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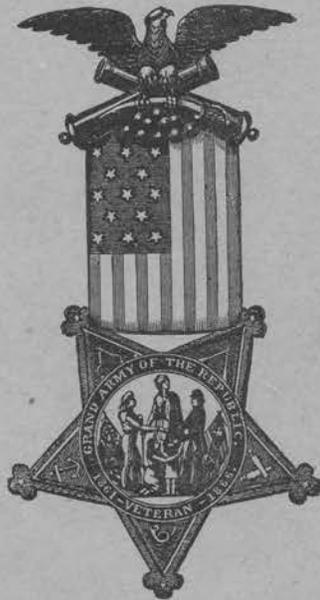
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—OF THE—

Second \* Annual \* Encampment

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HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERR'Y G. A. R.  
VANCOUVER, W. T. April 16, 1884.

The Department Encampment met in the hall of Ellsworth Post No. 2, at 1 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by Department Commander, Geo. D. Hill.

Present—Geo. D. Hill, Department Commander.

A. Slorah, Assistant Adjutant General.

J. R. Hayden, Assistant Quartermaster General.

W. G. Latimer, Inspector.

John Peiper, Council of Administration.

N. F. Bolton, “ “ “

W. H. Roberts “ “ “

Prayer was offered by Comrade N. F. Bolton, of Ellsworth Post No. 2.

The following committee on Credentials was appointed:  
Comrades A. Slorah, J. R. Hayden, and J. H. Smith.

A recess was taken to allow the committee on Credentials

time to prepare report, after which the following report was made of officers, delegates, and alternates entitled to seats in the Encampment, viz:

STEVENS POST NO. 1.

J. H. Griswold—Post Commander.  
 Geo. D. Hill—Past Post Commander.  
 A. Slorah,— “ “  
 G. W. Tibbetts,— “ “  
 \*H. A. Bigelow,— “ “  
 \*G. A. Bulline,— “ “  
 \*D. L. McCowan, “ “  
 G. N. Alexander—Delegate.  
 H. Sheahan—Delegate.  
 W. L. Ames—Alternate.  
 D. C. Kenyon—Delegate.  
 A. J. Spaulding,— “  
 I. B. Vrooman—Delegate.  
 By F. Seidel—Alternate.

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 2.

R. W. Davis—Post Commander.  
 R. W. Downing—Past Post Commander,  
 Jno. D. Geoghegan—Past Post Commander.  
 Chas. F. West—Delegate.  
 N. H. Bolton—Delegate.  
 By W. H. Brewster—Alternate.  
 Henry A. Morrow—~~Alternate~~ *Delegate*  
 By A. O. Marsh—Alternate.

SELLY POST NO. 3.

\*H. H. Wolf—Post Commander.  
 \*D. C. Guernesy—Past Post Commander.  
 \*C. C. Garrett—Delegate.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST NO. 4.

John Peiper—Post Commander.

\*Absent.

J. H. Smith—Past Post Commander.

\*A. Leslie— “ “

\*H. O. Simonds, “ “

J. Summer—Delegate.

A. Blaylock—Delegate.

By Robt. Crane—Alternate.

\*C. F. Wightman—Delegate.

#### GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 5.

Wm. McMicken—Post Commander.

\*J. S. McKenney—Past Post Commander.

\*N. H. Owings— “ “

J. R. Hayden— “ “

#### CUSTER POST NO. 6.

S. F. Sahn—Post Commander.

\*James Barton—Past Post Commander.

\*H. A. Bigelow— “ “

\*Job Carr— “ “

J. W. Sprague—Delegate.

By L. N. Hudson—Alternate.

H. Carr—Delegate.

By Fred. Taylor—Alternate.

H. Lane—Delegate.

By C. H. Stone—Alternate.

#### KEARNEY POST NO. 7.

\*T. B. Mitchell—Post Commander.

\*J. T. Berry—Past Post Commander and Delegate.

\*Thomas Dobson—Past Post Commander.

#### SEDGWICK POST NO. 8.

\*E. J. Webster—Post Commander.

\*J. S. Brown—Delegate.

\*J. J. Stage—Alternate.

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\*Absent.

## MEADE POST NO. 9.

C. H. Holton—Post Commander.

\*J. T. Kingsbury—Delegate.

## MORTON POST NO. 10.

\*H. G. York—Post Commander.

\*E. O. Ruger—Delegate.

## McPHERSON POST NO. 12.

James Smith—Post Commander.

T. F. Mahan—Delegate.

On motion the report of committee on Credentials was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The following comrades were appointed by the Department Commander to fill temporarily the places of absent Department officers, viz:

Henry A. Morrow, senior, vice Department Commander.

J. H. Smith, junior, vice Department Commander.

James Smith—Medical Director.

