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THE POST IN SESSION

HISTORY OF THE POST

VERY SOON after the signing of the Armistice in November 1918, members of the armed forces of the United States, both in America and in France, felt that some organization should be formed in order that they might continue the friendships that had developed under difficult conditions, and to enable them as a group to continue their usefulness to their country and to their communities.

The American Legion was chartered by special act of Congress. Its ideals are well set forth in the preamble to the constitution, which appears in this booklet. The organization is simple. There is a National Headquarters, which is the collective voice of a similar organization in each state. The unit is a local Post, such as Hammond Post No. 3, of Kingsport, Tennessee, with which this history is concerned.

The State and National organizations have found their most constructive work in promoting legislation designed to help the more unfortunate veterans, those who are still disabled as a result of war. Widows and orphans of veterans have not been overlooked in this work. The local Posts have adapted their work to the conditions they found in their communities, so that the story of each Post is different.

In Kingsport a group of ex-service men, believing there was a place in the community for a Post of the American Legion, met in the spring of 1919, secured the necessary charter papers, and had them signed and forwarded for issuance of a charter. Although there was at that time only one Post chartered in Tennessee, another Post was chartered as No. 2, and our Hammond Post No. 3 received the third

charter, dated July 9, 1919, issued in the State of Tennessee. The charter members were:

THOMAS H. PRATT	C. V. BRANDT
HAYDEN C. WEBB	JAMES E. LYON
GEORGE A. CALDWELL	WILLARD M. SMITH
WALTER R. BURNETT	HUGH ALVIN COX
C. P. EDWARDS, M.D.	B. B. SULLIVAN*
R. E. JEFFRIES	CHAS. T. HERNDON, JR.*
S. F. DOBYNS*	V. B. FREELS*

WILLIAM RUSSELL GILMER

The name chosen was "Hammond Post" in honor of Hagan Hammond, of Kingsport, who was killed in action near Estres, France, on October 6, 1918. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hammond, are still residents of Kingsport.

Early in the history of Hammond Post its members realized that to justify the existence of the Post, it must take some constructive part in the life of the community. They appreciated the principle that only as one gives can he receive and that, having offered their lives in 1917, they were still dedicated to service. With these ideals as the motive of the membership, Hammond Post soon made its presence felt. The same feeling prevailed after World War II.

A rapidly growing small community was a fertile field for its activities. It was natural that this group would carry out civic programs that in older towns were handled by other organizations. Kingsport has always been made up of young people. The returning soldiers, sailors, and marines fitted into this picture exceedingly well, so it is not surprising now to find many legionnaires among the leaders in civic work, in professional circles, and in business enterprises.

While this is the history of the American Legion in Kingsport, it is not amiss to mention a few of its members who have been honored by the state organization. T. H. Pratt was among those who created the state organization. D. D. Williamson was State Historian in 1921. C. P. Edwards, Jr., was State Vice-Commander in 1924. O. R. Huber has been a

* Resident of Kingsport as of June 30, 1948.

State Vice-Commander, and in 1936 was State Commander of the American Legion in Tennessee.

However, it is to Kingsport itself that the members of Hammond Post have devoted most of their talents. Here they intended to become an integral part of the community life, and they have succeeded. The Post has sponsored many movements for the betterment of the city and has been in the forefront of almost all civic enterprises.



GENERAL ACTIVITY

Some of the most outstanding activities of Hammond Post include those like baskets of food, toys, candy, and fruit at Christmas to hundreds of children who would otherwise not have known any difference between Christmas and any other day.

Very active assistance to widows and orphans of ex-service men has been another outstanding contribution to humanity by Hammond Post. The Service Officer, Dr. C. G. Frye, has assisted hundreds in piercing the intricacies of governmental procedure in securing benefits to which they were legally entitled. The Service Officer has also assisted greatly in obtaining benefits of hospitalization and compensation for disabled veterans.

The Widows and Orphans Committee has likewise been of material assistance in securing employment for deserving widows and children.

Hammond Post has taken a humane and practicable interest in co-operating with organizations that have sponsored activities designed to give a more hopeful future to children who are born crippled or deformed.

The membership of the Post has responded wholeheartedly, immediately, and physically when help has been vitally needed in cases of disasters like tornadoes and floods.

Another activity in which Hammond Post has taken a vital part is highway safety, some of the Post's instigational

efforts having resulted in the enactment of State highway traffic laws.

Since being chartered, the Post has always been exceptionally active in promoting projects designed to improve the health and happiness of boys. Sponsoring of the Troop that is now No. 52, the first Boy Scout Troop in Kingsport, and Cub Pack No. 52, organizing a junior baseball team, and operating a boys' camp are examples of boys' work projects.

In the matter of school playgrounds the Post has been instrumental in causing their establishment and has contributed equipment and lighting for night use.

Another side of the Post's participation in school affairs is evidenced by the furnishing of speakers for Armistice Day and other patriotic occasions, the awarding of gold medals for outstanding scholarship, citizenship, and general activities, and the sponsoring of city-wide declamation contests on historical personages and subjects.

The Post has always been active in arranging and organizing celebrations of holidays like the Fourth of July and Armistice Day.

When funds were being raised for the Holston Valley Community Hospital, Hammond Post led the parade with a check for \$1,000.

