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AT THE  
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT PITTSBURGH, PA.,  
OCTOBER 13, 1882,  
AND  
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION AT COLUMBUS, O.,  
AUGUST 6, 1883,  
TOGETHER WITH  
A COMPLETE ROSTER OF THE OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1883,  
GENERAL ORDERS, Etc.

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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
COLUMBUS, O., August 6, 1883. }

Pursuant to orders issued by Commander-in-Chief H. T. Rowley, the Commandery assembled at headquarters of Governor Dennison Camp, No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, on August 6, 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

Commander-in-Chief, in taking the chair, appointed Bro. John J. Miller, of Trenton, N. J., as acting Adjutant General.

The meeting was then opened in due form.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three on credentials be appointed. Carried.

The following brothers were appointed by the chair to serve on said committee, viz: H. L. Wright, Auburn, Me.; W. E. Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio; W. E. Morris, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Credentials then held a meeting and reported the following brothers entitled to vote according to their respective States:

MAINE.—Col. S. M. Heath, P. D. C., Col. F. P. Merrill, D. C., Capt. H. L. Wright, Brevet-Col. W. Eldridge.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Col. F. J. Bradford, D. C., Capt. Charles L. Brown, J. B. Maccabe.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Col. Frank H. Challis, D. C.

VERMONT.—Capt. Wells Valentine.

CONNECTICUT.—Col. William H. Pierpont, D. C.

NEW YORK.—Col. C. B. Westbrook, Col. John M. Straup.

NEW JERSEY.—Col. C. Crawford, D. C., J. J. Miller.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA.—Gen. H. T. Rowley, P. D. C., Col. H. W. Orth, P. D. C., Col. J. A. Wood, J. H. Seiferth, W. H. Davis, W. E. Morris.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.—E. W. Alexander, P. D. C., J. H. Closson, P. D. C., R. M. J. Reed, P. D. C., Capt. E. J. Thornton, C. C. Morton, W. W. Franklin, J. S. Stewart.

DELAWARE.—Col. R. H. Brown, D. C., ——— McCracken.

MARYLAND.—Gen. W. E. W. Ross, G. D. C., Capt. H. C. Grove.

- OHIO.—Gen. W. C. Wikoff, Col. W. R. Byers, Col. E. H. Gilkey, D. C.  
 Capt. Ed. Vincent, C. M. Cott.
- MICHIGAN.—Warren W. Brainerd, H. Hodges, D. C.
- WISCONSIN.—Col. J. A. Fletcher, D. C.
- INDIANA.—G. M. Allen, D. C., W. H. Armstrong, P. D. C., J. E. Edmunson.
- ILLINOIS.—R. W. Smith, P. D. C., Gen. W. J. Maskell, G. D. C., W. C. McReynolds, P. D. C., J. Mayo Palmer.
- MINNESOTA.—E. E. Taylor, W. H. H. Taylor.
- MISSOURI.—Col. Aug't Saltzman, D. C., Capt. C. A. Windmuller, Capt. J. G. Schneider.
- NEBRASKA.—Col. M. F. Waite, P. D. C., Col. S. W. Coglizer, D. C., Maj. H. G. Clark, E. French.
- KANSAS.—John E. Jenkins, D. C., R. W. Jenkins, P. D. C.
- COLORADO.—F. E. Brown, Gen. A. V. Bohn.
- IOWA.—Col. W. T. Wilkinson, D. C., Sydney Pryne.

The Committee respectfully suggest that the votes be taken by States; that the Division Commanders cast said votes as designated by the Delegates present, and in the event there is no division representative, the said votes to be cast by the Commander of the Grand Division of which said represented State is a part.

H. L. WRIGHT,  
 E. H. GILKEY,  
 W. E. MORRIS,  
*Committee on Credentials.*

The minutes of the last meeting held at Pittsburgh were then read and approved.

The following committees were then announced by the chair:

*Committee on Credentials.*—C. C. Morton, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. R. Byers, Columbus, O.; H. L. Wright, Auburn, Me.; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.; John J. Miller, Trenton, N. J.

*Committee on Reports of Officers.*—W. C. Wikoff, Columbus, O.; W. E. Morris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ed. M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.; Fred. J. Bradford, Lowell, Mass.; F. H. Challis, Manchester, N. H.

*Committee on Commandery and Grand Divisions.*—J. B. Maccabe, Boston, Mass.; W. R. Byers, Columbus, O.; John H. Seiferth, Pittsburg, Pa.; Ed. J. Thornton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Severn B. Sharp, Lake Village, N. H.

