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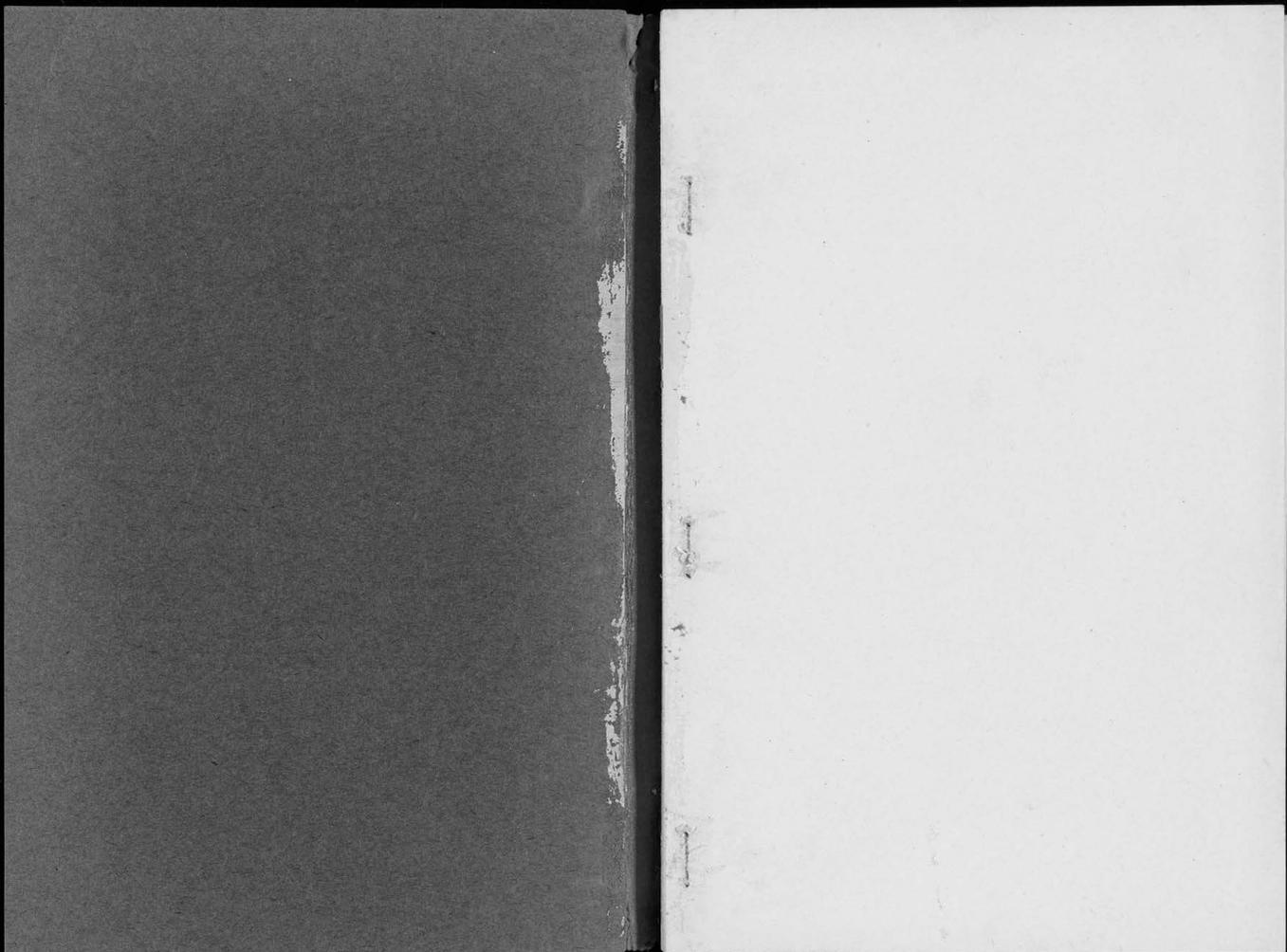
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JUNE 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1914

J. E. STEWART, Department Commander

E. B. HOPKINSON, Assistant Adjutant General



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J. E. STEWART

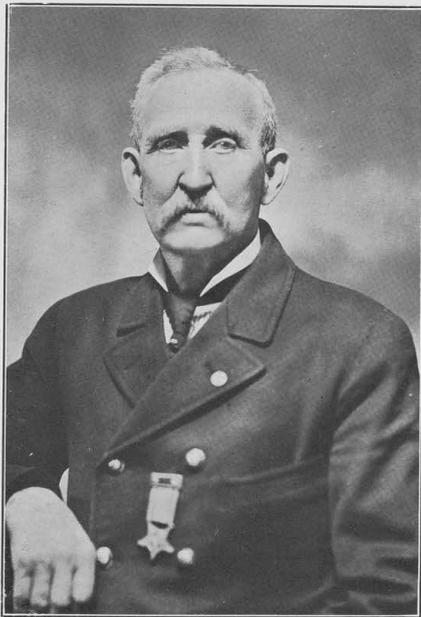
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Department Commander G. A. R.

GENERAL ORDERS

FROM

Department Headquarters

W. 418 Sharp Avenue
Spokane, Wash.

J. E. STEWART, Department Commander
E. B. HOPKINSON, Assistant Adjutant General

Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Spokane, Wash., June 24, 1913.

General Orders No. 1.

The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, June 17-20, having elected me Department Commander for the ensuing year, and having been duly installed, I hereby assume command and in doing so desire to express to the comrades of the Department my heartiest thanks for the honor bestowed on me.

J. N. Koontz of Post No. 8 is announced as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters will at once make out and forward to these headquarters the semi-annual report and the 20 cent per capita tax due June 30, 1913.

All official communications should be sent to J. N. Koontz, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, 1132 Old National Bank Building, Spokane, Wash.

J. E. STEWART,
Department Commander.

G.A.R. Dept. of W.A.

**Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska,
Grand Army of the Republic.**

Spokane, Wash., July 11, 1913.

General Orders No. 2.

At the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Bremerton, Washington, June 17-18-19 and 20, the following officers were elected and duly installed:

Department Commander—J. E. Stewart, Post No. 8, Spokane.

Senior Vice Department Commander—Hiram R. Gale, Post No. 116, Bremerton.

Junior Vice Department Commander—L. D. Quinn, Post No. 9, North Yakima.

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

Department Chaplain—S. P. Smith, Post No. 31, Seattle.

Council of Administration.

E. A. Shores, Post No. 6, Tacoma.

H. W. North, Post No. 89, Everett.

J. M. Comstock, Post No. 8, Spokane.

J. H. Paul, Post No. 4, Walla Walla.

O. D. McDonald, Post No. 24, Bellingham.

Delegates to National Encampment.

Joe Dickerson, Post No. 1, Seattle, at Large.

Geo. W. Carver, Post No. 11, Ellensburg.

J. F. Randolph, Post No. 31, Seattle.

Fred T. Taylor, Post No. 6, Tacoma.

E. P. Houghton, Post No. 17, Puyallup.

L. D. Beary, Post No. 6, Tacoma.

Charles R. Conner, Post No. 8, Spokane.

Jewett Curtis, Post No. 10, Snohomish.

B. L. Bull, Post No. 9, North Yakima.

A. S. Johnson, Post No. 44, Tacoma.

Fred Wilhelm, Post No. 1, Seattle.

Alternates.

W. L. Boyd, Post No. 47, Spokane, at Large.

Thomas Palmer, Post No. 2, Vancouver.

H. Y. Gilbert, Post No. 51, Auburn.

J. N. Koontz, Post No. 8, Spokane.

B. R. Lamareaux, Post No. 35, Mt. Vernon.

W. S. Green, Post No. 6, Tacoma.

James Ford, Post No. 118, Orting.

P. T. Eden, Post No. 68, Anacortes.

Billings Hall, Post No. 10, Snohomish.

L. C. Tallman, Post No. 52, Hoquiam.

T. D. Ellis, Post No. 31, Seattle.

The following Official Staff is hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General

—J. N. Koontz, Post No. 8, Spokane.

Judge Advocate—L. B. Nash, Post No. 47, Spokane.

Inspector General—J. M. Harris, Post No. 46, Ritzville.

Chief of Staff—R. Lanning, Post No. 53, Pullman.

Patriotic Instructor—A. M. Kent, Post No. 1, Seattle.

Senior Aide-de-Camp—J. C. Stentz, Post No. 102, Clarkston.

Department Color Bearer—Joe Dickerson, Post No. 31, Seattle.

Officer of the Day—E. C. Kilbourne, Post No. 1, Seattle.

Official communications and remittances should be sent to J. N. Koontz, A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G., 1132 Old National Bank Building. All Posts that have not sent in their semi-annual reports, will please do so at once, as the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter Master General must send his report to the National Headquarters by the 20th of July. Post Commander, will you kindly look after this matter?

Post Commanders are requested to forward to these headquarters the name of a comrade to act as aide-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander, whose name will appear in General Orders No. 3.

The Forty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., during the week beginning Sept. 15, 1913.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. has been selected as the official route. A circular letter approved by the Department Commander from said railroad, will accompany these General Orders.

It will aid in the arrangement if all who are going and wish to join the official party, will send their names to these headquarters as early as possible. The Department Commander will greatly enjoy the company of as many comrades and their friends as can possibly go on this train.

Location of Department Headquarters and further information regarding National Encampment will be announced later.

Delegates or Comrades desiring accommodations should communicate with Assignment Committee, Chattanooga Encampment Association, Hal. F. Wiltz, Secretary.

By order,

J. E. STEWART,

Department Commander.

J. N. KOONTZ,

A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.



**Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska,
Grand Army of the Republic.**

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 12, 1913.

General Orders No. 3.

1. As announced in General Orders No. 2, the Forty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 15, 1913, closing Sept. 20.

2. Headquarters of the Department of Washington and Alaska will be in the Grand Hotel, where all comrades and members of kindred organizations will be made welcome.

3. National General Orders No. 7 accompanies these General Orders, giving list of hotels, prices and other necessary general information.

4. All comrades and their friends who intend accompanying the Department Commander and Staff, will notify him as soon as possible, that he may secure sleeper accommodations and make all necessary arrangements.

All persons intending to make this trip are requested to make immediate application for rooms to J. W. Eastman, James Building, Chattanooga, Vice Chairman of Assignment Committee. Rooms may be secured from 75c per day, and up to \$2.00. Meals, 25c to 50c.

5. The official route will be as follows: Over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul to Chicago, Big Four from Chicago to Cincinnati, and Queen & Crescent to Chattanooga. A rate of \$84.70 has been granted the State of Washington. Tickets are on sale September 8 to 12 inclusive, and final return limit is October 31st.

Sleeper from Coast points is \$16.50 for lower berths in Standard; Tourist \$8.50, through to Chattanooga. From Spokane, \$14.50 for Standard and \$7.50 for Tourist. Tourist Sleeper goes through from Seattle to Chattanooga, without charge. Official train leaves Washington Sept. 10.

6. These headquarters will close September 10th, and remain closed 30 days, as Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General will accompany Department Commander to National Encampment. All posts desiring supplies are requested to order them at once.

8. The following comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of Department Commander:

Lemuel McBride, Lieutenant Cushing Post No. 56, Seattle; E. Ross, Gen. Geo. Wright Post No. 23, Cheney; M. D. Clark, Webber Post No. 129, Sunnyside; E. B. Hopkinson, Gen. J. L. Reno Post No. 47, Spokane; Ira Purdy, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane. Their duties are defined in Rules and Regulations. Comrades are requested to recognize and assist them in their duties. All Post Commanders who have not designated a comrade for Aide-de-Camp, will please do so at once.

8. A number of Posts have not yet sent in their semi-annual reports and per capita tax, due June 30, 1913. Post Commanders, will you kindly attend to this matter?

9. The Department Commander recommends that a member of each Post be appointed by the Post Commander to act as official Color Bearer, whose duty shall be to see that the Post Flag or other flags are displayed on all patriotic occasions.

10. These General Orders have been delayed, awaiting National General Orders, containing information regarding National Encampment.

By order,

J. E. STEWART,

Department Commander.

J. N. KOONTZ,

A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.

**Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska,
Grand Army of the Republic.**

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 11, 1913.

General Orders No. 4.

1. The passing of the Forty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 15 to 20, has stamped upon the records of our Order an occasion of unusual pleasure. Not only that of meeting comrades of days gone by, but viewing again the battlefields on which we fought fifty years ago.

The thanks of this Department are due the good citizens of Chattanooga for their hospitality.

The Department of Washington and Alaska, considering the distance, was well represented, thirteen comrades being in attendance.

2. The Annual Inspection of this Department will take place between Nov. 20 and Dec. 20. Post Commanders are hereby instructed to appoint a comrade of their Post or of some adjoining Post to perform the duty of Assistant Inspector.

The Inspection Blanks which accompany these General Orders should be strictly followed.

3. The Annual Election of Post Officers should be held as provided by Rules and Regulations at the first stated meeting in December. Delegates and Alternates should be elected at the same time. Each Post is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for every fifteen members, or a major part thereof, as shown by report of June 30th, 1913.

4. Immediately after the election, the Adjutant of each Post will report to Assistant Adjutant General of this Department the names and addresses of the Officers, Delegates and Alternates elected by his Post. After the Installation

of Post Officers the Installing Officer will make a report to the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department, giving the full name of each Officer installed.

5. Blanks for the Semi-Annual Report for the term ending December 31st, 1913, are herewith forwarded to each Post. The number in good standing as shown by report made June 30th, 1913, will be entered in red ink at Department Headquarters and should not be changed, as the figures are taken from official records. Post Officers are urged to exercise great care in making up their reports and to be prompt in forwarding the same to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department. The per capita tax due will be 20 cents for each comrade reported in good standing December 31st, 1913. The Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports and per capita tax should be forwarded to J. N. Koontz, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, Room 709 Peyton Building, Spokane.

Installation of Post Officers will occur at the first regular meeting in January or at a special meeting called for that purpose. This meeting should be made as interesting as possible. It is therefore recommended that where possible this meeting be made public and jointly with the Woman's Relief Corps. Such public or special meetings held for this purpose must be opened and closed informally.

It has been reported that the Veterans of the Port Orchard Home would like to have a new billiard table and repairs made on the old ones. Now the Department Commander suggests that each Post donate what they can and asks the W. R. C. and the ladies of the G. A. R. to contribute also. The money to be sent to W. H. Wiseombe, Commander of the Home.

These General Orders have been somewhat delayed owing to the serious illness of the Assistant Adjutant General.

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In Memoriam.

The Department of Washington and Alaska has sustained a severe loss in the death of our beloved Captain, Joe Dickerson. For 21 years he was Department Color Bearer, and 11 years Delegate at Large to National Encampment, and National Color Bearer three years. He was always at his post of duty, and never happier than when carrying his Flag.

Although his health was failing he attended the National Encampment at Chattanooga, but was not physically able to carry his Flag, which grieved him very much. Being a National Officer, he was given a seat near the National Commander on the reviewing stand. While the Department of Washington and Alaska was passing the stand he wept as a child. He died on the farm, where he was born, in Ohio, October 11, 1913. This Department deeply deprecates his loss.

By order,

J. E. STEWART,

Department Commander.

J. N. KOONTZ,

A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.



Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 31, 1914.

General Orders No. 5.

It is with a heart full of sorrow that the Department Commander announces the death of his Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, Comrade Joseph Newton Koontz, who answered the last Roll Call Thursday, January 29, 1914, at Spokane, Washington, after an illness of three months.

Comrade Koontz was born in Iowa, July 25, 1845. He enlisted in the 43d Missouri Infantry, August 13, 1864; was discharged June 30, 1865, by reason of the close of the war. He has been a faithful member of Sedgwick Post No. 8 for twenty-four years. Served as Post Commander during the year of 1899, and as Quartermaster many years. He was a loyal, active, and earnest worker at all times; no sacrifice too great for him to make for a comrade or a friend. Not only brave in war but an exemplary citizen, loved and respected by all who knew him.

This Department deeply mourns his loss and extends sincere sympathy to the stricken wife and sons in this their great sorrow.

Let each Post Charter be draped for thirty days after the receipt of this Order.

By command of

J. E. STEWART,
Department Commander.



E. B. HOPKINSON
Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General

**Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska,
Grand Army of the Republic.**

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 3, 1914.

General Orders No. 6.

Owing to a vacancy caused by the death of Comrade J. N. Koontz, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, Comrade E. B. Hopkinson of General J. L. Reno Post No. 47, of Spokane, has been hereby appointed and installed as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, to fill the unexpired term. Headquarters are established at West 418 Sharp Avenue, Spokane, Washington. All official communications will receive careful and prompt attention.

Arrangements for the Annual Encampment will be promulgated in the next General Orders, which will be issued in the near future.

By command of

J. E. STEWART,
Department Commander.

Official:

E. B. HOPKINSON,
A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.

**Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska,
Grand Army of the Republic.**

Spokane, Wash., May 4, 1914.

General Orders No. 7.

