

*Pieces of Iowa's Past*, published by the Iowa State Capitol Tour Guides weekly during the legislative session, features historical facts about Iowa, the Capitol, and the early workings of state government. All historical publications are reproduced here with the actual spelling, punctuation, and grammar retained.

**March 23, 2016**

**THIS WEEK:**

## **56th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic**

**BACKGROUND:**

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Army of the Republic. *(This is part one of a two-part series.)*

### ***56th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic***

The Grand Army of the Republic was established 150 years ago in 1866. The Grand Army of the Republic membership included any Union soldier who fought in the Civil War. G.A.R. members were primarily white men although black soldiers were also members, establishing a racially integrated organization. The G.A.R. promoted voting rights for black veterans, and in 1870, the 15th amendment gave black men the right to vote. The G.A.R. existed from 1866 to 1956, reaching a membership of 409,489 in 1890. There were five Civil War veterans and members of the G.A.R. elected president: Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison, and McKinley.



**Restoration began on the interior dome in June 1998. The G.A.R. emblem was replaced with a reproduction at that time.**

The G.A.R. established what we now celebrate as Memorial Day. This holiday, first celebrated in 1868 as "Decoration Day," established a day to decorate veteran's graves and honor those who died or were missing in action. The Grand Army of the Republic also advocated for Federal pensions but failed to establish pensions for its black members.

The G.A.R. organized by "Departments" on the state level and "Posts" on the community level. Posts existed in every state. The G.A.R. held reunions, or encampments, on both a state and national level for decades after the Civil War. National Encampments were held every year from 1866 to 1949. Members wore uniforms and badges adopted by the GAR. These badges became the emblem of the G.A.R. and were used to decorate every Union soldier's grave.

In 1922, Iowa hosted its first National Encampment. The organization's membership was at 85,621. About 20,000 of those members attended the 1922 reunion. Iowa also hosted the National Encampments in 1926 with 47,179 members; 1931 with 16,587 members; 1938 with 2,443 members; and 1944 with 249 members. By 1949, the G.A.R. membership fell to 16 surviving members.

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

**56th National Encampment  
of the Grand Army of the Republic**



Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Capitol Grounds

**Des Moines, Iowa      September 24-29, 1922**

The 1922 National Encampment members filled Des Moines. The entire city celebrated in recognition of their valiant efforts to preserve the Union during the Civil War. The G.A.R. emblem was suspended across the top of the Capitol dome. The emblem was retained as a permanent decoration by order of Governor Nathan Kendall in 1922.

## Pages from the Official Programme

### Welcome to Veterans of '61-5

### Iowa Has Never Forgotten



WITH immeasurable pride and love she opens her arms to the Old Boys in Blue. We know you come with hearts surcharged with tender and stirring memories. To these we wish you to add the memory of a welcome wherein a great state expresses its sense of gratitude for your immortal service. Her proud place in the union of states is only possible because of your sacrificial devotion to our common flag.

#### Local Committees

##### EXECUTIVE.

LIEUT. COLONEL C. A. WATROUS, Chairman, and Chairman of Decorations.  
COLONEL H. H. POLK, Vice Chairman, Marshal of Parade.  
G. E. HAMILTON, Secretary, and Chairman Hotels and Housing.  
EDWARD O'DEA, Treasurer, and Chairman Entertainment.  
R. L. CHASE, Past Commander, Department of Iowa.  
W. C. RAMSAY, Secretary of State.  
LIEUT. COLONEL GLENN C. HAYNES, Auditor of State, and Chairman Medical and Public Comfort.

##### ORGANIZATION CHAIRMEN.

Grand Army of the Republic—John W. Cox.  
Woman's Relief Corps—Mrs. Marie L. Basham.  
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Lillian C. Cary, Dubuque, Iowa.  
Sons of Veterans—J. B. Reeve.  
Daughters of Veterans—Miss Belle Smith.  
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary—Grace Stuart.

### National Headquarters and Meeting Places

#### G. A. R.

LEWIS S. PILCHER, *Commander-in-Chief.*

Headquarters—Ft. Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.  
Meetings—The Coliseum, First and Locust Streets.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

AGNES H. PARKER, *President.*

Headquarters—Ft. Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.  
Meetings—First M. E. Church, Tenth and Pleasant Streets.

#### LADIES OF G. A. R.

ANNA M. MICHENER, *President.*

Headquarters—Hotel Savery III, Fourth and Locust Streets.  
Meetings—Central Presbyterian Church, Eighth and High Streets.

#### ARMY NURSES ASSOCIATION.

ALICE CARY RISLEY, *President.*

Headquarters—Ft. Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.  
Meetings—Ft. Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

CLIFFORD IRELAND, *Commander-in-Chief.*

Headquarters—Hotel Savery III, Fourth and Locust Streets.  
Meetings—Shrine Temple, Ninth and Pleasant Streets.

#### SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

MARGARET PATTERSON STEVENS, *President.*

Headquarters—Hotel Savery III, Fourth and Locust Streets.  
Meetings—Elks' Club, Fifth and Grand Avenue.

#### DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

LOUISE M. BENSON, *President.*

Headquarters—Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust Streets.  
Meetings—Chamberlain Hotel.

#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL VETERANS.

LOOMIS SCOFIELD, *Commodore Commanding.*

Headquarters—Victoria Hotel, Sixth and Chestnut Streets.  
Meetings—Victoria Hotel.

## G. A. R. Department Headquarters.

Alabama.....	Lloyd Hotel, 6th and High Sts.
Arizona.....	Wellington Hotel, 5th and Grand Ave.
Arkansas.....	Chamberlain Hotel, 7th and Locust Sts.
California and Nevada.....	Chamberlain Hotel, 7th and Locust Sts.
Colorado and Wyoming.....	Irwin Hotel, 6th and Cherry Sts.
Connecticut.....	Martin Hotel, 3rd and Locust Sts.
Delaware.....	Kirkwood Hotel, 4th and Walnut Sts.
Florida.....	Rogers Hotel, 6th and Mulberry Sts.
Georgia and So. Carolina.....	Irwin Hotel, 6th and Cherry Sts.
Idaho.....	Ft. Des Moines Hotel 10th & Wal. Sts.
Illinois.....	Randolph Hotel, 4th and Court Ave.
Indiana.....	Chamberlain Hotel, 7th and Locust Sts.
Iowa.....	Savery Hotel, 4th and Locust Sts.
Kansas.....	Kirkwood Hotel, 4th and Walnut Sts.
Kentucky.....	Chamberlain Hotel, 7th and Locust Sts.
Louisiana.....	Rogers Hotel, 6th and Mulberry Sts.
Maine.....	Ft. Des Moines Hotel 10th & Wal. Sts.
Maryland.....	Franklin Hotel, 5th and Locust Sts.
Massachusetts.....	Kirkwood Hotel, 4th and Walnut Sts.
Michigan.....	Savery Hotel, 4th and Locust Sts.
Minnesota.....	Kirkwood Hotel, 4th and Walnut Sts.
Mississippi.....	Savery Hotel, 4th and Locust Sts.
Missouri.....	Kirkwood Hotel, 4th and Walnut Sts.
Montana.....	Elliott Hotel, 219 Fourth St.
Nebraska.....	Elliott Hotel, 219 Fourth St.
New Hampshire.....	Foster Hotel, 8th and Walnut Sts.
New Jersey.....	Martin Hotel, 3rd and Locust Sts.
New Mexico.....	Lloyd Hotel, Sixth and High Sts.
New York.....	Ft. Des Moines Hotel 10th & Wal. Sts.
North Carolina.....	Rogers Hotel, 6th and Mulberry Sts.
North Dakota.....	Randolph Hotel, 4th and Court Ave.
Ohio.....	Brown Hotel, 4th and Chestnut Sts.
Oregon.....	Irwin Hotel, 6th and Cherry Sts.
Oklahoma.....	Ft. Des Moines Hotel 10th & Wal. Sts.
Pennsylvania.....	Chamberlain Hotel, 7th and Locust Sts.
Potomac.....	Martin Hotel, 3rd and Locust Sts.
Rhode Island.....	Elliott Hotel, 219 Fourth St.
South Dakota.....	Kirkwood Hotel, 4th and Walnut Sts.
Tennessee.....	Randolph Hotel, 4th and Court Ave.
Texas.....	Rogers Hotel, 6th and Mulberry Sts.
Utah.....	Rogers Hotel, 6th and Mulberry Sts.
Vermont.....	Rogers Hotel, 6th and Mulberry Sts.
Virginia.....	Kirkwood Hotel, 4th and Walnut Sts.
Washington and Alaska.....	Brown Hotel, 4th and Chestnut Sts.
West Virginia.....	Lloyd Hotel, 6th and High Sts.
Wisconsin.....	Wellington Hotel, Fifth and Grand Ave.

**Emergency Hospital**  
AUDITORIUM—516 FOURTH STREET  
Telephone Market 1038-1039

## Grand Army of the Republic

Lewis S. Pilcher, Commander-in-Chief, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Cola D. R. Stowits, Quartermaster Gen- eral, Buffalo, New York.
Robert W. McBride, Senior Vice-Com- mander-in-Chief, Indianapolis, Ind.	Thomas S. Hopkins, Judge Advocate General, Washington, D. C.
Henry A. Johnson, Junior Vice-Com- mander-in-Chief, Washington, D. C.	Richard A. Sarle, Inspector-General, San Francisco, Calif.
Marshall W. Wood, Surgeon General, Boise, Idaho.	Levi Lonfellow, National Patriotic In- structor, Minneapolis, Minn.
George B. Smith, Chaplain-in-Chief, Minneapolis, Minn.	Birt F. Parsons, Chief of Staff, New York City, N. Y.
William C. Peckham, Adjutant General, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Rufus L. Chase, Senior-Aids-de-Camp, Des Moines, Iowa.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.

Patriotic Services will be held in all churches, as far as possible the pulpits will be filled by Comrades of the G. A. R.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.