*Committee on Division and By-Laws.*—E. H. Gilkey, Columbus, O.; J. H. Closson, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. H. Saltzman, St. Joseph, Mo.; Frank P. Merrill, Auburn, Me.; S. W. Coglizer, Weeping Water, Neb.

*Committee on Camp Constitution and By-Laws.*—J. W. Alexander, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. F. Baker, Trenton, N. J.; Miles W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; H. M. E. Flint, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. H. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.

*Committee on General Rules and Regulations.*—C. E. Crawford, Camden, N. J.; Ed. M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.; W. W. Franklin, Lancaster, Pa.; Frank P. Merrill, Auburn, Me.; John A. Wood, McKeesport, Pa.

*Committee on Rituals.*—A. H. Saltzman, St. Joseph, Mo.; W. J. Maskell, Chicago, Ill.; H. A. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ed. J. Thornton, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. L. Wright, Auburn, Me.

*Committee on Unwritten Work.*—W. S. Eldridge, Auburn, Me.; E. H. Gilkey, Columbus, O.; J. B. Maccabe, East Boston, Mass.; Charles M. Cott, Columbus, O.; W. H. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Moved and seconded that the Convention adjourn, to meet again at  
2 P. M.

Adjourned till 2 P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Meeting called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

Report of Gen. William J. Maskell, of the Third Grand Division,  
read and referred to the proper committee, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS THIRD GRAND DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS, }  
CHICAGO, ILL., August 4, 1883. }

*Gen. H. T. Rowley, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans of the United States, Greeting:*

SIR—I have the honor to report that at the last annual meeting of the Sons of Veterans, held at Pittsburgh one year ago, the territory which comprised the Third Grand Division had not within its limits one Camp of the Order, and when I was commissioned and assigned to the command by the Commandery-in-Chief it seemed to me a herculean task to work and preach up the doctrine of our Order, and to locate Camps among a disinterested people. But the duty was assigned me, the work had to be done, and with a cheerful heart I assumed command and at once my missiles of warfare drifted far and beyond my immediate surroundings; and though many of those missiles fell on barren ground, I faltered not in my mission, but procured new seed and again sent it far and near, this time to be rewarded with a remunerative crop of "Sons," which is now and in the near future the staunch and solid bulwark of the Order within the territory I have the honor to command. I must here make mention that while the older Eastern States had good material for Camps, I found in the Western States that the old soldiers there residing came there since 1865, and not until then, or years after, did those old soldiers contemplate the idea of raising Sons of Veterans to perpetuate their memories. Therefore I have to report that material for our Camps are principally young, and the growth of Camps retarded thereby. But the work must be done. It is done, and in districts where Camps were not located six months ago, the change is as follows:

Camps in each State, and with applications pending for Charters in each State: Illinois, 4 camps; Nebraska, 3 camps; Kansas, 5 camps; Minnesota, 3 camps; Michigan, 1 camp; Indiana, 3 camps; Missouri, 2 camps; Wisconsin, 3 camps; Iowa, 1 camp; Kentucky, 1 camp. Making a total of 26 camps.

The present condition of the Order in the Third Grand Division is both pleasant and satisfactory, and much credit is due to Col. M. F. Waite and Col. S. W. Coglizer of Nebraska, Col. Aug. Saltzman of Missouri, Col. R. W. Jenkins of Kansas, and many other well known brothers who are officers in the Sons of Veterans.

I hope to be able to report one year hence one hundred Camps in addition to the numbers mentioned in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MASKELL,  
Commander Third Grand Division.

It was then moved and seconded that the Commandery go into election of officers to serve for the ensuing year. Carried.

Bro. Frank P. Merrill, of Auburn, Maine, was then nominated for Commander-in-Chief, and there being no other nomination the Adjutant was instructed to cast the ballot, and Bro. Frank P. Merrill was declared elected.

There were two nominations for Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief, namely: Bro. W. C. Wikoff and Bro. August Saltzman. Bro. Wikoff withdrew and the Adjutant was instructed to cast the ballot, and Bro. Saltzman was declared elected.

There being no other nominations, the Adjutant was instructed to cast the ballot, and Bro. Charles C. Morton, of Philadelphia, was declared elected Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief.

There being no other nomination for Chief-of-Staff, the Adjutant cast the vote, and Bro. H. L. Wright, of Auburn, Maine, was declared elected.

Moved and seconded that election of Council-in-Chief be deferred until Tuesday morning, August 7th. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Bro. E. H. Gilkey be declared by dispensation a Past Division Commander. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to consider the claims of certain brothers to brevet rank. Carried, and Bros. J. R. Woods, Frank P. Merrill and W. E. Morris were appointed to serve on the committee.

On motion, it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief in Philadelphia, subject to the call of the Commander-in-Chief.

