



## National GAR Records Program - Historical Summary of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Posts by State

## VIRGINIA

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<b>PLEASE NOTE: The GAR Post History section is a work in progress (begun 2013). More data will be added at a future date.</b>											
000		(Department)	N/A	N/A	VA			Org. 27 July 1871	Ended May 1941	Provisional Department organized 10 February 1868. Permanent Department of Virginia organized 27 July 1871. Name changed to Dept. of Virginia and North Carolina 20 May 1892. The Department came to a close in May 1941 with the death of its last member, Charles Grandy.	Beath, 1889; Carnahan, 1893; National Encampment Proceedings, 1941
001		Grant	Richmond	---	VA	GEN Ulysses Simpson Grant 1822-1885), famous Civil War leader, later US President.				The Post (known then as Post No. 1) was in existence by May 1869, when it observed Memorial Day. It was present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	The National Memorial Day, 1869; Beath, 1889
001	3, 4, 5	Farragut	Portsmouth	Norfolk (Chesapeake)	VA	ADM David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870), famous Civil War leader.	Temperance Hall (1902)	Chart'd 27 Sept. 1871		The Post went through four number assignments during its history, starting as Post No. 5, Dept. of the Potomac. Its number was changed to 4, then 3, in 1869.	History of Farragut Post No. 1, 1890; Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902
002		Sheridan	Richmond	---	VA	MG Philip Henry Sheridan (1831-1888), famous Civil War leader.				Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	Beath, 1889
002		Cailloux	Norfolk	---	VA	CPT André Cailloux (1825-1863), Co. E, 1st LA Native Guard (later 73rd USCT). KIA at the Battle of Port Hudson, LA, on 27 May 1863. One of the first black federal combat casualties of the Civil War.	Virginia Hall (1902)			Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902
003		Fair Oaks	Richmond	---	DC/VA			Chart'd 16 Sept. 1867		Chartered under the Dept. of Potomac 16 Sept. 1867, transferred to Dept. of Virginia on 12 Feb. 1868.	Dept. of Potomac Proceedings, 1894
003		Post No. 3	Norfolk	---	VA	No namesake. Known only by its number.				The Post (known then as Post No. 3) was in existence by May 1869, when it observed Memorial Day. It was present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	The National Memorial Day, 1869; Beath, 1889
003	1, 4, 5	Farragut	Portsmouth	Norfolk (Chesapeake)	VA	ADM David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870), famous Civil War leader.		Renumbered from Post No. 4	Number changed to 1 in 1871	There is confusion in the 1890 History of Farragut Post, No. 1, as to when exactly it's number was changed from 4 to 3. The History states that the change occurred in August, 1879, but this is clearly a typographic error.	History of Farragut Post No. 1, 1890
003		Thomas F. Meagher	Soldiers' Home	Elizabeth City (Hampton)	VA	BG Thomas Francis Meagher (1823-1867), famous Civil War leader.					
004	1, 3, 5	Farragut	Portsmouth	Norfolk (Chesapeake)	DC	ADM David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870), famous Civil War leader.		Renumbered from Post No. 5, about 26 Aug. 1869	Number changed to 3	The Post number was changed to 4 by Department Order No. 4 about 26 Aug. 1869. It was known as Farragut Post, No. 4, when the Posts of the Provisional Department met on 27 July 1871 to organize a Permanent Department. ADM Farragut was adopted as the Post namesake probably in Sept. 1870 (the 1890 History says it was in Sept. 1869, which is too early).	Beath, 1889; History of Farragut Post No. 1, 1890
004		Dahlgren	Norfolk	---	VA	Rear ADM John Adolphus Bernard Dahlgren (1809-1870), famous Civil War leader.	Williams' Hall (1902)			Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902
005	1, 3, 4	Post No. 5	Portsmouth	Norfolk (Chesapeake)	DC	No namesake. Known only by its number.		Chart'd 25 Feb. 1869	Number changed to 4 about 26 Aug. 1869	Organized under the Department of the Potomac, and chartered on 25 Feb. 1869. It's name was changed to Post No. 4 about 26 Aug. 1869, and later to No. 3, and finally to No. 1. It was the predecessor to Farragut Post, No. 1.	History of Farragut Post No. 1, 1890
005		Ellsworth	Alexandria	---	VA	COL Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth (1837-1861), colonel in the New York Fire Zouaves (11th N.Y. Inf.), who was the first Union casualty of the Civil War, killed by a pro-Confederacy innkeeper in Alexandria, VA, on 24 May 1861. Civil War hero and martyr.				Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	Beath, 1889
005		Shaw	Norfolk	---	VA		Brown's Hall (1902)			Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902

