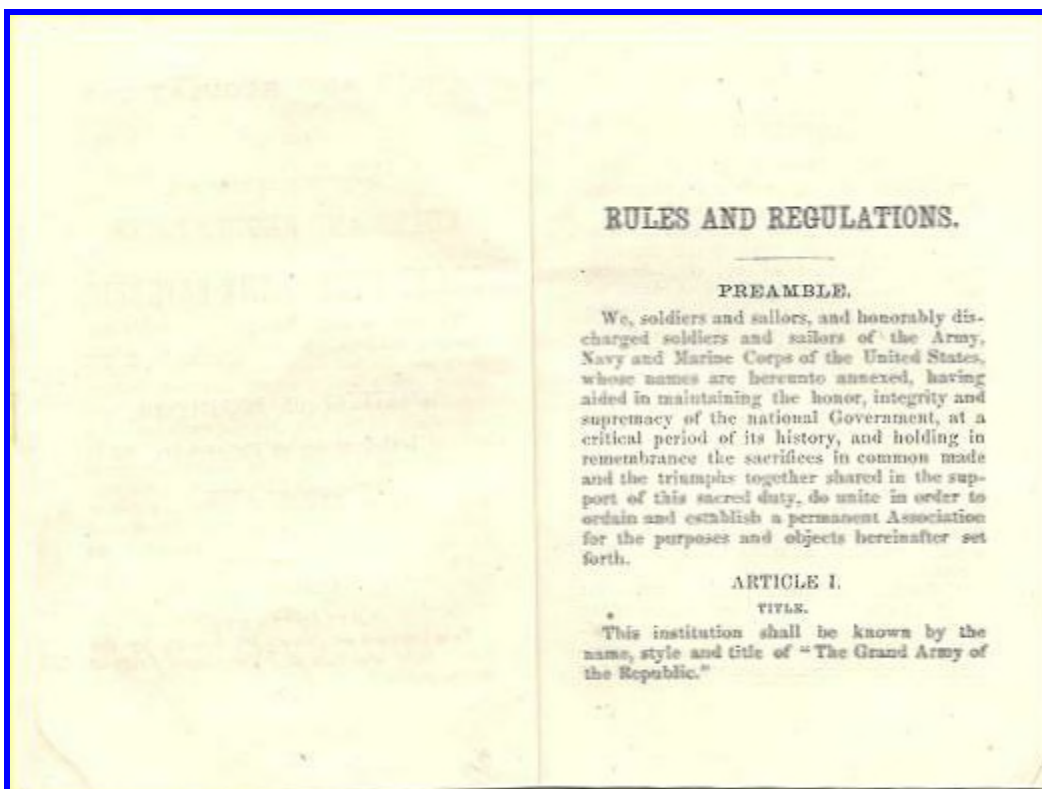
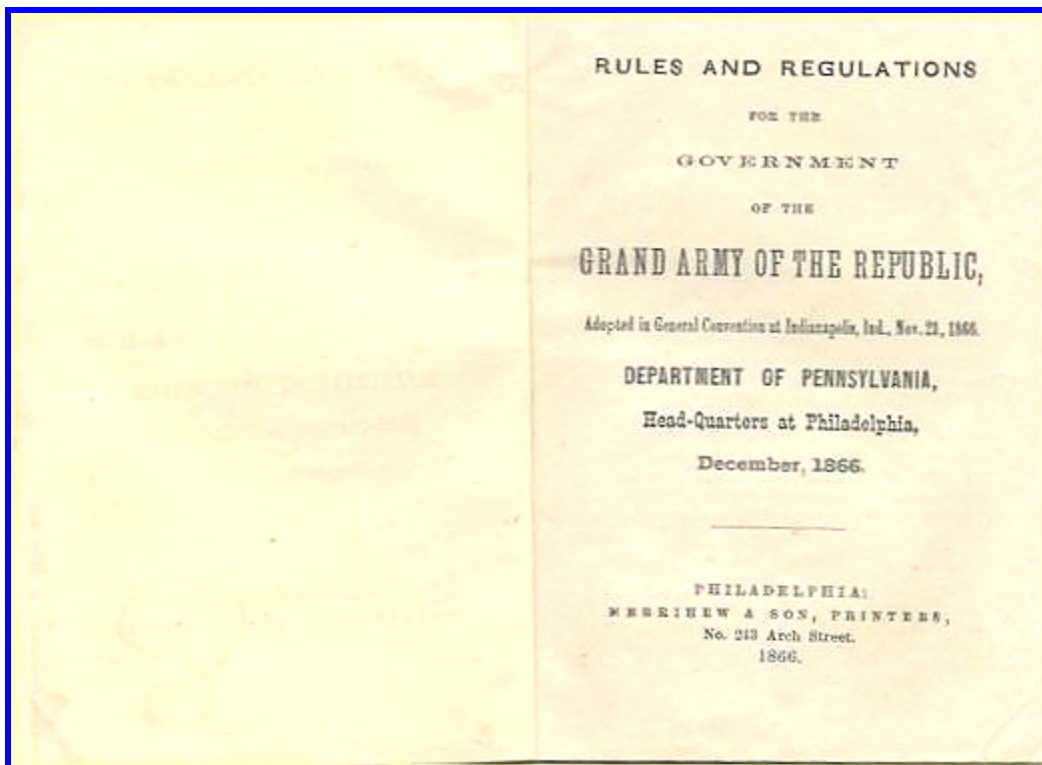


