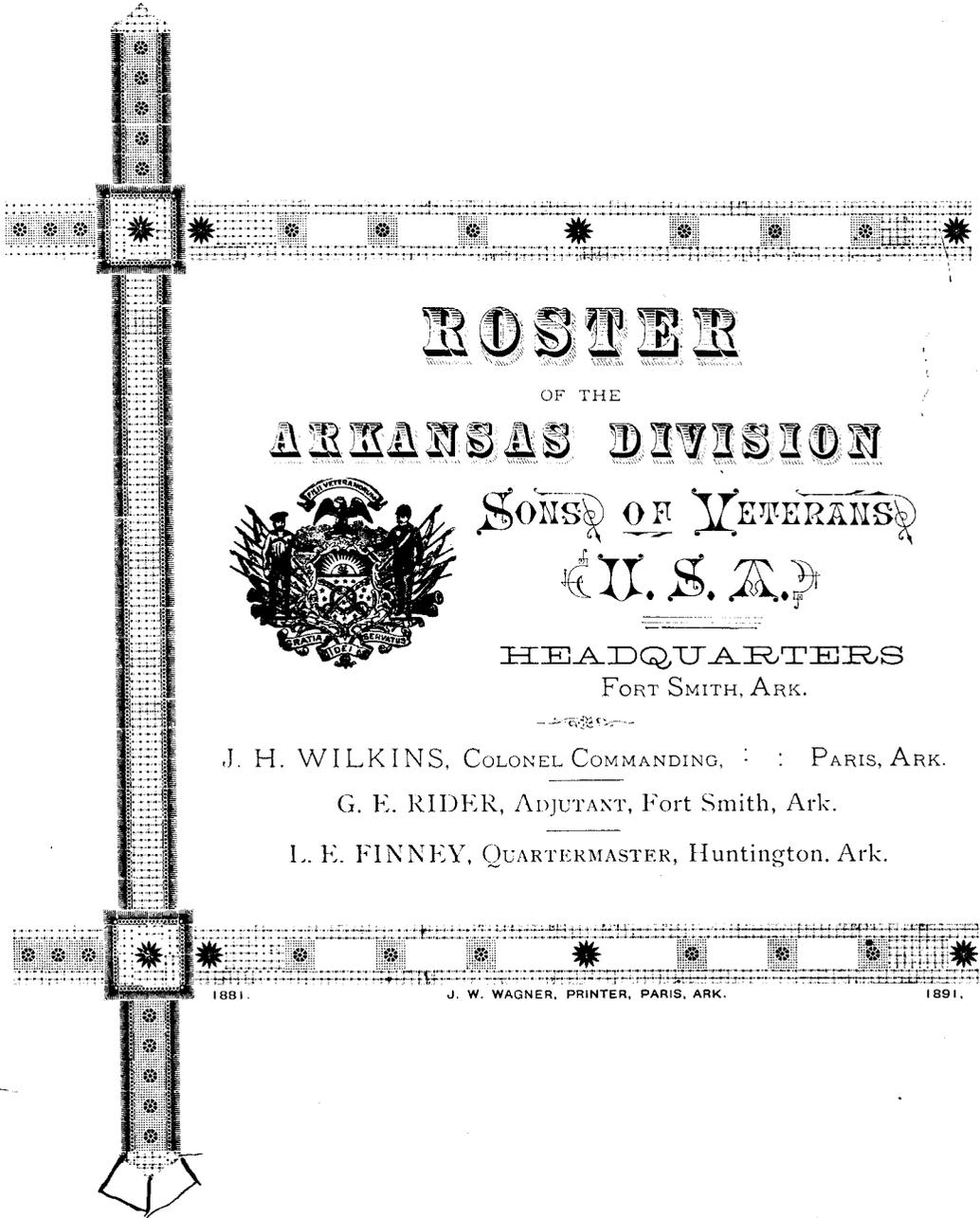


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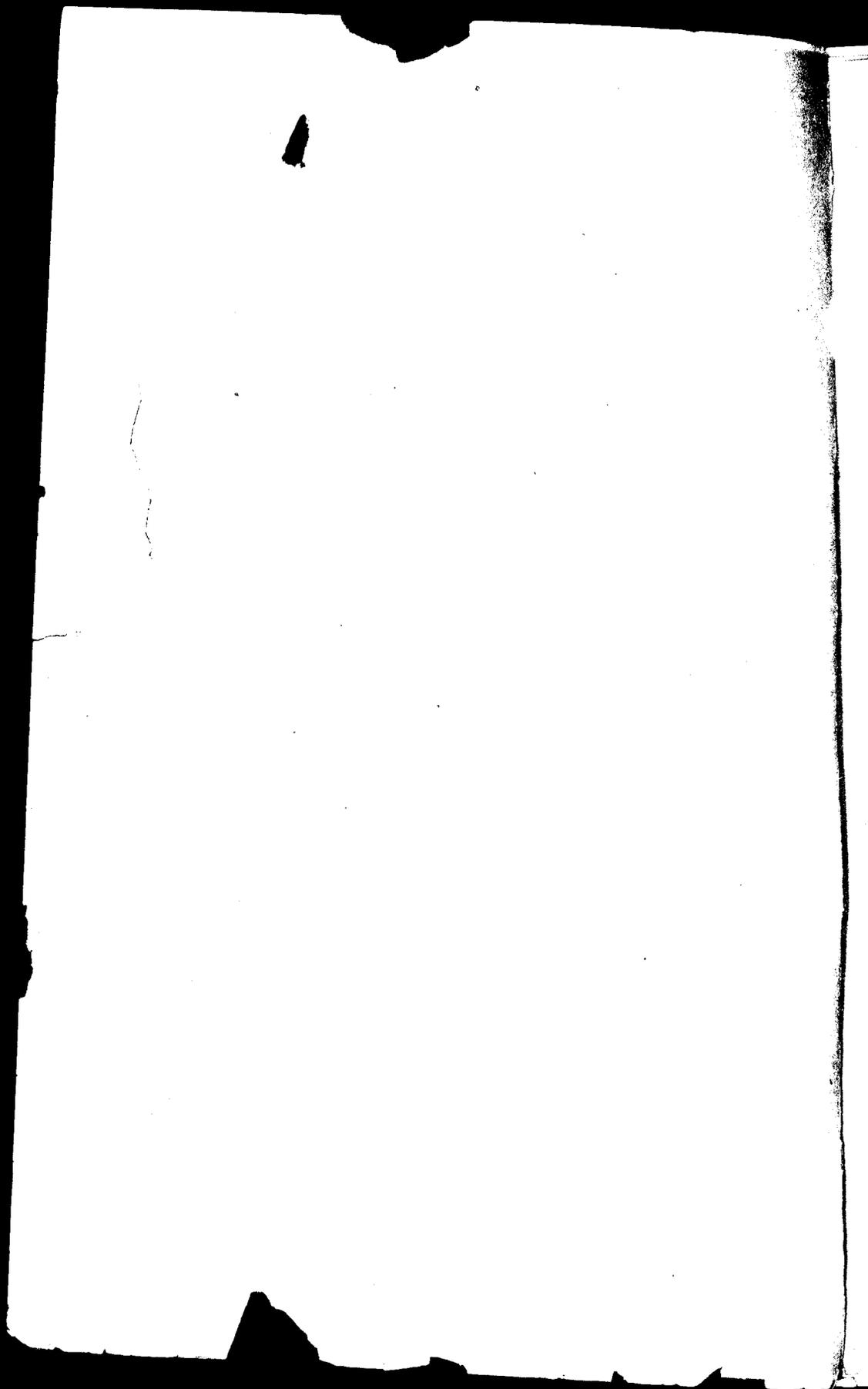
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DIVISION OFFICERS

Colonel,.....J. H. Wilkins,.....Paris.  
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Major,.....G. M. Henderson,.....Rogers.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Surgeon,.....Major J. M. Johnson, M. D.,.....Aurora.  
Chaplain.....Capt. H. E. Sears,.....Rogers.  
Adjutant.....Lieut. G. E. Rider,.....Ft. Smith.  
Quartermaster,....." L. E. Finney,.....Huntington.  
Inspector,....." A. N. McLaughlin,.....Fort Worth, Tex.  
Mustering Officer,....." Thomas Hackett,.....Hackett City, Ark.  
Judge Advocate,....." J. H. Chiles,.....Eureka Springs, Ark.



DIVISION COUNCIL

Dr. S. P. Gammill.....Subrosa.  
J. W. Burrows,.....Armada.  
J. L. Gilbreath,.....West Fork.

REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Commandery-in-chief, Encampment to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., August 24, 1891 :

Delegate-at-Large.....E. C. Sampson,.....Fort Smith,  
Alternate Del.-at-Large, Iris E. Caldwell,.....Fort Smith.  
Delegate,.....A. T. Schuster,.....Huntington.  
Alternate Delegate,.....L. E. Finney,.....Huntington.

