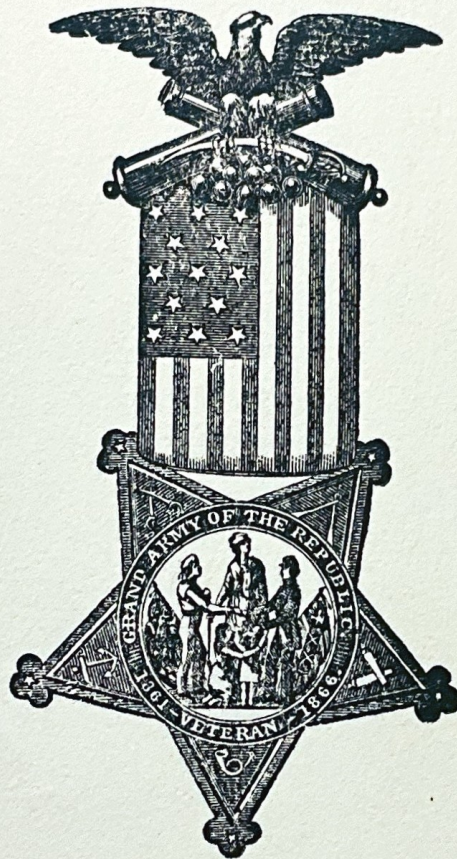


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DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE
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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

February 23, 1931 - General Orders No. 2

To the Posts and Allied Organizations of this Department,
Greetings:-

Your Department Commander, having secured a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points in Texas to Houston and return, where our Annual Encampment will be held this year on April 21, 22 and 23, 1931.

Your tickets at this rate can only be obtained by presenting an identification certificate to the ticket agent at starting point. Tickets will be on sale at all railway stations on the 19th, 20th and 21st of April, good to return April 27th.

These certificates are distributed from this office, 442 Schley Avenue, San Antonio.

Your Department Commander is hoping for a large attendance this year, especially from our allied organizations, for as the ranks of our order year by year approach the vanishing point, we realize more clearly the grand service of these noble women who have marched by our side and did their full share of the work of teaching Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty—a work we have labored thus far to advance.

The Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held this year at Des Moines, Iowa.

the week beginning September 13th. Further information will be given out later.

The Headquarters of this Department's Encampment will be at the Rice Hotel where all sessions will be held. Rates: Room, single occupant, \$2.50; two occupants \$4.00 per day. All rooms have bath.

The joint reception of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps, and the Daughters of Union Veterans War of 1861 to 1865, will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 8:30 P. M. Opening of the Encampment by the Grand Army of the Republic Wednesday, April 22nd, at 10:30 A. M. Luncheons, Wednesday and Thursday compliments George B. McClellan Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Houston. Boat excursion to San Jacinto Battlefield, where dinner will be served April 23rd. A flag presentation—time not given. We are sure to have a wonderful time. Always do at Houston. COME!

JOHN SHEARER,

Department Commander.

J. S. EWING,

Department Assistant Adjutant General.

Persuant to General Orders Number Two, the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, met for the Forty-sixth Annual Encampment in Houston, Texas, April 20th to April 24th, 1931.

The first regular business, in Rose Room No. 2, Rice Hotel, was called to order, 4:25 P. M. Wednesday, April 22nd, 1931. Department Commander John Shearer presiding and opened in regular form.

Seven Grand Army Comrades present at this session.

Tena M. Duncan, was again appointed Secretary for Encampment. In the absence of Department Chaplain Daggett, prayer was read by Comrade Bonnell, who had been appointed to do this service.

Past Department Commander Hart, appointed Officer of the Day. Past Department Commander Robbins, presiding in Chair while Commander Shearer read in an effective, fervent manner, his Annual Report, as Commander of this Department for the year just closing.

My Comrades. One year ago in the city of Fort Worth you honored me by electing me Commander of the Department of Texas G. A. R. and I have endeavored to represent the Grand Old State of Texas to the best of my ability.

At the Convention of Cincinnati, I was disappointed at not meeting some of my comrades from Texas, as I was the only one in the parade from this state. There was about 1,500 of the Boys in Blue on parade.