The Thirty-second Annual Encampment, Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the city of Bellingham, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 24 to 27, inclusive, 1914. Department Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Leopold, where the Credentials Committee, consisting of Assistant Adjutant General E. B. Hopkinson, Chairman, Post No. 47; J. L. Bishop, Post No. 24, and Geo. W. Furry, Post No. 31, will report for duty at 5 p. m., Tuesday, June 23, in Hotel Leopold lobby, where comrades, on presenting the proper credentials, will receive their delegate badges. This with the Department countersign will admit them to all business sessions of the encampment. The Council of Administration will meet in Room 267, Government Building, Tuesday, June 23, at 7 p. m., to transact such business as may be required of them. The Registration Committee, consists of C. H. Ludwig, Post No. 8, Chairman; W. L. Boyd, Post No. 47, and Peter Zinn, Post No. 1. This Committee will report for duty Wednesday, the 24th, at 9 a. m., at Central Hall, where all comrades on their arrival may register.

On account of the death of our late lamented comrade, Joseph Dickerson, our Department is without a color bearer. I hereby appoint Jeremiah Swiger of Steedman Post No. 24, Color Bearer for this Encampment.

Comrade E. C. Kilbourne, Department Officer of the Day, will report to Department Commander at headquarters to receive instructions, Wednesday, the 24th, at 9 a. m.

The Commander of J. B. Steedman Post No. 24 will detail a sufficient number of comrades for guards, who will

report to E. C. Kilbourne, Officer of the Day, who will assign them their duties. The following committees are hereby appointed: To visit the Woman's Relief Corps—Comrade F. H. Hurd, Chairman, Stephens Post No. 1; Comrade W. H. Wiscombe, General J. L. Reno Post No. 47, and Comrade Lyman Banks, John F. Miller Post No. 31. To visit ladies of the G. A. R.—Comrade Hiram R. Gale, U. S. Grant Post No. 16; H. W. North, Jno. Buford Post No. 89, and Comrade Geo. H. Boardman, Custer Post No. 6. To visit Daughters of Veterans—Comrade R. R. Harding, Pacific Post No. 48; O. D. McDonald, J. B. Steedman Post No. 24, and J. H. Paul, A. Lincoln Post No. 4.

Hotel Rates: Good rooms may be secured from 50 cents up. No excessive rates will be charged. Railroad rates the same as usual, one and one-third fare the round trip. It is understood tickets can be purchased at the starting point for round trip.

The Department Commander wishes to call special attention of Post Commanders to the following article relating to delegates and the Past Post Commanders entitled to seats in the Department Encampment, as found in the Blue Book, page 63:

“Credentials. Posts in Arrears.

They shall be furnished with credentials signed by the Post Commander and Post Adjutant, a copy of which shall be forwarded immediately after the election to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department. But all Posts in arrears for reports or dues shall be excluded, for the time being, from representation, either by Post Commander or otherwise, in the Department Encampment.

See Arrearages, Chapter 5, Article 4.”

Several Posts have failed to make reports up to this date, and to remit the per capita tax for term ending December 31, 1913, and officers of these Posts are reminded

that the reports and remittances MUST BE in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General before June 15th, or the Posts must be recorded as delinquent, and not eligible to representation in the Department Encampment.

There are still a large number of veterans of the Civil War who served with bravery and distinction in the Union Army, and who have not yet united with the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrades are urged to invite all such to join with us in the parade at the Encampment at Beltingham.

Memorial Day.

Comrades, forty-six years ago General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued the first general orders, requesting that organization to observe the 30th day of May as Memorial Day. This observance will continue not only as long as the Grand Army of the Republic survives, but as long as our people appreciate the value of the services of the men who fought so valiantly and sacrificed so much to save the nation.

Let us therefore prepare for the proper observance of Saturday, May 30, 1914, as Memorial Day. Post Commanders should make necessary arrangements. The work should be so well and thoroughly done, that no comrade's grave should be missed, but wreaths and garlands should be placed on every mound that marks the last resting place of our heroic dead. These men died that the nation might live. We honor ourselves when we pay tribute to their memory.

Post officers and members will note the following opinion as recorded under Chapter 5, Article 15, on page 110 of Blue Book, edition 1910:

"Observance of Memorial Day is obligatory. Private circumstances may excuse a COMRADE from the observance, but a POST that fails or refuses should be subject to discipline."

The manner or form of observance is left to the Posts.

Attendance upon Divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day is now a part of the regular exercises. Every Post, accompanied by allied organizations, should attend such service in a body.

Patriotic exercises in the public schools should be held; and comrades detailed to assist the teachers in this most important and patriotic work on the Friday preceding Memorial Day.

The address of President Lincoln at Gettysburg, and General Order No. 11 of the Commander-in-Chief, General John A. Logan, dated May 6, 1868, should be read at all Memorial Day services. The Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and all other allied organizations, should be invited to participate with Posts on Memorial Day. Discouragement all games of sport and all kinds of profanation of the day. And let us all unitedly strive to make this Memorial Day universally observed and one long to be remembered.

Flag Day.

June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress by resolution designated the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the new constellation. Since then Old Glory has led our armies and navies in all wars of the United States, and following its lead, the American soldier and the American sailor has ever been victorious. It symbolizes liberty and union and its natal day, June 14, should be universally observed.

The veneration and respect felt by all classes of citizens of the United States for Old Glory is shown by the throngs of men crowding the recruiting offices of the army and navy, anxious to resent the insults recently shown to it by people of Mexico, and to show to the world that such indignities will not be tolerated by the American people. Let every comrade see to it, that the Stars and Stripes are

displayed over or about his dwelling in some manner on the 14th of June, our Flag Day.

The Quartermaster's books will be closed June 15, and all orders for supplies should be sent in before that date.

By command of

J. E. STEWART,

Department Commander.

Official:

E. B. HOPKINSON,

A. A. G. & A. Q. M. G.



MEETING OF THE Council of Administration

Pursuant to the call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met in the office of the Spokane Dry Goods Co., in Spokane, on April 3d, 1914, at 2 o'clock p. m. The following named comrades were present: J. E. Stewart, Department Commander; E. B. Hopkinson, Assistant Adjutant General; J. M. Comstock, O. D. McDonald and J. H. Paul, members of the Council, and L. B. Nash, Judge Advocate. Department Commander presiding.

Commander Stewart stated that the comrades of Seattle requested that the Encampment convene this year on Wednesday, instead of Tuesday, as in former years, and on motion it was voted to hold the Encampment June 24, 25, 26 and 27. It was also voted that the Encampment hire no bands or drum corps for that occasion.

Voted that Comrade McDonald be a committee from the Council of Administration, to act in conjunction with the Bellingham committee in making suitable preparations for the Annual Encampment.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at Bellingham on call of Department Commander.

Attest: E. B. HOPKINSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

NATIONAL OFFICERS OF G. A. R.

Elected and Appointed at the Forty-seventh National

Encampment, Chattanooga, Tennessee,

Sept. 18-19, 1913.

Commander-in-Chief.

Washington Gardner.....Albion, Michigan

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Thomas H. Seward.....Guthrie, Oklahoma

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

William L. Ross.....Pittsfield, Maine

Adjutant General

Oscar A. Janes.....Detroit, Michigan

Quartermaster General.

Cola D. R. Stowits.....Buffalo, New York

Judge Advocate General.

P. H. Coney.....Topeka, Kansas

Surgeon General.

J. K. Weaver.....Morristown, Pennsylvania

Inspector General.

Levi S. Warren.....Albion, Michigan

Chaplain-in-Chief.

Horace M. Carr.....Parsons, Kansas

National Patriotic Instructor.

Levi Longfellow.....Minneapolis, Minnesota

Chief of Staff.

Henry A. Axline.....Columbus, Ohio

Senior Aide-de-Camp.

Orville J. Nave.....Los Angeles, California

Headquarters established at Detroit, Michigan. Membership 180,227.



HIRAM R. GALE
Senior Vice Department Commander

PAST COMMANDERS, G. A. R.

Department Washington and Alaska.

1882	*F. W. Sparling, Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
1883	*George D. Hill, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1884	*Henry A. Morrow, Post No. 2.....	Vancouver
1885	A. M. Brooks, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1886	*C. M. Holton, 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
1890	M. M. Holmes, Post No. 1.....	Seattle
1891	*D. G. Lovell, Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
1892	J. S. Brown, Post No. 69.....	South Bend
1893	*Jos. F. Sinclair, Post No. 56.....	Ballard
1894	*J. N. Scott, Post No. 15.....	Port Townsend
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. Tibbitts, 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 M. Davis, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1905	*J. T. Gross, Post No. 2.....	Vancouver
1906	C. B. Dunning, Post No. 8.....	Spokane
1907	*W. H. Mock, Post No. 24.....	Bellingham
1908	Geo. H. Boardman, Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
1909	Lyman Banks, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
1910	W. H. Wiscombe, Post No. 47.....	Spokane
1911	F. H. Hurd, Post No. 1.....	Seattle
1912	R. R. Harding, Post No. 27.....	Port Angeles
	E. A. Shores (transferred from Wisconsin), Post No. 6.....	Tacoma

*Deceased.

G. A. R. DEPARTMENTS.

Date of Organization.

1. Illinois	July 17, 1866
2. Wisconsin	September, 1866
3. Pennsylvania	January 16, 1867
4. Ohio	January 30, 1867
5. New York	April 3, 1867
6. Connecticut	April 11, 1867
7. Massachusetts	May 7, 1867
8. New Jersey	December 10, 1867
9. Maine	January 10, 1868
10. California and Nevada	February 21, 1868
11. Rhode Island	March 24, 1868
12. New Hampshire	July 30, 1868
13. Vermont	October 23, 1868
14. Potomac	February 13, 1869
15. Virginia and North Carolina.....	July 27, 1871
16. Maryland	June 9, 1876
17. Nebraska	June 11, 1877
18. Michigan	January 22, 1879
19. Iowa	January 23, 1879
20. Indiana	October 3, 1879
21. Colorado and Wyoming.....	December 11, 1879
22. Kansas	March 16, 1880
23. Delaware	January 14, 1881
24. Minnesota	August 17, 1881
25. Missouri	April 22, 1882
26. Oregon	September 28, 1882
27. Kentucky	January 17, 1883
28. West Virginia	February 20, 1883
29. South Dakota	February 20, 1883
30. Washington and Alaska.....	June 20, 1883
31. Arkansas	July 11, 1883
32. New Mexico	July 14, 1883
33. Utah	October 8, 1883

34. Tennessee	February 26, 1884
35. Louisiana and Mississippi.....	May 15, 1884
36. Florida	June 19, 1884
37. Montana	March 10, 1885
38. Texas	March 25, 1885
39. Idaho	January 11, 1888
40. Arizona	January 17, 1888
41. Georgia	January 25, 1889
42. Alabama	March 12, 1890
43. North Dakota	April 23, 1890
44. Oklahoma	August 7, 1890
45. Indian Territory	July 3, 1891

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Department of Washington and Alaska.

Headquarters Spokane, Wash.

Elected June 19 and Installed June 20 at Department Encampment at Bremerton, Wash.

Department Commander.

John E. Stewart, Post No. 8.....Spokane, Wash.

Senior Vice Commander.

Hiram E. Gale, Post No. 116.....Bremerton, Wash.

Junior Vice Commander.

T. D. Quinn, Post No. 9.....North Yakima, Wash.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

E. B. Hopkinson, Post No. 47.....Spokane, Wash
Successor to J. N. Koontz, Post No. 8, Spokane, Wash., who died January 29, 1914.

Medical Director.

B. R. Freeman, Post No. 47.....Spokane, Wash.

Department Chaplain.

S. P. Smith, Post No. 31.....Seattle, Wash.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Judge Advocate.

L. B. Nash, Gen. J. L. Reno Post No. 47.....Spokane, Wash.

Inspector General.

J. M. Harris, W. B. Hazen Post No. 46.....Ritzville, Wash.

Chief Mustering Officer.

Clark Robinson, Nathan P. Gregg Post No. 127.....Hillyard, Wn.

Chief of Staff.

R. Lanning, Whitman Post No. 53.....Pullman, Wash.

Patriotic Instructor.

A. M. Kent, Stevens Post No. 1.....Seattle, Wash.

Senior Aide-de-Camp.

J. C. Sterritz, J. M. Palmer Post No. 102.....Clarkston, Wash.

Department Color Bearer.

*Joe Dickerson, Miller Post No. 31.....Seattle, Wash.

Officer of the Day.

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

*Deceased.

Council of Administration.

E. A. Shores, Post No. 6.....Tacoma, Wash.

H. W. North, Post No. 89.....Everett, Wash.

J. M. Comstock, Post No. 8.....Spokane, Wash.

J. Paull, Post No. 4.....Walla Walla, Wash.

O. D. McDonald, Post No. 24.....Bellingham, Wash.

Delegate-at-Large to National Encampment.

*Joe Dickerson, Miller Post No. 31.....Seattle, Wash.

Delegates to National Encampment.

Geo. W. Carver, Post No. 11.....Ellensburg, Wash.
 J. F. Randolph, Post No. 31.....Seattle, Wash.
 Fred T. Taylor, Post No. 6.....Tacoma, Wash.
 E. P. Houghton, Post No. 17.....Ellensburg, Wash.
 L. D. Beary, Post No. 6.....Tacoma, Wash.
 Chas. R. Conner, Post No. 8.....Spokane, Wash.
 Jewett Curtis, Post No. 10.....Snohomish, Wash.
 B. L. Bull, Post No. 9.....North Yakima, Wash.
 A. S. Johnson, Post No. 44.....Tacoma, Wash.
 Fred Wilhelm, Post No. 1.....Seattle, Wash.

Alternate-at-Large.

W. L. Boyd, Post No. 47.....Spokane, Wash.

Alternates.

Thomas Palmer, Post No. 2.....Vancouver, Wash.
 H. Y. Gilbert, Post No. 51.....Auburn, Wash.
 *J. N. Koontz, Post No. 8.....Spokane, Wash.
 B. R. Lamareaux, Post No. 35.....Mt. Vernon, Wash.
 W. S. Greene, Post No. 6.....Tacoma, Wash.
 James Ford, Post No. 118.....Orting, Wash.
 P. T. Eden, Post No. 68.....Anacortes, Wash.
 L. C. Tallman, Post No. 52.....Hoquiam, Wash.
 Billings Hall, Post No. 10.....Snohomish, Wash.
 T. D. Ellis, Post No. 31.....Seattle, Wash.

*Deceased.



MYRA BENNINGTON
Department President, Woman's Relief Corps

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Department of Washington and Alaska.

1913-1914.

Elected at Department Convention, Bremerton,
June, 1913.

Department President.

Myra Bennington.....Ritzville, Wash.

Department Secretary.

Libbie E. Stuart.....Ritzville, Wash.

Department Treasurer.

Melissa U. Stewart.....E. 303 Augusta Ave., Spokane, Wash.

Department Senior Vice President.

Arvilla Elliott.....Charleston, Wash.

Department Junior Vice President.

Mary J. Bardonnar.....716 S. W. 3d St., Puyallup, Wash.

Department Chaplain.

Belle B. Donoho.....Bells Court, 258 Colby, Everett, Wash.

Department Inspector.

Edith E. Harris.....2415 Meridian St., Bellingham, Wash.

Department Counselor.

Jennie S. Wiscombe.....Port Orchard, Wash.

Department Instituting and Installing Officer.

Alice M. O'Connor.....723 W. 17th, Vancouver, Wash.

Department Press Correspondent.

Lucy A. Hamilton.....1611 Melrose Ave., Seattle, Wash.

Department Lady Commander of Flag Line.

Jennie S. Wiscombe.....Port Orchard, Wash.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, LADIES OF G. A. R.

Department of Washington and Alaska.
1913-1914.

Elected at Department Convention, Bremerton,
June, 1913.

Department President.

Ottillie M. Bartel.....712 Meeker Ave., Kent, Wash.

Department Senior Vice President.

Laura Morris.....Box 192, Bellingham, Wash.

Department Junior Vice President.

Celia Brooks.....Everett, Wash.

Department Treasurer.

Cora Baker.....Box 93, Monitor, Wash.

Department Secretary.

Minnie Retzman.....617 Eitel Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

Department Counselor.

Lillian E. Whitaker.....212 Maple St., Snohomish, Wash.

Department Chaplain.

Julia Ferguson.....2400 Alabama St., Bellingham, Wash.

Department Inspector.

Linda Prescott.....Box 492, Snohomish, Wash.

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Flora J. Stevens.....808 Howell St., Seattle, Wash.

Corresponding Secretary.

Nella Davidson.....331 Jefferson St., Walla Walla, Wash.

Librarian.

Mary Graybill.....901 So. L. St., Tacoma, Wash.

Color Bearer.

Helen Taylor (Old Glory).....Seattle, Wash.

Press Correspondent.

Louise Turner.....2329 N. 59th St., Seattle, Wash.

Council of Administration.

Loverna EldredBox 13, Everett, Wash.

Mahala MartinTacoma, Wash.

Mary TempanyWalla Walla, Wash.



OTTILLIE M. BARTEL
Department President, Ladies of the Grand Army



EDGAR M. SWAN
Commander, Sons of Veterans
Division of Washington and Alaska

DIVISION OFFICERS, SONS OF VETERANS.

Division of Washington and Alaska.
1913-1914.

Division Commander.

Edgar M. SwanVancouver

Senior Vice Division Commander.

C. B. ThornburgAnacortes

Junior Vice Division Commander.