On motion, seconded and carried that one of the brothers from the East exemplify the unwritten work for the benefit of the brothers present. Brother Seiferth then went through the forms in the presence of the Commander-in-Chief.

Moved and seconded that the meeting now adjourn, to meet at 8 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, August 7th.

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TUESDAY, August 7th, 9:45 A. M.

Meeting called to order, with Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief W. C. Wikoff in the chair.

Meeting opened with prayer by Chaplain-in-Chief W. R. Byers.

Report of General Ross, commanding Second Grand Division, read and ordered placed on the minutes, as follows:



COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 6, 1883.

*To the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America:*

SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor to report the following operations in the Second Grand Division.

By your direction I assumed command of this Grand Division January 16, 1883, and issued General Orders No. 1, directing all Camps within this Grand Division to report to me for enrollment at headquarters. In response to this order, Col. David Lanning, of Ohio, reported Dennison Camp No. 1, of Columbus, and Ben Fearing, of Marietta. Colonel Orth, of Pittsburgh, reported five Camps in the Western Division of Pennsylvania; these were the only Camps organized, and I immediately entered into correspondence with prominent Grand Army of the Republic comrades in the several States, and asked their assistance and co-operation in extending the Order. The result has been most gratifying, and we now have ninety-seven Camps with a membership of 4,470.

Upon my accession to office, I found an opposition organization of the Sons of Veterans with the following Camps: Thirty in Pennsylvania, three in Delaware, two in Maryland, three in Ohio and two in New Jersey. With the exception of a few Camps in Massachusetts, this organization was confined exclusively to the States within the Second Grand Division. Upon inquiry I found the greatest dissatisfaction existing in the Camps of this Order, and by correspondence with the Division Colonels I found nearly all anxious to sever their connection with the Order in which they were working, and attach themselves to the national organization, and in April, assisted by Bro. John A. Rodrigo, I mustered into the National Commandery the Division of New Jersey, with three Camps, which has since increased to nine. Twenty-four Camps of the Division of Pennsylvania formally withdrew from the opposition, and were mustered into the Commandery-in-Chief, to which has been added twenty-six new Camps, making fifty in all, with a membership of over 3,000. One Camp withdrew from the opposition in Maryland, to which one more Camp has been added. One withdrew from Ohio, to which sixteen new Camps have been added, making nineteen in all. The Delaware Division withdrew in a body, and are now awaiting muster into this Commandery. Four Camps have been added to the Western Division of Pennsylvania. Eight Camps have been organized in New York, and two in the Division of the Potomac; and all are in a thriving and prosperous condition. My thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Brevet Col. R. M. J. Reed, of Pennsylvania; Col. James H. Closson, of Pennsylvania; Brev. Col. John A. Rodrigo, of New Jersey; Lieut. Col. John J. Miller, of Pennsylvania; Col. Robert Crawford, of New Jersey; Col. R. H. Brown and Adjutant McCracken, of Delaware; and Gen. W. C. Wickoff, of Ohio, for valuable services in their respective Divisions.

Through General Orders, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic extended an invitation to the representatives of both branches of the Sons of Veterans to be present at Denver, Col., on the occasion of the annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at that place, July 25, 26 and 27, for the purpose of uniting under one head. In compliance with this invitation, representatives

of this Commandery-in-Chief from the Divisions of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Maine, Connecticut, Kansas, Rhode Island, Colorado, Ohio and New York appeared before the committee on the Commander-in-Chief's address, consisting of Comrades Clark, Department Commander of Ohio; William Warren, Department Commander of Missouri; Comrades Harper, of Pennsylvania; Valentine, of Vermont, and Puterbaugh, of Illinois, and laid before them the Rituals and National Rules and Regulations of this Commandery-in-Chief, which were approved, and, on motion of Comrade Harper, a resolution was prepared and unanimously adopted by the committee recommending that the G. A. R. recognize and encourage this branch of the Order known as "The Sons of Veterans of the United States of America." This resolution was unanimously adopted by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The committee's report was based upon the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief in his address, as follows:

"They (Sons of Veterans) should harmonize. If their proper officers do not appear here and coalesce, this Encampment should recognize one branch or the other." The action of the Grand Army removes one of the greatest obstacles to our success, and we should extend a cordial invitation to our brothers of the other branch to join with us and assist in placing our Order in the front rank of social and charitable organizations, and every effort should be made to deserve the high compliment conferred upon us by the G. A. R. Many Camps in process of formation have been holding off, awaiting the decision of the National Encampment, that will now join us, and Division and Grand Division Commanders should use every exertion to extend the Order until every State is organized and mustered into this Commandery-in-Chief.

