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"Exhibit A".

Articles of Agreement:
Rules and Regulations:

We, the soldiers and sailors, and honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps of the United States, who have consented to this Union, having aided in maintaining the honor, integrity and supremacy of the National Government during the late Rebellion, do unite to establish a permanent Association for the objects hereinafter set forth; and do ordain and establish the following rules and regulations for the government of this Association.

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The objects to be accomplished by this organization are as follows:

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3. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for, and fidelity to, its Constitution and Laws, to ^{supplant} ~~discontinue~~ whatever tends to weaken loyalty, incites to insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men.

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1. Precinct Organizations to be known asPost No.Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic; Provided, however, That no Post shall be named after any living person, and that not more than one Post shall adopt the same name, and that the name shall be approved by the Department Commander.

2. A National Organization to be known as the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, having the same objects and purposes, of which this corporation shall be a constituent part.

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Soldiers and Sailors of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, who served between April 1861, 1861, and April 9th, 1865, in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, and those having been honorably discharged therefrom after such service, and of such State regiments as were called into active service and subject

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to the orders of the U. S. General Officers, between the dates mentioned, shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States.

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Second.- All the Post Commanders for the time being throughout its jurisdiction (in the absence of the Post Commander the Senior or Junior Vice Commander may represent the Post.)

Third.- Members selected by ballot by the several Posts in such ratio as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any previous Annual Encampment. These elected members, and an equal number of alternates, shall be chosen at the time and in the mode of electing officers of Posts, at the first stated meeting in December, and shall serve during the year, commencing on the first day of January following. Any vacancies that may occur shall be filled in the same manner as provided in Chap. II., Art. VII., Sec. 3.

They shall be furnished with credentials signed by the Post Commander and ^{Post}Adjutant, a copy of which shall be forwarded immediately after the election to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department. But all Posts in arrears for reports or dues shall be excluded, for the time being, from representation, either by Post Commander or otherwise, in the Department Encampment.

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Sec. 2. The Vice Commanders shall assist the Commander, by counsel or otherwise, and in his absence or disability they shall fill his office according to seniority.

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IN THE

CIRCUIT COURT, CITY OF ST. LOUIS, STATE OF MISSOURI.

February Term. 1888.

Friday March 16, 1888.

IN THE MATTER OF THE
Department of Missouri
Grand Army of the Republic.

And now on this day come E. E. Kimball, Department Commander as President, Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General as Secretary, and Thomas B. Rodgers Acting Assistant Quartermaster General as Treasurer, of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic and submit to the Court the articles of Agreement of said Association together with a petition ^{forma} praying for a pro~~cessa~~ decree thereon in manner ~~provided~~ provided by law, and it appearing to the Court that said petition has remained on file in the Clerk's office of this Court for at least three days

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since the same was first presented to the Court and the Court having duly examined said articles of agreement and being duly advised in the premises doth now consider, adjudge and determine that such articles of agreement and the purposes of the Association as therein expressed come properly within the purview of Article X of Chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, 1870 entitled, "Benevolent, Religious, Scientific, Educational and Miscellaneous Associations," and are not inconsistent with the Constitution or laws of the United States or of the State of Missouri.

Filed Mar. 12, 1888.

Philip H. Zepp, Clerk.

STATE OF MISSOURI }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS } SS

I, PHILIP H. ZEPP, Clerk of the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, State aforesaid certify the above to be a true copy of the order made in the matter aforesaid, as fully as the same remains of record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court at office in the City of St. Louis this 17th day of March, A. D. 1888.

Philip H. Zepp, Clerk Circuit Court.

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Filed for record Mar. 20, 1888. at 2.45 o'clock P.M.

Wm. A. Hobbs, Recorder.

STATE OF MISSOURI }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS } SS

I, the undersigned Recorder of Deeds for said City and State, do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed instrument of writing was filed for record in my office on the Twentieth day of March A. D. 1888 at 2.45 o'clock P.M. and is truly recorded in Book Corp. 6 Page 332.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on the day and year aforesaid.

Wm. A. Hobbs, Recorder.

(SEAL)

Filed March 26, 1888.

Mich. K. McGrath,
Secretary of State.

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Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, State of Missouri,

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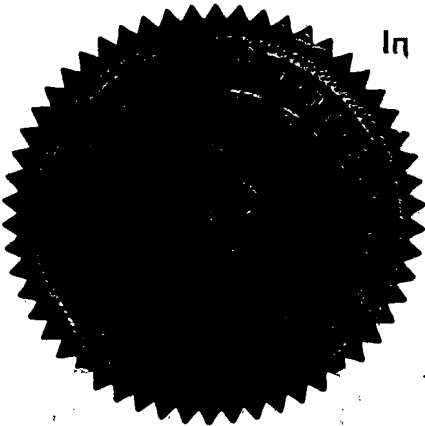
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and submit to the Court the articles of Agreement of said Association, together with a petition
praying for a pro forma decree thereon, in manner provided by law, and it appearing to the Court
that said petition has remained on file in the Clerk's office of this Court for at least three days
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I, PHILIP H. ZEPP, Clerk of the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, State aforesaid,
certify the above to be a true copy of the order made in the matter aforesaid, as fully as the
same remains of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal
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I, the undersigned, Recorder of Deeds for said City and State, do hereby certify that the foregoing undated instrument of writing was filed for record in my office on the Twentieth day of March - A. D. 1888 at 2⁴⁵ o'clock P. M., and is truly recorded in Book Copy 6 Page 332

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Wm. M. Smith
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