For many years the Post has held an annual carnival in order that revenue might be acquired to finance many of these worthy projects. The carnival equipment is now owned by the Post, whose membership mans that equipment during the carnival.

The idea of a recreation center for Kingsport is practically as old as the Post itself. With the recreation center was considered, of course, the idea of a swimming pool, which was badly needed by the city. A reserve fund was established, maintained, and augmented for just such a project. The Post had the pool built and operated it for a couple of years. Hammond Post then donated to the City of Kingsport the swimming pool and all the land that the Post had secured for the recreation center with the proviso that the city would assume the remaining indebtedness on the construction cost.

The donation was accepted by Kingsport on that basis, and the development of a community recreation center was started.

Another activity of the Post's has been to finance the purchase of uniforms for the Dobyns-Bennett High School and Sullivan High School bands.

The sponsoring and instigating of School Safety Patrols and the furnishing of equipment was another activity in which Hammond Post took part.

During World War II, of course, Hammond Post contributed innumerable services and supplies to those overseas and to service men returning home on furlough or leave or for release from active duty and discharge.



CHRONOLOGY

After being chartered July 9, 1919, Hammond Post No. 3 held its first meetings in a tailor shop, back of the Clinchfield Drug Store. Later the meeting place was changed to the City Hall. Refreshing co-operation was received from the officials of the City of Kingsport and the Kingsport Improvement Corporation during the early months of the existence of the Post.

The second administrative year was concerned with the establishment of a treasury and the raising of funds with which to carry out worthy objectives. This led to the presentation of a minstrel show, which attained increasingly great fame as years progressed. The first minstrel was held in the present George Washington School, which was at that time the high school.

The next year, 1921, saw the unanimous opposition of the Post to the proposed Sunday Blue Laws. The establishment of an employment agency for former service men was effected, and two attorneys were appointed by the Post to assist in securing compensation for disabled veterans of this area. A military funeral for Sergeant Hagan Hammond, for

whom the Post was named, was held. During this administration the initial steps were taken at the May meeting for organizing a women's auxiliary. Securing vocational training for disabled veterans was another major activity. On Armistice Day about three thousand persons attended the first "block party," which the Post held at what was the Grant Leather Plant, now Kingsport Press, Inc., the Post and the Auxiliary furnishing the entertainment. The last two days of November the Post presented its minstrel show at the present George Washington School, with most of the members of the cast being legionnaires. The Post sent Christmas baskets of food, fruit, and candy to fifteen families. During this year one group of the membership was in favor of a policy that would cause the Post to be a veterans' organization that was interested in politics, discussed only old war times, and rendered no service, except for themselves. The other group took the stand that the Post should serve in peacetime as it did in wartime and that it should dedicate itself to donating services that tended toward better citizenship and toward civic duties and responsibilities and that the Post should assume leadership along those lines. This latter policy was adopted and has been maintained since that time, which is considered to be one of the wisest and most wholesome decisions that Hammond Post has ever made.

During 1922 the Post presented its minstrel show in the spring and gave its block party on Armistice Day.

In the next administration Hammond Post initiated in earnest its sponsorship of Boy Scouting. The first Boy Scout Camp was established at the mouth of Kendrick's Creek, on the South Fork of the Holston River, about seven miles south of Kingsport, a large tent and an army cookstove providing the major part of the equipment for a full week's camp, to which weekend trips were also made. A boat, built by the Boy Scouts, was put into operation on the river. After the Boy Scouts had had their week of camping, the Girl Scouts had the camp for a week. That same summer a camp for underprivileged children was started. Funds for these ob-

jectives were raised by means of the minstrel show and a "county fair."

The 1924 year witnessed an address to the Post by State Commander J. G. Sims during March, and a decision was made by the Post to have two meetings per month. Ex-Governor Alf Taylor delivered an address entitled "Up Salt River" in March. The Post produced the musical comedy "All Aboard" the latter part of March. The Boy Scout camp flourished in July, followed by the Girl Scout camp in August. In the latter part of August, at the Sixth Annual State Convention of the Legion, in Johnson City, C. P. Edwards, Jr., was elected State Vice-Commander. In September a parade for "National Defense Day" was held. The block party, held November 10 and 11 in the Tobacco Warehouse, now the Slip-Not Belting Corporation, was a huge success. In December the Post decided to deliver baskets of food and toys at Christmas to those families that otherwise might possibly be without either or both. The Post donated \$1,500 for playground equipment for the high school.

The 1925 administration saw the Post's donation to the five million dollar National Widows and Orphans Fund. The Post likewise gave \$550 to equip a room in the Crippled Children's Hospital in Knoxville.

It was during the next administration that the fiscal year of the Post was changed to make it coincide with the standard fiscal year of the American Legion. During this 1925-26 year Major George Berry, of Pressmen's Home, addressed the Post on the subject of the first World War, the excellent performance of the American soldier on the battlefield, and the great service to humanity that the American Legion had performed. The Post presented a musical comedy entitled "Kathleen" with outstanding success. After completing the construction of Camp Hammond the Post entertained its membership there, which was the first and just about the last time that the Post expended money on itself, until the Legion Home was purchased many years later. During this administration there was initiated some serious discussion

concerning the construction of a swimming pool for Kingsport.

