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"The 4th Battalion"

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Preserving the Memory of Union and Confederate Veterans of the American Civil War
"Poor is the nation that has no heroes; shameful is the nation that has them and forgets."



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C.W.V.H.A.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Dennis Loba

Hello everyone! Our ninth encampment was very much a success and I had the pleasure to see a lot of new faces as well as see many old ones. I want to thank Roger Heiple for his great presentation on the B.F. Stephenson papers and also George and Betty Finlayson for making the arrangements once again for our dinner/business meeting. We also held our annual elections and the following were the results:

President, George Finlayson
Secretary, Rance Hulshart
Treasurer, Howard Siglag

I want to thank George for stepping forward and "taking the reins" since my personal business is demanding much of my time and I felt it was time to step down. My best wishes to Rance and Howard as they continue in their respective positions. I want you all to know that it has been my sincere privilege to serve you as association president these past six years. Thank you.

And finally, remember to send in your contributions to our newsletter...everyone can and should do this...don't be pathetic

and wait for someone else, the Veteran is our only way to really keep in touch and learn from each other!

SECRETARIES **MESSAGE**

By Rance Hulshart

Greetings everyone! It was nice to see old friends and make new ones at our recent encampment. Many members had fantastic displays and I would like to thank all of you for your efforts. I am not going to mention them by name for fear of missing someone and thus alienating this member. I would like to mention Marshall Brighenti was the recipient of "Best Veteran" display award. Marshall had a fabulous array of G.A.R. and related badges, etc., on display.

Our dinner/meeting went well with a special thank you to George Finlayson for making the arrangements and Roger Heiple for giving the presentation.

There is not much to report from our business meeting other than our elected officers which are in the President's Message. Also our

club is in sound financial condition. The dues will remain the same which I hope is the case for several years to come. The group voted unanimously to elect a second "Life Honorary Member". Melvina Keeler a "real daughter" whose story appears in Vol 8 No. 4, was bestowed this honor.

It is my sad duty to report the death of member Moe Olson. Moe a personal friend of mind was very active in collecting and even more active in researching and displaying G.A.R. veteran memorabilia and portraying the veterans themselves. We will miss you Moe. I would also like to mention member Gil Deibler has had some medical difficulties and would like to wish him the best in the future.

Article guidelines are listed on page twelve.

DUES NOTICE

For those of you have not already paid your 1995-96 dues they are currently due. It makes record keeping, etc. much easier when these are promptly paid. Please submit your \$10 and **MAKE CHECK OUT TO** Howard Siglag, 183 Hazelwood Drive, Westbury, NY 11590

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**The G.A.R. Commander-in-Chief
1894-1895
Thomas G. Lawler**

By Dennis Loba and Dave Klinepeter

Thomas G. Lawler was born in Liverpool, England on April 7, 1844. In 1845, his family moved to the United States and with the exception of a few of his boyhood years spent in Chicago, Lawler lived his entire life in Rockford, Illinois.

He joined Company E, of the 19th Illinois Infantry on September 17, 1861 and served in this regiment for three years. During that time, he participated in the battles of Perryville Stones River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, as well as a

number of engagements in the Atlanta Campaign. He was promoted to sergeant also during this time. Near the end of his enlistment, he was assigned to the headquarters of the Fourteenth Army Corps and served there until the close of the war.

After the war, he served as a Captain in a local military company for a number of years, and then was Colonel of the Third Regiment of the Illinois National Guard from 1886 to 1892. He served as Rockford's Postmaster for more than twenty years and held various honorary positions involved with the city's commercial affairs. He married Miss Fannie A. Rood on Christmas Day in 1867.

Thomas Lawler joined the Grand Army as a member of Nevius Post 1, (Rockford) and became it's commander in 1868.

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*Thomas G. Lawler
Commander-in-Chief G.A.R.*

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Somerville, TX 77879

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He served as the post commander (with the exception of one single year) until his death. He also served as a member of the Department of Illinois Council of Administration and as the Department Commander in 1884. He was elected the Commander-in-Chief at Pittsburgh in 1894.

"Tom Lawler of Post No. 1" is how he liked to be known and it is said that when marching in the G.A.R. parades and reviews, Lawler's favorite place and where he could always be found was at the head of his post. He died on February 4, 1908 at his home in Rockford. During his funeral services every business was closed and the U.S. flag flew at half mast throughout the city. He was buried in Rockford with his own post's chaplain officiating over the ceremony.

".....the long black mustache surmounting his swarthy face, made us who knew him always think of Logan...I am sorry he is gone."

CORRECTION

Page 3 of the Weissert article in Vol. 8 No. 4 which starts on page 1 incorrectly stated that "he had the distinction of outliving all of his predecessors with the exception of Robert Beath". Beath died in 1914 so he did indeed outlive all of his predecessors. This information was correctly submitted by Dennis Loba and the error is the fault of the editor Rance Hulshart. This error was made by me due to while reviewing his article for any errors I looked at a copy of the 83rd National Journal which incorrectly lists Beath as dying in 1924. This date was a misprint but since I was unaware of it at the time, I made what I thought at the time was appropriate changes to the article.

