



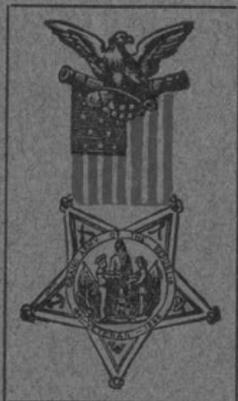
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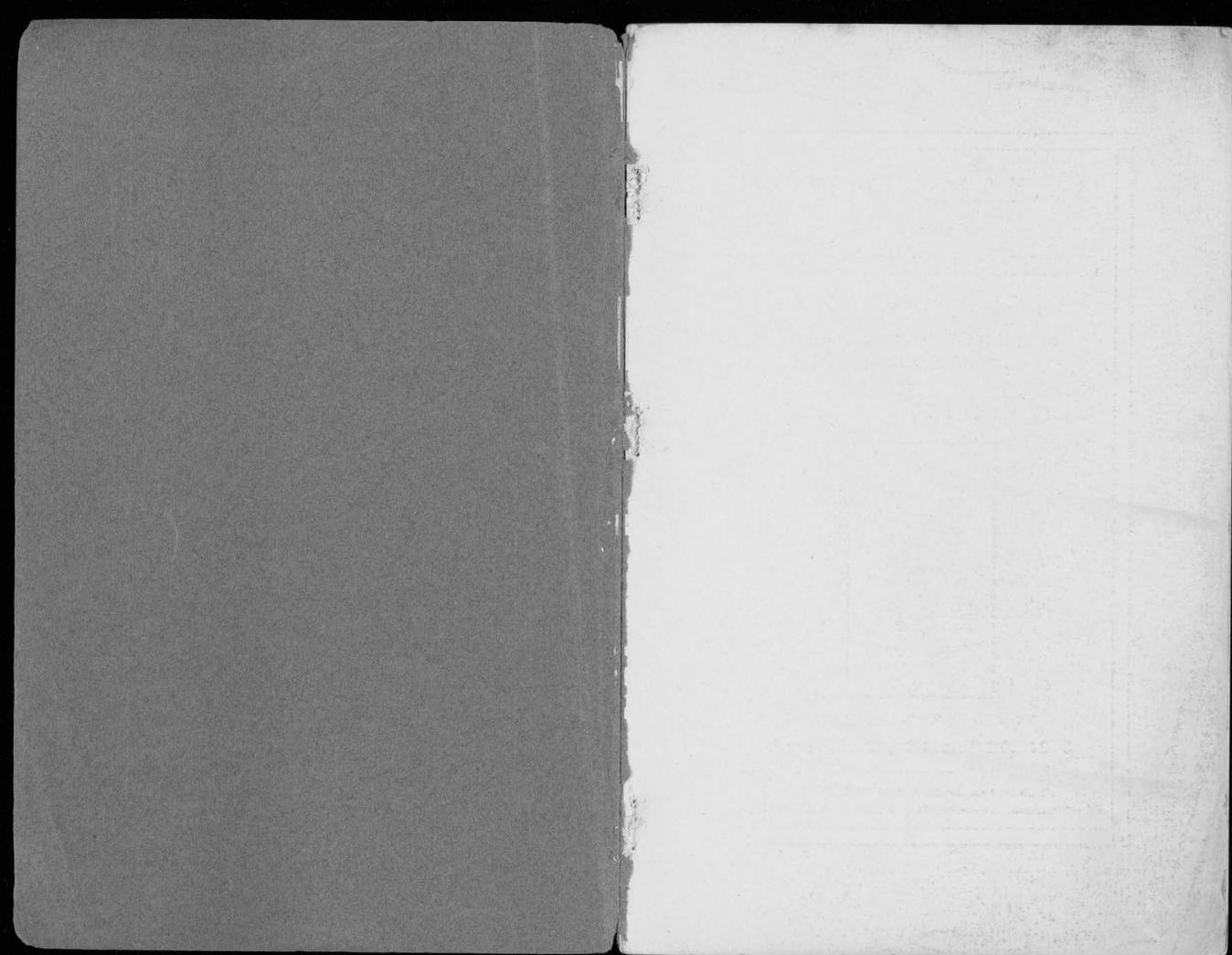
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G. A. R.

TACOMA, WASH., June 21, 1909.

The twenty-seventh annual encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, convened at the Tacoma Theatre and was called to order and opened in due official form by Commander Geo. H. Boardman.

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NATIONAL OFFICERS, G. A. R.

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Twenty-Seventh Encampment of the

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1883	*George D. Hill, Post No. 31	Seattle
1884	*H. H. Morrow, Post No. 2	Vancouver
1885	*A. M. Brooks, Post No. 31	Seattle
1886	*C. M. Hollen, Post No. 9	North Yakima
1887	*A. P. Curry, Post No. 8	Spokane
1888	*J. W. Sprague, Post No. 6	Tacoma
1889	*S. G. Cosgrove, Post No. 22	Pomeroy
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1892	*J. S. Brown, Post No. 69	Kirkland
1893	*Jos. H. Sinclair, Post No. 56	Ballard
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1895	*Norman Buck, Post No. 8	Spokane
1896	*C. T. Patterson, Post No. 87	South Tacoma
1897	*J. F. McLean, Post No. 4	Walla Walla
1898	*Geo. W. Tibbetts, Post No. 1	Seattle
1899	*J. W. Langley, Post No. 31	Seattle
1900	*B. R. Freeman, Post No. 47	Spokane
1901	*Harry A. Bigelow, Post No. 1	Seattle
1902	*B. C. Bedell, Post No. 4	Walla Walla
1903	*Thos. H. Cavanaugh, Post No. 114	Prosser
1904	*Frank A. Davis, Post No. 31	Seattle
1905	*J. T. Goss, Post No. 2	Vancouver
1906	*C. B. Dunning, Post No. 8	Spokane
1907	*W. H. Mock, Post No. 24	Bellingham

* Deceased.
† Present.

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 Geo. W. Tibbetts, Stevens Post No. 1 Seattle, Wash.
 E. A. Shores, Custer Post No. 6 Tacoma, Wash.
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 J. T. Sherfey, Jno. Buford Post No. 89 Everett, Wash.

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 J. E. Stewart, Sedgwick Post No. 8 Spokane, Wash.
 R. W. Williams, Russell Post No. 38 Mt. Vernon, Wash.
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Patriotic Instructor.

F. H. Hurd, Stevens Post No. 1 Seattle, Wash.

Chief of Staff.

J. E. Clark, J. L. Reno Post No. 47 Spokane, Wash.

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Geo. Hooker, John F. Miller Post No. 31 Seattle, Wash.

Color Bearer.

Joe Dickerson, John F. Miller Post No. 31 Seattle, Wash.

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E. C. Kilburne, Stevens Post No. 1 Seattle, Wash.

Department Bugler.

D. H. Getchell, Custer Post No. 6 Tacoma, Wash.

Department Drummer.

J. W. Brier, J. B. Steadman Post No. 24 Bellingham, Wash.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

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At Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, held at North Yakima, Wash., June, 1908, the following officers were elected:

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Eva St. Clair Osburn Orting, Wash.

Department Senior Vice-President.

Mary Brown Spokane, Wash.

Department Junior Vice-President.

Jennie B. Steves Chelan, Wash.

Department Treasurer.

Helen Burke Seattle, Wash.

Department Secretary.

Martha Hoffman Tacoma, Wash.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Ladies of G. A. R.

At Department Convention, held at North Yakima, Wash., June, 1908, the following officers were elected:

Department President.

Mrs. Lulu Shannon Bremerton, Wash.

Department Senior Vice-President.

Mrs. Lizzie Noland Everett, Wash.

Department Junior Vice-President.

Mrs. Gage Walla Walla, Wash.

Department Treasurer.

Mrs. Kilmer Olympia, Wash.

Department Secretary.

Mrs. Musette Libby Ballard, Wash.

Commanders, Past Commanders and Delegates Present.

STEVENS POST NO. 1, SEATTLE, KING CO.

Commander H. F. Corry

Past Post Commanders.

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W. H. White	H. S. Edson	Henry Shehan
A. P. Spaulding	A. W. Hastie	L. F. Yeaton
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L. A. Treen	G. W. Olney	B. F. Miller
T. M. Young	J. J. Hambright	Geo. L. Herlick
F. H. Hurd	R. E. Ricknell	J. O. Clark
J. M. Weistling	— Benson	Jno. Cashner

Delegates.

P. A. Morris	C. D. Oyley	J. G. Pelham
J. W. De Mott	T. W. Duncan	G. Ramken
J. G. Nolf	M. F. Shaw	F. W. Wilhelm
Wm. Fox	M. Bronson	Henry Carper
E. C. Kelburn	A. M. Kent	John Gargle
James Price	Martin Paup	L. G. Herrick

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Commander C. E. Huston

Past Post Commanders.

D. B. Baker	J. A. Snodgrass	W. H. Imbrie
N. F. Bolton	R. W. Downing	J. T. Goss

Delegates.

J. H. Joy	C. Jenkins	J. Lewis
— McBride	Ira Spencer	

A. SULLY POST NO. 3, DAYTON, COLUMBIA CO.

Past Post Commanders.

R. H. Hill	E. F. Buttolph
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Delegates.

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 4, WALLA WALLA, WALLA WALLA CO.

Commander Thos. Biersner

Past Post Commanders.

Jno. Le Cornn
 Wm. Woodruff P. W. Jackson
 Jno. F. Palmer

Delegates.

H. T. Clemens G. W. Bowers Jno. Braden
 E. R. Harding Geo. Cross W. H. Muncey
 H. P. Root W. Ellington

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 5, OLYMPIA, THURSTON CO.

Commander W. W. Work

Past Post Commanders.

H. R. Hill S. D. Smith Henry S. Huwald
 E. A. Baldwin J. W. Buker E. McReynolds

Delegates.

H. Cruikshank J. M. Hutchins Jacob Cheadle
 B. R. Brower

CUSTER POST NO. 6, TACOMA, PIERCE CO.

Commander H. P. Burdick

Past Post Commanders.

Fred T. Taylor Max Metschan H. P. Burdick
 Thomas Carroll L. B. McCoy J. L. Collins
 Phineas Foster J. W. Fries O. B. Hayden
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B. N. Bradfield	W. O. Robb	Jno. Kanode
C. A. Chessman	N. A. Smith	Geo. W. Kuhn
C. Ebert	W. S. Green	J. R. D. Conger
C. A. Cavender	E. Dopps	J. F. Cambell
H. B. Fuller	J. M. Junette	W. H. Doolittle
R. Y. Flynn	C. C. Smith	

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, TOLEDO, LEWIS CO.