During the 1926-27 administration the Post financed the maintenance of a Kingsport girl at Catawba Sanitarium, Salem, Virginia. Industries and businesses donated \$3,000 for the July 4th celebration, which was attended by many, including those who came by train. Sergeant Alvin York, Tennessee hero of World War I, delivered an address at the old baseball park (the present Legion Carnival grounds). This was the largest free celebration held in Kingsport until that time.

During the next administration another block party was held. The Post purchased American Legion bronze metal grave markers and placed them at the graves of deceased members of the Post. Christmas baskets were again distributed to families that needed them. In the autumn the carnival was held in the Kenner Building (the present Piggly Wiggly store, at Market and Shelby Streets).

During the 1928-29 regime a Junior Baseball Team was organized, won the championship of East Tennessee, and went to Nashville to compete for the state championship. A "country store" was conducted in the building at Shelby and Market Streets. That Christmas 625 baskets were delivered to families in need of them. Early in May a severe windstorm wrecked a school building at Rye Cove, Virginia, killing and injuring many children and some adults. Members of Hammond Post willingly tendered their personal physical assistance, and the Post donated considerable financial aid to alleviate conditions. This was the first administration that saw the carnival held at Broad and Center Streets, between Broad and Shelby Streets.

In the next administration the office of Service Officer was established, in an endeavor to relieve the Finance Officer of some of his multitudinous duties. The carnival was held as usual.

The 1930-31 year witnessed the challenge to the Bristol Post during the membership contest. Inasmuch as Hammond Post won, about 300 of its membership journeyed to Bristol,

marched down State Street, and enjoyed a delicious dinner as guests of the Bristol Post. This was also the first year of the "Crazy Ford," which bucked somewhat like a bronco. Some meetings were held this year at the Church Hill High School. And this year the carnival was for the first time held at Broad and Center Streets, across Center from the First National Bank.

During the following administration the Post sponsored the enactment of a state law requiring drivers of motor vehicles to have licenses, and members of the Post made representations to that effect to the State Legislature. The Post distributed 175 Christmas baskets, and the usual successful carnival was held.

In the 1932-33 year the block party was held in the old J. Fred Johnson Company building the first week in October, 1932. Various legionnaires delivered addresses at the different schools November 10, and a football game between Dobyns-Bennett High School and Elizabethton High School was played November 11, being sponsored by the Post. A tornado struck Cherry Hill March 14, 1933, rendering many homeless. Legionnaires turned out en masse to assist and also made substantial contributions to assist those who had lost everything. The Post wrote letters to the various Kingsport industries, concerning veterans who were without employment.

The next administration witnessed the tragic deaths of Post Commander George Wilkerson and Adjutant W. A. Dixon. First Vice-Commander Arne Anderson succeeded to the commandership, and Walter E. Cox was elected Adjutant. The Camp Committee was initiated and purchased 10½ acres from the Improvement Company. The Post supplied the schools with Safety Patrol equipment consisting of caps, flags, raincoats and rain hats, etc. The sum of \$1,800 was loaned, without interest, to Dobyns-Bennett High School, for the purpose of providing lights for the high school football field, so as to permit night games. The resultant attendance at contests increased to such an extent as to make possible the high school's repayment of the loan in two years. During

the Christmas season 450 families and 1,000 children were presented with Christmas presents, and 430 baskets of food were distributed where needed.

During the fiscal year of 1934-35 the Post decided that, instead of securing a location for a Legion Home, all efforts would be expended in securing a site for a swimming pool; many places were considered. At Christmas 100 food baskets and toys for 1,000 children were distributed. The largest carnival up to that time was held. The Post donated \$75 to Mountain Home, in Johnson City, for the Christmas show to be presented there. The Post became very active in sponsoring the enactment of a law requiring drivers of motor vehicles to take tests and, if qualified, then to be licensed to drive motor vehicles.

In the administration that followed there was crystallization of the idea of augmenting the swimming pool project to attain the stature of a recreation center. Committees were appointed to locate suitable sites and to investigate other matters concerning such a project. The Post approved the final recommendation that the site be an area of about nine acres at the intersection of the Bristol and Johnson City Highways and that the first project of the recreation center be a swimming pool. Preliminary arrangements concerning purchase and plans of construction were started immediately. During this administration Hammond Post No. 3 became the first in Tennessee to be incorporated. Past Commander O. R. Huber served, for a large part of the year, the unexpired portion of the term of office of Burgan Dossett as Department Commander of the State of Tennessee.

During the 1936-37 administration the actual payments for the purchase of the land and the construction of the pool, to the amount of about \$53,000, were made, thereby utilizing practically all the funds that the Post had accumulated over a period of years. After completion and readiness for use the pool was dedicated June 12, 1937. At the dedication ceremonies Governor Gordon L. Browning, of Tennessee, and U. S. Senator George L. Berry, of Tennessee, delivered addresses; also on the program were Past State Commander

Huber, Hammond Post Commander Moore, Mayor W. L. Holyoke, of the City of Kingsport, and others. The Dobyys-Bennett High School Band, of Kingsport, furnished the music. The first operating executive of the Legion Pool was a well known legionnaire. This same year the flood at Louisville, Kentucky, saw Hammond Post follow its usual role in disasters by contributing financially to the relief fund; and some members of the Post went to the scene to render what aid they could.

The next year witnessed the decision to donate the Legion Pool to the City of Kingsport with the land that the Post had purchased for a recreation center. It was felt that the time had arrived when Kingsport should have an auditorium where concerts, lectures, public meetings, and meetings of small organizations could be held and that more adequate athletic fields for different sports should be constructed. To effect this objective it was considered best for it to be under the control of the city.