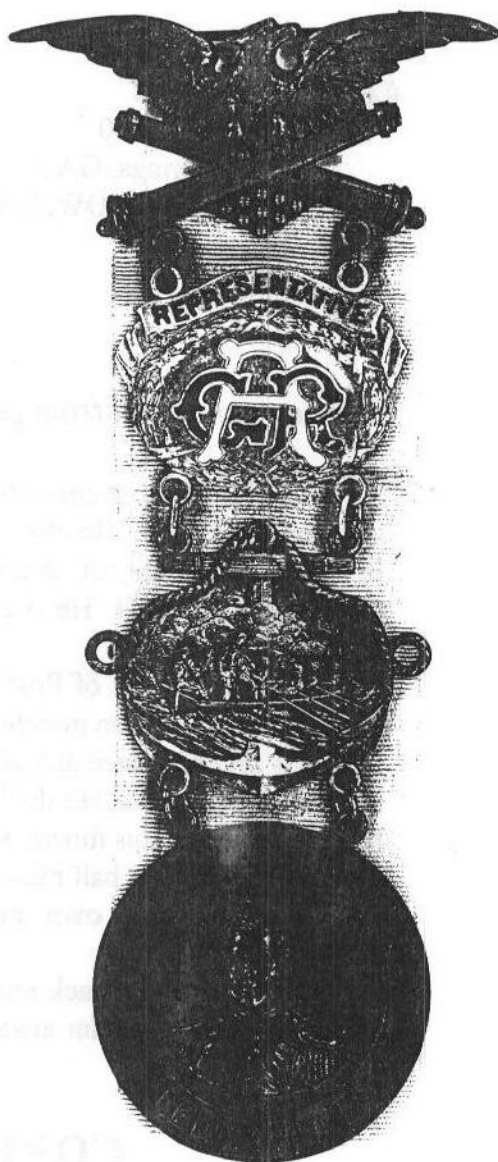
My apologies to Dennis Loba and the organization as a whole for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please read articles closely and submit any errors to the editor as we want to have as accurate a newsletter as possible.

The 1908 G.A.R. National Delegate's Badge

by Dennis Loba

The 1908 Delegate's Badge is one of the more "crisper" strikes of the turn of the century representative badges. That is, its engraving and stamping are very detailed and sharp! Starting with the pin bar, there is a large eagle sitting on two cannon barrels and a stack of cannonballs with its wings outstretched. Hooked under it by one chain link is the gold washed shield-shaped second section. At its top is a scroll with the word "Representative". Directly under that is a wreath surrounding the intertwined letters "G A R" in red, white and blue enameling.

The third section of the badge (also suspended by one chain link) is silver washed with an anchor and coiled rope at its edge. At its center is depicted Admiral Perry transferring with some men in a rowboat to the ship Niagara (during the Battle of Lake Erie-The War of 1812). Last but not least, is the bottom drop or pendant. It is a disk with the bust of Oliver H. Perry at the center surrounded by "42nd National Encampment Toledo, Ohio 1908". This badge is all bronze but as stated above, has two parts which have "washes" on them. The badge has no marks on its reverse except the makers name: Bastian Bros. Co., Rochester, N.Y. at the very bottom of the pendant. A gold ribbed "backer ribbon attached to the pin bar completes the badge.



Above 1908 National Representative Badge

WANTED

G.A.R. memorabilia (ribbon, badges, etc.) from the Hiram Warner Post No. 594 located Wilcox, Pa. Also interested in any items from the 31st National Encampment held at Buffalo, N.Y. in 1897.

Please contact Brenda Wells, 4 Bush Gardens, Alden, NY 14004



G.A.R. HORSESHOE

by Rance Hulshart

An unusual "Good Luck" horseshoe. The shoe itself is made of cast white or pot metal and is marked on both sides vertically G.A.R. The G.A.R. membership badge is of cast bronze and is affixed to the shoe by rivets. It is made in two pieces, the eagle part is a separate piece. It has a brass hanging ring on the back with separate red, white and blue ribbons attached. Stamped into the reverse of the shoe is F. M. Mayhew Maker Phila. The overall height is 3 3/8 inch and the width is 2 1/8 inch. You often see large cast iron horseshoe plaques but this is the first miniature I have encountered.