Very respectfully,

WM. E. W. ROSS,

*Commanding Second Grand Division.*

Report of Brev. Maj. Gen. I. S. Bangs, of the First Grand Division, read and accepted:

HEADQUARTERS FIRST GRAND DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS, }  
WATERVILLE, MAINE, July 16, 1883. }

*H. W. Wilker, A. A. G.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor to submit the following report:

I asumed command of this Grand Division October 22, 1882. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say I did so with great reluctance, as I had no knowledge of the status of the Order, none of the Order itself, save of its objects and principles as indicated in its Constitution and Laws. I had no conception of the magnitude of my self-imposed task or I should never have accepted its responsibilities. My last official act before leaving for Denver and the National Convention of the G. A. R. is the writing of this report, and it must necessarily be brief, for the business incident to the settlement of my losses by the burning of my mill on the 3d inst. demands every moment up to the hour of my departure.

Upon assuming the duties of my office I immediately made an appeal to comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic for aid in establishing Camps, and for advice in the appointment of officers. I

was moderately successful from the first, and without dwelling upon the difficulties and discouragements I have encountered. I present to you the First Grand Division, well organized in five of the New England States, operating harmoniously, with one permanent and four provisional Divisions, comprising at this writing twenty-nine Camps, and nearly 1,400 members, and entirely out of debt. Personally, in my zeal, I trusted everybody for anything ordered, and am patiently waiting the convenience of officers and Camps for quite a large sum of money. I would gratefully acknowledge the assistance so cheerfully rendered by my friends of the Grand Army of the Republic, by my comrades who were strangers even, who have, through love of their Order, earnestly desired to see its principles and objects perpetuated in this kindred organization. Without this assistance all my efforts would have been futile. I firmly believe the strength of our Order lies in the provision so wisely inserted in our organic law, of inviting the co-operation and personal supervision of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As great cycles of time have marked the rise and fall of nations, leaving the names and history of their great and good men as beacon lights to guide the world to a higher civilization and greater liberty, so will the presence in our Camps of these loyal citizen soldiers who saved our country from disunion and our flag from dishonor, to teach their sons to respect them living, to revere their memory dead, to teach them that the freedom of thought and of speech, the freedom of birth and of inheritance is handed down to them on the points of their fathers' good swords.

I present the permanent Division of Maine, most efficiently organized and officered, with fourteen flourishing Camps, commanded by an officer of large and varied experience, whose name is a tower of strength to the Order in the Dirigo State. I present to you the New Hampshire Division with seven excellent Camps, commanded by the son of a Past Department Commander, thoroughly qualified in every respect. I present to you the Vermont Division with its four Camps, its Colonel a physician of distinction, and a lecturer in the State Medical College.

I present to you the Division of the old Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with three Camps that have cost me more labor, prudence and charity than all the other Camps in New England, with a young man of most exemplary character and energy at its head.

I present to you Connecticut and Rhode Island, with their Camps present and prospective, in which State we are indebted to Grand Army of the Republic comrades for all that has been accomplished.

This record is not a brilliant one, but it must stand as my initial effort. Whatever the result, I have wrought with fidelity, indefatigably.

I have aimed at results rather than elaboration of red tape and assumption of authority. I have been Commander, Assistant Adjutant General, A. Q. M. General, all in one.

I have written more than 2,000 pages like these, have distributed more than 30,000 blanks and circulars, and many hundreds of badges, ribbons, etc.

None but myself can ever know the many ways in which I am indebted to the Mentor of our Order and its founder, the indefati-

gable, devoted Major A. P. Davis, and to General Ross, commanding the Second and Third Grand Divisions, for words of advice, encouragement and hope—for suggestions of value so material to my success.

The establishment of this grand Order upon a permanent basis, requires ability and energy in a marked degree.

Let us, brothers, build our foundation deep and broad, cement it by brotherly love, and upon that place a superstructure that shall do honor to the fathers of our Republic.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. BANGS,

*Brevet Major General, Commanding.*

Gen. H. T. Rowley then made a statement, saying that the Order was in a prosperous condition, that it was entirely free from debt except a few accounts due brothers in the Order.

General Ross then offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That hereafter all recommendations to the Commandery-in-Chief for brevet promotions or the conferring of brevet rank or past honors, shall emanate from Division or Grand Division Encampments, and shall contain the following information in writing: Name; age and occupation of the candidate; name and number of Post of G. A. R. or Camp of Sons of Veterans; highest rank held in G. A. R., Camp, or active service; full statement of the reasons for asking the conferring of brevet rank, and shall be signed officially by the Commander and Adjutant of the Division from which the recommendation comes.