Past Post Commanders.

J. H. Duncan

Delegates.

F. Schlettler

SEDGWICK POST NO. 8, SPOKANE, SPOKANE CO.

Commander J. E. Gandy

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Chas. R. Conner	W. H. Samson	C. H. Robinson
J. M. Comstock	J. E. Stewart	D. J. Needham
J. N. Koontz	C. B. Dunning	

Delegates.

A. W. McMeekin	E. Humason	L. C. Jaquis
R. Briggs	C. D. Wood	C. S. Sawyer

MEADE POST NO. 9, NORTH YAKIMA, YAKIMA CO.

Commander Wm. FiltzGerald

Past Post Commanders.

Wm. Badger	J. Glazebrook	B. L. Bull
H. A. Irish		

Delegates.

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A. Burnham	J. P. Bullen	T. L. Stevens

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J. H. Hussey
Eli D. Hewitt**Delegates.**A. A. Brundage
W. Newman
B. R. Baker
Wm. Summers
C. Winchart**DAVID FORD POST NO. 11, ELLENSBURG, KITTITAS CO.**

Commander

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David Kinkade
Geo. W. Carver
Amos Smith
W. H. Orear
Thos. H. Ferrier**Delegates.**Jas. Stevenson
V. C. Wynegar**GARFIELD POST NO. 13, MONTESANO, CHEHALIS CO.**

Commander

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R. M. Burch

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S. W. Hoptenstall
J. C. Adams**PHILO BUCKMAN POST NO. 14, SPRAGUE, LINCOLN CO.**

Commander

Past Post Commanders.

W. H. Dean

FARRAGUT POST NO. 15, PT. TOWNSEND, JEFFERSON CO.

Commander W. C. Moore

Past Post Commanders.

W. W. Swing

Delegates.

J. C. Heath

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 16, GARFIELD, WHITMAN CO.

Commander

Past Post Commanders**Delegates**

S. C. Hammer

L. C. LADD POST NO. 17, PUYALLUP, PIERCE CO.

Commander L. N. Dennis

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J. W. Soles
R. Lyman
G. W. Beach
James McKin
N. Dennis
W. P. Davis
S. W. Eves
E. P. McClure
F. D. Green
G. S. Kilgore
W. H. McLean**Delegates.**F. M. Seeley
G. B. McKay
Wm. E. Polen
Ed. Whitworth**LARABEE POST NO. 18, LA CONNER, SKAGIT CO.**

Commander J. F. Dwelly

Past Post Commanders-

James Calahan

Delegates.

Isaac Chilberg

GEN. GEO. WRIGHT POST NO. 23, CHENEY, SPOKANE CO.

Commander Thos. E. Ross

Past Post Commanders-

John C. Tyler

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S. E. Faney
Wm. Gerard
W. H. Mock
C. W. Vaughn
J. S. Wiger
J. B. Carpenter

Delegates.

A. A. Martin	John Yellers	Jno. Hegler
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J. L. Bishop	W. T. Huston	O. D. McDonald
H. L. Johnson	F. M. Savier	

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 25, CHEHALIS, LEWIS CO.

Commander R. N. Ashmore

Past Post Commanders.

H. P. Hurn	W. F. Zeck	Robert Grove
H. D. Eastman		

Delegates.

Jas. Dever	V. Grifen	N. B. Moore
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MAJ. ANDERSON POST NO. 29, PALOUSE, WHITMAN CO.

Past Post Commanders.

V. Griffin	R. Grove	A. King
A. S. Bliss	D. Eastman	

JNO. F. MILLER POST NO. 31, SEATTLE, KING CO.

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Geo. Kinnear	Lyman Banks	Cicero Newell
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B. C. Levy	J. L. Cleghorn	

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D. A. RUSSELL POST NO. 35, MT. VERNON, SKAGIT CO.

Commander Wm. Murlin

Past Post Commanders.

R. W. Williams	J. S. Bowen	Robt. Moore
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J. J. LEWIS POST NO. 37, ASOTIN, ASOTIN CO.

Past Post Commanders.

J. W. King	D. S. Trescott	M. H. Tait
M. L. Wilson	Geo. Knapp	

J. B. WYMAN POST NO. 41, ROCKFORD, SPOKANE CO.

A. La Shaw

PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 44, TACOMA, PIERCE CO.

Commander J. H. Waters

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S. T. Armstrong	A. S. Johnson	J. M. Ewing
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R. A. Wakefield	J. J. Lemon	W. M. Metcalf

Delegates.

D. C. Wadsworth	Patrick Sullivan	Leonard Shull
H. G. Hoffin	Frank Platt	

J. L. RENO POST NO. 47, SPOKANE, SPOKANE CO.

Commander W. L. Boyd

Past Post Commanders.

W. H. Wiscombe	B. R. Freeman	R. L. Akin
F. P. Weymoth	J. G. Gumlach	N. W. Upton
E. Morrison	W. E. Maxwell	J. E. Clark
G. H. Heberling	John Powers	C. R. Bardwell

Delegates.

Geo. Benson	Thos. Brown	Jno. Wilker
N. E. Lindsey	Thos. Ross	M. Fowler
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E. P. Bolton	S. Gibson	Geo. M. Storms
Frank Martin		

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Commander R. R. Harding

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T. S. Thorp

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S. Mansfield

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Commander Lewis Y. Gilbert

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Francis CollinsJ. H. Warnock
H. Somers

WASHINGTON POST NO. 52, HOQUIAM, CHEHALIS CO.

Commander B. E. Baldwin

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Peter Erickson

A. S. Young
B. S. Philbrick
M. Duncan

Delegates.

C. T. Brackett
J. Cowan
Wm. Freedenburg

WHITMAN POST NO. 53, PULLMAN, WHITMAN CO.

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K. P. Allen

Delegates.

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Ed. Loney
Pat Ryan

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Commander Abram Ford

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C. B. Hoadley

Delegates.

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B. Van DusenE. Surfing
A. Falrchild

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Spencer HawleyD. R. Smith
Abraham Looney
D. Bavey
Wm. Ray

Delegates.

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J. P. Draper
E. C. Van Veer

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S. P. Tapping

Delegates.

Alex Anderson

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Commander Jerry Rockhold

Past Post Commanders.

W. H. Hickox

GEN. MILROY POST NO. 62, TEKOA, WHITMAN CO.

Past Post Commanders.

Delegates.

N. Crockett

GEN. CROOK POST NO. 63, ABERDEEN, CHEHALIS CO.

Past Post Commanders.

Delegates.

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J. S. DaychanC. F. Beltz
W. C. Paser

GEN. EMORY POST NO. 68, ANACORTES, SKAGIT CO.

Commander T. J. Edens

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V. J. Knapp

Delegates.

A. G. Woodward

P. F. Dillen

Wilber Dolph

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F. R. Wright

M. M. Monohan

Sol Smith

Delegates.

C. C. Dodge

J. C. Cosper

EVERETT POST NO. 73, SUMNER, PIERCE CO.

Commander A. D. Kline

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Geo. T. Meyers

J. T. Thompson

SILAS CASEY POST NO. 74, FRIDAY HARBOR, SAN JUAN CO.

J. E. Tucker

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Commander J. A. Hagadorn

Past Post Commanders.

Geo. Wood

S. C. Nickolson

J. C. Campbell

H. R. LOOMIS POST NO. 80, GIG HARBOR, PIERCE CO.

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Past Post Commanders.

Anse Brown

Wm. Kimball

W. S. Peacock

M. B. Hunt

Jno. Atkinson

Jno. Boyd

Delegates.

Henry Woodworth

Geo. McGoon

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M. A. Holcomb

W. W. Latham

Geo. Brumbaugh

H. Kramer

Alvin Pasteo

Alex Volly

T. P. PRICE POST NO. 82, CENTRALIA, LEWIS CO.**Past Post Commanders.**

C. D. Spencer

Delegates.

W. T. Reves

D. C. Bean

J. Reed

COMMODORE FOOTE POST NO. 84, PORT ORCHARD, KITSAP CO.

Commander D. C. Bleam

STANTON POST NO. 86, ARLINGTON, SNOHOMISH CO.**Delegates.**

M. McCaulley

J. Paddy

John Morris

I. Hallingsworth

J. A. WINSLOW POST NO. 87, SOUTH TACOMA, PIERCE CO.

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S. V. Isenburg

C. H. Newton

Samuel D. Brear

H. H. Warner

JOHN BUFORD POST NO. 89, EVERETT, SNOHOMISH CO.**Past Post Commanders.**

W. J. Baker

W. D. Armstrong

R. T. Warner

J. T. Sherfey

H. W. North

Geo. Austin

Henry Sloan

Delegates.		
J. R. Luce	D. R. Miller	Noble Allison
T. Rock	J. A. Temple	
E. E. CROSS POST, NO. 90, SHELTON, MASON CO.		
Past Post Commanders		
C. T. Huntley		
GEN. RUSK POST NO. 93, DAVENPORT, LINCOLN CO.		
Post Commander J. K. Worts		
Past Post Commanders.		
R. R. Stewart		
Delegates.		
Nelson Moore	Jas. D. Shaw	
N. B. PAGE POST NO. 94, CASHMERE, CHELAN CO.		
Commander C. A. Huston		
Past Post Commanders.		
J. McFarland	T. M. Stewart	A. S. Burbank
	S. H. Warren	
Delegates.		
F. Stowell		
GEN. EWING POST NO. 96, ISSAQUAH, KING CO.		
Commander		
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A. J. Foster		
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Commander F. D. Carson		
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Chas. Mills		
Delegates.		
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Past Post Commanders-		
A. F. Perkins		
Delegates.		
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Commander C. Stoner		
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Delegate.		
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M. O. Merrill		
Delegates.		
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Commander J. A. Moore		
Past Post Commanders-		
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J. L. Snether		
Delegates.		
Robert Smith	L. E. Messner	

JNO. BOTHELL POST NO. 108, BOTHELL, KING CO.

Commander Wm. Johnston

GREEN LAKE POST NO. 112, SEATTLE, KING CO.

Commander W. G. Hubbard

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Delegates.L. D. Scott E. C. Teets M. N. Strickling
Reuben Crocker Jerome Morford A. Jackson**C. S. HAMILTON POST NO. 113, KELSO, COWLITZ CO.****Past Post Commanders.**

Oliver Byerly

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Commander A. M. Gardner

Past Post Commanders.Thos. H. Cavanaugh Danl. Molan J. C. Bramfield
F. A. West M. Knapp**Delegates.**

C. J. Pierce J. F. Gallupe

LEW WALLACE POST NO. 115, ORCHARDS, CLARKE CO.**Past Post Commanders.**

Evin Morgan

Delegates.