W. E. SicklesSeattle

Division Council.

J. P. PerkinsSpokane

L. C. RossWenatchee

C. V. SavidgeOlympia

Division Secretary.

E. H. WrightVancouver

Division Treasurer.

J. F. StahlVancouver

Division Chaplain.

A. A. SumnerAnacortes

Division Counselor.

Chas. MaliceSeattle

OFFICERS OF THE DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Elected at Department Convention, Bremerton,
June, 1913.

Department President.

Eliza Root McKercher.....4705 7th Ave. N. E., Seattle

Department Senior Vice President.

Elizabeth McLean.....Port Orchard

Department Junior Vice President.

Millie Ball.....2917 K St., Tacoma

Department Treasurer.

Frances Mackey.....R. 4, Vancouver

Department Chaplain.

Jennie Davidson.....2544 So. L. St., Tacoma

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Allice O'Connor.....723 17th St., Vancouver

Department Inspector.

Rachel Mong.....179 26th Ave., Seattle

Department Secretary.

Emma Gibbs.....Columbia Sta., Seattle



ELIZA ROOT McKERCHER
Department President, Daughters of Veterans

Journal of Proceedings
OF THE
Thirty-second Annual Encampment
Department of Washington and Alaska
G. A. R.

MORNING SESSION.
Wednesday, June 24, 1914.

The members of the Thirty-second Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at the Metropolitan Theater, in the city of Bellingham, Wash., in accordance with General Orders No. 7, of Department Commander J. E. Stewart, issued May 4, 1914.

The Encampment in open session was called to order by the Department Commander at 10 o'clock a. m.

Hon. J. P. DeMattos, Mayor of Bellingham, was introduced, who welcomed the G. A. R. boys to the city in an excellent speech. This was followed by a pleasing address of welcome by W. P. Brown, President of Bellingham Chamber of Commerce. Both speeches were well received and heartily cheered.

Comrade C. B. Dunning, Post No. 8, was introduced to respond to the addresses of welcome, which was done in an able manner.

The honorable visitors and all others not entitled to seats in the Encampment then retired.

Sentinels and Guards were stationed under direction of Officer of the Day E. C. Kilbourne.

The Officer of the Day reported that all present were members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander announced that the Thirty-second Encampment of Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., was now open in regular session and ready for business.

The Department Chaplain, S. P. Smith, Post 31, offered invocation, the comrades standing at "Parade Rest."

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER.

"Dear Lord and Master of us all,
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own thy sway, we hear thy call,
We would test our lives by thine."

"Out of full hearts we give thee thanks for thy loving care and gracious providence, that has brought us to this time and place.

Half a hundred years have passed since the outbreak of that terrible war, that summoned us to the fields of carnage, when through flame and smoke and shout and groan and sabre-stroke and death, shots falling thick and fast, thou didst lead us through five bloody years to a glorious victory. But now and here in this grand city of Bellingham, beautiful for situation, we are given a royal greeting, and acclaimed heroes of the most terrible war of history. We must say, not unto us, not unto us, O God, but unto thy glorious name, be the praise and honor now and ever more.

Grant heavenly Father to so lead, guide and bless us while we for a few days sojourn here, that our presence

may be an inspiration and blessing to those entertaining us, as it is, and will be to us when we turn our faces homeward.

We give thanks to thee, our God, that our country and flag are not bloody, torn, disserved as they must have been, but for thy full measure of blessing. Let me pray thee, thy blessing attend and rest upon and guide us in the performance of the Department work, for which we are gathered here.

We ask this in the name and merit of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Captain of our salvation. Amen."

The Assistant Adjutant General then appointed Past Commander J. M. Comstock, of Sedgwick Post No. 8, to assist him during the Encampment, and the appointment was approved by Department Commander.

The Assistant Adjutant General then called the roll of the Department Officers, to which the following responded:

Department Commander—J. E. Stewart, Post No. 8.
Senior Vice Commander—Hiram E. Gale, Post No. 116.
Junior Vice Commander—T. D. Quinn, Post No. 9.
Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General—E. B. Hopkinson, Post No. 47.
Department Chaplain—S. P. Smith, Post No. 31.

Staff Officers.

Patriotic Instructor—A. M. Kent, Post No. 1.
Senior Aide-de-Camp—J. G. Sterritz, Post No. 102.
*Department Color Bearer—Jeremiah Swiger, Post No. 24.
Department Officer of the Day—E. C. Kilbourne, Post 1.

Council of Administration.

E. A. Shores, Post No. 6.

H. W. North, Post No. 89.

J. M. Comstock, Post No. 8.

J. H. Paul, Post No. 4.

O. D. McDonald, Post No. 24.

*Appointed to fill vacancy caused by death of Comrade Joe Dickerson, October 11, 1913.

Roll of convention was then called.

ROLL OF MEMBERS

Of Department Encampment held at Bellingham, Wash., June 24 to 27, inclusive, as prepared by Credential Committee.

E. B. HOPKINSON,

GEO. W. FURRY,

J. L. BISHOP,

Committee.



COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
G. A. R.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**And Past Department Commanders Present.**

J. E. Stewart.....Department Commander
 Hiram E. Gale.....Senior Vice Commander
 T. D. Quinn.....Junior Vice Commander
 E. B. Hopkinson.....Assistant Adjutant General
 S. P. Smith.....Department Chaplain

Past Department Commanders.

J. S. Brown	Geo. H. Boardman	F. H. Hurd
M. M. Holmes	Lyman Banks	R. R. Harding
C. B. Dunning	W. H. Wiscomb	E. A. Shores

Post Commanders, Past Commanders and Delegates Present.**STEVENS POST NO. 1, SEATTLE.****Past Commanders.**

A. P. Spaulding	N. E. Benson	H. A. Scott
M. M. Holmes	J. O. Clark	John A. Cook
F. H. Hurd	J. M. Wiestling	Peter Zinn
A. W. Hastie	Geo. Z. Herriek	Oris D'Oyley
J. J. Hambright	G. R. Humphrey	W. L. Ames

Delegates.

E. C. Kilbourne	A. M. Kent	Isaac Teller
James Price	P. A. Morris	C. L. Thompson
Fred Hoffman	L. R. Croisiant	J. H. Munsell
Wm. Phillips	J. G. Nolep	W. H. Shafer
T. H. Duncan	Fred Wilhelm	Garrett Ramacher
Wm. Fox	W. C. Hawthorne	
T. W. Fearing	R. Garret	

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 2, VANCOUVER.

Past Commander.

David F. Reid

Delegates.

Absalom Swank

Elias White

ALFRED SULLY POST NO. 3, DAYTON.

Commander.

Henry Ries

Past Commander.

H. H. Wolfe

Delegate.

Sol Gregory

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 4, WALLA WALLA.

Commander.

Joseph H. Paul

Past Commander.

W. F. Waldron

Delegates.

M. G. Parr

W. G. Munsey

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

Past Commanders.

O. B. Iverson

Lane

CUSTER POST NO. 6, TACOMA.

Commander.

E. E. Dopps

Past Commanders.

W. L. C. Atkinson	Thos. Foster	C. T. Patterson
G. H. Boardman	W. S. Green	William Peele
H. P. Burdick	Jno. Holgate	Joseph Parker
L. D. Beary	C. B. Hayden	E. A. Shores
S. D. Brear	John Huntamer	C. L. Straight
F. A. Bates	R. G. Hoge	Fred T. Taylor
Chas. Bachman	S. V. Isenburg	H. E. Wadsworth
J. H. Coffman	M. P. Kelley	W. S. Wittum
J. S. Collins	S. S. King	W. N. Wright
Homer Crocker	A. A. Knight	W. H. Robinson
C. A. Cavender	Thomas Mattison	J. T. Danielson
J. Q. A. DeHuff	L. B. McCoy	J. F. Tostervan
Jas. Davidson	C. H. Newton	J. H. Davis
J. W. Fries	B. F. Owen	Edward Peterson

Delegates.

J. L. Howie	W. B. Andrews	William World
W. W. Gregory	C. H. Webster	Geo. B. Marshall
Fred Williams	Wm. George	N. A. Smith
Wm. Boyes	Jasper Howe	J. A. Baker
L. D. Hart	C. C. Smith	A. Freudenstein
George Horn	T. F. Smith	J. M. Junette
George Kuhn	A. V. Fawcett	William Hanna
H. F. Shoemaker		

SEDGWICK POST NO. 8, SPOKANE.

Past Commanders.

J. M. Comstock	J. E. Gandy	J. E. Stewart
C. B. Dunning		

Delegates.

E. F. Humason	Wm. Evers
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J. B. STEADMAN POST NO. 24, BELLINGHAM.

Commander.

J. J. Edens

Past Commanders.

J. R. Lewis	W. H. Harper	O. D. McDonald
Wm. Gaspard	Harvy Wade	S. H. Mock
J. L. Bishop	John Orehard	

Delegates.

R. D. Moreland	B. F. Grimes	J. H. Woody
Geo. Dawson	W. T. Huston	J. C. Williams
J. W. Swan	Jas. Reed	

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 25, CHEHALIS**Past Commander.**

J. L. Randels

JOHN F. MILLER POST NO. 31, SEATTLE

Commander.

A. F. Haas

Past Commanders.

Byron Phelps	D. C. Brown	S. P. Smith
L. T. Dodge	Jason Strong	J. C. Duncan
Geo. Hooker	G. W. Furry	S. L. Melice
W. A. Bailey	E. W. Swan	L. Shorett
Lyman Banks	J. L. Cloghorn	

Delegates.

J. D. Stevens	S. D. Evans	J. O. Rockwell
A. W. Foy	— Perrigo	W. H. French
Leonard Tucker	J. W. Arrowsmith	H. E. Kellogg
A. J. Villers	J. T. Randolph	Geo. T. Snow
G. D. Miller	G. Wood	

REYNOLDS POST NO. 32, BLAINE.

Commander.

Wm. H. Pinckney

Past Commanders.

J. N. Lindsey	S. D. Kaylor	L. D. Wilmot
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Delegates.

Silsaa V. Hoff	H. H. Ames
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D. A. RUSSELL POST NO. 35, MOUNT VERNON.

Commander.

Robert Moore

Past Commander.

W. H. H. Cressey

J. J. LEWIS POST NO. 37, ASOTIN.

Commander.

B. F. Onstot

Past Commander.

M. H. Tate

LYNCH POST NO. 42, LYNDON.

Commander.

A. H. Wamfler

Past Commanders.

A. J. Rusco	W. W. Palmer	T. R. Price
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Delegates.

C. F. Worthen	E. B. James
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PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 44, TACOMA.**Past Commanders.**

A. S. Johnson	D. C. Wadsworth	R. H. Mooselander
W. M. Metcalf	John Tobin	

Delegates.

Leonard Schull	A. Van Amburgh
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GEN. J. L. RENO POST NO. 47, SPOKANE.**Past Commanders.**

C. F. Wightman	John Powers	R. S. Riehhart
W. H. Wiscombe	J. L. Fisher	

Delegates.

R. L. Akin	Frank Martin	Eli Hilover
G. F. Jones	Thomas Brown	

PACIFIC POST NO. 48, PORT ANGELES.**Commander.**

D. L. Mitchell

Past Commanders.

R. R. Harding	F. M. Wait
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Delegates.

G. M. Rouse	J. Munsey	P. B. Chambers
Chas. Zimmerman		

WASHINGTON POST NO. 52, HOQUIAM.**Delegates.**

Jacob Cowen	Wm. Freidenberg
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WHITMAN POST NO. 53, PULLMAN.**Past Commanders.**

M. F. Taglos	J. H. Leiter	Wm. Taylor
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ORTING POST NO. 54, ORTING.**Commander.**

Wm. H. Siekles

Past Commanders.

B. Van Dusen	A. J. Foster	John Watkins
E. C. Young	J. P. Ford	Frank Kannedy
J. C. Duffey	A. A. Putnam	Frank Burke, Jr.
Geo. H. Berry	Francis Kelley	J. C. Cummings
G. T. Jones	W. H. Reed	F. W. Bahnaukamp

Delegates.

J. E. Burgess	J. P. Brooks	A. Fairehilds
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LIEUT. CUSHING POST NO. 56, BALLARD.**Commander.**

Alexander H. Vollier

Past Commander.

Benjamin Fisher

C. R. APPERSON POST NO. 59, SOUTH BELLINGHAM.**Commander.**

Z. Worden

Past Commanders.

D. L. Hopkins	E. M. Day	Jos. W. Kelly
S. P. Tapping	T. W. Gillette	John Feouley
Geo. H. Ames	C. T. Lathrop	

Delegates.

Chas. Adams	Harvey L. Green	Wm. Mahoney
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GEN. EMERY POST NO. 68, ANACORTES.

Commander.

R. B. Sumner

Past Commanders.

Jno. J. Lee	T. B. Edens	B. R. Sumner
V. J. Knapp	Fred P. Hardy	B. H. Finley
John Ayes	W. H. Waters	Frank Wilson
D. J. Davis	Geo. Shumway	Alex Westover
Geo. Hudson	Chas. Bartlett	
W. D. Dolph	Newell Baker	

Delegates.

Albert Brown	M. B. Lane	John Drummond
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JOHN A. REYNOLDS POST NO. 71, ENUMCLAW.**Delegates.**

B. B. Saville	Edw. Bristow
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SILAS CASEY POST NO. 74, FRIDAY HARBOR.**Past Commanders.**

J. W. Smoots	John L. Blair
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HIRAM BURNHAM POST NO. 76, KENT.

Commander.

J. A. Hagadorn

Past Commander.

T. J. Alkine

H. R. LOOMIS POST NO. 80, GIG HARBOR.**Past Commanders.**

John Atkinson	A. H. Brown
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T. P. PRICE POST NO. 82, CENTRALIA.

Commander.

A. T. Hesford

Past Commander.

M. D. Wood

Delegates.

E. B. Couch	W. F. Rainer
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JOHN BUFORD POST NO. 89, EVERETT.

Commander.

W. C. Allison

Past Commanders.

F. W. Armstrong	J. W. Stewart	H. W. North
Geo. O. Austin	J. A. Baker	R. T. Warner
Allen Gerrish	Valentine Schreck	Uriah Cook
D. R. Miller	Chas. M. McGrew	Wm. H. Bicknell
R. K. Beechman	L. D. Forbes	

Delegates.

S. B. Tift	W. T. Weiser	Chas. Wilson
M. Hall	A. C. Brooks	

N. E. PAGE POST NO. 94, CASHMERE.**Past Commanders.**

Wm. H. Jordan	Thos. M. Stewart	George Sintz
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Delegate.

Henry A. Smith

W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 97, SEDRO-WOOLLEY.

Commander.
Hiram Hammer

Past Commanders.

E. K. White	E. Pickering	David Koch
Henry L. Marot	Ira Sincerbeaux	F. D. Carson

Delegates.

Charles Mills	Egbert Miller	E. D. Burton
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H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 99, ORTING.

Commander.
J. T. Campbell

Past Commanders.

S. W. Hoptonstall	C. B. Hadley	T. Buck
Wm. McKinsey		

Delegates.

Henry Summers	J. G. Bradley	C. E. Oyer
H. S. Ellis		

SPEAGLE POST NO. 100, MEAD.

Past Commander.
James Berridge

JAMES A. SEXTON POST NO. 103, SEATTLE**Past Commanders.**

John Taylor	G. W. Lincoln	Edw. E. Emerson
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Delegates.

J. H. Roberts	Henry S. Shields	
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DANIEL McCOOK POST NO. 105, WENATCHEE.

Past Commander.
Ira P. Ferrin

WM. HALL POST NO. 107, GRANITE FALLS.

Commander.
J. A. Moore

Past Commander.
J. L. Snethen

Delegate.
Robert Smith

JOHN BOTHELL POST NO. 108, BOTHELL.

Past Commanders.
Wm. Johnston J. W. Moore

GREEN LAKE POST NO. 112, SEATTLE.

Past Commander.
J. D. Hagadorn

Delegates.

M. E. Mumford	C. L. Scott	M. M. Coleman
H. D. Hollister	Frederick Weber	

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

Commander.
Thos. J. Rippey

Past Commanders.

Jesse W. Spear	B. R. Reynolds	Ed S. Walker
Hiram R. Gale	Peter Armstrong	Henry J. Sloan

Delegates.

John H. Miller	Wm. W. Carey	
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SCHOFIELD-HAYDEN POST NO. 118, ORTING.**Delegates.**

W. M. Coleman	Geo. S. Stark	A. Dildine
John Owen	F. A. White	S. R. Witten

Past Commanders.

P. G. Gesford	Francis, A. White	John W. Pullman
W. J. Bendon	P. J. Wickard	Chas. W. Taylor
W. G. Simpson	Wm. M. Taylor	John Owen
W. H. Dean	W. A. Willard	John H. Leiter
J. P. Watkins	Geo. White	

LUCIUS DAY POST NO. 123, MONROE.**Past Commanders.**

O. C. McGray	John H. Pownell
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VETERAN POST NO. 124, SEQUIM.**Past Commanders.**

P. W. Gallup	W. G. Green
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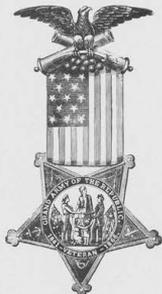




Woman's Relief Corps
62 Corps
3260 Members



Ladies of G. A. R.
36 Circles
1386 Members



Grand Army of the Republic
90 Posts
3232 Members



Daughters of Veterans
5 Tents
234 Members



Sons of Veterans
8 Camps

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

The Department Commander, J. E. Stewart, then called the Senior Vice Commander, H. R. Gale, to the chair, and read his annual report and address to the Encampment.