*Resolved*, That all officers holding brevet rank and now commanding Divisions and Grand Divisions of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America in process of formation, who shall serve their full term or until a permanent Division or Grand Division shall have been formed, shall select the Camps to which they desire to be attached, and placed upon the roll of the several Divisions in which they reside, as Past Division or Past Grand Commander: *Provided*, That nothing in these resolutions shall be construed as granting to honorary members of the Sons of Veterans the right to vote in their Camps or Commandery-in-Chief.

Report of Committee on Brevet Rank read and adopted:

*To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:*

BROTHERS—Your committee would recommend that the following brevet ranks be conferred:

- Dr. W. S. Eldridge, Brigadier General.
- Col. E. H. Gilkey, Brigadier General.
- Gen. A. P. Davis, Past Commander in-Chief.
- Col. R. M. J. Reed, Brigadier General.
- W. W. Wharton, Major.
- Maj. H. F. Spicer, Lieutenant-Colonel.
- Carl Bancroft, Brigadier General.
- Col. J. N. Closson, Brigadier General.
- Col. M. F. Waite, Past Division Commander.
- Brig.-Gen. D. P. Field, Major General.
- W. H. Armstrong, Past Division Commander.

Philip Cheek, Past Division Commander.

And all past elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, with the exception of Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted by this committee.

JOHN A. WOOD,  
FRANK P. MERRILL,  
WALTER E. MORRIS.

Report of Committee on Rituals suggesting changes read and adopted, as follows :

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 7, 1883.

*To the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America :*

We, the undersigned, your Committee on Rituals, have the honor to report that we have examined a new ritual printed by Merrill & Moore, at Auburn, Me., as official June 1st, 1883, and a revised edition, and respectfully recommend the approval and adoption thereof, with the exception of a part of the charge to the Brother Surgeon elect, being all after the word "competent," in fifth line in said charge, and place in lieu thereof the following, to-wit:

I charge you, therefore, to the best of your skill and ability, to attend a sick brother with a fraternal spirit when called upon, that he may be retained to us to assist us in the noble work and objects for which we have organized ourselves."

Further, that said Merrill & Moore be authorized to publish the same for the use of the Order.

Further, that the rituals shall contain a certificate signed by the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant General of its official character.

AUG'T SALTZMAN.  
E. J. THORNTON.  
W. J. MASKELL.  
H. L. WRIGHT.

The Adjutant was instructed to cast the ballot for Council-in-Chief, there being no opposition, and the following were chosen :

HERBERT A. GOSS, . . . . .	Maine.
FRANK H. CHALLIS, . . . . .	New Hampshire.
J. M. MACCABE, . . . . .	Massachusetts.
ED. J. THORNTON, . . . . .	Pennsylvania.
JOHN A. WOODS, . . . . .	Pennsylvania.
EDGAR R. VINCENT, . . . . .	Ohio.
GEO. M. ALLEN, . . . . .	Indiana.
H. C. WINDMULLER, . . . . .	Missouri.
B. F. RISK, . . . . .	Illinois.
F. E. BROWN, . . . . .	Colorado.
F. H. STORAH, . . . . .	Maine.
WELLS VALENTINE, . . . . .	Vermont.
S. ELLIS RIPLEY, . . . . .	Maine.
A. S. LIBBY, . . . . .	Maine.
H. F. BAKER, . . . . .	New Jersey.

Moved and seconded that Merrill & Moore be instructed to print copies of these minutes for distribution among the various Camps.

It was then moved and seconded that the Past Commander-in-Chief proceed and install the officers elect. General Ross, by the request of General Rowley, then, by the form used, installed the said officers.

The Commander-in-Chief then announced the following appointments, and stated that the vacancies not then filled would be filled in General Orders:

ADJUTANT GENERAL, . . . . .	FRED L. EDGECOMB, Auburn, Me.
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, . . . .	JOHN C. BLAKE, Auburn, Me.
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, . . . .	EDMUND M. AMIES, Altoona, Pa.
INSPECTOR GENERAL, . . . . .	E. H. GILKEY, Columbus, O.
CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, . . . .	JOHN J. MILLER, Trenton, N. J.
CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF, . . . . .	W. R. BYERS, Columbus, O.
SURGEON GENERAL, . . . . .	J. HAYDEN WOODWARD, Bellevue Hospital, N. Y. City.
CHIEF ORDNANCE OFFICER, . . . .	EDWIN B. BENNETT, Chicago, Ill.

All to rank as Colonels.

The Commander-in-Chief then installed the appointive officers that were present at the meeting.

