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Grand Army of The Republic

held at

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MAY 16TH, 17TH, 18TH, 1923

and at

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, APRIL 22ND AND 23RD, 1924.

Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment

Department of Texas

Grand Army of The Republic

and

Conventions of the Auxillary
and Allied Orders.



K. of P. Hall, 215 W. Commerce Street

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,

April 22-23, 1924.

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
307 Deere Bldg., Dallas. Texas

Dallas, Texas, March 27th, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

I. The Thirty-Ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Conventions of the auxiliary and allied orders, will be held in San Antonio, Texas, April 22 and 23, inclusive, 1924.

II. Department Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be established at the Gunter Hotel. The local committee of E. O. C. Ord Post will have representatives to meet the Commander and Assistant A. G. at these Headquarters, to give full information as to where the open and business meetings are to be held.

III. The following below named Comrades are hereby appointed a Committee on Credentials, to inspect the rolls and verify the same: G. E. Allgaier, Parmley Post No. 4, Fort Worth; W. G. Holden, E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi; Anson Miller, W. S. Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston. Committee to meet at Grand Army of the Republic Headquarters, Gunter Hotel, 9 a. m., April 22nd.

IV. Council of Administration will meet at same time and place.

V. Post Commander Charles Sickles, of E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, will assign a Comrade to act as Officer of the Day, with necessary guards.

VI. RAILROAD FARE: The railroads have authorized reduced rates from many points in Texas, to San Antonio, for San Jacinto celebration and Battle of Flowers, that will be open to the public. Those attending the Encampment, are advised to consult local railway agents as to the rate that will be in effect.

VII. The local committees of Grand Army Post, auxiliary and allied organizations, will arrange for meeting places for the Encampment and Conventions.

By Order of Wm. H. BLAKE,
Department Commander.

Official R. McCormick, Asst. A. G.

**ROLL OF THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.**

OFFICIAL STAFF.

William H. Blake, Commander; D. L. Wagner, Senior Vice-Commander; J. M. Naylor, Junior Vice-Commander; A. W. Acheson, Medical Director; R. McCormick, Asst. Adjt. and Q. M. General.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Ed Loomis, Byron P. Drowne, Anson Miller, T. U. Johnson.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Ed N. Ketchum, John L. Boyd, J. S. Dunlap, Robert McCormick, C. S. Brodbent, Nanvill B. Young, Anson Miller, Max Hart, A. G. Allgaier, R. P. Cooper.

W. S. Hancock Post No. 2.

Geo. H. Clawson, Commander; Eli Verbeck, Senior Vice-Commander; John Eave, Junior Vice-Commander. Past Department Commanders: E. N. Ketchum, Anson Miller.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3.

Charles Sickles, Commander; A. W. Robins, Senior Vice-Commander; P. J. Bowker, Junior Vice-Commander; J. S. Ewing, Adjutant. Past Department Commanders: Edward Loomis, C. S. Brodbent. Past Post Commanders: M. H. Redwood, J. C. Schults, Nathan Underwood, Edward Mayers, Alvin Moshwr, A. W. Robins, Charles Sickles. Representatives: M. H. Redwood, A. W. Robins; Alternates: N. Underwood, Robert Brannon, John N. Buchanan.

Parmlev Post No. 4.

J. M. Kenderdine, Commander; Manly Cox, Senior Vice-Commander; J. Puttyman, Junior Vice-Commander. Past Department Commanders: G. E. Allgaier, M. B. Young. Past Post Commanders: H. W. Nye.

Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5.

D. L. Wagner, Commander; S. E. Wertz, Senior Vice-Commander; Charles Kline, Junior Vice-Commander. Past Post Comanders: D. L. Wagner, S. E. Wertz, Charles Kline, J. H. Dunn. Representatives: W. A. McKinson, C. C. Hotchkiss; Alternates: Richard Woods, R Terrell.

Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6.

J. M. Naylor, Commander; F. J. Yingling, Junior Vice-Commander. Representatives: George Loomis. Past Post Commanders: George A. Knight, John L. Boyd, J. S Dulap, A Rockhold, Rbert McCormick, R P. Cooper, T. W. Woodcock, F. J. Yingling.

George B. McClellan Post No. 9.

