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**Association of Confederate Soldiers,
Tennessee Division
by George G. Kane**

The massive badge pictured to the right is the membership badge of the Association of Confederate Soldiers, Tennessee Division. The badge is 6½" long and 2¼" wide. The badge is so heavy that a second pin was added to the star pendant reverse to stabilize the flag ribbon. The cloth flag ribbon would probably not have lasted too long with the weight of the lower ribbon hanger and the badge star. The badge illustrates not one, but two confederate flags. The flag ribbon is the first national CSA flag while the center of the star pendant features the confederate battle flag. The star is actually two opposed triangles over-lapped. Two cannon muzzles protrude from the center convergence of the two triangles. The points of the triangles are tipped with small (cannon?) balls. The words Historical, Social and Benevolent surround the top triangle. The initials of the organization are spread over

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The President's Message

By Dan Mitchell

I just attended a Civil War Collectors show in Indianapolis. It was not terribly well attended, but the dealers and collectors as well as the general public were in for a treat. The quality of items for sale was top notch. I saw several items that I have rarely seen and a few I have never seen. I think that it is important that we all support local collector shows as it is good to create interest in as broad a group of collectors and the public as possible. I talked to at least thirty or thirty-five fellow collectors who were members of our association. This kind of discourse tends to stimulated intent and it certainly shares the knowledge we all gather throughout the year.

Again, I encourage you to write, call, or E-mail me about any questions, complaints, or even praise for our organization!

Sincerely,

Dan M. Mitchell

The Editors Message

by George Kane

I've got just enough room to wish everybody "Happy Holidays". I'm still waiting for a 1948 GAR National Encampment badge to appear under my tree. A 3BN ribbon would be nice. An engraved Southern Cross of Honor would make a nice stocking stuffer. An ID'd GAR presentation badge would be appreciated. Actually, I'd take just about anything, but a "Malta Jewel". Hey, a guy's got to dream, doesn't he?

Happy Thanksgiving
Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah!!
Happy New Year

Correction

In the review of David Wells' compact disk, "Memories of the Boys in Blue", the wrong e-mail address was given for contact information. For those still interested, Dave can be contacted at the following e-mail address:

wells55@msn.com

ATTENTION MEMBERS

It's time to renew your membership in the CWVHA. We've had a great response this year and currently only a few members are delinquent in renewing their membership. For those members who haven't renewed and would like to remain in the association, please send a check for \$15, made out to the "CWVHA" to Dave Aeberli at:

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All materials will be returned. If you have questions, please call George Kane at 413-592-2166.

Postal and e-mail addresses are listed on the front page.

Assoc. of Confederate Soldiers

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the two triangles. A cannon decorates the bottom of the first triangle, while two pairs of crossed sabers are depicted on the bottom of the second triangle.



The Association is often said to have merged with the United Confederate Veterans, but as late as 1929, no such merger was ever achieved. Most of the Bivouacs (ACSTD) / Camps (UCV) had dual

membership. The Bivouacs and Camps had the same members, but conducted separate meetings for each organization.



(Photo courtesy of the 11th Tennessee)
 (<http://www.11thtennessee.org/photo%20gallery.htm>)

The Association of Confederate Soldiers held Annual Encampments at least through 1898. The State Library of Tennessee has encampment journals through that year.

A few years ago, the Sons of Confederate Veterans used a copy (shown below) of the ACSTD membership badge as the delegate badge for their national encampment:



The Southern Cross of Honor
A Book Review

by George G. Kane

I recently received a copy of Peter Bertram's latest Confederate reference book, *The Southern Cross of Honor, Historical Notes and Trial List of Varieties*. The booklet is 60 pages, 5½" x 8½" with more than 175 B&W images. If you collect Southern Crosses, than you have to have this booklet. The amount of information that is crammed into these 60 pages is incredible. The amount of "white space" (blank sections on a page) is negligible. Almost every page on the crosses has five or more enlarged illustrations with arrows pointing out the peculiarities of each of the 14 varieties and 7 repro varieties that Peter has catalogued. Pete has also added a chapter on Certificates of Eligibility, illustrating the 4 types he has discovered. The book begins with a succinct nine-page history of the badge. After presenting 33 pages discussing cross varieties and certificate types, there is an auction page, 8 pages of cross examples, 4 pages of bestowal regulations, 5 pages listing the first recipients, and two pages of bibliography. After all of this, Pete still crammed a quick reference on the back cover (see below). Add 4 pages of advertising blocks (not counted in the page count) and you have a tremendous amount of information in a small booklet.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

OF HONOR:
Historical Notes
And
Trial List of Varieties



For those starting to drool, the booklet can be purchased directly from Pete for \$20.00 + \$1.50 postage. His address is:

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A GAR Cot Contract

by Noel B. Preston

One of the main responsibilities of a post at a GAR National Encampment was to secure accommodations for all of its members that were attending.