F. M. De Long Ira G. Bills

GEN. U. S. GRANT POST NO. 116, BREMERTON, KITSAP CO.

Commander Jesse Spear

Past Post Commanders.

B. R. Reynolds H. R. Gale N. J. Benton

Delegates.J. H. Millar J. R. Bell H. D. Maxurn
G. W. Houseman J. B. Wakeman M. R. Brewster
David Hill Jno. Crothers**J. R. HAYDEN POST NO. 118, ORTING, SOLDIERS' HOME,
PIERCE CO.****Past Post Commanders.**

H. C. Higginson John Mayers

Delegates.Geo. Liddle W. McKinzy A. Byrnes
J. J. Ricketts**LUCIUS DAY POST NO. 123, MONROE, SNOHOMISH CO.**

Commander O. C. McGray

Delegates.

J. H. Pownall S. A. Buck

S. G. COSGROVE POST NO. 125, KENNEWICK, BENTON CO.

Post Commander G. Henneberry

The Commander announced the following committees:

Credentials—J. R. D. Conger, A. A. G., J. J. See, Post No. 68, and H. W. North, Post No. 89.

Resolutions—C. R. Conner, Post No. 8; W. G. Hubbard, Post No. 112, and S. F. Street, Post No. 1.

To Visit Women's Relief Corps—S. D. Smith, Post No. 5; R. R. Harding, Post No. 48; J. L. Bishop, Post No. 24; J. Q. A. DeHuff, Post No. 6, and S. W. Hoptens-tall, Post No. 13.

To Visit Ladies of the G. A. R.—H. P. Burdick, Post No. 6; T. F. Dwelly, Post No. 18; T. N. Duncan, Post No. 1; W. FitzGerald, Post No. 9; J. T. Sherfey, Post No. 89.

To Visit Sons of Veterans—J. H. Coffman, Post No. 6.

To Respond to Greeting of W. R. C.—Lyman Banks, Post No. 31.

To Respond to Greeting of Ladies of G. A. R.—J. M. Wiestling, Post No. 1.

Memorial Committee on Death of S. G. Cosgrove—B. R. Freeman, Post No. 47; P. W. Jackson, Post No. 4; Wm. Johnston, Post No. 108; S. F. Street, Post No. 1; W. R. Ames, Post No. 1.

Memorial Committee on Death of F. W. Sparling—R. J. Chase, Post No. 31; R. N. Ashmore, Post No. 23, and J. Dickerson, Post No. 31.

Rules and Order of Business—W. H. Wiscombe, Post No. 47; F. H. Hurd, Post No. 1, and J. M. Comstock, Post No. 8.

Escort to W. R. C. Delegation—E. McReynolds, Post No. 5; C. T. Bracket, Post No. 52; F. M. Munson, Post 87; G. Henneberry, Post No. 125, and — — Brown, Post No. —.

Escort to Ladies of G. A. R.—W. S. Green, Post No. 6; H. R. Gale, Post No. 116; — — Burns, Post No. 118; C. D. Spencer, Post No. 82, and L. N. Dennis, Post No. 17.

Senior Vice Commander E. McReynolds was then called to preside while the commander read his annual address.

Commander's Address

COMRADES:—Divine Providence has permitted us to again meet in this, our twenty-seventh encampment. It is with mingled feelings of sorrow and pleasure that I am to surrender my honored position; but I know that whoever you may choose to take up the work will do it well. I pledged you at North Yakima my best endeavors work and money to make this year a success; how well I have done is for you to judge, but I have done my best.

I have visited the home at Orting, everything is in first class order, and when Comrade Tibbetts was appointed Commandant the right man was put in the right place. The home is overcrowded, but the Legislature has made provision at Port Orchard which I hope will relieve congestion. Too much credit cannot be given St. Clair Osbourne, President of the W. R. C. for her unceasing care of the Comrades in the Hospital and members of the Home.

VISITS TO POSTS.

It has been my pleasure to visit every post in this department and I want to say to you comrades, although I recieved a hearty welcome from every post, the heartiest welcome and handshake has been from the smallest posts and those hardest to get at. I know these visits have done good as nearly every small post has gained during my visit from one to six members. The W. R. C. and ladies of the G. A. R. have attended these meetings and I thank them for their work and cordial welcome. In visiting these posts I have used every kind of conveyance from a-foot to railroad trains. (Every post wants to be qualified in this manner.) Mossy Rock wrote me they wanted to visit with No. 25 at Chehalis, Woodland (six miles from Kalama) telephoned me not to come as they would meet with Kalama Post; La Conner wrote me they were to meet with Mt. Vernon Post on my visit to it and although in La Connor I went to Mt. Vernon on their advice. I visited Orchard, but the comrades had had a regular meeting the day before and I could not get them together again. Rice is seventeen miles from the railroad. I took a team, drove part way, met two comrades who said Post had had regular meeting and nearly every member had gone away so I could not meet them, on this I drove back. Many of these Posts have never had the honor (if honor it is) of a Department Commander's visit before, and nearly half of them only visits from three Commanders.

Memorial Day was more generally observed than ever before.

LEGISLATION

The G. A. R. got everything asked for. As the National Adjutant General demanded an early return from the Department, as on said return our dele-

gates to National depended. With the sanction of the council the per capita was forwarded based on the last return of Posts who had not reports in.

For the first time the Department exceeds 3,300 members. We have lost one Post by surrender of charter, it was in Commander Mock's term, but A. A. G. Cole was so sick at the time he neglected to name same in report.

On November 18th, in behalf of the Department I deposited in the corner stone of the new Federal Building at Tacoma, a badge of the Department Commander, Post Commander, a G. A. R. badge and the little bronze button.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Comrade who has not been honored with the position of Commander does not know the amount of work and the good these women do for the G. A. R. I am not going to extoll them here, and the same applies to the ladies of the G. A. R. who are doing just the same work.

The oldest member in the Department is a member of N. B. Page Post 94—F. A. Stowell, 94 years old.

RETURNS FROM POSTS.

Let me impress on Post Officers the necessity of sending returns promptly to headquarters. One-half of all the correspondence of the A. A. G. is with Post Officers who neglect this matter. The A. A. G. is expected to make his report to National not later than July 10th. Now Comrades help him. Your report can be made as easily July first as later.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The gain this year gives us one more delegate to National Encampment. Eight in all. Now Comrades

when it comes to election of delegates, elect only those who will go, do not elect a Comrade just because he is a good fellow.

SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

It is with pleasure that I inform the encampment that the old story of neglected graves is a thing of the past. I find during my visits that nearly every Post has made requisitions on Quartermaster General U. S. A. secured stones, and nearly every grave is marked. I have furnished requisitions to some Posts for stones, and I think my successor will report all graves marked, or requisitions made for them.

NEW POSTS.

I have had the honor to institute S. G. Cosgrove Post No. 125 at Kennewick, 14 charter members. Comrade John Leiter of Whitman was mustering officer.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

In my opinion it was the best ever held and was probably the largest that will be held. It was a success in every feature and the entire Washington Delegation with the exception of Stewart of 8 and Williams of 35 were present, their places were filled by Buchan and Carver of 31 and 11.

Department officers this year were from Posts No. 4, 5 and 6.

I think the field for new Posts is about exhausted, unless some new towns should be built up on the lines of new railroads coming into the state.

Resolutions referred to this administration by Richard of No. 4 regarding sale of liquor, and making five miles the distance from Soldiers' Home, cannot be carried out as the law places the granting of license in

incorporated towns or cities in the hands of towns or city officers and in County Commissioners for Counties.

By Wilcox of No. 17 regarding the raising of flag at masthead on Memorial Day. This was the action of National Encampment and we have no power to change it.

Your Commander has assumed the authority to invest the idle funds in 7 per cent bonds. The amount of interest collected has been \$23.10 and there is \$9 due on bonds belonging to the Department. These bonds I will purchase at any time Department wants the cash, with 6 per cent interest. Figures show that during the past twenty years the Department has lost in interest on its idle funds \$2,313.60 that could have been earned had it been invested in state warrants at current rate of interest. I would recommend that A. Q. M. be authorized to invest the idle funds.

So many of our Comrades (140) have answered the last roll call the past year that I deem it advisable to only report in the journal the number in each Post. We cannot write eulogiums on each one and never mind what rank they held, they were only to us, Comrades of the Grand Army. Our Comrade J. W. Sparling who organized this Department, died February 28th, at Seattle. Comrade Cosgrove died March 28th at Paso Robles.

STAFF.

My staff has at all times been ready to do anything I asked and the Council of Administration has my thanks for many favors shown. The Assistant Adjutant General has been a great factor in the success of this year's work, has always been ready to do my private business, to allow me to absent myself on Department work and Post visits—thanks can not pay him.

EXPENSE JOURNAL.

The expense of the printing of the Encampment Journal can be reduced largely by cutting out much matter that is never read by the comrades.

Photographs in journal should be paid for by those who wish to insert them.

EXPENSE HEADQUARTERS AT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

I would recommend that in place of the Department Commander hiring same, that some one of the delegates posted in this matter be sent to the place of meeting and secure quarters suitable, some days in advance of the delegation. Comrades wishing to visit the Department go to the hotel where it stops. They meet you there in the rotunda or lobby. I do not think any one was in the headquarters this Department paid for at Toledo, but more than one thousand met us in the hotel and on the veranda.

EXPENSE OF COMMANDER VISITING POSTS.

Did you comrades ever think what the allowance of \$150 to the Department Commander to visit posts means? Now, comrades, this is no hint to you to make me further compensation. I wouldn't take one cent if this Encampment should vote it. We have in this Department comrades as capable and as worthy of this office as ever have held it, but they cannot afford to take the time and money it requires to visit the posts. Do you realize that the Commander has at his disposal \$1.65 for each post in the Department.

Now, at no place where you elect a Commander can he visit more than five posts at \$1.65 each. Whoever you elect will be an honorable and honest Commander. Let him render to the Quartermaster his bill of actual expense, and have it paid. He has in addition to this

expense, to pay as a penalty for holding this high office, all his expenses of going to the National Encampment, which is no small sum. If he does not visit all posts and expense is less, the Department is the gainer. And I will say here if the Commander visits every post and goes to National Encampment, he will spend five months' time and a lot of his own cash, besides his headquarters work. But I will say in this connection, the knowledge he will gain by his trip showing him the resources of this great state will be an eye-opener and largely compensate him.

My successor in office will have the advantage of my past six months' work, and I think will show great gain, as three posts in this Department during the past six months have gained nearly 100. And Cosgrove Post has fourteen charter members. The report of the A. A. G. December 1, 1907, makes membership that date 3443—222—3231.

