



National GAR Records Program - Historical Summary of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Posts by State DELAWARE

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PLEASE NOTE: The GAR Post History section is a work in progress (begun 2013). More data will be added at a future date.											
000		(Department)	N/A	N/A	DE			Org. 14 January 1881	Ended 24 June 1946	Provisional Department first organized 24 May 1868. It dissolved about 1872. A second Provisional Department was organized on 5 July 1880. It became a Permanent Department on 14 January 1881. The Department came to and end with the death of Department Commander Isaiah Fassett on 24 June 1946.	Beath, 1889; Carnahan, 1893; National Encampment Proceedings, 1946
001		GEN Thomas A. Smyth	Wilmington	New Castle	DE	BG Thomas Alfred Smyth (1832-1865), famous Civil War leader, died at Farmville, VA, on 9 April 1865, from wounds received there on 6 April 1865. Resident of Wilmington, local hero.		Org. 11 Feb. 1866; Re-org. 14 Jan. 1880	Dis. c.1871	The original Post No. 1 in Wilmington was the principal Post in original Provisional Department. It was maintained until about 1871, when the membership stopped meeting. It went by the name of Encampment No. 1, until changing its name on 19 July 1869. In November 1879, a group of veterans met in Wilmington and resolved to revive the defunct Post. It was re-organized under its old name and number in January 1880.	Richards, 1888, History of Delaware: 1609-1888; Beath, 1889
002		ADM S. F. DuPont	Wilmington	New Castle	DE	Rear ADM Samuel Francis Du Pont (1803-1865), famous Civil War leader, buried in the family cemetery in Greenville, a suburb of Wilmington.		Must'd 14 Feb. 1880			Richards, 1888, History of Delaware: 1609-1888
003		Post No. 3	Wilmington	New Castle	DE	No namesake. Known only by its number.		Org. before May 1869		Noted as an African American Post in "The National Memorial Day 1869."	The National Memorial Day, 1869
003		GEN A. T. A. Torbert	Dover	Kent	DE	BG Alfred Thomas Archimedes Torbert (1833-1880), famous Civil War leader, and native of Delaware. Buried in Milford (part of Dover).					
004		Charles Sumner	Wilmington	New Castle	DE	Charles Sumner (1811-1874), US Senator (Massachusetts) from 1851 to 1874, strong proponent of the equal rights of African Americans during Reconstruction.	GAR Hall, 10th and Shipley Streets (1888)	Org. 11 Oct. 1880		Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). Associated with Sumner Circle, No. 16, Ladies of the GAR; and U.S. Grant Camp, No. 3, Sons of Veterans.	Richards, 1888, History of Delaware: 1609-1888
005		CPT Evan S. Watson	New Castle	New Castle	DE	CPT Evan S. Watson (1838-1862), Co. A, 1st DE Inf., KIA at Antietam, MD, on 17 Sept. 1862. Resident of Wilmington.		Must'd 20 Dec. 1880			The Morning News, Wilmington, 18 Dec. 1880
006		MAJ William F. Smith	Dover	Kent	DE	MAJ William F. Smith (), 1st DE Inf., died on Boynton Plank Road, near Petersburg, VA, on 11 Nov. 1864, from wounds received at Petersburg on 27 Oct. 1864. Son of John W. and Sarah Smith of Dover, local hero.		Chart'd Dec. 1880			The Morning News, Wilmington, 18 Dec. 1880
007		GEN James A. Garfield	Milford	Sussex	DE	MG James Abram Garfield (1831-1881), Civil War leader and later US President (assassinated).		Org. 4 Feb. 1881			The Morning News, Wilmington, 9 Feb. 1881
008		David L. Striker	Newport	New Castle	DE	LTC David L. Stricker (1839-1864), 2nd DE Inf., KIA at Spotsylvania Court House, VA, on 12 May 1864.	Killgore Hall (1888)	Chart'd 1883		Twenty-three charter members. The Post held its first meeting in March 1883.	Richards, 1888, History of Delaware: 1609-1888
009		CPT Thomas M. Reynolds	Newark / Pleasant Hill	New Castle	DE	CPT Thomas M. Reynolds (1841-1864), Co. H, 4th DE Inf., died aboard ship near City Point, VA, on 20 June 1864, from wounds received at Wilderness, VA, on 18 June 1864.					
011		GEN Daniel Woodall	Wyoming	Kent	DE	COL (Bvt. BG) Daniel Woodall (1841-1880), 1st DE Inf.		Org. Mar. 1884		The original membership was about twenty-eight.	Richards, 1888, History of Delaware: 1609-1888