RENT CERTIFICATE.

THIS CERTIFIES, That Ransom Reed Post 113 has rented of JOHN DECAMP, the following goods, viz: Marysville Oh

Cots, Covers Sheets, Pillow Slips, Cotton Pillows.

NO DEDUCTION FOR COTS NOT USED.

The same to be used at Cincinnati for the occasion of GAR Encampment In consideration of the sum of 1.00 Each Cot & outfit In the use of said cots and bedding during the time herein specified. That the amount be paid at the time of delivering said articles, that the party hiring said goods pays all freight in transit both ways, and to hold itself responsible for all damages (ordinary wear and tear excepted) by fire, water, or any other cause whatsoever after being delivered by said JOHN DECAMP to Pavilion Price Hill and consigned to RR Post 113.

Witness _____ Signed _____

Dated at Cincinnati, this 2d day of July 1898

The rent certificate shown above is between Ransom Reed GAR Post No. 113 of Marysville, Ohio and John Decamp, a rental company from Cincinnati, Ohio. Marysville is located northwest of Columbus and a hundred miles northeast of Cincinnati. The certificate outlines the rental of cots, covers, sheets, pillow, slips and cotton pillows that were to be delivered to the Pavilion at Price Hill in the city of Cincinnati. Each cot and outfit was rented for a dollar. The rental was for the duration of the encampment. The Pavilion was probably a large tent in one of the camp cities surrounding the encampment. In the 1890's the sheer number of members attending a national encampment, quickly overwhelmed the number of hotel rooms available in the host city and the surrounding suburbs. The 1897 national encampment in Buffalo would prove to be the largest attended in GAR history. The following year in Cincinnati was only slightly less attended. Consequently, the rental of tents and cots at these encampments became a cottage industry in the host city.

Matching GAR Post / WRC Corps Postcards

by George G. Kane

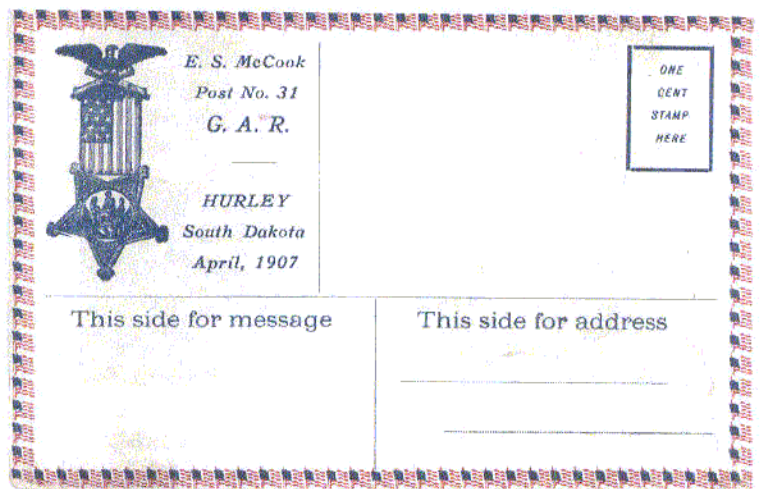
It's not unusual to find a GAR Postcard showing the membership of a specific GAR Post. Often these cards fail to list the name, post location or other pertinent detail. What is rare is finding a post and corps from the same location and year celebrating their membership on two postcards. The two postcards to the right come from Hurley, South Dakota and both have the same back, naming the post, post location, and date. In April of 1907, E. S. McCook GAR Post No. 31 of Hurley, South Dakota, posed for this photo that was made into a postcard. The Corps attached to this post had their group photo taken at the same time. This photo was also made into a postcard. The back of both postcards is identical, with a GAR membership badge etching to the left.

For some reason, the WRC Corps attached to GAR Post No. 31 is not named. The women in the photo are all wearing their WRC membership badges. They are holding four American Flags, while the men are only holding one.