It makes ones' heart ache to see how fast our comrades are passing away and think it would be fine if we could have another reunion of the Blue and Grey as we did at Gettysburg a number of years ago. But there is a certain element in the G. A. R. that never was on the firing line that are not through fighting yet. I have the greatest respect for those men who "Fought for what they thought was right." To those noble patriotic women, the W. R. C. and the Ladies of the G. A. R., we owe our existence today as an order, and the Daughters of Union Veterans and Sons of Veterans will carry on when we are gone.

Comrades, to show you how fast we are passing away— at one time the G. A. R. numbered over 400,000 and at the present time not over 18,000. I received a communication from Iowa the other day stating that at the close of the war there was 20,000 Federal soldiers in the state of Iowa, and today, 840.

Is it any wonder, 66 years since the war ended, that for years we have been living on borrowed time, but we will close up our ranks and march on to the end of time.

Committee on Commanders Report. Comrades Dunlap, Wertz and Ewing.

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Next order of business.

Q. M. Gen. Ewing, read report of financial status of this Department.

To John Shearer,
Department Commander, G. A. R.,
Department of Texas.

Sir: I have the honor to report the financial status of this Department in condensed form, the items being shown in book of original entry in hands of your Auditing Committee to-wit:

On hand last report.....	\$79.68	
Donation from Woman's Relief Corps.....	50.00	
Donation from Daughters of Union Veterans	25.00	
Per Capita Tax.....	45.75	
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		\$200.43
Printing, Postage and Stationery.....	\$76.55	
Salary	50.00	
Cash, to balance.....	73.88	
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		\$200.43

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. S. EWING,
Asst. Q. M. Gen'l G. A. R. Dep't of Texas.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

Asst. Adj. Gen'l Ewing, then read year's report of activities.

To John Shearer,
Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Sir:- I have the honor to report to you the numerical status of this Department for the year ending December the 31st, 1930.

In my last report there was in good standing 6 posts with a total of 52 members.

In June, 1930 in response to my call for per capita tax, the Commander of Emmett Crawford Post No. 19 surrendered their Charter, which leaves our present status, five posts, and 39 members in good standing, to-wit:

E. O. C. Ord, Post No. 3, 15 members; Parmley Post, No. 4, 4 members; N. Lyon, Post No. 5, 5 members; Oglesby, Post No. 6, 8 members; McClellan, Post No. 9, 7 members. Total 39 members.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. S. EWING,

Ass't Adjt. Gen'l.

A motion made by Comrade Hart, seconded by Comrade Robbins and carried, that these two efficient reports be accepted, filed and included in the next Journal.

Officer of the Day, announced a Committee of Daughters of Union Veterans wished to be admitted. Escorts appointed to do honors, Wertz, Robbins and Dunlap. Those escorted in were Vivian Palmer, Sarah Fox, Hazel Soucy, Fannie Dirr, Jennie Daily, Willie Owens, Nellie Millet and Jessie Biggs were welcomed.

Past Department President Nellie Millet, representing Elsie Chast, National President of Daughters of Union Veterans, who left on early train said: "The National Department of Daughters extend greetings, are proud to be Daughters of the Grand Army Men, these Comrades who wore the Blue, and pledge anew to The Grand Army, now and always our services, our love and watchful care."

Department President, Vivian Palmer, said: "Comrades and fathers, we bring you greetings from every member of the Department of Texas, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil

War, 1861-1865, and wish to pledge anew to you our love and allegiance. If there is anything that we can do for you, do not hesitate to call on us, for we are your daughters. We deem it a pleasure and a privilege to serve you.

"Let us present you this token of our love from our Department." (Handing check of \$30.00 as love gift) then presented each Daughter, who expressed words of appreciation to Our Fathers.

Sarah Fox, extended greetings from Circle of Ladies of Grand Army and said: "In these loving greetings the blood relations, vie one with the other in doing honor to our Grand Army Comrades. When you come to San Antonio you will receive a royal welcome from the Ladies of our Circle—we will join the Grand Army and Daughters in doing honor to you Comrades."