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ARTICLE II.

RESULTS.

The results which are designed to be accomplished by this organization are as follows:—

1. The preservation of those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together, with the strong cords of love and affection, the soldiers and sailors who have stood together in many battles, sieges, engagements and marches.

2. To make these ties available in works and results of kindness, of favor and material aid to those in need of assistance.

3. To make provision, where it is not already done, for the support, care and education of soldiers' and sailors' orphans, and for the maintenance of the widows of deceased soldiers and sailors.

4. For the protection and assistance of disabled soldiers and sailors, whether disabled by wounds, sickness, old age or misfortune.

5. For the establishment and defence of the rights of the late soldiers and sailors of the United States, morally, socially and politically, with a view to inculcate a proper appreciation of their services to the country, and to

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a recognition of such services and claims by the American people.

6. The maintenance of true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the national Constitution and laws; manifested by the discountenancing of whatever may tend to weaken loyalty, incite to insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; together with a defence of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men.

ARTICLE III.

ORGANIZATION.

The several constituted bodies of this Army shall consist of:—

1. Precinct organizations, to be known as "Post No. _____, of _____, (name of city, town, ward or precinct,) Department of _____, (name of State,) G. A. R."

2. District organizations, to be known as "District of _____, Dep't of _____, G. A. R."

3. State organizations, to be known as "Department of _____, (name of State,) G. A. R."

4. A national organization, to be known as "The Grand Army of the Republic."

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ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. Recruits presented for enlistment in the Grand Army of the Republic shall be soldiers and honorably discharged soldiers of the United States volunteer or regular Army, or sailors and honorably discharged sailors of the United States Navy. No soldier nor sailor who has been convicted by court-martial of desertion or any other infamous crime shall be eligible to membership.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. Every application for membership shall be made in writing, and must give the applicant's age, his rank at time of application or discharge, the regiment or ship to which he belongs or belonged, the date of his discharge, the length of time served, and the cause of his discharge, or such qualifications as he may possess under the provisions of Article IV.; it must be presented at a stated meeting of the Post, and be recommended by one comrade of the Army, who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility. The application shall be referred by the Commander to a committee of investiga-

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tion consisting of three (3) comrades of the Army, none of whom shall be of the recommending comrades; which committee shall ascertain if the statements therein contained are true, and that the applicant is in all respects eligible. Their report shall be endorsed on the back of the application, and presented at a subsequent stated meeting of the Post. After the reading of the report, the Commander shall formally request any comrade of the army who has any objection to the report, or reasons against the election of the candidate, to then state the same. Upon the acceptance of the report, the candidate may be balloted for; and every comrade of the Army present shall, unless excused by a vote of the Post, deposit one (1) ballot for or against the candidate. If one black ball, in every twenty votes cast, be deposited against him, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

Sec. 2. A comrade-elect, before enlistment and muster, shall pay an admission fee of not less than one (1) dollar. After enlistment and muster, he shall subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the Army.

Sec. 3. If a candidate for membership be rejected, he shall be forever after ineligible for proposal in any other Post of the Army, and not eligible in this, in which he was re-

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jected, until a period of six months shall have elapsed from the date of his rejection; after which, in the event of the rejected candidate applying for membership, he shall comply in all particulars with the forms hereinbefore prescribed.

