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We, Officers and Honorably Discharged Officers of the Army,  
Navy and Marine Corps of the United States, and others, whose names  
are hereunto annexed, having aided in maintaining the honor, integ-  
rity and supremacy of the National Government at a critical period  
of its history, and holding in remembrance the sacrifices in common  
made, and the triumphs together shared in discharge of this sacred  
duty, unite to ordain and establish a permanent association for the  
purposes and objects hereinafter set forth; and for the purpose of  
forming a body corporate, pursuant to Article X, Chapter 21 of the  
Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, and the acts of the  
Legislature amendatory thereof, we hereby agree, \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST. The name of said corporation shall be "THE MILITARY  
ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES, COMMANDERY OF THE  
STATE OF MISSOURI." Said corporation shall have its headquarters  
in the City of St. Louis and State of Missouri. \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND. The objects of this Association shall be, to cherish  
the memories and associations of the war waged in defence of the  
unity and indivisibility of the Republic; to strengthen the ties of  
fraternal fellowship and sympathy, formed by companionship-in-arms;  
to advance the best interests of the soldiers and sailors of the  
United States, especially of those associated as members of this  
Order, and to extend all possible relief to their widows and chil-  
dren; to foster the cultivation of military and naval science; to  
enforce unqualified allegiance to the General Government; to pro-  
tect the rights and liberties of American citizenship; to maintain  
National Honor, Union and Independence, and to acquire such real  
estate as may be necessary, to erect a memorial building and war mu-  
seum, to be dedicated to the uses of this Commandery for the safe

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keeping of its library, archives, trophies and relics, and also to be used for meetings, and other purposes.

THIRD. The officers of said Association shall be,

A President, who shall be called "Commander";

A Senior Vice Commander, a Junior Vice Commander, a Secretary, who shall be called Recorder, a Registrar, a Treasurer, a Chancellor, a Chaplain, and a Council, consisting of five companions; which officers shall constitute a Board of Officers. The Commandery shall pass by-laws providing for the admission of new members, and for the regulation of the affairs of the Association.

FOURTH. The following named members of the Association, or

Commandery, shall serve as a Board of Trustees for the first year, to-wit: Charles S. Hills, Nelson Cole, Richard C. Kerens, Frank R. Rice and Alvah Mansur, and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The trustees shall have charge of the erection of the memorial building, the custody and management thereof, and of the library, archives, trophies and relics therein contained, and shall hold, manage and invest, all gifts, endowments and devises made to the Commandery, or for its use.

James F. How, having been elected President, or Commander,

Charles Christensen, Senior Vice Commander, Theo. S. Case Junior Vice Commander, William R. Hodges, Secretary or Recorder, Chas. H. Gleason, Registrar, John Schenk, Treasurer, Francis Raymond, Jr., Chancellor and Geo. Robinson, Chaplain, shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

FIFTH. The said Association shall have succession by its cor-

porate name aforesaid, for the period of nine hundred and ninety-nine years from and after its incorporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals at St. Louis, Missouri, this 9th day of July, 1888.

*James F. How* SEAL.

*William R. Hodges* SEAL.

*John Schenk* SEAL.

*Chas S. Hill* SEAL.

*Nelson Cole* SEAL.

*Richard C. Kerrus* SEAL.

*Frank R. Rice* SEAL.

*Chas H. Gleason* SEAL.

*Horatio D. Wood* SEAL.

*Chas L. Hearn* SEAL.

*David P. Dyer* SEAL.

*Francis Raymond* SEAL.

STATE OF MISSOURI, )  
                                  ) ss.  
City of St. Louis. )

On this twelfth day of July, 1888,

before me personally appeared James F. How, William R. Hodges, John Schenk, Charles S.

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Hills, Nelson Cole Richard C. Kerens,  
Frank R. Rice Charles W. Gleason, Horatio  
D. Wood, Charles E. Pearce, David P.  
Dyer and Francis Raymond Jr

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, the day and year aforesaid.



Enrique Parmer  
Notary Public  
in and for City of St. Louis  
State of Missouri

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Articles of Agreement  
of

the Military Order of  
the Royal Legion of  
the Grand Duke  
Commander of the  
Order of Merit

Third July 1888.  
Philip H. Graham  
1888

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IN THE

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

June Term, 1888  
Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1888

IN THE MATTER OF

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the Military Order of the Loyal  
Legion of the United States  
Commandery of the State of Missouri

And now on this day come

James E. How as President,  
William R. Hodges as Secretary,  
and John Schenk as Treasurer,  
of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States  
Commandery of the State of Missouri

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 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, 1879, 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.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1888

Philip H. Zepp  
Clerk Circuit Court.





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Articles of Association  
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The Military Order of  
the Royal Legion of the  
United States, Commandery  
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July 27, 1888. —

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Filed July 27, 1888.

Michael S. Smith

Secretary of State

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