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006		Theodore Winthrop	Hampton	---	VA	MAJ Theodore Winthrop (1828-1861), Aide-de-Camp to MG Benjamin Butler, KIA at Big Bethel, VA, on 3 June 1861.				Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	Beath, 1889
007		Platt	Portsmouth	Norfolk (Chesapeake)	VA					Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	Beath, 1889
007		Silas Fellows	Portsmouth	Norfolk (Chesapeake)	VA		Webster's Hall (1902)			Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902
008		Cailloux	Norfolk	---	VA	CPT André Cailloux (1825-1863), Co. E, 1st LA Native Guard (later 73rd USCT), KIA at the Battle of Port Hudson, LA, on 27 May 1863. One of the first black federal combat casualties of the Civil War.				Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	Beath, 1889
008		Lincoln	Norfolk City	---	VA	Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States.				Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
009		George H. Thomas	Hampton	---	VA	MG George Henry Thomas (1816-1870), famous Civil War leader.				Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	Beath, 1889
009		James A. Garfield	Hampton	---	VA	MG James Abram Garfield (1831-1881), Civil War leader and later US President (assassinated).				Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
010		J. T. Greble	Hampton	---	VA	LTC. John Trout Greble (1834-1861), 2nd US Lt. Art. KIA at Big Bethel, VA, on 10 June 1861.				Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	Beath, 1889
010		Phil Kearney	Richmond	---	VA	MG Philip Kearny, Jr. (1815-1862), KIA at Chantilly, VA, on 1 Sept. 1862. Famous Civil War leader.	908 Capitol (1886); Wilkinson Hall, Ninth Street (1896); Ellett's Hall (1907)	1882		This Post had an unusually close relationship with Robert E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, also based in Richmond. They at one time shared a meeting hall, and collaborated to establish a Confederate Veterans Home.	Poindexter, Charles, 1896, Richmond Hand-book and Guide; Evans, Edward, 1907, Encyclopaedic Guide to Richmond.
011		A. Lincoln	Hampton	---	VA	Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States.				Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871.	Beath, 1889
011		George Armstrong Custer	Richmond	---	VA	MG George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876). KIA at Little Bighorn, MT, on 25 June 1876. Famous Civil War (and Indian Wars) leader.				Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
012		Draper	Deep Creek	Norfolk (Chesapeake)	VA					Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
013		Harrison Phoebus	Soldiers' Home	Elizabeth City (Hampton)	VA	QM Sgt. Harrison Phoebus (1840-1886), 11th MD Inf., a leading citizen of Hampton after the Civil War.					
014		Joe Hooker	Yorktown	York	VA	MG Joseph Hooker (1814-1879), famous Civil War leader.					
016		E. O. C. Ord	Soldiers' Home	Elizabeth City (Hampton)	VA	MG Edward Otho Cresap Ord (1818-1883), famous Civil War leader.					
017		John K. Clay	Hampton	---	VA						
018		Grant	Eastville	Northampton	VA	Gen. Ulysses Simpson Grant (1822-1885), famous Civil War leader, later US President.				Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
019		Sherman	Savageville	Accomack	VA	MG William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891), famous Civil War leader.				Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
021		Burnside	Franktown	Northampton	VA	MG Ambrose Everett Burnside (1824-1881), famous Civil War leader.				Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
023		Hancock	Clairemont	Surry	VA						
024		R. Justin Moore	Shoulders Hill	Nansemond (Suffolk)	VA					Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
025		Worden	Norfolk	---	VA						
026		John A. Logan	Chesapeake City	---	VA	MG John Alexander Logan (1826-1886), famous Civil War leader.		Org. 1887			National Tribune, 21 Apr. 1887
027		Tracy	Berkley	Norfolk (Norfolk City)	VA					Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
028		Holloway	Bayview	Northampton	VA					Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	