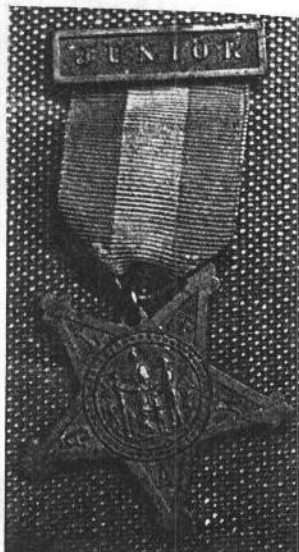
"JUNIOR" MEMBERS L. OF THE G.A.R.

by Rance Hulshart and Nick Luberto

Illustrated below is the membership badge for Junior Societies, auxiliary to Circles of Ladies of the G.A.R. Basically their membership was restricted to children ages four to sixteen whose parent is a member of a circle. Very little is written about this organization but I feel certain that as time went on the restrictions were probably lessened to include any child with direct descendants regardless if a parent was a member, ... but than again maybe not. Illustrated to the right is a 1924 circular concerning the formation of this "Junior" organization.

The badge itself is approximately two and one half inches long. The pin bar and star badge are made of bronze. The ribbon is red, white and blue striped.

Any club member with additional information concerning this organization is encouraged to submit it to the editor for inclusion in a future issue of "The Veteran".



CIRCULAR LETTER

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

WINAMAC, INDIANA, November 22, 1924.

TO THE PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF CIRCLES,
LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

DEAR SISTERS:—At the last National Convention, held at Boston, a resolution was adopted authorizing the organization of Junior Societies, auxiliary to Circles. There was a committee appointed to formulate and promulgate the plans for the work.

We have been delayed somewhat by reason of the fact that we have, up to this time, been unable to get in communication with all members of the committee.

As chairman of the committee, I am sending this, in answer to numerous letters of inquiry as to why the work is not under way, and when will the supplies be sent that the work of organization may begin.

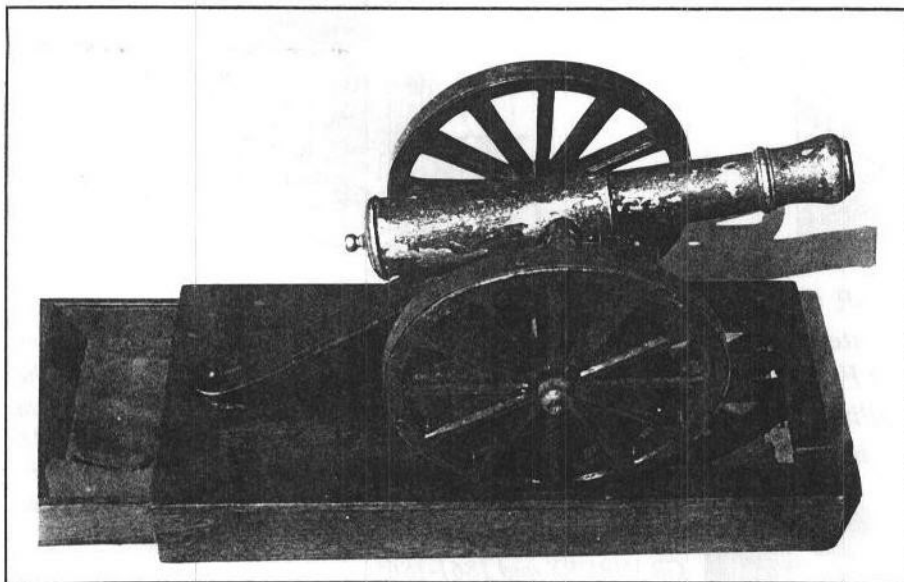
I would advise the Circles to begin the work of securing a charter membership, the eligibility to be restricted to the daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, and blood kin nieces, and the sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, and nephews of veterans of the war of 1861-1865. All children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, whose parents are members of a Circle, shall be eligible to membership.

At least 10 members must be secured before an organization will be perfected. The committee will have the Rules and Regulations, and Rituals, ready to be sent to Department Presidents by January 1, 1925, where they may be obtained upon request of the Circle President who may wish to organize the juniors.

The work of this organization will be entirely under the direction of the Circle to which it is auxiliary, and all laws governing them will be promulgated through the Rules and Regulations.

In F. C. & L.,

ELMA B. DALTON,
Chairman of Committee on Junior Organization.



BALLOT BOX

Illustrated to the left is a very nice voting or ballot box. The voting marbles, (black and white balls) were stored in a drawer which pulled out. When voting the members would drop their marble of choice (white for yes, black for no) in the end of the cannon barrel and it would drop through a hole in the bottom into the closed drawer. When the voting was finished the drawer was opened and the results tabulated. The only marking is an intertwined GAR on the barrel.

HIRAM BRONSON GRANBURY CONFEDERATE GENERAL FROM TEXAS

By Brian Bennett

John Bell Hood and his Texans of the Army of Northern Virginia are by far the best known fighting combination of commander and troops to hale from Confederate Texas. Their deeds are legend. Not nearly so well known, but just as valorous are the exploits of Gen. Hiram Granbury and his Texas Brigade of the Army of Tennessee. Perhaps the difference is that Hood and his Texans had Lee to follow while Granbury and his Texans had Bragg and Hood himself to follow. Victory gets better press and begets fonder memories.

