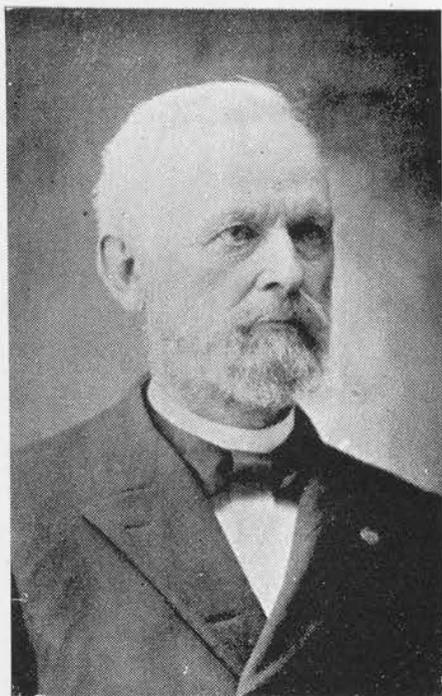




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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1899-1900

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## DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Elected June 22, 1899.

Commander.....J. W. LANGLEY, Seattle  
Senior Vice-Commander.....WILLIAM A. INMAN, Colfax  
Junior Vice-Commander.....R. B. SCOTT, Spokane  
Medical Director.....DR. B. R. FREEMAN, Spokane  
Chaplain.....REV. C. D. SPENCER, Centralia

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

T. M. YOUNG.....Seattle  
GEORGE B. LANE.....Olympia  
J. J. SEE.....Anacortes  
M. C. COLE.....Whatcom  
W. H. WISCOMBE.....Spokane

### DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

At Large.

J. GROVER .....Spokane  
BYRON PHELPS .....Seattle  
D. F. DECATUR.....Mount Vernon

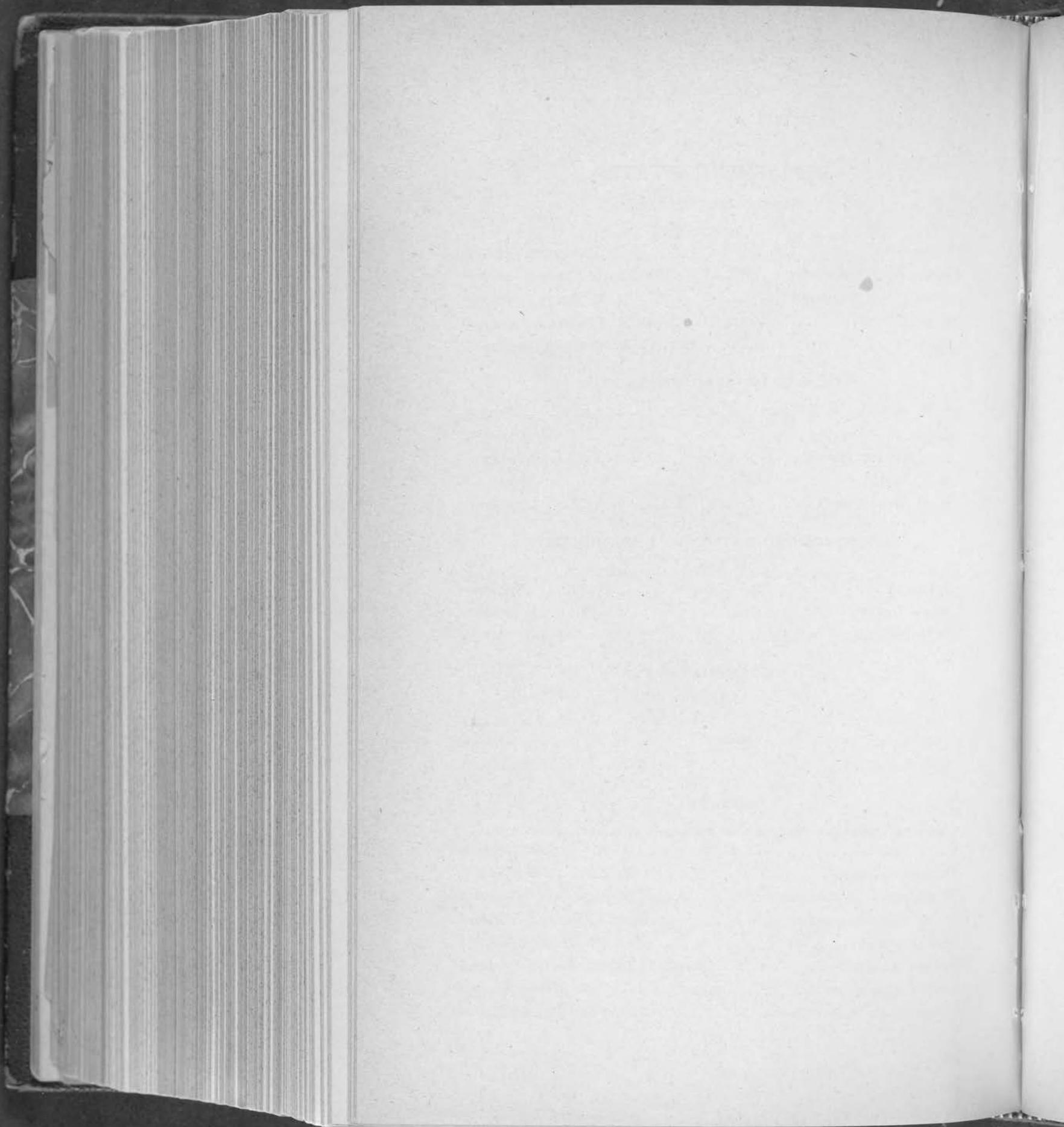
### ALTERNATES.

At Large.

J. KELLER .....Springdale  
J. H. LEITER.....Colfax  
M. C. COLE .....Whatcom

### STAFF.

Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-  
General.....J. H. WILSON, Seattle  
Inspector-General.....E. W. ELIOT, Walla Walla  
Judge Advocate General.....ALBERT S. COLE, New Whatcom  
Chief Mustering Officer.....FRED T. TAYLOR, Tacoma  
Chief of Staff.....A. W. HASTIE, Seattle  
Senior Aide-de-Camp.....THAD. S. SMITH, Port Townsend  
Department Color Bearer.....MARTIN VAN BUREN MILLS, Seattle  
Department Banner Bearer.....JAMES BURCHAM, Seattle



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## GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, Tuesday, June 12, 1900.

The Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Opera House, Ellensburg, on the 12th day of June, 1900, and was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by J. W. Langley, Department Commander.

The Encampment was opened in due form, prayer being offered by Comrade Mock, of No. 48, Chaplain *pro tem*, after which regular business was taken up as follows:

Comrade D. Kinkade, of D. Ford Post No. 11, was appointed acting S. V. Commander; E. C. Kilbourne, of Stevens No. 1, Officer of the Day, and Randolph, of D. Ford Post No. 11, Officer of the Guard.

By special order from Department Headquarters, Comrade

Geo. H. Boardman, of Custer Post No. 6, was appointed A. A. A. General.

Department officers present: J. W. Langley, Department Commander; R. B. Scott, Junior Vice-Commander; B. R. Freeman, Medical Director; C. D. Spencer, Chaplain; J. H. Wilson, Assistant Adjutant-General; T. M. Young and George B. Lane, of the Council of Administration.

The Commander appointed as

*Committee on Rules and Order of Business—*

George H. Boardman, of Custer No. 6.

J. S. Smith, of David Ford No. 11.

\* F. M. Davis, of John F. Miller No. 31.

*Committee on Credentials—*

J. H. Wilson, of John F. Miller No. 31.

J. P. Budd, of John Buford No. 89.

J. M. Comstock, of Sedgwick No. 8.

*Committee on Resolutions—*

Geo. W. Tibbetts, of Stevens No. 1.

L. B. McCoy, of Custer No. 6.

Richard Bradly, of John F. Miller No. 31.

It was voted that all resolutions be referred to Committee on Resolutions without debate.

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business recommended that the hour appointed for the Good of the Order be the hour of assembly at noon Wednesday, and that all speeches, including nominating speeches, be limited to three minutes. Adopted.

Moved that where delegations are not full, Comrades in good standing, present, be allowed to act as delegate from their Post. Carried.

The roll of the Encampment as corrected by the Committee on Credentials is as follows, those marked with an \* being present:

*Department Officers.*

- \*Commander, J. W. Langley, of No. 31, Seattle.
- Senior Vice-Commander, Wm. A. Inman, of No. 19, Colfax.
- \*Junior Vice-Commander, R. B. Scott, of No. 8, Spokane.
- \*Medical Director, B. R. Freeman, of No. 47, Spokane.
- \*Chaplain, C. D. Spencer, of No. 52, Centralia.

*Council of Administration.*

- \*T. M. Young, of No. 1, Seattle.
- \*George B. Lane, of No. 5, Olympia.
- J. J. See, of No. 68, Anacortes.
- M. C. Cole, of No. 24, Whatcom.
- W. H. Wiscombe, of No. 47, Spokane.

*Official Staff.*

- \*Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General, J. H. Wilson, of No. 31, Seattle.
- Inspector General, E. W. Eliot, of No. 4, Walla Walla.
- Judge Advocate General, Albert S. Cole, of No. 24, New Whatcom.
- Chief Mustering Officer, Fred T. Taylor, of No. 6, Tacoma.
- Chief of Staff, A. W. Hastie, of No. 1, Seattle.
- \*Senior Aide-de-Camp, Thad. S. Smith, of No. 15, Port Townsend.
- Department Color Bearer, M. V. Mills, of No. 1, Seattle.
- \*Department Banner Bearer, James Burcham, of No. 31, Seattle.

*Board of Patriotic Instruction.*

- F. H. Hurd, Chairman, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.
- \*W. H. Mock, Pacific Post No. 48, Port Angeles.
- Norman Buck, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.
- S. G. Cosgrove, McDowell Post No. 22, Pomeroy.
- Thad. Heuston, Sheridan Post No. 44, Tacoma.
- A. H. Foote, John F. Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.
- George Hart, Gen. Grover Post No. 51, Auburn.
- Jas. R. Hayden, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia.
- W. H. Brunk, Gen. Ewing Post No. 96, Issaquah.

*Past Department Commanders.*

\*\*Geo. D. Hill, 1883, Post No. 31, Seattle.  
 H. A. Morrow, 1884, Post No. 2, Vancouver.  
 A. M. Brooks, 1885, Post No. 31, Seattle.  
 \*\*C. M. Holton, 1886, Post No. 9, North Yakima.  
 A. P. Curry, 1887, Post No. 8, Spokane.  
 \*\*J. W. Sprague, 1888, Post No. 6, Tacoma.  
 S. G. Cosgrove, 1889, Post No. 22, Pomeroy.  
 M. M. Holmes, 1890, Post No. 1, Seattle.  
 D. G. Lovell, 1891, Post No. 6, Tacoma.  
 J. S. Brown, 1892, Post No. 47, Spokane.  
 \*\*Jos. F. Sinclair, 1893, Post No. 56, Ballard.  
 \*\*J. N. Scott, 1894, Post No. 15, Port Townsend.  
 Norman Buck, 1895, Post No. 8, Spokane.  
 C. T. Patterson, 1896, Post No. 87, South Tacoma.  
 John F. McLean, 1897, Post No. 4, Walla Walla.  
 \*Geo. W. Tibbetts, 1898, Post No. 1, Seattle.

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\*\* Deceased.

*Past National Officers.*

S. G. Cosgrove, National J. V. C., Pomeroy.

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REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EIGHTEENTH ENCAMP-  
MENT.

## STEVENS No. 1.

Commander, A. M. COLE.

*Past Commanders.*

*Geo. W. Tibbitts,	W. H. White,
H. A. Bigelow,	A. P. Spaulding,
O. B. Johnson,	M. M. Holmes,
James Alexander,	W. S. Wilson,
S. F. Street,	John R. Kinnear,
L. A. Treen,	*T. M. Young,
*S. W. Clark,	F. H. Hurd,
J. M. Wiestling,	A. O. Benjamin,
B. B. Bronson,	J. W. Range,
J. E. Risedorph,	W. F. Taylor,
S. W. Olney,	R. P. Pickerell,
A. H. Carr.	A. W. Hastie.

*Representatives.*

A. Barney,  
John Taylor,  
Thomas Clark,  
M. V. Miller,  
John P. Hoyt,  
H. L. Gray,  
W. C. Hawthorn,  
\*E. C. Kilbourne,  
T. S. Winchell,  
\*Chris Doyley,  
F. P. Hemen,  
Robert McMann,  
S. D. Silver.

*Alternates.*

R. M. Davis,  
J. W. Twiss,  
Henry Sheehan,  
J. N. Wallingford,  
M. Bronson,  
William Hanable,  
Thos. Hopkins,  
C. L. Sheldon,  
C. F. Longfellow,  
G. Ramaker,  
J. G. Nolop,  
J. M. Ewing,  
P. P. Carroll.

ELLSWORTH No. 2.

Commander, WM. C. SPRINGER.

*Past Commanders.*

Robert W. Davis,	Wm. H. Nash,
Don B. Baker,	*J. H. Snodgrass,
Nelson F. Balson,	James T. Glass,
Wm. H. Brewster,	James D. Flick.
Wm. Smiley,	

*Representatives.*

\*James A. Snodgrass,  
John W. Jones.

*Alternates.*

Wm. Baker,  
Wm. Smiley.

A. SULLY No. 3.

Commander, D. H. HARDING.

*Representative.*

\*Comrade Rainwater.

A. LINCOLN No. 4.

Commander, B. C. BEDELL.

*Past Commanders.*

J. F. McClean,	W. H. Embree,
W. H. Carnes,	L. M. Lambert,
J. H. Paul,	R. P. Reynolds,
S. M. White,	E. H. Nixon.
E. W. Eliot,	

*Eighteenth Annual Encampment.**Representatives.*

M. G. Parr,  
S. H. Baker,  
C. C. Carr.

*Alternates.*

Ben Crawford,  
E. G. Pingsley,  
Andrew Anderson.

GEO. H. THOMAS No. 5.

Commander, H. R. HILL.

*Past Commanders.*

N. H. Owings,  
James R. Hayden,  
A. D. Rogers,  
A. B. Cowles,  
R. B. Crandall,

\*Geo. B. Lane,  
J. S. Dobbins,  
H. F. Young,  
George Savage.

*Representatives.*

Philip Hiltz,  
J. W. Baker.

*Alternates.*

R. C. Bird,  
S. D. Smith.

CUSTER No. 6.

\*Commander, L. B. McCoy.

*Past Commanders.*

Harry Bigelow,  
S. H. Scham,  
F. T. Taylor,  
Thos. Carroll,  
C. T. Patterson,  
D. G. Lovell,  
G. P. Foster,  
J. E. Noll.

L. B. Strayer,  
Thos. Mattison,  
W. H. Jennings,  
C. H. Holmes,  
Geo. Thornton,  
A. Woodworth,  
G. A. Leavitt,  
M. Metcham.

*Representatives.*

\*G. H. Boardman,  
\*W. Hannah,  
L. W. Roys,  
J. W. Fries,  
C. S. Gifford,  
D. Dowden,  
H. T. Emerson,  
E. Wilson.

*Alternates.*

\*B. N. Bradfield,  
A. P. Smith,  
S. Keller,  
A. Troutenstein,  
J. Howe,  
A. P. Wood,  
C. C. Smith,  
T. Holgate.

PHIL KEARNEY No. 7.