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades: Time in its rapid flight has brought us to the end of another year and the Grand Army of the Department of Washington and Alaska passes to the thirty-third year of its labor. Ten years have come and gone since we met in this beautiful city of Bellingham. During that time a large detail has been called from our ranks to answer roll call in the shadowy regions above. They are sadly missed, but their influence and sweet memories of them remain. To those of us who are still in the front of life's battle, falls the duty of standing in line with manly courage. Let us cheer the despondent, strengthen the hearts that are weakened by the rushing tides of years, exercise a spirit of goodfellowship and always be ready to extend the helping hand. Let us be devoutfully thankful that we are still in the sphere of opportunity, and still under the influence and guidance of the true Grand Army spirit.

I extend a most cordial and fraternal greeting to each and every comrade, and beg your indulgence for my shortcomings and mistakes. Fully realizing the responsibilities resting upon me, as I attempt to preside over your deliberations, I earnestly ask your help, and hope that you may temper your criticisms with justice and mercy.

Report.

If my report, on the stewardship of the interests of this department, which you so generously and unexpectedly confided in me one year ago, is not as favorable as you could wish, please remember that it represents my best efforts. That I could not visit all the posts of the department is my greatest regret. The long and fatal illness of my Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter-

master General came at the time I had planned to do most of my traveling. It was clearly my duty to do his work, every day hoping against hope that he would recover, and be able to complete the year, but such was not to be. Comrade E. B. Hopkinson of General J. L. Reno Post No. 47 was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On Membership.

One year ago, when I was given command of this department, there were 3,031 members reported in good standing. We have had a total gain of 201, making an aggregate 3,232.

Loss by death, first half.....	90	
Loss by discharge.....	5	
Loss by transfer.....	14	
Loss by suspension.....	40	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	250	
Total loss	399	
Number in good standing June 30, 1913.....		2,833
Total gain, second half.....		526
Aggregate		3,359
Loss by death.....	80	
Loss by discharge.....	5	
Loss by transfer.....	39	
Loss by suspension.....	66	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	132	
Total loss	322	322
Number remaining in good standing, Dec. 31, 1913		3,037

The Adjutant's books show that we have lost 170 members by death, nearly 6 per cent of our number, but our gain has given us a total of six members more than we started with. Let us hope that we may break even the coming year. The report of the Assistant Adjutant to follow will give you a clearer idea of the gains and losses.

Posts Visited.

I have visited nearly thirty posts, all but a few being on the east side. The cordial and patriotic receptions given to me were more than pleasant. With but few exceptions the posts were doing good work, many making gains in membership. A few of the smaller posts are struggling to hold together. Ill health keeps many who have been good workers from attending, but we cannot expect it to be otherwise.

Too much credit cannot be given to the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Myra Bennington. I find that she has been a power for good throughout the Department. She has visited many corps in their business meetings and has encouraged and helped them in many ways. As comrades are now members of the Relief Corps, she has met many of them and is known among them as a loyal woman with a great big heart.

Woman's Relief Corps.

"A ship without a sail,
A boat without an oar,
A kite without a tail,
Is a post without a corps."

The above lines express the condition of the majority of posts in this department. The splendid work of the corps is an inspiration to their posts, and in many cases has prevented a surrender of charter. The Grand Army rejoices that they have willing helpers who are ready to aid them whenever and wherever assistance is necessary. Even the large posts find the corps a very present help in time of trouble. They are never discouraged but always ready to prove themselves the good right arm of the Grand Army of the Republic. They outnumber us in this state, and it is with pride that we note their increase. We know that the veterans will in them always have friends whose love will never fail. What wonder that this noble body

of American mothers, wives and daughters has come to be the greatest woman's organization in the world! Born in such rugged and grand surroundings, it has grown in strength and activity until it numbers about 170,000 members, expending since its organization, in charity and memorial work, over \$4,000,000.00.

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Although a smaller organization than the Woman's Relief Corps, and somewhat restricted in membership, being composed only of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of veterans, is doing much good work and deserve the thanks of the comrades.

The history of the Republic will not be written in truth and in its fullness unless it shall tell of the devotion of the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of those men who left their homes and went out to battle for the suppression of the Rebellion.

Sons of Veterans.

Good work is being done by the local camps of the Sons of Veterans. This Headquarters has not been in touch with the Department Officers of the Sons of Veterans, so can not say just what they are doing, but there are hundreds of young and middle aged men who are eligible to membership to the Sons of Veterans who have never affiliated with the organization or seemed to take any interest in it in any way whatever. One reason advanced by these non-members, and even by some who are already in the organization, is that the Grand Army of the Republic has not, in the past, given them full encouragement. But surely that objection is removed by the action of the Forty-fifth National Encampment, held at Rochester, N. Y., in August, 1911, which passed this resolution: "Resolved, That the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic invite the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America to be its permanent official escort on all occa-

sions, and that all Departments and Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic are recommended to invite them to act in a similar capacity for their organizations. Commanders of Departments and of Posts are respectfully urged to note this direction, to govern themselves accordingly and to encourage this organization as much as possible."

Daughters of Veterans.

Among the allied organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Veterans are, like the Sons of Veterans, our children. Not only children of the living of today, but some of them children of those who, on battle field, in hospital and prison pen, went down to death among the Nation's Heroes.

Under the leadership of the efficient and zealous President, Eliza Root McKecher, they are doing a great and noble work in this department. There are great opportunities before them; their future will be measured by their ability to meet the requirements of the hour, and we have no hesitancy in predicting that they will more than meet the issue. We know that as long as their organization exists, generations yet unborn will be told the story of how the American government was preserved, and the Star Spangled Banner brought back without one star lost or diminished. The time will come when the fathers and mothers will cease to exist, and then the daughters and sons will be heard from; then will be solved the problem "who will teach the lesson of patriotism and loyalty."

Soldiers' Homes.

I visited both homes and found the Orting Home well taken care of by the Superintendent, but being a civilian and all his help of the same class, especially where there is any pay in it. It does not seem right to me that civilians should occupy any of these positions as long as there are Grand Army men able and capable of managing the Sol-

diers' Homes. It is different at Port Orchard, where Comrade Wiscombe and his good wife are managers of that home. There have been vast improvements made there, and the home has almost doubled in capacity within the last year. The site on which it is built is most beautiful, the only drawback is in getting up to it. With all the improvement, I understand from Comrade Wiscombe that it is more than full.

New Post.

Your Commander had the honor of issuing a charter for a new Post at Orting, of thirty-seven members, and detailed Comrade M. M. Holmes, Past Department Commander, to muster them in.

Monuments.

Three soldiers' monuments have been erected and dedicated during the past year. One erected by Morton Post and Corps at Snohomish, was dedicated on May 30th. One erected through the efforts of Nathan P. Gregg Post and Corps, at Hillyard. The other at Colfax, was made possible largely through the effort of the Commander of Nathaniel Lyons Post, Captain James Ewart. He enlisted the aid of the school children of Whitman County, thereby teaching them a grand lesson in patriotism. Your Commander had the honor of assisting in the dedicatory services of this beautiful monument on May 30th. He also attended the dedication of the monument at Hillyard, and regretted not being able to attend the services at Snohomish. It being on the same date as the service at Colfax, and that invitation coming first, it was accepted.

Memorial Day.

It was a grand thought of the heroic Logan to ask the comrades to set apart a day of remembrance of the departed heroes, and through all the years that have intervened, the love of the simple ceremonial has grown in

strength until all classes have come to recognize its significance. As our numbers grow less, it is well for us to turn aside from the cares and pleasures of life on this sacred day, May 30th, and strew flowers and place the flag of the Union upon the graves of the Country's Defenders. Thereby we may teach the rising generation something of what it has cost to make men free, and to perpetuate a united country such as we enjoy.

The day was well observed in this department by the Grand Army, all patriotic bodies and citizens. In my home city the parade was grand, and was viewed by more people than ever before. Also more people attended the service.

National Encampment.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad was selected as the official route. A special car was secured, and we left Department Headquarters on the evening of September 9th, reaching Chattanooga on the evening of the 13th. The service was excellent, the journey delightful and our party numbered nineteen. We were a happy family.

It was the first Grand Army Encampment to be held in that far southland. Chattanooga did herself proud. The decorations and illuminations were unexcelled. Rain interfered somewhat with the sightseeing, yet the many places of interest were well patronized. Time and space forbids a detailed account of what Chattanooga had to offer their guests—Lookout Mountain, reached by the famous incline railroad; Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga, the many and beautiful monuments, the beautiful National Cemetery with its grand magnolia trees, where lie more than thirteen thousand of our brave comrades.

A drenching rain during the parade did not daunt the boys of '61 and '65 from marching with firm and steady tread. The remark was frequently heard, "They still show

their temper and bravery," and "What soldierly bearing and firm step for men of their age!"

The Forty-seventh National Encampment will long be remembered. Business sessions were full of interest. National Commander Beers proved an excellent presiding officer. This department was well represented, considering the distance.

In Memoriam.

The grim reaper has not been idle during the past year. He has visited many homes and borne away devoted comrades. We bow our heads in sorrow and extend sincere sympathy to those bereaved. On the 8th of January Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General J. N. Koontz passed to his reward after three months of illness. He was a patient sufferer, a good and loyal comrade, a trusted officer, "a king among men," and in his loss your Commander sustained the loss, not only of his Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, but of one of his best and closest friends.

The department suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Captain Joe Dickerson, National and Department Color Bearer, and National Delegate at Large. He was known and loved throughout the department, a member of John H. Miller Post, No. 31, a loyal citizen, a brave soldier, never happier than when carrying his beloved flag. He made the trip to National Encampment, but was not able to carry his flag in the parade. He was given a seat with the National Officers, but wept when our boys passed the reviewing stand and he saw his flag in the hands of another. He left the next morning for his old home, but his health failed rapidly and it was well for him that he was among those he loved. He now sleeps under the shadow of the monument he had erected.

Comrade Smith of Lieut. Cushing Post, one of our delegates to National Encampment, a member of our party,

contracted pneumonia soon after going to his old home, and passed to the great beyond.

This department mourns their loss. They are gone, but not forgotten.

Flag Day.

June 14th is an established Flag Day. This year's observance showed an increasing interest. The Woman's Relief Corps made it notable by presenting flags to many Sunday Schools.

Recommendations.

No. 1. I would recommend that the same policy of keeping the surplus money at interest, be followed by the incoming administration.

No. 2. I would also recommend that bonds and other property of similar character be placed in a safety deposit box, in the name of the Department of Washington and Alaska, said vault to be paid for from the department's general fund.

No. 3. That per capita tax remain the same.

No. 4. That the customary \$150.00 be allowed the Department Commander for traveling expenses, and the customary \$150.00 for the National Encampment.

No. 5. That the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General be \$400.00, as at present.

Conclusion.

In a few hours another year will be added to the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army history. To all the Officers of the Department, without naming each one, I desire to express my deepest gratitude for loyal support and valued assistance during the past year. I bespeak for my successor the same hearty co-operation and support that you have given to me. Again I thank you

for conferring upon me the highest honor within your power.

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

J. E. STEWART,

Department Commander.

Past Department Commander F. H. Hurd moved that the Commander's report be referred to a committee of Past Department Commanders, and the following comrades were appointed: Past Department Commander F. H. Hurd, Post No. 1; Past Department Commander C. B. Dunning, Post No. 8; Past Department Commander Lyman Banks, Post No. 31.

Department Commander Stewart then resumed the chair.

Senior Vice Commander H. E. Gale then made a verbal report. Junior Vice Commander T. D. Quinn also made a verbal report.

The Assistant Adjutant General then read the following communication from Governor Lister:

Olympia, June 23, 1914.

Hon. J. E. Stewart, Dept. Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Bellingham, Wash.

My Dear Mr. Stewart:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 22nd inst., reading as follows:

"The Encampment of the G. A. R. held in this city the 24th to 27th, invites you to be with them Thursday afternoon and evening. You will receive a cordial welcome. Answer."

In reply have just wired you as now confirmed herewith:

"Deeply regret it will be impossible for me to accept kind invitation conveyed in your day letter twenty-second, for Thursday afternoon and evening. Please express to the veterans present my cordial greetings, and my earnest wish that they may have a most enjoyable and profitable session.

Sincerely yours,

ERNEST LISTER,

Governor.

Reports of other Department Officers were called for and were made as follows:

The Adjutant then read the report of meeting held by the Council of Administration held in Federal Building in Bellingham, June 23d, 1914, as follows:

Bellingham, Wash., Tuesday Afternoon,

June 23d, 1914.

The Council of Administration met at 2 p. m., at which were present E. B. Hopkinson, Assistant Adjutant General; J. M. Comstock, J. H. Paul, O. D. McDonald, and H. W. North, members of the Council, J. M. Comstock presiding.

The books, records and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General were presented, examined, audited, and found correct.

A motion was made by Comrade McDonald and seconded by Comrade Paul, that the Council of Administration recommend to the Encampment that the present rate of per capita tax on members of the department, of 40 cents per member per annum be continued. Carried.

Comrade McDonald then moved and the motion was seconded by Comrade Comstock, that the Council of Administration also recommend that the allowance for the Department Commander be fixed at \$400.00 per year, \$150.00 for expenses when attending the National Encampment, and \$250.00 for his expenses in visiting the posts of this

department, this allowance to be paid in installments, and in proportion to the number of posts visited and the expense incurred thereby. Carried.

A motion was also made by Comrade McDonald, seconded by Comrade North, that the Assistant Quartermaster General be instructed to rent a box in some safety deposit vault, for deposit of securities and valuables in the name of the Department Commander and Assistant Quartermaster General. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to call of Department Commander.

Attest: E. B. HOPKINSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.



The Adjutant then read his reports as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General as follows:

To J. E. Stewart, Commander of Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.: I hereby submit copies of reports forwarded to the National Officers, the Adjutant General, and Quartermaster General, by my predecessor, Comrade J. N. Koontz, for terms ending June 30, 1913, and December 31, 1913.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Washington and
Alaska, G. A. R.

Office of Assistant Adjutant General.

Spokane, Wash., June 30, 1913.

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, 1913:

	Posts	Members
Number remaining in good standing last term	88	3,031
Gain—	Posts	Members
By muster-in	101	
By transfer	67	
By re-instatement	23	
By re-instatement from delinquent reports	10	
Total gain	201	201
Aggregate	88	3,232
Loss—	Posts	Members
By death	90	
By honorable discharge	5	
By transfer	14	
By suspension	40	
By delinquent reports	15	250
Total loss	15	399
Number remaining in good standing		2,833
Number remaining suspended—None reported.		
Expended in Charity		\$187.85

Very respectfully, in F., C. and L.,
J. N. KOONTZ,
Assistant Adjutant General.

**CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT
GENERAL.**

Headquarters Department of Washington and
Alaska, G. A. R.

Office of Assistant Adjutant General.
Spokane, Wash., Jan. 1, 1914.

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, 1913:

	Posts	Mem- bers		
Number remaining in good standing last term	88	2,833		
Gain—				
By muster-in	1	117		
By transfer		25		
By re-instatement		38		
By honorable discharge		5		
By re-instatement from delinquent reports	9	199		
Total gain	10	379	10	379
Aggregate	98	3,212		
Loss—				
By death		80		
By transfer		39		
By suspension		66		
By delinquent reports	8	132		
Total loss	8	322	8	322
Number remaining in good standing	90	2,890		
Number remaining suspended		66		
Expended in Charity		\$823.18		
Number of Members or their families relieved		23		
Number Rituals on hand		196		

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

E. B. HOPKINSON,

for J. N. KOONTZ,
Assistant Adjutant General.

**CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTER-
MASTER GENERAL.**

Headquarters Department of Washington and
Alaska, G. A. R.

June 30, 1913.

J. E. Stewart, Department Commander.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following Financial Report of the Posts of this Department for the term ending June 30, 1913:

Receipts.		
Balance last Report	\$ 6,249.05	
Receipts from all sources during term	3,842.46	
Total		\$10,091.51
Disbursements.		
Paid Department for per capita tax on 2,833 members, 20 cents each	\$ 566.60	
For Relief from Post Funds	2,296.02	
Total		2,862.62
Cash balance on hand		\$ 7,228.89
Report of Relief Funds.		
Amount on hand at last report	\$ 1,575.79	
Received from all sources for this fund during this term	187.95	
Total		\$ 1,763.72
Expended during the term	177.85	
Balance on hand		\$ 1,585.87
Value of Post Property.		
Cash balance Post Fund	\$ 7,228.89	
Cash balance Relief Fund	1,585.87	
Market value of Real Estate belonging to Posts	8,553.01	
Cash invested in Furniture, Flags, etc.	3,578.00	
Total value of Post Property		\$20,925.77

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. N. KOONTZ,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

**CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTER-
MASTER GENERAL.**

Headquarters Department of Washington and
Alaska, G. A. R.