Commander Shearer, in accepting check said: "Daughters, from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you, our blood relations for these lovely greetings and this financial assistance. We will lean on you, love you and cherish you."

Asst. Adj't Gen'l Ewing in response to National Greetings, in a scholarly manner said: "We realize it's the Daughters that must carry on, and will carry on when we are gone, it's consanguinity, the best blood of the land, the blood of our Comrades that courses through your veins, you are ours by ties of love and affection, we will cherish you, defend you and help you, and don't forget Daughters, the mantle of your Fathers will fall on you like Father like Daughter, will give us and the world the high ideals of American citizenship. May your tribe increase, may you become a power in the land for Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

After the love feast this committee was escorted out with honors. One rap of the gavel returned the Encampment to business.

Past Department Commander Robins, on behalf of E. O. C. Ord Post Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps, Stanley Circle and Daughters all joined together, with a very cordial invitation and request that The Grand Army of the Republic, hold next Grand Army Encampment in San Antonio, the date to be arranged in usual manner.

Ass't Adj't Gen'l Ewing, rising, said, "This invitation, together with those of Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Jones, Convention Secretary of San Antonio, personally conveyed the invitation of Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor and citizenry." Said the hotels, restaurants, clubs and places of entertainment, would welcome us and make rates and courtesies. All joined in this most cordial invitation.

Mr. Jones requested that we notify him by wire at his expense if we accept invitation that he could give us early publicity.

A motion by Comrade Dunlap, seconded by Hart, that we accept this cordial invitation, carried unanimously.

Wire: San Antonio, unanimously selected for 1932 Encampment of The Grand Army of The Republic and Allied Organizations.

(Signed) J. S. EWING,

Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

Past Department Commander Dunlap brought attention of Encampment, and requested the names of two Past Vice Commanders, should go in Credential Reportt to National. A. Rockhold, Sr. V. Commander, 1917, address 3410 Jeffries St., Dallas, Texas. J. M. Naylor, Department Jr. V. Commander, address 5612 Reigeo Ave., Dallas, Texas, 1923. By consent of Encampment, records are corrected, honors restored, that badges and all honors may be enjoyed by these two Comrades.

Roll of Honor called by Ass't Adj't Gen'l Ewing. N. L. D.

Smith, 10th Wisconsin Infantry; A. C. Hazen, U. S. Navy; J. H. Short, 30th Illinois Infantry; Oley Aldrich, 1st Nebraska Infantry; John Taylor, U. S. Navy; Geo. A. Knight, 88th Ohio Infantry; F. O. Brown, U. S. Engineers.

Roll Call of Officers: Commander John Shearer, present; Sr. V. Commander J. C. McWhirter, Absent, name placed on Honor Roll. Jr. V. Commander W. A. Mekerson, present; Chaplain L. D. Daggett, absent; Surgeon A. W. Atchison, absent; Ass't Adj't Gen'l J. S. Ewing, present; Q. M. Gen'l J. S. Ewing, present.

Council of Administration. J. S. Dunlap, Max Hart, S. E. Wertz, present. H. W. Nye, ill at home. Ed. N. Ketchum, name to be placed on Honor Roll. At this time Surgeon of the National Grand Army of the Republic, our own genial Dr. Cowan, was introduced and made welcome to Texas Encampment, we had the pleasure and very great honor of Dr. Cowan, a National Officers attend 1930 Encampment.

Dr. Cowan, in well selected words brought greetings from the National Commander. We have learned to know and love Dr. Cowan. Come again, you are most welcome.

Officer of the Day announced Greetings Committee of Woman's Relief Corps in waiting. Comrades Cowan, Robbins and Hart appointed as escorts to welcome in this Committee.

Convention Color Bearers escorted in Lila Nicholds, Nora Buelow, Lizie Durham, Mary Casey and each were introduced. Lila Nicholds said, we bring you Greetings from seventy-two voting members of W. R. C. now in convention, pledged support and loyalty, bringing greetings had become a habit, this being her forty-second year as a member of this Department and on Greetings Committee. In her happy manner she extended love and good wishes.