Commander, R. L. COLVIN.

*Past Commanders.*

T. B. Mitchell,	J. Duncan,
C. Wilcox,	H. D. Gifford.

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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John T. Newlan.	Fred Slitztoler.
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SEDGWICK No. 8.

Commander, J. E. STEWART.

*Past Commanders.*

E. J. Webster,	*J. M. Comstock,
A. P. Curry,	Norman Buck,
L. H. Prather,	W. H. Maloney,
E. R. Childs,	Fred Sailing,
Charles R. Connor,	*J. N. Koontz,
E. P. Galbraith,	Jerome Graves,
W. A. Cameron,	J. K. Grover.

*Junior Vice-Commander.*

R. B. Scott.

<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
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J. B. Benway,	D. L. Croussin,
H. H. Selfridge,	W. C. Human,
C. J. Moore,	C. F. Seigler,
Wm. Markham,	Thos. Burns,
Freeling Hosford.	A. L. Guy.

MEADE No. 9.

\*Commander, E. V. FRIEND.

*Past Commanders.*

J. O. Clark,	A. H. Yeates,
B. B. Coombs,	*D. L. Druse.
Wm. Badger,	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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W. Parmeter.	Cephas Morris.
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## MORTON No. 10.

Commander, J. B. HEWITT.

*Past Commanders.*

H. G. Yerk,	F. Turner,
D. F. Sexton,	H. J. Andrews,
M. W. Packard,	J. R. King,
L. H. Coon,	Burton Smith.

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

E. D. Hewitt,	W. P. Stewart,
B. F. Doil,	E. D. Deen.

## DAVID FORD No. 11.

\*Commander, DAVID KINKADE.

*Past Commanders.*

John A. Showdy,	*J. S. Smith,
*Geo. Davis,	*W. W. Westfall.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*John Goodwin.	*T. M. McCandless.
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## McPHERSON No. 12.

Commander, L. L. GOODWIN.

## GARFIELD No. 13.

Commander, R. G. CARLISLE.

*Past Commanders.*

F. Bryan,	J. W. Hall.
John Carothers,	

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

Jonathan Valentine,	J. L. Burch,
Jas. Lynch.	Cecil Tarlton.

## PHILO BUCKMAN No. 14.

Commander, JOHN MOORE.

*Past Commander.*

Jacob Smith.

*Delegate.*

None elected.

FARRAGUT NO. 15.

Commander, J. B. McMILLAN.

*Past Commanders.*

D. M. Littlefield,	M. M. Smith,
Edward Rasi,	*Thad S. Smith.

*Representatives.*

*Alternates.*

*Peter Multy,	Henry Landis,
James T. Wayson.	Joseph C. Heath.

JOHN A. LOGAN NO. 16.

\*Commander, John LE CONNER.

*Past Commanders.*

J. N. Dilm,	E. M. Giles,
J. A. Dix,	E. G. Faires.
Wm. Westacoat,	

*Representatives.*

*Alternates.*

A. L. Webster,	J. A. Dix,
*Jesse Bishop.	A. R. Fisher.

L. C. LADD NO. 17.

Commander, J. HINSON.

*Past Commanders.*

A. Clarke,	C. C. Fuld,
J. W. Solis,	J. H. Coffman,
C. W. Stewart,	Robert Lyman,
C. A. Green,	G. W. Beach.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

Ira F. Pearsall.	Jas. McKeni.
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LARRABEE NO. 18.

Commander, JAMES CALLAHAN.

*Past Commanders.*

J. F. Donnelly,	Robert Moore,
K. H. Ball,	Edward Kriston,
J. L. Wallace,	Thomas Hastie.
O. C. Currier,	

*Eighteenth Annual Encampment**Delegate.*

None reported.

## NAT LYON No. 19.

Commander, GEO. H. STOVER.

*Past Commanders.*

W. A. Truman,	L. A. Dubois,
Clark Colvin,	J. N. Seiter,
Charles Von Lochen,	L. N. Boyd.

*Representatives.*Henry Miller,  
Alex V. Oliver.*Alternates.*Lorenzo Slate,  
Francis S. Brown.

## BAKER No. 20.

Commander, J. R. PUTMAN.

## McDOWELL No. 22.

Commander, H. C. THOMPSON.

*Past Commanders.*

S. G. Cosgrove,	H. E. Farnsworth,
H. C. Thompson,	C. H. Bingham.
S. K. Hull,	

*Representative.*

H. C. Thompson.

*Alternate.*

J. W. Hardin.

## GEORGE WRIGHT No. 23.

Commander, I. J. SCRILMER.

*Past Commanders.*

S. G. Grule,	P. McDowell,
W. K. Griffiths,	A. Bruner,
John Tyler,	Levi Buchanan.

*Representative.*

A. Harrison.

*Alternate.*

S. G. Grule.

STEADMAN No. 24.

Commander, W. H. PENFIELD.

*Past Commanders.*

A. S. Cole,	J. C. Musgrove,
H. N. Williams,	J. P. Lewis,
E. Sturgeon,	J. J. Edens,
A. A. Rogers,	J. C. Hooker.

*Representatives.*

*Alternates.*

A. M. Woolover,	M. B. V. Wright.
M. H. Waybright,	E. Nolan,
L. S. Lambkin.	J. M. Griffith.

JOE HOOKER No. 25.

Commander, R. N. ASHMORE.

*Past Commanders.*

H. P. Hurn,	M. W. Forrest,
— Mossman,	E. G. Magley.

*Representatives.*

*Alternates.*

C. E. Ball,	None reported.
W. J. Dickson.	None reported.

MAJ. ANDERSON No. 29.

Commander, ROBERT BRUCE.

*Past Commanders.*

J. C. Poe,	M. T. Merrill.
Art Colburn,	

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

None reported.	None reported.
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— JOHN F. MILLER No. 31.

\*Commander, RICHARD BRADLY.

*Past Commanders.*

A. M. Brooks,	Richard Osborn,
G. N. Alexander,	*J. W. Langley,
Byron Phelps,	Geo. Kinnear,
W. S. Harlan,	E. M. Schrack,
*J. H. Wilson,	Amos Brown,
L. E. Knapp,	L. T. Dodge.

*Representatives.*

\*F. M. Davis,  
 Lyman Banks,  
 \*Joseph Dickenson,  
 \*B. C. Levy,  
 \*W. A. Bailey,  
 W. W. Perrigo,  
 W. T. Willis,  
 D. C. Brown,  
 H. Thurston,  
 G. L. Case.  
 \*James Burcham,  
 \*G. S. Bailey.

*Alternates.*

J. O. Rockwell,  
 Fred Gasch,  
 Henry Stenier,  
 R. S. Gardner,  
 Fred Flauhaut,  
 D. H. Legata,  
 Thos. Pearl,  
 D. H. Wyan,  
 Martin Kyle.

## REYNOLD No. 32.

Commander, C. C. PANE.

*Past Commanders.*

S. P. Hughes,	W. Whifler,
A. J. Loomis,	T. J. Sphon.
Samuel Wade,	

*Representative.*

S. P. Hughes.

*Alternate.*

None.

## LINDSAY No. 34.

Commander, JOHN STEVAN.

*Past Commander.*

D. F. Anderson.

*Representative.*

P. Shinn.

*Alternate.*

G. Blaine.

## D. A. RUSSELL No. 35.

Commander, MARVIN D. McCALL.

*Past Commanders.*

Jasper Gates,	R. W. Williams,
C. D. Kimball,	S. C. Washburn,
D. F. Decatur,	J. N. Newman,
Wiltze Brown,	A. H. Davis.
B. R. Summer,	

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*Representatives.*

Oscar Babcock,  
Thomas Gates.

*Alternates.*

John V. Bishop,  
Oscar Sturges.

W. H. SEWARD No. 36.

Commander, SILAS GIBSON.

No other record.

J. J. LEWIS No. 37.

Commander, FRANK HUBER.

*Past Commanders.*

D. T. Welch,  
H. E. Benedict,  
D. S. Trescott,  
J. W. Green,

B. F. Oustot,  
J. W. King,  
N. Ausman,  
W. H. Smith.

*Representatives.*

Geo. Filer,  
J. P. Watkins.

*Alternates.*

M. H. Tate,  
J. W. Florence.

R. L. McCook No. 39.

\*Commander, G. W. JAMES.

*Past Commanders.*

H. Wingkoff,  
J. S. Stuart,

H. McManus.

*Representatives.*

A. J. Stiegereiat,  
Dan Wagner.

*Alternates.*

J. W. Foley,  
O. C. Thompson.

J. B. WYMAN No. 41.

\*Commander, C. DENMAN.

LYNCH No. 42.

\*Commander, C. M. MALTBY.

*Past Commanders.*

\*A. J. Rosco,  
Charles Virmp,

W. Palmer.

*Representative.*

\*W. J. Good.

*Alternate.*

\*C. M. Maltby.

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## SHERIDAN No. 44.

Commander, C. G. ROBBINS.

*Past Commanders.*

J. J. Lamon,	R. A. Wakefield,
L. T. Armstrong,	R. M. Johnson,
M. D. Wolf,	

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

A. S. Johnson,	Wm. Wright,
C. Bachman.	C. E. Shultz.

## H. A. MILES No. 45.

\*Commander, WM. DOMRESE.

*Past Commanders.*

H. C. Keeler,	H. Hilscher,
*M. I. Young,	*J. F. Brownfield,
L. J. Silverthoon,	*J. L. Dutton.
J. J. Garrett,	

*Representative.**Alternate.*

J. F. Badger,	J. Brown,
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## W. B. HAZEN No. 46.

\*Commander, J. M. HARRIS.

*Past Commander.*

L. Root.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

L. Root.	Ben Zimmerman.
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## GEN. J. L. RENO No. 47.

\*Commander, B. R. FREEMAN.

*Past Commanders.*

E. B. Dean,	F. P. Weymouth,
D. K. Oliver,	*E. Morrison,
W. H. Wiscombe,	Thos. Lavery.

*Representatives.*

J. A. Haines,  
\*J. G. Gunbach,  
H. C. Ouley,  
A. W. Holland,  
Geo. Heberling.  
\*Comrade Graves.

*Alternates.*

J. E. Valentine,  
W. H. Forney,  
A. C. Raymond,  
H. W. Adams,  
H. B. Meyers.  
\*Comrade Fasscett.

PACIFIC No. 48.

Commander, J. A. SMITH.

*Past Commanders.*

L. D. Stewart,  
P. W. Gallup,  
H. M. Guptill,  
H. W. Doty,  
R. R. Harding,

J. W. Stewart,  
Thos. H. Bradley,  
W. C. Ellsworth,  
\*W. H. Mock.

*Representatives.*

S. L. Watkins,  
J. A. McKee,  
Orin Mason,  
\*E. S. Derickson.

*Alternates.*

Edwin Hovel,  
D. B. Merrill.

KIT CARSON No. 49.

\*Commander, J. W. MOON.

GEN. GROVER No. 51.

Commander, L. L. SCOTT.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. Hart,  
D. N. Kinkade,  
J. H. Warnock,

I. Y. Gilbert,  
W. L. Beach.

*Representatives.*

Erle W. Beach.

*Alternates.*

Egro Liston.

WASHINGTON No. 52.

Commander, ANTON BRIDGES.

*Eighteenth Annual Encampment.**Past Commanders.*

B. S. Philbrick,	M. H. Turner,
G. W. France,	A. M. Holman,
Peter Erickson,	W. F. Crawford.
W. E. Rockwell,	

## WHITMAN No. 53.

Commander, THOS. SAVAGE.

*Past Commanders.*

Ransom Lanning,	K. P. Allen.
M. F. Taylor,	Ed Lanney,
C. S. Mason,	Levi Crawford.
Volney Farnsworth,	

*Representative.*

Thos. Savage.

*Alternate.*

Elisha Burnham.

## C. M. REED No. 54.

\*Commander, W. L. C. ATKINSON.

*Past Commanders.*

L. S. Lillegar,	James West,
Alfred Martin,	L. C. Tallman.

*Representative.*

Geo. T. McDowell.

*Alternate.*

Lawrence Fleming.

John Cole, newly-elected Commander.

## T. T. MINOR No. 55.

Commander, E. P. McCLURE.

## LIEUT. CUSHING No. 56.

Commander, \_\_\_\_\_

*Past Commanders.*

Abram Looney,	S. Hawly,
C. T. Comer,	T. H. Sprague,
S. E. Pells,	D. R. Smith.
Ben Steinauer,	

*Representative.*

J. P. Draper.

*Alternate.*

J. Willey.

H. G. SICKLES No. 57.

Commander, C. W. HOUGHTON.

*Past Commanders.*

C. A. Barton,	E. E. Van Olinda,
S. D. Sherman,	Samuel W. Jacobs.
A. S. Cleristause,	

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

James Priest.

James Kennan.

C. R. APPERSON No. 59.

Commander, A. MARSHALL.

C. W. H. BENTLEY No. 60.

\*Commander, SAMUEL HAMILTON.

\*George P. Amily.

\*John Glasbrook.

GEN. MILROY No. 62.

Commander, C. M. REYNOLDS.

*Past Commanders.*

B. F. Coffen,	J. M. Nilson,
W. B. Ramsey,	J. P. Campbell,
G. W. Hendricks,	C. E. Mohundro.

GEN. CROOK No. 63.

Commander, A. H. LACKEY.

*Past Commanders.*

N. S. Arnold,	C. R. Robinson,
A. Payette,	C. P. L. Roberts,
Z. M. Birmingham,	J. S. Brown.

*Past Department Commander.*

J. S. Brown.

*Representatives.*

*Alternates.*

N. S. Arnold,  
J. W. Toklas.

C. P. L. Roberts.

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## WALLACE No. 64.

Commander, JAMES FERGUSON.

*Past Commanders.*

Carroll Morgan,	Jacob Keller.
A. E. Bedgood,	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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Alfred Young.	Geo. Voit.
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## ADMIRAL PORTER No. 66.

Commander, P. D. HOPKINS.

*Past Commander.*

Nathan Bridges.

## GEN. EMORY No. 68.

Commander, W. A. McLEAN.

*Past Commanders.*

John J. See,	V. J. Knapp,
C. R. Henderson,	D. J. Davis.

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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Wm. Jamison.	None.
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## FREMONT No. 69.

Commander, F. R. WRIGHT.

*Past Commander.*

J. S. Brown, Past Department Commander.

<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
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F. S. Thorp,	None.
C. E. Huson.	None.

## UNION No. 70.

Commander, C. T. RIGGS.

*Past Commanders.*

Fred Kerling,	Wm. Richmond.
E. A. Kyer,	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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C. S. Bondurant.	W. E. Reinoche.
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J. A. REYNOLDS No. 71.

Commander, M. D. COMPTON.

*Past Commanders.*

Maj. Bartholomew,	T. E. McDougal,
W. P. Sergeant,	W. E. Gove.

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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W. W. Brown,	Wm. Knapp.
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A. J. SMITH No. 72.

Commander, ALLISON ALLEN.

*Past Commanders.*

H. G. Stratton,	W. H. Elsworth,
P. L. Lebo,	A. Eickmeyer,
Jesse Lowell,	C. B. Hoadly.

<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
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Moses Wilson,	J. B. Long,
Cass Thompson,	Jesse Howell.

EVERETT No. 73.

\*Commander, J. F. THOMPSON.