Sect. 4. The name of a rejected candidate shall be forwarded through the proper channel for the information and guidance of the several Posts; and, if rejected upon the report of the committee of investigation, a statement of the reasons for his rejection shall also be forwarded.

ARTICLE VI.

IMPRISONMENT OF MEMBERS.

Sect. 1. All charges preferred against any member shall be in form of charges and specifications, and the same rules of practice and evidence shall govern the trial of the accused as govern in military courts-martial.

Sect. 2. The trial shall take place before the Post, or before a court constituted for that purpose by the Post, at the option of the accused. The accused shall be furnished with a copy of the charges and specifications, the names of the witnesses in support thereof, and notice of the time of his trial, not less than two weeks previous thereto.

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Sect. 3. Penalties may be either by reprimand, fine, suspension or dishonorable discharge, in the judgment of the Post or court.

Sect. 4. A member who has been dishonorably discharged may only be reinstated by a unanimous vote of the members of the Post present at the next stated meeting after he shall petition in writing therefor.

Sect. 5. The name of a dishonorably discharged member, with the reason for his discharge, shall be forwarded through the proper channel for the information of the several Posts.

Sect. 6. Upon the trial and expulsion of a member of a Post, any office he may hold shall be deemed vacant.

ARTICLE VII.

DEATH OF MEMBERS.

Upon notice of the death of any comrade of the Army, the Post of which he was a member may be convened for the purpose of attending the funeral ceremonies.

The comrades, properly uniformed and wearing the usual badge of mourning, will march in the order prescribed for such processions.

If agreeable to the family of the deceased, the coffin will be draped with the United

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States flag, and the pall supported by eight (8) comrades of the Army.

ARTICLE VIII.

OFFICERS.

Sect. 1. The officers of the Posts shall be a Commander, a Senior Vice Commander, a Junior Vice Commander, an Adjutant, a Quartermaster, a Surgeon and a Chaplain.

Sect. 2. The officers of the Districts shall be a District Commander, an Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. The District and Post officers shall be elected semi-annually.

Sect. 3. The officers of the Department shall be a Grand Commander, a Senior Vice Grand Commander, a Junior Vice Grand Commander, an Assistant Adjutant General, an Assistant Quartermaster General, and a Council of Administration, consisting of five (5) comrades, of which council the other officers shall be members *ex officio*. They shall be elected annually.

Sect. 4. The officers of the "Grand Army of the Republic" shall be a Commander-in-Chief, a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, a Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, an Adjutant General, a Quartermaster General, and a Council

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of Administration, consisting of one comrade from each Department, of which council the other officers shall be members *ex officio*. They shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sect. 1. It shall be the duty of the Commander to preside at all meetings of the Post; to enforce a strict observance of the rules and regulations and by-laws; to detail all officers and committees not otherwise provided for; to sign all orders drawn upon the Quartermaster for all appropriations of money made and passed at a stated meeting of the Post; and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage or his charge may require of him.

Sect. 2. The Vice-Commanders shall, when called upon, assist the Commander in the performance of his duties. The Senior Vice Commander is, in the event of the death, resignation or absence of the Commander, his plenary representative. And in the event of the death, resignation or absence of the Senior Vice Commander, the Junior Vice Commander succeeds to all his powers and duties. If none of the above-named officers

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be present, a Commander *pro tempore* shall be chosen.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the Adjutant to keep, in books provided for that purpose—

First. The rules and regulations and by-laws of the army, to be signed by every comrade on his becoming a member thereof.

Second. A register of the members of the Post, ruled to embrace every file contained in the application, as well as the date of admission, and a column for general remarks.

Third. A journal of the Proceedings of the Post, after the same have been corrected and approved.

Fourth. An order book, in which shall be recorded all orders or circulars issued by the Post.

Fifth. A ledger, to contain the accounts required to be kept by him.

Sixth. A black book in which shall be recorded the names of all who have been rejected by any Post; and, if given, the reason therefor; and also of those members who may have been dishonorably discharged from any Post.

He shall attest by his signature all actions of the Post, all orders drawn upon the Quartermaster by the Commander; notify all newly elected members of their election; counter-

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sign all receipts given by the Quartermaster for money received; retain in his possession a stub of every receipt issued by the Quartermaster; keep an accurate account of all moneys so received, and on the last Tuesdays in the months of June and December in each year present to the Post a statement showing the condition of the finances of the Post. He shall transfer to his successor in office, without delay, after the expiration of his term, all books, papers, or other property in his possession belonging to his office. He shall also perform such other duties as may be required of him.