S. F. Sahn—Chaplain.

Department Commander Geo. D. Hill then delivered his Annual Address as follows:

*Comrades of the Grand Army,*

Again have we halted, again have we pitched our tents in this beautiful vally, on the banks of this mightiest of our mighty rivers; our arms are stacked and the roll is called. In the days when we wore the blue and carried the flag through the death strewn fields of the South, whenever we halted by the wayside and the sergeant called the roll, we found our ranks were growing thinner and our numbers less, but as we read the roster today, we find two comrads where there was but one at our last encampment, and we find that five new posts have been added to the column within the year. This is a most gratifying and significant fact, one over which we can justly rejoice, not only as members of the grand army, but as citizens of this infant state. It shows that the soldiers of the union are falling into line, that their faces are toward this fair land of promise. It marks the increase in our midst of an element which has always been the fearless champion of the government and equal rights, an element composed of men whose principles are so firm, and whose convictions so sincere, that they have not hesitated, and will never hesitate to maintain them with their lives, best years and best blood. Our great silent leader once said, "we ca'n't have too many states in this latitude" and might well have added, nor too many of the boys in blue. They have been taught the principles of republican government in a school whose precepts can never be forgotten.

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\*Absent.

Its lessons have been traced upon their memories with fire and sword in characters that can never be effaced.

All hail to them, every good citizen will say, for their hearts will ever beat in unison with the right, and their steps ever keep time to the music of the union.

As we look around us to-day, we see representations of nearly every regiment which formed the army of freedom. We see the sons of every state which sent forth its children to battle for the nation's life and as we can not but think, "what scenes those eyes have beheld, what paths those feet have trod," and the broad river of time which rolls between us and the days when the nation's existence hung trembling in the balance, when secession's dagger was uplifted to strike it to the heart, dwindles to a thread, and the past becomes a living present. Again—We stroll along the quiet streets of the happy eastern villages, slumbering in the sunny balm of early spring, again we hear the spell broken by the ringing of the fife and drum, calling a great people to arms. We see that people respond as never a people responded before. We see the rich and the poor, the proud and the humble made equal by a common cause, take their places side by side in the ranks. We see the gaily comparisoned regiments with bright flags flying, march forth from their homes; we see their loved ones with quivering lips, streaming eyes and breaking hearts bid them farewell, but also, *God speed*, we follow them to the field, we see them dying by inches in the swamps and trenches, smitten down by ball and shell, and suffering a thousand deaths in the prison pens of the South, but none in the darkest hours complaining of their lot or faltering in their high resolve. We trace their steps from Donaldson to New Orleans, from Atlanta to the sea; from Gettesburg to the Appomattox, until with tattered banners, faded uniforms and shattered ranks, they march in triumph through the streets of Washington at the grand review. Then without claiming that they have done more than their simple duty, then break ranks and step into their former paths, as quietly and humbly as though the war had been a dream. You search in vain through history for a parallel to this. Well may those who have won the right to wear the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, cherish it as something to be transmitted to their posterity, more precious than wealth can buy or power bestow.

It was then that the Grand Army was born, and as we, guided by the years gone by, look back, we cannot admire or commend too highly the far seeing wisdom of its founders. They had just been hailed as victors, and crowned as heroes by a gratified nation. They were greeted as their country's saviors. The opportunity to form an organization purely political in its character, whose sole object should be the preferment and personal aggrandisement of its members was a golden one. Among the leaders of the Army were the most popular and brilliant orators, and the ablest statesmen and politicians in the country, and such an organization had it been formed, would have been for many years practically invincible. That the nation was ripe for such a project is manifest from the fact that the offices in its gift, were at once thrown open to the returned soldiers. The prizes were glittering and lay within their grasp; but such a body would have been a standing menace to republican institutions, a disgrace to the flag it bore, but the men who had plighted their faith to the union on many a hard fought field, were true to their troth. They had not saved the country from its enemies to plunder it themselves, and so instead of a political machine, they formed a grand beautiful order, whose objects were to honor the dead, succor the living, and keep the fires of patriotism always bright. Nearly twenty years have passed away since then, and the wisdom of that course, with the lapse of time has become apparent. Had the Grand Army been a mere political compact, it would have been long ago divided into a dozen or more warring

factions, scrambling for spoils, but actuated as it ever has been, by the high motives of its founders, it is respected and honored on every hand, constantly growing in strength and influence, and as firmly cemented and united as in the days when its members bore the old flag in triumph from sea to sea.

Heretofore the perils of victorious nations have been their disbanded armies, but it was left for the grand army to teach the world a new lesson, that the bravest soldiers in a free country make the best citizens.

How well the objects of that organization have been achieved it is needless for me to say, for it is written in every state and territory in this union. It is traced in flowers on every soldier's tomb and lives in the grateful hearts of every widow and orphan of a departed comrad. Long after we have been summoned to the last roll call, poets will sing of it, divines preach of it, and let us hope, all men emulate it.

As we gather here to-day we are not alone, memory waves her mystic wand and shadowey forms fall in beside us, familiar voices whisper in our ears. The gaps in the ranks are filled again. Again we touch elbows with our departed comrades, again our hearts throb quickly at the command of departed leaders, but their faces we cannot see, their hands we cannot grasp, for they are now marshalled in the viewless legions of the Grand Army of the dead. Their work is done, their crown is won. On the banks of southern rivers, on the shores of southern seas, on the sides of southern mountains, and on the slopes of their native hills their green tents are pitched. Over them the night bird sings a requiem, the jasmine flings its fragrant blossoms, and the myrtle gently twines. Some rest in graves unmarked, uncared for and unknown, and others are tended by loving hands. Some went forth to God in the rush of charging squadrons, amid the ring of rolling cheers, others in the hospital or the prison, but the mantle of God covers them all alike, and in our hearts every name is cherished.