*Past Commanders.*

F. McFarland,	E. M. Hulce,
R. A. Guffy,	James Packard,
J. B. Kraus,	John R. Moore.
Geo. T. Myers,	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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John Tull.	Charles Mullen.
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SILAS CASEY No. 74.

Commander, A. S. HALL.

*Past Commanders.*

J. E. Tucker,	J. W. Smoots.
W. H. Tucker,	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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Edward Zeigler.	G. W. Smith.
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E. J. HOUGHTON No. 75.

Commander, G. W. SYKES.

HIRAM BURNHAM No. 76.

Commander, GEO. W. MACE.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. Wood,

S. C. Nicholson.

H. N. Joy,

*Representative.*

O. A. Wiggins.

H. R. LOOMIS No. 80.

Commander, MILES B. HUNT.

*Past Commanders.*

A. H. Brown,

J. F. Allen.

Miles B. Hunt,

*Representative.**Alternate.*

E. Dow.

Wm. Kimball.

WORTHINGTON No. 81.

Commander, ALEX JOLLEY.

*Past Commanders.*

M. C. Holcomb,

Alvin Porter,

I. N. Harding,

Geo. Brumbaugh.

Thos. Foreman,

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Philip Killerman.

James Woodford.

T. D. PRICE No. 82.

\*Commander, C. D. SPENCER.

GEN. SAUNDERS No. 83.

Commander, HENRY ALLEN.

*Past Commanders.*

P. J. Knapp,

H. G. Cronk.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Joseph Strong.

C. Truman.

COMMODORE FOOTE No. 84.

Commander, D. H. SLAG.

*Past Commanders.*

J. B. Clark,	C. W. Robinson,
W. J. Alexander,	A. F. Baird.
D. C. Blume,	

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

William Clein.	J. Hibby.
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WINSLOW No. 87.

\*Commander, J. H. WATERS.

*Past Commanders.*

H. J. Tobias,	S. V. Isenberg,
R. S. Alexander,	J. E. Hartshorn,
H. H. Warner,	James Baker.
J. Emery,	

*Delegate.*

W. A. Looney.

GEN. FRED LANDER No. 88.

Commander, R. H. MARTIN.

*Past Commanders.*

F. R. Farnatt,	E. W. Leonard,
R. A. Truax,	J. Blickenderfer.

JOHN BUFORD No. 89.

Commander, R. K. BEECHAM.

*Past Commanders.*

S. S. King,	J. F. Sherfey.
*J. P. Budd,	

*Representatives.*

*Alternates.*

*S. R. Terwilliger.	J. R. Luce.
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## COL. CROSS No. 90.

Commander, JOHN SEIG.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. Cyfert,	C. H. Stone,
J. B. Bitner,	C. T. Huntley.
Sam'l Caldwell,	

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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J. W. Woods.	None.
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## D. CHAPLAIN No. 92.

Commander, A. B. COATES.

*Past Commanders.*

F. A. Le Soud.	Chas. Eaton.
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*Delegate.*

F. A. LeSoud.

## GEN. RUSK No. 93.

Commander, R. R. STEWART.

*Past Commanders.*

J. H. Fane,	E. S. Fitch.
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<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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I. N. Bailey.	G. G Grenus
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## N. B. PAGE No. 94.

\*Commander, JAMES TAYLOR.

*Past Commanders.*

J. McFarland,	*Thomas Stewart
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<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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Thomas Stewart.	N. Cade.
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## L. P. PLUMMER No. 95.

Commander, JAMES H. DECKER.

*Past Commanders.*

John Broyles,	Andrew Miller.
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*Representatives.*

J. K. P. Reed,  
W. J. Henry.

*Alternates.*

David Patchin,  
Ambrose Barnes.

GEN. EWING No. 96.

\*Commander, D. F. WILSEY.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. Ray,  
W. H. Brunk,

A. J. Foster.

*Representative.*

S. Baxter.

*Alternate.*

T. M. Gibson.

W. T. SHERMAN No. 97.

Commander, W. H. MEIER.

*Past Commanders.*

Abram Gare,  
W. H. H. Cressey,

Dennis Herichen,  
David Koch.

*Representative.*

James Lewellen.

*Alternate.*

J. R. Fuller.

GEN. J. M. CORSE No. 98.

Commander, C. W. CAMPBELL.

*Past Commanders.*

A. F. Perkins,  
*Representative.*

D. J. Zent,  
*Alternate.*

E. S. McCloud.

Hugh Weir.

H. W. LAWTON No. 99.

\*Commander, C. B. HOADLEY.

*Past Commanders.*

Thomas J. Holcomb.

C. S. Anderson.

*Representative.*

\*H. R. Hill.

*Alternate.*

H. A. Libby.

BRIG.-GEN. M. M. SPEAGLE No. 100.

Commander, D. C. ROBY.

Acting Senior Vice-Commander Kinkade was called to the chair.

The Department Commander's address was read.

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON  
AND ALASKA, G. A. R.

ELLENSBURG, June 12, 1900.

*Comrades:*

Assembled as we are today on the eighteenth anniversary of the Department Encampment of Washington and Alaska, we are sensibly reminded of the speedy flight of time with persons of our accumulated years. The period of my administration has quickly passed, and I am here to frankly confess at the outset that I have failed to accomplish much of the work I had in mind to perform when one year ago you endowed me with the fullest authority at your command and conferred upon me the highest honor of the Department. Circumstances I could not foresee, nor had the power to control, have conspired to disappoint my own expectations as well as yours. But thanks to a most efficient official staff and a healthy spirit of comradeship throughout our jurisdiction, the Department instead of losing in membership, according to the custom of older Departments, has continued to increase as evidenced by the A. A. General's report, showing the institution of two new Posts, the revival of four weakly ones and a net gain of 83 members. But considering the large influx of veterans from many portions of the country during the last few years, the fact that we have increased is not so much a matter of boasting as of regret that we have not increased more abundantly.

By circular No. 1 I sought to emphasize the importance of bringing back to active relations with the Grand Army our dropped and honorably discharged Comrades residing within the bounds of the Department. I know they are not all in, and I do not know any good reason why they should remain out. United in war, the Grand Armies of the Union espoused a common cause, shared a common danger and followed one unconquerable flag to victory. United in peace, their triumphs are no less renowned. The national and state Soldiers and Sailors' Homes, the various and liberal provisions for pensions, the service credit on homestead entries, the national parks and cemeteries for the sepulcher

of our known and unknown dead, are but some of the achievements of the united and well-organized efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic. Through its specially appointed committees the Order is put in touch with every department of government to demand a just recognition of the rights of every veteran soldier, regardless of his relation to the Order. And what soldier, proud of his record in war, would not feel his manhood rise with the privilege of such honorable association? I commend further efforts on this line to my successor, and trust that by the end of his term he can report every straggler safely in camp.

## DEATHS.

Our loss by deaths reported during the year, numbering fifty-three (53), shows an unceasing rate of mortality, admonishing us that the once invincible armies of the Union are rapidly yielding to the universal law of decay. By a recent estimate of the pension bureau there remained at the beginning of the year about 925,000 survivors of the Civil War, including pensioners and non-pensioners, and assuming the rate of mortality to be equal on both classes, more than 30,000 of our Comrades fell before Death's relentless stroke within the past twelve months. "Alas! How are the mighty fallen." Let us hope their memories will be cherished and their graves strewn with the fresh flowers of springtime on each recurring Memorial Day.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

It is gratifying to learn from many quarters that Memorial Day was more generally observed this year than heretofore in this Department, all classes of citizens evincing a disposition to make the day sacred to the memory of the nation's dead. In exceptional places and by exceptional citizens the day was dishonored by games, sports and idle pastimes.

If the press and public speakers would use the correct name to designate the day it would help the people to a better understanding of its real meaning. The 30th day of May never was appointed by the Grand Army of the Republic as "Decoration Day," but solely and universally as "Memorial Day." It is memorial in the sense that we cherish the memory of those who died in defense of the Nation, and we strew flowers on their graves as a symbol of our gratitude and a pledge that the memory of their deeds shall remain with us as fresh and sweet as the flowers with which we garland their passionless mounds.

## WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

With 78 live Posts in the Department, there are but 46 Auxiliary Relief Corps—a few more than enough to go half way round. This don't speak well for your faith in the ability of womankind to assist in the discharge of your duties to our sick and needy, or to the widows and orphans of our deceased Comrades. In my judgment there should be a Corps for each Post.

You will learn during this session, as you have learned before with gladness, how our devoted and patriotic sisters are still striving to help us carry our burdens. You will applaud their lofty motives and benevolent work, but how many of you will go to your homes, where no such helpful agency exists, and urge your wives and daughters and the wives and daughters of your neighbors to come together and form a Corps that will stand loyally by your Post and in their own delicate and quiet ways do as much, or more, to promote its interests and objects than you have probably done yourselves. In more ways than I have time to relate they would render your Post and its members a most grateful and willing service.

Our women of the war gave such multiplied proofs of their courage, loyalty and devotion by daring the perils of the field, the camp and the hospital, to minister to our sick, wounded and dying, as justly to entitle them to the grateful recognition of the Nation, and their precious memory is enshrined in the heart of every true soldier whose service brought him within the sphere of their holy presence. The Woman's Relief Corps, having early seized the opportunity for work and shown themselves devoted to every interest of our needy wards, the Grand Army must still, as heretofore, recognize them as its true auxiliaries and worthy types of their illustrious predecessors. In saying this we do not forget nor disparage the noble work of other kindred organizations of women having in view the same general purpose, but give to them all the hearty Godspeed of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## SONS OF VETERANS.

I wish I could commend as highly the Order of the Sons of Veterans. Our boys ought to be closely allied to every interest that is dear to us. When that order sprang into existence a few years ago it rushed forward with the zeal characteristic of youth. Young men were proud of their ancestry, and to say "I am the son of a veteran" was the synonym of loyalty to country, and an

assurance that the war had not killed the spirit of patriotism in the land. Possibly they began too soon, or were moved by an inconsiderate zeal untempered by sound judgment, or met with indifference by those they meant to honor. But whatever the cause, it is certain the order has not measured up to the hopes of its charter members. For some time prior to the outbreak of the war with Spain it had been in a languishing condition, but that event stirred anew the patriotism of the people and many young sons of veterans having aligned themselves in defense of the old flag their fathers had carried to victory, infused new life into the order, and with the encouragement it should receive at our hands it ought steadily to grow in strength and usefulness, until the Grand Army lays down its burdens and transmits its archives, its honors and its traditions to the keeping of its loyal successors.

Comrades, let us not be wanting in proper attention to the boys, if we expect their lives to reflect credit upon our services and devotion to flag and country as veterans of the Civil War.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

By general order No. 2, of date August 9, 1899, I established a Board of Patriotic Instruction consisting of nine members. The duties of the board as defined in general terms were "to formulate and recommend methods for presenting to the youth of our land, and especially those in the public schools, such literature and exercises as shall inspire them with a strong love of country, a profound respect for the memory of its heroic defenders, and an undying devotion to the flag." Its report will show the work of the board to date.

While the Grand Army of the Republic does not assume to be the exclusive repository of American patriotism, yet it claims to have fairly earned the right to insist that the principles of free government as established by the fathers of the Republic and maintained by the valor of America's citizen soldiery through four years of bloody war shall be truly interpreted and faithfully transmitted to the children of the present and coming generations.

It is to advance these and kindred objects that the Grand Army knocks at the door of the public school, holds sacred to itself and instructive to others Memorial Day, urges a display of the flag on public buildings and in public places, and approves all proper methods of teaching the history and development of

our civil government, and especially as affected by the *real issues* involved in the Civil War.

I have seen bright school boys and girls, well advanced in their grades, who could talk glibly of Grant, Lee, Sherman, Thomas, Bragg, Hood, Sheridan, Meade, Johnson and other conspicuous commanders, and generally say which side they were on, but not one word of what they were fighting about. It is to get *back* of the noise and smoke of battle, to the basal cause of the war, I would direct the inquiry of the pupil. I believe some practical and systematic methods of imparting such instruction should command our best thought and action, and to this end the board was created and I trust will be continued.

#### SOLDIERS' HOME.

In January I visited the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Orting, passing through the buildings and grounds, meeting and talking briefly with many of the members, and from their standpoint learning what I could touching their comfort and discipline. Of the housing and food there was practically no complaint, and I saw no occasion for any. The problem of discipline in all homes of which I am acquainted presents many embarrassments to the management, and our own at Orting furnishes no exception to the general rule.

Men come to the Home not altogether from choice. Business failures, financial mishaps, or may be handicapped by wounds or disease incurred in war, they have fallen behind in the race for the means of subsistence, and in their weakness are too readily inclined to regard the Home as a sort of charity refuge, rather than as the free-will offering of a patriotic and grateful people. The soldier who did his duty in war ought to have no occasion to feel humiliated by reason of a residence in a State or National Home. He is no less a man and a Comrade than when, in the strength of his youth he stood at the battle front or stormed the deadly trench, where his valor may have saved your life or mine. Certainly such as he saved the best government ever devised to bless mankind.

The use of our State Home, like others, is the gift of the people of the state, and a tribute of appreciation of the service and sacrifice of the citizen soldier. It is given in part payment of that debt of gratitude the public has always recognized and always confessed its inability fully to discharge. Yet it must be understood by those who seek shelter under its hospitable roof that they come consenting always to the reasonable rules

prescribed by proper authority for its government. It is error to say, as some do, that it is the primary duty of the state to provide and support a home for indigent and disabled soldiers and sailors residing within its borders. That duty pertains alone to the general government, and when it is voluntarily assumed, wholly or in part by the state, it must be accepted with the reasonable conditions the state may choose to impose. To the great majority of the members such conditions are not burdens, but rather desired in the interest of harmony and as a safeguard against the incorrigible few. It is only the few in civil life that break the law and put whole communities in terror. It was about the same proportionate few in the army that defied all discipline and made the guardhouse a necessity, and it would be strange if some of the same class were not found in our State and National Homes.

I justify no mandatory requirement of the members of the Home calculated to lessen their self-respect by subordinating them below the grade of American manhood, but all must realize the relation of superior and subordinates, and if they were dutiful soldiers they learned and respected that relation in the army. It is no less imperative at the Home.

My limited time at Orting did not admit of close inquiry into the system of discipline, but I saw no published rules and heard no commands given that a well-disposed resident of the Home might not cheerfully obey without the slightest loss of self-respect, and Commandant Allen impressed me as an officer who labored diligently and conscientiously to discharge his duties for the best interest of the state and of those committed to his charge.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

While acknowledging again my own shortcomings, I claim some merit for having selected a first-class official staff. You have known Comrade J. H. Wilson for a long time, both in his personal and official relations to the Department, and you know his zeal for the Order and his fidelity to duty. As A. A. General and A. Q. M. General he has had much to do, and when you come to examine his work, I think you will say he did it well.

Comrade Eliot, Inspector General, has been both prompt and efficient in the discharge of his official duties, as his reports will show.

The balance of the staff have less prescribed official duties

to perform, but all are recognized as faithful to every trust and true to the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

## CONCLUSION.

Comrades, after thirty-five years of profound peace at home we have reached the verge of a new century, and in the mercy of God many of us are still permitted to walk the earth and share the blessings and security of a firmly reunited and prosperous country. In the broad Southland, among the myrtle and the pine, where our dead were thickly strewn, the Evangel of Peace covers their grassy tents with the shadow of her wing. The starry banner, once despised by our foes, has had a new baptism in the commingled blood of their sons and of ours, and in that sacrificial offering the wounds of the Nation are healed, and before the triune shrine of Liberty, Justice and Humanity all the people bow in rendering homage to one God, one country, one flag.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. W. LANGLEY, Department Commander.