During the 1938-39 year the Legion Pool and the land purchased by the Post for a recreation center were presented to the City of Kingsport, which accepted the gift. That same year, learning that the Dobyys-Bennett High School Band was badly in need of uniforms, the Post donated \$2,700 to purchase uniforms for the high school band.

During the next fiscal year National Commander J. Kelly visited the Post and was entertained for luncheon at Kingsport Inn. A district meeting and a meeting of Past Commanders were also held in Kingsport. This was the year that the Post started sending boys to Boys' State, where five were sent at that time from Kingsport. During their sojourn they learn the functioning of the different units of government in a state. The matter of uniforms for the Post Commander and for the Color Guard was discussed at length, and the Color Guard was organized for the first time. The meeting place was changed from the City Hall to the Civic Auditorium. There were several meetings that the officers of the Post held with representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The year 1940-41 saw the Color Guard organized and out-

fitted in uniforms. The carnival, which was held in the downtown parking lot, made a profit in excess of \$6,000. Twelve boys were sent to Boys' State this year. Christmas baskets for the needy were delivered to the Salvation Army.

During the 1941-42 administration the Color Guard was trained to conduct itself at military funerals in accordance with prescribed regulations and as requested by the National Commander. The first official funeral in which the Color Guard participated was that for Hicks Hilton, a longtime member of Hammond Post. Civilian Defense units were established, with eighteen volunteer policemen and twenty volunteer firemen as initial members; in addition, seventeen volunteered for the first aid course. There were 300 who volunteered for air raid wardens, which was first a Post, and later a state, project. On Memorial Day the graves of all known veterans were decorated. The Post donated \$100 for Boy Scout activities. On July 4th at the carnival bonds to the amount of \$1,400 were given away. There were collected about 6,500 victrola records for distributing to camps, ships, and overseas stations. The Post considered purchasing \$5,000 worth of government bonds to be set aside toward the purchase of a Legion Home. Two hundred Christmas baskets were distributed this year, and 768 children received presents. About twelve boys were sent to Boys' State. This was the year that supper meetings in the Civic Auditorium three times a year—spring, summer, and fall—were begun. This year also the Post assisted with farewell ceremonies for inductees leaving for training, the Color Guard and various legionnaires assembling at departing busses, trains, etc., that carried inductees. Of the 300 air raid wardens enrolled, 200 had completed the course by August, 1942.

With the 1942-43 year came the donation of \$700 for uniforms for the Sullivan High School Band. The Post also sponsored an address by Colonel Romulo, the last man to leave Bataan, in order to make United States citizens more war conscious. The Post purchased \$5,000 worth of government bonds to set aside toward the purchase of a Legion Home in Kingsport. Christmas baskets were distributed to

families that needed them. Seventeen boys were sent to Boys' State, at Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon, Tennessee. The Post sent more boys to Boys' State than the Kingsport quota, because several other Posts did not send their quota. In the autumn of 1942 the meeting place of the Post was moved from the Civic Auditorium to the Court House. The Post, by paying \$3,500 and borrowing \$14,000 on a three-year term, purchased the Kingsport Country Club. The largest carnival up to that date was held and helped tremendously in reducing the loan, which was paid the third year. When a plane carrying service personnel crashed on Bloomingdale Road, an Honor Guard, posted by pairs for each watch, was stationed at the funeral home where the bodies were taken. The meeting place of the Post was moved to the Legion Home early in 1943, and the American Legion Auxiliary was authorized to hold its meetings there also. The Legion Home was dedicated May 3, 1943, at a joint meeting of Hammond Post and the American Legion Auxiliary. Seventy-two graves were decorated for Memorial Day this year.

The Post year 1943-44 started with a realization that from August 1, 1942, to August 1, 1943, the Color Guard had officiated at nine funerals and had traveled more than 300 miles in the performance of those duties. The Post donated \$50 for cigarettes for overseas service personnel and \$75 for Red Cross outfits (at \$1 each) for service personnel going overseas. Past Commander E. B. Moore was elected Commander of the First District of Tennessee. The Post sent \$25 to Mountain Home for the annual Christmas party there. During this administration the five-man Membership Board was established, and the Post bought another \$5,000 government bond, bringing the total face value of such bonds in the possession of the Post to \$25,000. Hammond Post received a citation from the National Commander for having exceeded the Post's highest membership previously secured. The Prisoner-of-War Committee was also established during this regime. This time seventeen boys were sent by the Post to Boys' State. By June 5, 1944, salvage to the amount of 463,000 lbs.

had been collected, and the Post received from the State Director information that Kingsport had collected more pounds per capita than any other city in the state. A service station at the bus station and the availability of a room at a local hotel were established for information and emergencies involving personnel of the armed services. Another successful carnival closed with a gross income of about \$22,000.

During the 1944-45 year \$8,000 was allotted to the purchase of new carnival equipment to add to that already owned by Hammond Post. A \$25 government bond was donated to the Sullivan County Tuberculosis Association, and more than 2,000 gift packages for veterans in the hospital at Mountain Home were furnished by Hammond Post. Until January, 1945, the service center at the bus station had handled 200 cases of service personnel. The sum of \$100 was donated to the American Red Cross, and the Post purchased two hospital beds for the use of veterans or Post members. The Post contributed to the Cancer Campaign and to the Boy Scouts. Three shelters were purchased and installed for members of the armed services who might be hitch-hiking to or from home during leave or furlough. War bonds to the amount of \$1,050 were again purchased for carnival prizes. The formal induction of new members with presentation of their American Legion lapel buttons was started during this year.