10:00 A.M. Committee on Credentials will open its register at National Headquarters, Ft. Des Moines Hotel.

2:00 P. M. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration at Headquarters.

3:00 P. M. Meeting of the National Council of Administration.

8:00 P. M. Semi-Official Meeting of the Grand Army and Allied Organizations at Coliseum.

Rufus L. Chase, Past Dept. Commander of Iowa, Presiding.

Invocation: George B. Smith, Chaplain in Chief.

Address of Welcome, Nathan E. Kendall, Governor of Iowa.

Address of Welcome, Carl M. Garver, Mayor of Des Moines.

Address of Welcome, L. J. Kron, Dept. Commander of Iowa.

Introduction of Commander-in-Chief, Louis F. Pilcher, Per-  
manent Chairman.

Greetings: The W. R. C. Agnes H. Parker, National President.

Army Nurses Association, Alice Cary Risley, President.

Ladies of the G. A. R., Anna M. Michener, National President.

Daughters of Veterans, Louise M. Benson, National President.

Sons of Veterans, Clifford Ireland, Commander-in-Chief.

S. of V. Auxiliary, Margaret Patterson Stephens, National Pres.

Response to Greetings: Robert W. McBride, Senior Vice  
Commander-in-Chief.

Special Music, Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.

Department Representatives on the Committee on Resolutions and for the Council of Administration. Department Commanders will report to the Adjutant General, not later than 3:00 P. M. Tuesday.

Department Commanders and all National Aids de Camp will report to the Chief of Staff at National Headquarters at 5:00 P. M. Tuesday for instructions concerning the parade.

8:00 P. M. Reception at State House to all Patriotic Organizations, tend-  
ered by Governor N. E. Kendall, assisted by State Officers,  
National and Department Officers of the G. A. R. and Allied  
Organizations.

9:00 P. M. Fireworks Display on Capitol Extension Grounds.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.

10:00 A. M. Grand Parade. Details of Parade given in special order by  
Commander-in-Chief.

8:00 P. M. Coliseum, Great Camp Fire of the Encampment.

David J. Palmer, Past Com.ander in Chief, Presiding.

Address: N. E. Kendall, Governor of Iowa.

Address: Louis S. Pilcher, Commander-in-Chief.

Address: Hanford McNider, Commander-in-Chief World  
War Veterans.

Address: Corp. James Tanner, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Special Music by Ladies Colonial Glee Club.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.

10:00 A. M. Coliseum. The 56th National Encampment Business Session.

## Woman's Relief Corps

### AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC FORTIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Agnes H. Parker, President, Boston, Mass.  
Eliza Brown-Daggett, Secretary, Attleboro, Mass.  
Emma W. Campbell, Treasurer, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Emma B. Aldrich, S. V. P., Cawker City, Kans.  
Alice May Armstrong, Jr. V. P., Kansas City, Mo.  
Eunice M. Munger, Chaplain, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Ida F. Davidson, Inspector, Lansing, Mich.  
Inez J. Bender, Counselor, Decatur, Ill.

Gertrude M. Westerveldt, I. & I. Officer, Hartford, Conn.  
Marie L. Basham, Patriotic Instructor, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Mary M. North, Press Correspondent, Herndon, Va.  
Emma E. Pauley, Senior Aide, Indianapolis, Ind.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Sarah H. Darling, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.  
Mary A. Neilson, Livingston, Mont.  
Margaret E. Becker, Portland, Ore.  
Ursula Shirley, Washington, D. C.  
Helen A. Hobbs, Yankton, S. Dak.

### HEADQUARTERS, HOTEL FORT DES MOINES.

Business Sessions, First Methodist Episcopal Church, 10th and Pleasant Sts.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.

10:00 A. M. First Methodist Episcopal Church, 10th and Pleasant Streets. Presentation of Parade Flags to Sunday School, and Boy Scouts of Des Moines.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.

10:00 A. M., 2:00 to 6:00 P. M. Credential Committee, Hotel Fort Des Moines Office Floor.

10:00 A. M. Headquarters Reception Committee, and National Senior Aide, Parlor I, Mezzanine Floor.

2:30 P. M. State Capitol Grounds. Planting four Oak Trees, dedicated as living Memorials to President Lincoln, General Grant, Goeneral Sherman and General Sheridan. National Patriotic Instructor, Marie L. Basham, Presiding.  
Prayer, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Remarks, Dept. President Iowa W. R. C. Sue Browning.  
Address, National President W. R. C. Agnes H. Parker.  
Address, Commander in Chief Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher.  
Patriotic Songs, School Children, Amos Hiatt, Jr.  
Response and Acceptance, Governor Nate E. Kendall.  
Planting of the Trees, Ada Woods, Ruby Eckerson, Presidents of Des Moines Corps.  
Benediction, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger, Des Moines.

4:00 P. M. Hotel Fort Des Moines, Parlor I, National Council Meeting.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.

10:00 A. M., 2:00 to 6:00 P. M. Credential Committee, Hotel Fort Des Moines.

