who I have had the pleasure to visit, and to those who I have been in correspondance with the past twelve months, I tender them my sincere thanks for the courtesies I have received from them.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

JOHN H. BOLTON,

Asst. Adjutant General, Dept. of Texas, G. A. R.



PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS OF TEXAS .

1892. J. C. Bigger, Jr. ....  
Vice Commander-in-Chief, deceased, Post 11, Dallas
1897. David McKay  
..... Surgeon General Deceased, Post 11, Dallas
1901. A. W. Acheson ..... Surgeon General, Post 5, Denison
1902. P. B. Hunt .....  
Council of Administration, Post 60, Graham (Dallas)
1903. R. M. Moore .....  
..... Council of Administration, Post 3, San Antonio
1904. J. D. Rice, ..... Post No. 6, Dallas
1905. J. S. Dunlap ..... Post No. 6, Dallas
1906. C. B. Hubbard ..... Post No. 20, Lampasas

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

1385. W. D. Wylie ..... Deceased
1886. O. T. Lyon ..... Residence, Sherman, Texas
1887. W. H. Sinclair ..... Deceased
1888. J. C. DeGrees ..... Deceased
1880. A. G. Malloy ..... Residence, El Paso, Texas
1890. A. K. Taylor ..... Deceased
1881. M. W. Mann ..... Deceased
1892. O. G. Peterson ..... Deceased
1893. J. W. Park ..... Residence, Dallas, Texas
1894. R. M. Moore ..... Residence, San Antonio, Texas
1895. W. W. Bostwick ..... Residence, Dongmool, Colorado
1896. G. W. McCormick ..... Residence, Lake Grove, L. I. N. Y
1897. Ed. N. Ketchum ..... Residence, Galveston, Texas
1898. W. F. Conner ..... Residence, Dallas, Texas
1899. John Roach ..... Deceased
1900. Chas. B. Peck ..... Deceased
1901. P. B. Hunt ..... Residence, Dallas, Texas
1902. C. C. Haskell ..... Deceased
1903. John H. Bolton ..... Residence, San Antonio, Texas
1904. John L. Boyd ..... Residence, Dallas, Texas
1905. Elmore A. Russell ..... Residence, Paris, Texas
1906. W. H. Harvey ..... Residence, Belton, Texas



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Chaplain, SARAH HOYT .....Ft. Worth  
Counsellar, EMMA DUNLAP .....Dallas  
Inspector, LILLY KLINE NICHOLS .....Lockhart  
I. and I. Officer, MARTHA B. LEEDS . .... Dallas  
Patriotic Instructor, MARY YINGLING .....Dallas  
Press Correspondent, EMMA ELLIOTT .....Houston

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Elanora Engle ..... Houston  
Martha Reiney ..... Denison  
Rosa Roth ..... Dallas

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McPHERSON POST, No. 1, Sherman.

L. Q. Edmondson, Commander.

Delegate.	Alternate.
Floid Thomas .....	A. Labell

*Past Post Commanders.*

O. T. Lyon	John Brown	W. A. Allen
John Donaldson	Joe Rock	L. Q. Edmonston
*H. A. Johnson		J. O. Wood

W. S. HANCOCK POST No. 2, Galveston.

George D. Douglas, Commander.

Delegate	Alternate
Alfred Tretch .....	Tony Shephard
James Rodgers .....	John Morrison

*Past Post Commanders.*

*Ed N. Ketchum	Thomas Poole	P. H. Farrell
W. H. Boyd	Frank L. Kirk	*C. A. Cahoon
Edward Gruiz		George H. Clarkso

E. O. C. ORD POST, No. 3, San Antonio.

\*H. L. Brook, Commander.

Delegate	Alternate
*Pat Kenney .....	*R. F. Yantis
Adolph Zoller .....	*Fritz Bormann
*W. P. Hough .....	John A. Willey
F. Vandervoort .....	*A. H. Moegelin
C. W. Hartup .....	*A. H. Arey

*Past Post Commanders.*

*John H. Bolton	*J. K. Powers	W. H. Redwood
*Edward Mayers	*R. M. Moore	*Charles Melville
*L. L. Whitaker	*E. H. Bacon	*C. S. Brodbent
William Holt	*Nate Underwood	*S. Tuttle
	*James M. Smith	

W. S. PARMLY POST, No. 4, Ft. Worth.

A. J. Black, Commander.

Delegate	Alternate
G. Helbing .....	S. T. Van Wayne

*Past Post Commanders.*

Joseph Diehl	A. G. Goff	J. W. Ronse
A. P. Brown	A. J. Black	C. B. Morgan

NATHANIEL LYON POST, No. 5, Denison.

\*J. H. Rohrer, Commander.