During the 1945-46 administration the round house and lots that contained the Legion carnival equipment were purchased for the sum of \$3,000. The Post contributed \$500 toward the J. Fred Johnson Memorial Fund, to be applied toward the construction of a library, \$150 toward the Christmas party at Mountain Home, in Johnson City, and a \$25 bond to the Tuberculosis Fund. Co-operation in the Juvenile Delinquency program for the city was unanimously adopted by Hammond Post. During this year a banquet was given to the Dobyns-Bennett High School football team. The Post received a special service certificate from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Bureau of Federal Investigation. Veterans' graves were decorated, as usual, on the Sunday preceding

Memorial Day, the flowers used this year being geraniums. Two 155-millimeter howitzers were purchased and placed on the Legion Home grounds. Later the Post contributed \$10 to Easter Seals for the Crippled Children's Fund. Hammond Post overwhelmingly placed itself on record as approving Universal Military Training, there being only one dissenting vote. Hammond Post purchased and presented a set of colors to Burdine Post No. 123, the first colored American Legion Post in Kingsport. Hammond Post contributed \$52 for equipment for the Highland team, sponsored by the Post, in the Junior Baseball League. Boy Scout Troop 52 was furnished with a room in which to meet. The Post sent 15 boys to Boys' State and sent the Dobyns-Bennett High School Band and Hammond Post Color Guard to Knoxville in August to march in the State Convention's parades. There were 225 cans of food collected for the Famine Emergency Food Collection drive. The Post furnished two flags for use at the Legion Pool.

The administration of 1946-47 saw the carnival gross about \$31,400. In co-operation with the Kingsport Safety Council it was decided to sponsor the Schoolboy Safety Patrol to the extent of supplying the various patrols with equipment in the value of \$300. Memorial Services were held in the Civic Auditorium May 26. The amount of \$200 was contributed to Department Headquarters, so that each veteran in a hospital in Tennessee could receive the same kind of Christmas present. The Post offered a resolution endorsing higher pay for teachers in the Public School system, a longer school term, and sick leave with pay for teachers. The Post likewise went on record by unanimous resolution in favoring the adoption of the General Sessions Court instead of the existing Magistrates and Justices-of-the-Peace systems. Hammond Post went on record as endorsing an enlargement program at the University of Tennessee. The Post donated \$100 toward the Teen Center that is being constructed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a donation of \$100 was made to the Sullivan High School Boosters Club. A new Merry-Go-Round for carnival equipment was purchased for

\$13,500. The Post decorated 107 graves of deceased veterans for Memorial Day. An amount not to exceed \$1,600 was appropriated for lighting the Dobyns-Bennett High School softball field. Two collapsible wheelchairs were purchased for lending to any veteran needing such a chair. The amount of \$50 was donated to the Cancer Control fund.

The administration of 1947-48 saw the charter presented to Boy Scout Troop No. 52, sponsored by Hammond Post. This year the Post sent twelve boys to attend Boys' State; eight of the boys were from city schools and four from county schools. The carnival equipment was leased under contract for eight different localities during the summer. Memorial Day between three hundred and four hundred members of Hammond Post journeyed to Johnson City and took part in the ceremonies at Mountain Home. These ceremonies included the simultaneous decorating of 2,828 graves of deceased veterans.

The American Legion

Temporary Headquarters, 19 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.

Charter for HAMMOND (NAME OF POST) Post, State of Tennessee, No. 3

This is to Certify, that the National Executive Committee of THE AMERICAN LEGION hereby grants a charter to

Thomas H. Pratt

R. E. Jeffries

Hugh Alvin Cox

Hayden C. Webb

S. F. Dobyns

B. B. Sullivan

Geo. A. Caldwell

C. V. Brandt

Chas. T. Herndon, Jr.

Walter R. Burnett

James E. Lyon

V. B. Freels

C. P. Edwards, M. D.

Willard M. Smith

William Russell Gilmer

for the formation of a Post of THE AMERICAN LEGION at Kingsport

(NAME OF TOWN)

, State of Tennessee

under the name of HAMMOND (NAME OF POST)

Post, State of

Tennessee

No. 3

This charter is granted on the recommendation of the State Organization and on the following terms and conditions:

1. All acts heretofore duly and properly taken for the formation of the above-named Post are recognized and confirmed by the National Executive Committee.
2. The above-named Post shall uphold the declared principles of THE AMERICAN LEGION and shall conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the State Organization and of the National Executive Committee, or other duly constituted national governing body of THE AMERICAN LEGION.
3. This charter is subject to revocation by the National Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the State Organization, prior to the national convention for permanent organization to be held November 11, 1919, and after that date by the proper authority established by the national convention.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this

Ninth

day of

July, 1919.

Robert L. Young
State Secretary

Henry D. Lindsey
Chairman, National Executive Committee
Eric G. Harwood
Secretary, National Executive Committee

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION STATE OF TENNESSEE

BE IT KNOWN, That R. D. Stone, G. W. Earles, J. E. Isley, C. D. Elkins, James Ellis, Sam Carroll, Roy D. Dempsey, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of Hammond Post No. 3, Inc., American Legion of Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee, Inc.