—ARKANSAS DIVISION—

John A. Logan Camp, No. 1, Huntsville, Madison county.  
No reports.

McPherson Camp, No. 2, Siloam Springs, Benton county.  
(December, 1890, Report.)

Captain, E. H. Bruner; 1st Lieut., Abe Sixkiller; 2nd Lieut., Tom  
Platner; 1st Sergeant, Wm. Cole; Quartermaster Serg., William  
Turtle; Chaplain, Wm. Platner.  
Meets 3rd Saturday night in each month.

Garfield Camp, No. 3, Drake's Creek, Madison county.—No  
reports.

Cain Camp, No. 4, Crystal Springs.—No reports.

S. H. Carlisle Camp, No. 5, Springdale.  
(December, 1890, Report.)

Captain, E. A. Gellett; 1st Lieut., O. G. Crawford; 2nd Lieut., C. S.  
Mays; 1st Sergeant, J. W. Carter; Qr. Master Sar., C. W. Al-  
baugh; Chaplain, C. W. Wright.  
Meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

Powell Clayton camp, No. 6, Eureka Springs.

Captain, J. F. Holleman; 1st Lieut., R. B. McLaughlin; 2nd Lieut.,  
R. M. Council; 1st Sergeant, Geo. Weymouth; Qr. Master Sar.,  
L. C. White; Chaplain, W. I. Holleman.  
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings.

Western Grove camp, No. 7, Newton county. No reports.

Sheridan camp, No. 8, West Fork, Washington county.

Captain, W. D. Sample; 1st Lieut., J. M. Sloan; 2nd Lieut., G. F.  
Gilbreath; 1st Sergeant, John Dearing; Qr. Master Ser., G. F.  
Gilbreath; chaplain, M. B. Witt.  
Meets 4th Saturday evenings.

Benjamin Harrison camp, No. 9, St. Paul, Madison county.

Captain, J. W. Gabbard; 1st Lieut., W. F. Hall; 2nd Lieut., R. E.  
Thomas; 1st Sergeant, W. J. Gabbard; Qr. Master Ser., B. E.  
Craig; chaplain, Thomas Hughes.  
Meets 1st Saturday evenings.

J. J. Sawyer camp, No. 10., Strickler, Washington county.

(September, 1890, Report.)  
Captain, S. L. Sawyer; 1st, Lieutenant, J. P. Strickler; 2nd Lieut.,

S. L. Hodges; 1st Sergeant, J. H. Walker; Qr. Master Sergeant, Joseph Eikler; chaplain, S. S. Swift.  
Meets Saturday evenings.

Wilson camp, No. 11, Graphic, Crawford county. No reports.

Grant camp, No. 12, Marshall, Searcy county.

Captain, Cicero Brown; 1st Lieutenant, John R. Aday; 2nd Lieut., James M. Williams; 1st sergeant, N. S. Bratton; qr'm sergeant, B F Watterson; chaplain, I F O'Neal.  
Meets 2nd Saturday evenings.

Col. John M. Clayton camp, No. 13, Fort Smith.

Captain, G E Rider; 1st Lieutenant, E C Sample; 2nd Lieut., H S Langdon; 1st sergeant, P O Nulph; qr'm sergeant, C F Mason; chaplain, Gillian Yoes.  
Meets 1st and 3rd Monday evenings.

S, Mason camp, No. 14, Center Ridge, conway county.—No reports.

Gen. Crook camp, No. 15, Little Rock.

Captain, W H Fitzgerald; 1st Lieutenant,.....; 2nd Lieut.....  
1st sergeant,....., qr'm sergeant....., chaplain,..... Time of meeting—2nd and 4th Thursday evenings.

Pleasant View camp, No. 16, Subrosa, Franklin county.

Captain, S P Gammill; 1st Lieut. J H Milam; 2nd Lieutenant, A L Milam; 1st sergeant, F F Gammill; qr'm ser., L C Gammill; chaplain, T J Milam; meets Saturday before full moon.

Gettysburg camp, No. 17, Fort Riley, Newton county.

Captain, W R Cowan; 1st Lieutenant, w h mooney; 2nd Lieut., w R boen; 1st sergeant, P R Lewis; qr'm sergeant, J h cowan; chaplain, J M Lewis; meets..... No reports since muster.