December 31, 1913.

J. E. Stewart, Department Commander.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following
Financial Report of the Posts of this Department for the
term ending December 31, 1913:

Receipts.

Balance last Report	\$ 4,288.62	
Receipts from all sources during term	2,614.77	
Total		\$ 6,903.39

Disbursements.

199 from Delinquent Reports.....	\$ 39.80	
Paid Department for per capita tax on 2,890 members, 20 cents each.....	578.00	
For Relief from Post Funds.....	323.55	
For all other disbursements.....	1,581.29	
Total	2,522.64	

Cash balance on hand.....	\$ 4,350.75	
Cash invested in collaterals.....	3,000.00	
Total	\$ 7,350.75	

Report of Relief Funds.

Amount on hand at last report.....	\$ 1,585.87	
Received from all sources for this fund during this term	823.18	
Total	\$ 2,309.05	
Expended during the term.....	823.18	
Balance on hand	\$ 1,585.87	

Value of Post Property.

Cash balance Post Fund	\$ 7,380.75
Market value of Real Estate belonging to Posts....	10,570.00
Cash invested in Furniture, Flags, etc.....	4,713.90

Total value of Post Property.....	\$22,664.65
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Yours in F., C. and L.,

E. B. HOPKINSON,

for J. N. KOONTZ,

Assistant Quartermaster General.



I also have the honor of submitting my report as Assistant Quartermaster General of this department for fiscal year ending June 24, 1914.

Since the last semi-annual report issued December 31, 1913, two posts, J. R. Hayden No. 118, and Schofield No. 126, have voluntarily surrendered their charters, and have consolidated into one post and taken the name of Schofield-Hayden Post No. 118, thus reducing the number of posts to 89, with a charter membership a little in excess of the entire membership of the two posts combined. There are other posts, with small and scattered membership, that would do well in some cases to do the same, but it is hoped that all comrades will see to it that their names are not dropped from the roll of the Grand Army.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 24.

Spokane, Wash., June 23, 1914.

Cash Receipts.

From H. W. Doty, A. Q. M. G.....	\$ 365.03
From Posts, per capita tax, first term.....	566.60
From Posts, per capita tax, second term.....	660.80
From School Warrant No. 80,313, Spokane County, (called)	101.50
From interest on same	2.50
From School Warrant No. 79,519, Spokane County, (called)	100.00
From interest on same	2.75
From City of Bellingham, Bond No. 21 (called).....	100.00
From interest on same	7.00
From interest on six City of Tacoma Bonds.....	42.00
From refund by J. E. Stewart on Chattanooga ex- pense bill	36.00
From refund on Bond Premium issued to J. N. Koontz	1.00
From supplies sold to Posts.....	102.69
	<u>\$2,087.87</u>

Disbursements.

J. E. Stewart, allowance and expense to National Encampment	\$ 300.00
J. N. Koontz, salary as A. A. G. & A. Q. M. G. (4 months)	133.33
J. E. Stewart, salary as Acting A. A. G. & A. Q. M. G. (3 months).....	100.00
E. B. Hopkinson, salary as A. A. G. & A. Q. M. G. (5 months)	166.65
Printing	69.50
Postage	36.46
Post supplies	23.67
Office supplies	2.80

School Warrant bought, No. 83,469.....	100.00
School Warrant bought, No. 83,474.....	101.50
Premium on two A. Q. M. G. Bonds.....	5.00
R. R. Harding, bill for printing Journals (1913).....	175.00
Per capita tax to Nat. Q. M. G.....	105.90
Refund to Post No. 99, supplies not carried.....	4.25
Refund to A. J. Loomis, supplies not carried.....	2.25
Incidentals, expressage, telegraphing, stationery, etc.	85.25
School Warrants bought, Nos. 79,519 and 80,313.....	201.50
Cash on hand	474.81
	<u>\$2,087.87</u>

Bond and School Warrant Account.

Received from H. W. Doty—

6 Tacoma Bonds, Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 84, 85.....	\$ 600.00
1 Bellingham Bond	100.00
Bought School Warrant No. 79,519, District 81, Spo- kane County	100.00
Bought School Warrant No. 80,313, District 81, Spo- kane County	101.50
Bought School Warrant No. 83,469, District 81, Spo- kane County	100.00
Bought School Warrant No. 83,474, District 81, Spo- kane County	101.50
	<u>\$1,103.00</u>

Taken Up—

1 Bellingham Bond	\$100.00
1 School Warrant, No. 79,519.....	100.00
1 School Warrant, No. 80,313.....	101.50
	<u>301.50</u>
On hand	
6 Tacoma Bonds	\$600.00
1 School Warrant	100.00
1 School Warrant	101.50
	<u>801.50</u>
Cash on hand	474.81
	<u>\$1,275.31</u>

Supplies.

On hand July 1, 1913.....	\$ 159.33
Received from National Q. M. G.....	23.67
	\$ 182.00
Sold to Posts	\$ 102.69
On hand June 23, 1914.....	79.31
	\$ 182.00

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

E. B. HOPKINSON,
Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant
Quartermaster General.

The reports of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General were referred to Council of Administration.

Comrade E. A. Shores moved that a committee of three be appointed on Resolutions. Carried. The Department Commander appointed as such committee: J. E. Gandy, Post No. 8; O. D. McDonald, Post No. 24; J. E. Brown, Post No. 31.

Comrade W. H. Wiscombe then moved to adjourn to 1:30 p. m. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 24, 1914.

Department Encampment opened at 1:30, Commander J. E. Stewart in chair.

S. P. Smith, Department Chaplain, made a partial report and asked for further time to complete the same, many of the posts having failed to report to him.

The report of the Patriotic Instructor, A. M. Kent, was then read. Report was accepted and ordered on file.

REPORT OF A. M. KENT, DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Seattle, Washington, June 23d, 1914.

E. B. Hopkinson,

A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.,

Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to make the following report of the Department Patriotic Instructor of Washington and Alaska G. A. R. for the year ending June 23d, 1914.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

A. M. KENT,
1225 East Alder.

Annual Report of Department Patriotic Instructor to National Patriotic Instructor.

Seattle, Washington, June 23d, 1914.

To National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R.,
Levi Longfellow.

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

1. Have Post Patriotic Instructors been appointed and installed? Twenty have that I have heard from.
2. If not state reason? I don't know the reasons, they are too small.
3. Number of school buildings in your Department? Two hundred and ninety reported.
4. Are the school buildings supplied with flags? They are.
5. Estimate number of private schools? None reported.

6. Number of pupils in the schools? Not reported.
7. Do pupils generally take an interest in the raising and lowering of the flag at opening and closing of school sessions? Not in the cities, some in the country.
8. Is there a State law making it obligatory to fly the flag on schools while in session? Yes.
9. Is the salute to the flag a part of school exercises; or occasionally? Yes.
10. Number of schools giving Military instruction? None reported.
11. Number of schools having retired Army officers as instructors? None.
12. Is there observance of patriotic days in schools? Birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, Memorial Day, Flag Day.
13. Do Comrades visit the schools to assist in the work? Yes.
14. Do teachers show a lively interest in patriotic observances? Most of them do.
15. Name the patriotic organizations co-operating with you during the year? W. R. C., L. G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans, Spanish War soldiers. The two last do not as a general thing.
16. Describe in a few lines the observance of Memorial Day in schools? Schools are not in session on that day. The school children bring flowers to the school houses, to be gathered up for decoration purposes.
17. How many flags have been supplied to schools the past year? W. R. C., 116 reported.
18. Has Lincoln's Gettysburg Address been placed prominently in school buildings? Most of them.
19. Are prizes given to pupils of High Schools for patriotic essays? No.

20. Was Memorial Sunday observed in Churches with patriotic exercises? In most of them.
21. Did the Governor of the State recognize Flag Day by proclamation? No.
22. Estimated cost of carrying on the work this year? Five dollars.
23. Has the State Superintendent of Public Instruction been requested to furnish flags and Manuals of Patriotism to schools? The State furnished flag for flag poles.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KENT,
Department Patriotic Instructor.



The Department Inspector, J. M. Harris, not being present, his report was read by the Assistant Adjutant General, as follows:

Headquarters, Department of Washington and
Alaska, G. A. R.

Office of the Department Inspector.

Ritzville, Wash., June 4th, 1914.

To Levi S. Warren,
Inspector General, G. A. R.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending June 30, 1914:

Total number of Posts.....	90
Total number of members in good standing.....	3,032
Number of Posts inspected.....	46
Number of Posts not inspected.....	44
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified	36
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped.....	5
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed	3
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept	43
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded	41
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	3
Aggregate of Post relief funds.....	\$ 99.35
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief	46.70
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters	2,466.55
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts	11,310.53
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached	37
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached....	3

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

J. M. HARRIS,

Department Inspector.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Ritzville, Wash., June 4th, 1914.

E. B. Hopkinson, A. A. G.,

Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I regret that I could not have had a complete report from every post. Some of the posts are doing good work, while others seem rather discouraged. None give the average attendance of officers and members at post meetings and but few posts report relief funds or relief work done except from the County Fund. The post at Snohomish reports that they own a G. A. R. cemetery, consisting of ten acres of land, with a good house and orchard property worth ten thousand dollars, and that they were erecting a G. A. R. monument to cost three thousand dollars; it was to be dedicated on May 30th, 1914. I want to extend to you, and also to our Department Commander, J. E. Stewart, my most sincere thanks for help that you have both given me to assist me in my work. My health has been such that I have not been able to visit the posts as I would like to have done, and cannot attend the department convention at Bellingham this month. Thanking you for all courtesies extended and with greetings to the comrades at the Encampment, I am

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

J. M. HARRIS,

Department Inspector General.

Ritzville, Wash.

Comrade Past Department Commander M. M. Holmes read a letter of condolence, which he moved he sent to Comrade A. S. Burbank, Commander of Stevens Post No. 1, who is sick at his home in Seattle, after having been signed

by the Department Commander, and Assistant Adjutant General. Carried.

Bellingham, Wash., June 24, 1914.

Captain A. S. Burbank,

Commander Stevens Post No. 1,

5505 16th Ave. N. E., Seattle.

Dear Comrade: The members of the Thirty-second Annual Encampment, now in session here, learn of your illness with deep regret, and sincerely hope that you will soon recover your health and be with us in many future Encampments.

In F., C. and L.,

J. E. STEWART,

Commander.

E. B. HOPKINSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Department Commander then appointed the following committees:

Committee to Visit Woman's Relief Corps—F. H. Hurd, Post No. 1; W. H. Wiscombe, Post No. 27; Lyman Banks, Post No. 31.

Committee to Visit Ladies of the G. A. R.—H. E. Gale, Post No. 116; H. W. North, Post No. 89; Geo. H. Boardman, Post No. 6.

Committee to Visit Daughters of Veterans—M. M. Harding, Post No. 48; J. H. Paul, Post No. 4; O. D. McDonald, Post No. 24.

The committee to whom was referred the Commander's Address reported that the same was approved, that the address be spread upon the journal of this Encampment in full, that the recommendations be adopted and that the original address be placed on file.

We further report that Commander Stewart has rounded out his term of service to the satisfaction of department members and to the approval of this committee.

F. H. HURD,
C. B. DUNNING,
LYMAN BANKS,

Past Department Commanders, Committee.

Past Department Commander Lyman Banks moved that the Department Chaplain be allowed until July 1st to make up his report and then forward same to the Assistant Adjutant General. Carried.

The Council of Administration then made a supplementary report containing much that was in the previous report and making further recommendations as follows:

To J. E. Stewart,
Department Commander.

Your Council of Administration report that they have this day examined the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and find the same correct as per vouchers and receipts on hand, same being as follows:

Total receipts	\$2,087.87
Total disbursements	1,613.06
Cash balance now on hand.....	\$ 474.81
Supplies on hand this date.....	79.31
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	\$ 554.12
Cash on hand one year ago.....	\$ 365.03
Supplies on hand one year ago.....	141.74
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	\$ 506.77

Commencing the Encampment year 1914 the funds are as follows:

Bonds now on hand.....	\$ 801.50
Cash now on hand.....	474.81
Quartermaster's supplies	79.31
	\$1,355.62

This report shows that the income for the past year has been only \$47.35 more than expenses and we now recommend that the per capita tax remain the same as heretofore and that the salary of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General remain as last year and that the Department Commander be allowed \$150.00 for expense of attending National Encampment, and \$250.00 for visiting posts of this department, to be drawn from time to time as needed, on his vouchers of expenses as posts are visited.

We also recommend that \$200.00 of cash funds now on hand be invested in good interest bearing securities.

E. A. SHORES, Chairman,
H. W. NORTH,
J. M. COMSTOCK,
J. H. PAUL,
O. D. McDONALD.

Comrade Banks then moved that the allowance to the Department Commander for visiting posts be fixed at \$150. Motion lost.

Comrade Comstock of Post No. 8 spoke in favor of the recommendation of the Council of Administration, that the allowance for expenses for visiting posts be \$250. This was supported by a speech made by Comrade Shores, Post No. 6, and Comrade A. S. Johnson, Post No. 44, and was opposed by Comrade I. S. Brown, Post No. 31; Comrades

W. H. Wiscombe, Post No. 47, and O. D. McDonald, Post No. 24, spoke in favor of same. On vote of Encampment the recommendation was adopted, allowing the Department Commander the sum of \$250 for visiting posts as per conditions named by the Council of Administration.

Comrade Wm. H. Pinckney, Post No. 32, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Comrade M. M. Holmes, Post No. 1, read a resolution, which was also referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Comrade H. J. Sloan, Post No. 116, moved the appointing of a Committee on Resolutions on the death on June 8th of Comrade Captain Robert W. Williams, Past Vice Commander. Carried. Committee appointed: R. H. Ball, J. E. Gandy, F. H. Hurd.

On motion it was voted that the election of Department Officers would take place on Friday, June 26, at 2 p. m.



The Department Chaplain then made his annual report, so far as reports from posts had been received.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Headquarters Department of Washington and
Alaska, G. A. R.

Seattle, June 29th, 1914.

To Comrade John E. Stewart,
Department Commander.

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

Number of Posts in Departments.....	89
Number of Posts reporting Memorial Services.....	33
Memorial Sabbath Services.	
Number of Posts attending services.....	33
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	33
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	2
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	4
Number of comrades present at such services.....	1,371
Memorial Day Services.	
Number of Posts reporting Memorial Day Services.....	33
Number of comrades participating in Memorial Day Services	1,902
Number of graves decorated.....	1,759
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	246
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day Services	77
Number of pupils participating.....	20,303
Number of other organizations participating.....	63
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day	33
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	6
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	6
Number of Posts having burial plots.....	19

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: By proving ourselves worthy of all we desire. This covers all reports received.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
S. P. SMITH,
Department Chaplain.

Comrade O. D. McDonald called the attention of the Encampment to the parade at 4 o'clock p. m. Thursday, June 25, and gave other notices.

The Encampment then adjourned to meet promptly at 1 o'clock p. m. Thursday, June 25.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, June 25.

Every seat of the Metropolitan Theater was filled by fully 1800 delegates, visitors and citizens before 10:30, the hour set for the flag presentation exercises, which marked the giving of a very handsome silk National Flag to the North Side High School, by the Woman's Relief Corps of this department. The W. R. C., the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Daughters of Veterans all held short morning sessions at which routine convention business was transacted, but all of these bodies adjourned early in order to attend the exercises at the theater.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, June 25.

At 1:00 o'clock Department Commander J. E. Stewart opened the Encampment in convention session for a short meeting before the parade at 4:00 p. m.

The Officer of the Day announced a delegation from Daughters of Veterans were at the outposts. The Commander appointed Comrades J. A. Clark, J. J. Hamburg, and J. G. Norton, all of Post No. 1, as a committee to escort the delegates into the Encampment.

Elsa J. McIntyre, Emma Gibbs, Mabel Stuart, Emma Eakin, Mrs. Ida M. Lovejoy, Mrs. Jynce Quever, Mrs. Anna Miller, Elizabeth McLean, May Simonds, Rachel Peterson, Pearl Desilets, Della Hackett, Frances M. Mackey, Edith

Collins, Anna Burgerson, Mattie Anderson, and Ollie Morse were introduced and received with much enthusiasm.

Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Quever addressed the Encampment with words of greeting to the Grand Army of the Republic, to which Department Chaplain S. P. Smith responded in behalf of the members of the Encampment. Mrs. Desilets gave a whistling solo of patriotic airs. The delegation then retired.

Officer of the Day then reported a delegation from the Spanish War Veterans at the outposts. Commander Stewart appointed Comrades D. C. Brown, Post No. 31, and M. E. Mumford, Post No. 112, a committee to receive and introduce them, and W. P. Brown and Major Cunningham of the Spanish War Veterans and Mrs. Harvey J. Moss, Department President, and Mrs. Margaret Saylor, Department Secretary of Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans and Daughters of Veterans, and member of Clara Barton Tent No. 1, were admitted.

Short speeches were made by each of the visitors, to which a response was made by E. A. Shores, welcoming the delegation of Spanish War Veterans as auxiliary to our Encampment. Delegations then retired.