Gen. Granbury was born in Mississippi in March of 1831. He moved to Texas, as many Southerners before him, and settled in Waco, studied law, and served as chief justice of McLennan County. When the war broke out, he recruited the Waco Guards. His unit became a company in the 7th Texas Inf. in which Granbury became Major. After being captured at Fort Donelson, he became Colonel of the 7th serving in the Vicksburg campaign, at Chickamauga, and Chattanooga. Especially praised by the "Stonewall of the West", Gen. Pat Cleburne, he was commissioned Brigadier General to rank from Feb. 29, 1864. He led his Texas Brigade through the Atlanta campaign and into Tennessee with Hood.

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Above is headstone which reads; BRIGR GENL/ H.B. GRANBERRY,/ of the Confederate Ar'y;/ From Texas/ Born in Georgia;/ Killed at Franklin,/ Tenn Nov. 30, 1864'. (Note the misspelling of the General's name). Below right is an illustrated of a "Waco Guards" clothing button.

Above is the Granbury statue, located on the courthouse square of Granbury, Texas. The statue of Gen. Granbury stands out as a tribute to him and his soldiers. Beneath the statue itself is a waving Confederate battle flag. Below that are the words; "ERECTED BY THE/ U.D.C./ GENERAL GRANBURY/ CHAPTER, NO. 683/ IN MEMORY OF/ BRIGADIER GENERAL H.B. GRANBURY/ AND HIS/ VALLANT FOLLOWERS. At the base in large letters is GRANBURY and 1861-1865.



GRANBURY

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At the Battle of Franklin, Nov. 30, 1864, he was one of six Confederate generals killed that day. He fell nearby Gen. Cleburne, within a few rods of the strong federal works. A sad end to many brave battles filled with frustration and tears.

His remains were removed to Granbury, Texas, founded and named after him in 1871, twenty nine years later after his last hard fought battle.

Should any member of the C.W.V.H.A. wish to learn more about Gen. Granbury and his Texas Brigade, I suggest reading the following books: 1) Cleburne and his Command by Capt. Irving A. Buck, C.S.A., McCowat-Mercer Press, Inc. 1959 2) One of Cleburne's Command (The Civil War Reminiscences and Diary of Samuel T. Foster, Granbury's Texas Brigade, C.S.A.) Edited by Norman Brown, University of Texas Press, 1980 3) This Band of Heroes Granbury's Texas Brigade, C.S.A. by James McCaffney, Eakin Press, Austin, Texas 1985.

EARLY MAJ. GEN.

FOSTER SHEET MUSIC

by **Rance Hulshart**

Illustrated above right is a reduced copy of an early sheet music "Rally

RALLY! BOYS, RALLY!
 MARCHING SONG OF THE
 Grand Army of the Republic.

MAJ. GEN. R. S. FOSTER

WORDS BY HENRY HITCHCOCK. MUSIC BY E. T. BLACKMER.

INDIANAPOLIS.

PUBLISHED BY
J. A. BUTTERFIELD & CO.
 No. 22 West Washington Street.

Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1866 by J. A. BUTTERFIELD & CO. in the Clerk's office of the U. S. District Court at Indianapolis, Ind.

J. B. STUBBS & CO. LITH. INDIANAPOLIS.

Boys, Rally" Marching Song of the G.A.R., Dedicated To Maj. Genl. R.S. Foster who was instrumental in the formative years of the G.A.R.. Also overlaid on the music is a CDV of Foster. The music was Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1866 at Indianapolis, Indiana by J.A. Butterfield & Co. Words were by Henry Hitchcock and Music by E.T. Blackmer. Personally this is the earliest piece of sheet music directly related to the G.A.R. that I have observed.

MAJOR OLIVER MORRIS WILSON ANOTHER GRAND FELLOW (OR NOT?)

By Howard Siglag, M.D.

Author's note: This article is a follow-up to "A Grand Army Fellow (or Not?)" that appeared in "The Veteran", Volume 7 No. 3. It developed from researching the 3BN/ GAR membership badge and the Grand Army of the Republic Badge Manufacturing Company of Lafayette, Indiana. Many sources were used and the article developed as follows.