The photos were taken in the same room. There is a faint drawing on the wall to the right on each postcard. The photo of the women was taken closer than the men. The feet of the first row of women are not visible, while the feet of the men in the first row are visible.

None of the men are wearing their membership badge. They are wearing their GAR lapel buttons. Most of the men are in uniform, some in the double-breasted style, while some are wearing civilian clothes. There are 15 men and 14 women.

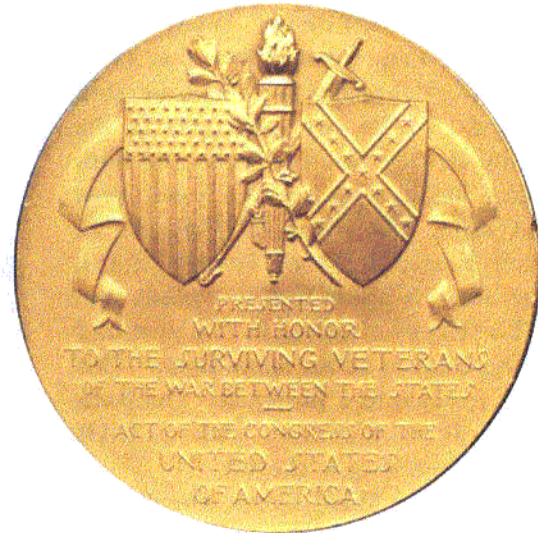
W. H. Sanborn mustered the McCook Post September 5, 1883 with 14 charter members. Over the years, 61 members joined the post. Twenty-two members were born in New York. Most of the other members were born in New England states. A few of the men were born in the British Isles. None were born in the Dakota Territory.



SURVIVING VETERANS OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL

by George G. Kane & William Swoger

In 1956, the medal shown below was presented, by Congress, to the last surviving veterans of the War Between the States. Only four medals were made, one each for the three confederates and one union veteran still alive in 1956. Albert Woolson, the last union veteran died before the presentation. His medal was presented to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who donated it to the Smithsonian Institute, where it resides today.



(Medal Photos courtesy of William Swoger)

The designer was Gilroy Roberts, the son of John Taylor and Blanche (Gilroy) Roberts. He was born in Philadelphia, PA on 11 March 1905. His father was a sculptor and his mother a painter and sculptress. He studied at Corcoran School of Arts. Between 1938 and 1944 he engraved banknotes at the B.E.P. in Washington, D.C. He is probably most famous for his design of the "Kennedy" half dollar obverse. He also designed the 1953 Cuba "Marti" commemorative coinage. The medal is 69.8mm in diameter and weighs 10.24 troy ounces of 0.999 gold. The medal was struck by order of the 84th Congress, 2nd Session, pursuant to Public Law 730, Chapter 631, and approved and signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on July 18, 1956



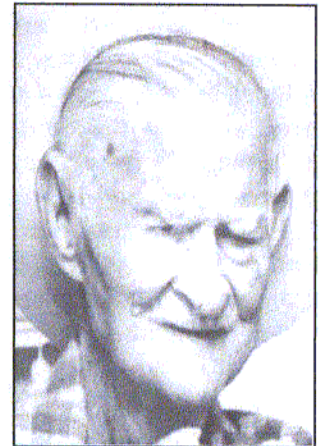
Albert Woolson
(1847-1956)



William A. Lundy
(1848-1957)



John B. Salling
(1846-1959)



Walter W. Williams
(1842-1959)

WRC Junior Club

by **George G. Kane**

In 1927 in order to encourage granddaughters and younger girls to join, the National Woman's Relief Corps authorized the creation of Junior Corps. Any girl, between the ages of six and sixteen, of good character could join. She was permitted to stay a Junior Club member until she reached the age of eighteen or married and was expected to transfer into the adult Corps at that time. The Junior Corps helped the adult Corps in their activities and formed drill teams

The pin below was the membership pin of the Junior Club.



The Junior Club held their own corps meetings, elected officers and created departments. Below is a badge for the past president of a local Junior Club.



No national organization for the WRC Junior Club was ever effected. As members of the Junior Club were eventually promoted into the WRC, no National Officers were considered necessary. One national officer of the WRC was designated "Junior Club Director".



The badge below uses the term Junior Relief Corp rather than Junior Club. This was probably used for a state encampment.



Bob Wolz provided photos of these badges

A 3BN Period Badge?

by Dan Mitchell

I recently purchased a GAR ribbon that I had previously never seen.



