

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS ) SS:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

STATE OF MISSOURI  
September Term, 1954

In the Matter of the )  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI )  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, )  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY )  
OF THE REPUBLIC )

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*Walter H. Toberman*  
Secretary of State.

P E T I T I O N

Your petitioners, the undersigned, holding the offices, respectively, of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, respectively represent that they, in connection with others, have associated themselves together, by Articles of Agreement, in writing, as an association for benevolent purposes under the name of the Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Your petitioners beg to submit herewith said written Articles of Agreement, and pray that a pro forma Decree may be granted thereon, constituting them a body corporate and politic by the name designated in pursuance of the statutes in such cases made and provided.

*Ruby Bigott*  
Ruby Bigott, President

*Jean Robbins*  
Jean Robbins, Vice-President

*Nellie Fuerst*  
Nellie Fuerst, Secretary

*Anna McVey*  
Anna McVey, Treasurer

*Robert W. Copeland*  
Robert W. Copeland  
Attorney for Petitioners  
110 South Central Avenue  
Clayton 5, Missouri  
Volunteer 3-7500.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of the

*Walter H. Taberman*  
Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of Missouri, relating to benevolent, religious, scientific, educational and miscellaneous associations under Chapter 352, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1949, in connection with others have entered into the following agreement:

ARTICLE I

Name and Location

The name of this association shall be the "Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic", and it shall be located in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri.

ARTICLE II

Objects and Purposes

The objects and purposes of this Association shall be to aid and memorialize the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of its heroic dead; to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live, and encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all.

ARTICLE III

Uses Denied

This Association shall not be used for business or political purposes, nor shall it be used for pecuniary gain or profit of its members.

ARTICLE IV

Duration

The duration of this Association shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V

Control and Management

The control, direction and management of the financial and property affairs of this Association shall be vested in the Department Council, which shall consist of the officers and Past Presidents of this Association in good standing. The said officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Inspector, Counselor, Field Officer, Patriotic Instructor, Press Correspondent, Senior Aide, Director of Junior Corps and an Executive Board of five Members. The said President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Treasurer, Chaplain and Executive Board shall be elected annually by a department convention as provided by the by-laws of the Association and shall serve for a term of one year. The said Secretary, Inspector, Counselor, Field Officer, Patriotic Instructor, Press Correspondent, Senior Aide and Director of Junior Corps shall be appointed by the President annually and shall serve for a term of one year.

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ARTICLE VI

By-Laws and Regulations

This Association shall adopt By-Laws for its government and support and the management of its property, for the duties of its officers and their removal, and, in general, for all such causes and matters which may affect its well being or that of its members. Said By-Laws shall be adopted by a majority vote of the duly authorized delegates from the local corps attending a convention of the Association duly called. The Association may alter and amend such By-Laws from time to time as it may deem expedient in a manner to be provided in said By-Laws; provided, however, that nothing in such By-Laws shall be inconsistent with the Revised Rules and Regulations of, or the Service Book of, or the Orders of the National Convention of, The National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1954.

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*Walter H. Tobin*  
Secretary of State.

*Ruby Bigott*  
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Ruby Bigott, President

*Jean Robbins*  
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Jean Robbins, Vice-President

*Nellie Fuerst*  
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Nellie Fuerst, Secretary

*Anna McVey*  
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Anna McVey, Treasurer.

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
                          ) SS:  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS )

On this 29 day of November, 1954, before me personally appeared RUBY BIGOTT, JEAN ROBBINS, NELLIE FUERST and ANNA McVEY, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal on the day and year last above written.

My commission expires: March 10 1956

*Joseph W. Steuber*  
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Notary Public.

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*Theresa P. [Signature]*  
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*Walter H. [Signature]*  
Secretary of State

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STATE OF MISSOURI }  
 City of St. Louis } ss.

IN THE

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

December Term, 1954.  
 Monday, December 20th, 1954.

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*Walter H. Toberman*  
 Secretary of State.

IN THE MATTER  
 OF 78408-D

Department of Missouri Woman's Relief  
Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army  
of the Republic.

And now this day come

Ruby Bigott as President,  
Jean Robbins as Vice-President  
Nellie Fuerst as Secretary,  
 and Anna McVey as Treasurer,  
 of the Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the  
Grand Army of the Republic

and again 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 also submit to the Court the report of Leonard J. Holland, Esq., heretofore appointed Amicus Curiae to examine said Articles of Agreement and to show cause, if any there be, why a pro forma decree should not be granted as prayed; 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 since the same was first presented to the Court, and the Court having duly examined the report of said Amicus Curiae and said Articles of Agreement, and being satisfied that a pro forma decree should be granted, and being duly advised in the premises, doth now approve and confirm said report and 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 Chapter 352 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, 1949, entitled, "Religious and Charitable Associations," and are not inconsistent with the Constitution or laws of the United States or of the State of Missouri.

Wherefore, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the petitioners and their associates named in said Articles of Agreement be and are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by and under the corporate name of Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

STATE OF MISSOURI }  
 City of St. Louis } ss.

I, PHELIM O'TOOLE, 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 21st day of December A. D. 19 54

PHELIM O'TOOLE

Clerk Circuit Court.

By

*George J. Schluter*

Deputy.

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Walter H. Tolman  
Secretary of State.

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STATE OF MISSOURI } ss.  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS

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 30 day of Dec. A. D. 1954 at 3:57 o'clock P.M. and is recorded in Corporation Book 233 Page 463 Witness my hand and official seal on the day and year aforesaid.

*Anthony J. Denning* Recorder

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Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army

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ANTHONY J. DENNING  
RECORDER  
Pro Forma Decree of Incorporation and  
Articles of Agreement.