Referred to Comrades Goodwin of No. 11, Lane of No. 5, and Young of No. 1.

At 12 noon adjourned until 1:30.

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AFTERNOON SESSION, JUNE 12, 1900

1:30 p. m.—Encampment opened in due form.

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business reported:

1. Report of Committee on Credentials.
2. Report of officers.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Invitations for Nineteenth Encampment.
5. Election of officers.
6. Election of place for Nineteenth Encampment.
7. Report of committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Installation of officers.

REPORT JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S OFFICE,

ELLENSBURG, Washington, June 12, 1900.

*Asst. Adjt.-Gen. J. H. Wilson, Seattle, Washington:*

I have the honor to submit my report of the work performed officially as Junior Vice-Commander of the Department of Washington and Alaska.

I have visited many Posts during the year, both on the eastern and western side of the Department, urging them to put forth greater efforts in the upbuilding of our noble Order. And whenever the opportunity afforded I have tried to impress upon the officers and members the need of more zeal in the work, especially in the picket posts; and I believe these efforts have borne some fruit. On January 13th I had the honor to muster in General Spegal Post No. 100 of the Department of Washington and Alaska at Mead, Washington. I also had the privilege of twice visiting the State Soldiers' Home at Orting, Washington, and I sincerely believe that our Comrades are well taken care of, and I think that it reflects credit on the state and on the management of our Soldiers' Home.

There is but one fault, and that is that it is not large enough. They are full to overflow; in fact, they were even compelled to cease taking any more in this last winter—which was just the time that old soldiers and sailors needed a snug harbor.

One old Comrade, who served on the United States steamer *Hardford* with Admiral Farragut, that grand old hero who was lashed to the rigging while the *Hardford* was passing the forts in the battle of Mobile Bay, was found in a most destitute condition in an old shack in Spokane, after having applied to our State Home for admission. They were unable to take him at the Home, as they already had more than they could care for. This poor old Comrade would probably be alive today had he been able to get proper care.

One old Comrade was taken from the King county poor house by Major Clark, and only with the greatest difficulty managed to crowd into the Home.

There was also a Mexican War veteran who came very near dying on a stretcher in the streets of Seattle, for want of a better place to take him.

In view of these facts, Comrades, the work nearest my heart

has been the efforts to establish a National Soldiers' Home in the abandoned Fort Sherman, at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, thirty miles from Spokane, Washington. I have corresponded with the Departments of Idaho, California, Oregon, Montana and North Dakota, asking them to co-operate with this Department by instructing their representatives in Congress at Washington, D. C., to work with us to that end. Attached hereto is Senator George L. Shoup's reply.

I would respectfully recommend the Department Encampment to endorse by a resolution to Comrade President McKinley the setting aside the abandoned Fort Sherman at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for a National Soldiers' Home, which site was selected by General Sherman on account of its beauty.

In conclusion permit me to thank the Comrades of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., for the honor they have bestowed upon me during the past year.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

R. B. SCOTT,

Junior Vice-Commander, G. A. R., of the Department of Washington and Alaska.

Ordered printed.

Medical Director submitted his report. Same accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

#### REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.  
SPOKANE, Wash., June 10, 1900.

*J. W. Langley, Commander:*

SIR—I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the Medical Department of Washington and Alaska for the year ending December 31, 1899. Until such time arrives when Post Commanders will see that Post Surgeons forward their reports to the Medical Director, said reports made out in full, the Medical Director's report as submitted to the annual Encampment will amount to but little. Out of 74 Posts in the Department only 21 forwarded their Post Surgeon's report.

From July 1 to December 31, 1899:

Total number reports received.....	21
Total number deaths .....	20
Total number died of wounds, 5; total number died of diseases contracted in service, 15; total, 20.	

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Number treated free of charge .....	34
Money value of medicines, surgical appliances and relief furnished .....	\$2,530.45
Number of sick and maimed receiving pensions.....	14

Yours in F., C. and L.,  
B. R. FREEMAN, M. D., Medical Director.

Ordered printed.

Chaplain's report accepted and ordered printed in the  
Journal.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.  
OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,  
CENTRALIA, Wash., June 12, 1900.

*To Comrade J. W. Langley, Department Commander:*

DEAR COMRADE—I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Chaplain:

Number of Posts in Department.....	78
Number of Posts reporting Memorial services up to date....	40

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending services, reported up to date....	40
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	38
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	10
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	11
Number of sermons preached by non-soldiers.....	14
Number of Comrades present at such services.....	1,150
Number of Women's Relief Corps participating with Posts at such services .....	...
Number of members of Women's Relief Corps attending such services .....	460
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans attending such services .....	14
Number of Sons of Veterans attending such services.....	125

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services, reported up to date .....	43
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day services .....	2,832
Number of Women's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day services .....	45

Number of members of Women's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day services .....	204
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans participating in Memorial Day services .....	14
Number of Sons of Veterans participating.....	130
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	66
Number of graves decorated .....	554
Number of graves unmarked by headstones (most of these provided for) .....	209
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day services .....	77
Number of pupils participating .....	9,817
Number of other organizations participating.....	66
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day...	40
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	19
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	9
Number of addresses delivered by non-soldiers.....	14
Number of Posts having burial plots.....	24

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

C. D. SPENCER, Department Chaplain.

Report of Committee on Patriotic Instruction was read by Comrade Mock of No. 48. Adopted and ordered printed in the Journal.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

*To J. W. Langley, Commander Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.:*

The Board of Patriotic Instruction appointed to formulate some plan and make recommendations for patriotic instruction in our schools have carefully considered the question and have endeavored to ascertain to what extent such instruction is included in the public schools of our Department.

We find it is made very prominent in most of the cities and towns, and that thousands of children are thoroughly and systematically taught to respect and honor the flag of our country, which the patriotic legislators have ordered to be raised over every school-house.

We find that generally teachers known to be thoroughly patriotic, not necessarily boiling-over enthusiasts, are employed in most places; but there are instances where teachers have be-

littled our country and its institutions in comparison with the Old World monarchies.

We find that a systematic course of supplementary reading has been inaugurated in many places that is calculated to impress upon the childrens' minds facts connected with deeds of bravery and the sacrifices made to establish and perpetuate our country, as well as to keep before them the fact that it is possible for each citizen to rise to the limit of his ability. In our public schools are children who come from homes of all nationalities, and who get their first impressions of our country and government from instruction and association formed within its walls.

It is the custom in many of our cities to have special exercises on certain days to inculcate the spirit of patriotism, a reverence for our institutions and the memory of those who were so active in their establishment. Washington's birthday, Lincoln's birthday, and one day just before Memorial Day have been generally devoted to such programmes.

We believe that in this Department the school boards, superintendents and teachers are thoroughly patriotic and are doing a grand work in the line of patriotic instruction.

But as there is no special uniform plan followed, we make a few brief recommendations for your consideration, and if they meet with your approval, we advise that a copy be sent to the state and county superintendents and the city boards of education.

Board of Patriotic Instruction of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington and Alaska, make the following recommendations:

First—Employ teachers of pronounced patriotism.

Second—That at least two days in each school year special patriotic exercises shall be held in every schoolroom. On Washington's birthday and one day just before Memorial Day we believe especially appropriate.

Third—That patriotic national songs be used in every schoolroom for the purpose of teaching patriotism as well as to develop musical talent.

Fourth—That supplementary reading be provided: For advanced pupils, "True Tales of American History," by Hawthorne; for other grades, Dodge's History Stories, "American Life and Adventure," by Eggleston, and Stories of Great Americans for Little Ones.

Fifth—That teachers and scholars be especially requested to

participate in all public exercises and parades that have for their object the manifestation of loyalty to our country and our country's flag.

F. H. HURD.  
 NORMAN BUCK.  
 JAS. R. HAYDEN.  
 W. H. MOCK.  
 S. G. COSGROVE.  
 THAD. HEUSTON.  
 A. H. FOOTE.  
 GEO. HART.  
 W. H. BRUNK.

Report of Assistant Adjutant General adopted and ordered printed in the Journal.

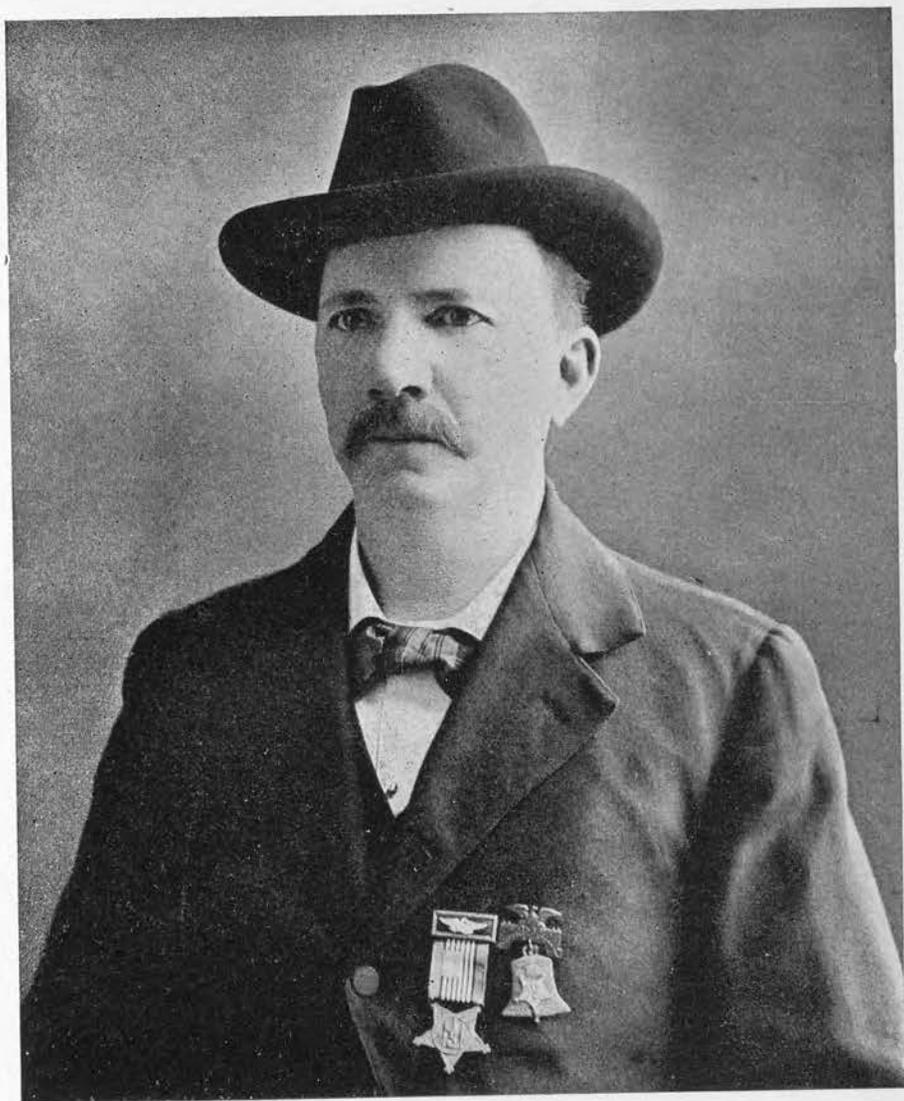
#### REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., June 12, 1900.

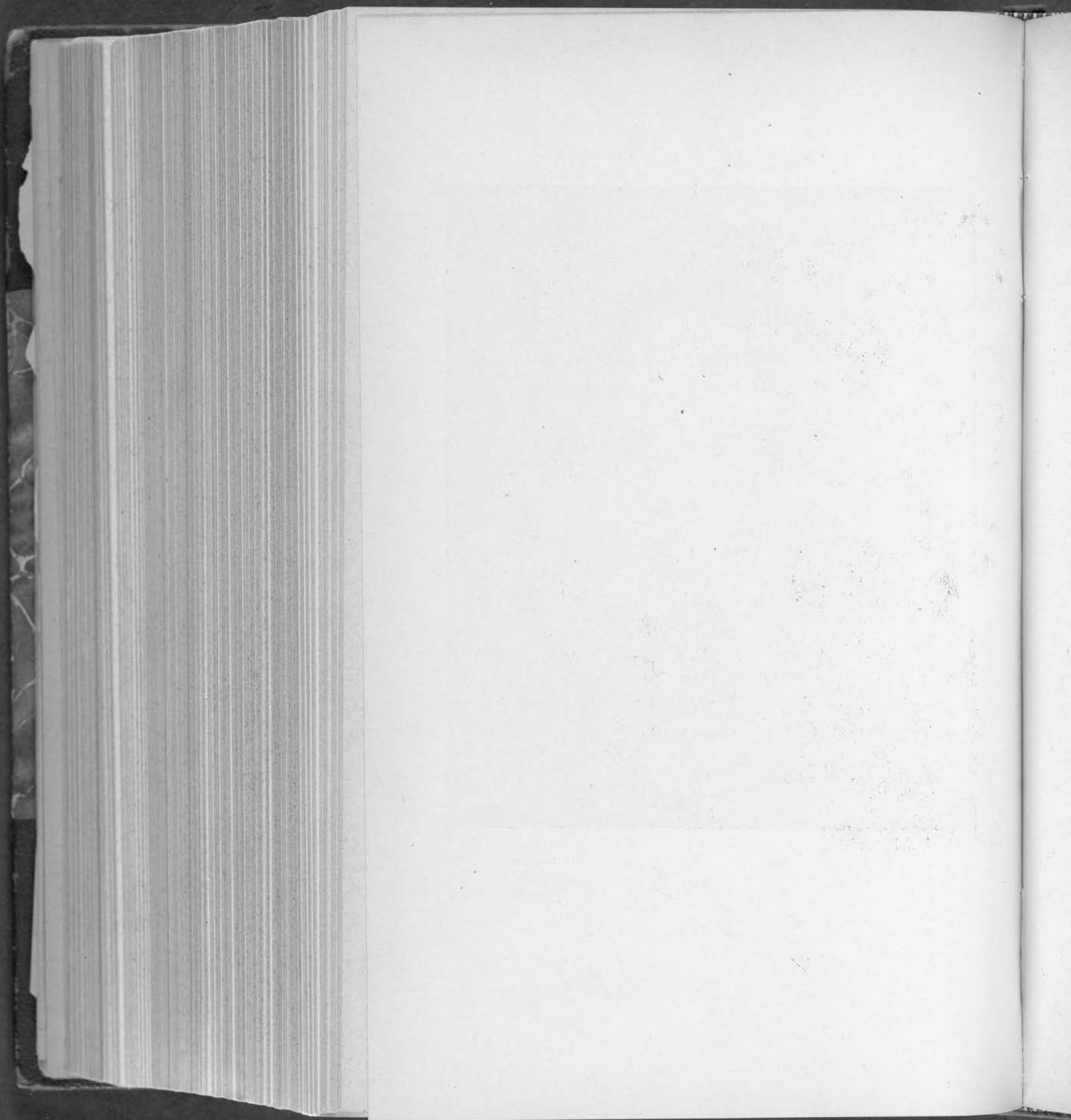
*Commander:*

In compliance with the rules and regulations of the Order, I have the honor herewith to submit the annual report of the business of this office, showing the condition of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1899, and the general work of this office from June 25, 1899, to date, inclusive. The following is an abstract from the consolidated report as forwarded to National Headquarters, for the year ending December 31, 1899:

In good standing December 31, 1898.....	2,362
Gain first six months, ending June 30, 1899—	
By muster .....	135
By transfer .....	59
By reinstatement .....	88
From delinquent report .....	149
Total gain .....	431
Loss during the same period—	
By death .....	22
By transfer .....	16
By honorable discharge .....	11
By suspension .....	336
Total loss .....	385
Net gain .....	46
75 Posts in good standing June 30, 1899, members.....	2,408



*J. H. Wilson*  
*A. T. S.*



Gain second semi-annual return, ending Dec. 31, 1899—

By muster .....	70
By transfer .....	34
By reinstatement .....	187

Total gain ..... 291

Loss during same period—

By death .....	28
By honorable discharge .....	4
By transfer .....	76
By suspension .....	146

Total loss ..... 254

Net gain ..... 37

78 Posts in good standing Dec. 31, 1899, members.....2,445

The following table shows the numerical strength of the Department at present date, by gains and losses during the year:

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP.