By a comparison on pages 54-55, Journal 26th Encampment, you will find the number to be 3020, and this is correct—a difference of 211. I have reported to National Adjutant General the figures as given by A. A. G. Cole, as we have more than enough Comrades to cover the number this date. The returns as made give this Administration a gain only of 86, but taking the correct number, 3020, the gain is 291.

Several Posts were delinquent in their January returns. Thanks are due to the W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. for paying the per capita of these Posts and keeping them in good standing. (See page 89 Blue Book, 109, Sec. 2. "Any Post in arrears for returns or dues shall be excluded from all representation in Department Encampment until the same have been forwarded.")

And now, Comrades, in conclusion, when I surrender the gavel and charter to my successor, I pledge you and him a loyal support as I have to offer. Time, work and

money I offer him to make his administration a success, and I ask for him the same from each Comrade.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,

Department Commander.

Tacoma, June 21, 1909.

The address was then referred to a committee of R. R. Harding, Post No. 48; H. W. North, Post No. 89, and J. McFarland, Post No. 94.

Commander Boardman resumed the chair.

On motion, a bill of \$32 for preparing a department headquarters tent on the A.-Y.-P. Exposition grounds was ordered paid, and thanks of the Department extended to Comrades Chase, Hurd, Taylor and Banks for services in connection therewith.

On recommendation of Committee on Credentials, the roster of the A. A. G., as published, was adopted as the roster of this convention by unanimous vote.

On due motion and by unanimous vote, all resolutions will be referred to the committee without debate.

The Council of Administration having examined the books and accounts of the A. Q. M., made report as follows:

Tacoma, Wash., June 21, 1909.

To Geo. H. Boardman, Department Commander, Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R.

Sir—We have examined the accounts and vouchers of the A. Q. M. G., and find the receipts and expenditures correct. The total amount due from the A. Q. M. General is \$514.85, for which there has been turned over to the chairman of this committee a certified check for \$14.85 and five bonds of the City of Tacoma Improvement Fund of the face value of \$500, bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent. We heartily approve the action of the A. Q. M. General in

investing the idle funds of the department, and recommend that the incoming administration be instructed to keep the same invested.

We also recommend that the per capita tax remain at 40 cents; that \$150 be allowed the Department Commander for traveling expenses in visiting the Posts in the Department; that the salary of A. Q. M. and A. A. G. be \$400, he to pay his own office rent; that the representation remain one for each fifteen members and majority fraction thereof, and two at large; also that two of the present Council of Administration be re-elected.

BENJ. C. LEVY,
E. A. SHORES,
GEO. W. TIBBETTS,
M. S. WISCOMBE,
J. T. SHERFEY.

Dennis, Post No. 17, moved acceptance of report and recommendations. Adopted.

REPORTS

The following reports of Department officials were read to the assembly and placed on file to be printed in the Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Encampment:

Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Quartermaster General.

Patriotic Instructor.

Chaplain.

By unanimous vote, the Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R. endorses and urges the passing of the bill of Congressman Sherwood to pay \$30 per month to all soldiers of the Civil war on their reaching the age of sixty-four years.

The Committee of Greeting from the Ladies of the G. A. R. were next admitted and made brief addresses, which were responded to by Comrade Wiestling of Post No. 1. The escort then presented each lady with an encampment delegate badge.

The Women's Relief Corps Committee of Greeting were next escorted in and, announcing their mission, filed their annual report as auxiliary.

Comrade Bank of Post No. 31 responded to the greeting, after which each of the ladies received an encampment delegate badge from their escort.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Tacoma, July 20, 1908.

To the Adjutant-General.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following Consolidated Report of the Posts of this Department for the six months ending June 30, 1908:

	Posts.	Members.
Number remaining in good standing last term	94	3,231
Gain—	Posts.	Members.
By muster in	114	
By transfer	74	
By reinstatement	1	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	41	
Total Gain	230	230
Aggregate		3,461
Loss—	Posts.	Members.
By death	64	
By honorable discharge	3	
By transfer	48	
By suspension	66	
By surrender of charter	1	
Total Loss	1	181
Number remaining in good standing		3,280



J. R. D. CONGER, Ass't Adj't Gen'l and Ass't Q. M. Gen'l.
Co. C 15th Illinois Infantry
Co. A 12th Illinois Cavalry

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Number remaining suspended	86
Expended in charity	\$743.92
Number of members or their families relieved	20
Number of persons not members relieved	49
Number of Rituals on hand	359

Very respectfully, in F., C. and L.,

J. R. D. CONGER,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Tacoma, January 18, 1908.

To the Adjutant-General.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following Consolidated Report of the Posts of this Department for the six months ending December 31, 1908:

	Posts.	Members.
Number remaining in good standing last term	93	3,280
Gain—	Posts.	Members.
By muster	93	
By transfer	59	
By reinstatement	32	
Total gain	184	
Aggregate	93	3,464
Loss—	Posts.	Members.
By death	60	
By honorable discharge	3	
By transfer	19	
By suspension	74	
By dishonorable discharge	1	
By surrender of charter	1	
Total Loss	1	157
	92	
Number remaining in good standing		3,307
Number remaining suspended		94

Dropped during term, having been previously reported suspended	13
Expended in charity	\$ 459
Number of members or their families relieved	6
Number Rituals on hand	359

Very respectfully, in F., C. and L.,

J. R. D. CONGER,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER
GENERAL.

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

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Tacoma, Wash., July 20, 1908.

To Comrade Geo. H. Boardman, Commanding Department.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following Financial Report of the Posts of this Department for the term ending June 30, 1908:

Receipts.

Cash	\$876.36
Receipts from all sources during term—Relief Fund.	743.92
	<u>\$1620.28</u>

Disbursements.

Paid Department for per capita tax on 3280 members at 1½ cents each	\$ 57.40
For Relief from Post funds	743.92
For all other disbursements	54.79
	<u>\$ 856.11</u>

Cash balance on hand \$ 764.17

Value of Post Property.

Cash balance Post Fund	\$ 5425.19
Market value of real estate belonging to Post	13800.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.	2001.19

Total value of Post property \$21226.38

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. R. D. CONGER,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER
GENERAL.

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

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Tacoma, Wash., January 18, 1909.

To Comrade Geo. H. Boardman, Commanding Department.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following Financial Report of the Posts of this Department for the term ending December 31, 1908:

Receipts.

Balance last report	\$ 764.17
Receipts from all sources during term	1305.93
	<u>\$2070.10</u>

Disbursements.

Paid Department for per capita tax on 3307 members at 1½ cents each	\$ 57.87
For relief from Post Funds	459.00
For all other disbursements	755.23
	<u>\$1272.10</u>

Cash balance on hand	\$ 498.00
Cash invested in collaterals	300.00

Total \$2070.10

Report of Relief Funds.

Received from all sources for this fund during this term	\$459.00
	<u>\$ 459.00</u>

Expended during the term	\$ 459.00
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Value of Post Property.

Cash balance Post Fund	\$ 5429.19
Market value of real estate belonging to Post	13765.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.	2001.19

Total value of Post property \$21195.38

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. R. D. CONGER,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Seattle, Wash., June 18, 1909.

George H. Boardman, Department Commander.

Comrade: I have the honor to make the following report for the Department of Washington and Alaska:

1. Number of Posts in this Department—93.
2. Have Patriotic Post Instructors been appointed in this Department in accordance with the new rules?—Not in every Post.
3. Number of schools in this Department—3150. Teachers—6524.
4. Number of pupils—About 237,500.
5. Number of schools flying the Flag while in session—All.
6. Number of school rooms in which Flag salute is given daily—No accurate information.
7. Number of school rooms having a Flag—A large number.
8. Number of school rooms in which Flag salute is given on special occasions only—All.
9. Number of schools having military instruction—Several High Schools.
10. Number of schools having Flag Drill—Almost every one.
11. Number of schools having retired army officers as instructors—Without information.
12. Were National holidays recognized by appropriate exercises in schools?—Yes.
13. Does the State Superintendent of Public Instruction issue Manuals of Patriotism to the schools?—Yes.
14. How many Flags have been donated to schools during the year?—Many, but have not written reports.
15. Are prizes given to pupils for patriotic essays?—Sometimes.
16. Were the children generally invited to take part in Memorial Day exercises?—Yes.
17. Were the Sunday Schools invited to have special services on Sunday preceding Memorial Day?—Yes.
18. Was Memorial Sunday generally observed by the churches with patriotic services?—Yes.

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19. Were churches and Sunday Schools decorated on Memorial Sunday?—Generally.
20. Was Flag Day, June 14, generally observed by the people?—Yes.
21. Did the Governor of the State recognize Flag Day by Proclamation?—Designated it as such.
22. Was the "Address to the American People" generally distributed and published?—Yes.
23. Has the State Superintendent of Public Instruction been requested to furnish Flags and Manuals of Patriotism to the schools—Yes. And his reply to same—Manuals have been furnished.
24. Is there a State Law rendering it obligatory to fly the Flag over schools while in session?—Yes.
25. Is there a State law prohibiting any desecration of the Flag by advertisements or otherwise?—Yes.
26. Have the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of the Veterans, or other patriotic societies co-operated with the G. A. R. in teaching patriotism?—Yes.
27. Name them—All mentioned in 26.
28. Are there any objectionable school histories used in the schools of your State?—We hear nothing from them this year.
29. Designate them.—
30. What is the approximate amount that has been expended in your Department for patriotic instruction from July 1, 1907, to July 1, 1908?—Unable to ascertain.
31. Is there any anarchistic element in your Department?—Very little.
32. What is the probable number of persons holding to such principles?—
33. Have you made your report to your Department Commander?—Yes.
34. If not, give the reason for the omission.

F. H. HURD,

Patriotic Instructor Department of Washington and Alaska.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.Office of Department Chaplain,
Centralia, Wash., June 24, 1909.

To Comrade Geo. H. Boardman, Department Commander, G. A. R.

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

Number of Posts in Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R.	93
Number of Posts reporting Memorial services	65

Memorial Sabbath Services.

Number of Posts attending services	65
Number of sermons preached to Posts	65
Number of sermons preached by veterans	35
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans	20
Number of Comrades present at such services	4,100

Number of Women's Relief Corps participating with Posts at such services	44
Number of members of Women's Relief Corps attending such services	1,220
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans attending such services	

Number of Sons of Veterans attending such services (individually)	200
Number of Tents of Daughters of Veterans attending such services	
Number of Daughters of Veterans attending such services (individually)	300

Memorial Day Services.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services	75
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day services	4,511
Number of Women's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day services	44
Number of members of Women's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day services	1,235

Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans participating in Memorial Day Services	
Number of Sons of Veterans participating (individually)	260
Number of Tents of Daughters participating	
Number of Daughters of Veterans participating (individually)	350
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated	130
Number of graves decorated	5,664
Number of graves unmarked by headstones	120
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day services	115
Number of pupils participating	20,628
Number of other organizations participating	74
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day	80
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans	25
Number of address delivered by citizens	15
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans	40
Number of Posts having Burial Plots	31

How would you improve upon and make more impressive the exercises of Memorial Day, and better enlist the sympathy and participation of the public?