At the first national "convention" of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Morrison's Opera House in Indianapolis on November 20-21, 1866, B.F. Stephenson appointed Oliver Morris Wilson an assistant secretary. On January 3rd, 1867, the first of three ads appeared in The Great Republic, the official organ of the G.A.R. It was an offering from The Grand Army of the Republic Badge Manufacturing Company of Lafayette, Indiana, the only authorized company to make and sell badges for the Grand Army (see figure #1). The offer was for the 3BN/ GAR membership badge (see figure #2). We know that ribbons of this design and lapel pins have survived but this offer was for silver-plated, silver, gold-plated and solid gold badges! (Who has them hidden in their collections?) The original badge was adopted in 1867 upon the recommendation of a committee of three (under the direction of Major General Robert S. Foster, refer to sheet music on page 7) made up of Adam Orth Behm of Lafayette, General Jules C. Webber of Springfield and Major Oliver Morris Wilson of Indianapolis (under Special Order #10 of January 5, 1867) (see figure #3). As a member of the National Council of Administration, Wilson met on October 1st, 1868 at Post #1, Philadelphia (General Order #17) when the 3BN/GAR badge was "improved" by adding an eagle superiorly and a circular drop inferiorly for the organizational rank insignia, (see figure #4). Wilson was also on the committee appointed to revise the ritual, rules and regulations of the organization and to recommend a G.A.R. uniform. In 1869, Wilson became the Department Commander of the State of Indiana. As a Grand Army man, Wilson was held in high esteem and was included in the decision making for the order. Oliver Morris Wilson was born August 16th, 1836 in Logansport, Indiana, the son of Lazarus Brown and Mary Todd Barbee Wilson. He attended the Marion County Seminary, Wabash College and graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. in 1858. He studied law in Indianapolis and was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1859. He married Mary Adelia

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G.A.R. BADGES G.A.R. BADGES

The Grand Army of the Republic Badge Manufacturing Company, with headquarters at La Fayette, Indiana, are now prepared to furnish Badges of all kinds and qualities, at the shortest notice.

We have been designated by the Commander in Chief as the sole and exclusive manufacturers of Badges for the Grand Army. A caveat has been filed and a patent applied for, to protect us from the sharks who remained in the rear during the war, but are now anxious to step forward and reap the profits of our work.

All the members of the Badge Company are members of the G.A.R. in good standing.

A large per cent. of profits are paid to National Headquarters for charitable purposes.

We furnish Badges of the following kinds and at the prices stated:

Silver-plated Badges.....	.50
Genuine Silver Badges.....	\$1.00
Heavily Gold-Plated Badges.....	2.50

Genuine Solid Gold Badges made to order from \$10 to \$25, according to fineness and enamel.

Liberal reduction to agents. Crippled soldiers should write, inclosing stamp for circular.

This is the only company authorized to make and sell Badges for the Grand Army.

Address,
A. ORTH BEHM
Secretary G.A.R. Badge Company
La Fayette, Indiana.

FIGURE #1



#2



MAJOR O. M. WILSON.

FIGURE #3

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Allen on October 4th, 1860. This marriage produced six children. That same year, Wilson became clerk of the Indianapolis Sinking Fund Commission and in 1862 worked for the Swamp Land Commission. In 1862, he organized the Captain Oliver M. Wilson Company, 54th Regiment Indiana Infantry which became Company H, 54th Indiana Infantry. On January 1st, 1863, he was commissioned Major and for reasons to be discussed later, was mustered out of service in New Orleans on December 8th, 1863. From 1865 through 1871, he served as secretary to the Indiana Senate. In 1867, he wrote "Wilson's Digest of Parliamentary

Law" which was recognized as the authority on the subject. In 1871, he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives and was assistant U.S. district attorney during Grant's administration. In 1887, Wilson moved to Arkansas City, Kansas where he practiced law. He later moved to Independence, Missouri and died in Kansas City on July 19, 1907 at the age of 70 years, 11 months and 3 days. He was a member of MOLLUS, a Freemason, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and in 1905 wrote, "The Grand Army of the Republic Under Its First Constitution and Ritual" (Franklin Hudson Publishing Company, Kansas City Missouri, 271 pages). In General Order #13 of October 13th, 1866 convening the first national encampment at Springfield, B.F. Stephenson wrote, "All honorably discharged soldiers and sailors and those now serving in the army desirous of becoming members of the Grand Army of the Republic are respectfully

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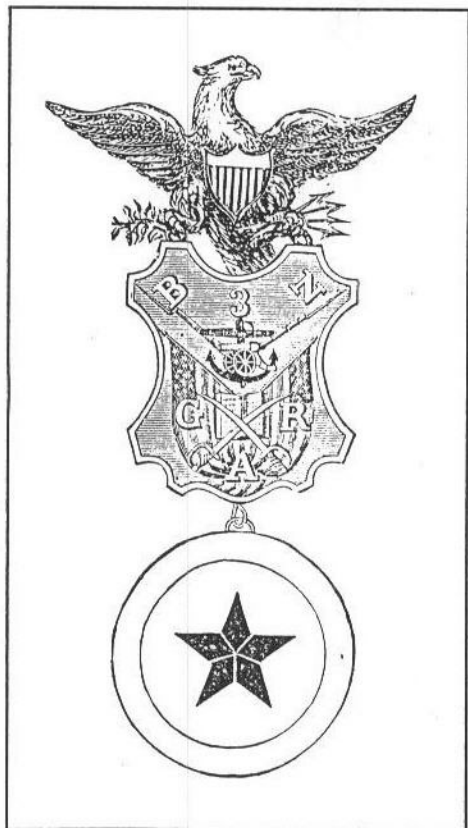


FIGURE #4

OFFICERS' CASUALTY SHEET.