The ribbon measures 6½" x 1¾". In front of six draped US flags is the GAR seal. Below is a star with a letter in each of the arms, which spells out G.A.R.U.S. The use of the U.S. in the initials of the GAR is usually only seen in the 1866-69 period. An unusual monogram of the

GAR is located in the center of the star. Is this a prototype of a membership badge? Anyone with knowledge of this ribbon can contact me. My contact information is on the front page.

Editors Note: Rance Hulshart e-mailed me that this ribbon is a transitional badge between the 3BN and the Type III GAR membership badge. Rance said he wrote an article on this ribbon quite a few years ago for *The Veteran*. See volume 7, no. 2, page 3. (Oct-Dec, 1994).

A Complementary Badge

by George G. Kane

When I bought this badge, I was sure that I was buying a badge of the United Spanish War Veterans. The USWV has a number of badges for guests, visitors and other non-delegates. The badge has the USWV Greek Cross, the symbol of the society, on the obverse of the pendant.



The badge is actually an encampment badge to the 29th Annual GAR Department encampment at Bay City, Michigan in June 1907. Many members of the USWV were sons and grandsons of GAR members. A number of civil war veterans had participated in this war and were members of both organizations. Unfortunately, the USWV suffered the same fate as the GAR by limiting their membership to three small wars in the period 1898 to 1902. Their last member died in 1992.

More GAR Magazine Covers

by George G. Kane

The magazine "Comfort" was first issued in 1888 in Portland Maine by William Howard Gannett (1854-1948). The magazine ceased publication in 1934.



The Gannett family became very successful newspaper owners in Maine. In 1993 they changed their corporate name to Gannett Communications. Besides newspapers, they owned television stations and software companies. In 1998, they were purchased by Seattle Times, Inc.

The magazine cover above was issued in May of 1931 and portrays a GAR member in a wheelchair viewing a Memorial Day parade and saluting the flag, with a boy scout by his side. A ghostly confederate veteran stands behind him, saluting the flag. The cover art is by Jon Pritte. The magazine is 10½" by 13" and is 30 pages in length.

The Portland, Maine area was a hotbed of GAR activity. One of the oldest and largest posts in the country was located in Portsmouth, Bosworth GAR Post No. 2. In 1869, wives of this post organized the first corps of what was to become the Woman's Relief Corp.

Another example of GAR cover art is from the May 26, 1923 issue of *The Country Gentleman*. The art is that of an aging GAR veteran, his cane behind his back, while a young lady brushes off his uniform.



Yet another example of GAR cover art is from a *New York Times* insert of May 27, 1920. The cover photo is a GAR led parade for a monument dedication ceremony earlier in the month.



The California 100 and the California Battalion

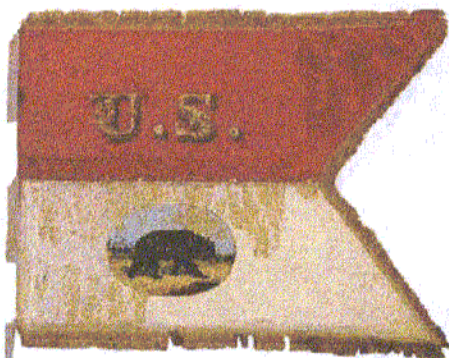
by George G. Kane

The makeup of the Massachusetts Second Cavalry was quite unusual. Five of the companies of this unit were recruited in California. They bought their own uniforms and equipment. An enlistment bounty paid for their passage to Massachusetts via the Isthmus of Panama. The first 100 recruits arrived at Camp Meigs, Readville, Massachusetts, 25 days after they left San Francisco. When they arrived in January 1863, they became Company "A", 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry. They were more popularly known as the "California 100". After six weeks of boot camp, the unit was



Co. A, Mass 2 Cavalry Hat Badge

transported to Fortress Monroe, Virginia and placed on active duty, February 22, 1863 at Gloucester Point.



Guidon, Company A (California 100), 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry

400 more California volunteers reached Camp Meigs in March and April of 1863. This group became Companies "E", "F", "L" and "M", 2nd Mass. Cavalry and was assigned to the defense of Washington, D.C. These companies were known collectively as the California Battalion. In August 1863, Company "A" finally joined up with its fellow Californians in the defense of Washington. In 1864, the regiment was transferred to the Army of the Shenandoah and

participated in the sweep of Confederate forces from the Shenandoah Valley. The regiment also fought with distinction at the battles of Winchester, Luray, and Cedar Creek, Petersburg, Dinwiddie Court House, Five Forks, Sailors Creek and Appomattox. After participating in the Grand Review, the unit was mustered out of federal service at Fairfax Court House, Virginia, July 20, 1865. The units returned to Massachusetts to receive its final pay.