The report of Committee on Credentials was called for, and made as follows:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to make the following report:

We find present and properly accredited—

Department Officers	12
Post Commanders	27
Past Post Commanders	260
Delegates	160

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Respectfully submitted,

E. B. HOPKINSON,
J. L. BISHOP,
GEO. W. FURRY.
Committee on Credentials.

A motion was made that J. R. Hayden Post No. 118 and Schofield Post No. 126, be considered as one post in this Encampment. Explanations were asked for, and the Department Commander stated that Posts Nos. 118 and 126 had been consolidated into one post, to be known as Schofield-Hayden Post No. 118, the new post taking over the entire membership of the other two and other comrades, as charter members. The right of the new post to be represented by delegates in this Encampment was opposed by several members present, and a sharp discussion followed, resulting in the matter being referred to the Credential Committee for decision.

The Chairman of Committee on Credentials reported that said committee would hold a special meeting at Headquarters, at 8 a. m., June 26, at which time all interested were invited to be present and arguments would be considered.

A recess was declared and a committee representing the City of Centralia was announced and admitted, and Mr. H. M. Robinson addressed the Encampment with invitation to hold the next one in 1915 at Centralia, and promised support of political bodies and civic societies as well as of the citizens of that place generally, to make the meeting a success. Thanks for invitation was rendered, with assurance that the same should receive proper consideration by the Encampment.

This committee then retired, and M. C. McClosky and J. P. James, representatives of the Lummi tribe of Indians from Lummi Reservation, were admitted, and invited the Encampment, with ladies attending other patriotic bodies, now in session in the city, to visit the Potlatch to be held at Gooseberry Point in their reservation, Saturday, June 27. Thanks were given for invitation, and visitors retired.

The Encampment was then declared in business session by the Commander. Immediately the Officer of the Day announced that Clark Savage, representing the Sons of Veterans, was at the outposts, and E. A. Shores was appointed to escort him into the Encampment. The visitor announced that he was from Sheridan Camp No. 24, Olympia, Wash., and addressed the meeting. Suitable response of welcome and appreciation for their assistance as descendants of the "Boys in Blue" was made and the comrade retired, when the Officer of the Day again appeared and reported still another delegation at the outpost, this time from the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Commander appointed as a committee of reception, Comrades E. A. Shores, Post No. 6; M. F. Haas, Post No. 31; C. B. Dunning, Post No. 8; and Rose Houghton of Seattle, Lou Broyles of Burlington, A. L. Eldred of Everett, Annie Brackett of Hoquiam, Anna Campbell of Orting, and Lillian E. Whitaker of Bellingham, were admitted and escorted to the platform. Each of these ladies addressed the Encampment, after which the delegation presented the Department Commander, J. E. Stewart, with an excellent umbrella with appropriate remarks. Commander Stewart accepted the gift with thanks, and Comrade C. B. Dunning was detailed to respond to the Ladies of the G. A. R., and A. F. Haas also addressed them, after which they retired.

At 3:30 the Encampment adjourned to 9:30 Friday morning, June 26th, in order to join in the parade at 4:00 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

Friday, June 26.

Encampment resumed business at 9:30 a. m., Department Commander J. E. Stewart in the chair.

The Committee on Credentials then made a supplementary and special report, as per instructions, as follows:

Bellingham, June 26, 1914.

The Committee on Credentials has duly considered the matter pertaining to the consolidation of J. R. Hayden Post No. 118, and Schofield Post No. 126, into one post, to be known as Schofield-Hayden Post No. 118, and beg leave to report, that it is the opinion of this committee that the new post should be entitled to the same number of delegates in this Encampment as were the two original posts, inclusive, and we have duly accredited Schofield-Hayden Post No. 118 with six delegates, that being the number that the two posts taken separately were entitled to.

(Signed) E. B. HOPKINSON,
J. L. BISHOP,
GEO. W. FURRY,
Committee on Credentials.

Comrade Richhart, Post No. 47, moved that the original report of the Credential Committee, together with the supplementary report, be the roll of the Encampment. Carried.

Comrade John J. See, Post No. 68, offered a resolution, which was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Comrade C. B. Dunning moved that Comrade J. M. Comstock be appointed a committee of one to send a resolution of greetings from the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., to Comrade Charles R. Conner at Los Angeles, California, and also to forward him a delegate badge. Carried unanimously.

Resolved, That this Encampment, in regular session assembled, hereby extends to our absent comrade, Charles

R. Conner, our most tender and sincere greetings, with hopes and prayers for his speedy recovery, and to restoration of his usual good health.

(Signed) J. E. STEWART,
Department Commander.

Official:

E. B. HOPKINSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

The following resolution was then submitted:

Resolved, That all resolutions and communications presented to the Thirty-second Department Encampment held at Bellingham, Washington, June 23d to June 27th, concerning the employment of Veterans of the Civil War, according to the Statutes of the State of Washington, also the employment of Civilians at Soldiers' Home, be referred to the following committee, to-wit:

The incoming Department Commander, O. D. McDonald of Bellingham, and E. A. Shores of Tacoma, with authority to visit Governor Ernest Lister, and other State Officers as said committee may deem proper, taking with them copies of all resolutions and communications received at said Department Encampment, with the object of remedying any matters prejudicial to the Veterans of the Civil War, if in the judgment of said committee any wrong or injustice does exist after full and proper investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. STEWART,
Dept. Commander,
Dept. Washington and Alaska.

Comrade Knight moved that when we adjourn this forenoon it shall be to meet at Central Hall at 1:00 p. m. Carried.

Officer of the Day reported a delegation from the Women's Relief Corps at the outpost. The Commander appointed as a committee to escort the ladies into the Encampment, Comrades Shores, Haas, and Dunning, and Department President Mrs. Bennington, Past Department President Mrs. Stewart, Past Department President Mrs. Mock, and Past S. V. President Mrs. Chambers were escorted to the platform. Past Department President Mrs. Melissa U. Stewart, as chairman of committee, read the annual report of Department President.

To J. E. Stewart, Department Commander of Washington and Alaska, and Members of the Thirty-second Annual Encampment:

Sir and Comrades: I bring to you, and through you, to the Thirty-second Annual Encampment, the Greetings of 3,260 loyal women, that comprise the Women's Relief Corps of Washington and Alaska, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and submit the statistical report of the work rendered during the year ending March 31st, 1914:

Number of Corps in Department.....	62
Number of members in good standing.....	3,260
Cash expended during year	\$795.75
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	833.29
Cash sent Memorial, South.....	38.00
Cash balance on hand in General Fund.....	108.00
Cash balance on hand in Relief Fund.....	10.82
Cash received for Flag Fund.....	58.10
Cash received for flowers for State Soldiers' Home, Orting	6.50
Gift for Veterans' Home (Wash.).....	37.20

(Signed) MYRA BENNINGTON,
Department President W. R. C.

Past Department Senior Vice President Mrs. Chambers and Past Department President Mrs. Mock also addressed the Encampment, after which the Department President, Mrs. Bennington, made a stirring speech of greeting, and presented the Department Commander, J. E. Stewart, with a beautiful Past Department Commander's Badge and a

Watermelon, which called forth a recital of an incident at Chattanooga, in which Mrs. Bennington and a watermelon were leading characters.

Comrade J. L. Smith, Post No. 8, recited the story of old John Burns:

JOHN BURNS AT GETTYSBURG.

Have you heard the story that gossips tell
Of Burns of Gettysburg? No? Ah, well,
Brief is the glory that hero earns,
Briefer the story of poor John Burns:
He was the fellow that won renown,—
The only man that didn't back down
When the rebels rode through his native town;
But held his own in the fight next day,
When all his townfolk ran away.
That was in July, sixty-three,—
The very day that General Lee,
Flower of the Southern chivalry,
Baffled and beaten, backward reeled
From a stubborn Meade and a barren field.

I might tell how, but the day before,
John Burns stood at his cottage door,
Looking down the village street,
Where, in the shade of his peaceful vine,
He heard the low of his gathered kine,
And felt their breath with incense sweet;
Or I might say, when the sunset burned
The old farm gable, he thought it turned
The milk that fell like a babbling flood
Into the milk-pail, red as blood!
Or how he fancied the hum of bees
Were bullets buzzing among the trees,
But all such fanciful thoughts as these
Were strange to a practical man like Burns,
Who minded only his own concerns,
Troubled no more by fancies fine
Than one of his calm-eyed, long-tailed kine,
Quite old-fashioned and matter-of-fact,
Slow to argue, but quick to act.
That was the reason, as some folks say,
He fought so well on that terrible day.

And it was terrible. On the right
Raged for hours the heady fight,
Thundered the battery's double bass,—
Difficult music for men to face;
While on the left—where now the graves
Undulate like the living waves
That all the day unceasing swept
Up to the pits the rebels kept—
Round-shot ploughed the upland glades,
Sown with bullets, reaped with blades;
Shattered fences here and there,
Tossed their splinters in the air;
The very trees were stripped and bare;
The barns that once held yellow grain
Were heaped with harvests of the slain;
The cattle bellowed on the plain,
The turkeys screamed with might and main,
And the brooding barn-fowl left their rest
With strange shells bursting in each nest.

Just where the tide of battle turns,
Erect and lonely, stood old John Burns.
How do you think the man was dressed?
He wore an ancient, long buff vest,
Yellow as saffron,—but his best;
And, buttoned over his manly breast,
Was a bright blue coat with a rolling collar,
And large gilt buttons,—size of a dollar,—
With tails that the country-folk called "swaller."
He wore a broad-brimmed, bell-crowned hat,
White as the locks on which it sat.
Never had such a sight been seen
For forty years on the village green,
Since old John Burns was a country beau,
And went to the "quiltings" long ago.

Close at his elbows all that day
Veterans of the Peninsula,
Sunburnt and bearded, charged away;
And striplings, downy of lip and chin,—
Clerks that the Home-Guard mustered in,—
Glanced, as they passed, at the hat he wore,
Then at the rifle his right hand bore;

And hailed him, from out their youthful lore,
 With scraps of a slangy repertoire;
 "How are you, White Hat?" "Put her through!"
 "Your head's level!" and "Bully for you!"
 Called him "Daddy,"—begged he'd disclose
 The name of the tailor who made his clothes,
 And what was the value he set on those;
 While Burns, unmindful of jeer and scoff,
 Stood there picking the rebels off,—
 With his long brown rifle, and bell-crowned hat,
 And the swallow-tails they were laughing at.

'Twas but a moment, for that respect
 Which clothes all courage their voices checked;
 And something the wildest could understand
 Spake in the old man's strong right hand,
 And his corded throat, and the lurking frown
 Of his eyebrows under his old bell-crown,
 Until, as they gazed, there crept an awe
 Through the ranks in whispers, and, some men saw,
 In the antique vestments and long white hair,
 The Poet of the Nation in battle there;
 And some of the soldiers since declare
 That the gleam of his old white hair afar,
 Like the crested plume of the brave Navarre,
 That day was their oriflamme of war.

So raged the battle. You know the rest:
 How the rebels, beaten and backward pressed,
 Broke at the final charge and ran,
 At which John Burns—a practical man—
 Shouldered his rifle, unbent his brows,
 And then went back to his bees and cows.

That is the story of old John Burns;
 This is the moral the reader learns:
 In fighting the battle, the question's whether
 You'll show a hat that's white, or a feather.

—Francis Bret Harte.

The W. R. C. ladies then retired.

A telegram was received and read from Oscar A. Janes,
 National Adjutant General, as follows:

"Detroit, Mich., June 26, 1914.

J. E. Stewart,
 Department Commander G. A. R.,
 Bellingham, Wash.

The Commander-in-Chief regrets his inability to be with
 you at your Department Encampment. He sends to the
 comrades in Encampment assembled his fraternal greetings
 and best wishes for a successful and harmonious meeting.

OSCAR A. JANES,
 Adjutant General."

The Department Commander then requested the Adju-
 tant to read the following announcement:

Friday, A. M., June 26, 1914.

To Presiding Officer:

Please announce that after noon of today all Railroad
 Certificates will be stamped both by the G. A. R. stamp
 and the Agent of the Railroad Companies at the office of
 the Northern Pacific Ry., one door west of the Metropolitan
 Theater.

E. B. HOPKINSON,
 Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.
 By J. WAYLAND CLARK,
 Registrar.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, Chairman of Committee on Reso-
 lutions, presented the following report:

Headquarters, Department Washington and Alaska.
Bellingham, Wash., June 26, 1914.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg to report as follows:

Resolved, That all resolutions and communications presented to the Thirty-second Department Encampment held at Bellingham, Washington, June 23d to June 27th, concerning the employment of Veterans of the Civil War, according to the Statutes of the State of Washington, also the employment of Civilians at the Soldiers' Home, be referred to the following committee, to-wit:

First. The incoming Department Commander, O. D. McDonald of Bellingham, and E. A. Shores of Tacoma, with authority to visit Governor Ernest Lister and other State Officials, as said committee may deem proper, taking with them copies of all resolutions and communications received at said Department Encampment, with the object of remedying any matters prejudicial to the Veterans of the Civil War, if in the judgment of said committee any wrong or injustice does exist after full and proper investigation.

Second. That the rules of the State Board of Control governing the admission of the wives of Veterans to the Washington Veterans' Home at Port Orchard, should be so changed that said wives be eligible two years after marriage, and further that when a Veteran and his wife are both members of the Home and the husband dies and his widow marries another member of the Home, that both be eligible to remain members of the Home.

Third. That we most heartily tender thanks to the Mayor of the City of Bellingham, Mayor De Mattos; the President of the Chamber of Commerce, W. P. Brown; the Superintendent of City Schools, Elmer L. Cave; the Board of Education, and especially, the boys and girls of the public schools, for their hearty support in the parade and the

exercises of the Encampment, and to the good citizens of Bellingham for their hospitable entertainment of this, the Thirty-second Encampment of Washington and Alaska.

Your committee extends thanks to the outgoing Administration for the zeal in administering the work of the Department.

IN MEMORIAM.

Again we are called upon to announce the death of two of our Department Officers, who have passed away to the Great Beyond during the past year, viz.:

J. N. Koontz, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and Captain Joe Dickerson, Color Bearer. Past Post Commanders: Captain R. Williams, Mt. Vernon, and Lieutenant F. P. Weymouth, Spokane.

J. E. GANDY,

J. S. BROWN,

O. D. McDONALD,

Committee.

Comrade Bates of Post No. 68 addressed the Encampment on the resolutions above reported, as did also Comrades J. L. Smith and C. B. Dunning of Post No. 8.

The resolutions presented by the Committee on Resolutions were then unanimously adopted as read.

Comrade F. H. Hurd, Chairman of Committee on the Death of Comrade Capt. R. T. Williams, made the following report:

Captain Robert W. Williams was born in the State of New York; enlisted in the Fifty-seventh Massachusetts Infantry, Company I, in August, 1863; was slightly wounded in the Wilderness fight, and later, in the battle in front of Petersburg, lost a leg; was Captain of Company I when discharged. Comrade Williams moved to the State of Wash-

ington in 1888, his home being in Mount Vernon, where he was a member of D. A. Russell Post No. 35, G. A. R. Since then he has served as Junior Vice Department Commander during one term, and as Aide on the staffs of several Commanders-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Comrade Williams was identified with the business interests of Mount Vernon from the time he located there until his death, June 17, 1914. As a citizen, he was loved and respected; was well known as an enthusiastic and loyal member of the G. A. R.

Therefore, be it Resolved, That by the death of Comrade Williams, the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., has lost a loyal, devoted comrade; our country, one who sacrificed and shed his blood in its defense; the State of Washington, a worthy citizen; and his widow and children, a devoted and loving husband and father; and be it further

Resolved, That to his afflicted widow and family, we, comrades of the Department of Washington and Alaska, extend our sympathy in this their time of sorrow and affliction.

R. H. BALL,
J. E. GANDY,
F. H. HURD.



Comrade J. L. Smith, Post No. 8, was called for and recited the poem, "The Flag at Cedar Creek," with explanation of origin of same.

THE FLAG AT CEDAR CREEK

'Twas at Cedar Creek, and the fight was on,
And our whole battalion lay
Awaiting word from Sheridan
To swing into the fray.
Our horses stood with girths a-loose;
The men were lounging nigh;
When around a wood on the valley road,
The general galloped by.

Our men leaped to their feet and stood
One hand on bridle rein,
One hand to visor in salute,
While general, staff and train
Swept on, with a rolling cloud of dust
A-following on the plain.
They halted where I stood on the right
Of the line; and then we knew
Our time was near, and we should hear
The work we had to do.

"Major," Sheridan said, "you see
On the high point over there,
A rebel flag!" We looked away
To a hump on the hillside, where
A patch of color dimly showed
Through the powder-laden air.
'Tis the flag at Early's headquarters;
I want it. Bring it here!"

It was all he said; and away he sped
With his staff, in full career,
Our men broke out in a mighty shout,
And followed cheer with cheer,
For every man in the cavalry corps
Believed in Little Phil,
And into the nether gate of doom
Would ride at his word with a will.

"To horse!" the bugle called; and next
 "In column of troops!" it blew.
 It was still as death, and we held our breath
 For the next,—though well we knew!
 "Forward! Trot!"—and away we rode
 To the dip of the vale below
 And the long gray ranks of infantry,
 The battle-line of the foe.