Year after year as long as the Grand Army of the Republic exists, will we strew their resting places with the choicest bloom of spring. Year after year, after we are gone, will our descendants strew the same sweet tokens on their graves and ours, and as long as the nation exists will their memory be as bright and as fresh as the flowers we bring.

As I look around me and notice the threads of silver on our comrades' brows, as I notice year after year the places made vacant by the death reaper, I realize that the Grand Army of the living is passing away slowly but surely. It has, and can have no successor. The time is not far distant, when some white haired comrade, with halting steps and trembling hand, will hold the last encampment and cast the last blossom on his fellow soldier's grave, and then naught will be left but its memory and its name. But comrades before that day comes we can find much to do. Fortune has placed us in a land which nature has blessed with a lavish hand. It is a virgin land with possibilities beyond our wildest dreams. It is a budding sovereignty, with a destiny yet to come. What that destiny shall be depends on its citizens. It is a glorious, a beautiful region, guarded by giant mountains; and washed by the ever sounding sea. It is such a land as freedom delights to dwell in, and all men must love. It is a land which the soldiers of the union have saved, and made free, and it is their duty to see that it remains so. To see that its government is pure, that justice is properly administered, and that every man is equal before the laws. What the Grand Army won with their bayonets, they must guard with their ballots.

And now comrades, as my time of office as department commander draws to a close, I desire to assure you of my deep appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me, and my sincere gratitude for the many courtesies, and earnest co-operation you have tendered to me in the discharge of my duty in this position. To the harmony and heart felt love of the cause

which prevades our ranks, do I attribute the marked prosperity, and propitious future of this department, and I can wish no better fortune for us, than that the year to come will be so bright as the one just passed.

I desire briefly to refer to the subject of pensions to soldiers of the late war, and to their widows and orphans. While congress has been liberal to an extent, perhaps beyond precedent in other governments, yet much injustice is done in the administration of the laws effecting these annuities. Of the number of soldiers alive to-day, scarcely one can be found who does not bearsome disability incident to the service, while thousands are totally disabled. Our government certainly cannot be too liberal to those who have sacrificed so much in its defense.

To the officers of my staff, and particularly to Asst. Agt. Genl. A. Slorah and Asst. Q. M. Genl. J. R. Hayden, and W. G. Latimer, Inspector Genl. do I feel under special obligation for the prompt, efficient and zealous manner in which their duties have been discharged, and for the constant and valuable assistance they have rendered me. Always ready and willing, they have left nothing to be desired in their departments.

I wish to call attention to the reports of the Asst. Agt. Genl., the Asst. Q. M., Genl. and the Inspector General. They will be found to contain full information and statistics, concerning the progress and condition of the affairs of the department, up to the present time.

Before closing I wish to call your attention to a subject which cannot but make a thrill in the heart of every one who has marched beneath our flag. It is the part which women have in our work. The history of the war should not alone be a story of the deeds of men. The historian tells us how fields were won, who led the charge, who saved the day, but the names of those who nursed the wounded, who closed the eyes of the dying, who penned the last lines to the loved ones at home, seems to have been forgotten. But none who wear our badge will ever forget them. They faced and met death in its most hideous form, calmly, heroically and solely from the promptings of duty. Their names do not appear in general orders. No stars adorn their shoulders, but theirs is higher, purer glory. Their memory is embalmed in every heart which beat beneath the blue, as the most precious recollection of those years of darkness and strife. And the Grand Army in its organization have not forgotten them. The womans auxiliary aid society; consisting of wives and daughters of union soldiers, is eminently fitted to go hand in hand with the Grand Army in its work of charity. One has just been established at Seattle, and I hope, that before another year rolls by, that every post in the department, will have a similar one organized and at work. And now my comrades, as your Department Commander I bid you farewell.

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The following reports were then read:

OLYMPIA, W. T., April, 1884.

A. SLORAH, Assistant Adjutant General—

*Sir*:—I have the honor to report that returns have been made to the Quartermaster General to and including the fourth quarter, 1883, and the following amounts were received and reported by the Assistant Adjutant General, viz:

## SECOND QUARTER, 1883.

Stevens Post No. 1 paid per capita tax on 105 members	.....	\$ 1 05
Ellsworth Post No. 2 paid per capita on 55 members	.....	1 10
Sully	3    "    "    26    "    .....	2 60
Lincoln	4    "    "    60    "    .....	90
Thomas	5    "    "    19    "    .....	2 85
Custer	6    "    "    54    "    .....	80
Kearney	7    "    "    25    "    .....	50
Total	..... 344	\$ 9 80

## THIRD QUARTER, ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1883.

Stevens Post No. 1 paid per capita tax on 116 members	.....	\$ 17 40
Ellsworth Post No. 2 paid per capita tax on 62 members	.....	9 30
Sully	3    "    "    26    "    .....	3 90
Lincoln	4    "    "    67    "    .....	10 05
Thomas	5    "    "    21    "    .....	3 15
Custer	6    "    "    64    "    .....	9 60
Kearney	7    "    "    31    "    .....	4 65
Total	..... 386	\$ 58 05