Resolutions of thanks read:

WHEREAS, The Sons of Veterans has, as an Order, successfully passed through in the past year of its existence, a period full of perils more than once threatening its entire destruction; therefore

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Commandery-in-Chief are hereby tendered to our retiring Commander-in-Chief, Harry T. Rowley, and Staff, and to Generals Wm. E. W. Ross of the Second, I. S. Bangs of the First, Wm. J. Maskell of the Third and A. V. Bohn of the Fourth Grand Divisions, for the untiring energy and perseverance which has characterized their administration, and without which our present success would have been impossible.

Motion made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to secure reduced rates for the next convention, and the following were appointed said committee, viz: E. H. Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Penn.; John C. Blake, Auburn, Me.

Recommendation of Council-in-Chief adopted.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 7, 1883.

*To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans of the United States of America:*

We, the undersigned, do hereby approve the following bills presented to us for our approval:

Past Commander-in-Chief H. T. Rowley, expenses, incidentals for year ending August 6, 1883.....	\$590 00
Col. A. P. Davis, do.....	200 00
Total.....	\$790 00

In accordance with R. & R., Art. 1, Sec. 5, we do hereby recommend that each division pay to the Grand Division a charter fee of fifteen dollars, and each Grand Division pay to the Commandery-in-Chief a

charter fee of twenty-five dollars. Also we recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief do furnish all supplies appertaining to the Order, the price of which shall be fixed by the Commandery-in-Chief at a price above the actual cost of manufacture. These prices shall be published in a price-list to be furnished to all camps in the Order without charge.

A discount of twenty-five per cent. shall be allowed all Grand Divisions, which shall in turn allow a discount of twenty per cent. to all Divisions, which shall in turn conform strictly to the list in supplying camps. This list shall not include badges, which shall be furnished Grand Divisions at fifteen per cent., which shall in turn furnish Divisions at — per cent.

We also recommend the assessment of a "per capita" tax of fifteen cents on all Grand Divisions, due at the expiration of the present term of said Divisions; also request a special contribution of ten cents from each member in good standing in every subordinate camp. The money to be forwarded immediately to the Quartermaster General or Commandery-in-Chief. This contribution to be used to liquidate the present indebtedness and placing the Commandery-in-Chief on a sound financial basis.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. MERRILL,  
HORACE L. WRIGHT,  
EDGAR R. VINCENT,  
EDWARD J. THORNTON,

*Committee.*

Resolutions to the G. A. R. read and adopted.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 7, 1883.

*Resolved*, That the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, in convention assembled, appreciating the recognition of our Order by the Grand Army of the Republic at the seventeenth Annual Encampment held at Denver, Colo., hereby tender the officers and members of the G. A. R. our sincere thanks for having by said action placed our claim to the name and title of "Sons of Veterans of the United States of America" beyond disputes.

*Resolved*, That the Adjutant General be directed to transmit a certified copy of these resolutions to the Adjutant General of the G. A. R.

(Signed)

C. C. MORTON.

Resolution to McCoy Post, No. 1, G. A. R., and Dennison Camp, No. 1, S. of V., of Columbus, Ohio:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. of V., are due and are hereby tendered to McCoy Post, No. 1, G. A. R., and Dennison Camp, No. 1, S. of V., of Columbus, Ohio, for their kind and fraternal treatment and reception of the officers and members of this Encampment.

(Signed)

C. C. MORTON.

There being no further business Commandery-in-Chief then adjourned to meet next year in Philadelphia, subject to call of the Commandery-in-Chief.

JOHN J. MILLER,  
*Acting Adjutant General.*

## APPENDIX.

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# GENERAL ORDERS.

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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A., }  
PITTSBURGH, PA., July 28, 1882. }

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

I. The Pennsylvania Division of the "Sons of Veterans" having under their charter right, and by action duly taken, been constituted the acting Commandery-in-Chief of the Order, the undersigned hereby assumes command, and for the purpose of organization and to forward the interest of the Order, will act as provisional commander.

II. H. W. Wilker, Adjutant of the Pennsylvania Division, will perform kindred duties at the headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of

COL. HARRY T. ROWLEY,  
*Comdr. Penn. Div. and Prov. Commander-in-Chief,*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adj't and Acting Adj't General.*

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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A., }  
PITTSBURGH, PA., July 29, 1882. }

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.

I. To still further advance the interests of the Order, and to provide for the more rapid spread throughout the country, the same is hereby divided into Five Grand Divisions as follows, and to wit:

II. The First Grand Division will be composed of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

III. The Second Grand Division will be composed of the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.

IV. The Third Grand Division will be composed of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota.

V. The Fourth Grand Division will be composed of the States of California, Oregon, Washington Territory, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.