1:30 to 2:30 P. M. Military Flag Drill by Kinsman Woman's Relief Corps Flag Staff, Musical Program by Crocker Woman's Relief Corps, I. O. O. F. Temple, 615 Locust St.—elevator service.

3:00 to 6:00 P. M. Garden Party, Clyde L. Herring Home, 180 37th St. All visiting guests are invited.

4:30 P. M. National Press Correspondent and Press Committee, with all Dept. Press Correspondents, Parlor I, Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

8:00 to 9:30 P. M. State Capitol. Reception and Fireworks.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.

7:30 A. M. Breakfast, Honoring National President and all Past National Presidents, Woman's Relief Corps, Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

9:00 A. M. Credential Committee, Hotel Fort Des Moines.

1:30 P. M. Convention Church, National Senior Aide, Conductors, Color Bearers, and Guards.

2:00 P. M. Convention Church, First session open to Public. President's Address.

Flag Presentation.

Memorial Service.

Exchange of Greetings from all Patriotic Organizations.

9:00 to 10:30 P. M. Iowa Department W. R. C. Reception. Rose Parlor. Hotel Chamberlain.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.

9:00 A. M. Convention Church, Business Session, Luncheon, Election of Officers.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th.

9:00 A. M. Convention Church, Business Session, Luncheon, Installation of Officers.

### TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

### Association Army Nurses of the Civil War

lice Cary Risley, President, Columbia, Mo.  
Joanna Melton, Chaplain, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
mily Adler, Senior Vice President, Clarion, Iowa  
Gen. Geo. B. Loud, Judge Advocate, Culver City, Cal.  
ary B. Maxfield, Junior Vice Ppresident, Kansas City, Kans.  
Helen B. Cale, Dept. President, Sheboygan, Wis.  
ornelia G. Green, Secre ary, Rochester, N. Y.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.

2:00 P. M. Opening Session, Hotel Fort Des Moines.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.

8:00 to 10:00 P. M. Reception Hotel Fort Des Moines.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.

8:00 P. M. Memorial Service, Hotel Fort Des Moines.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.

4:30 P. M. The Federated Patriotic Societies of the Grand Army of the Republic, meet on Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Fort Des Moines.

## Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

### THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, HOTEL SAVERY.

Anna M. Mitchener, National President, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mrs. Lida Manson, Senior Vice-Pres., Crawfordsville, Ind.  
Mrs. Lucy Brothers, Nat'l Junior Vice-Pres., Minneapolis, Minn.  
Mrs. Maybelle S. Nissen, Nat'l Secretary, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mrs. Marybell Ross, Nat'l treasurer, Chicago, Ill.  
Mrs. Amy Clark, Nat'l Chaplain, Kansas City, Mo.  
Mrs. Eva J. French, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor, Monterey, Calif.

Mrs. Martha J. VanDuzor, Nat'l Inspector, Chicago, Ill.  
Mrs. Cora Dunning, Nat'l Registrar, Kansas City, Mo.  
Mrs. Eva Barhite, National Corresponding Secretary, Eugene, Ore.  
Mrs. Ethel M. Irish, National Counselor, Fond du Lac, Wis.  
National Council of Administration:  
Mrs. Genevieve H. Lucy, Chacago, Ill.  
Mrs. Lora Ginders, Monte Vista, Colo.  
Mrs. Sarah E. Fox, San Antonio, Tex.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.

3:00 to 6:00 P. M. Credential Committee, Assembly Room Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Savery.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.

9:00 A. M. Advisory Council, Room 402 Hotel Savery.  
1:00 P. M. Memorial Service, Central Presbyterian Church, Eighth and High Streets. Memorial Address, Dr. Frank C. McKean.  
Musical Program, Central Presbyterian Choir, Mrs. Genevieve Wheat Baal, Mrs. Thomas I. Stoner, Mr. James Cochran, Mr. Hiram Humm. Miss Lenore Mudge, Organist.  
3:00 P. M. Garden Party at C. L. Herring and Gardner Cowles homes.  
8:00 P. M. Reception for all Organizations, State House.  
9:30 P. M. Venetian Room, Hotel Savery, Reception and Ball in honor of the National President and Official Staff. Under the auspices of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic of Des Moines.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.

2:30 P. M. Central Presbyterian Church, Opening of the National Convention, National President presiding. Musical Program in charge of Mrs. Mary G. Caldwell, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Greetings: Carl M. Garver, Mayor of Des Moines.  
Address of Welcome, Hon. J. B. Weaver.

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary, Past National President, Dubuque, Iowa, General Chairman.  
Mrs. Irene Plummer, Des Moines, Local Chairman. Members of Committee, Des Moines: Mrs. Margaret Nelson, Mrs. Lillian Garns, Mrs. Jennie Beemer, Mrs. Bertha Hunt, Mrs. Addie Hammar, Mrs. Nora Bailey, Mrs. Cora Van Hosen, Mrs. Rose Gillispie.

Reception Committee at National Headquarters:  
Mrs. Clara Ellsworth, Minnesota; Mrs. Mollie Hunter, Kansas; Mrs. Nettie Morrow, Iowa; Mrs. Hanna Whitesides, Massachusetts.