James G. Blaine camp, No. 18, Armada, Crawford county.

Captain, J L Kimer; 1st Lieutenant, J R Lyttaker; 2nd Lieutenant, S P Lane; 1st sergeant, J W Burrows; qr'm serg., W D Smith; chaplain, J E Kimer. Time of meeting not reported.

Gen. P. S. Post, camp, No. 19, Rogers, Benton county

First Sergeant's report not received.

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Benjamin camp, No. 20, Huntington, Sebastian county.  
Captain, A. T. Schuster; 1st Lieutenant, F. H. Miller; 2nd Lieut.,  
W. W. Talkington; 1st Sergeant, Sylvanus Cobb; Qr. Master  
Serg., R. F. Nelson; Chaplain, Jesse L. Finney. Meets 2nd and  
4th Thursday evenings.

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Col. Jacob M. Ryan camp, No. 22, Omaha, Boone county.  
Captain, J. H. Middleton; 1st Lieut., V. R. Jones; 2nd Lieut., G. W.  
Bly; 1st Sergeant, T. M. Williams; Qr. Master Serg., W. F.  
Ryan; Chaplain, R. O. Ryan. Meets 2nd Saturday evenings.

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Otis E. Gulley camp, No. 23, Cleaveland, Conway county.  
Captain, M. L. Brightain; 1st Lieutenant, T. M. Dunsworth; 2nd  
Lieut., J. W. Adams; 1st Sergeant, J. W. McMahan; Qr. Master  
Serg., V. O. Conley; Chaplain, W. M. Conley. No report re-  
ceived since muster.

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Jerry Hackett camp, No. 24, Hackett, Sebastian county.  
Captain, T. P. Hackett; 1st Lieutenant, F. C. Savage; 2nd Lieut.,  
Joe Statham; 1st Sergeant, J. P. Yadon; Qr. Master Serg.,  
H. S. Thayer; Chaplain, W. B. Moore. Meets Saturday after  
full moon.

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Nathaniel Lyon camp, No. 25, Aurora, Madison county.  
Captain, Elijah Peters; 1st Lieut., Henry Dennis; 2nd Lieut. J. L.  
Smithson; 1st Sergeant, J. M. Williams; Qr. Master Serg., Jas.  
Upton; Chaplain, Robt. Robinson. No reports received.

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Col. Elmer Ellsworth camp, No. 26, Ellsworth, Logan county.  
Captain, Thos. Lasater; 1st Lieutenant, W. S. Hixson; 2nd Lieut.,  
Matt Foster; 1st Serg., W. M. Howard; Qr. Master Sergeant,  
M. E. Foster; Chaplain, J. N. Hixson. Meets 2nd and 4th Sat-  
urday evenings.

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McPherson camp, No. 1. Charter annulled.

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John A. Logan camp, No. 2, Denison. Irving R. Fisher Past  
Captain. No reports.

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Sherman camp, No. 3, El Paso.  
Captain, O. F. Heckelman; 1st Lieutenant, R. W. Gray; 2nd Lieut.,  
Geo. C. Randall; 1st Serg. H. J. Smith; Qr. master Serg., J. L.  
Miserez; Chaplain, J. A. Smith; meets 2nd and 4th Saturday  
evenings.

Parmley camp, No. 4, Forth Worth.

Captain, Arnold Guertler; 1st Lieutenant, A. G. Goff; 2nd Lieut., W. A. Sansom; 1st Sergeant, F. M. Deland; Quarter master Sergeant, Harry N. McLaughlin; Chaplain,.....; meets 1st 3rd Thursday evenings.

D. S. Stanley camp, No. 5, San Antonia.

Captain, Chas. Murphy; 1st Lieutenant, J. F. Kline; 2nd Lieutenant, Chas. W. Wentworth; 1st Sergeant, Robert Welch; Quarter-  
termaster Sergeant, Robert Kline; Chaplain, E. Z. Lestourgeon.  
Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings. No reports since camp  
was organized.

Ericson camp, No. 6, Fort Clark.

(December, 1890, Report.)

Captain, Thomas J. Mason; 1st Lieut., C. H. McIntosh; 2nd Lieut., C. L. Goff; 1st Sergeant, M. E. Murray; Qr. master Sergeant, J. S. Morin; Chaplain, Chas. Strief. Meets.....

Gen. G, A. Custer camp, No. 7, Dallas.