Most of the men of these companies returned to California at their own expense. Soon after returning, these veterans created a fraternal organization known as the "Veterans of the Cal 100 and Battalion". Two of their reunion ribbons are presented below.



1872 & 1874 CAL 100 & Bat. Reunion Ribbons



California 100 Trooper

(All graphics Courtesy of Larry Rogers)

For more information see:

<http://www.forttejon.org/cal100/>

Their Horses Climbed Trees: The Chronicle of the California 100 and Battalion from San Francisco to Appomattox by Larry Rogers and Keith Rogers
480 pp. 20 b/w photos Schiffer Publishing



The Civil War Veterans Historical Association

The CWVHA is a group of collectors of Civil War Veterans memorabilia. Although regimental and other Civil War military fraternities are represented, a large section of the Association membership specializes in GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) or UCV (United Confederate Veterans) material. This organization was founded in 1987 and meets annually at the Ohio Civil War Show in Mansfield, Ohio. The date for this year's show is May 8-9, 2004. The group reserves a section of adjoining tables for displays and selling purposes. This is the largest display of GAR & UCV materials in the world. On Saturday night, the group has their annual banquet, followed by a tour of the Mansfield, Ohio GAR Post, which has been recently renovated.

If you are interested in joining the organization, please complete the application below and send with a check for \$15, made out to the "CWVHA", to:

**C.W.V.H.A.
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Annual Dues are payable in May. All members receive the CWVHA newsletter, four times a year. It's a valuable reference to collecting.

APPLICATION TO THE CIVIL WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Presented for membership by _____

New Member Renewal Membership # _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Areas of Interest: _____

Phone Number (Optional) _____

E-mail address (Optional) _____

Highest GAR Post Numbers by George G. Kane

The following list gives the highest GAR Post Number issued by a department. The highest number is not necessarily the last post number issued. Around the turn of the century, departments began to recycle the numbers of defunct posts. Some of the last chartered posts of a department had very low numbers.

Department	Post Number	Post Name	City, State	Dept. Disbanded
Alabama	18	Negley	Florence, AL	1940
Arizona	11	George H. Thomas	Jerome, AZ	1923
Arkansas	123	Pettigrew	Pettigrew, AR	1943
California & Nevada	203	Redondo Beach	Redondo Beach, CA	1952
Colorado & Wyoming	113	Roaring Fork	Aspen, CO	1949
Connecticut	88	Hebron	Hebron, CT	1949
Delaware	29	Gen'l W. S. Hancock	Smyrna, DE	1946
Florida	42	Henry Clay Roome	Miami, FL	1945
Georgia & South Carolina	20	R. A. Alger	St. George, GA	1932
	20	Orangeburg	Orangeburg, SC	1932
Gulf	5	Nat Lyon	Dennison, TX	See TX & LA
Idaho	34	Joe Hooker	Idaho Falls, ID	1946
Illinois	800	P. C. Hanna	Oquawka, IL	1950
Indian Territory	34	McKinley	Okmulgee, IT	1908
Indiana	593	William A. Ketcham	Gary, IN	1949
Iowa	519	Peter Van Norman	Moville, IA	1949
Kansas	500	Gen'l. U. B. Pearsall (NMH)	Leavenworth, KS	1947
Kentucky	222	McPherson	Pine Knot, KY	1949
Louisiana & Mississippi	60	Livingston	Livingston, LA	1939
Maine	167	Lewis H. Wing	Wayne, ME	1947
Maryland	84	W. J. Porter	Crisfield, MD	1941
Massachusetts	213	Y-an-no	Hyannis, MA	1947
Michigan	463	Silas Huffman	Mescik, MI	1948
Minnesota	192	Billy Mortimer	Minneapolis, MN	1947
Missouri	594	Johnson County	Warrensburg, MO	1948
Montana	30	J. B. McPherson	Kalispell, MT	1939
Nebraska	356	Jack Horton	Lynch, NE	1949
New Hampshire	95	Lt. Clark Stevens	Groveton, NH	1945
New Jersey	119	Capt Andrew Callaux	Asbury Park, NJ	1946
New Mexico	20	Tucumeari	Tucumeari, NM	1929
New York	672	Maj. R.M.J. McDowell	Elmira, NY	1948
North Dakota	43	James A. Garfield	Sanborn, ND	1942
Ohio	753	R. K. Seig	Ridgeway, OH	1949
Oklahoma	123	Apache	Apache, OK	1948
Oregon	78	William P. Dickinson	Portland, OR	1950
Pennsylvania	645	Conneaut Lake	Conneaut Lake, PA	1947
Potomac (D.C.)	21	Frederick Douglass	Washington, DC	1940
Rhode Island	28	Sedgwick	Peacedale, RI	1943
South Dakota	164	Col. Campbell	Sioux Falls, SD	1942
Tennessee	108	Garfield	Jackson, TN	1936
Texas	83	James A. Garfield	Victoria, TX	1941
Utah	26	Gen'l Nat. Lyons	Albion, ID	1945
Vermont	117	Quebec	Quebec, PQ, Canada	1942
Virginia & North Carolina	64	Col. P. T. Woodfin	Nat'l Home, VA	1940
Washington & Alaska	129	Webber	Sunnyside, WA	1949
West Virginia	127	G. N. Williams	Parkersburg, WV	1943
Wisconsin	280	J. E. Tourtellole	Ladysmith, WI	1950