Eight

## Daughters of Veterans

### THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

President, Miss Louise M. Benson, Oakland, Maine.  
Senior Vice President, Mrs. Lola S. Elliott, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Junior Vice President, Mrs. Drusila I. Thayer, Chicago, Ill.  
Chaplain, Mrs. Lottie A. Merrell, Hallstead, Pa.  
Secretary, Mrs. Mildred B. Libby, Oakland, Maine.  
Treasurer, Miss Ella Morrison, Youngstown, Ohio.  
Inspector, Mrs. Edith Stevens Clark Coldwater, Mich.

Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Glennola G. Sill, Chicago, Ill.  
COUNCIL:  
Mrs. Nellie M. Goodman, Roxbury 21, Mass.  
Miss Grace Hurd, Seattle, Wash.  
M. S. Maybelle Plymire, San Francisco, Cal.  
Mrs. Harriett Goetz, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Mrs. Grace E. Hoffmeyer, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Press Correspondent, Mrs. Mary V. Fauth, Washington, D. C.  
Chief-of-Staff, Miss Nella M. Merrick Waterville, Maine.

National Headquarters will be established Monday, September 25, in Parlors H and J, Mezzanine Floor of Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust Streets.

Credential Committee will be in session Monday at National Headquarters.

National Aides and National Special Aides are asked to meet the Chief-of-Staff at Headquarters, Tuesday, September 26, at 9:00 A. M.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.

Special Patriotic Services in all Churches of Des Moines.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.

10:30 A. M. Meeting of National Council at Headquarters. Auditing of books of National Secretary and Treasurer.  
7:45 P. M. Semi-official meeting at Coliseum. Second and Locust Sts. Greetings will be extended to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the Allied Organizations.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.

9:30 A. M. First Business Session of Convention. The Ball Room, Chamberlain Hotel.  
Memorial Services, conducted by National Chaplain, Lottie A. Merrell.

3:00 P. M. Garden Party at Clyde L. Herring Home, 180 37th St.

8:00 P. M. Reception at State House. Fireworks.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.

3:00 P. M. Business Session. Nomination of Officers.  
8:00 P. M. Campfire at Coliseum.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.

Business Session. Election of Officers.  
Exemplification of ritualistic work.  
12:30 P. M. Complimentary Luncheon. Given by the Iowa Department and Aunt Becky Young Tent No. 6 of Des Moines, to voting members of Convention at Y. W. C. A., Ninth and High.  
8:30 P. M. Old Fashioned Party for G. A. R., their wives and widows and all Daughters. The Ball Room, Chamberlain Hotel.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th.

Business session. Question hour.

**Sons of Veterans U. S. A.**  
**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, HOTEL SAVERY.**

Clifford Ireland, Commander-in-Chief, Washington, D. C.	Arthur Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
Elmer Perry, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Barre, Vt.	Ernest W. Homan, West Lynn, Mass., National Patriotic Instructor.
Don. D. Donnan, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Independence, Iowa.	Frank C. Huston, Indianapolis, Ind., National Chaplain.
<b>COUNCILS-IN-CHIEF:</b> William H. Klein, Syracuse N. Y.	William M. Coffin, Cincinnati, Ohio, National counselor
Ralph H. Burbank, Biddeford, Me.	H. H. Hammer, Reading Pa., National Secretary-Treasurer

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.**

10:00 A. M. Shrine Temple, School in Instructions for Division Commanders and other Division Officers.

2:00 P. M. Savery Hotel, Meeting of Council-in-Chief, Auditing and transaction of business.

8:00 P. M. Coliseum. Greetings to Grand Army of Republic and all Allied Orders.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.**

2:00 P. M. Opening of Forty-first Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

8:00 P. M. Shrine Temple, Exemplification of Ritual and Ceremonies.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.**

10:00 A. M. Parade. Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, all officers and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Division of Iowa and all other Divisions and Members.

2:00 P. M. Shrine Temple, Encampment Sessions.

4:00 P. M. Memorial Service.

8:00 P. M. Venetian Ball Room, Hotel Savery. Annual Reception, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary to Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.**

Shrine Temple, Encampment Sessions.

<p><b>NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL VETERANS</b>          LOOMIS SCOFIELD, <i>Commodore Commanding.</i>          Headquarters—Victoria Hotel, Sixth and Chestnut Streets.          Meetings—Victoria Hotel.</p>
---

**THIRTY-SIXTH ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM.**  
**Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, U. S. A.**

President, Mrs. Margaret Patterson SStephens, Washington, D. C.	Inspector, Mrs. Ada B. Carr, Fond du Lac, Wis.
Vice President, Mrs. Anna F. Keene, Philadelphia, Pa.	I. & I. Officer, Mrs. Effie Carpenter, Meriden, Conn.
<b>COUNCIL:</b> Mrs. Blanche L. Beverstock, Keene N. H.	Press Correspondent, Miss Jean M. Thoble, Dwight, Ill.
Mrs. Alwine Gerkhardt, Orange, N. J.	Chief-of-Staff, Miss Edna Bergwitz Columbus, Ohio.
Miss Lelah Foster, Decatur, Ill.	Convention Stenographer, Mrs. Alice A. Pratt, Melrose Highlands, Mass.
Secretary, Miss Edna E. Davis, Takoma Park, D. C.	Personal Aide, Mrs. Kathryn Viscelius Patterson, N. J.
Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret L. Walters, Woburn, Mass.	Special Aide, Mrs. Sue H. Jones, Steubenville, Ohio.
Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Claudia K. Erther, Indianapolis, Ind.	Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Williamsburg, Pa.
Chaplain, Mrs. Winnie F. Durst, Syracuse, N. Y.	