Max Hart, Commander; O. Aldridge, Senior Vice-Commander; T. Sellers, Junior Vice-Commander. Past Post Cmometers: Max Hart, R. A. Balcum, Geo. Smith, H. Hume. Representatives: John Shearer, J. W. Criss; Alternates: O. Aldridge, J. W. Barnes.

Emmitt Crawford Post No. 17.

Byron P. Drowne, Commander; O. S. Woodworth, Senior Vice-Commander; W. K. Smith, Junior Vice-Commander. Representatives: B. P. Drowne, O. S. Woodworth.

Phil Kearney Post No. 20.

John H. Rose, Commander. Representatives: J. H. Rose, W. H. Webber.

George W. Wright Post No. 26.

T. S. Whitlock, Commander. Past Post Commanders: T. S. Whitlock, M. Davidson, T. U. Johnson. Representative: T. J. Webb.

E. J. Davis Post No. 54.

J. H. C White, Commander.

Adopted as Roll of Encampment, with the following names added: F. J. Morgan, S. L. Westley, Henry H. Small, G. Lough, L. A. Heril, A. D. Nash, A. H. Moegslin, J. E. McWhirter, C. W. Hartup, Dr. George Elam.

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, and the Thirty-Fifth Annual Convention of the Women's Relief Corps Auxiliary to the G. A. R., held in San Antonio, April 22-23, will go down in history as one of the most enthusiastic, profitable and pleasant in the history of the Orders.

The opening session of the Encampment was a joint affair, Charles Sickels, Commander of E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, G. A. R., presiding; Alva J. Brasted, chaplain 2nd Division, United States Army, pronounced the invocation; Frank H. Bushick, representing Mayor John Tobin, welcomed the visitors—Mayor John Tobin arrived later and extended personal greetings.

Mrs. Maude Green of Houston, representing the Women's Relief Corps, Department of Texas, presented to the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, a large silk U. S. flag, the presentation speech was an original poem, as follows:

Dear Comrades who are gathered here
Our boys who wore the Blue
With heart that overflows with pride
I bring a gift to you.

Defenders of the Union
And this loved banner too
I can not half express how much
We love and honor you.

We love you for your loyalty
To cause we know was true
Brave deeds and sacrifices
You dared to die or do.

Love you because you saved this Flag
Our own red white and blue
This flag that shall forever wave
O'r earth, in Heaven too.

We love you for the Union saved
The Scripture proven true
"A house divided cannot stand"
These words inspired you.

So on and on we love you
Cherish your records too
Flag and united country
We thank you boys in Blue.

And from your loved auxiliary
The girls of sixty-two
Presented with their compliments
I give this Flag to you.

Your Flag, our Flag, the Nation's Flag,
It lives and breathes to you
This solemn benediction,
God bless you boys in Blue.

MRS. MAUDE GREEN,
4807 Fannin St., Houston, Texas.

William H. Blake of Houston, Department Commander, responded in a few words and then called upon J. S. Ewing, Adjutant and Quartermaster of E. O. C. Ord Post of San Antonio, to officially accept the Flag at the hands of Mrs. Green; Chaplain Brasted delivered a patriotic address, following which, Mrs. Sarah E. Fox, Past National Chaplain of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and treasurer of General D. S. Stanley Circle No. 3, Ladies of the G. A. R., and a personal representative of Mrs. Martha VanDuzor, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., extended fraternal greetings to the entire assemblage, and on behalf of the national organization presented a elaborate gold G. A. R. pin to Department Commander Blake.

The first session closed with the singing of "America."

At noon Tuesday, General D. S. Stanley Circle No. 3, Ladies of the G. A. R., were hostesses to the Veterans and delegates to the conventions—serving lunch to more than one hundred and fifty representatives.

At the afternoon sessions a committee consisting of Mrs. Sarah E. Fox, Mrs. Katie Scharfenberg, Past Presidents, and Mrs. Katie Cruz, Patriotic Instructor, visited the G. A. R., extending greetings from General D. S. Stanley Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., and presented a beautiful basket of flowers to the Department Commander; while a like committee, consisting of Mrs. Elizabeth LeSturgeon, President, Mrs. Mary Sickles, wife of Commander Sickles, and Mrs. Stella Welch, carried greetings from the Circle to the W. R. C., presenting a beautiful basket of flowers to the Department President.