Regimental No. _____

State of Indiana.

Name O M Wilson,

Rank Capt Regiment 5-4

Arm Infy

Casualty Dishonorably Discharged

Day 1; Month Dec; Year 1863

Cause of casualty _____

No. and source of the order accepting resignation, &c.,
299, Gulf,

Remarks _____

J.B.E.
Clk. (170)

FIGURE #6

invited to attend the convention". (see figure #5) During the afternoon session on November 20th, 1866, the committee on credentials examined the credentials of all comrades present and found that Major Wilson as representative from the State of Indiana "qualified as member of this convention". Wilson was ordered to report to the Adjutant-General for duty at the encampment. Returning to his period of service (10/1862-12/1863), it was discovered that Major Wilson underwent a general court martial at headquarters, 13th Army Corps, Department of the Tennessee on March 24th, 1863 under General Order #25 dated February 10th, 1863. Colonel Richard Owen of the 60th Indiana Volunteer Infantry presided. There were four charges against Wilson. (1) Violation of the 52nd Article of War. On 12/27/62, Captain Wilson absented himself from Company H, 54th Indiana Volunteer in the presence of the enemy without permission and returned after the fight at Chickasaw Bluffs and declared that he never intended to expose or risk his life in an engagement and did not intend to go with the regiment if there was any fighting to be done. (2) Violation of the 9th Article of War. When ordered to pitch his tent by his commanding officer, he twice refused. (3) Violation of the 6th Article of War. Captain Wilson used menacing gestures and threw his spade to the ground, used loud, boisterous and insulting tones in a manner unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. (4) Using language unbecoming an officer. On 12/27/62, Captain Wilson declared his solemn wish that his commanding officer, Colonel F. Mansfield, might be the first man shot by the enemy stating that Colonel Mansfield "is a low minded dog and in no wise a gentleman". To all these charges Wilson pleaded not guilty. The court martial commission found him not guilty on charges #1, #3 and #4 but was found guilty on charge #2. The commission sentenced Wilson to be reprimanded by General Osterhaus. However, this proposed punishment by the court was remitted by order of Major General J.A. McClernand. By Special Order #299, Order of the Gulf, Oliver Morris Wilson was dishonorably discharged from the Army on 12/1/63. (see figure #6) Thus, Wilson did not qualify for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic as set forth by Benjamin Franklin Stephenson. Is it a question of a Grand Army fellow or not?

GENERAL ORDER
CONVENING
FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, October 31st, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 13.

A National Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic is hereby ordered to convene at Indianapolis, Indiana, at 10 o'clock, on Tuesday, the twentieth day of November next, for the purpose of perfecting the National organization, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Convention.

The ratio of representation shall be as follows: Each Post shall be entitled to one representative, and when the membership exceeds one hundred, to one additional representative, and in the same ratio for every additional one hundred or fractional part thereof.

All Department and District officers, *ex officio* shall be members of said Convention.

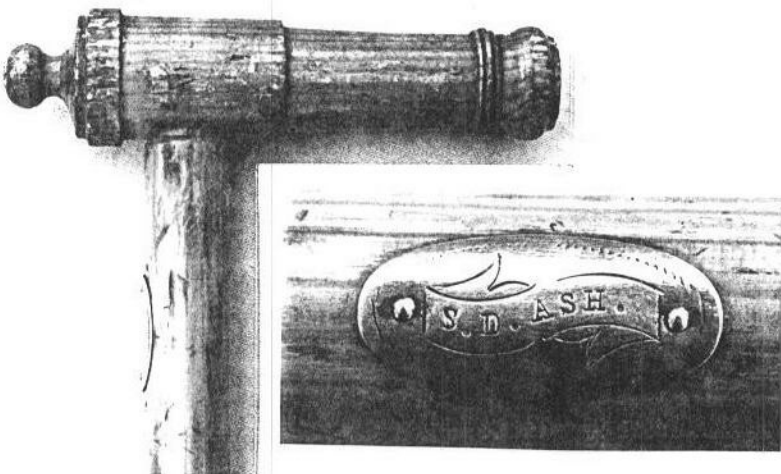
All honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, and those now serving in the army desirous of becoming members of the Grand Army of the Republic, are respectfully invited to attend the Convention.

All comrades are requested to wear the "blue," with corps badges, etc.

B. F. STEPHENSON,
Commodore-in-Chief.
G. A. R., U. S.

Official,
J. C. WEBBER,
Adj. General Dept. Illinois.