Remarks: Number of Confederate soldiers attending Monday Memorial services

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

C. D. SPENCER,

Department Chaplain.

Postoffice Address, Centralia, Washington.

JUDGE ADVOCATES REPORT.

To the Department Commander, Officers and Comrades of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.

Sir:—I have the honor to report: That during my incumbency of the office of Judge Advocate of this Department, I have not once been called upon for counsel, advice or services of any character by any Post, Officer or Comrade of the G. A. R.

The conclusion is forced upon me, that the members of this splendid organization and the Comrades remaining to us, and a grateful country, have become so nearly perfect in character and conduct that the office of Judge Advocate must hereafter be worn as an ornament and an honor, instead of being deemed a place of real use or service; and were it not for suitable thanksgiving to the "Power that has made and preserved us a Nation," the Chaplaincy might perhaps be regarded as also but an ornament and an honor, by reason of the exemplary and even tenor of the ways of the men of the Sixties; but thanksgiving to the Author of all good, will ever find ready response from the hearts that beat perhaps to slower measure than in those old time days, but are no less warmly appreciative of the blessings that have come to us since the days of Civil Strife.

Most respectfully submitted,

W. H. DOOLITTLE.

Judge Advocate Department Washington and Alaska G. A. R.
Tacoma, Washington, June 21st, 1909.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

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

Office of the Department Inspector, June 18, 1909.

To Inspector General, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade:—I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of Posts of this Department for the year ending June 30, 1909.

Total number of Posts, about	92
Total number of Posts in good standing	
Number of Posts inspected	49
Number of Posts not inspected	43
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings	Good
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified	47
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped	3
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed	1

Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept	48
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded	49
Number of Posts having a relief fund, all have state fund	
Aggregate of Post relief funds	
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief	
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters	\$4,603.00
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts ..	10,914.00
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached	45
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached	1

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

E. H. CAPRON.

Department Inspector

REPORT OF WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Orting, Washington, June 21st, 1909.

Geo. H. Boardman, Department Commander.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I take great pleasure in extending to you and to the Twenty-seventh Department Encampment, the greetings of the Women's Relief Corps, in Twenty-fourth annual convention assembled.

In compliance with our rules and regulations, I have the honor to submit, through you, to the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, a report as your auxiliary, for the year ending June 21, 1909.

Number of Corps in the Department	64
Total membership to date	2903
Amount of cash expended in relief	\$ 554.25
Amount turned over to Posts	795.45
Amount of relief other than money	867.52
Amount of general funds of Corps in Department ..	2,963.87
Amount of Relief Fund	650.16
Total amount of Corps property and supplies in Department	\$11,353.99

And we are pleased to report the completion of the monument, said fund having been started seven years ago, for "Our Soldiers' Home Cemetery" at Orting, which we ask you to dedicate Wednesday, June 23rd.

While this report gives you more of a statistical accounting of our labors, it cannot tell you of the visits to sick and needy.

We extend to you, and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, our hearty appreciation of your many kindnesses, and we pledge anew our loyalty to you and the cause for which "Our Heroes" fought.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.
EVA ST. CLAIR OSBURN,
Department President.

On motion of Mock, Post No. 24, and without dissent, Posts were authorized to fill the places of absent delegates with members of their Posts who were present and in good standing.

Wiscombe, Post No. 6, moved that the election of Department officers be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, June 22. Carried unanimously.

Coffman, Post No. 6, moved, and it was so voted, that the installation be at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, June 23.

The reports of the Committees on the death of Past Department Commanders Cosgrove and Sparling were read and filed for publication herewith. By unanimous vote, the reports, as read, were ordered engrossed at the expense of the Department, and a copy sent to the respective families.

The following telegram of greeting from Salt Lake, the place of National Encampment, was read:

SALT LAKE UTAH, June 21, 1909.

*Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. State Encampment,
Tacoma, Wash.*

This committee extends greetings to your Encampment, with hope that your meeting may be happy, har-

monious and profitable. You are invited to be our guests August 9-14, 1909, with the assurance that your stay while here will be made as sweet and tender as the work of the vanishing Army was honorable and heroic.

F. M. STERRETT,
Executive Director G. A. R.

In response to statements made by Goss, Post No. 2, it was unanimously voted that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions in regard to the expenditure of state money at Port Orchard Soldiers' Home. Brown, Post No. 69; Goss, Post No. 2, F. Taylor, Post No. 6, were named as such committee.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday, June 22.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd, 9:30 A. M.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Commander of the Department of Washington and Alaska, do most respectfully report as follows:

That as the major part of our Commander's report is a statement of facts, as they occurred from time to time, and made no recommendations that would make it necessary to refer parts to other committees, therefore, we do not so refer any part of said report.

But as our Commander has to some considerable extent argued for a larger allowance to the Commander as expense for visiting posts We, your committee, recommend that the Commander's allowance be continued as in the past. We also approve the action of our Department Commander in investing the surplus funds of this Department in interest bearing bonds. Wherefore we concur in his recommendation that the A. Q. M. be instructed to continue to invest the idle funds as the Commander suggests.

R. R. HARDING,
H. W. NORTH,
J. McFARLAND.

To the Department Commander and members of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades: We, your committee to whom was referred the management of building the Soldiers Home at Port Orchard beg leave to make the following report:

That inasmuch as the Legislature of 1907 made an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars to start building the above Home, we find that the Board of Control managed the spending of this money, and we find that they did not give us value received.

We find the money spent on civil engineers, architects, landscape gardeners, all high salaried men, and we think that building a Cottage Home as was originally intended did not warrant the spending of the money this way, we think that the work ought to have been done by contract, and not done by the day as has been done. We would recommend that the management of this home be taken out of the hands of this Board of Control and put into the hands of some practical man (not a member of this committee). We find from an estimate made last winter by one of this committee that not more than half of this sum of \$50,000 has been spent on buildings and other improvements on the ground, it is our belief that it has been wasted and not used judiciously.

We would recommend that the cottage plan at this Home be followed more closely, and we think there should be old soldiers living there now. We believe the idea of the branch home at Port Orchard originally intended that veterans and their wives who have grown old and feeble in striving to maintain themselves should find an asylum in which to pass last few days of life in peace and quiet, and that a patriotic people are willing to provide for same.

Yours in F. C. and L.

J. S. BROWN,
FRED T. TAYLOR,
J. T. GOSS.

Resolved, That the State Soldiers' Home located at Port Orchard, from the information furnished us, is not being managed either well nor economically, and we recommend that the Department Commander be elected, with two Comrades to be selected by him, constitute a committee to present the facts to the legislature that an investigation be had by that body.

Tacoma, Wash., June 22, 1909.

We, the undersigned Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit to this Encampment the following:

- (1) Resolved, That we reaffirm our allegiance to the laws, to the flag, and to the Constitution of the United States.
- (2) Resolved, That our action at the Encampment at Ballard in 1907 and at North Yakima in 1908, recommending that statues to Dr. Marcus Whitman and General Isaac Stevens be placed in Statuary Hall, Washington, D. C., be affirmed.
- (3) Resolved, That we extend to the city officials of Tacoma and to the citizens generally our cordial thanks for the welcome extended to us on this occasion.
- (4) Resolved, That we commend the able and efficient administration of the affairs of this Department during the past year by its officials, and especially that we extend our sincere thanks for his untiring industry to George H. Boardman, our retiring Department Commander.

CHAS. R. CONNER,
W. H. HARRINGTON,
S. F. STREET.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

To Comrade Geo. H. Boardman, Commanding Department.

We, your Committee on Order of Business, wish to recommend that the same order of business be adopted as was used last year.

W. H. WISCOMBE,
F. H. HURD,
J. M. COMSTOCK.

1. Reports of Officers.
2. Miscellaneous Business.
3. Fix Place of Meeting of Twenty-Eighth Encampment.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Installation.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from among us, our beloved and esteemed Comrade Past Department Commander, S. G. Cosgrove, who died at Paso Robles, California, March 28, 1909.

Resolved, That in the death of Comrade Cosgrove, the family, the Department, and State, have lost a loving father and husband, a faithful, zealous and leading Comrade of the Grand Army, and the State a capable and honest Chief Executive.

Resolved, That in the death of Comrade Cosgrove, his loss to his family, the Grand Army, and the State of Washington, is irreparable.

Resolved, That to the family and friends of the Comrade we extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this hour of bereavement and sorrow, and that his name be placed on the roll of honor among the archives of this Department, as one whom we all loved, and that we will cherish his memory so long as the Department of Washington and Alaska exists.

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased Comrade.

Committee,

B. R. FREEMAN,
S. W. EVES,
T. W. JACKSON,
S. F. STREET.

ADDRESS BY COMRADE STREET OF POST NO. 1.

Department Commander and Comrades:

The death of our Comrade Cosgrove deserves at this time more than a passing notice from this Department.

For nearly twenty-five years he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a citizen of the State of Washington. Emerson has told us that if a man preached a better sermon, wrote a better book, or even made a better basket than his neighbors, though he built his home in the wildest of the wild woods, the public would make a beaten pathway to his doors. Comrade Cosgrove may never have written a book, preached a sermon or even attempted to make a basket, but by an indefatigable will, by a power known only to himself, by an effort that was born in his very life, he made his way from the humblest walk to the chair of the Chief Executive of this grand and noble State of Washington. All the Comrades of the Grand Army through all time to come, so long as there is a member left in this Department, will vie with each other in doing honor to his memory, and in making a beaten pathway to his last resting place, in the city of Olympia. There let him rest beneath the dome of our capitol, where forever will wave the flag he helped to save, where by his side will roll on the blue waters of the Sound. Commander and Comrades, we can only say to Comrade Cosgrove a silent, sad and sorrowing farewell. He was your Comrade through many years of the trials of this Department, ever ready with his hand, his heart and his money, to uphold the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he deserves a place in our memories second to that of no other Comrade in this Department.

IN MEMORIAM—FREDERICK W. SPARLING.

Past Department Commander of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., Maj. Frederick W. Sparling, died February 28th,

1909, at Seattle, Washington, at the ripe age of 83 years; his death being simply that nature's forces refused longer to serve him.