NO.	NAME AND LOCATION.	In good standing for term ending Dec. 31,		
		1897.	1898.	1899.
1.	Stevens, Seattle .....	212	227	287
2.	Ellsworth, Vancouver .....	45	34	26
3.	A. Sully, Dayton .....	73	63	63
4.	A. Lincoln, Walla Walla .....	76	58	56
5.	Geo. H. Thomas, Olympia .....	45	42	37
6.	Custer, Tacoma .....	173	160	159
7.	Phil Kerney, Toledo .....	11	12	17
8.	Sedgwick, Spokane .....	95	87	92
9.	Meade, North Yakima .....	47	19	34
10.	Morton, Snohomish .....	31	29	32
11.	David Ford, Ellensburg .....	14	27	37
12.	McPherson, Kalama .....	21	21	21
13.	Garfield, Montesano .....	36	27	35
14.	Philo Buckman, Sprague .....	10	16	13
15.	Farragut, Port Townsend .....	45	43	35
16.	John A. Logan, Garfield.....	15	19	18
17.	L. L. Ladd, Puyallup .....	24	17	18
18.	Larrabee, La Conner .....	20	16	21
19.	Nat. Lyon, Colfax .....	39	33	33

NO.	NAME AND LOCATION.	In good standing for term ending Dec. 31.		
		1897.	1898.	1899.
20.	Baker, Goldendale .....	16	16	12
22.	McDowell, Pomeroy .....	25	31	32
23.	Geo. Wright, Cheney .....	19	11	10
24.	J. B. Steadman, New Whatcom.....	44	51	50
25.	Joe Hooker, Chehalis .....	19	29	29
29.	Maj. Anderson, Palouse .....	19	19	10
31.	J. F. Miller, Seattle .....	160	192	202
32.	Raynolds, Blaine .....	11	11	15
34.	Lindsay, Rosalia .....	12	12	10
35.	D. A. Russell, Mount Vernon.....	53	38	42
36.	W. H. Seward, Juneau, Alaska.....	9	..	8
37.	J. J. Lewis, Asotin .....	26	28	25
39.	R. L. McCook, Wilbur.....	39	41	33
41.	J. B. Wyman, Rockford .....	34	30	30
42.	Lynch, Lynden .....	13	13	17
44.	Phil Sheridan, Tacoma .....	23	23	27
45.	H. A. Miles, Waterville .....	12	12	15
46.	W. B. Hazen, Ritzville .....	16	15	15
49.	Kit Carson, Kelso .....	16	16	12
47.	J. L. Reno, Spokane.....	70	88	86
48.	Pacific, Port Angeles .....	50	55	57
51.	Gen. Grover, Auburn .....	17	16	18
52.	Washington, Hoquiam .....	19	17	18
53.	Whitman, Pullman .....	15	15	15
54.	C. M. Reed, Orting .....	28	28	24
55.	T. T. Minor, Winlock.....	..	9	9
56.	Lieut. Cushing, Ballard .....	12	17	17
57.	H. G. Sickles, Vashon .....	20	18	17
59.	C. R. Apperson, Fairhaven.....	19	19	19
60.	C. W. H. Bentley, Crescent.....	18	20	22
62.	Gen. Milroy, Latah .....	20	16	15
63.	George Crook, Aberdeen .....	13	13	14
64.	Wallace, Springdale .....	12	14	17
66.	Admiral Porter, Mossy Rock.....	14	12	10
68.	Gen. Emory, Anacortes .....	15	17	15
69.	Fremont, South Bend .....	22	32	32
70.	Union, Chewelah .....	17	14	10
71.	J. A. Reynolds, Buckley.....	..	21	23
72.	A. J. Smith, Wayside.....	27	32	34
73.	Everett, Sumner .....	13	13	13

NO.	NAME AND LOCATION.	In good standing for term ending Dec. 31		
		1897.	1898.	1899.
74.	Silas Casey, Friday Harbor.....	7	7	10
75.	E. J. Houghton, Harvey.....	18	16	17
76.	Col. Burnham, Kent .....	16	17	18
80.	H. R. Loomis, Gig Harbor.....	13	12	10
81.	Worthington, Elma .....	16	10	15
82.	T. P. Price, Centralia.....	27	26	21
83.	Gen. Saunders, Kelso .....	14	8	9
84.	Commodore Foote, Sidney .....	27	24	24
87.	J. A. Winslow, South Tacoma.....	23	20	20
88.	Gen. Lander, Farmington .....	15	19	20
89.	John Buford, Everett .....	31	21	25
90.	Col. Cross, Shelton .....	21	12	12
92.	D. Chaplain, Coupeville .....	..	13	13
93.	Gen. Rusk, Davenport .....	19	18	19
94.	N. B. Page, Mission .....	14	18	17
95.	L. P. Plummer, New Whatcom.....	33	37	28
96.	Gen. Ewing, North Bend .....	10	22	27
97.	W. T. Sherman, Burlington.....	17	18	18
98.	J. M. Corse, Colville .....	..	10	9
99.	H. W. Lawton, Orting .....	..	..	28
100.	Gen. M. M. Speagle, Meade.....	..	..	11
Totals .....		2,356	2,372	2,484

RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Dec., 1883....	427	Dec., 1889....	1742	Dec., 1894....	2490
" 1884....	824	" 1890....	2512	" 1895....	2314
" 1885....	886	" 1891....	2706	" 1896....	2242
" 1886....	690	" 1892....	2638	" 1897....	2356
" 1887....	1046	June, 1893....	2793	" 1898....	2372
" 1888....	1358	Dec., 1893....	2580	" 1899....	2484

RECAPITULATION.

	Posts.	Members.
In good standing January 1, 1899.....	76	2,362
Gain for the year 1899 .....	3	722
Loss for the year 1899.....	1	639
Total gain over loss .....	2	83

One new Post was organized on April 27, 1899. It was established at Colville, in Stevens county, and is known as General

John M. Corse Post No. 98, Department Washington and Alaska. This Post was organized by the last administration, and in December reports paid per capita tax on 10 members. The Adjutant reports that it is in good condition and will live.

During the present year two new Posts have been added to our Department list—one on February 1st, named H. W. Lawton Post No. 99, with a charter membership of 28. This Post is located at Orting, Pierce county, Department of Washington and Alaska; instituting and mustering officer, J. H. Wilson, Assistant Adjutant General. The Post starts out under the brightest of prospects, and no doubt will show a large increase in membership during the present year.

Post No. 100, named Brigadier-General M. M. Speagle Post, was organized March 1st, with 11 charter members. This Post is located at Meade, Spokane county; instituting and mustering officer, Junior Vice Department Commander R. B. Scott, who was largely, if not wholly, instrumental in organizing the same.

Fifty-three deaths have occurred during the year 1899 among the membership of the G. A. R. in this Department. This shows an increase over former years, and is a reminder to us that we too must soon answer the last roll call of our Great Commander. Fifteen have been honorably discharged and ninety-two have been transferred and 146 dropped from the roll, having been previously suspended. Total loss, 306.

As to the question of suspended members, looking at it from one year's experience as the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, and from many years' active interest in the post room, that the plan of suspending members who are six months in arrears and keeping them suspended for an indefinite period is a mistaken policy, as it deprives them of the privileges and rights of the post room and of active fellowship with their Comrades, and they lose an interest in the Order. In the meantime their dues have kept on increasing until they become so large they are wholly unable to meet them. Their only hope then is a remission of their dues by a vote of the Post or allow reinstatement for a nominal sum. I believe if members who are lax in payment of dues were promptly notified by Post Quartermaster, as provided in Rules and Regulations, and a personal appeal made to them, the great loss of membership would cease to be a cause of worry to the Order.

And here let me suggest just one thing more that will go far to mitigate and lessen the burden on our Assistant Adjutant

General, and that is, so far as practicable Adjutants and Quartermasters should be retained, where efficient, so long as possible in their various posts.

There have been but few discrepancies between Adjutants and Quartermasters' reports during the past year, and I bespeak for my successor the same wise carefulness.

I have noted no Posts delinquent in general orders during the year, but where Posts have been so, I have written personal letters, which, I believe, has been far more successful. No Post likes to have its delinquency published throughout the Department, and when its pride as a member of this Department is appealed to in a personal communication, it, in most every instance, brings the required result.

RELIEF.

The Posts of this Department have expended during the year in relief, other than Post funds, \$2,193.02, as shown by Quartermaster's reports, and \$704 of Post funds, as reported from Adjutants' reports, making a total of \$2,897.02. I am satisfied much more than this was expended, as a large majority of Posts show no expenditure in their reports. Two hundred and forty Comrades, or their families, were relieved, and 167 other than Comrades relieved.

The neat and carefully compiled journal of the Seventeenth Encampment, Washington and Alaska, was received from my worthy predecessor, Comrade S. W. Clarke, in September, 1899, and, together with the Roster of 1900, sent to every Post in this Department and one copy each also sent every Department in the United States. This, along with all required blanks and forms, have been transmitted in proper form and time to all Posts in this Department. The custom of exchanging Rosters and Journals with other Departments has been continued during the past year, and all those received are on file at headquarters.

Ten general orders have been received from National Headquarters and seven have been issued from this Department. All have been promptly mailed to the various Posts in the Department and exchanges have been made with all outside Departments, and many have been sent out to private and public institutions throughout the nation.

By recommendation of the Council of Administration of the Seventeenth Encampment, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to segregate all papers and articles of value to the Department, which have accumulated during its life, and destroy

or sell the balance. The Assistant Adjutant General, after conference with the Department Commander and members of the Council of Administration, entered into correspondence with the Adjutant General of the State, who offered to store, free of cost, any and all records of the Department in the military warehouse at Olympia. Accordingly three boxes were shipped to Comrade George B. Lane (member of Council of Administration), of Olympia, who had kindly offered his services to see that they were properly stored and receipted for. A list of the articles in said boxes was made and entered upon the official book or journal kept by the Assistant Adjutant General; ample being retained, however, for active use by Department Headquarters.

The business of the office has included, among its details, an enormous correspondence, not alone of Grand Army matters, but a very large correspondence from outside Grand Army circles. All have received prompt and courteous attention.

#### CONCLUSION.

During the past year my personal and official relations with you, Commander, have been of such a pleasant character that I have looked upon the approaching severance of part of our association with sincere regret; the feeling is in a measure modified, however, by the hope that you may be long permitted to live among your Comrades, whose esteem and love you have won by your splendid comradeship, and that with them, I may continue to enjoy your loyal friendship. My intercourse with the members of your staff have been most agreeable, and as our official connection ceases in the closing year of a most eventful century, let us indulge the hope that the Grand Commander will allot us many years to live in the approaching one.

I wish also to thank every Post Commander, Post Adjutant and Post Quartermaster in this Department for their uniform courtesy and kindness at all times during the past year.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. H. WILSON, Assistant Adjutant General.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF A. A. G.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,  
SEATTLE, Wash., February 27, 1900.

By instructions of Council of Administration, January 17, 1900, the following list of property belonging to this Department

was shipped to Adjutant General Fox, of Olympia, in care of Comrade Geo. B. Lane, member Council of Administration:

Contents of box No. 1—85 packages of letters, correspondence, reports of Inspectors, and 50 installation reports and miscellaneous reports; these packages are all marked and dated; 5 old letter books with contents, general orders, etc.; a large number of books of defunct Posts; 14 books used by previous A. A. G.'s and A. Q. M. G.'s; 17 bound books of Adjutants' and Quartermasters' reports of 1897 and prior years; 15 old descriptive books used by defunct Posts; 4 old letter files. This box contains practically all the old and valuable records of the Department from organization to December, 1897.

Box No. 2—4 old account books; 1 letter file; National Encampment reports and Journals and Journals of Department, and a large number of old Department Rosters.

Box No. 3—A number of National Encampment Journals and a large number of Department Journals. These are in an excellent state of preservation.

The Adjutant General of the State has assured Comrade Geo. B. Lane, member of the Council of Administration, that these boxes, with their contents, will be properly taken care of, in the military hall of the state. None have been destroyed by the present administration, as it was thought best to preserve all intact.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILSON, A. A. G.

#### ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 11, 1900.

*To J. W. Langley, Department Commander:*

COMRADE—I have the honor to submit the following business of this office and the various Posts in this Department, from June 25, 1899, to this date, inclusive:

##### RECEIPTS.

From past administration .....	\$390.00	
Per capita tax for year 1899.....	970.60	
For charter fees .....	20.00	
Cash for sales supplies .....	74.25	
	—————	\$1,454.85 \$1,454.85

## DISBURSEMENTS.

On account previous administration...	\$ 22.79	
Per capita tax National Headquarters..	60.68	
Journals 17th Encampment, \$115.50;		
Rosters, \$20.00 .....	135.50	
Headquarters, Philadelphia .....	30.00	
Traveling expenses, Dept. Commander.	150.00	
Supply account from Nat'l Hdqtrs.....	63.81	
For office rent, Dep't Headquarters....	50.00	
Miscellaneous expenditures .....	54.41	
Salary account .....	400.00	
Meeting Council of Administration....	11.00	
For staff officials, Inspector Medical		
Division and Chaplain .....	6.00	
For printing .....	69.50	
Stamps and expressage .....	79.90	
		1,133.59
Balance on hand .....		321.26 \$1,454.85

## RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

Cash on hand .....	\$321.26	
Supplies per inventory .....	99.48	
Drawers and pigeon-holes .....	5.00	
Headquarters banner and flag .....	100.00	
Seal and desk .....	15.00	
		\$540.74 \$540.74
Liabilities .....		None
Net assets .....		\$540.74

## SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Sales included amount supplies fur-		
nished with charter .....	\$91.05	
Inventory June 4, 1900 .....	84.48	
		\$175.53 \$175.53
Inventory June 25, 1899 .....	73.77	
Purchased from Quartermaster General	63.81	
		137.58
Net gain on supplies .....		37.95 \$175.53

## CONSOLIDATED REPORTS OF POST QUARTERMASTERS.

To balance December 31, 1899—		
To balance on hand .....	\$1,427.25	
To receipts from all sources.....	3,270.17	
		\$4,697.42

Disbursements—

For Department per capita tax.....	\$ 489.00
For all other disbursements .....	2,743.98
Cash balance on hand .....	1,464.44
	————— \$4,697.42

Relief Fund—

Amount on hand last report.....	\$ 275.77
Received from all sources .....	1,105.12
	————— \$1,380.89

Expended—

Amount expended during term .....	\$ 976.20
Balance on hand .....	404.69
	————— \$1,380.89

To balance relief on hand ..... \$404.69

Value of Post Property—

Cash balance Post fund .....	\$1,464.44
Cash balance relief fund.....	404.69
Market value of Post property.....	7,110.80
Cash invested, furniture, flags, etc.....	4,379.20

Total value Post property ..... \$13,359.13

J. H. WILSON, A. Q. M. G.

Report of Council of Administration received, its recommendations concurred in, and ordered printed in the Journal.