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029		John L. Nelson	Centerville	Fairfax	VA						
030		Mulligan	Winchester	---	VA	COL James Adelbert Mulligan (1829-1864), 23rd IL Inf., died at Winchester, VA, on 26 July 1864, from wounds received at the 2nd Battle of Kernstown on 23 July 1864.	Red Men's Hall (1890)	Org. 17 May 1888		The principal officers of the Post acquired Stribling Springs in Augusta County, VA, in September 1897, with the intention of organizing a colony under the auspices of Mulligan Post, No. 30.	Alexandria Gazette, 18 May 1888; History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley, 1890; Staunton Spectator and Vindicator, 16 Sept. 1897
031		S. E. Bickford	Tanners Creek Cross Roads		VA	1LT Selwyn Eugene Bickford (c.1830 -1887), Co. G, 6th MA Inf. A member of Post 17 in Hampton, he was Department Commander in 1887, but resigned due to ill health and died 17 Dec. 1887.					
034		William Teemer	Tunis Station (Oceana)	Princess Anne (Virginia Beach)	VA	Probably SGT William Teemer, Co. G, 1st US Colored Cav.					
036		Peter J. Carter	Mappsville	Accomack	VA	PVT Peter Jacob Carter (1845-1886), Co. B, 10th US Colored Inf. One of the first African-Americans to serve in Virginia government.				Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
037		George W. Coles	Pungoteague	Accomack	VA						
044		Gen. W. T. Sherman	Hampton	Elizabeth City (Hampton)	VA	MG William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891), famous Civil War leader.					
045		G. Thomas	Petersburg	---	VA	MG George Henry Thomas (1816-1870), famous Civil War leader.					
046		Thomas P. Davis	Alexandria	---	VA						
047		G. B. McClelland	Soldiers' Home	Elizabeth City (Hampton)	VA	MG George Brinton McClellan (1826-1885), famous Civil War leader.					
048		Roanoke	Roanoke	---	VA	Named for the town in which it was established.		Must'd 1892		Mustered by Albert E. Shales "a few weeks ago," according to the National Tribune of 1 Sept. 1892.	National Tribune, 1 Sept. 1892
049		B. F. Butler	Suffolk	Nansemond (Suffolk)	VA	MG Benjamin Franklin Butler (1818-1893), famous Civil War leader.					
051		S. C. Armstrong	Gloucester Court House	Gloucester	VA						
052		James Mitchell	Comland	Norfolk (Chesapeake)	VA						
053		Harmon Newell	Portsmouth	Norfolk (Chesapeake)	VA		Elks' Hall (1902)			Listed as Newell-Worden Post, No 53 in the 1902 Directory.	Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902
054		Steadman	Petersburg	---	VA	MG James Blair Steedman (1817-1883), famous Civil War leader.				Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).	
064		COL P. T. Woodfin	Soldiers' Home	Elizabeth City (Hampton)	VA	1LT Philip Trasher Woodfin (? - 1901), 16th MA Lt. Art. Governor of the Nat'l Soldiers Home at Hampton from 1893 until the time of his death.					

List of Abbreviations: Org. = Organized Chart'd = Chartered Must'd = Mustered In Dis. = Disbanded Sur. = Surrendered Charter

For sources of Post names, refer to the SUVCW GAR Records Catalog Edited by Dean Enderlin, SUVCW National GAR Records Officer, 30 June 2013

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