Mary Casey brought Greetings from her home Corps as well as from this Department; also greetings from Comrades

Nye and Campbell of Ft. Worth, who are ill. Lizzie Durham said it is also a habit with her to attend these Annual Encampments and bring loving greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps to the Grand Army, this being her thirty-seventh year to bring greetings and she would continue to do this delightful service until the end, until time shall take its toll.

Nora Buelow gave Greetings from the Department and asked Commander Shearer if the Department had received the check of \$50.00 from the Woman's Relief Corps and why the record was not in last Journal.

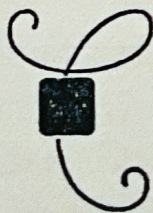
Commander Shearer and Adj't Ewing explained this check was given to Grand Army of the Republic after session was closed, so was not a part of 1930 proceedings, that the Q. M. report and records show and account for this transaction. The history of which will appear in 1931 Journal.

After happy felicitations the delegation was escorted out with honors; the Escort Committee were delegated to accompany Greetings Committee and extend Greetings of this Encampment to Convention of Woman's Relief Corps in session.

Commander detailed Comrades Hart, Robbins and Ewing Committee on Resolutions.

Owing to lateness of the hour Encampment adjourned until 10 A. M. tomorrow.

TENA MORGAN DUNCAN, Secretary.



THURSDAY MORNING, 10 A. M.

Commander Shearer called Encampment to order in form.
Comrade Max Hart acting Chaplain read Ritualistic Prayer.
Nine Comrades in attendance at this session.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Report of Resolution Committee called for and here is given.

We, your Committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following:

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

Greetings:

Whereas, The George B. McClellan Post No. 9 of Houston, has arranged and given us a delightful, successful Encampment, have extended to us every convenience and courtesy and entertainment not only to our Department but to our Allied Organizations as well.

Whereas: The daily papers have given us liberal and unusual publicity and have not failed to do us homage.

Whereas, The Woman's Relief Corps have extended us marked courtesies and the Daughters of Union Veterans, have executed every wish and anticipated every desire, and the Circle of Ladies of Grand Army, extend us loving cooperation.

Whereas, Rice Hotel, has ministered to our comforts and pleasures, gave us a special rate and other courtesies.

Whereas, Chamber of Commerce has done their utmost to make this Encampment possible.

Whereas, Walter A. Montrief, Mayor of this metropolis, gave us such a marvelous welcome to this historic city of the great Southwest.

This welcome to our Encampment was a gem of completeness and hospitality.

Whereas, The National Grand Army, greatly honor us by sending to us our genial Surgeon General Dr. E. H. Cowan, who in his charming manner is an inspiration.

Whereas, To each and every one, who has had a part in

making our stay at this Encampment a pleasure and marked success, we are profoundly thankful.

Be it resolved, that these Resolutions be incomplete without thanks to our dear Heavenly Father, for good health, comforts of life, and the strong ties of Comradeship that bind us in a lasting Brotherhood.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. & L.

(Signed) Max Hart, A. W. Robbins, J. S. Ewing.

A motion by Comrade Dunlap, properly seconded and carried that these Resolutions be accepted, spread upon the minutes of this Encampment and included in Journal.

Report of Committee on Commander's Report

We your Committee, find the report of Commander Shearer, fine, complete and patriotic. We commend him for his loyal services to this Department and recommend the report be received, filed and printed in Journal.

(Signed) Dunlap, Wertz and Ewing.

Encampment declared at ease, while making ready for annual election of officers.

A sumptuous banquet was served this Encampment by the Woman's Relief Corps, which was enjoyed as well as the very excellent program.

Afternoon session was called to order and business resumed.

Officer of the Day reported the Courtesy Committee of Woman's Relief Corps in waiting. Chair appointed Comrades Hart, Robbins and Cowan, honor escorts.

Celia Edwards, Anna Bradford and Lillie E. Rogers, were escorted in, presented and welcomed. Celia Edwards said, "We want you to know we love you, welcome every one of you and want you to take home to the members of your Posts, who are unable to come, whether on beds of sickness or reclining with the sun time, our love and desire to be of assistance. If there is anything our organization can do to make your stay in city more happy, we are ready and happy to serve you."