The result of the business sessions, gave San Antonio the lion's share of honors, as the election of officers shows:

J. N. Buchanan, San Antonio, Commander; Byron P. Drowne, El Paso, Senior Vice-Commander; John Sherer, Houston, Junior Vice-Commander; Moses H. Redwood, San Antonio, Chaplain; A. W. Acheson, Denison, Surgeon; J. S. Ewing, San Antonio, Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General; John R. Rose, Marble Falls, delegate at large to National Encampment at Boston; H. H. Small, San Antonio, alternate; Dexter Wagner, Denison, delegate to the National Encampment; A. D. Robbins, San Antonio, alternate; F. J. Yingling, Dallas; J. M. Kinderdine, Fort Worth; J. H. Dunn, Denison; T. U. Johnson, Paris, and T. N. Cellers, Houston, Council of Administration.

Officers of the Women's Relief Corps are: Mrs. Alice E. Smith, San Antonio, President; Mrs. Maude Green, Houston, Senior Vice-President; Mrs. Ethel R. Davis, Fort Worth, Junior Vice-President; Mrs. Lula Villaneuva, San Antonio, Treasurer; Mrs. Minnie Converse, San Antonio, Secretary; Mrs. Sophia Hopper, Houston, Chaplain; Mrs. Myrtie Nonamaker, Dallas; Mrs. Ida Martin, San Antonio; Mrs. Orilla Sherer,

Houston; Mrs. Elsie Hull, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Katie Hildebrand, Fort Worth, executive board. Mrs. Margaret Davis, Denison, was chosen delegate at large to the National Convention at Boston; Mrs. Minnie Rothfuss, San Antonio, alternate; Mrs. Mary Carey, Fort Worth, delegate, and Mrs. Mary Short, San Antonio, alternate.

Wednesday at noon a luncheon was served to all delegates by the W. R. C., while Tuesday night an informal reception and get-together meeting was held at Army Y. M. C. A. Building. The next meeting will be held at Dallas, Texas.

Before adjournment, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to the Hon. John W. Tobin, mayor, and to the Hon. Frank W. Bushick, commissioner, for their most cordial welcome in behalf of the city to the delegates of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps of the Department of Texas as they assembled in joint session in the city of San Antonio, April 22 and 23.

"Resolved, That we extend to Chaplain Alva J. Brasted, U. S. A., our thanks for the able address he so patriotically delivered.

"Resolved, That we keep in mind the loyalty of the Ladies of the G. A. R. as shown by their serving us the bountiful luncheon on Tuesday, by their present of the beautiful basket of flowers and other courtesies.

"Resolved, That our special thanks are due the Ladies of the W. R. C. for the excellent entertainment and program rendered Tuesday evening in the Army 'Y' and the excellent luncheon served on Wednesday the 23rd.

"Resolved, That our sincere thanks are due to the Boy and Girl Scouts for their kind attention and many little courtesies. To the press of the city for their liberal publicity, and to each and every one who by act or deed made the visit of the Veterans to San Antonio pleasant.

"Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

"ANSON MILLER,

"A. W. ROBINS,

"CHARLES SICKLES,

Committee."

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM H. BLAKE.

Comrades of the Department of Texas, G. A. R.

One year ago you elected me to the highest office within the gift of this Department, that of Commander.

I thank you for this expression of your confidence and today bring you an account of my stewardship.

Owing to an accident early in my term of administration I have been unable to do many of the things I planned. It also seemed difficult to keep in touch with my Adjutant at times, however, I have done the best I could under the circumstances.

As we grow more and more feeble we naturally are unable to attend very strictly to duties and therefore there is a growing tendency to stay away from Post meetings and this my Comrades makes a sad break in the wonderful work of our order. I beg you do everything in your power to keep the Post going, make every sacrifice to attend meetings and get together as much as possible. Carry on!

During the past year we have: Gained by Initiation, 3; Gained by

Transfer, 1; Gained by Reinstatement, 2; Total, 6. Lost by Honorable Discharge, 1; Lost by Suspension, 13; Lost by Transfer, 2; Lost by Death, 20; Total, 36.

Each year the report of membership grows smaller and smaller as there are but few new recruits. Every man who is proud of his record as a Union Soldier should belong to the Grand Army of the Republic as a matter of pride and principle, but there are many who have not joined the ranks. Try to encourage them to come in, as well as to encourage the old members to continue their membership. I hate the word "Suspension," let's cut it down.