Captain, John H. Cannon; 1st Lieutenant, W. I. Parnell; 2nd Lieut., John R. Hunter; 1st Sergeant, W. D. Wylie, jr.; Qr. master Serg., A. G. Leffel; Chaplain,..... Meets.....



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W. D. Sample,.....	West Fork.
B. E. Cregar,.....	St. Paul.
Cicero Brown,.....	Marshall.
R. B. Creekmore,.....	Fort Smith.
W. H. Fitzgerald,.....	Little Rock.
M. K. Abernathy,.....	Subrosa.
J. S. Seratt,.....	Armada.
C. H. McCubbins,.....	Rogers.
W. J. Miller,.....	Huntington.
W. F. Ryan,.....	Omaha.
W. B. Moore,.....	Alma.
Fay Nolton,.....	El Paso, Texas.
G. B. Hubbard,.....	Aurora, Ark.
E. P. Sisemore,.....	Paris, "
Arnold Guertler,.....	Fort Worth, Texas.
Geo. A. Knight,.....	Oak Cliff, Texas.



## HEADQUARTERS

ARKANSAS DIVISION,

### SONS OF VETERANS,

U S A

FORT SMITH, : : ARKANSAS,

JUNE 12, 1891.

To the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic of Arkansas and Texas:

It becomes my pleasant duty to call your attention to the work of the order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in the Arkansas Division.

In the prosecution of our work we need your assistance. You can do us valuable service if you will.

Our order was founded in Pittsburg, Pa., November, 1881, by Maj. A. P. Davis, a prominent member of the G. A. R.

The charter for the first camp was granted by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and from this camp there has radiated an influence throughout the length and breadth of our whole land, from Maine to California and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

The seed of friendship, charity and loyalty sown in 1881, have sprung forth in the form of a great, huge tree, whose branches now encircle an area of some thirty States, as well as some two or three of our territories, and to-day we number more than one hundred thousand members.

#### CLASSIFICATION.

The component parts of our order are : 1st, Local organizations, known as Camps; 2nd, State organizations, known as Divisions; 3rd, The National organization, known as the Commandery-in-chief.

The order is military in its work, and is officered in accordance with army regulations.

#### PRINCIPLES.

A firm belief in Almighty God and a recognition of His beneficent guidance in the preservation of the life and the integrity of our National Union. True allegiance to the United States of America, a respect and due regard for its Constitution and its Laws, and a manifest opposition to any system or power that in any way tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our Union.

### OBJECTS.

To keep green the memories of our fathers and their sacrifices to maintain the Union; and to promote their interest and welfare when opportunity offers, or necessity requires it; to aid and assist in caring for their disabled veterans; to aid and help their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead and a strict observance of Memorial Day; to aid and assist worthy members of our order; to inculcate patriotism and a love of country; to instill into the minds of the young men of our land a universal love and respect for the old flag of our country; and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.

### MEMBERSHIP.

We welcome to our order the sons, not less than 18 years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Union army or navy during the Rebellion of 1861-65, and the sons of members of the order not less than 21 years of age, as eligible to membership.

### HOW TO ORGANIZE A CAMP.

Camps are organized by authority of the Division Colonel and mustered by him, one of his staff officers, or a member of the G. A. R., selected for that purpose. Get a petition from the Colonel of your Division, have it signed by at least ten parties who are eligible to membership, giving a record of father's service, Co., Reg't and cause of discharge, return same, accompanied by the charter, and supply fee, which is now eleven dollars.

### IN GENERAL.

After the Camp is organized each member will be required to pay a per capita tax of 12 1-2 cents per quarter to the Division for the support and maintainance of the order, in addition to whatever local assessment your Camp may deem necessary for its support.

All camp supplies are sold to Camps at exactly cost price.

All members of the G. A. R. are privileged to visit any Camp and remain during the entire ceremony.

### IN CONCLUSION

We desire to say that we are in love with the principles of our noble order. We desire to see Camps established all over this country and the lessons of patriotism, self-reliance, equal rights, love of country, and respect for the flag of our Union, from the gloom of Sumpter to the light of Appomattox, be taught and indelibly impressed by precept and example, around every fireside.

The wrinkled and furrowed faces of our gray-haired fathers are familiar objects now, but their silvered hair and bent forms, made so by the long marches and privations of '61-65, forcibly remind us that they are one by one crossing the pontoon bridge to the other shore, joining their comrades who laid down their lives in the great

conflict, as well as those who have since passed to the mystic landing and beckon them to come.