FIGURE #5

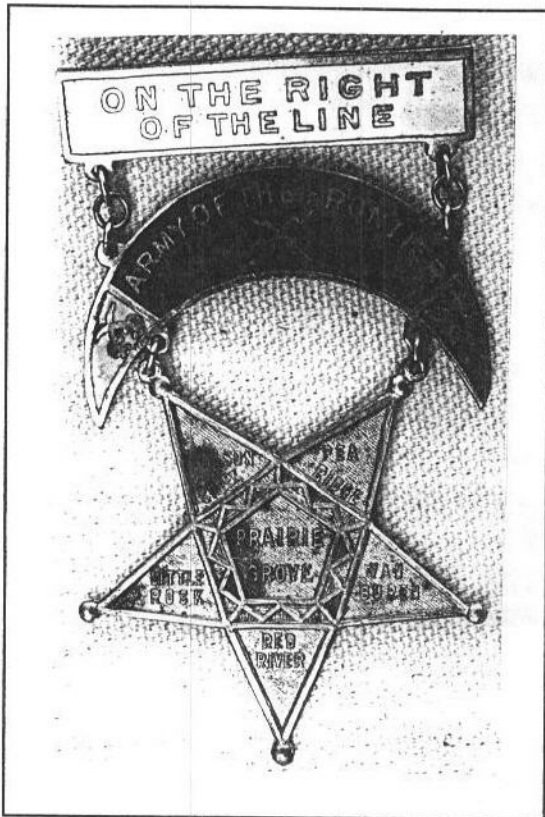


CANNON BARREL PA 1ST DEFENDERS CANE

by Rance Hulshart

Three views of a wood cannon barrel head cane which belonged to Solomon D. Ash of the Pa. Ringgold Light Artillery which was one of the first of five accredited Pa. regiments to Lincoln's first call for troops in 1861. Above is a view of the top section of the

cane. Also a view of the identification tag signifying it belonged to S.D. Ash. The third view is a view looking in the end of the muzzle illustrating the inserted photograph of Captain James McKnight, head officer of the Ringgold Light Artillery. Private Ash served in Ringgold Light Artillery, later Co. A 25th Pa. and was later a member of McLean Post No. 16, G.A.R. located Reading, Pa.



ARMY OF THE FRONTIER

By Ken Johnson

Most everyone has heard of Army veteran organizations such as Army of the Tennessee, Army of the James, Cumberland and Potomac, etc., but not many have heard of Army of the Frontier. Illustrated above is the membership badge of this little known and small organization, Later it became part of the Department of Arkansas which was part of the 7th Corp, The corp badge for this corp is the crescent with five point star which is part of this badge.

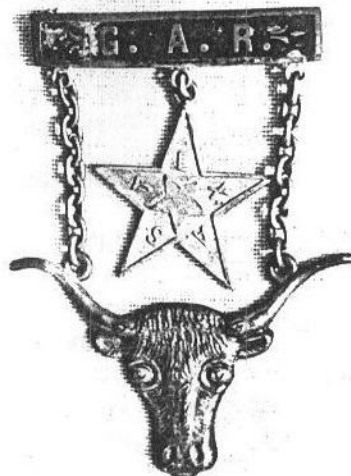
The main part of the badge is made of brass. The pin bar is marked on white enamel ON THE RIGHT/ OF THE LINE. The center of the crescent drop is blue enamel marked ARMY OF THE FRONTIER/ crossed rifles motif. To the left of this is yellow enamel with crossed swords motif and to the right is red

enamel with crossed cannon barrels motif. The center of the star badge has possibly the 22nd corp and an unknown motif marked Prairie/ Grove. The points of the star are marked clockwise from the ten o'clock point Wilson/ Creek, Pea/ Ridge, Van/ Buren, Red/ River and Little/ Rock.

Any member who has additional information concerning this Army or organization or the badge itself please send it to the editor Rance Hulshart to forward to me and for inclusion in a future issue of "The Veteran".



Above is a red velvet autograph album no doubt manufactured by the same company as the velvet Victorian era cabinet card photograph albums featured in past issues of "The Veteran". Attached is a round stamped copper disc with bust motif of Gen. Logan, marked above and below this MY COMRADES/ AUTOGRAPHS. To the left GAR., to the right is a G.A.R. membership badge. The eagle part is stamped copper while the ribbon is cloth and the star white cardboard with green tint. The album has 45 gold edge pages for autographs and is 8 1/4 X 5 1/2.



DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

To the left is a badge indicating the wearer was a member of the Dept. of Texas. Although not marked it is most likely the official badge adopted. The pin bar and steer's head are silver while the star is brass. An interesting collection can be made collecting various Dept. badges.

ARTICLE GUIDELINES

By Rance Hulshart

Several members expressed an interest in submitting articles for use in "The Veteran" but had concerns about what and how to submit.