The general purpose and object for which this corporation is formed is to engage in and carry on all functions and business of an American Legion Post, and to operate, engage, employ, carry on and hire all lawful amusements, games, entertainments, carnivals, swimming pool and concessions, and all other things and means which may be considered necessary or desirable to further the purpose of this corporation, and to make a charge for same and receive pay therefor, and to use the proceeds derived therefrom for the carrying on of said business and for such charitable and philanthropic purposes and undertakings as may be desired and authorized by this corporation, and to make all contracts or other instruments, and acquire, own, hold and dispose of, all property, real and personal, or rights thereto, and to do all other acts and things necessary or incident to carry out the object and purposes and business of an American Legion Post and of this corporation.

The purposes of this corporation being as above mentioned it is declared therefore that it is a corporation not for individual gain or profit; and that no dividends shall ever be declared or paid to any of its members.

The general powers of said corporation shall be, to sue and be sued by the corporate name; to have and use a common seal, which it may alter at pleasure; if no common seal, then

the signature of the name of the corporation by any duly authorized officer shall be legal and binding; to purchase and hold or receive by gift, bequest or devise, in addition to the personal property owned by said corporation, real estate necessary for the transaction of the corporate business, and also to purchase or accept any real estate in payment or in part payment of any debt due to the corporation, and sell the same; to establish by-laws, and make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws and Constitution deemed expedient for the management of corporate affairs, and to appoint such subordinate officers and agents in addition to a President and Secretary or Treasurer, as the business of the corporation may require, designate the name of the office and fix the compensation of the officer.

The said five or more incorporators shall, within a convenient time after the registration of this charter in the office of the Secretary of State, elect from their number a President, Secretary and Treasurer or the last two officers may be combined into one; said officers and the other incorporators to constitute the first Board of Directors. In all elections each member to be entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy, and the result to be determined by a majority of the votes cast. Due notice of any election must be given by advertisement in a newspaper, personal notice to the members, or a day stated on the minutes of the Board six months preceding the election. The Board of Directors shall keep a record of all their proceedings, which shall be at all times subject to the inspection of any member. The Corporation may establish branches in any other county in the State.

The Board of Directors may have the power to increase the number of Directors from seven to ten, if they deem the interest of the corporation requires such increase. And the first or any subsequent Board of Directors may have the power to elect other members, who, on acceptance of membership, shall become corporators equally with the original corporators. The Board of Directors shall have the right to determine what amount of money paid into the treasury shall be a prerequisite for membership, or, if necessary, what

amount shall be thus annually paid, and failure thus to pay shall, in the discretion of the Directors, justify the expulsion of said defaulting member. The term of all officers may be fixed by the by-laws, the said term not, however, to exceed three years. All officers hold over until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The general welfare of society, not individual profit, is the object for which this charter is granted, and hence the members are not stockholders in the legal sense of the term, and no dividends or profits shall be divided among the members. The members may at any time voluntarily dissolve the corporation by a conveyance of its assets and property to any other corporation holding a charter from the State for the purpose not of individual profit, first providing for corporate debts.

A violation of any of the provisions of this charter shall subject the corporation to dissolution at the instance of the State.

This charter is subject to modification or amendment; and in case said modification or amendment is not accepted, corporate business is to cease, and the assets and property, after payment of debts, are to be conveyed, as aforesaid, to some other corporation holding a charter for purposes not connected with individual profit. Acquiescence in any modification thus declared shall be determined in a meeting especially called for that purpose, and only those voting in favor of the modifications shall thereafter compose the corporation.

The means, assets, income or other property of the corporation shall not be employed directly or indirectly for any other purpose whatever than to accomplish the legitimate objects of its creation, and by no implication shall it possess the power to issue notes or currency, deal in currency, notes or coin, buy or sell products, or engage in any kind of trading operations, nor hold any more real estate than is necessary for legitimate purposes.

Expulsion shall be the only remedy for the non-payment of dues by the members, and there shall be no individual liability against the members for corporate debts, but the

entire corporate property shall be liable for the claim of creditors.

We, the undersigned, apply to the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the laws of the land, for a Charter of Incorporation for the purposes and with the powers, etc., declared in the foregoing instrument.

R. D. STONE, *Commander*
G. W. EARLES, *Adj., Ex. Committeeman*
J. E. ISLEY, *Ex. Committeeman*
C. D. ELKINS, *Ex. Committeeman*
JAMES ELLIS, *Ex. Committeeman*
SAM CARROLL, *2nd Vice-Commander*
ROY D. DEMPSEY, *1st Vice-Commander*