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.**

Headquarters of the National Organization established in Chamber of Commerce Lounge on Mezzanine Floor of Hotel Savery.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.**

10:00 A. M. Meeting of National Council, Hotel Savery.

2:00 P. M. Committee on Credentials in session at Headquarters for registration of all delegates.

4:00 to 6:00 P. M. Informal Reception tendered by the National President to all delegates and members, Venetian Ball Room, Savery Hotel.

8:00 P. M. Semi-official meeting at the Coliseum. Greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Organizations.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.**

10:00 A. M. Opening of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment at Elks' Club.

3:00 P. M. Garden Party at Clyde L. Herring residence.

8:00 P. M. Shrine Temple. Exemplification of Ritual and Ceremonies of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.**

10:00 A. M. Parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

2:00 P. M. Business session.

4:00 P. M. Joint Memorial Services with the Sons of Veterans at Shrine Temple.

8:00 P. M. Venetian Ball Room, Hotel Savery. Annual Reception Sons of Veterans Auxiliary to Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland and Staff of the Sons of Veterans U. S. A.

9:00 P. M. Military Ball. Members of the Allied Patriotic Organizations are invited to attend.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.**

9:00 A. M. Business Session.

12:00 to 2:00 P. M. Luncheon in honor of National Officers at Harris-Emery Tea Room tendered by Grenville M. Dodge Auxiliary.

2:00 P. M. Business Session.

## REUNIONS

## Special Entertainment

Iron Brigade: Court House, Court Room 309, September 26th, at 10 A. M. Take elevator.

Survivors of Vicksburg: Court House, Court Room 303, September 26th, 10 A. M. Take Elevator.

Survivors of Shiloh: Court House, Court Room 303, September 26th, 10 P. M. Take Elevator.

Survivors of Shiloh: Court House, Court Room 303, September 26th, 2:00 P. M. Take Elevator.

National Association of Civil War Musicians: Manhattan Hotel, September 26th. Reunion at 405 Grand Avenue, September 26th, 10 A. M.

Prisoners of War: 112 Sixth Avenue, September 26th, 10 A. M.

Burbridge's Brigade: Court House, Sept 26th, at 1:30 P. M.

National Association of Naval Veterans, St. John's Lutheran Church, Sept. 26th, at 10 A. M.

Ex-Volunteer Officers of Civil War: Court Room in Old Federal Building, September 26th, 10 A. M. Take Elevator.

2nd Iowa Vol. Inft., Sept. 26th, meet at Iowa National Bank at 2:00 P. M. to be taken to home of P. J. Mills, by Sons and Daughters of Regiment.

52nd Illinois Inft. Federal Building, September 26th, 10 A. M. Elevator.

20th Wis. Inft., Lobby Elliott Hotel, S. Dakota Headquarters, Sept. 26th, at 10 A.M.

3rd Iowa Cavalry, Federal Court Room, Old Federal Building, Sept. 27th, 2:00 P. M.

10th Ohio Vol. Cav., Old Federal Building, September 27th, 2:00 P. M. Elevator.

18th Iowa Inft., Y. M. C. A. Building. 2:00 P. M. September 26th. Take Elevator.

22nd Iowa Inft., 112 Sixth Avenue, September 26th, 1:30 P. M.

20th Iowa Inft., Y. M. C. A., September 27th. 2:00 P. M.

33rd Iowa Inft., Y. M. C. A., September 26th 1:30 P. M.

28th Iowa Inft., Y. M. C. A., September 26th. 2:00 P. M.

23rd Iowa Inft., Y. M. C. A., September 26th. 10:00 A. M.

23rd Ohio Inft., 611 Fourth Street. 10:00 A. M., September 26th.

Patriotic Instructors, Y. M. C. A., September 26th, 10 A. M.

17th Indiana with Wilder's Brigade, Sept. 26th, 10 A. M., Federal Bldg.

3rd Iowa Inft., Victoria Hotel, September 26th. 10:00 A. M.

Co. A, 33rd Iowa. Home of W. H. Harding, 864 20th St., at 10 A. M.

Colored Troops, S. Joe Brown's Office, 515 Mulberry St., Sept. 26th. 10:00 A. M.

**GARDEN PARTY:** One of the most unique entertaining features of the Encampment is the Lawn Fete and Garden Party at the C. L. Herring and Gardner Cowles residences, Southwest 37th St., tendered by the local auxiliary associations to all visiting organizations. Music, drills, pageants, refreshments. Automobiles will be provided to carry guests from the down town district. Special announcement will be made regarding this event at the various meeting places.

**GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY:** Tuesday Evening 8:30 P. M. following the reception at the State House. There will be a magnificent display of fireworks on the South side of the Capitol Extension Grounds. The display will include many set pieces especially designed for the occasion. The Grand Stand Seats will be free and will afford a splendid position from which to view the fireworks.

**DRUM CORPS HEADQUARTERS:** The Manhattan Hotel, 313 Fifth St., will be headquarters for all drum corps unless otherwise arranged.

**COLORED VETERANS:** Mr. E. R. Hall, care State House, is chairman of the committee on housing and entertainment for Colored Veterans and their families.

**RECREATION AND REST ROOMS:** The following local organizations have equipped and are maintaining rest rooms for the comfort of Encampment Guests:

Crocker Woman's Relief Corps, Tent East of Coliseum.  
Kinsman Woman's Relief Corps, East Locust, Masonic Temple.  
Crocker and Kinsman Corps, 408 Shops Building.  
Ladies of the G. A. R., Court House.  
Daughters of Veterans, 218 West Fourth St.  
Auxiliary Spanish War Veterans, 312 Locust St.  
Service Star, 811 West Grand.  
Rebekahs, Old City Building, Second Street.  
Eastern Stars, Hotel Kirkwood.  
Campfire Girls, Two locations, Fleming Building.  
Des Moines Woman's Club, Floral Center, S. E. Cor. 9th and Walnut.

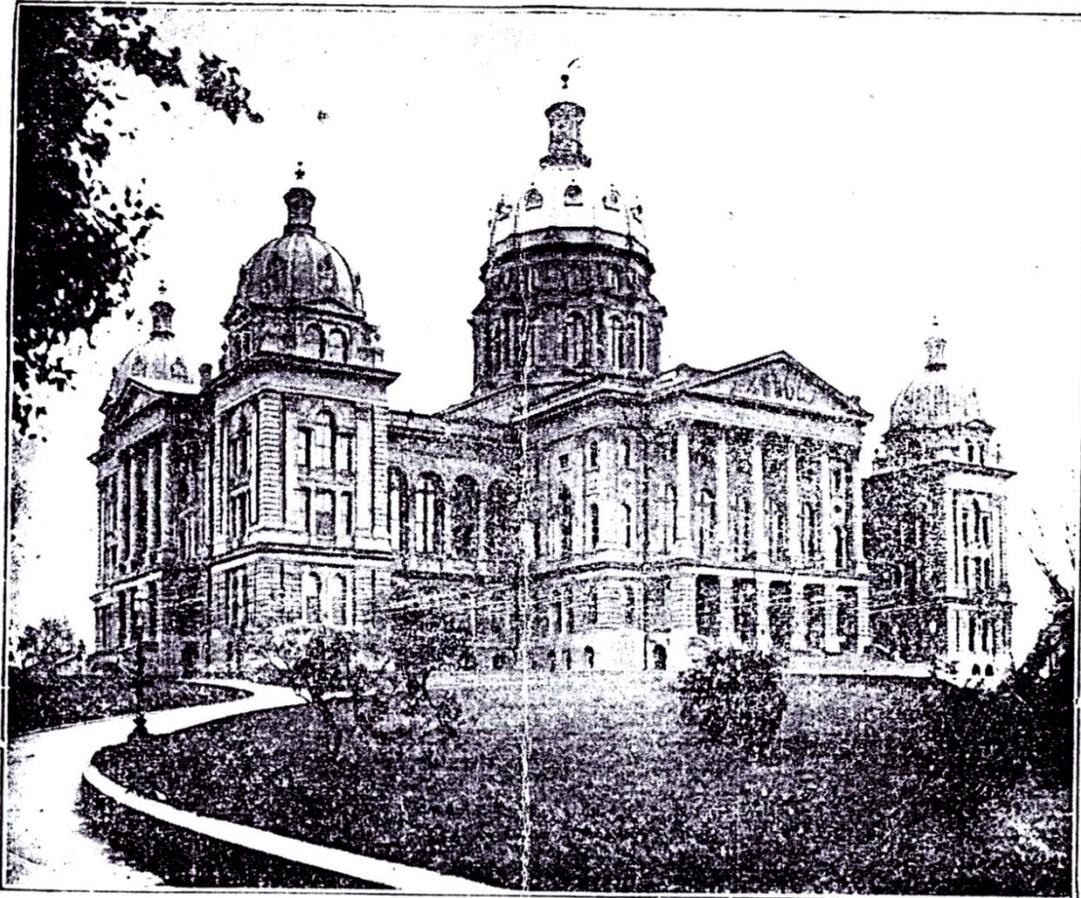
## “IOWA, BEAUTIFUL LAND”

Is what the first white men are reported to have said upon crossing the Mississippi and it has been Iowa Beautiful Land ever since to all who have had the good fortune to travel through the State.

Ten log cabins eighty years ago. Today; an empire of production, prosperity and happiness.