We have issued three General Orders, all that seemed necessary. Financial Reports will be made by the Adjutant and Q. M. G. The figures have not been given to me so he will make the report to you.

The Women's Relief Corps, our noble Auxiliary, have carried on the work of the order in their usual capable manner, no duty too great, no sacrifice too much to make for our comfort and pleasure.

Their love and devotion to the Flag and our country and its defenders is the beacon light of our lives. Their influence and sympathies have kept the Post going and without them we could not exist. They are the guardian angels of the boys who wore the Blue. God bless them.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. are not organized in my home town, so I can only say, God bless them too for what they do for the boys in Blue. We fully appreciate their efforts in our behalf and thank them sincerely.

My dear comrades I welcome you to the 39th Encampment of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic. May we have a harmonious session brought with much pleasure to all of you. May the spirit of comradeship prevail among you.

May fraternity, Charity and Loyalty bind us closer and closer together. Let us live again the days of '60, and rejoice that we had the honor, the most glorified honor, to fight for the preservation of the Union and in defense of that most wonderful and beautiful emblem of freedom, the American Flag. Let every soldier here conduct himself in a manner to bring credit to the finest organization on earth, the Grand Army of the Republic.

May God bless every one of you here today and those who for various reasons are unable to attend. Comrades, I am proud of having worn the Union Blue, to have been one of you. Life holds nothing dearer to me than my association with you. With you I shared the horrors of a Civil War. With you I marched to the tune of "Yankee Doodle," and "The Girl I Left Behind Me." My heart thrilled with yours at the call, "to arms." With you I scratched what they now call "cooties" (we called 'em gray backs) ate parched corn and drank from the same canteen.

Comrades, my Comrades, I hope we shall march together into the City of Foursanare and be forever united there.

It was my pleasure to attend the National Encampment held at Milwaukee, and here I shall take the privilege of thanking the Fort Worth Post and Corps for the wonderful entertainment provided for your Department Commander and party during the stopover there enroute. They met us at the depot, conveyed us to their homes in cars and at the home of Post Department President Mary Casey we were entertained with a beautiful dinner of fried chicken and fixings topped off with good old-fashioned apple pie and cream. Lodgings were provided for all and next morning we were taken for a drive to the beautiful lakes and parks, given lunch, and again entertained at the home of the Corps President, Mrs.

Hattie Stewart, with another wonderful dinner; then the Post and Corps escorted us to the station and bade us Godspeed.

We bade them goodbye and carried with us the pleasant memory of one of the most enjoyable parts of our trip to the Encampment, and the pleasure still lingers with me I assure you. Along the way the train was boarded at Wichita, Kansas, by the daughters of Comrade Spankler. They brought fruit and flowers to the delegation in memory of their father, who has answered "Taps."

At Milwaukee, I did the best I could for a pleasant headquarters for my delegation and all seemed happy and satisfied. I was proud in the Parade. They made a fine showing and cheer upon cheer greeted us and we were showered with flowers all along the march. Many pleasures were provided and altogether it was a fine encampment.

Recently I made a trip to this beautiful city to make arrangements for the date of the Convention and E. O. C. Ord Post and Corps entertained me and showered me with many attentions. I deeply appreciated their courtesies and especially thank Post Commander Sickles, of Ord Post and the President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Kline. And now comes the parting of ways.

For your patience with my shortcomings, your consideration, your courtesies and loyalty, I thank you and pray God to be with you till we meet again.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.

Wm. H. BLAKE, Dept. Commander.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Headquarters Department of Texas, G. A. R.

Office of Department Chaplain, May, 1923.

Dear Comrades:

I have the honor to submit the following as Department Chaplain: Number of Posts in Departments, 8; Number of Posts reporting Memorial Services, 6.

Memorial Sabbath Services.

Number of Posts attending services, 6; Number of sermons preached to Posts, 6; Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans, 1; Number of Comrades present at such services, 66.

Memorial Day Services.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services, 8; Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services, 86; Number of Women's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day Services, 6; Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated, 23; Number of graves decorated, (except National Cemetery, San Antonio) 793; Number of graves unmarked by headstones, (National Cemetery, San Antonio) 178 (Hancock No. 2); Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day Services, 9; Number of other organizations participating, 15; Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day, 3; Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans, 1; Number of Posts having Burial Plots, 7.