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.  
ELLENSBURG, Wash., June 12, 1900.

*To the Eighteenth Encampment, Department of Washington and Alaska:*

We, your Council of Administration, have examined the report and vouchers of the A. Q. M. G. and balanced the same, and find a balance of \$321.26 to be turned over to the incoming administration.

We recommend the appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to defray the traveling expenses of the incoming Department Commander in visiting Posts in this Department, and said appropriation to be used for no other purpose.

We also recommend that four hundred dollars (\$400.00) be

allowed the incoming Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General for expenses and salary.

We also recommend that the Council of Administration meet on the second Wednesday of January, 1901, to determine the date of the meeting of the next Encampment and to transact such other business as may come before it; also that two members of the present Council of Administration be re-elected.

GEO. B. LANE,  
T. M. YOUNG,  
B. R. FREEMAN,  
C. D. SPENCER,  
Council of Administration.

#### REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 23, 1900.

*J. H. Wilson, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—I have the honor to submit my report, including the consolidated statement of statistics, received from the various Post Inspectors, for the year just closing.

I found it difficult to obtain the required reports from very many of the Posts. Some reported promptly; others were more dilatory. In several cases I had to use considerable urging before getting any reply, and seven Posts made no reports. The roster showed seventy-eight Posts in the Department. Of that number seventy-one sent in reports. Later these seven were all reported by Assistant Adjutant General Wilson.

General order No. 3, issued from the office of Assistant Adjutant General October 9, 1899, called upon Post Commanders to transmit to that office the name of an active and efficient Comrade to act as Assistant Inspector. Very few Post Commanders complied with that order. I was then instructed to send proper blanks and instructions to every Post which had not complied with that order, which was done, the blanks being sent direct to Post Commanders.

Reports coming in very slowly, order No. 1 was issued from this office and sent to every delinquent Post, urging a prompt compliance with the Rules and Regulations; yet I had to write personal appeals to several Post Commanders before I could get their reports.

All this shows a very lamentable lack of knowledge of the

requirements of the Rules and Regulations, or carelessness as to their execution.

The foregoing facts impel the conviction that too many of our Post officers care more for the honors of the office than for a careful performance of its duties.

It gives me pleasure to report that in general the Posts are in good working order, the members showing a determination to keep the Order alive as long as possible; but several of the weaker ones must soon succumb to the inevitable. The ravages of time and disease are fast doing what no other enemy could do, and our Comrades are falling fast.

Seventy of the seventy-one Posts reported all dues and reports duly forwarded—a very creditable showing.

I recommend all Posts to be more careful in the selection of their officers, as the welfare of the Order depends upon their efficiency. None but the very best should be put upon guard.

Every Post officer, and indeed every member, should have a copy of the Rules and Regulations and become perfectly familiar with the same. There is entirely too much trusting to luck to get along somehow, when a careful study of the Rules and Regulations, with a more prompt obedience to orders, would make a great change in the working of many Posts.

Congratulating you upon the successes of the past year, and thanking you for the courtesy shown me in our official connection, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

E. W. ELIOT, Inspector General.

A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was reported at the outposts awaiting to visit the Encampment. The Commander appointed the following Comrades a committee to escort the W. R. C. to the Encampment: Comrades Smith, of No. 15; Bailey, of No. 31; Clarke, of No. 1, and Waters, of Winslow Post.

Mrs. Frye, of Commodore Foote Corps No. 35, addressed the Encampment, bringing greetings of the W. R. C. The Encampment also listened to Mrs. Chambers, of No. 9; Clymer, of No. 19, and Mrs. Coleman, of No. 35. The annual report of relief by the W. R. C. was then read. Ordered received and printed in the Journal.

Chaplain Spencer responded in behalf of the G. A. R.

G. S. Bailey, of No. 31, also addressed the ladies.

Comrade Clarke, of No. 1, called the attention of the Encampment to the case of a Mexican War soldier sent to the Soldiers' Home. After discussion it was ruled that this did not come under the jurisdiction of the Encampment, and to remedy such in the future if desired by the Union soldiers, they must see that an act was passed by the Legislature.

Notice of camp fire was given by Comrade J. S. Smith, of No. 11.

#### REPORT WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

ELLEENSBURG, Washington, June 12, 1900.

*J. W. Langley, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to extend to you, and through you to the Eighteenth Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, now assembled in Fifteenth Department Convention, and to submit to you the following report of the work of our official year:

Expended in relief .....	\$ 832.32
Estimated value other than money.....	785.54
Turned over to Posts .....	259.32
Department Headquarters relief .....	15.00
Soldiers' Home at Orting .....	96.25
For Memorial Day in South .....	27.00
Memorial Day .....	275.69
National W. R. C. Home .....	18.00
National Council of Women .....	9.89
Andersonville prison fund .....	6.96
Betsy Ross memorial fund .....	4.00
Number of soldiers assisted .....	....
Number in soldiers' families assisted .....	53
Total number persons assisted .....	247
Total amount expended .....	\$2,329.97

In addition to this, many of our own members who were ill or needy have been helped by the different Corps in the Department.

In conclusion allow me to pledge anew the allegiance of the Woman's Relief Corps to that grandest of all organizations, the

Grand Army of the Republic. I trust we may ever be loyal and faithful, and ready to work for the best interest of the veterans as long as there is one left who needs our care.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ANNA WEBSTER, Department President.

Nominations for place of meeting of the Nineteenth Encampment being in order, Comrade Budd, of No. 89, invited the Encampment to Everett. Commander McCoy and Comrades Boardman and Hanna, of No. 6, seconded by Commander Waters, of Winslow Post, invited the Nineteenth Encampment to Tacoma.

Voted that when we adjourn it be until 9 a. m. Wednesday.

At 4:30 p. m. the Encampment adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Wednesday.

### MORNING SESSION, JUNE 13

Encampment opened in due form by Department Commander.

Prayer by Chaplain Spencer.

The first order of business being the selection of place of holding the Nineteenth Encampment, on motion of Comrade Budd, who extended the invitation to Everett, a standing vote on location of next Encampment was taken, and Comrade Budd moved the rules be suspended and the A. A. G. was ordered to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Tacoma, and the ballot being so cast, the Department Commander declared Tacoma to be the place selected for the holding of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment.

Regular order of business being the election of officers, Comrade Boardman, of No. 6, named Comrade Freeman, of No. 47, for Department Commander. No other nominations being made, the rules were suspended and the A. A. G. was instructed to cast the

vote of the Encampment for Comrade Freeman, and the vote being declared so cast, Comrade Freeman was declared elected as Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Wilson, of No. 31, nominated Thadeus Stevens Smith for Senior Vice-Commander. Rules were suspended. The Adjutant was ordered to cast the vote for Comrade Smith, and the vote being so cast, he was declared elected as Senior Vice-Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade J. S. Smith, of No. 11, was nominated as Junior Vice-Commander. The rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for J. S. Smith, and the vote being so cast, he was declared duly elected as Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Boardman, of No. 6, nominated Comrade Mock, of No. 48, as Chaplain. The rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General ordered to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Mock, and the vote being so cast, he was declared duly elected as Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Comrade Freeman, of No. 47, placed in nomination for Medical Director, T. M. Young, of No. 1. Rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for T. M. Young, and being so cast, he was declared duly elected as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrades Wiscomb, of No. 47; Lane, of No. 5; Comstock, of No. 8; Hanna, of No. 6, and Bradley, of No. 31, were elected as Council of Administration.

Nominations then being in order for delegates to the National Encampment at Chicago, Young, of No. 1; Comstock, of No. 8; McFarlane, of No. 73; Davis, of No. 31; Kincaid, of No. 11; Scott, of No. 8; Sutton, of No. 1; Smith, of No. 11, and Bemiss, of No. 31, were placed in nomination. The Department being entitled to but four delegates, it was voted that the four receiving the highest number of votes should be delegates, the one of these four receiving the highest number of votes to be delegate-at-large; the four receiving the next highest number of votes, the alternates. On a ballot being taken, Young, of No. 1; Comstock, of

No. 8; Davis, of No. 31, and Scott, of No. 8, were declared elected as delegates, Young to be the delegate-at-large, and Comrades Kincaid, of No. 11; McFarlane, of No. 73; Sutton, of No. 1, and Smith, of No. 11, the alternates.

The Commander appointed as a committee to visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Tibbitts, of No. 1; Mock, of No. 48; Spencer, of No. 15, and Boardman, of No. 6.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S  
ADDRESS.

*"Comrades:*

Your committee to whom was referred the Commander's address beg leave to report that we most heartily indorse all contained therein, and when printed in the Journal of the Encampment suggest that the Commanders of the several Posts call attention to the important matters therein contained. We especially urge all members of the G. A. R. to carefully note and carry out in practice that part of the Commander's address relative to the use of the words 'Decoration Day' in place of 'Memorial Day.'

(Signed) GEORGE B. LANE, of No. 5,  
THOMAS M. YOUNG, of No. 1,  
Committee."

Your Committee on Resolutions reports as follows:

*"Resolved,* That we extend our congratulations to the Department of Washington and Alaska on its prosperous condition, as shown by the reports of the Department Commander, Assistant Adjutant General and other Department officers; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-five years have passed since the close of the war, and the infirmities of age are pressing more and more heavily upon the soldiers of the Union;

Therefore we believe the time has come when Congress should enact a service pension law giving to each honorably discharged soldier or sailor who shall arrive at the age of sixty years a pension which shall enable him to pass the short remnant of his life in comfort.

*Resolved further,* That we believe it will be unwise and possibly unjust during the life of the armies engaged in the Civil War, either North or South, to revive on either side any animosities by disturbing the present status of the battle flags. We believe the time will come when both armies shall have passed

away and those then in charge may be free to remove this cause from the history of our beloved country by its complete removal and destruction.

*Resolved*, That we request Comrade McKinley to set aside the abandoned military reservation known as Fort Sherman, in the state of Idaho, for the site of a National Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

(Signed by) TIBBITTS, of No. 1,  
McCoy, of No. 6, and  
BRADLEY, of No. 31."

The Commander appointed as a committee to visit the Sons of Veterans: Watkins, of No. 48; Levy, of No. 31, and Maltby, of No. 42.

Moved that the incoming Commander be instructed to notify the Circle of G. A. R., Miss Ames, of Seattle, President, to meet with us in convention next year. Carried.

Report of Committee on Resolutions adopted.

The officers of the Sons of Veterans, composed of Col. C. E. Plimpton, C. W. Harmon, George Hooper and Burt Emery, were received with honors by the Encampment.

At 12 noon, adjourned to 1 p. m.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION, JUNE 13

Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Langley.

An hour was given for the good of the Order, and remarks, poems, conundrums and songs were made and offered by the Comrades.

Comrade Mock, of No. 48, reported for the committee visiting the Woman's Relief Corps.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Comrade

W. A. Bailey, of Miller No. 31, adopted and ordered spread on the Journal:

“ELLENSBURG, Wash., June 13, 1900.

The Grand Army of the Republic of Washington and Alaska, in Eighteenth Annual Encampment assembled, hereby tender our sincere thanks to David Ford No. 11 for the true comradeship manifested in the great work they have accomplished for our reception. To the citizens in general, of Ellensburg, for the magnificent entertainment which they have furnished from the opening to the closing of this Encampment. We especially thank the Ellensburg Band for its fine music and plenty of it. The Hon. Austin Myers for a splendid address at our camp fire, and the different ones, each and all, who assisted on that occasion.”

Moved by Smith, of No. 11, seconded by Mock, of No. 48, that we have joint installation of officers at 8 p. m. with the Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps. Carried.

Comrades Smith and Levy were selected to notify the W. R. C. and S. of V. of such action.

Watkins, of committee of S. of V., reported that the S. of V. had installed officers and adjourned.

The committee appointed to notify the W. R. C. reported that the W. R. C. accepted our invitation for a joint installation at 8 p. m.

Moved that the outgoing Commander and A. A. G. be instructed to prepare and print 500 copies of the Journal of the Eighteenth Encampment. Carried.

The A. A. G. was instructed to pay such amount as it may cost to transcribe the proceedings on typewriter, out of the Department funds, so that the A. A. G. may have copy from which he can print the Journal.

Vote of thanks extended by the Encampment to George H. Boardman, A. A. G., for his services to the Encampment.

4 p. m., adjourned to 8 p. m.

## EVENING SESSION, JUNE 13

8 p. m.—Encampment met according to adjournment.

Comrade Kilbourne was appointed by Past Commander Tibbitts, the installing officer, as Officer of the Day.

The installing officer installed the officers elected.

At 8:45 p. m. the Eighteenth Encampment adjourned to meet at Tacoma on a date to be fixed by the Council of Administration.

*J. H. Wilson*  
*A. V. S.*

APPENDIX NO. I.

Deaths in Department of Washington and Alaska during the Year 1899.

	POST.	NAME.	DATE.
No.	1.	Monroe Daggett.....	March 30
	1.	J. F. Deberneau.....	January 19
	1.	Robert Myers .....	June 4
	2.	Frank Hopkins .....	May 12
	2.	Arthur Haine .....	June 15
	2.	Wm. A. Campbell .....	June 15
	3.	J. Q. Ashford .....	February 8
	3.	Homer Hayden .....	May 19
	4.	John W. Scalf .....	May 24
	4.	Simon Freeder .....	June 21
	4.	Wm. Palmer .....	November 11
	5.	F. W. Hager .....	February 18
	5.	Wm. McMicken .....	September 9
	5.	T. I. McKinney .....	November 11
	6.	C. J. Duffy .....	June 1
	6.	J. G. Chambers .....	July 15
	7.	J. H. Lyon .....	May 31
	9.	C. M. Holton .....	August 21
	15.	A. H. Bainbridge .....	August 11
	18.	Nelson Gordon .....	November 20
	31.	Chas. M. Prichard .....	October 12
	31.	Hiram Cure .....	November 8
	31.	John C. Hoffman .....	October 15
	35.	Chas. H. Mann .....	December 15
	36.	Z. E. Woods .....	July 26
	37.	David F. West .....	January 28
	41.	J. M. Doty .....	March 20
	44.	Jason B. Rice .....	April 10
	47.	John W. Ottis .....	November 20
	47.	E. Daly .....	November 20
	48.	D. P. Quinn .....	December 1
	49.	O. Hinson .....	August 5
	51.	James Wells .....	January 25
	51.	J. L. Duckwood .....	May 1
	51.	B. S. Vanwinckle .....	May 5
	54.	One death; no name given .....	
	57.	Jerome Cutter .....	September 19
	57.	Two others; no names .....	