Frederick W. Sparling, inherited physical, intellectual and moral courage of the highest type, as also the finest quality of personal honor, which, during an eventful life always accompanied him and remained a part of his work.

November 1, 1861, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the 14th Regiment Michigan Infy. Volunteers. He was soon detailed in charge Field Hospitals in the vicinity of Corinth, Mississippi, and afterwards was made medical Inspector of the Army of the Cumberland where he performed strenuous service. He also served on staffs of Gen. Paine and General Davis, as Medical Director. Later he was under special orders of General Thomas detailed to examine Hospitals, and still later he was Medical Director on the staff of Gen. John F. Miller. He mustered out May 29, 1865. But Major Sparling, aside from his medical services, was recognized as a soldier, who, in battle exhibited high qualities of personal courage. His life might well have been in the fighting line.

In this memorial, we confine ourselves, to his military service, only saying, that since the war, to the day of his death, he has occupied and ably filled a long list of governmental offices, a tribute to his war services as well as to his exceptional ability.

Comrade Sparling organized the Department of Washington and Alaska Grand Army of the Republic in 1879 and was its Provisional Commander 1879 and 1880. He instituted Custer Post No. 6 at Tacoma May 24th, 1879, granted its charter June 2nd, 1881, and was a member of that Post at the time of his death.

Be It Resolved, That the Department Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska Grand Army of the Republic in session at Tacoma, Washington, does now place upon record, its high appreciation of the services of Frederick W. Sparling in the organization of this Department and his zeal in all matters pertaining to the order, its loving remembrance of him as a man and comrade, its admiration of his high sense of personal honor and faithfulness to his duty and friends.

Resolved, That sincere condolence of this Encampment is extended to his widow an dfamily, to whom shall be sent a copy of this inadequate memorial.

R. J. CHASE
JOSEPH DICKERSON

TACOMA, WASH., June 22, 1909.

Encampment called to order and opened in regular form by Commander Boardman.

Proceedings of meeting June 21st read and approved by vote.

Telegram from National Committee was read, and Street, Post No. 1, instructed to answer it.

RED BANK, N. J., June 22, 1909.

George H. Boardman, Commander Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R., Encampment Headquarters, Tacoma, Wash.

The Grand Army of the Republic sends greetings to the Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Daughters.

HENRY M. NEVIUS,
Commander-in-Chief G. A. R.

TACOMA, WASH., June 22, 1909.

*Henry M. Nevius, Commander-in-Chief G. A. R.,
Red Bank, N. J.*

Your greeting to this Department read in open session of all the organizations. We return our greetings from all the bodies here in session for your health and successful administration.

GEORGE H. BOARDMAN,
Department Commander.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
OLYMPIA, June 18, 1909.

Gen. George H. Boardman, Tacoma, Washington.

My Dear Mr. Boardman: I am in receipt of your letter of June 18th, inviting me to meet with the Grand

Army of the Republic either Monday night at Camp Fire at the Tacoma Theater or Tuesday evening at the reception at the Tacoma Hotel. It would afford me much pleasure to be with you during the Encampment, but on account of the coming special session of the Legislature and the preparatory work incident thereto, it is simply impossible for me to be absent from the capital on either of the dates you mention.

Please convey to the Encampment my sincere regret for my inability to be present, and my best wishes for an enjoyable reunion.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very respectfully,

M. E. HAY,
Governor.

Comrade F. A. Stowell, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, who is 94 years old and a member of Post No. 94, was called to a seat on the platform and was greeted with hearty applause as the oldest member of the G. A. R. in the State.

The following Department officers then made their reports, which were filed for publication herewith:

Judge Advocate.

Inspector.

Committee on Commander's Address.

Committee on Resolutions.

By unanimous vote, the report of Committee on Commander's Address and of the Committee on Resolutions were approved and adopted by the Encampment.

A delegation of two from the Daughters of the G. A. R. were admitted and urged the co-operation of the G. A. R. in building up their organization.

Commander Boardman announced that the hour had arrived for election, and appointed Street, of Post No. 1, and Phelps, of Post No. 31, tellers.

By vote of the Encampment, the chairman of each Post delegation was instructed to collect the vote of his delegation and when the number of his Post was called to arise and announce the vote of the Post.

Nominations for Commander were called for.

Comrade Burbank, Post No. 94, nominated Comrade Huston, Post No. 94.

Comrade Chase, Post No. 31, nominated Comrade Lyman Banks, Post No. 31.

Comrade White, Post No. 1, nominated Comrade Wiestling, Post No. 1.

The tellers announced the vote: Huston 8, Wiestling 183, Banks 306.

On motion of White, Post No. 1 the election of Lyman Banks, John T. Miller Post No. 31, Seattle, was made unanimous.

Nominations for Senior Vice Commander were: Linsley, Post No. 47; Dennis, Post, No. 17; Young, Post No. 52; Williams, Post No. 35, and Burbank, Post No. 94, but all withdrew except Burbank.

Before the ballot was completed, Freeman, Post No. 47, moved that the A. A. G. cast the ballot of the Encampment for A. S. Burbank, N. B. Page Post No. 94, and the motion carried.

By a separate motion in each case and by unanimous vote of the Encampment, the A. A. G. was instructed to and did cast the ballot as ordered, as follows:

Junior Vice Commander, N. E. Linsley, J. L. Reno Post No. 47, Spokane.

Medical Director, B. R. Freeman, J. L. Reno Post No. 47, Spokane.

Chaplain, Rev. C. D. Spencer, T. P. Price Post No. 82, Centralia.

Council of Administration—

W. H. Wiscombe, J. L. Reno Post No. 47, Spokane.
 Geo. W. Tibbetts, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.
 R. J. Chase, John F. Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.
 A. Gerrish, John Buford Post No. 89, Everett.
 F. R. Wright, Gen. Fremont Post No. 69, South Bend.

Delegate at large to National Encampment—Joseph Dickerson, John F. Miller, Post No. 31, Seattle.

Delegates to National Encampment—

Max Metschan, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.
 W. D. Hubbard, Green Lake Post No. 112, Seattle.
 L. N. Dennis, L. C. Ladd Post No. 17, Puyallup.
 S. E. Faney, J. B. Stedman Post No. 24, Bellingham.
 S. J. Watkins, Pacific Post No. 48, Port Angeles.
 R. R. Bucham, John Buford Post No. 89, Everett.
 M. M. Monohan, Gen. Fremont Post No. 69, So. Bend.

Alternates—

R. H. Ball, Larrabee Post No. 18, La Conner.
 T. H. Ferrier, David Ford Post No. 11, Ellensburg.
 Wm. Badger, Mead Post No. 9, North Yakima.
 F. M. De Long, Lew Wallace Post No. 115, Orchards.
 O. Byerly, C. S. Hamilton Post No. 113, Kelso.
 A. W. Holland, J. L. Reno Post No. 47, Spokane.
 D. B. Baker, Ellsworth Post No. 2, Vancouver.

There being no invitation for place of next Encampment, on motion, and without dissent, the place and date of next meeting was left to the Council of Administration.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Orting Soldiers' Home Wednesday, June 23, at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23rd, 10 A. M.

SOLDIERS' HOME, ORTING, WASH., JUNE 23, 1909.

Encampment called to order and opened in due form by Commander Boardman.

On motion of Wiscombe Post No. 47, the action of the encampment in setting the installation at 7:30 p. m. was ordered reconsidered.

Motion was then made and carried that the installation of officers-elect be done while here at Orting.

A recess was then taken and all proceeded to the cemetery attached to the Soldiers' Home, where a massive granite monument had been placed as a gift from the Women's Relief Corps.

After the presentation of the monument and its reception by the Home, it was dedicated with full ritualistic ceremony, after which all returned to the Soldiers' Home and installation ceremonies were conducted by Past Commander Geo. H. Tibbetts.

Absent—Chase and Garrish, C. of A., N. E. Lindsay.

Encampment adjourned to meet at Fair Grounds, Seattle, June 24th.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24th

FAIR GROUNDS, SEATTLE, JUNE 24, 1909

Number of Comrades who have died since last Encampment up to January 1st.

Stevens, No. 1	9	Gen. Emery, No. 68	1
Ellsworth, No. 2	1	Gen. Fremont, No. 69	1
A. Sully, No. 3	2	A. J. Smith, No. 72	2
A. Lincoln, No. 4	5	Everett, No. 73	3
G. H. Thomas, No. 5	2	H. R. Loomis, No. 80	1
Custer, No. 6	8	Stanton, No. 86	2
Sedgwick, No. 8	3	John Buford, No. 89	3
Meade, No. 9	3	E. E. Cross, No. 90	2
D. Ford, No. 11	2	D. Chapin, No. 92	2
Garfield, No. 13	3	Gen. Rusk, No. 93	1
L. C. Ladd, No. 17	4	N. B. Page, No. 94	1
McDowell, No. 22	3	W. T. Sherman, No. 97	2
J. B. Steadman, No. 24	7	J. N. Corse, No. 98	2
Joe Hooker, No. 25	2	Speagle, No. 100	1
Maj. Anderson, No. 29	1	J. M. Palmer, No. 102	2
J. F. Miller, No. 31	13	Harrison, No. 104	2
J. J. Lewis, No. 37	1	Wm. Hall, No. 107	1
A. B. Wyman, No. 41	3	J. Bothell, No. 108	1
Lynch, No. 42	1	Burnside, No. 111	1
J. L. Reno, No. 47	5	Green Lake, No. 112	2
Pacific, No. 48	2	C. S. Hamilton, No. 113	2
Washington, No. 52	1	Maj. Johnson, No. 114	1
Orting, No. 54	6	Lew Wallace, No. 115	3
Cushing, No. 56	2	Gen. U. S. Grant, No. 116	1
H. G. Sickles, No. 57	5	J. R. Hayden, No. 118	7
C. P. Apperson, No. 59	1	Veteran, No. 124	2
C. W. Bentley, No. 60	1		
Gen. Milroy, No. 62	1	Total	140

A number of rank straps were sold during the Encampment. The cash for same was not entered in the Quartermaster's account. Proceeds were used in paying answers to telegrams, cartage on headquarters, postage stamps to Chaplain and incoming A. A. G.

The death of Comrade Ross of Reno Post No. 47 saddened the hearts of his comrades and to his bereaved family we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

SEATTLE, Thursday, June 24.

Past Department Commander Boardman installed R. J. Chase as member of Council.

H. W. North of Buford Post No. 89 installed A. Gerish as member of Council.

B. R. Freeman, P. D. C., installed N. E. Lindsley, J. V. C. elect.

Twenty-seventh Encampment then adjourned to meet at time and place to be fixed by Council of Administration.