Lillie E. Rogers brought greetings from her home Corps and expressed the wish to be of real assistance to the Grand Army of the Republic and others attending this Encampment assembled. Houston wants to hold good her reputation as a real Convention City, Mrs. Bradford, gave greetings in a happy manner.

In response to these lovely greetings of Courtesy Committee, Comrade Hart said in his finest way, "These are all my girls, they are always doing fine things for we boys. Girls, we love you, we appreciate the many things you have already done to make this Encampment the wonderful success it is, and we thank you. You and each one of our home Corps that has been busy these months making ready." After words of felicitation exchanged this Committee escorted out with honors.

Nomination and Election of Officers

J. S. Dunlap: "It gives me great pleasure and pride to present the name of John Shearer, to succeed himself. He is a credit to our Organization and the best possible selection we can make, a fine presiding officer, capable and efficient and a real soldier and Grand Army man."

Seconded by A. W. Robbins and carried unanimously. Commander Shearer thanked his Comrades for the vote of confidence and said I will carry on as I have in the past and represent the Department of Texas at the National Encampment. A motion by Robbins, seconded by Dunlap and carried that this Encampment give a rising vote of thanks to our Commander for the faithful performance of duties well executed these many years and particularly attending National Encampments—three times the only Texan attending National Encampments.

Other officers elected without opposition. Sr. Vice Commander, W. A. McMekerson of Denison; Jr. Vice Commander, Geo. W. Loomes, of Dallas; Chaplain, L. D. Daggett, of San Antonio; Surgeon, A. W. Atcheson, of Denison; Delegate at Large, Z. T. Sisson of Ft. Worth; Alternate, S. E. Wertz, of Denison.

Council of Administration

J. S. Dunlap, Dallas; George Lough, San Antonio; H. W. Nye, Ft. Worth; Max Hart, Houston and S. E. Wertz, Denison.

Commander Shearer appointed J. S. Ewing, Assistant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and Department Headquarters are hereby established at 121 Haynes Street, San Antonio, where all official communications should be addressed.

A rising vote of confidence was given our genial Comrade Ewing for his efficiency, his executive ability and whole hearted active co-operation. The welfare of this Department is again in his capable hands.

A motion by Comrade Hart, properly seconded and carried, that the printing of Journal, with full power to act according to his best judgment be assigned to the efficient Ass't Adj't Gen'l, J. S. Ewing.

Past Department Commander Robbins reported that Comrades Broadbent, Underwood, DeMerritt of San Antonio Post, ill in Base Hospital, also Comrade Hastup ill in his home, 1300 Broadway, also Mrs. Louise Tell Ewing, wife of our Ass't Adj't Gen'l of 121 Haynes Ave. To each this Encampment send loving Greetings and best wishes for speedy recovery.

A rising vote of thanks was given Secretary, for her services during this Encampment. Secretary thanked the Comrades for this courtesy and expressed pleasure for the privilege of serving the Comrades of her father C. B. Morgan. If the work is satisfactorily done your Secretary is happy indeed.

Dr. E. H. Cowan, Surgeon National Grand Army of the Republic, in an impressive soldierly manner, installed the newly elected officers for the insuing year.

No other business appearing, this Encampment closed in due form to meet in 1932 in San Antonio, Texas.

TENA MORGAN DUNCAN,

Secretary.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

John Shearer, Dept. Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade:-

I have the honor to extend to you, and through you, to the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the greetings of your Auxiliary the Woman's Relief Corps in the Forty-Second Dept. Convention assembled, and to submit to you the following report:

Number of Corps in good standing, 6. Amount of cash expended for relief, \$135.10. Relief other than money \$485.00. Total number assisted, 243. G. A. R. Memorial Fund \$6.00. Balance in Relief Fund of Corps, \$50.00. Balance in General Fund of Corps, \$953.32. Number of members in the Department, 489.

With the approval and co-operation of Post Commanders and Comrades, the Woman's Relief Corps carry on the work.

We are pleased to report the advancement of our work along all patriotic lines, especially child welfare.

The Woman's Relief Corps renew their pledge of allegiance to the G. A. R., and stand ready to aid and assist them at all times.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. L.,

HATTIE HILL,

Dept. President.