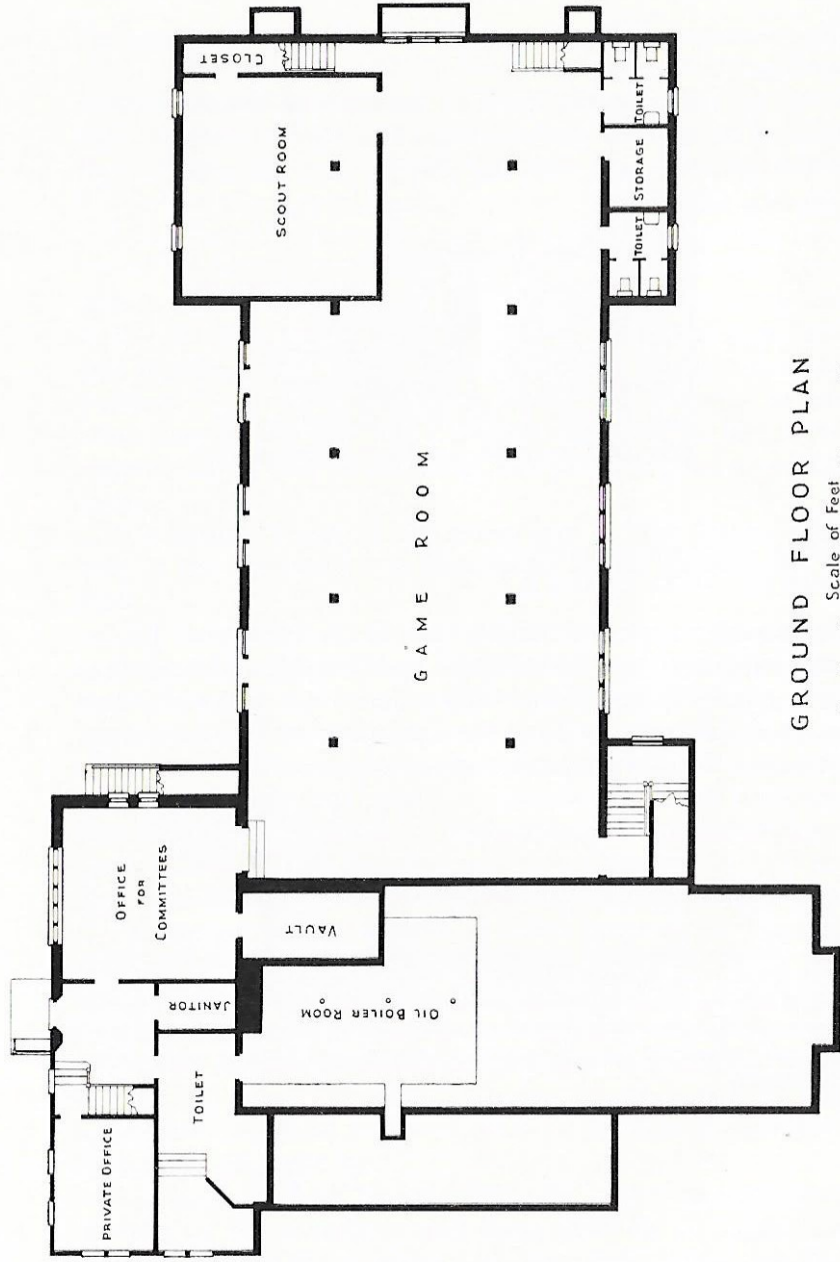
STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN.

Personally appeared before me C. P. EDWARDS, JR., a Notary Public in and for the State and County, aforesaid, the above named incorporators with whom I am personally acquainted and acknowledge the execution of the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

C. P. EDWARDS, JR.
Notary Public.

My Commission expires Feb. 17, 1940.

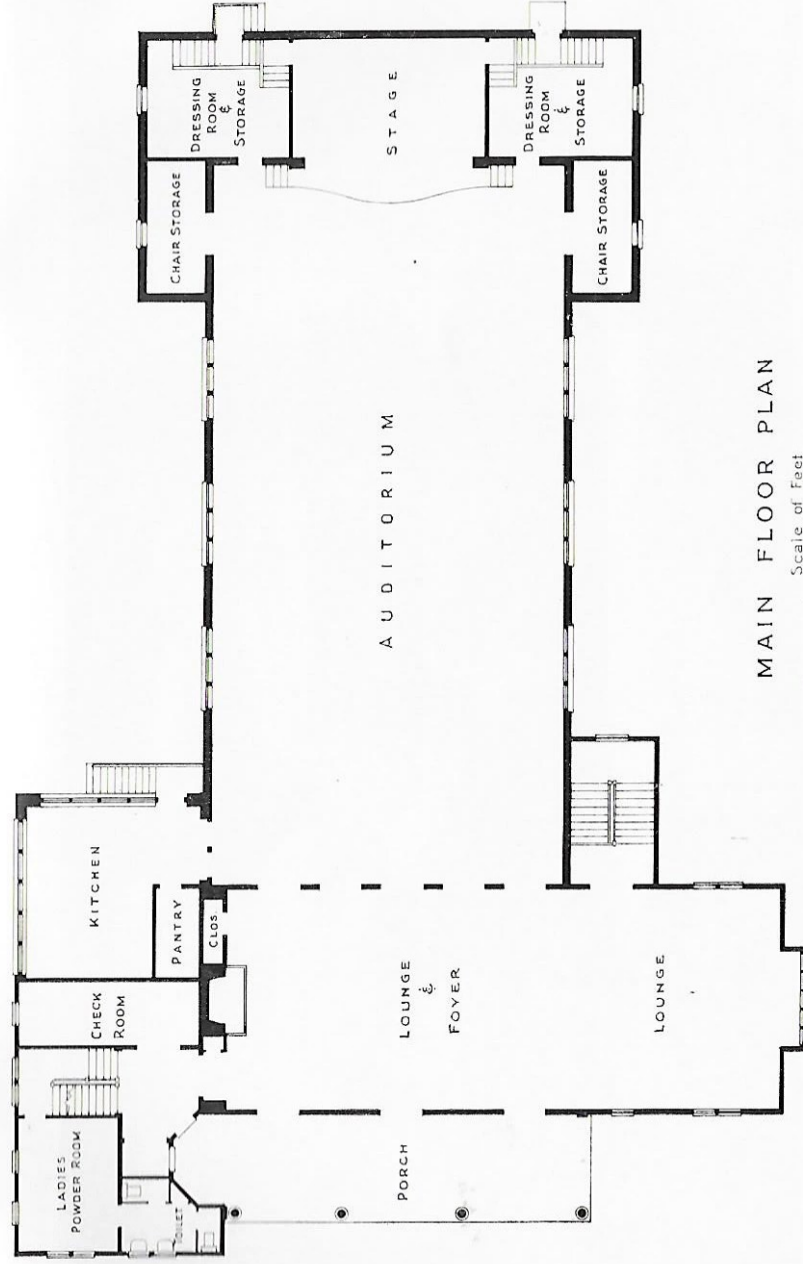
NOTE: The foregoing is the original Charter of Incorporation, as filed October 15, 1936. It was amended March 13, 1944, to the extent of changing the titles of officers and committees to conform with the American Legion titles, establishing an Executive Committee, issuing evidence of indebtedness, and authorizing the Commander to execute and to issue evidence of indebtedness.



