

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**G.A.R. POST PROJECT FORM**



**PLEASE:**

- Type or print, using a ballpoint pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of "Unknown" is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You

**Post Information**

Post Name  Post Number   
City/Town  County  State

Brief History of the G.A.R. Post (use separate document if necessary):

**Meeting Facility**

Structure Still Exist?  Yes  No  Unknown      Type of Building:  Stand-Alone  Shared-Use

Identify Specific Location:

**Description of Records**

Do the Records Exist?  Yes  No  Unknown      The Records are:  Originals  Copies

What are the conditions of the records?

What do the records consist of?

**Location of Records**

Repository Name   
City/Town  County  State  Zip

**Additional Information:**

**Submitter Information**

Submit Date  Name   
Camp Name  Camp #  City/Town  State  Zip   
Email

Submit to Current G.A.R. Post Records Officer Listed @  
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## GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

In January 1876, the first effort was made at a grand army organization in Kansas City. The pioneers in the movement were R. T. Van Horn, Wm. Warner, R. C. Crowell, E. H. Webster, J. T. Blake, H. E. Schaumlœffel, Theo. S. Case, H. A. Simms, L. M. Hazzard and others. They were mustered in January 6, 1876, and styled Post No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri. Colonel Theo. S. Case was elected post commander. This post was maintained for a few months only, when owing to some disturbing features arising in the department organization, the whole system throughout the State was broken up and temporarily abandoned.

*McPherson Post No. 4.*—This was the first regularly recognized post of the G. A. R. established in Kansas City. It was organized in 1880, with the following charter members: Frank Snow, S. P. Baun, George Straley, E. J. Stroud, Benjamin W. Warner, Alfred J. Hiscock, H. J. Taylor, W. H. Norris and Alfred Brant. The first commander was Frank Snow. He was followed by Joseph H. Fink, Benjamin W. Warner, Lewellyn Lindsay, Charles W. Clarke. The present officers are H. C. Weaver, commander; Hiram S. Tipton, senior vice-commander; Dr. C. W. Burrell, junior vice-commander; Thomas Brown, officer of the day; A. B. Strowger, chaplain; George W. Barrett, surgeon; O. S. Richards, quartermaster, and Jesse Jenks, quartermaster sergeant. Although this post

has contributed of its members toward the formation of every other post of the G. A. R. in Kansas City, it is still the largest in membership, having enrolled and in good standing, two hundred and thirty-six members. Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at the corner of Eleventh and Main streets.

In connection with this post is a Woman's Relief Corps known as McPherson Corps No. 10. It was organized in December, 1884, and is composed of sixty members. The present officers are Mrs. Satie Knox, president; Mrs. A. O. Whitman, secretary, and Mrs. Frances C. Weaver, chaplain. Meetings are held in Pythian Hall, northeast corner of Ninth and Main streets.

*George H. Thomas Post No. 8*, was organized in 1882. Its first commander was Major William Warner, who was succeeded by Henry A. White, the latter being followed in order of election by C. W. Whitehead, E. G. Granville, H. F. Devol. The present officers are J. W. Jenkins, commander; F. C. Jones, senior vice-commander; Henry Goss, junior vice-commander; A. Spalding, (now deceased) adjutant, and M. D. Wood, quartermaster. One hundred and eighty members belong to this post. The Ladies' Auxiliary Relief Corps connected with the post, was first organized as the Admiral Farragut Relief Corps No. 11. Its officers are Mrs. Louise Greenman, president; Mrs. Emma Wood, senior vice-president; Mrs. Maggie Burnham, junior vice-president; Mrs. Nat. D. Gwynne, secretary, and Mrs. Alice H. Jones, treasurer.

*General Shields Post No. 15*, was organized July 15, 1882, with twelve charter members. The first post commander was Thomas Cloudsley, who was succeeded by Charles H. Quade. The present officers are E. A. Axtell, commander; J. C. Greenman, senior vice-commander; P. H. Jackley, junior vice-commander; S. W. Midlam, quartermaster; Joseph Loeffler, surgeon; William C. Price, officer of the day; Peter Bargman, chaplain; Patrick Madden, officer of the guard. The present membership is about seventy-five. Meetings are held at Armory Hall, corner of Fifteenth street and Grand avenue.

*Admiral Farragut Post No. 3*, was organized December 30, 1882. Its first commander was General S. M. Bowman. The charter members were General S. M. Bowman, E. B. Howard, W. L. Wheeler, H. N. Swift, G. W. Fitzpatrick, C. M. Clark, J. H. Fink, Ross Guffin, Theo. S. Case, J. M. Nyrick, John N. Gomer, John N. Gow, N. M. Fife, Ira Vaugh, Lena Paddock, A. W. Schultz, G. W. Honey, R. M. Barnes, J. C. Bescher, A. A. Sibley, C. Carples, David Whitman, J. H. Waite, J. E. Moss, R. N. Pierce, L. L. Raymond, C. W. Scott, A. J. McCoy, C. Mailey, D. C. Strawbridge and Frank Becker. General Bowman was succeeded as post commander by E. B. Howard, followed in the order named by Dr. C. W. Scott, Dr. G. W. Fitzpatrick, Major Charles Carples and J. H. Waite. This post now numbers ninety-five members, and is in a flourishing condition. Meetings are held in Webster Hall, 918 Main street. Present officers, Ross Guffin, post commander; T. H. Jenks, senior vice-com-

mander; William Zimmerman, junior vice-commander; Charles Snedeker, quartermaster; F. Becker, chaplain.

*Nat. M. Gwynne Post No. 265*, was organized in February, 1885, with twenty-five members, and at present has fifty members. James M. Thompson was its first commander, with John R. Sullivan senior vice, and Parrington Small junior vice-commander. The present officers are Wood Douglass, commander; John Sutherland, senior vice commander; Parrington Small junior vice-commander; D. L. Elder, adjutant; D. A. Prosser, quartermaster, and W. H. Scovill, surgeon. Meetings are held at Woodland Hall, corner of Eighteenth street and Woodland avenue.

*Womens' Relief Corps* of the Nat. M. Gwynne Post, was organized in April 1886, and has thirty members. Its officers are Mrs. Maggie J. Thompson, president; Mrs. Mattie Beattie, senior vice-president; Mrs. Anna O'Lear, junior vice-president; Mrs. Emma Douglass, treasurer, and Mrs. Olive Hoffmaster, secretary.

KC Post 9, Sumner, was a African-American Post which quickly disbanded