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012		GEN David B. Birney	New Castle	New Castle	DE	MG David Bell Birney (1825-1864), famous Civil War leader, died of disease at Philadelphia, PA, on 18 Oct. 1864.					
013		GEN U. S. Grant	Wilmington	New Castle	DE	GEN Ulysses Simpson Grant (1822-1885), famous Civil War leader, later US President.		Chart'd 22 Oct. 1885		Formed when nineteen comrades withdrew from S. F. DuPont Post, No. 2, to form their own Post.	Richards, 1888, History of Delaware: 1609-1888
014		COL J. W. Andrews	Odessa	New Castle	DE	COL John W. Andrews (1814-1881), 1st DE Inf., buried in Old Swedes Churchyard, Wilmington.					
015		GEN John A. Logan	Magnolia	Kent	DE	MG John Alexander Logan (1826-1886), famous Civil War leader.					
016		P. J. Pettijohn	Millsboro	Sussex	DE	1LT (Adjutant) Purnall J. Pettijohn (1830-1864), Co. D, 3rd DE Inf., KIA at Cold Harbor, VA, on 2 June 1864.		Must'd 28 Dec. 1881			The Morning News, Wilmington, 30 Dec. 1881
017		CPT W. L. Cannon	Bridgeville	Sussex	DE	CPT William Laws Cannon (1839-1863), Co. B, 1st Battalion DE Cav., died of disease at Belair, MD, on 18 Aug. 1863. Son of Gov. William Cannon of Delaware.					
018		COL C. R. Layton	Georgetown	Sussex	DE	LTC Caleb Rodney Layton (1826-1887), 20th US Inf. Prior to his Regular Army service, he was MAJ, 1st DE Inf. He also served as MAJ in the 11th US Inf. Buried at St. Pauls Episcopal Cem., Georgetown.					
019		CPT P. C. Carter	Harrington	Kent	DE	CPT Philemon Cabbage Carter (1813-1881), Co. H, 6th DE Inf. Buried in Federica, Kent County.					
020		COL Edwin Wilmer	Smyrna	Kent	DE	COL Edwin Wilmer (1819-1888), 6th DE Inf., native of Smyrna, local hero.		Org. 3 Feb. 1888		About sixteen original members.	The Morning News, Wilmington, 10 Feb. 1888
021		COL Jacob Moore	Frankford	Sussex	DE	LTC Jacob Moore (1829-1886), 6th DE Inf. Later Attorney-General for the State of Delaware.					
022		MAJ John Jones	Middletown	New Castle	DE	(presumably) MAJ John Jones (1790-1869), War of 1812 veteran. Buried at Forest Presbyterian Church Cem., Middletown.				The namesake of the Post was originally intended to be CPT Charles Corbit.	The Morning News, Wilmington, 7 July 1888
023		GEN Phil Sheridan	Wilmington	New Castle	DE	MG Philip Henry Sheridan (1831-1888), famous Civil War leader.					
024		Abraham Lincoln	Frankford	Sussex	DE	Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States.					
025		CPT C. H. Hydrick (Heydrick)	Seaford	Sussex	DE	CPT Charles H. Heydrick (1832-1874), Co. I, 6th DE Inf.				The last surviving members of the Post were Hugh Craft Brown (1834-1926), and George S. Parks (1841-1936).	
026		H. W. McColley	Milford	Sussex	DE	Hiram W. McColley (1816-1888), US Navy. Acting Assistant Paymaster, stationed aboard the steamer "Western World." Delaware state auditor, and prominent resident of Milford. Member of Garfield Post, No. 7.					
027		Sherman	Bridgeville	Sussex	DE	MG William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891), famous Civil War leader.					
028		GEN B. F. Butler	Smyrna	Kent	DE	MG Benjamin Franklin Butler (1818-1893), famous Civil War leader.					
029		GEN W. S. Hancock	Smyrna	Kent	DE	BG Winfield Scott Hancock (1824-1886), famous Civil War and Mexican War leader.					

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List of Abbreviations: Org. = Organized Chart'd = Chartered Must'd = Mustered In Dis. = Disbanded Sur. = Surrendered Charter

For sources of Post names, refer to the SUVCW GAR Records Catalog
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