## FOURTH QUARTER, 1883—TO DECEMBER 31ST.

Stephens Post No. 1 paid per capita tax on 123 members	.....	\$ 18 45
Ellsworth Post No. 2 paid per capita tax on 60 members	.....	9 00
Sully	3    "    "    25    "    .....	2 50
Lincoln	4    "    "    73    "    .....	10 95
Thomas	5    "    "    21    "    .....	3 15
Custer	6    "    "    68    "    .....	10 20
Kearney	7    "    "    21    "    .....	4 20
Sedgwick	8    "    "    18    "    .....	2 70
Meade	9    "    "    13    "    .....	
Total	..... 427	\$ 61 15

## RECAPITULATION.

Cash received from Posts, viz :

Second quarter 1883. Per capita on 344 members	.....	\$ 9 80
Third    "    "    387    "    .....		58 05
Fourth    "    "    427    "    .....		61 15
Total	.....	\$129 00

Accounted for as follows :

By per capita tax paid Quartermaster General National Department for Second quarter 1883	.....	\$ 3 74
Third    "    .....		3 87
Fourth    "    .....		7 27
Cash accounted for by Assistant Adjutant General	.....	117 42
Total	.....	\$129 00

Incomplete returns from the twelve Posts now of this Department show the following increase of members, viz :

## FIRST QUARTER 1884.

Stevens No. 1	.....	133 members
Ellsworth No. 2—no report	.....	65    "

Sully	“ 3—no report.....	25 members
Lincoln	“ 4.....	73 “
Thomas	“ 5.....	27 “
Custer	“ 6.....	68 “
Kearney	“ 7—no report.....	21 “
Sedgwick	“ 8.....	18 “
Meade	“ 9.....	24 “
Morton	“ 10.....	17 “
Ellensburg	“ 11.....	16 “
McPherson	“ 12.....	22 “
Total.....		509 members

Very Respectfully,

J. R. HAYDEN, A. Q. M. Gen'l.

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, April 16th, 1884.

A. SLORAH, Assistant Adjutant General—

*Comrade*:—I have the honor to submit herewith a partial report for the past year.

I regret to be obliged to call attention to the fact that so many—indeed I might say nearly all of the Post Inspectors—have failed to make returns, and I am not advised if indeed any inspections have been made.

I regret also that circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from visiting the several Posts and making a personal inspection. So that I find myself without data at hand to make such a report as I had desired. Promptness should everywhere and at all times characterize the actions of officers and comrades of our organization.

As we are entering upon what is known as the Presidential Campaign—and no doubt a year of great political excitement—I deem it not improper to call attention to Article 11 of Rules and Regulations for the government of the G. A. R., which reads as follows: “No officer or comrade of the G. A. R. shall in any manner use this organization for partisan purposes, and no discussion of partisan questions shall be permitted at any of its meetings; nor any nomination for political office be made.”

In conclusion I desire to express to the many comrades with whom I have been associated officially, or had the pleasure of meeting, my high appreciation of their uniform courtesy, kindness, and consideration.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

W. G. LATIMER, Inspector General.

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, G. A. R., }  
SEATTLE, April 14th, 1884. }

To GEO. D. HILL, Department Commander:—

I desire through you to call the attention of the Department Encampment and the officers elect (or to be elected) for the ensuing year to the matter of “Post Inspections.”

The Rules and Regulations require that there shall be at least one inspection each year in every Post in this Department, and as many more as may be deemed necessary by Post Departments, or National Commander. A number of the Posts in this Department have been in existence for some time, but I fail to find any record or report to indicate that an inspection has ever taken place in any of them.

It is not my intention to find any fault with the past. But to urge upon the coming administration and the various Posts in the Department the necessity of strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations in this and all other matters.

The Department Inspector has endeavored to do his duty, but for some

reason—so far as I can learn—has received no reports. The inference to be drawn is that no inspections have been made.

To be sure, we are laboring under many disadvantages. As a Department we are only a year old. Posts are few, and in many places hard to reach. Comrades live long distances from their respective Posts. But all these disadvantages can and must be overcome if we desire our Department to take its proper place in this grand organization of ours. Let this matter be discussed while you are together. Impress upon the representatives of the different Posts the necessity of these inspections, and prompt report of the same to the Inspector General, or officers ordering it.

The Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General are both put to considerable inconvenience by the lack of promptness and accuracy in Post reports, making it almost impossible for them to keep the records of their officers in proper shape for inspection or report. This can all be remedied if the Post Commanders will but give the matter the attention they should.

I would also refer to the matter of "Badges." Each member of the G. A. R. is required to wear the Badge of the Order. In addition to this the officers are required to wear a Rank Badge, as presented by the Rules and Regulations. These Badges may be obtained through the Assistant Adjutant General, and should be worn always when on duty. I would suggest that each Post order a full set, as they will come much cheaper than single.

I regret very much that I am denied the pleasure of being with you in this our second Encampment. May your determinations be harmonious, having in view only the good of the G. A. R.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

A. M. BROOKE, Ass't. Inspector G. A. R.

VANCOUVER, W. T., April 16th, 1884.