VI. The Fifth Grand Division will be composed of the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Texas.

VII. The names and addresses of the different Grand Division Commanders will be announced in future orders.

By command of

COL. HARRY T. ROWLEY,  
*Prov. Commander-in-Chief.*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adjutant and Acting Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A., }  
PITTSBURGH, July 28, 1882. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

I. The following appointments are announced, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Col. John A. Fletcher, Waukesha, Wis., Colonel Commanding Wisconsin Division Sons of Veterans.

Col. Therow W. Haight, Waukesha, Wis., Chief Mustering Officer Wisconsin Division Sons of Veterans.

Col. John M. Darms, Stillwater, Minnesola, Colonel Commanding Minnesota Division Sons of Veterans.

Col. Adam Marty, Chief Mustering Officer Minnesota Division Sons of Veterans.

II. The Commandery-in-Chief will meet at Pittsburgh, Pa., on Wednesday, October 18, 1882. Each Division will be entitled to three delegates, who will report to these headquarters on their arrival.

By order of

COL. H. T. ROWLEY,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adjutant-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A. }  
PITTSBURGH, October 19, 1883. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

I. Having been elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, I hereby assume command.

II. The following Staff appointments are announced and will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Adjutant General, H. W. WILKER, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Quartermaster General, F. N. Arbogast, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Inspector General, I. B. Stanton, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Judge Advocate General, Chas. Chenowith, Chicago, Ill.

Chaplain-in-Chief, W. R. Byers, Columbus, O.

By order of

H. T. ROWLEY,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

H. W. WILKER,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A. }  
 PITTSBURGH, May 20, 1883. }

## GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.

I. The second annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans will be held in Columbus, Ohio, commencing Monday, August 6th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

II. The Council-in-Chief will meet at the Neil House on Saturday evening, August 4th, at 7 o'clock.

III. Grand Division Commanders will have their reports sent to these Headquarters on or before July 15th.

IV. In states where the Division organization is provisional or incomplete, the Grand Division Commanders will detail some efficient brother to represent it.

V. A full and complete representation is urged. And to attain this the Grand Division Commanders will urge their respective divisions to the necessity of prompt action.

VI. Headquarters will be established at the Neil House, on Saturday, August 4th, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time and place the Staff will report fully uniformed.

VII. Camps are earnestly invited to attend in a body.

By order of

HARRY T. ROWLEY,  
 Commander-in-Chief.

H. W. WILKER,  
 Adjt. General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A. }  
 PITTSBURGH, PA., June 28, 1883. }

## GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

I. So much of General Orders No. 1, relating to appointment of F. N. Arbogast, Quartermaster General, is hereby revoked.

II. Grand Division Quartermasters will send their reports to Adjt. General H. W. Wilker.

By order of

HARRY T. ROWLEY,  
 Commander-in-Chief.

H. W. WILKER,  
 Adjt. General.

# ROSTER OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

## Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

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### ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, . . . . . FRANK P. MERRILL, Auburn, Me.  
LIEUT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, . . . . . AUG'T SALTZMAN, Saint Louis, Mo.  
VICE LIEUT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, C. C. MORTON, Philadelphia, Pa.  
CHIEF OF STAFF, . . . . . H. L. WRIGHT, Auburn, Me.

### STAFF.

ADJUTANT GENERAL, . . . . . FRED L. EDGECOMB, Auburn, Me.  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, JOHN C. BLAKE, Auburn, Me.  
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, EDMUND M. AMIES, Altoona, Penn.  
INSPECTOR GENERAL, . . . . . E. H. GILKEY, Columbus, Ohio.  
CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, . . . . . JOHN J. MILLER, Trenton, N. J.  
CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF, . . . . . W. R. BYERS, Columbus, Ohio.  
SURGEON GENERAL, . . . . . E. R. BENNETT, Minneapolis, Minn.  
CHIEF ORDNANCE OFFICER, . . . . . HARVEY M. BURRELL, Leadville, Col.

### COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

(Elected by Commandery-in-Chief.)

HERBERT A. GOSS, . . . . . Maine.  
FRANK H. CHALLIS, . . . . . New Hampshire.  
J. B. MACCABE, . . . . . Massachusetts.  
ED. J. THORNTON, . . . . . Pennsylvania.  
JOHN A. WOODS, . . . . . Pennsylvania.  
EDGAR R. VINCENT, . . . . . Ohio.  
GEO. M. ALLEN, . . . . . Indiana.  
H. C. WINDMULLER, . . . . . Missouri.  
B. F. RISK, . . . . . Illinois.  
F. E. BROWN, . . . . . Colorado.  
F. H. STORAH, . . . . . Maine.  
WELLS VALENTINE, . . . . . Vermont.  
S. ELMS RIPLEY, . . . . . Maine.  
A. S. LIBBY, . . . . . Maine.  
H. F. BAKER, . . . . . New Jersey.