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,
Department Commander.

Official:

J. R. D. CONGER,
Asst. Adj't. Gen.

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

General Order No. 1, Series 1908-1909.

Tacoma, Wash., June 30, 1908.

Having been duly elected Department Commander at the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment, held at North Yakima, I hereby assume command. I have appointed as A. A. G. & Q. M., J. R. D. Conger, of Custer Post No. 6. Headquarters are established at Room 204 Bank of California Building.

I earnestly request that all reports of Post Quartermasters and Adjutants, with the per capita tax, be promptly sent to him, that the report for Department may be made to National.

As Commander I hereby announce the following appointments on my staff, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Inspector General—E. H. Capron, No. 3.
 Judge Advocate—W. H. Doolittle, No. 6.
 Chief Mustering Officer—H. W. North, No. 89.
 Patriotic Instructor—F. H. Hurd, No. 1.
 Chief of Staff—J. E. Clark, No. 47.
 Senior Aide de Camp—Geo. Hooker, No. 31.
 Color Bearer—Jos. Dickerson, No. 31.
 Officer of the Day—E. C. Kilbourne, No. 1.
 Department Bugler—D. H. Getchell, No. 6.
 Department Drummer—J. W. Briar, No. 24.

I earnestly request your co-operation in making this year a success. With 10,000 veterans in this Department, we ought to report 4,000 members at the Twenty-seventh Encampment.

The most pleasing feature of the Twenty-sixth Encampment to me, was the good feeling shown by the W. R. C. and ladies of the G. A. R. to each other. The invitation extended by the W. R. C. to the G. A. R. ladies to a joint installation was noble, and the heart-felt way in which it was accepted was glorious. I feel as though something had already been done during my administration.

Let us all work together. My success depends entirely on the G. A. R., W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. With their help I win, without it I fail.

The Post Commander of each Post will please name one comrade to act as aide de camp on the staff of the Department Commander.

Other officers elected were: Senior vice commander, E. McReynolds, Olympia; Junior vice commander, Clark Walters, Seattle; medical director, Dr. B. R. Freeman, Spokane; chaplain, C. D. Spencer, Centralla. Council of Administration—Geo. W. Tibbetts, Seattle; B. C. Levy, Seattle; E. A. Shores, Tacoma; W. H. Wiscomb, Spokane; J. T. Sherfy, Everett. Delegate to next National Encampment—Captain Joseph Dickerson, Seattle, at large; R. H. Ball, La Conner; Thomas Ferrier, Ellensburg; J. T. Stewart, Spokane; R. W. Williams, Mt. Vernon; William Badger, North Yakima; G. W. Wilcox, Puyallup.

By command GEO. H. BOARDMAN,

Official: Department Commander.
 J. R. D. CONGER, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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

General Order No. 2, Series 1908-1909.

Tacoma, Wash., July 22, 1908.

It is absolutely necessary that the Department Commander should know how many will go to the National Encampment at Toledo, to enable him to secure the car arrangements and accommodations at headquarters.

The rate will be to Chicago and return, \$72.50; Chicago to Toledo and return, \$8.95; Pullman car \$15. Tickets will be on sale August 21st and 22nd, and unless something unforeseen happens we will leave August 24th. Will notify each one who writes, exact time and train. The route will be: Northern Pacific to St. Paul, North Western to Chicago, Lake Shore to Toledo. Any persons not members of the G. A. R. can take advantage of the rate and go in the Headquarters car. The W. R. C. and Ladies of the Grand Army go with us.

Headquarters has as yet received only the names of three comrades to act as aides de camp on the staff of the Department Commander—J. T. Goss, No. 2; Wallace Palmer, No. 42; Geo. A. McKinney, No. 54. Each Post will please name one. Give me a larger family than this.

Enclosed find blank requisition for supplies. Post Quartermasters will please draw for what is needed, that we may know what to order from National Quartermaster.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the Posts that there is a general gain of members from all sections of the Department and we will, with the gain already reported, be entitled to elect an additional delegate to the National Encampment.

I dislike to tell you that at this present date some Posts have not reported for June 30, 1908. On this report depends your delegates to the 27th Encampment. I do not wish to report a single Post delinquent, and have written the National Adjutant General I shall make a supplemental report. If this affects your Post, don't wait longer.

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,

Department Commander.

Official:
 J. R. D. CONGER, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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

General Orders No. 3, Series 1908-1909.

Tacoma, Wash., August 1st, 1908.

Comrades of the G. A. R., Ladies of W. R. C., and Ladies of the G. A. R.—

The official route of the Department is: North Coast Limited, Northern Pacific Railway, leaving Tacoma at 7.35 p. m., Seattle at 9.30 p. m., August 24th, to St. Paul. North Western, St. Paul to Chicago. Lake Shore Chicago to Toledo. The fare to Chicago and return is \$72.50, good for ninety days. Chicago to Toledo and return, \$8.25. Return from Toledo to Chicago by Lake Shore, and have choice Chicago to St. Paul of following routes: Northwestern, C. M. & St. P., Wisconsin Central, C. B. & Q. Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; but parties must designate which on purchase of ticket. Pullman berths extra. Tourist berths, one-half Pullman, namely, \$7.00 to Chicago.

The Commander would advise all to make early reservations of berths by writing the Northern Pacific agents at Tacoma, Seattle or Spokane. Headquarters are established at Hotel St. Charles, Toledo, jointly with the W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R., and will be opened August 31st.

Comrades on line of Northern Pacific Railway can ascertain time train will be at their stations from local station agent. Am anxious all who are going, to report to me on receipt of this, if possible. Additional aides de camp commissioned: S. W. Eves, No. 17; E. W. Swan, No. 31; C. F. W. Bachman, No. 44; R. E. Baldwin, No. 52; F. A. Bates, No. 87. By order.

GEO. H. BOARDMAN.

Department Commander.

Official:

J. R. D. CONGER, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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

General Order No. 4, Series 1908-1909.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 13, 1908.

Comrades: Your Commander sends you fraternal greetings. The Toledo Encampment was a success; 19 Comrades of this Department took part in the parade. The election of Post officers takes place at first Post meeting in December, and the installation first meeting

in January. Enclosed find blanks for all returns. Please be prompt in making the December report, as on it depends the number of delegates to be elected to the National Encampment. We have already made gain enough to entitle us to an additional one. Be sure and return all Past Post Commanders belonging to Posts. The Journal of the Twenty-fifth Encampment has been mailed to each Post. Comrades desiring copies can obtain same by calling on A. A. G. or sending 10c in stamps.

The Librarian of Congress has asked headquarters for a complete set of the Journals of this Department. He needs to complete the file the 1st to 9th inclusive and the 13th to 21st inclusive.

If Comrades who have Journals of other Encampments will send to the A. A. G. the same will be forwarded. This is important, as they will be in existence carefully guarded after we have all passed away. All but four Posts have made the June report; these Posts had 59 members last report. If Comrades only knew the work it entails on the A. A. G. by their not being prompt, I know they would attend to this matter quickly. More than 100 letters have been written by Commander and A. A. G. on this subject. Remember, Comrades, the Encampment made the per capita tax for December 20c each member in good standing. Commander should appoint a Comrade to inspect the Post before installation. Quartermasters needing supplies will please make requisition on enclosed blank. Posts that have admitted any P. P. C. or who have lost any by death or transfer will please report same in this report.

The members of the W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. can be a great aid to the G. A. R. by their work if they will constitute themselves recruiting officers to induce veterans not already members or those still holding to their old Posts in the East to join the Posts of this Department. The large gains in the Oregon Department are due to these organizations.

For reasons not to be given out, but that will please you, the Commander wishes not only the name of each Comrade entitled to a seat in the Twenty-seventh Encampment, but the army corps in which he served, and if in more than one, his favorite one. This includes Past Department Commanders, Present Department officers, Past Post Commanders, Post Commanders and all delegates. The Twenty-seventh Encampment, on the basis of the June report, will be constituted as follows (Post Adjutants will report any errors):

Post Commanders	92
Past Post Commanders	552
Delegates	418

Department Officers	11
Past Department Commanders	14
Total	1086

Post No.	Post Commander	Post P. C.	Delegates	Post No.	Post Commander	Post P. C.	Delegates
1	1	27	17	48	1	6	3
2	1	11	5	51	1	5	3
3	1	19	5	52	1	5	4
4	1	17	7	53	1	3	6
5	1	14	7	54	1	9	6
6	1	46	23	56	1	..	3
7	1	..	3	57	1
8	1	16	8	58	1	9	4
9	1	13	7	60	1	..	3
10	1	17	6	62	1	..	3
11	1	8	5	63	1	5	3
12	1	5	3	64	1	4	3
13	1	4	4	66	1	2	3
14	1	6	3	68	1	10	4
15	1	5	5	69	1	5	3
16	1	13	3	70	1	3	3
17	1	..	6	71	1	..	3
18	1	5	3	72	1	..	3
19	1	1	3	73	1	..	4
20	1	11	3	74	1	5	3
22	1	5	4	75	1	5	3
23	1	12	3	76	1	4	3
24	1	..	8	80	1	5	3
25	1	4	5	81	1	8	3
29	1	5	4	82	1	6	4
31	1	26	12	84	1	6	3
32	1	8	4	86	1	..	3
34	1	..	3	87	1	9	3
35	1	11	4	88	1	5	3
37	1	7	3	88	1	5	3
41	1	6	4	89	7	7	7
42	1	6	3	90	1	8	3
44	1	6	5	92	1	6	3
45	1	..	3	93	1	..	3
46	1	14	12	94	1	4	3
47	1	11	6	96	1	6	3

Post No.	Post Commander	Post P. C.	Delegates	Post No.	Post Commander	Post P. C.	Delegates
97	1	11	4	112	1	9	6
98	1	3	4	113	1	8	5
100	1	7	3	114	1	4	3
102	1	3	3	115	1	..	3
103	1	5	5	116	1	..	5
104	1	..	4	117	1	1	3
105	1	6	3	118	1	6	6
106	1	..	3	119	1	..	3
107	1	3	3	122	1	..	3
108	1	6	3	123	1	1	3
111	1	6	3	124	1	..	3

The Commander expects to start early in January to visit the Posts. Posts will report the date of meeting, and any Posts off of main line of railroads, the most direct route to get to them. All Surgeon's reports will be sent to B. R. Freeman, Medical Director, Spokane. Chaplain's reports to C. D. Spencer, Department Chaplain, Centralia. Inspector's reports to E. H. Capron, Spokane. Patriotic instructions to F. H. Hurd, Seattle.

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,

Official: Department Commander.

J. R. D. CONGER, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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

General Order No. 5, Series 1908-1909.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 1st. 1909.