Pursuant to Department Order No. 3, the Council of Administration Department G. A. R. met at 10:30, with Comrades John Pieper, N. F. Bolton and W. H. Roberts present, and proceeded to examine the report of Assistant Adjutant General A. Slorah, from which it appears that there has been an increase in the membership during the past year of 104 members, showing a total membership in the Department on Dec. 31, 1883, of 427 comrades. We find the financial statements of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General J. R. Hayden as correct and in harmony. We find from the report of the Adjutant General that the Department is indebted to him in the sum of \$30.99, for which we recommend payment.

We also concur in the recommendation of the Assistant Adjutant General in reference to the mode of increasing the membership of the G. A. R. in this Department.

We further recommend that the capita tax be increased to 80 cents per annum, and urge this on account of a shortage of \$30.99, as shown from the Adjutant General's report. The anticipated increase of membership during the ensuing year will materially add to the Department expenses, thereby necessitating the above increase in the capita tax.

We have also examined the annual report of Assistant Inspector General Comrade G. W. Latiner, which we find *incomplete*, from the fact that no Post inspection reports have been made to him, and consequently he was unable to render a proper report. Therefore we recommend that the Department Commander instruct the various Post Inspectors to make at least *one* annual inspection, and render a report thereof to the Assistant Inspector General for his information.

We further recommend that in the future financial transactions of the

Department proper vouchers be furnished at all times for funds expended.  
All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

JOHN PIEPER.  
N. F. BOLTON.  
W. H. ROBERTS.

No objection being made to the above reports, they were received and placed on file.

It was moved that the per capita tax be increased to 80 cents, instead of 60 cents, the present rate.

The motion was lost.

On motion the per capita tax for the ensuing year was fixed at 60 cents per member.

The following resolution was offered by Comrade A. O. Marsh :

WHEREAS, We believe that this organization ought to be perpetuated ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the delegates from this Department to the next National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be instructed to use their best efforts to secure such amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as shall make the oldest sons of all soldiers, living or dead, who are, or who would be if living, eligible to membership in this organization, eligible to membership herein; and the oldest sons of the oldest sons, so as to secure the perpetuity of this Order, and providing that no person shall become a member hereof until he shall have attained the age of eighteen years.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that 200 copies of Department Commander Hill's address be printed.

On motion the Department proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Assistant Adjutant General Commander A. Slorah was placed in nomination by Comrade John Pieper, of Lincoln Post No. 4.

Comrade Henry A. Morrow, of Ellsworth Post No. 2, Colonel Commanding 21st U. S. Infantry, was placed in nomination by Comrade A. O. Marsh, of Ellsworth No. 2.

Nominations closed.

Comrades Seidel and Holton were appointed tellers.

Moved and carried that the roll of delegates be called, and that ballots be deposited as the names are called.

The result of the ballot was as follows:

A. Slorah received 13 votes.

Henry A. Morrow received 18 votes.

On motion of Comrade Slorah the vote for Comrade Morrow was declared unanimous.

The Department Commander then declared Comrade Henry A. Morrow duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The following nominations were made for senior vice department commander:

Comrade W. G. Latimer, by Comrade I. H. Griswold.

“ J. H. Smith “ A. Slorah.

Result of the ballot:—W. G. Latimer, 7 votes; J. H. Smith, 25 votes.

J. H. Smith was declared duly elected.

The following nominations were made for Junior Vice Department Commander:

Comrade C. H. Holton, by Comrade J. R. Hayden.

“ C. H. Stone, “ W. G. Latimer.

Result of the ballot:—C. H. Holton, 8 votes; C. H. Stone, 21 votes.

Comrade ~~Jones~~<sup>Stone</sup> was declared duly elected.

Comrade T. T. Minor was nominated, and on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Department for him as Medical Director, which being done, Comrade Minor was declared duly elected.

Comrade N. H. Bolton was placed in nomination for Chaplain, and on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Department for him, which being done, Comrade Bolton was declared duly elected.

The following comrades were duly elected members of the Council of Administration:

A. O. Marsh, of Ellsworth Post No. 2.  
 J. S. Brown, of Sedgwich Post No. 8.  
 W. H. Roberts, of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5.  
 T. F. Mahon, of McPherson Post No. 12.  
 E. O. Ruger, of Morton Post No. 10.

Comrades Wm. McMicken, of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5 and Robert Craine, of Abraham Lincoln Post No. 4, were elected Delegates, and J. W. Sprague, of Custer Post No. 6, and J. R. Hayden, of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5 were chosen alternates to the National Encampment.

On motion the hall of Ellsworth Post, at 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow, April 17th, was designated as the place of holding the next session of the Encampment, at which time and place the newly elected officers will be installed.

The following visiting Comrades of the Department of Oregon, G. A. R., were introduced:

F. H. Lamb, Senior Vice Department Commander.  
 Z. T. Wright, Junior Vice Department Commander.  
 O. Somers, Post Commander Geo. Wright Post No. 1.  
 C. G. Staples, Ordnance Department Geo. Wright Post No. 1.  
 R. H. Schwab, Geo. Wright Post No. 1.  
 L. Lewis, Kearney Post No. 25.