*AIDES-DE-CAMP TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.*

MAINE.

W. E. Parsons ..... Foxcroft.  
 J. Walter Rogers ..... Rockland.  
 A. K. P. Harvey ..... Auburn  
 Fred H. Bean ..... Portland.  
 Frank E. Gibbs ..... Canton.  
 Fred L. Donnell ..... Richmond.  
 J. P. Wescott ..... Portland.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Horace P. Kent ..... Portsmouth.  
 James H. Wooley ..... Penacook.  
 Will F. Stark ..... Lake Village.  
 Wesley W. Payne ..... Derry Depot.

VERMONT.

J. Hayden Woodward ..... Brandon.  
 E. Wales, Jr. .... Brattleboro.  
 Harry I. Cushman ..... Bennington.  
 Henry Barrows ..... Brandon.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Frank W. Page ..... Jam. Pla, Boston.  
 James G. Lowell ..... Lowell.  
 William T. Souther ..... Worcester.  
 Chas. Mahoney ..... Woburn.

CONNECTICUT.

Edwin J. Dow ..... New Haven.  
 Chas. K. Farnham ..... New Haven.  
 William E. Hoyt ..... Stamford.  
 William P. Myers ..... Norwich.

RHODE ISLAND.

Thomas H. Mulligan ..... Providence.  
 Henry F. Bennett ..... Providence.  
 Chas. L. Pettis ..... Providence.  
 Wm. E. Vral ..... Providence.

NEW YORK.

Joseph H. Hatch ..... New York City.  
 R. Tobias ..... New York City.  
 Edward J. Parmeter ..... Plattsburg.  
 Wm. H. Ercanbrack ..... Moravia.

NEW JERSEY.

Amos R. Dease ..... Camden.  
 Louis L. Drake ..... Elizabeth.

Augustine McC. Soper ..... Metuchen.  
 William H. Cox ..... Newark.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

George K. Black ..... Philadelphia.  
 Robert T. Hopkins ..... Milton.  
 J. Lewis Stewart ..... Philadelphia.  
 Edwin A. Hatfield ..... Sunbury.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

John A. Wood ..... McKeesport.

OHIO.

Chas. M. Cott ..... Columbus.  
 Wheeler C. Wikoff ..... Columbus.  
 Frank W. Myers ..... East Liverpool.  
 John G. A. Richter ..... Canton.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Arthur Sperry ..... Washington.  
 John Webber ..... Washington.  
 H. A. Hulfish ..... Washington.

WISCONSIN.

C. E. Armin ..... Waukesha.  
 N. A. Burnham ..... Clintonville.  
 J. W. Kershaw ..... Kilbourn City.  
 Aug't Ockershauser ..... Baraboo.

MINNESOTA.

A. S. Morgan ..... Minneapolis.

IOWA.

Clarence Kellock ..... Dunlap.  
 W. G. Butterfield ..... DeWitt.  
 Frank H. Weeman ..... Maquoketa.  
 Orris Roberts ..... Dunlap.

KANSAS.

D. D. Hoag ..... Wyandotte.  
 E. — Palmer ..... Paola.  
 Arthur McGinnis ..... El Dorado.  
 Wm. M. Bickford ..... Larned.

NEBRASKA.

Samuel L. Carlyle ..... Weeping Water.  
 Frank Coats ..... Dorchester.  
 Stephen P. Buckmaster ..... York.  
 J. F. Knerr ..... Osceola.

## REMARKS.

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I feel that some explanation is called for as to the reason of the delay in issuing this Journal of Proceedings. The delay has been caused wholly by lack of funds wherewith to pay the printer, and even at this late day I have been obliged to get credit and trust to the generosity and patriotism of the brothers to release me from the obligation I have taken to pay the bill. The book should be in the hands of every member of the Order, as it furnishes an official record of our organization obtainable in no other way. They will be more valuable as years roll on, and the faces and forms of brothers now familiar to us all, whose names and deeds we have here recorded, shall have passed from our sight. Our children will peruse these pages with interest, and say, verily, "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

Therefore I urge upon every brother to obtain one copy or more. One copy will be sent free to every Camp, and the remainder, if sold at ten cents each, will just about pay for cost of printing and postage. Brothers, will you not cast your mite into the treasury, and relieve the Commandery-in-Chief in a measure from the burdens under which it is laboring?

Copies will be sent on receipt of price by applying to the Quartermaster General.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK P. MERRILL,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