POST.	NAME.	DATE.
62.	S. G. Ward .....	January 23
62.	Second quarter, two deaths; no names.....	
68.	A. B. Curtis .....	December 14
70.	One reported; no name.....	
74.	Isah Jones .....	March 25
80.	C. R. Cogswell .....	May 1
82.	Wm. King .....	September 22
82.	Geo. W. Giles .....	September 23
83.	Peter Demorest .....	October 11
83.	W. B. Shanklin .....	November 22
89.	J. T. Winscott .....	December 5
92.	E. F. Hill .....	May 18
96.	John McCloud .....	May 18
97.	James H. Hutchinson .....	May 18
98.	William Day .....	December 31

## APPENDIX NO. II.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 SEATTLE, Wash., June 26, 1899.

## GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

I. Having been elected and installed Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Washington and Alaska, at the 17th Annual Encampment, held at Seattle, Wash., June 21 to 23, I hereby assume command. Fully realizing the responsibilities of the position, my most earnest efforts shall be devoted to the upbuilding of our Order and the furtherance of its usefulness, and I earnestly solicit the co-operation of all Comrades throughout the Department to that end.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced:

A. A. G. and Q. M. G., James H. Wilson, of Seattle, Washington.

III. Headquarters are established at Room 27 Hinckley Block, Seattle, Wash., where all official communications will be addressed to James H. Wilson, A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.

IV. All requisitions for supplies must be accompanied by draft, certified check or money order, drawn payable to order of James H. Wilson, A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G., and addressed as above.

J. W. LANGLEY, Department Commander.

APPENDIX NO. III.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SEATTLE, Wash., August 9, 1899.

CIRCULAR NO. 1.

COMRADES—When I accepted the office of Department Commander, I pledged the Encampment my best efforts to promote the good of the Order. Alone I can do nothing. I must have, and therefore invoke, your active co-operation in the work before us. On this line I desire to present a few suggestions which, if carried into practical effect by the Posts, should immediately add to the growth and usefulness of the Grand Army in this Jurisdiction.

Of first importance will be the restoration of dropped members. Besides our own long lists we have probably many times that number from other Departments who came here in good standing, but failing to maintain that relation to their home Posts, or connect themselves with ours, have been dropped, or having taken a transfer that has long since lapsed into a discharge, they are alike out of the Order. This condition is not due to an unfriendly spirit toward the Grand Army, but possibly is chargeable in part to the inattention of our own members to newcomers, and in part to the unnecessary reserve of strangers—faults easily overcome when we realize that the true spirit of our Association is Fraternity, and that Fraternity means Equality.

Let us then who are already on the ground tear down our part of these imaginary walls and invite to the general fold all who followed a common flag to victory, shared a common danger in camp and field, and earned all the rights of a common fraternity. Having had the benefits of the Order in the past, they are too honorable to desert it in the hour of its waning strength. We need them and they need us.

Fraternally but earnestly remind and instruct all such Comrades that the Grand Army of the Republic, by the unity of its members in thought and purpose and an intelligent direction of its forces, has inscribed upon its banners peaceful victories over an unreasoning public prejudice, a divided press, unfriendly legislation and hostile administration, as glorious and honorable as those won in war, whose names you were proud to bear upon your battle flags. It was the author and persistent advocate of our sacred Memorial Day, of every general pension bill, every State and National Home that shelters the veteran volunteer, every Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphanage, every provision of public relief

for living and honorable burial of dead Comrades, every National Cemetery, every law, national, state or municipal, favoring soldiers and sailors in the public employment, and every flag that waves in glory over the public schoolhouse, and its eagle eye is still set on all the agencies of government that touch upon the material rights of its constituents. These are among its achievements, and its contributions to American history and civilization are but fairly begun. Who among you would blot one page, line or word from its proud record?

As further aids to our general purpose, I earnestly recommend that Posts and Comrades get in closer touch with the Order of Sons of Veterans. There are probably more of those than of us. They increase and come to manhood with all the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, while we decrease. Too often their helpful offers have been met with such marked and unnatural indifference as to wound their sensibilities, chill their efforts and practically exclude them from any relation to our Order. Comrades, you cannot afford to disinherit your boys, or deny them the birthright of your fame and honor. Their objects are in line with your own, and the moral support you can easily afford them will cost you nothing, but the returns will be great in the sustaining power of their vigorous young manhood. The flag you followed ought to be safe in their hands.

Every Post ought to have a W. R. C., or other similar organization of women, as an help to its charitable work and social life. I have known Posts to give scant encouragement to such aids when first offered, but once established I have never known one to wish them to disband. Share with them and your sons and citizens generally the privileges of your open meetings, and your Post will renew its vigor, enlarge its membership and vastly increase its usefulness.

I would further urge that you cultivate closer relations with the public at large. A restored Union is the legacy you gave to the whole people for all time, and its government by and for the people is the equal duty of all good citizens.

Finally, my Comrades, let us banish from our ranks every semblance of indifference to the prosperity of our Order. Remember that we were partakers in the greatest war of history, and the surviving representatives of the most powerful armies that ever marshalled their forces in defense of human rights and free government. Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the unfinished work before us, so that when the record of the Grand Army of the

Republic is made up, it shall be a perpetual inspiration of patriotism and duty to the succeeding generation.

Your Comrade in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
J. W. LANGLEY, Department Commander.

APPENDIX NO. IV.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SEATTLE, Wash., August 9, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 2.

PARAGRAPH NO. I.

At the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., held at Seattle, June 20-24, 1899, the following Comrades were elected to the offices named below for the ensuing year:

Department Commander—J. W. Langley, Seattle.  
Senior Vice-Commander—William A. Inman, Colfax.  
Junior Vice-Commander—R. B. Scott, Spokane.  
Medical Director—B. R. Freeman, Spokane.  
Chaplain—Rev. C. D. Spencer, Centralia.

Council of Administration—T. M. Young, Seattle; George B. Lane, Olympia; J. J. See, Anacortes; M. C. Cole, Whatcom; W. H. Wiscombe, Spokane.

Delegates to Thirty-third National Encampment—At Large: J. Grover, Spokane. Byron Phelps, Seattle; D. F. Decatur, Mount Vernon.

Alternates to Thirty-third National Encampment—At Large: J. Keller, Springdale. J. H. Leiter, Colfax; M. C. Cole, Whatcom.

PARAGRAPH NO. II.

The following additional Staff appointments are hereby announcements:

Inspector General—E. W. Eliot, Lincoln Post No. 4.  
Judge Advocate General—Albert S. Cole, Steadman Post No. 24.  
Chief Mustering Officer—Fred. J. Taylor, Custer Post No. 6.  
Chief of Staff—A. W. Hastie, Stevens Post No. 1.  
Senior Aide-de-Camp—Thad. S. Smith, Farragut Post No. 15.  
Junior Aide-de-Camp—Comrade McNeal, David Ford Post No. 11.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

## PARAGRAPH No. III.

A Board of Patriotic Instruction is hereby created, to consist of nine members, whose duty it shall be to formulate and recommend methods of presenting to the youth of our land, and especially those in the public schools, such literature and exercises as shall inspire them with a strong love of country, a profound respect for the memory of its heroic defenders, and an undying devotion to its flag.

## PARAGRAPH No. IV.

The first meeting of the Board will be held in Seattle on the call of the Chairman, and thereafter at such time as the Board may determine.

## PARAGRAPH No. V.

The Board shall have full power to act, and the selection of its members from Comrades of pronounced views on the subject of Patriotic Instruction gives assurance that the work will receive the attention its importance demands.

## PARAGRAPH No. VI.

Detail for the Board the following Comrades:  
 F. H. Hurd, Chairman, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.  
 W. H. Mock, Pacific Post No. 48, Port Angeles.  
 Norman Buck, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.  
 S. G. Cosgrove, McDowell Post No. 22, Pomeroy.  
 Thad Heuston, Sheridan Post No. 44, Tacoma.  
 A. H. Foot, John F. Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.  
 George Hart, General Grover Post No. 51, Auburn.  
 James R. Hayden, George H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia.  
 W. H. Brunk, General Ewing Post No. 96, Issaquah.

## PARAGRAPH No. VII.

It is confidently hoped that each of the Comrades will promptly signify to these Headquarters his assent to the foregoing assignment.

By command of

J. W. LANGLEY, Department Commander.

Official:

J. H. WILSON, A. A. G.

APPENDIX NO. V.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SEATTLE, Wash., October 9, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 3.

I. The Department Commander is pleased to report that the National Encampment at Philadelphia was a success in every respect. A large amount of business was transacted, and the report of the Committee on Pensions was carefully considered and it is hoped will result in a better understanding between the applicant for a first pension and the Commissioner. The roster showed a diminishing membership, and the expression was general and earnest that our forces must be speedily aligned and strengthened if the Grand Army of the Republic is to remain a useful agent of the veteran soldier.

The reception of visiting Comrades by the citizens on September 4th was particularly cordial and gratifying. On every hand were evidences of hearty welcome. Miles of statuary, bunting, emblems, mottoes, etc., adorned the principal streets and public buildings of the city. The parade was well organized, moved promptly on time and was made as easy for the great numbers who engaged in it as the intense heat of the day permitted, yet our little delegation of seven members stayed with it from start to finish and received a full share of the public favor.

The Department Commander sincerely hopes all Comrades will join heartily with the citizens generally in the reception and welcome to be tendered to the First Washington Regiment on its return from scenes of war and hardships in the Philippines. These young soldiers have carried to honorable victory on every field where duty called the same flag our Comrades died to save. In battle and siege, in martial ardor and devotion to duty, in dauntless courage and skill in action, they have shown themselves worthy successors of the brave men on either side who bore the brunt of the Civil War. They represent the power and patriotism of a reunited people, and stand in the fore front of a new epoch in the history and growth of the nation.

In honoring them we honor our State, our Country, ourselves and the memory of our lamented dead.

II. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are:

Martin Van Buren Mills, Stevens Post No. 1, Dept. Color Bearer.

James Burcham, Jno. F. Miller Post No. 31, Dept. Banner Bearer.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Post Commanders are hereby directed to transmit to this office the name of some active and efficient Comrade to act as Assistant Inspector. These names will be at once forwarded to E. W. Eliot, Inspector General at Walla Walla, from whom all Assistant Inspectors will receive their orders and supplies.

IV. Post Commanders are also requested to send at once to these headquarters the name of a Comrade from his Post for appointment as Aide-de-Camp to the Department Commander.

V. Inspection of all Posts in this Department are hereby ordered to be made between the dates of November 1st and December 20, 1899. Comrades, keep time to the march of duty.

VI. The Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General desire to express their thanks to the various Post Commanders, Post Adjutants and Post Quartermasters for their prompt and correct returns as soon after June 30th, 1899, and confidently expect equal promptness for the December returns. But five Posts in this Department are in arrears, and we have assurances that they soon will be on the credit side of our ledger. It is with pride that the Department Commander makes this announcement to the various Posts under his command.

VII. Comrades are earnestly invited to renewed diligence in recruiting our thinning ranks from among those eligibles to membership who have never yet allied themselves with our organization, and Post officers are urged to increased effort in arousing suspended delinquents and propped Comrades to prompt action toward securing reinstatements. Let all Comrades alike join in honorable efforts to add to our active membership, both of recruits and delinquents. Keep our ranks so closed up that our noble work may uninterruptedly go on in the absence of those upon whom we were apt to rely, and who have answered the last grand roll call.

J. W. LANGLEY, Department Commander.

Official:

J. H. WILSON, A. A. G. and Q. M. G.

APPENDIX NO. VI.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

SEATTLE, Wash., November 13, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 4.

The following letter in response to the resolutions adopted by the last Encampment of this Department on the death of our late Commander-in-Chief, Col. James A. Sexton, is published for the information of the Comrades:

“CHICAGO, Sept. 30th, 1899.

*J. H. Wilson, A. A. G., Dep't of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic:*

MY DEAR SIR—Upon our return to the city after an absence of several weeks, I find an engrossed copy of the Resolutions adopted by the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., upon the death of my honored husband, Col. James A. Sexton. It is impossible for me to express to you how deeply I am to the good Comrades of my dear husband for their expressions of tender sympathy and condolence, which did so much to mitigate the great sorrow which has fallen upon our home.

Thanking you all for your sympathy, I am very sincerely yours,  
MRS. J. A. SEXTON.”

II. The following Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

- J. H. Coffman .....L. C. Ladd Post No. 17
- R. A. Guffy .....Everett Post No. 73
- J. E. Noel .....Custer Post No. 6
- S. L. Watkins .....Pacific Post No. 48
- George Mace .....H. Burnham Post No. 76
- M. I. Young .....H. A. Miles Post No. 45
- Sidney I. Thompson .....Sully Post No. 3
- Airel Hoskins .....Reed Post No. 54
- A. S. Cole .....Steadman Post No. 24
- B. F. Doyle .....Morton Post No. 10
- E. E. Van Olinda .....H. H. Sickles Post No. 57
- E. Morrison .....J. L. Reno Post No. 47
- J. B. Bitner .....Col. Cross Post No. 90
- B. R. Sumner .....D. A. Russell Post No. 35

Comrades appointed as Aides on the Staff of the Department Commander will look after the interests of the Order, look up possible recruits, and do all they can to stimulate the growth

of Posts in their vicinity, and advise as to reports being sent in promptly. Commanders who have not done so will send the name of a Comrade if they so desire.

III. The time is at hand for the annual inspection of the several Posts. This inspection must be had under our amended rules before December 20th, inclusive. Post Commanders should carefully prepare themselves and their Posts for this inspection. Each Post Commander will immediately forward to these Headquarters the name of a Comrade of his Post to act as an Assistant Inspector. The utmost care will be employed in the selection of these officers. Let none be named but such as are adapted to and will take an interest in the work they shall have to do; such as are familiar or can familiarize themselves with its duties and their routine.

IV. Should Post Commanders fail to send the name of some Comrade for appointment as Assistant Inspector to these Headquarters, the Post Commander will detail some capable Comrade to perform the same.

V. The inspecting officers are also admonished that their office is not merely perfunctory. It is a most important one and, if properly executed, will be of great service to the several Posts and to the Department and Order. Each should, therefore, familiarize himself not only with the Rules and Regulations, but also with the ritual and secret work, that he may be enabled to make the proper inspection and to instruct the Post inspected wherein it may need instruction. He will promptly report to these Headquarters, upon the proper blanks to be furnished for the purpose, the result of his inspection, making such suggestions as he may deem for the good of the service.

The form of inspection as provided in the service book, commencing with page 65, edition of 1894, and published for information in General Orders No. 6, series of 1893, should be strictly adhered to.

VI. The annual election of Post officers, with the exception of Adjutant, Sergeant Major, and Quartermaster Sergeant, and of Representatives to the next Department Encampment and their Alternates, will, under the Rules and Regulations, be held at the first stated meeting of each Post in December, now close at hand, the officers so elected to be installed in their respective offices at the first stated meeting in January, or, if the installation is to be public, at a special meeting to be called for the purpose.