Encampment adjourned.

SECOND DAY—APRIL 17TH, 1884.

Department Encampment met pursuant to adjournment in the hall of Ellsworth Post No. 2, at 10 o'clock A. M., Department Commander Geo. D. Hill presiding.

The minutes of last meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

It was moved that the next Annual Encampment of the Department be held at Vancouver, on the third Wednesday of April, 1885. Carried.

The resignation of Comrade C. H. Holton as member of the Council of Administration, was received and accepted.

The following nominations were made to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Comrade Holton, viz:

Comrades S. F. Sahn and E. O. Ruger.

Comrades Smith and Taylor were appointed tellers.

Result of the ballot:—Sahn, 12 votes; Ruger, 13 votes.

Comrade E. O. Ruger, of Morton Post No. 10, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Comrade J. R. Hayden, Posts were advised to hold memorial service only at their respective Posts, and on no consideration to accept invitations to go as Posts to visit other localities on Memorial Day.

Comrade Latimer introduced the matter of purchasing rank and membership badges from unauthorized parties, and cautioned officers of Post against the illegal practice.

On motion the installation of officers was declared in order, and the following officers were installed by Post Department Commander Geo. D. Hill:

Comrade Henry A. Morrow, Department Commander.

Comrade J. H. Smith, Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade C. H. Stone, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade N. H. Bolton, Chaplain.

Comrade Thomas C. Bell was appointed and installed Assistant Adjutant General.

Department Commander Morrow addressed the Encampment as follows:

*Comrades of the Department Encampment:—*

I am deeply sensible of the honor you have paid me in electing me your Department Commander for the ensuing year, and I promise to be faithful and zealous in the performance of the duties of my office as the only return I can make for your confidence and trust. I am proud to be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is to-day the noblest organization on the American continent. It is composed of men whose fidelity and courage helped to carry the nation through four years of bloody war to a successful and honorable peace. There is no other organization around which cluster so many sacred associations; no other organization whose presence evokes from the past so many hallowed memories; no other organization which is so closely identified with the honor of the flag during the <sup>22</sup>troubled days when the continent ~~ached~~ <sup>was</sup> under the tread of armies, and thick clouds of darkness rested like a mantle on the land; no other organization, the warp and woof of whose life have been woven and interwoven into every fibre of

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our national existence; no other organization that was born in the din of war, amid rows of glittering steel, and whose lullaby was the thunder of cannon, the shriek of shells, and the uproar and clamor of battle; no other organization whose simple existence is a promise and guarantee of safety to the Republic. To be faithful and true to the interests of this organization will be my earnest desire. I shall hope to make my term of administration one of honor to the Order. I can hardly hope to do more than has been done by my honorable and intelligent predecessor, but I shall do my utmost, and ask in advance the co-operation of the comrades of the several Posts, upon whose zeal after all will depend the prosperity and permanency of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander then announced the names of the following comrades, to serve as members of the Department Staff:

Assistant Quartermaster General—James R. Hayden, of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5.

Inspector—G. W. Latimer, of Stevens Post No. 1.

Chief Mustering Officer—Fred. T. Taylor, of Custer Post No. 6.

Judge Advocate—A. O. Marsh, of Ellsworth Post No. 2.

#### AIDS-DE-CAMP.

A. Slorah—Stevens No. 1.

W. H. Boyle—Ellsworth No. 2.

Chas. F. Wightman—Lincoln No. 4.

E. R. Marcum—Custer No. 6.

G. W. Tibbetts—Stevens No. 1.

Jno. D. Geoghegan—Ellsworth No. 2.

C. M. Holton—Meade No. 9.

W. H. Brewster—Ellsworth No. 2.

The Department Commander, in a few well-timed remarks, urged upon the proper officers strict attention to the inspection of Posts.

On motion 200 copies of the addresses of the retiring and of the present Department Commander were ordered printed; also, 200 copies of the proceedings of this Encampment.

On motion of Commander A. O. Marsh a vote of thanks was tendered to the late Department Commander and his Staff.

Comrade W. H. Roberts moved the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Encampment are due, and are hereby tendered to the O. R. & N. Co., the N. P. R.

R. Co., and the O. & C. V. R. R. Co. for reduced rates of transportation.

*Resolved*, That hereafter the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General shall furnish the Council of Administration at its Annual Meeting with all vouchers pertaining to payment of expenses incurred by the Department Encampment.

The bill of Mr. Beeson for \$1.00 for printing return certificates of Delegates was received and ordered paid.

On motion of Post Department Commander Hill a vote of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Vancouver, and to the Comrades of Ellsworth Post for hospitalities and courtesies to the Department officers and Delegates during the Encampment.

On motion the Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, G. A. R.,  
SEATTLE, W. T., April 16, 1884. }

GEO. D. HILL, Commanding Department of W. T., G. A. R.

*Comrade*:—In closing the 6 years of services in the position to which I have been called, I have the honor and pleasure of reporting the condition of the Department during the year ending to-day.

Members in good standing March 31, 1883.