Comrades: The Department Commander wishes you a happy new year and many of them. With this find the National and Department Countersigns for 1909.

W. B. Beals, Haller Building, Seattle wishes the name, company and regiment of every soldier in this state that was commissioned during the Civil war. This is a matter of importance to them. The last Encampment fixed the per capita tax at 20c. Many Posts are only sending 15c and this means a lot of extra work and correspondence for the A. Q. M. Your Commander is now making his official visits. More than half the Posts meet Saturday. Now Comrades, as I have 92 Posts to visit and there are not enough Saturdays to go around,

you must hold specials or just hold a social meeting that I may meet each Post. Let me emphasize order No. 4, on this return depends our delegates to the National Encampment, and the Adjutant General wants an early report. We have gained one delegate on the July returns. Let us not lose it in December. Get them in quickly. I wish each Post to have a delegate at Olympia when our Comrade Cosgrove is inaugurated. Fourteen Posts have made returns to date, and I am happy to tell you there are general gains. With this find National Order No. 3, Circular No. 1, and Committee Report for observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Lincoln. Don't fail to send Inspector's report to E. H. Capron, Spokane; Patriotic Instruction to F. H. Hurd, Seattle, and the list of your Post Officers, Past Post Commanders and delegates to J. R. D. Conger, A. A. G., Tacoma. You are entitled to a delegate for every 15 members and a majority fraction, and 2 at large.

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,
Department Commander.

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J. R. D. CONGER, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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

General Order No. 6, Series 1908-1909.

Tacoma, Wash., March 25, 1909.

Comrades: It is with sorrow that I officially communicate to you the death of our Comrade, Major F. W. Sparling, which occurred at Seattle, February 28, 1909. Comrade Sparling organized this Department in 1879, and was its Provisional Commander, 1880-1881. He mustered Custer Post, No. 6, May 24, 1879, and was a member of the same at the time of his death. All Post charters will be draped for 30 days from the receipt of this order.

The council of administration has fixed the date of the 27th Department Encampment June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 1909, at Tacoma, Wash. The following details are hereby made: Officer of the Day, E. C. Kilbourne, Stevens No. 1; Asst. Adjt. General, Lyman Banks, Miller No. 31; Officer of the Guard, E. P. Houghton, Custer No. 6.

Posts that have not furnished the Adjutant General with lists of delegates, Past Post Commanders and officers will have to get their representation through action of the Encampment, as they will not appear on the official roll.

The Commander, in general order, asked the posts to have the Corps named in which each member of the Encampment served. The committee have wished to vary the badge custom and have each member have a special badge of his corps. Only three Posts complied with this request and the idea was abandoned. The loss is yours, Comrades.

The time for the issue of the Lincoln Centennial medals has been extended to April 21. Members of Posts wishing them can be furnished by sending orders to J. R. D. Conger, Q. M.; price 75c, and payment must be sent with the order.

The Commander regrets to say that in visiting Posts he finds too many of the Comrades neglect to wear the little bronze button, and that too many Post officers have neglected to provide themselves with the badge of their office and wear it. I find in some of the small Posts all the officers are provided and wear them. This is as it should be, and I hope each Post will take notice of this and make requisition on the A. Q. M. for same. It is my desire that each Post officer from Commander to Officer of the Guard wear the badge of his office at the 27th Encampment. You will see the necessity of this later in this order.

I fully intend to visit each Post in this Department before I go out of office, and Posts must hold special meetings for said visit, as it is impossible for the Commander to visit at the regular meetings. The W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. are expected to be present at these meetings without special invitation from the Department Commander.

The Encampment will be called to order June 22, promptly at 9 a. m. We have no time to waste this year; every minute is spoken for, and all the work that can be done by these Headquarters before the convening will be attended to and ready. June 24th has been named as Department G. A. R. Day, and August 16th as National G. A. R. Day at the A.-Y.-P. Fair, Seattle, and you will meet many comrades from the East who intend to visit us after the close of the National Encampment. In connection with this a committee of one that I authorized to act for me for this Department, has, with other Comrades secured from the Fair management one of the finest sites on the grounds for our headquarters, and from the War Department tents for our use. The W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. Sons of Veterans and Spanish War Veterans are also provided for.

Now, Comrades, to return to the badge: Comrades will be admitted to the A.-Y.-P. Fair only on the G. A. R. badge; the button will not

admit you. If Comrades have lost their badges or officers are without, the Quartermasters of the Posts should make requisition for them on the Department Q. M.

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,
Department Commander.

Official:

J. R. D. CONGER, Asst. Adj. Gen.

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

General Order No. 7, Series 1908-1909.

Tacoma, Wash., April 1, 1909.

Comrades: It becomes my duty to announce to you the death of our Comrade and Past Department Commander, S. G. Cosgrove, at Paso Robles, California, March 28th. Words by me will not tell the place he held in the hearts of his Comrades. Honest and loyal to his Comrades and to the G. A. R. The loyalty of his Comrades placed him at the port of his highest ambitions aspired to. We will miss him at our camp fires, reunions and encampments.

Charters of all Posts will be draped for thirty days. Per order

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,
Department Commander.

Official:

J. R. D. CONGER, Asst. Adj. Gen.

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

Memorial Circular, Order No. 8, Series 1908-1909.

Tacoma, Wash., May 10th, 1909.

Comrades: Another year has passed, and once more we are called on our Holy Day to strew flowers on the graves of the Comrades who have answered the last roll call since Memorial Day 1908. Do not forget, Comrades, the graves of the Spanish war, Confederate and Indian War soldiers. Posts should arrange for services in Churches, Sunday, May 30th, and Memorial Day is to be observed this year

Monday, May 31st. One hundred and forty Comrades of Posts in this Department have died since last Memorial Day, as shown by reports of adjutants, and many more than that number who did not belong to Posts have passed away.

Memorial Day was inaugurated 41 years ago by Gen. Logan, Commander in Chief, by General Order No. 11, and I make it part of this circular:

Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic.

Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

General Order No. 11.

I. The 30th, day of May, 1868, is designated for the purposes of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, Comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the revivell of freedom to a race in chains, and thir deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism, of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgottn as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department Commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief.
N. P. CHAPMAN, Adjutant General.

The Posts and officers should use all their influence with citizens to make this day what it should be, a sacred one. To those comrades who have passed away and those still living they owe all they have, and the privilege of living in an undivided country under one flag. Do not forget our sailor dead, strew flowers on the waters in their memory.

President Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address will be read at memorial services.

Posts should request all schools in this state to have patriotic exercises Friday, 28th.

Post Chaplains are requested to forward promptly to Department Chaplain Spencer, Centralia, Wash., reports of Memorial Day exercises on blank enclosed.

By the Rules and Regulations all Comrades of the G. A. R. are ordered to observe June 14th as Flag Day. The arrangements by some Posts to observe both Memorial and Decoration on Sunday, the 30th, meets the approval of the Department Commander. By order

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,
Department Commander.

Official:

J. R. D. CONGER, Asst. Adj. Gen.

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

General Order No. 9, Series 1908-1909.

Tacoma, Wash., June 4th, 1909.

Comrades: The council of administration has fixed the date of meeting of the 27th Encampment at Tacoma, June 21, 22, 23, 24. The Encampment will be called to order at the Tacoma theater, at 9 a. m., 21st. Delegates will be seated on main floor, visitors in the gallery. E. P. Houghton of Custer Post will be in charge of the guard, and will furnish two at each session. June 23rd will be spent at the Soldiers' Home, Orting, to unveil the monument erected to our dead comrades buried there. June 24th is G. A. R. Day at the A.-Y.-P. Fair at Seattle, and I again call attention to the fact that the G. A. R. badge and not the button admits comrades free to the grounds.

The thanks of the Encampment are due to Comrades Chase, Hurd, Taylor and Banks, for the able manner in which they have handled the A.-Y.-P. matters. Quartermasters of Posts should make requisition on Dept. A. Q. M. for any supplies they need not later than June 15th, as the books will be closed that date. So many functions are to be attended to it is necessary that we get to business promptly at 9 a. m., and with this idea in view and knowing what committees will have to be appointed, I have already named them to expedite work. Headquarters are established at Hotel Tacoma. Art. 2, chapter 3, amended by the 42d National Encampment, gives Past Department, S. V. C. and J. V. C. Commanders of the Department votes in the Encampment. Any Posts having members who have filled these offices will report same to A. A. G. The C. of A. will meet Monday a. m. early at the Tacoma Theater. There are 1130 votes in this Encampment. The delegate badge will be delivered personally to those entitled to same.

Railroad rates are fixed at one and one-third fare on certificate plan. Comrades and ladies will pay full fare coming and one-third fare for return. Be sure and take certificate and have same signed here. Tickets coming can be bought three days before Encampment and good to return two days after, not including Sunday. J. W. Fries will have charge of registration of Comrades at Tacoma Hotel. On G. A. R. Day at the Fair Comrades will meet at the auditorium on grounds at 1 p. m. sharp; address of welcome by management, response by Comrade Chase of Miller No. 51. Would like to have every Comrade who intends to be present at the Encampment to notify headquarters on receipt of this order. The Department needs

to complete the file of journals with the Librarian of Congress. Journals Nos. 2, 5 and 7. Do not neglect this, Comrades, if you have these or either of them, mail to me and I will forward. It is very important that a complete history of this Department should be in the archives at Washington.

I regret that I have been unable to secure free admission for the W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. to the Fair. So many calls were made for such by the various organizations that the fair management decided to refuse all, and the only deviation from this order was made in favor of the G. A. R. The conventions of the W. R. C. meet at Masonic Temple and of the Ladies of the G. A. R. same date at Odd Fellows Temple.

Comrade E. C. Kilbourne, Officer of the Day, will detail such Comrades as he needs to seat the Posts in their assigned places. The Campfire will be Monday evening, Reception, Tuesday evening.

With this order find blank for Adjutant and Quartermaster, report to be made July 1st. Now, Comrades, make this promptly, and forward to the A. A. G. His return should be made to the National by the 10th, and it is very important that he should have Post returns in. More than 200 letters had to be written Posts this year before all were in. It is a duty you owe the Department.

The parade will be Monday noon, June 21st. All Comrades, ladies and friends coming to the Encampment needing accommodations will please write headquarters what room and about price wanted, and same will be attended to by proper committee. Every member of the G. A. R., W. R. C., and Ladies of the G. A. R. at Tacoma are members of the reception committee; ask any one of them you meet for any information wanted. They will wear a white ribbon badge and on it—ASK ME.

By order

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,
Department Commander.

Official:

J. R. D. CONGER, Asst. Adj. Gen.