In a few years their ranks will be thinned by the Great Reaper, and but a remnant of the nation's defenders, who upheld our flag from the plague of disruption and secession, will be left. A great majority of them have passed far over the hill, and soon the last drum will beat and there will not be one left to answer the roll call.

But not so with our order—the conditions of which are such that its existence will be perpetuated and handed down from us and our sons to the generations yet unborn.

We desire the rising generation taught that in rivulets of blood on Southern battle fields, our fathers established the proposition that there is room in this country for but ONE flag, and that is the stars and stripes; and any other flag, whether it be the red rag of anarchy, or the stars and bars of rebellion, should not be tolerated.

Proudly do we accept our flag, the Old Glory handed down to us by our fathers without a single star obscured.

Indeed, do we sing of the Union, the Union we love;  
The Union that nothing shall sever.  
We sing of our banner free floating above,  
Undimmed may it wave on forever.

Serene 'mid the nation Columbia stands,  
United, unrivaled as ever;  
Our union of States, of hearts and of hands,  
And our star spangled banner forever.

We sing of our Union made perfect again;  
Our Union all rupture defying;  
We sing of our flag, on the land, o'er the main,  
Triumphant o'er head it is flying.

We sing of the Union we live in to-day;  
The stronger since its recent saving;  
The "Yank" of the blue and the "Johnny" of the gray—  
Both are glad the old flag is waving.

In letters of gold on Fame's scroll shall appear  
To all future ages the story :

Three cheers for our Union, our Union so dear!  
Three cheers for our star flag, "Old Glory!"

We desire a Camp organized in connection with every G. A. R. Post in the Arkansas division. All veterans are earnestly requested to assist us in pushing our noble work. Our order, as that of the G. A. R., is non-political and non-sectarian. Our motto is Friendship, Charity and Loyalty.

Respectfully,

THOMAS HACKETT,  
Mustering Officer,  
Hackett City, Ark.

J. H. WILKINS,  
Colonel Commanding,  
Paris, Ark.

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HEADQUARTERS  
Arkansas Division  
SONS OF VETERANS,  
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SERIES, 1891. }  
ORDER No. 2. }

FORT SMITH, ARK., SEPT. 22, 1891.

I. The Tenth Annual Session of the Commandery-in-Chief is reported to have been a very interesting convention, in which some very important changes were made in the ritualistic work of our order, the muster-in service being materially condensed.

II. Captains! attention is hereby called to Article XVIII Constitution R. and R. which is demanded to be strictly enforced as the interest of each Camp largely depends upon it.

III. Since Order No. 1 was issued Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp, No. 26, has been mustered with 36 charter members. Application has been forwarded to National Headquarters for charter for Camp at Magazine; and a large Camp is now being organized at Paris.

IV. We now desire to earnestly urge the officers of every Camp which is behind with its reports and per capita, to at once call a meeting of said Camp, send in your report for Sept. 30th, together with 50 cents per capita tax for each member and be reinstated and thereby demonstrate your Friendship, Charity and Loyalty. Do not neglect this as all Camps in this Division failing to obey this order will be declared suspended in our next order.

V. Our reports show that our Division has increased in membership in the last six months 66.6 per cent and still we might have done much better,—we need to be more enthusiastic and patriotic.

VI. All blanks for reports have been sent to all Camps of the Division. First Sergeants in reporting No. of recruits will just simply give the names of those MUSTERED DURING THE QUARTER and NOT THE WHOLE of the Camp. Captains will see to it that quarterly reports and per capita tax are sent to these headquarters promptly on October 1st, or immediately thereafter. The energy, ability and worth of officers are judged by their promptness, and unnecessary delays should not be tolerated.

VII. We desire immediately after the 15th of October a report from each Aid-de-Camp of our Division giving the condition

of the Camp to which he belongs and that the same be sent to our private address, Paris, Ark.

VIII. As the weary hot season of summer has now passed, we would recommend to Camps, whose interest seems to be lagging, as the cool weather approaches and the joyous winter time comes on, to frequently practice and thoroughly exemplify the ritualistic work, and to also connect with your Camp work a debating society and in an interesting and entertaining way discuss those subjects which pertain to and are most directly connected with the interests and upbuilding of our noble order.

IX. In a future order we propose to make special mention of the officers and Camps who are most PROMPT in all their work. How many desire to be mentioned in this way?

[OFFICIAL:] By order of

J. H. WILKINS, Colonel Commanding.

G. E. RIDER, Adjutant.