Sect. 4. The Quartermaster shall have charge of all the property of the Post; shall collect all moneys due to the Post, giving his receipt therefor, which receipt shall be countersigned by the Adjutant; immediately on making out any such receipt he shall file, with the Adjutant, a stub thereof, upon which shall appear the amount received, from whom, for what purpose, and the date of the receipt; he shall pay all bills audited, approved by the Commander and attested by the Adjutant; he shall notify all members in arrears for their dues, and keep accurate accounts of all moneys received and paid by him; he shall render a monthly report of the finances of the Post, and

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at the expiration of his term of office, shall deliver to his successor, or such other person as the Post may designate, all moneys, books, and other property of the Post in his possession.

ARTICLE X.

MEETINGS.

Sect. 1. The stated meetings of the Posts shall be held at least monthly.

Sect. 2. Special meetings may be convened by order of the Commander.

Sect. 3. Eight (8) members of the Post shall constitute a quorum at any meeting where business is to be transacted.

Sect. 4. The stated meetings of the Department shall be held at least once in six months—special meetings may be convened by order of the Grand Commander.

Sect. 5. The stated meetings of the "Grand Army of the Republic" shall be held once in each year—special meetings may be convened by order of the Commander-in-Chief.

ARTICLE XI.

SECRECY.

Sect. 1. The proceedings of the Army shall be kept secret.

Sect. 2. Any member who shall disclose the

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name of a comrade who has been instrumental in causing the rejection of any candidate for membership, or give information that may lead to such disclosure, shall be expelled from the Post. And the Commander shall cause the provisions of this law to be read immediately after the rejection of such application.

ARTICLE XII.

DUES AND REVENUE.

Sect. 1. The annual dues to a Post from each member shall not be less than \$1.

Sect. 2. The Department dues shall be not less than ten per cent, upon the regular dues and fees received by each Post within the Department.

Sect. 3. Departments as soon as organized shall determine each for itself such higher rates in Post and Department dues as their special necessities may require.

Sect. 4. Disbursements of money from the Department Treasury, in behalf of any of the objects of the Army, or for incidental expenses, shall be made only on the order of the Council of Administration, or of the Department. All warrants for money shall be drawn by the Assistant Adjutant General, and countersigned by the Grand Commander.

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Sect. 5. The District Commander shall draw upon the Department Headquarters for the incidental expenses of their headquarters.

Sect. 6. Army headquarters may draw upon Department Headquarters *pro rata*, subject to the approval of the Council of Administration, for all moneys necessary to defray its own incidental expenses.

ARTICLE XIII.

ARREARAGES.

Sect. 1. ANY comrade who may be six months in arrears at the time of holding the annual election for officers, may, by a vote of the Post, be prohibited from voting, and be declared to be ineligible to any office until such dues shall be paid or remitted by an order of the Post.

Sect. 2. Any comrade who is one year or more in arrears at the first stated meeting in June shall be specially notified of the fact; and if the same is not paid within three (3) months thereafter, the Post may, by a vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members, suspend the comrade until such arrearages shall be paid or duly remitted.

Sect. 3. If the comrade shall refuse to pay such arrears he may be dropped from the roll

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of members, unless it shall appear that the delinquency has occurred through sickness or misfortune; in which case the Post may remit the whole or any portion thereof.

ARTICLE XIV.

REPORTS.

Sect. 1. On the last days of the months of March, June, September and December in each year, a report shall be made to the Assistant Adjutant General of the District by the Commander of each Post, attested by the Adjutant, of the number of members at last report, and the number of new members, and the number who have ceased to belong; together with a statement on the condition and workings prospects of the Post, and a record of their proceedings for the quarter.

Sect. 2. The Quartermaster shall make his quarterly report direct to the Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department, transmitting the funds required by Article 12 of these Rules and Regulations. Such report shall be consolidated at District Headquarters, and the reports, together with a copy of the consolidated report, forwarded to Department Headquarters. A copy of such consolidated report shall be retained at District Headquarters.

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Sect. 3. The Department Commander shall send an annual report to the Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic of all the operations in his Department; combining the reports of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General.

ARTICLE XV.

CHARTERS.

Sect. 1. No Post shall be recognized by any of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic unless regularly established by orders from Department Headquarters, and chartered by the Department Commander and Adjutant General.

Applications for a charter must be accompanied by the charter fee of ten dollars.