Remarks: Post Chaplains were very dilatory in sending in their reports.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

ANSON MILLER, Dept. Chaplain.

MEMORIAL ROLL.

W. S. Hancock Post No. 2.

Wm. H. Boyd, Private, U. S. Marine Corps, died April 8 1923; Edward Gruis, Private, 185th Ohio Inf., died Nov. 23, 1923.

E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3.

J. H. Berry, Master Mate, U. S. N., died Aug. 15, 1923; John Bridgeman, Private, Co. A, 16th Wisconsin Inf., died Aug. 12, 1923; P. J. Bowker, Private, Co. B, 19th Conn. Inf., died July 6, 1923; L. Garza, Hospital Steward, died Sept. 18, 1923; Enoch Hess, Private, Co. D, 80th Ohio Inf., died April 1, 1923; Wm. Mann, Private, Co. C, 5th Ind. Cav., died June 28, 1923; J. F. Shoemaker, 1st Lieut., 1st Iowa Cav., died June 28, 1923; Saul Wolfrom, Private, Co. D, Conn. Inf., died Dec. 15, 1923.

Parmley Post No. 4.

Samuel Garrett, Private, Co. D, 4th Tenn. Cav., died April 2, 1923; William T. Green, Co. D, 10th Ohio Cav., died Nov. 3, 1923; Levi D. Culwell, Co. D, 4th Tenn. Inf., died Dec. 5, 1923; J. N. Mitchell, Co. K, 125th Ill. Inf., died Dec. 7, 1923.

Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5.

A. J. Smith, died July 7, 1923.

Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6.

Charles H. Brown, Co. H, 12th Mo. Inf., Captain C. H, 9th U. S. Col. Inf., died November, 1923.

George B. McClellan Post No. 9.

T. Ficke, Private, Co. K, 68th Ill. Inf., died Feb. 4, 1923; D. Hudson, Private, Co. H, Mass., died Aug. 2, 1923.

Emmitt Crawford Post No. 17.

S. T. Ferrien, Captain, Co. A, 2nd Ind. Cav., died Dec. 31, 1923.

S. J. Davis Post No. 54.

W. G. Holden, Captain, Co. C, 23rd Ky. Inf., died Dec. 9, 1923.

**CONSOLIDATED REPORTS OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**

William H. Blake, Commander San Antonio, Texas, April 22, 1924.
Department of Texas,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade: As Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, I herewith submit my reports for the term ending Dec. 31, 1924.

Number remaining in good standing, Dec. 31, 1922,		
as shown by former reports: Posts, 10, Members.....		168
Gain: By Muster.....	3	
By Transfer.....	1	
By Reinstatement.....	2	6
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		174
Loss: By Death.....	20	
By Honorable Discharge.....	1	
By Transfer.....	2	
By Suspension.....	13	
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	36	36

Financial Report.

Remaining in good standing, Posts, 10; Members, 138.

RECEIPTS:

Cash from J. S. Dunlap, former Asst. Q. M. G.....	\$ 32.69	
Liberty Bonds.....	200.00	
June 1923, per capita tax.....	84.00	
December 1923, per capita tax.....	69.00	
Supplies sold.....	6.50	
Interest on Liberty Bonds, June 15, 1923.....	4.24	
Interest on Liberty Bonds, Dec. 15, 1923.....	4.24	
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Total Receipts.....	\$400.67	\$400.67

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing orders and stationery.....	\$ 17.25	
Telegrams to National Headquarters.....	1.75	
Postage.....	13.50	
Supplies purchased.....	5.50	
June 1923, per capita tax to National.....	8.40	
December 1923, per capita tax to National.....	6.90	
Salary.....	75.00	
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Total Disbursements.....	\$128.30	\$128.30

Balance.....		\$272.37
Supplies received from J. S. Dunlap.....	\$22.36	
Supplies on hand.....	21.00	
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Supplies short.....	\$1.36	\$1.36
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Total Cash and Bonds.....		\$273.73
Liberty Bonds.....		200.00
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Cash Balance.....	73.73
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Wishing to acknowledge my appreciation of the high honor you conferred on me in the appointment and for your expressed confidence, I desire to convey thanks.

Yours in F. C. and L.

R. McCORMICK, Asst. A. G. and Q. M. G.

San Antonio, Texas, April 22, 1924.

To William H. Blake, Dept. Commander.