A-through that bristling line, our course
 As straight as an arrow lay
 To the flag of Early on the hill,
 A half a mile away.
 Bloody the path will be!—thought I;
 And bitter will be the fray;
 And many a gallant soul will look
 His last on earth today!

Yet when the bugle sounded "Charge!"
 And we gave our horses rein,
 And the sharp spur sank in the heaving flank,
 And the frenzied rush began,
 A cheer rose high to the bending sky,
 For the great suspense was o'er!
 'Tis a weary wait at the gate of fate,
 But a lightsome dash through the door!

"But the flag"—you ask—"did you get the flag
 Of Early, upon the hill?"
 When the day was done, and the field was won,
 They took it to Little Phil,
 But I—do you see this empty sleeve?
 'Tis a souvenir of that fight,
 And a hospital cot was my weary lot
 For many a day and night.

Never a braver soldier breathed
 Than the gallant lad in gray,
 Who led the band that kept their flag
 In the focus of that fray.
 He hewed my arm as I grasped the staff,
 And I left him there for dead,
 With so fell a stroke that my saber broke
 On the fair young hero's head.

At a late reunion, July Fourth,
 Of veterans, blue and gray;
 I marched with a tall Virginian
 From somewhere Winchester way;
 I spoke of the battle of Cedar Hill,
 And he said, "I was with you thar!"
 He doffed his hat, and his grizzled head
 Was scored with a mighty scar.

"That cavalry charge of the Keystone men
 Was a fearsome sight!" said he,
 "Up—on they swept, and over our line
 Like a break of an angry sea.
 I rallied my men to the regiment flag,
 And we fought till we all went down.
 Myself with a stroke that almost broke
 An opening into my crown!"

"Your hand!" I cried. "Let me clasp your hand!
 It was I who struck that blow!
 And I always counted you as dead,
 Thank heaven it is not so!
 You bettered the blow; for the good left arm
 That seized the flag that day,
 Was near cut through by your vicious hew,
 And the surgeon cut it away!"

Then side by side through the capital streets
 We marched together, we two;
 No foes were we, though in gray marched he,
 And I in the army blue.
 One flag was floating over us both,
 The flag that our fathers bore!
 And here we stand one heart, one hand,
 One country evermore!

Explanation of Story Told in Rhyme.

This story is not literally true, but figuratively true. Sheridan did not say, "bring that flag," but did say to General George A. Custer and his staff, "General, I want those guns." Custer rode along his line of his division, calling for his best mounts. Many started on that eight-mile ride

to get in the rear of those sixteen guns that had been slaughtering a part of the Sixth Corps and shelling us further back. When we arrived at the ranks of the Confederates supporting those guns, we arrived with Colonel E. W. Whitaker, Chief of Custer's staff (who is now living in Washington, D. C.), leading only 120 men. We were told to get those guns, and told not to stop to fight their support. We did not stop, and in a very few moments we were onto the guns, and I should say in five minutes every man at those guns were killed or wounded and the guns turned on their support. The road leading from Fisher's Hill toward Strasburg was filled with dead and wounded. Comrade Comstock, do you know the record of our division (Custer's) now in the War Department? "Never lost a gun, and captured every gun the enemy turned on us; six rebel generals, ten thousand prisoners, and destroyed two million dollars' worth of property."

On the day of the Grand Review, at Washington, our division was given the head of the line. Poor Custer! After his brilliant achievements the Government never recognized his services.

Faternally,

J. L. SMITH, M. D.

The Encampment then adjourned to meet at Central Hall at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

J. E. STEWART,

Department Commander.

Official:

E. B. HOPKINSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Friday, June 26, 1:00 o'clock.

Encampment called to order by the Department Commander J. E. Stewart, in Central Hall.

Past Commander M. M. Holmes moved that we now select the place of meeting of the next Encampment. Carried.

Past Department Commander Banks moved that Centralia be selected for the next Encampment in 1915. Motion seconded by several comrades.

The Adjutant read a communication from the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Centralia, also from the Commercial Club of that city, inviting the Encampment to meet there in 1915.

City of Centralia, State of Washington.

E. Mabel Lee, City Clerk.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Convention assembled in Bellingham, Washington:

Gentlemen: We, the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Centralia, Washington, hereby extend to your Honorable Body an invitation to hold your 1915 Convention in Centralia.

We will do all that is in our power to help make it a successful convention.

Respectfully,

H. W. THOMPSON,

Mayor.

A. E. SEARS,

W. B. KEIR,

Commissioners.

Centralia Commercial Club,

Centralia, Wash.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, in Convention assembled in Bellingham, Washington:

Gentlemen: At an open meeting of the Centralia Commercial Club Thursday, May 14, 1914, the Resolution Com-

mittee was instructed to draw resolutions inviting your Honorable Body to meet in our city in your 1915 Encampment, together with the United Spanish War Veterans, the W. R. C., and the Ladies of the G. A. R.

If we succeed in getting these different organizations to meet together we will have one of the grandest Conventions of this kind ever held in the State of Washington. Each organization will be provided with an Encampment Hall. Our city will be decorated to suit the occasion, and one of the best bands in the State of Washington will be placed at your service. There will also be other entertainment provided.

In considering the different invitations for the 1915 Convention, with their different offers, we believe that the transportation facilities should be deeply considered, in which Centralia far excels that of any other city in the State. We have forty-four passenger trains arriving and departing daily, and by the time of the next Convention the Milwaukee will be running trains through our city, which will add four to six more passenger trains, enabling the delegates to arrive and depart at their convenience. The railways will co-operate with us in granting you your usual fare and one-third rate, and our Commercial Club and the citizens generally will do all in their power to help make it one of the most successful Conventions your organization has ever held.

Therefore, the Central Commercial Club extend to your Honorable Body a cordial invitation to hold your 1915 Convention in Centralia.

Respectfully,

J. R. BUXTON,

Chairman of the Resolution Committee.

Comrade M. B. Wood of Centralia explained the situation and the abundant facilities to take care of all who will attend.

The Adjutant then called the roll of the Encampment.

Moved and seconded that the Adjutant cast the vote of the Encampment for Centralia as the next meeting place in 1915. Carried. The vote was so cast by the Adjutant, and the Department Commander declared that Centralia has been selected as the place of meeting of this Encampment in 1915.

Two o'clock having arrived, the hour for electing the Department Officers, as per previous vote and announcement, the Encampment then proceeded with that business, and nominations for Department Commander was called for.

Comrade Shores presented the name of H. B. Burdick of Custer Post No. 6, for Department Commander.

Comrade T. S. Quinn of Post No. 9 presented the name of Hiram R. Gale of U. S. Grant Post No. 116, for Department Commander.

Comrade A. M. Kent, Post No. 1, presented the name of W. E. Benson of same post for Department Commander.

Comrade J. E. Gandy of Post No. 8 presented the name of H. W. North of John Buford Post No. 89, for Department Commander.

Comrade A. H. Knight seconded the nomination of H. B. Burdick.

Comrade J. H. Leiter seconded the nomination of H. R. Gale.

Comrade A. F. Haas seconded the nomination of W. E. Benson. Comrade S. B. Laffing also seconded the nomination of W. E. Benson.

Comrade D. C. Wadsworth seconded the nomination of H. B. Burdick.

Comrade J. H. Miller seconded the nomination of H. R. Gale.

Comrade C. M. McCress, Post No. 89, seconded the nomination of H. W. North.

Comrade E. A. Coulter, Post No. 7, seconded the nomination of H. B. Burdick.

Comrade J. C. Brown seconded the nomination of W. E. Benson.

Comrade J. S. Brown, Post No. 31, seconded the nomination of H. B. Burdick.

Voted to close the nomination for Department Commander, and that the ballot be spread. Ballot was taken, resulting as follows:

For Burdick	79
For Benson	53
For Gale	111
For North	74
Total	317

Necessary for choice, 159. No choice.

Comrade Benson then withdrew his name, leaving three candidates, and second ballot taken, at which

Burdick received	77
Gale received	147
North received	91
Total	315

Necessary to a choice, 158. No choice.

Comrade Burdick then withdrew his name and third ballot was taken. Before the final count of votes was announced, Comrade North withdrew his name and moved that the election of Hiram R. Gale be made unanimous. Carried, with cheers.

Commander-elect H. R. Gale was called to the front and addressed the Encampment, and read a letter from the

American-Spanish War Veterans of Bellingham endorsing him.

Past Department Commander Hurd then placed in nomination O. D. McDonald of Steedman Post No. 24 as Senior Vice Commander. Comrade J. S. Brown moved that nominations be closed and that the Adjutant cast the vote of Encampment for O. D. McDonald for Senior Vice Commander, which was done.

Comrade R. R. Harding nominated as Junior Vice Commander D. L. Mitchell of Pacific Post No. 48, and the Adjutant was instructed to cast the vote of Encampment for same, which was done.

Comrade E. B. Hoadley nominated J. L. Smith, Post No. 8, as Medical Director. Nomination closed, and Adjutant cast the ballot for the Encampment.

Comrade Knight of Custer Post nominated S. P. Smith, Post No. 31, as Department Chaplain, and the Adjutant was directed to cast the Encampment vote, and these several officers were declared elected.

The following named comrades were nominated as members of Council of Administration:

E. A. Shores, Post No. 6
 F. H. Hurd, Post No. 1
 M. D. Wood, Post No. 82
 J. M. Comstock, Post No. 8
 H. W. North, Post No. 89

Comrade Holmes moved that nominations be closed and candidates elected by acclamation. Carried unanimously.

The following comrades were then chosen as delegates to the National Convention at Detroit, Mich.:

Delegates—

J. J. Eden, Delegate at Large, Post No. 24
 Wm. H. Pinckney, Post No. 32
 A. A. Knight, Post No. 6
 E. R. Harding, Post No. 4
 J. P. McCafferty, Post No. 9
 Wm. Simmons, Post No. 10
 Allen Gerrish, Post No. 89
 D. J. Knapp, Post No. 68
 J. F. Randolph, Post No. 31
 A. P. Spaulding, Post No. 1
 Wm. Badger, Post No. 9

Alternates—

At Large—R. H. Ball, Post No. 18
 J. P. Ford, Post No. 14
 A. A. Brundage, Post No. 10
 S. S. King, Post No. 6
 A. T. Hesford, Post No. 82
 H. E. Kellogg, Post No. 31
 J. W. Monsell, Post No. 1
 H. W. Doty, Post No. 48
 M. E. Mumford, Post No. 112
 E. F. Humerson, Post No. 8
 G. L. Herrick, Post No. 1

Moved that incoming Commander make all arrangements for installation. Carried.

Moved to adjourn till 7:00 p. m. to this hall. Carried.

J. E. STEWART,

Department Commander.

Official:

E. B. HOPKINSON,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

Bellingham, June 26,

Armory Hall, 7:00 p. m.

Being unable to secure Central Hall for installation, the Encampment was convened in this hall and was called to order by the Department Commander, who detailed C. B. Dunning as Installing Officer, and E. C. Kilbourne as Special Officer of the Day, to act as such during installation ceremonies.

The Officer of the Day was instructed to present the officers-elect, as reported by the Adjutant, who then called the roll. The following officers were then duly installed:

Hiram R. Gale of Bremerton, Post No. 116, as Department Commander.

The Department Commander-elect then appointed Ed S. Walker of the same post as Assistant Adjutant General and as Assistant Quartermaster General.

O. D. McDonald of Bellingham, Post No. 24, as Senior Vice Commander.

D. L. Mitchell of Port Angeles, Post No. 48, as Junior Vice Commander.

J. L. Smith of Chattaroy, Post No. 8, as Medical Director.

S. P. Smith of Seattle, Post No. 31, as Department Chaplain.

The retiring Department Commander then declared the Thirty-second Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., closed sine die.

J. E. STEWART,

Department Commander.

Official:

E. B. HOPKINSON,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

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IN MEMORIAM.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH DICKERSON, better known by his friends from Maine to Washington as Captain Joe, died at Cadiz, Ohio, October 11th, 1913.

He was born in 1834, September 11th, on a farm, and died in his 80th year within ten feet of the spot where he was born. He was loved by all who knew him. He enlisted among the first in 1861, in Company B, Thirtieth Ohio Infantry, served out the first enlistment, reenlisted in same regiment, and was discharged August 13th, 1865, as Captain of said company; this commission being signed by President Lincoln for bravery in action.

Ten days after this regiment left Ohio it was engaged in battle in Virginia at Conifax Ferry. Captain Joe was in the 2nd Bull Run, Fredrick, Antietam, South Mountain, and then the regiment was sent to the Western Army, where he participated in the battle of Zazoo, Champion Hills, Siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Missionary Ridge, Knoxville, Atlanta Campaign, Ezra Church, Sherman's March to the Sea, Fort McAllister, Bentonville, Kenisaw Mountain, Mickijack Creek, Jonesboro, Clinton, Sopus Cross-roads, and Salada River, besides numerous skirmishes. Was wounded at Antietam, carrying the Regimental Flag, and at Vicksburg, carrying Brigade Flag. He held every position in his company, from Private to Captain.

He was a member of John F. Miller Post, G. A. R., of Seattle, from its organization. He has attended every Department Encampment and some twenty National Encampments. He was Department Color Bearer twenty-one years, Delegate at Large to the National eleven years, and was National Color Bearer in 1913.



CAPT. JOE DICKERSON
Department Color Bearer
Died Oct. 11, 1913

His means were accessible to old soldiers, and he often said, "I would rather be cheated by some than refuse one really worthy. Traveling or at home, he always insisted on paying his share of expense.

He leaves in Ohio one brother, at Cadiz, also a Veteran, and a brother, Thomas, in Marion, Kansas. His family was a patriotic one; two brothers served in the 170th Ohio, one was Color Sergeant of the 98th, another served in the 43d and 180th. Never missing a meeting of the Legion when he was in the State, will miss his hearty laugh.

His love for the Flag was noted by all; one of the last things he said to his niece at his bedside was, "Gertie, are the Stars and Bars still down?" She answered "Yes," and he said, "That is good," showing that love for the Flag and his Country was still his ruling passion.

He was hardly well enough to go to the last National Encampment, but a friend had promised to go and take care of him; he was so feeble that he was unable to carry the Flag in that parade, and the Commander-in-Chief put him on the reviewing stand. He was full of life until the Flag went by, when he cried like a child and collapsed. He did not stay for the work of the Encampment, but took the cars for Cincinnati, where a doctor took him in charge and took him home, where he died as above stated.

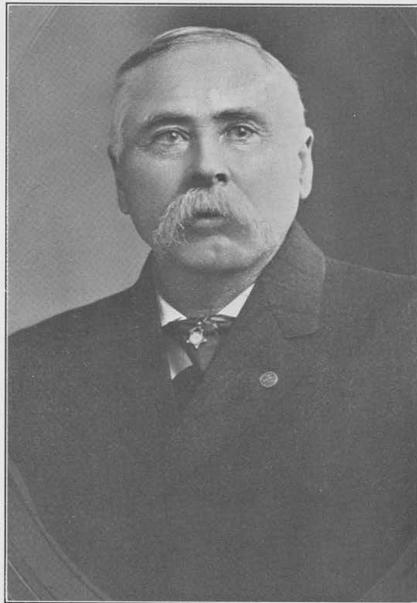
GEORGE H. BOARDMAN,
LYMAN BANKS.



JOSEPH NEWTON KOONTZ, the subject of this memorial, was born in Mahaska County, Iowa, July 25th, 1845, where he lived with his parents until he was 10 years of age, when the family moved into Harrison County, Missouri. While he was yet scarcely nineteen years old, feeling the fever of patriotism burning within him, he enlisted on the 13th day of August, 1864, in the 43d Missouri Infantry, and served his country with an intensity of devotion, which was a leading characteristic of his entire life. Within a year after his enlistment, the war closed, and he was mustered out of the service, June 30th, 1865.

On September 15th, 1866, he was married to Miss Mary Bandy, and in the year 1886, moved to the City of Spokane, Washington, where he resided during the remainder of his life. He conducted a mercantile establishment in Spokane for a number of years, and in a manner so successful and honorable, that he made a host of friends, who always honored and respected him for his unswerving honesty and integrity.

He was an untiring and devoted worker in the Grand Army of the Republic. He joined Sedgwick Post No. 8, Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R., and in the year 1899 most acceptably served as its Post Commander, and afterwards for many years and almost to the day of his death, was its most zealous and efficient Quartermaster. In the summer of 1913 he was appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General for the Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R. by Department Commander J. E. Stewart, and served faithfully until within a few months of his death, which occurred at Spokane, Washington, January 29th, 1914.



J. N. KOONTZ
Asst. Adjutant General and Asst. Quartermaster General
Died Jan. 29, 1914

That men of such nobility of purpose and character, should be removed ere the full measure of their ability to serve humanity is exhausted, is one of the unsolved mysteries of life.

His remaining family, his many friends, and the comrades of the G. A. R., will long remember his friendly hand-grasp, and his genial words of love and comradeship.

Signed: J. E. STEWART,
Department Commander.

Attest:

E. B. HOPKINSON,
A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.



A CARD.