VII. Each Post is entitled to elect one Representative and one Alternate for every twenty of its membership or majority fraction thereof, as shown by the reports of June 30th, last past, as follows:

Post No.	Mem.	Del.	Post No.	Mem.	Del.		
Stevens .....	1	265	13	Pacific .....	48	55	3
Ellsworth .....	2	29	1	Kit Carson .....	49	15	1
A. Sully .....	3	62	3	Gen. Grover .....	51	16	1
A. Lincoln .....	4	57	3	Washington ...	52	18	1
Geo. H. Thomas..	5	40	2	Whitman .....	53	18	1
Custer .....	6	150	7½	C. M. Reed .....	54	22	1
Phil Kearney .....	7	11	1	Lt. Cushing .....	56	18	1
Sedgwick .....	8	91	5	H. G. Sickles.....	57	18	1
Mead .....	9	28	1	C. R. Apperson....	59	18	1
Morton .....	10	32	2	C. W. H. Bentley..	60	24	1
David Ford .....	11	28	1	Gen. Milroy .....	62	16	1
McPherson .....	12	21	1	Geo. Crook .....	63	15	1
Garfield .....	13	37	2	Wallace .....	64	17	1
Philo Buckman ...	14	15	1	Admiral Porter ...	66	10	1
Farragut .....	15	44	2	Gen. Emory .....	68	16	1
John A. Logan....	16	17	1	Fremont .....	69	34	2
L. C. Ladd .....	17	18	1	Union .....	70	11	1
Larabee .....	18	21	1	J. A. Reynolds....	71	23	1
N. Lyon .....	19	35	1	A. J. Smith.....	72	34	2
Baker .....	20	14	1	Everett .....	73	13	1
McDowell .....	22	31	1	Silas Casey .....	74	8	1
Geo. Wright .....	23	Delinquent		E. J. Houghton...75	17	1	
Steadman .....	24	46	2	H. Burnham .....	76	18	1
Joe Hooker .....	25	31	2	H. R. Loomis .....	80	10	1
Maj. Anderson ...	29	10	1	Korthington .....	81	12	1
O. M. Mitchell ...	30	Delinquent		T. P. Price .....	82	26	1
John F. Miller....	31	199	10	Gen. Saunders .....	83	10	1
Reynolds .....	32	14	1	Com. Foote .....	84	23	1
Lindsay .....	34	10	1	J. A. Winslow....	87	21	1
D. A. Russell.....	35	41	2	Gen. Lauder .....	88	20	1
W. H. Seward.....	36	Delinquent		John Buford .....	89	23	1
J. J. Lewis.....	37	26	1	Col. Cross .....	90	12	1
R. L. McCook.....	39	32	2	D. Chaplain .....	92	13	1
J. B. Wyman.....	41	30	1½	Gen. Rusk .....	93	18	1
Lynch .....	42	13	1	N. B. Page .....	94	18	1
Sheridan .....	44	25	1	L. P. Plummer....	95	40	2
H. A. Miles.....	45	15	1	Gen. Ewing .....	96	26	1
W. B. Hazen.....	46	15	1	W. T. Sherman....	97	18	1
Gen. J. L. Reno...47	101	5		J. M. Corse .....	98	Delinquent	
Total membership .....				.....2,398			
Delegates to eighteenth encampment at Ellensburg...				128			

VIII. The several Posts cannot be too careful in the selection of their officers and Representatives. It should in no case be made a matter of mere compliment or personal favor. Let capability, faithfulness and, withal, earnestness in the Grand Army work be the controlling considerations in these approach-

ing elections, not only for the good of the individual Posts, but for the promotion of the general cause.

IX. Upon the election, the Adjutant of each Post will immediately report to these Headquarters the names and addresses of the Representatives and Alternates elected by his Post, and, upon the installation of the Post officers, the installing officer will forthwith make report to these Headquarters on the blanks to be furnished the Commander of each Post, giving the full first christian name of each officer installed.

X. Blanks upon which to make their semi-annual reports for the term ending December 31st, next ensuing, will soon be forwarded each Post. The number of Comrades in good standing as shown by the last previous report will be inserted in red ink at these Headquarters before sending and should in no instances be changed, as the figures are taken from the report now on file here. The name, number and location, including the county, of the Post reporting should be inserted in the proper places and the blanks for the recapitulation carefully filled in by the Post officer making the report. Post officers are urged to the most diligent promptness in making and forwarding these reports and the per capita tax to accompany them. A little care and a few minutes of your time will besufficient to do the work necessary. By the exercise of this diligence much trouble and no little postage will be saved, while the Post will be enabled to maintain its proper standing in the Department. The per capita tax due with the forthcoming reports will be TWENTY cents for each Comrade in good standing. The reports, both the Adjutant's and Quartermaster's, as well as the per capita tax, should be forwarded to these Headquarters; the draft or money order should be made payable at Seattle to Comrade J. H. Wilson, Assistant A. A. G. and Assistant Quartermaster General. The attention of Post officers is particularly directed to this matter.

XI. The Department Commander wishes to congratulate the Comrades upon the happy and harmonious condition prevailing throughout the entire Department. But very little friction is observable among the various Posts, showing that our cardinal principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty are being carried out by the membership of this Department.

J. W. LANGLEY,  
Department Commander.

Official:

J. H. WILSON,  
A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.

MEMORIAL DAY.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, April 20th, 1900.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5.

I. Comrades: Thirty years ago Comrade John A. Logan, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued the order directing that the 30th day of May should be observed as Memorial Day, calling upon the members of our Order throughout the land to bedeck with flowers the resting places of our Comrades who had died that our country might live. Since then, Memorial Day by law and universal consent has become a national holiday and is observed in every city, town and hamlet with a religious fervor and patriotism which make it the most sublime ceremony in recognition of the services and sacrifices of the country's defenders.

The Department will, as usual, observe the day with such appropriate ceremonies as shall demonstrate the patriotism of the men who saved the Union, and inculcate in our growing generation a deeper love of country, a stronger devotion to our common flag, and a nobler gratitude for the memory of those who strove to maintain its integrity.

II. The Posts of this Department will assemble at such places and at such hours on the 30th day of May, 1900, as their respective Commanders may direct. Invitations to participate with us should be extended to all soldiers, especially those of the Spanish and Philippine wars, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans, civic orders and to citizens generally.

III. In accordance with a firmly established custom of the Order, Posts will attend divine services on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day.

IV. Posts should make details of suitable committees to visit the schools in the towns, cities and elsewhere in accordance with such arrangements as the teachers or school officers may provide. Such visitations should in no case be made where they would interfere with the due observance of memorial services.

V. Flags on Memorial Day should be displayed at half-mast.

VI. Immediately after Memorial Day, Post Commanders will forward to Comrade C. D. Spencer, Department Chaplain at Centralia, Washington, full reports, recording the observance of

the day in their localities, that the same may be duly reported at the next Annual Encampment.

By Command of

J. W. LANGLEY,

Dept. Commander.

Official:

J. H. WILSON, A. A. G.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SEATTLE, WASH., April 20, 1900.

GENERAL ORDER No.6.

I. H. W. Lawton Post No. 99, of Orting, and Brig. Gen. M. M. Speagle Post, of Mead, have recently been organized, and a cordial welcome into comradeship of the Grand Army of the Republic should be extended.

II. Posts that have not already done so will please forward at once to the A. A. G. the names of all comrades entitled to a seat and a vote in the next Encampment. This will include Present and Past Department, "Past Post" and Present Post Commanders, Delegates and Alternates. Post Commanders are urgently requested to see that this request is promptly complied with so that we may get all names upon the official records.

III. The Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the city of Ellensburg, June 12 and 13, 1900. Encampment will be called to order at 10 a. m. Tuesday, June 12.

IV. Department Headquarters will be at the Hotel Grand. All comrades are requested to call and obtain from the local committee all requisite information.

V. *Council of Administration will meet at Hotel Grand at 9 a. m. Tuesday, June 12.* Officers of the Department will make written reports and file the same at *Department Headquarters not later than June 12 at 10 a. m.*

*Headquarters Sons of Veterans will be at Hotel Coudrt.*

Headquarters W. R. C. will be at Hotel Albany; proprietor, Mrs. Dotey.

VI. Meals at Hotel Grand, 50c; board and room, \$2 to \$3, according to room.

Rooms at Hotel Coudrt, 50c to \$1.50

Rooms at Albany Hotel, 50c to \$1.50.

City Hotel, board and lodging, \$1 per day.

At Gem Restaurant (run by two Sons of Veterans), meals, 25c.

Ample accommodations and special cut rates have been made by all the hotels in the city.

VII. The transportation companies have fixed a one and one-fifth fare for the round trip. Purchasers of tickets will pay full fare going, being careful to take a receipt therefor from the agent from whom the ticket shall be purchased. Such receipt, being countersigned by the proper officer of the Encampment, hereafter to be named, will entitle the holder to a return ticket at one-fifth rate. This arrangement will be good going for three days before the opening of the Encampment and returning for two days after its close.

VIII. Round trip tickets from Seattle will be \$6.72; from Tacoma, \$6.12; from Walla Walla, \$8.28; from Spokane, \$13.08.

IX. All resolutions to be introduced in the Encampment will be in written form.

X. Books of A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. will be closed June 4, and no order for supplies shipped after that date.

XI. This Department (by amendment of section 1, article 2, chapter 4, Rules and Regulations, passed at the Thirty-third National Encampment) will be entitled to four delegates—one at large and three regular—to the Thirty-fourth National Encampment to be held in Chicago, August 27th to September 1st, 1900.

Amendment as follows: By inserting in the sixteenth (16) line, seven hundred and fifty (750) members, in the place of one thousand (1,000) members.

XII. Post officers will find herewith blanks for their next semi-annual reports, due June 30th next ensuing. It is to be hoped that these reports will be promptly made to the incoming administration, to avoid the delays and embarrassment to which we have of late been subjected by the neglect of Posts in this particular. Posts will be notified in time of the address of the incoming officers to whom the returns should be made.

XIII. The following additional Aides-de-Camp have been appointed on the Staff of the Department Commander and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

J. R. Moyes .....	Post No. 53
A. H. Brown .....	" " 80
J. H. Turner .....	" " 69
W. W. Swing .....	" " 15
A. F. Baird .....	" " 84
W. W. Pevrigo .....	" " 31

John Taylor .....	"	"	1
S. E. Pells .....	"	"	56
E. S. Callendar .....	"	"	54
W. W. Brown .....	"	"	71
Thomas Myers .....	"	"	99
D. J. Zent .....	"	"	98

By Command of

J. W. LANGLEY,

Department Commander.

Official:

J. H. WILSON,

A. A. G.

#### APPENDIX NO. IX.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

SPOKANE, WASH., June 25, 1900.

I. At the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, held in the City of Ellensburg, June 12, 13, A. D. 1900, the following department officers were duly elected and installed, viz.:

Commander—B. R. Freeman, General J. L. Reno Post, No. 47, Spokane.

Senior Vice-Commander—Thad. S. Smith, Farragut Post, No. 15, Port Townsend.

Junior Vice-Commander—J. S. Smith, David Ford Post, No. 11, Ellensburg.

Medical Director—T. M. Young, Stevens Post, No. 1, Seattle.

Chaplain—Rev. W. H. Mock, Pacific Post, No. 48, Port Angeles.

Council of Administration—W. H. Wiscombe, General J. L. Reno Post, No. 47, Spokane; Geo. B. Lane, Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 5, Olympia; J. M. Comstock, Sedgwick Post, No. 8, Spokane; Richard Bradley, J. F. Miller Post, No. 31, Seattle; J. Hannah, Custer Post, No. 6, Tacoma.

Delegates to the National Encampment—T. M. Young (at large), Stevens Post, No. 1, Seattle; J. M. Comstock, Sedgwick Post, No. 8, Spokane; R. B. Scott, Sedgwick Post, No. 8, Spokane.

Alternates—J. S. Smith, David Ford Post, No. 11, Ellensburg; D. Kincade, ditto; J. Sutton, Stevens Post, No. 1, Seattle; Fred McFarland, Everett Post, No. 73, Sumner.

II. The following Staff appointments are hereby announced:  
Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster

General—Henry C. Olney, General J. L. Reno Post, No. 47, Spokane.

Inspector—L. W. Roys, Custer Post, No. 6, Tacoma.

Judge Advocate—Lander H. Prather, Sedgwick Post, No. 8, Spokane.

Chief Mustering Officer—Richard Bradley, J. F. Miller Post, No. 31, Seattle.

Chief of Staff—George H. Boardman, Custer Post, No. 6, Tacoma.

Senior Aide-de-Camp—E. Morrison, General J. L. Reno Post, No. 47, Spokane.

Department Color Bearer—N. M. Graves, General J. L. Reno Post, No. 47, Spokane.

Department Banner Bearer—J. S. Graves, Sedgwick Post, No. 8, Spokane.

III. Headquarters are established in Spokane, Wash. Reports and communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Rooms 1 and 2, Jamieson Block.

IV. Post Commanders are requested to recommend a comrade of their respective Posts for appointment as Aide-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander; another for appointment as Assistant Inspector; and a third for appointment as member of the Board of Patriotic Instruction. These and other appointments not herein published will be announced in future orders.

V. Post Commanders and Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded that the semi-annual reports are due June 30th inst. Blanks for the purpose are transmitted herewith. As Post reports must be tabulated and the Department reports rendered to National headquarters immediately after the close of the half year, promptness in rendering Post returns is particularly requested. The per capita tax is, as usual, twenty cents upon each comrade in good standing. Returns and remittances should be mailed immediately after June 30th inst., to the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster, Spokane; return addressed envelopes are herewith enclosed for this purpose.

VI. Having been chosen Department Commander of this Department of the Grand Army, and having been duly installed, I accept the position and enter upon the duties of the office cognizant of the responsibilities entailed upon me. I bespeak the cordial co-operation of every comrade, to the end that this administration may be made in every way successful. A duty devolves upon every comrade, as well as upon the officers. None

should be content to hold membership in our order without using every opportunity and making every effort to make the Grand Army of the Republic an association worthy of the confidence and respect of all the people. Let us all work earnestly to this end.

By Command of  
R. B. FREEMAN,  
Department Commander.

Official:

HENRY C. OLNEY,  
Asst. Adjt.-General and A. Q. M.

APPENDIX NO. X.  
SONS OF VETERANS.

Encampment held at Ellensburg, June 12 and 13, 1900.

Officers elected:

Commander—C. W. Harmon, Walla Walla.

Senior Vice-Commander—W. T. Cavanaugh, Olympia.

Junior Vice-Commander—C. E. Plimpton, Seattle.

Division Council—George Hooker and B. S. Embrey, of Walla Walla, and W. T. Cavanaugh, of Olympia.

The Division adopted a plan of insurance whereby it costs but 15 cents to join the insurance, and the dues are 10 cents per annum, and death assessments 10 cents per member—the cheapest insurance known.

The next Encampment will be held at Tacoma next year jointly with the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

APPENDIX NO. XI.  
WOMANS RELIEF CORPS.

The following officers were elected:

Department President, Lida McKercher, room 102 Seattle block, Seattle.

Department Senior Vice-President, Kate J. Burnham, 1916 Normandie street, Spokane.

Department Junior Vice-President, Maude L. Frost, Ellensburg.

Department Treasurer, Nellie Nelson, 2003 Dearborn street, Seattle.

Department Chaplain, Alice Graves, Spokane.

Executive Board—Lucy Goding, Seattle; Nellie Coombs, Yakima; Alice Pearl, Seattle; Nina Fry, Seattle; Alice Benton, Pullman.

Representatives to National Convention—Delegate at Large, Nancy E. Davis, Seattle; Alternate at Large, Janett Hill, Seattle; Delegates, Elizabeth Comstock, Spokane, and Margaret Freeman, Spokane; Alternates, Janett Langley, Seattle, and Jennie Sharlow, Yakima.

The following appointments are announced:

Department Secretary, Mattie E. Ames, 2,509 Sixth avenue, Seattle.

Department Inspector, Frances T. Switzer, Cheney.

Department Counsellor, Anna Webster, old Ranier hotel, Seattle.

Instituting and Installing Officer, Annie Knapp, Kelso.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Adelle Scott, 1610 Fifth avenue, Spokane.

Department Press Correspondent, Nettie Hollenbeck, Puyallup.