Delegate	Alternate
C. C. Hotchkiss .....	Charles Kleine
A. W. Acheson .....	John McHale
C. E. Farnsworth .....	*D. Wagner

*Past Post Commanders.*

L. B. Moore	W. W. Bostick	N. Herrold
E. F. Watts		*W. O. Kretsinger
Z. H. Ruthraff	*T. M. Wright	*J. H. Dunn

RICHARD J. OGLESBY POST, No. 6, Dallas.

H. G. Niblo, Commander.

Delegate	Alternate
M. L. Mullens .....	F. England
T. W. Woodcock .....	A. B. Sheets
George W. Loomis .....	W. W. Farley
De LeBow .....	S. Frisby
Martin Ballwig .....	Stanulas

*Past Post Commanders.*

John L. Boyd	J. W. Ayers	D. M. Baker
J. W. Ridge	John Hunter	*J. W. Parks
W. M. Galbreath	*W. F. Conner	J. P. Clark

W. F. Cottman	P. B. Mullens	G. D. Night
G. W. McCormick	L. W. Clark	Thomas Hitchcock
J. J. Weiler	J. S. Dunlap	A. McWhirk
P. B. Sprague	*A. Rockcold	W. F. Thatcher
J. D. Rice	George S. Nash	R. P. Cooper

GEO. B. McCLELLAN POST, No. 9, Houston.

\*J. C. Bonnell, Commander.

Delegate

Alternate

George L. Smith	Robert H. Hannah
*W. H. Blake	W. T. Allen

*Past Post Commanders.*

J. J. Billow	*J. C. Bonnell	J. J. Scholl
James H. Agen	*A. M. Engle	*W. A. Rowan
N. L. Mills		

JOSEPH A. MOWER POST, No. 10, Austin.

Joseph W. Burke, Commander.

Delegate

Alternate

*William Henry	William Walch
*Geo. Kimball	Charles G. Schmidt

*Past Post Commanders.*

Joseph W. Burke	*Alonzo Gerard
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EMMETT CRAWFORD POST, No. 19, El Paso.

O. Darwin Owen, Commander.

Delegate

Alternate

C. S. Woodworth	O. D. Owen
J. M. Smith	E. W. S. Neff

*Past Post Commanders.*

W. T. Kitchen	*W. W. Mills	J. H. Ware
J. M. Smith	A. G. Malloy	E. E. Tusten
O. D. Owen	G. G. Briggs	

PHIL. KEARNEY POST, No. 20, Lampasas.

W. H. Webber, Commander.

Delegate  
B. F. Martin ..... Alternate  
N. W. Charles

*Past Post Commanders.*

W. H. Webber    N. W. Charles    C. C. Mullady  
\*C. R. Hubbard

PHIL. H. SHERIDAN POST, No. 25, Georgetown.

William P. Flemming, Commander.

Delegate  
William P. Flemming ..... Alternate  
J. M. Page

*Past Post Commanders.*

William P. Flemming

GEORGE W. WRIGHT POST, No. 26, Paris.

T. S. Whitlock, Commander.

Delegate  
T. M. Guthrie ..... Alternate  
C. C. Smith

*Past Post Commanders.*

\*E. A. Russell    T. O. Proctor    \*J. A. Farmer  
John Leavett    \*T. N. Johnson

JUDSON KILPATRICK POST, No. 40, Belton.

M. F. Hiatt, Commander.

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\*J. L. Taylor ..... Alternate  
Arloff White ..... M. P. Breakhill  
Henry Kirchner

*Past Post Commanders.*

M. F. Hiatt    W. H. Harvey    Byron Bouker  
Brem Parker

U. S. GRANT POST, No. 45, Weatherford.

\*M. B. Young, Commander.

Delegate		Alternate
F. J. Penland	.....	*J. D. Dunn
<i>Past Post Commanders.</i>		

\*M. B. Young      E. D. East      F. J. Penland

E. R. S. CANBY POST, No. 48, Jacksboro.

John Smith, Commander.

Delegate		Alternate
John Smith	.....	H. W. Clingman
<i>Past Post Commanders.</i>		

Andy Meyers      J. M. Breech      Israel Stoddard

OPDYCK POST, No. 53, Jefferson.

\*Horace Welch, Commander.

Delegate		Alternate
None	.....	None
<i>Past Post Commanders.</i>		

\*Horace Welch

E. J. DAVIS POST, No. 54, Corpus Christi.

E. J. Kilmer, Commander.

Delegate		Alternate
*B. L. Crouch	.....	J. H. C. White
<i>Past Post Commanders.</i>		

J. C. White      W. G. Holden      E. J. Kilmer

GENERAL SAM HOUSTON POST, No. 55, Dublin

W. H. Christian, Commander.

Delegate		Alternate
J. M. Garrison	.....	F. M. Moss
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W. H. Christian	H. H. Andrews	G. T. Boise
H. S. Millinan	G. W. Andruss	T. Marks