Sect. 2. Posts shall be organized as the result of an application to Department Headquarters, signed by ten honorably discharged soldiers or sailors.

ARTICLE XVI.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Sect. 1. The first semi-annual and all subsequent election of officers of Posts, Departments, and the Army shall be made at the first stated

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meeting in July and January, and the officers of the several Departments and of the Army shall be elected at the first meeting in January of each year. They shall be chosen by ballot, by a majority of all the valid votes given; and should no candidate receive a majority of all the votes polled on the first ballot, then the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and so on at each successive ballot. The comrades so elected shall enter upon office at the next stated meeting after their election, and shall hold the same until their successors respectively shall be duly elected and invested.

ARTICLE XVII.

DISTRICTS.

Sect. 1. One or more Posts shall constitute a District. Districts shall be prescribed by the Department Commander as in his opinion may be necessary, provided that whenever practicable Congressional districts shall constitute a District of this Army. The District Commander shall be nominated by the Department Commander to the Council of Administration, and elected by them. The District Commander shall appoint his Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General; he shall

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have general supervision of the Posts, and also of establishment of new Posts in the District.

Sect. 2. All orders, communications, applications for charters, &c., either from a Post to Department Headquarters, or *vice versa*, shall be forwarded through District Headquarters.

ARTICLE XVIII.

DEPARTMENTS.

Sect. 1. Departments shall be composed of one delegate for every twenty-five (25) members of the several Posts therein.

Sect. 2. The duties of the several officers of Departments shall in general be of a like nature to the duties of the officers of Posts. The Grand Commander shall be President of the Council of Administration, and the Assistant Adjutant-General shall be Secretary thereof.

Sect. 3. The Council of Administration of a Department shall have charge of the working interest of the Army; may propose plans; may specify objects of charity; and may make contracts, subject to a vote of the Department.

ARTICLE XIX.

"GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC."

Sect. 1. The Grand Army of the Republic

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shall be composed as follows: the three highest officers of each Department shall be *ex-officio* members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in addition thereto the several Departments shall be represented by a representative from each Department and one delegate for every one thousand members, such representative to be elected at the annual Department meeting.

Sect. 2. The duties of the officers of the Grand Army of the Republic shall in general be of a like nature to the duties of officers of Departments. The Commander-in-Chief shall be President of the Council of Administration, and the Adjutant-General shall be Secretary thereof.

Sect. 3. The duties of the Council of Administration of the "Grand Army of the Republic" shall be of a like nature to those of the Council of Administration of Departments.

ARTICLE XX.

BONDS.

Sect. 1. Every Quartermaster shall give bonds in the sum of \$1000, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Sect. 2. Every Assistant Quartermaster-General shall give bonds at the rate of fifty dollars

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for every Post in the Department, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of his trust.

Sect. 3. The Quartermaster-General shall give bonds in the sum of \$5000, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of his trust.

ARTICLE XXI.

TRANSFERS.

Sect. 1. Any member in good standing, who has faithfully performed all duties enjoined upon him, and paid all dues, and who may wish to travel, shall, on application, be furnished by the Adjutant of the Post with a travelling card, approved by the Commander.

Sect. 2. Any member in good standing, as provided for in Section 1, desiring to move from the vicinity of his Post, shall, on application, be furnished by the Post Adjutant with a transfer card, approved by the Post Commander, for which he shall pay the sum of twenty-five cents.

Sect. 3. The possession of a transfer card will entitle a comrade to join another Post upon the payment of twenty-five cents, and no member who shall move from his Post shall be permitted to join another Post unless he has said transfer card.

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ARTICLE XXII.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF DEPARTMENTS.

In States where this Army is not established, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint and have mustered in a Provisional Department Commander, who shall nominate to the Commander-in-Chief his Adjutant-General, Quartermaster-General, and four Aides-de-Camp, and a Council of Administration, composed of five members. Such Provisional Department Commander shall divide his Department into Districts, and on a Post being organized, he shall appoint a Provisional District Commander, who shall nominate his staff to the Provisional Department Commander. When ten Posts are established in such State, an election of Department Commander shall be held, and the regular working of the Order shall commence, as prescribed in the Rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Each organization of the Army shall have power to adopt whatever rules and regulations may be deemed necessary for its own peculiar government: *Provided*, that the same do not in any way conflict with or destroy any part or portion of the Constitution, of the Rules and Regulations, or come in conflict with any legal orders issued by superior authority.

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