7 Posts..... 312 members.

Gain by Muster 2d, 3d and 4th qrs., 1883.....	145
“ “ Transfer “ “ “ .....	2
“ “ Reinstatement “ “ .....	10

Total ..... 157

Loss by Death 2d, 3d and 4th qrs., 1883.....	1
“ “ Discharge “ “ “ .....	7
“ “ Transfer “ “ “ .....	2
“ “ Suspension “ “ “ .....	42
“ “ Dishonorable Discharge “ .....	1

Total ..... 53

Posts in good standing last report .....	7
“ “ “ at present .....	12

Not all reported yet for 1st qr. of 1884.

Total number of representatives entitled to seats in the encampment.	
Dept. Officers .....	15
Past Post Comdrs. ....	19
Post Comdrs. ....	12
Delegates .....	22

Total ..... 68

Dept. is entitled to 2 delegates to the National Encampment.

Total gain .....	157
“ “ Last report .....	312

Total ..... 469

Total loss .....	42
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No. in good standing Dec. 31, 1883 ..... 427

In order to increase our membership and advance the interest of the G. A. R. I would make the following recommendation; that a circular setting forth the principles and objects of the order be printed, that they be sent to every post master in the territory; where no post exists, with printed instructions to place the same in the hands of an honorably discharged soldier of the late war, whose character is beyond reproach, and who would be likely to be interested in organizing of a post of the G. A. R. The growth of the department has been natural. There are good prospects in the future. There are thousands who need only a little encouragement to

make them interested and take hold of this order. Hoping to see the department of Washington one of the leading departments with her thousands of G. A. R. men.

In closing I desire to express my thanks to you commander, and also to all other officers of the department and hope that our pleasant association may still keep us together as comrades of the G. A. R.

I Remain in F. C. & L.,

A. SLORAH, Ass't Adgt. Genl.

Department Commander, GEO. D. HILL, Commanding Department of Washington, G. A. R.

*Sir*:—I have the honor to report to you, and through you to the second annual encampment of this department, the workings of the office of Judge Advocate, for the year ending April 16th, 1884.

On page 15, section 6, of the rules and regulations of the G. A. R. published 1880, I find the following, viz:—"The Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering officer shall perform the duties properly belonging to their offices." This is all I find in the way of a guide to the performance of my duties.

The office has not been troubled with laborious work, during the past twelve months; and there seems to have been no occasion to invoke the kind offices of the Judge Advocate.

Quiet and good will have reigned among the comrades, and consequently in this office.

Our office has not been troubled with angry or arbitrary questions of legal lore; from which it is safe to infer that our comrades are law-abiding. *Omnia vincit amor*, will I hope, ever be in their motto.

Your obedient servant

P. P. CARROLL, Judge Advocate.

## General and Special Orders of Provisional Department of Washington Territory.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TER., }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
SEATTLE, June 25th, 1883. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 1. }

I. The Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington Territory, at its first annual session in Olympia, W. T., June 25th, 1883, having elected me Department Commander, I hereby assume the duties of the office.

With grateful thanks for the marked honor in thus conferring on me this trust, I pledge my most hearty and best efforts in making this our first department year a record of success, and to this end I ask the entire co-operation of all my Comrades.

II. Headquarters will be established at Seattle, Washington Territory.

III. The following named Comrades are hereby announced as the official staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

A. Slorah, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle, W. T., Assistant Adjutant General.

James R. Hayden, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia, W. T., Assistant Quartermaster General.

W. G. Latimer, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle, W. T., Inspector.

P. P. Carroll, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia, W. T., Judge Advocate.

H. O. Simonds, A. Lincoln Post No. 4, Walla Walla, W. T., Chief Mustering Officer.

#### ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

J. H. Griswold, Stevens Post No. 1.

H. D. Hunt, Ellsworth Post No. 2.

D. C. Guernsey, Alfred Sully Post No. 3.

Wm. Leslie, A. Lincoln Post No. 4.

Wm. McMicken, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5.

Fred. Salm, Custer Post No. 6.

John T. Newland, Phil. Kearney Post No. 7.

#### AIDS-DE-CAMP.

A. M. Brooks, Stevens Post No. 1.

John D. Geoghegan, Ellsworth Post No. 2.

N. H. Owings, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4.

Wm. Barnes, A. Lincoln Post No. 4.

BY COMMAND

GEO. D. HILL,

Commander Department of Washington Territory, G. A. R.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TER., }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 SEATTLE, November 26th, 1883. }

GENERAL ORDER }  
 No. 2. }

I. The attention of the Post Commanders is called to Chapter II, Article 9, of the Rules and Regulations, "Each Post shall at the first stated meeting in December, annually elect, from its own members, representatives and an equal number of alternates to the Department Encampment in the manner prescribed in Chapter III, Article 2."

II. The several Posts of this Department are entitled to elect representatives and an equal number of alternates to the Department as follows, viz:

Stevens Post No. 1.....	5	Thomas Post No. 5.....	1
Ellsworth " " 2.....	3	Custer " " 6.....	3
Sully " " 3.....	1	Kearney " " 7.....	1
Lincoln " " 4.....	3	Sedgwick " " 8.....	1

III. Blank forms for making report of representatives and alternates will accompany this order, one of which should be filled out and forwarded immediately after the election to the Assistant Adjutant General, as required by Chapter III, Article 2, Rules and Regulations.