First off any article which you feel would be of interest to other members is acceptable. Basically everyone seems to enjoy the articles which we are currently publishing so use these as a guideline.

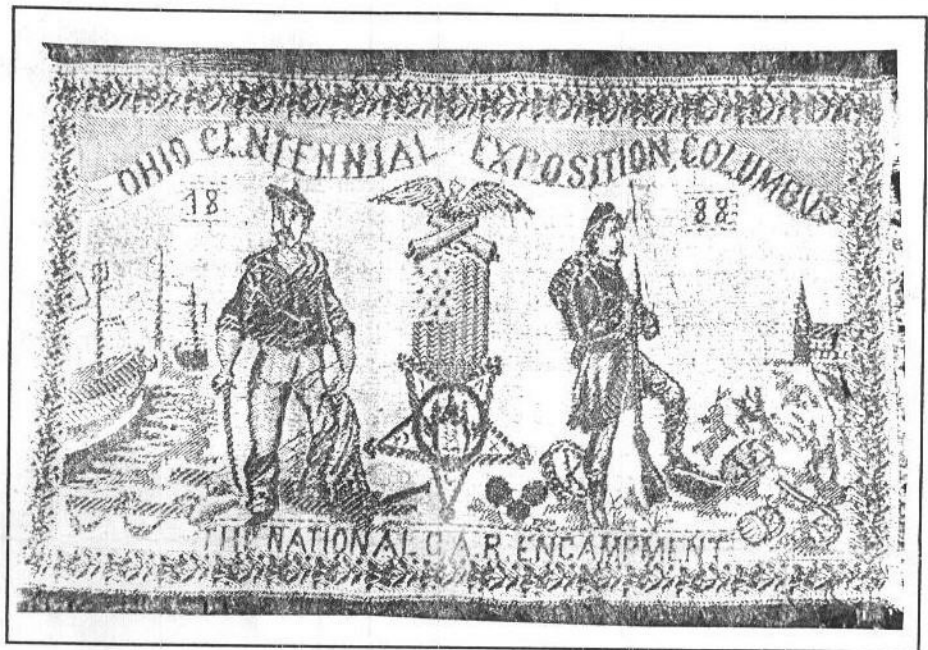
Leave me know if I have some leadway as to how it is worded without changing the context of the story. Basically whenever possible send it to me as it is to be printed. I have little time to actually construct your story from notes sent to me.

I can particularly use stories on U.C.V. and related organizations.

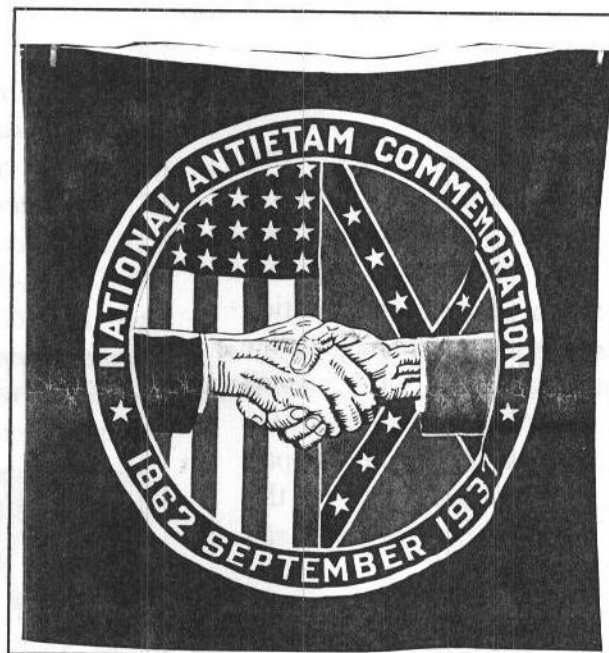
When submitting illustrations either submit a clear photograph which does not need returned or a clear photocopy. I suggest if possible to actually try photocopying what you are going to submit to insure that it will indeed copy clearly. Generally when photocopying a lighter setting reproduces best but take your illustrations to a copier and experiment.

Concerning the text I prefer if it is typed or computer generated but if you have to hand write it this is okay, but please be sure it is clearly legible.

If any member has any further questions please drop me a line and I will be happy to guide you



Above is an embroidered silk piece, a dual souvenir of the 22nd G.A.R. National Encampment held at Columbus, Ohio in 1888 and also of the Ohio Centennial Exposition. These can be found in red, green and yellow (possibly others) colors. It is approximately 8 1/2 X 5 not counting the fringe.



75th ANNIVERSARY REUNION OF THE BATTLE OF ANTEITAM
1862-1937

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Above is a blue cotton banner approximately 33 X 33 a souvenir of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. The design is painted in red, white, blue and gray on the obverse only. It has a white binding at top with two brass grommets for hanging.