In retiring from the office of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, I desire to express my appreciation for the assistance given me during my term of office by our retiring Department Commander, J. E. Stewart, and for the very efficient service to me rendered by Comrade J. M. Comstock, during the sessions of the Encampment.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

E. B. HOPKINSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

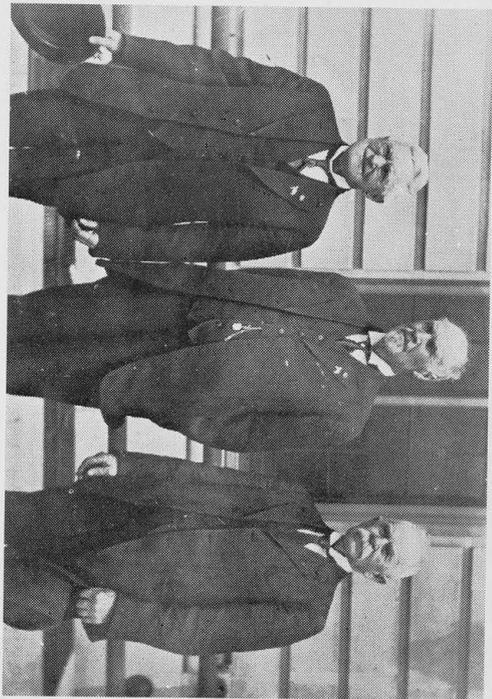
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The committees in charge of arrangement for the Annual Encampment proved their worth by making every provision for the comfort and convenience of their guests during the entire stay. The people of Bellingham and far into the country around showed their appreciation of our visit, and their loyalty to our cause by their patriotism in decorating their city, and their homes so beautifully with our National Colors.

During our entire stay the business sessions were so interwoven with social gatherings, that there was something to entertain everyone all the time.

Tuesday evening, June 23d, 1914, Central Hall was filled to its utmost capacity by citizens of Bellingham, and visiting comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and auxiliary bodies, the occasion being an informal greeting and reception of department officers. Stirring speeches of welcome and response were made by Hon. J. P. de Mattos, Mayor of Bellingham; W. P. Brown, President of Bellingham Chamber of Commerce, and a Spanish War Veteran; Dr. J. E. Gandy of Spokane; J. E. Stewart, Department Commander, G. A. R.; Mrs. Myra Bennington and Mrs. Mattie N. Bean of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Otellie M. Bartel of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; and Mrs. Lida McKereher of the Daughters of Veterans, and others. Several numbers of select readings and music were given, after which the department officers of all the patriotic bodies present formed a line and spent an hour in shaking hands with the almost endless line of citizens and friends.

Wednesday evening, June 24th, one of the pleasing events of the Encampment was the exemplification of ritualistic work of the W. R. C. at Central Hall by the local Corps of Bellingham, and witnessed by the members of the G. A. R. as honorary members. The work was well done



O. D. McDONALD

J. J. EDENS

T. W. GILLETTE

BELLINGHAM ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

and was pronounced by inspectors to be almost perfect in every detail. The beautiful floor work and martial tread appealed to the fancy of the old soldiers who witnessed it. After the work was completed, a social hour was enjoyed, and ice cream and cake were served by the members of J. B. Steadman, W. R. C., No. 31.

Thursday the Encampment adjourned at 10:30 a. m. to attend the Flag Presentation exercises at the Metropolitan Theatre. Mrs. Myra Bennington, Department President of the W. R. C., introduced Mrs. Mattie N. Bean, Department Patriotic Instructor, who in well chosen words presented to the Bellingham North Side High School a beautiful silk flag. In accepting the flag, Dr. R. W. Gray, President of the Bellingham School Board, expressed a sentiment of gratitude from the school children. The response was made by Elmer L. Cave, Superintendent of Schools, embodying Sir Rodman Drake's famous tribute to the flag, and giving assurance that the fostering and nurturing of patriotic influence will be his effort in so far as the administration of the schools are concerned.

Miss Betty Rock gave a reading entitled "Old Comrades." Sixteen girls drilled by members of J. B. Steadman Corps, were heartily applauded. Miss Mary Davis, who won the Loyalty Pin for writing the best patriotic essay, read her essay to the assemblage and received the award at the hands of the department officers. Miss Alice Coleman of the Bellingham School of Music, sang as a solo, in a magnificent soprano voice, "The Star Spangled Banner." The Department Commander grasped the newly presented flag and stepped forward to the footlights, waving it aloft, the soloist continued with her song, the audience joining in the chorus, cheering enthusiastically when the National song was completed. Thus ended one of the most patriotic and interesting meetings of the entire session.

The Annual Parade. Long before the scheduled hour arrived, the principal streets of Bellingham were crowded

on each side and even on the street by many thousands of citizens of that beautiful city and vicinity. The "Clerk of the Weather" had given us a perfect day, one of the finest of the year. The citizens had shown their patriotism by a profuse display of bunting and the Star Spangled Banner everywhere in evidence. Business houses and private residences vied with each other in decorating, and the streets were bright with gay costumes and flags.

The older and feebler veterans were provided with seats in automobiles, and many others, not feeling quite able to stand a long march, patiently stood by to see their comrades pass in review. At 4 o'clock the procession, headed by Grand Marshal Geo. W. Mock and Aides E. E. Hardin, W. P. Brown, and E. M. Day, mounted, turned into Holly Street from Elk Street. These were followed by a cordon of police, York's military band, the Spanish-American War Veterans with their drum and bugle corps, and the Second Company, C. A. R. C., in command of Captain E. W. Turner. Then came the famous Port Orchard fife and drum corps from the State Veterans' Home, which played almost continuously during the time the procession was under way. Directly behind the fife and drum corps was the Department Color Bearers, carrying the Stars and Stripes and the Department Ensign, and then the long lines of blue. By actual count there were 490 veterans on foot, not counting those who rode in automobiles or waited along the line of march.

Two veterans of the Army of the Confederacy marched side by side with two survivors of the Army of the North. The nurses of the Civil War occupied the next position in the parade and the women's auxiliaries of the Grand Army, headed by the Wenatchee fife and drum corps, followed. Like the Port Orchard corps, the "boys" from the east of the mountains reeled off "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "Marching Through Georgia," and other airs. There were 270 women in the lines of the women's auxiliaries,

not including about 50 who rode in automobiles. Like the veterans, the women marched two abreast, and each carried an American flag. They were warmly cheered as they passed in review.

On either side of the veterans and the women's auxiliaries, a solid line of more than 300 school girls, dressed in white, and carrying flowers, marched. At intervals the girls tossed flowers in the path of the soldiers. Following the women's auxiliaries, twenty school boys carried a large American flag, and the proud step with which the lads marched was second only to that of the veterans themselves.

The Mayor and City Council and the Board of Education followed in automobiles. Superintendent of Schools E. L. Cave carried the silken flag that was presented to the North Side High School earlier in the day by the Women's Relief Corps. An automobile driven by P. C. Adams carried "Uncle Sam" personified, the make-up being well carried out.

Sixty automobiles were next in the procession, these being heavily decorated with flags and bunting and carrying feeble veterans and members of their families. One machine labeled "Third Iowa Cavalry," and driven by George E. Gage, carried Captain J. Q. A. De Huff of Tacoma, who was a member of the Iowa Cavalry with Captain A. H. Gage, father of George E. Gage.

A large float entered by the local Coast Artillery men, and showing a camp scene with tent pitched and arms stacked, flanked the procession.

Not an accident occurred during the parade and not a comrade fell in the ranks. It was pronounced one of the best in the history of the department.

Bullet Torn Flag is Carried in G. A. R. Parade.

Telling a story more vivid than any construed by the skillful hand of a novelist, is the tattered, bullet-rent silk

flag carried in the G. A. R. parade yesterday by John Gannon, of the Soldiers' Home at Orting.

The flag, but a mere remnant of its former silken beauty, shows the tolls of war in the same degree as the scars of the veterans. Through the red and white stripes are at least a dozen small holes which show the fury of whizzing lead. Several of the stars have been patched and repatched, roughly and in apparent haste, evidently between skirmishes.

It was carried in many of the famous battles of the Civil War, among them being Bull Run, Williamsburg, Hanover Courthouse, Fair Oaks, Cedar Mountain, Manassas, Antietam and Fredericksburg.

The flag is owned by J. Wayland Clark, having been presented to him by Captain I. T. Meary, in the 11th Regiment of the New York Volunteers.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25.

The one big public social session of the G. A. R. Encampment was the "camp-fire," which drew such a crowd to the Metropolitan Theater that many had to remain standing through the performance, while many who were unable to secure seats went home without participating. The theater seats 2,000 people and was filled to its capacity. The program was diversified and interesting, inspiring awakened patriotism in the citizenry and intensifying the ardor of national loyalty which keeps the remnants of the G. A. R. together year by year, adding to the undertakings by which the old soldiers and their ladies exemplify the spirit of their struggles of former years. The big, happy crowd last night was diversified and swayed by the unique and the interesting, being taken rapidly from emotion to laughter by the stories the old comrades told incident to the war.

Probably no more impressive and lasting story was told than that by Comrade Knight, who, as an officer, commanded a regiment of colored troops during the war. He began by saying that he wished only to pay a small tribute to "the boys in black" for their undaunted courage while defending the Stars and Stripes. His story dealt with a color sergeant who carried the flag to the enemy's breastworks. The negro troops behind him were almost annihilated, and the few that escaped the deadly fire were forced to fall back.

On the following morning the negro color sergeant crawled into camp. One leg was shot away and only a few tattered remnants of the flag remained attached to the staff. Reaching an officer the color sergeant handed the flag to him, saying, "Captain, here is all that is left of it, but it never once touched the ground."

Good Stories Are Told.

Chaplain Luce of the Port Orchard Soldiers' Home, a veteran of more than ninety years of age, and the oldest man attending the Encampment, told of a play that was produced in Ford's Theater at Washington, D. C., soon after President Lincoln was assassinated there. During the course of the play, he said, George Washington was shown welcoming President Lincoln to heaven. Two boys sat in the gallery, and one asked the other, "Johnny, do you think President Lincoln and President Washington went to heaven?" Johnny replied that he did not know, but if they ever made up their minds they wanted to go to heaven all hell could not keep them out.

A feature of the camp-fire was a fancy drill by the Daughters of Veterans, in which the women, dressed in white and carrying American flags, executed a number of difficult movements without a single mis-step. They were warmly cheered at the completion of each movement and forced to answer an encore.

The readings of Mrs. Franz Haskell, the first, telling of a widow waiting for her second love, and the second, an encore, of pupils giving a reception at a country school, had a laugh in every line.

Addresses Well Received.

The patriotic addresses were well received and the veterans and their guests were generous with applause for the different speakers. The program was completed by the audience joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The program follows:

Remarks.....	Department Commander J. E. Stewart
Address	J. M. Comstock
Address	J. J. Donovan
Fancy Drill.....	Daughters of Veterans
Address	A. F. Haas
Reading and Enore.....	Mrs. Franz Haskell
Address	Comrade Knight
Address	F. F. Handschy
Address	T. W. Gillette
Address	C. W. Howard
Address	L. H. Hadley
Song by Audience	

Again we wish to refer to the drills of the ladies of the different organizations during the Encampment, and that of the Daughters of Veterans on this occasion, was certainly a pleasure to witness. The perfect alignment of files, the military precision of the evolutions and quickly changing maneuvers following in rapid succession called forth instant, oft-repeated and enthusiastic applause.

Friday evening, installation of officers of all the organizations took place in the Armory. This was followed by a grand ball.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27.

After the labors of a busy session of the Encampment many of the members of all branches of the consolidated patriotic bodies enjoyed a trip to Gooseberry Point to attend the Potlatch given by the Lummi Indians at their reservation. The early morning hours were overcast and cloudy, with little prospect of pleasant weather, but before the hour set for starting the weather cleared up, the sun came out, and a delightful day followed. The waters of Bellingham Bay were placid and the hundreds who took passage on the various boats enjoyed to the fullest extent the ride, down the bay, the beautiful scenery and everything connected with the excursion. At the picnic ground everybody turned loose for a good time, and that "salmon bake" prepared by the Lummi Indians—well, that was a great treat, and every one who wore the little brown button or a badge of any affiliated society was welcome to eat their fill.

The thanks of the Department Officers are due and given to our comrade, Mr. O. D. McDonald, and to the captain of the "Spokane" for their courtesy and kindness, on that occasion.

The trip was certainly the best number of the Encampment.

Program at the Reservation, Saturday, June 27.

- A. M.—All Indian Children's Parade, Single File.
Baseball, Lummi vs. Tulalip Indians.
Salmon Bake and Mussels Free to All.
- P. M.—Indian Ball Game, all with Clubs, or Shiny Game.
Men's Obstacle Race.
Eleven Men Canoe Race.
Men's Egg Race.
Diving Contest.
Upset Race.

"And now Old Time untiring has rolled his cycle round,
And they have built a noble city, the city by the Sound.
Now, Grand Old Mt. Baker, from thy great and noble
height

Above the mountain's round thee, above the eagle's flight,
Look down and bless these people in the bright land they
have found,

For all this Department shall hear of Bellingham, Bel-
lingham on the Sound."

LAST WORDS.

Another year has passed and we notice as we have looked over the comrades assembled in Annual Convention, that many faces, often seen in other years, are missing. Scores of our comrades have answered the last Roll Call and been transferred to the Great Army on the other shore, but notwithstanding the fact that so many have left us, we have, by earnest effort and untiring missionary work, succeeded in keeping our roll up to the standard of a year ago, from recruits and reinstatement of comrades from our own and other departments. But we are reminded that the burial service has been and will continue to be repeated with ever-increasing rapidity in the years to come, and that members of small and weak posts must put forth still greater efforts to care for comrades who are growing feeble and to persuade worthy veterans of the Civil War who, at present, are not members of the Grand Army to become so.

There are many such scattered over all parts of our state. They need OUR support and fraternal assistance, and we need THEM in many ways. And Comrades, let us not grow weary in teaching the boys and girls to honor "Old Glory," our nation's flag. Teach them at the home fireside, in the public schools, and from the church pulpits

to love it, and to protect it, and the principles for which it stands; and more, let us discourage, at all times, the use of anything resembling the so-called Confederate Flag, for decorative or other purposes, as has in some instances been done in the past—

'Then Hurrah for 'Old Glory,'
Our banner so beautiful,
Baptized with the life-blood
Of heroes so dutiful.
We'll hail and defend this
Symbolic creation,
So loved and revered by
Th' American nation —

for while we cheerfully admit that no braver men ever lived than those we met on the fields of battle, in the days of '61-5, and while we are sure that many of our former foes were actuated, by (what we believe to be, mistakes) ideas of loyalty and patriotism, we also believe that it is better to remember these brave men only as friends and brothers, but that the flag for which they fought be forgotten, save in the history of the past.

"Furl that banner, for it's weary!
Round its staff 'tis drooping dreary,
Furl it, fold it; it is best,
Furl it, hide it; let it rest."

Commander-in-Chief Washington Gardner suggests the following:

That further and special efforts be put forth, to recruit to the maximum of strength every post in the several departments.

By efficient committees appointed by commanders of posts to canvass the supporting territory, and secure a list of the names, company and regiment of every honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the Civil War, and

that following this an earnest effort be made to have every one of these take his rightful place in the Order.

Also by using every effort to aid in establishing the Woman's Relief Corps as an auxiliary to the posts where there is no corps organization; and also by giving every proper encouragement by posts, to our sons and daughters, in their efforts to establish and maintain Camps of Sons of Veterans, and Tents of Daughters of Veterans to the end that fires may be rekindled and blaze with a brighter flame, on the altars of patriotism in every part of our commonwealth.

Our Auxiliaries.

Before closing we desire to express our appreciation for the assistance and effective work of our associated bodies, the Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, and the Daughters of Veterans, all of which have done so much to encourage the old "Boys in Blue" in their (our) declining years. In our official capacity we are fully aware of the fact that had it not been for the efforts of the W. R. C., several posts must have gone "down and out" during the past year, that now are in good standing and determined to continue their post organization. Each auxiliary society has done its full share in patriotic work, nor would we forget to mention the Daughters of the G. A. R., that society of young and loyal ladies who have labored so successfully to entertain and care for our fast thinning ranks of the G. A. R. Carefully compiled statistics show that the average age of those comrades attending the Encampment at Bellingham exceeded 71 years. The report of our National Officer, the Adjutant General, shows that 11,338 of our members have been "mustered out" during the past year. Life insurance men say that the natural life expectancy of men aged 71 is 8 years, and that with this showing in ten years 60 per cent of our membership will have passed away, and we must conclude

that in twenty-five years the Grand Army of the Republic will exist only in the memory of the people.

And now with kind thoughts and many thanks to the citizens of Bellingham, for their liberal hospitality, and especially to the committee who labored so unceasingly for our comfort, to hotel people at headquarters for their patient and courteous treatment; to the Bellingham press for its generous notices of coming events, and copious and accurate reports of convention proceedings; to the railroad officials for their considerate and ample accommodation to the members of our affiliated bodies while en route to and from the Encampment, and to all others who showed us kindness, we retire from our official positions and give way to our worthy successors.

In bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

J. E. STEWART,

Department Commander.

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E. B. HOPKINSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



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