IV. The attention of the Post Commanders is called to Section 1, Article 2, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations; also to Section 6, Article 2, Chapter II, Rules and Regulations.

V. Attached to the Adjutant's report for the fourth quarter of the year Post Commanders should forward the names of all past Post Commanders members of any Post in this Department who are in good standing to the Assistant Adjutant General to have their names placed on the roster of those entitled to seats in the Department Encampment.

VI. Since last order, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane Falls, was mustered in by Department Commander Geo. D. Hill, with a membership twenty.

BY COMMAND,

GEO. D. HILL,  
 Department Commande.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TER., }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
 SEATTLE, March 18th, 1884. }

GENERAL ORDER }  
 No. 3. }

I. The second annual Encampment of the Department of Washington Territory, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the City of Vancouver, W. T., on the 16th of April, 1884.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at Odd Fellows' Hall, at 10:30 A. M., April 16, 1884.

III. The Council of Administration will meet at Odd Fellows' Hall for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it.

IV. The Department Encampment will meet at Odd Fellows' Hall on April 16, 1884, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of receiving officers' reports and for the regular transaction of business.

V. Commander J. D. Geoghegan, of Ellsworth Post No. 2, will detail a Comrade to act as Officer of the Day and one as Officer of the Guard; two

Comrades for Sentinels and four as Guards, at the meeting of the Encampment, who will report to Assistant Adjutant General at 1 o'clock P. M., April 16, 1884, for duty.

VI. Assistant Q. M. General J. R. Hayden, of Thomas Post No. 5, will make the necessary arrangement in regard to transportation and report to these headquarters.

VII. Posts organized since January 1, 1884, will be represented by the Post Commander and one Delegate, as case may be.

VIII. Since last order the following Posts have been mustered:  
Meade Post No. 9 (with thirteen members), Yakima City, C. M. Holton, Commander; G. W. Stair, Adjutant. By special mustering officer, Comrade W. F. Prosser. Morton Post No. 10, Snohomish City, H. G. York, Commander; J. H. Plaskett, Adjutant, was mustered in by Department Commander, G. D. Hill, January 24, 1884, with sixteen members.

IX. Cards have been mailed to each Post for record of service, present address and occupation of Comrades for the information of the Pension Bureau, and Commanders will see that they are filled out at once from Descriptive Book and returned to these Headquarters.

BY COMMAND,

GEO. D. HILL,  
Department Commander.

A. SLORAH,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TER., }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }  
VANCOUVER, April 17th, 1884. }

GENERAL ORDER }  
No. 1. }

I. The Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington Territory, at its Second Annual Session, in Vancouver, W. T., April 16th, 1884, having elected me Department Commander, I hereby assume the duties of the office.

II. Headquarters will be established at Vancouver, W. T.

III. The following named officers are announced as the official staff of the Department Commander. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Assistant Adjutant General, Thomas C. Bell, Ellsworth Post No. 2.

Assistant Quartermaster General, James R. Hayden, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5.

Inspector, W. G. Latimer, Stevens Post No. 1.

Chief Mustering Officer, Fred T. Taylor, Custer Post No. 6.

Judge Advocate, A. O. Marsh, Ellsworth Post No. 2.

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N. H. Owings, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5.

C. M. Holton, Meade Post No. 9.

W. H. Brewster, Ellsworth Post No. 2.

The names of the Assistant Inspectors and additional Aids will be announced hereafter in general orders.

HENRY A. MORROW.

OFFICIAL:

THOMAS C. BELL,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TER.,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
VANCOUVER, April 28th, 1884.

GENERAL ORDER

No. 2.

The 30th day of May, by custom and order, has been set apart by the Grand Army of the Republic for exercises in memory of the 300,000 patriotic men who laid down their lives for the preservation of the American Union. These exercises consist of parades, religious services in cemeteries where our dead are sleeping, strewing their graves with flowers, speeches and songs commemorative of their courage and patriotism, and in honor of the cause for which they fought and fell. Memorial Day has been sanctified in the hearts of the American people by a thousand tender associations. It has the authority of law and the sanction of religion for its observance. Unless we are to except the men who fought for our national independence, no men in the annals of the human race have had cast upon them graver responsibilities than had the patriotic men who from April 12, 1861, to April 9, 1865, upheld, maintained and preserved the honor and integrity of American Free Republican Government. So long as mankind honor and revere free institutions, so long the memory of these our fallen Comrades will be held in grateful remembrance.

It is earnestly recommended that posts in this Department extend invitations to schools in their vicinity to participate in the ceremonies of the day. To teach the young the value of the sacrifice that was made to insure to them the blessings of Free Government is a duty we owe to the living and the dead.

On the Sunday preceding Memorial Day it has been customary for the members of the Grand Army to attend together a place of worship where religious services appropriate to the occasion will be conducted. The custom is beautiful, and its continued observance is recommended.

It is ordered that within ten days after the 30th of May Post Commanders forward to the Adjutant General of the Department a report giving a detailed account of the Memorial Exercises in their respective Posts.

BY COMMAND OF

HENRY A. MORROW, Department Commander.

THOMAS C. BELL,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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