And in Des Moines, atop the State Capitol is a dome that when the sun shines it sheds its golden radiance for twenty-five miles in all directions. A gold dome on a golden capitol, lighting up a Golden State.

Human progress is based upon knowledge. Iowa spends every year thirty millions of dollars for educational purposes and ranks first in literacy.



IOWA STATE CAPITOL

One-tenth of all the food products in the United States comes from Iowa.

Over 98 per cent of the soil is productive and tillable.

There are 5683 Factories in Iowa and over 100,000 persons engaged in manufacturing with an annual output of three quarter million dollars.

Iowa has a population of 2,500,000 and 70% own their own homes.

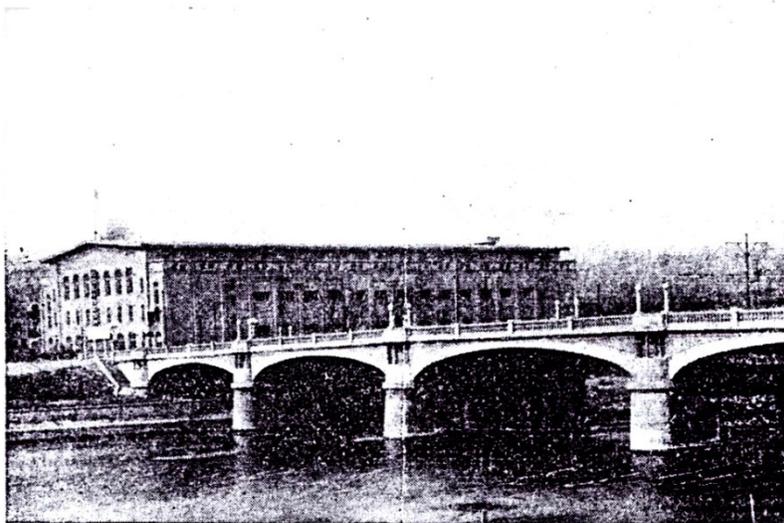
Verily, a wonderful example of the old saying “that happy families and material prosperity are excellent foundations for citizenship.”

## Des Moines, The Nation's Convention City

Within the space of a very few years, Des Moines has become one of the recognized Convention Cities of the nation and many of the largest and most important national and world events have been successfully entertained and cared for. "THERE IS A REASON."

Nationally Des Moines is most centrally located, reducing the cost of transportation and time in travel to a minimum, has forty-five hotels in the down town district in a radius of six blocks, with upwards of 6,000 guest rooms, adequate meeting places for all the events are ample and convenient.

**A CITY WORTH KNOWING:** Des Moines is a progressive city of approximately 140,000 population and rapidly growing. Its interests are diversified and consequently not easily disturbed by changes in business conditions effecting specific lines. Des Moines has twelve Universities, Colleges and special schools with a yearly attendance exceeding eight thousand. The Independent School District of Des Moines employs nine hundred instructors, operates seventy-two buildings and enrolls thirty thousand students. Three and one-half million dollars is now authorized and being expended on new school buildings and additions to present equipment.



CIVIC CENTER AND COLISEUM

Des Moines has 400 Factories with an annual output of \$60,000,000 with over 10,000 operatives. Pay rolls amounting to \$13,000,000.

Des Moines is in the midst of large coal fields and at the junction of two fine rivers, insuring low-priced and plentiful electric and gas power.

Nine Main Trunk Lines of railroads radiate in every direction from Des Moines and practically all the 1,500 railroad stations of Iowa are within less than 200 miles of her door.

Des Moines has 135 Jobbing Houses distributing nearly every commodity.

Des Moines is one of the great publishing centers of the United States. While fifty-second in size, she is fifth from the top in postal receipts for second class matter. 1921 Postal Receipts \$2,146,000.

Des Moines has fifty-four home Insurance Companies. Fourteen are life insurance companies with assets exceeding \$154,000,000.

**DES MOINES A CITY BEAUTIFUL:** Covers an area of fifty-six square miles. Has eight hundred and fifty acres devoted to parks and playgrounds. It is noted for its fine residence section, boulevards, country clubs and golf links and leads the nation in percentage of home owners, (51 1-10%). Its river front and civic center, where are located many of its public buildings, is most interesting to visitors, showing the marked progress made by well developed city planning.



TO THEE, Flag of our country, we pay the homage of a free people; emblem of our liberty, prophetic of the future happiness of millions of God's children.

The toiling masses of mankind lift their faces to thee and see the hope of liberty for their posterity.

In thy folds have been wrapped the mortal remains of our country's heroes; the eulogies pronounced at their tombs are thy praise.

Borne aloft on many a battlefield, thou hast ever led a victorious host. Under thee no sword ever leaped from its scabbard save for the holy cause of freedom.

Enshrined in thee are the tears of our women and the blood of our soldiers.

When all the monarchies of the world shall have crumbled, thy red, white, and blue will still wave over a people blessed with liberty.

Happy is the man who may salute thee as subject, O hope of humanity, Flag of our country.

—Francis R. Korns.