Comrade: We, your committee appointed to audit the Reports of the Asst. Adjutant and Q. M. General, have examined same and found same to be correct.

E. N. KETCHUM,
MAX HART,
D. L. WAGNER, Committee.

K. of P. Hall, 215 W. Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1924—2:30 P. M.

Wm. H. Blake, Department Commander, called the meeting to order. Officer of the Day announced that all present were members of the order. Prayer by Chaplain Anson Miller. Commander Wm. H. Blake announced the Thirty-Ninth Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, duly opened for business. Roll of the Encampment called for. Asst. Adjutant R. McCormick read the Roll as prepared, which was adopted, with instructions to add all names of members of the Department in good standing as voting delegates.

Commander Blake then called Senior Vice-Commander D. L. Wagner to the Chair and read his Annual Report. On motion of Comrade Max Hart, the report was approved.

Committee of Stanley Circle Ladies of the G. A. R., consisting of Mrs. Sarah E. Fox, Mrs. Katie Scharfenberg, Past President, and Mrs. Katie Cruz, Patriotic Instructor, visited the Encampment, extending greetings from the Circle, and presented a beautiful basket of flowers to the Department Commander, who instructed Comrade Ed N. Ketchum to express thanks to the committee. The response was given in expressions of patriotic gratitude.

Senior Vice-Commander Wagner made a verbal report, saying he had not prepared a written one for the reason that he had not been called to perform any official duties.

Commander called for the Roll of Honor. Members standing, the Asst. A. G., R. McCormick, read the Roll, which was listened to in reverence by all present.

Asst. A. G. and Q. M. G. read his reports, which were referred to the following committee: Ed N. Ketchum, Max Hart, D. L. Wagner.

Comrade Ed N. Ketchum moved to adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, at which time the first business would be the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year. Carried.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1924—10 A. M.

Commander Blake called the Encampment to order and Department Chaplain Anson Miller invoked the Divine blessings. Commander Blake announced the Encampment opened for business.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, the following hereinafter named Comrades were duly nomi-

nated and elected officers and representatives for the ensuing year: J. N. Buchanan, San Antonio, Department Commander; Byron P. Drowne, El Paso, Senior Vice-Commander; John Shearer, Houston, Junior Vice-Commander; M. H. Redwood, San Antonio, Chaplain; L. A. Heil, San Antonio, Patriotic Instructor. Representative at Large; John H. Rosa, Marble Falls; Representative: Dexter Wagner, Denison; Alternates: A. W. Small and A. W. Robins, San Antonio. Council of Administration: F. J. Yingling, Dallas; T. H. Sellers, Houston; J. M. Kinderdine, Fort Worth; J. H. Dunn, Denison; T. U. Johnson, Paris.

Committee from the W. R. C., consisting of Mary J. Casey, Lola Villaneuva and Georgia Warren were admitted. They were escorted to the platform and Mary J. Casey announced they came with loyal greeting for mthe auxiliary organization to the Grand Army of the Republic. Each made patriotic talks which were highly appreciated, and complimented by a rising vote of the Encampment.

Motion made Comrade Anson Miller that the salary of the Asst. A. G. and Q. M. G. be reduced to \$25 per annum, being duly seconded, carried.

Commander called for invitations for holding our next Encampment. Fort Worth member announced that they could not take the Encampment for 1925, but would be prepared to take the next Encampment. Comrade R. McCormick of Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas, Texas, gave an invitation for holding the next Encampment in Dallas. On motion seconded by several Comrades, the invitation was accepted. It was agreed that the date for holding the Encampment be left to the local post and W. R. C., with the approval of the Council of Administration.

April 21, 1924.

William H. Blake,
Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.

I have the honor to extend to you and the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic the greetings of your auxiliary, the Women's Relief Corps, in the 39th Convention assembled, and submit to you the following report:

Number of Corps.....	6
Numebr of Members.....	413
Amount of Cash Expended for Relief.....	\$ 45.00
Relief other than Money.....	149.50
Turned over to Post.....	40.00
Amout of Money in Relief Fund.....	101.57
Balance in General Fund.....	579.70

The Women's Relief Corps renews their pledge of allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic and stands ever ready to aid and assist them at all times.

I extend to you and your Official Staff grateful thanks for the many courtesies received during my term of office.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

FRANCES WALTZ, Dept. President.