The GAR's Fattest Man

by George G. Kane

The picture below is a carte-de-visite of the world's heaviest man, circa 1890. The man pictured is John Robinson, who at the time weighed 588 pounds. John is also wearing a GAR membership badge. The

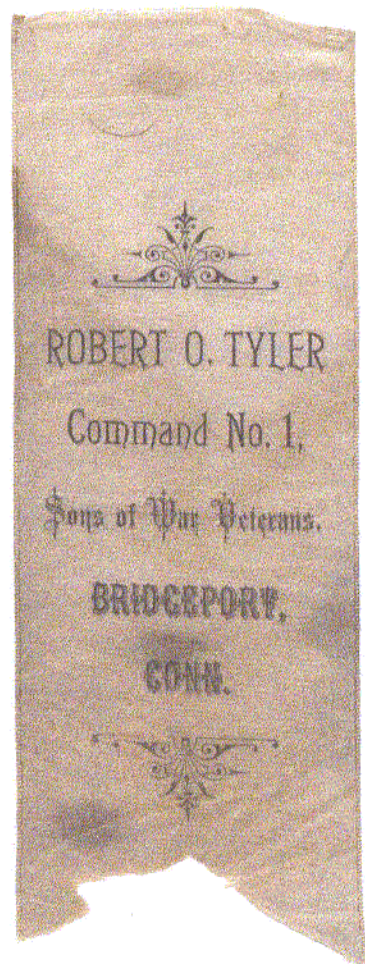


photo is by famous photographer, Charles Eisenmann. Eisenmann is famous for taking photos of the extremes of human physiques. If you were the heaviest, skinniest, tallest, shortest or hairiest human being in the last two decades of the Nineteenth Century, then you probably had your photo taken by Charles Eisenmann. Eisenmann was the P. T. Barnum of Photography. His studio was located in the Bowery section of New York City, not far from Barnum's museum. Many of the "monsters" of Barnum's museum had their photos taken by Eisenmann. Robinson was actually the second heaviest man in the world, but John did not recognize the claim of the heaviest man, reputed to be one thousand pounds. Robinson had his own circus, populated by human freaks and oddities. A check of the National Parks civil war soldiers' database lists 929 soldiers with the name of John Robinson. The photo may be reversed as the GAR membership badge is pinned to the wrong side of Robinson's chest.

Sons of War Veterans Ribbon

by Robert Wolz

Below is a ribbon of the obscure civil war auxiliary of the Union Veteran Union. Memorabilia from this group is very rare. Their initials are sometimes confused with the Spanish War Veterans, one of the three societies who formed the United Spanish War Veterans in 1904. The ribbon shown is from Robert O. Tyler, Command No. 1 of Bridgeport, Connecticut.



The Command is named for General Robert Ogden Tyler of the First Connecticut Heavy Artillery. The SWV used the same local designation, command, as its parent organization, the UVU. It's unknown how many members or Commands existed for the SWV. The UVU peaked at approximately 6,000 members. The SWV totals, considering the rarity of their memorabilia, are probably a lot less.