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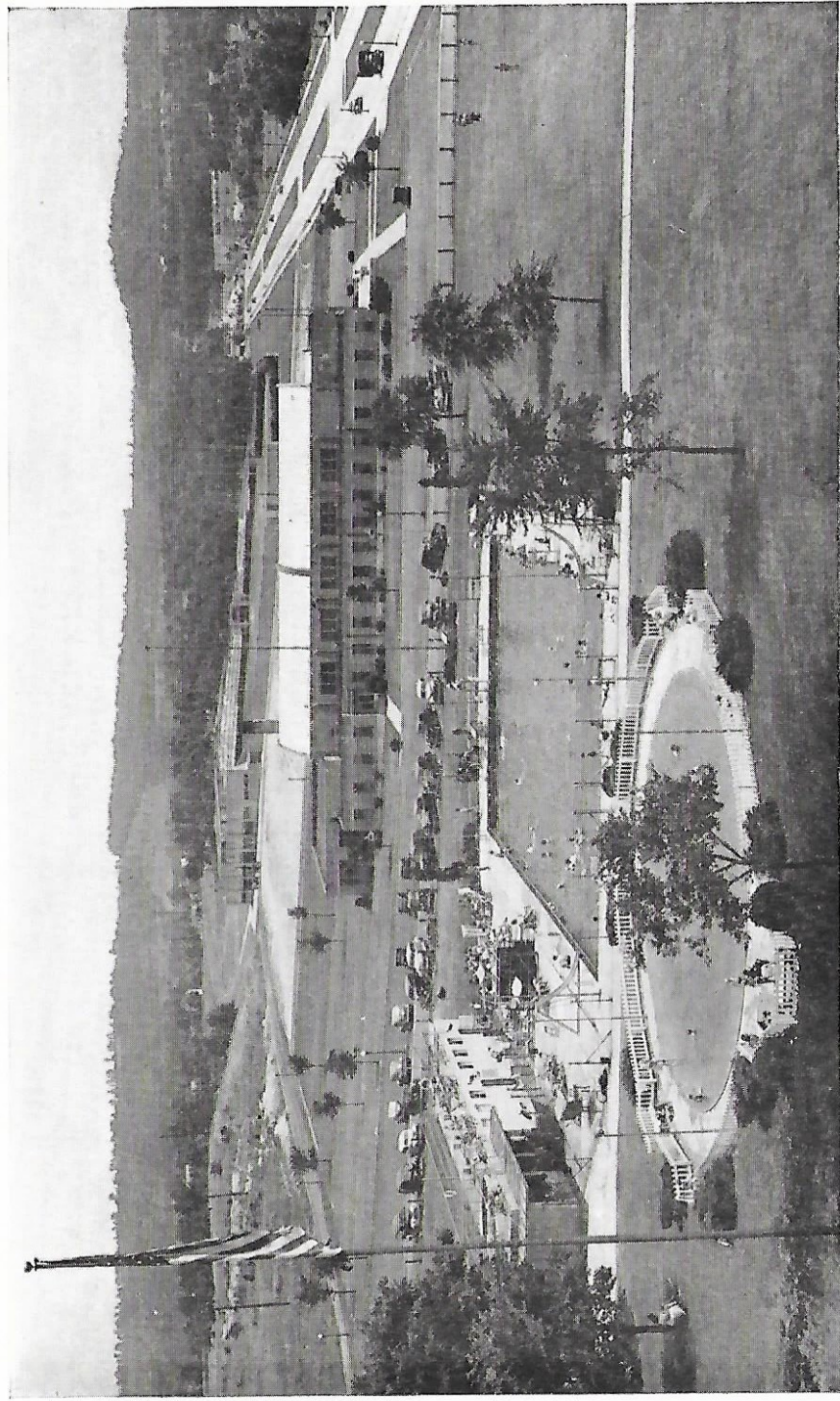
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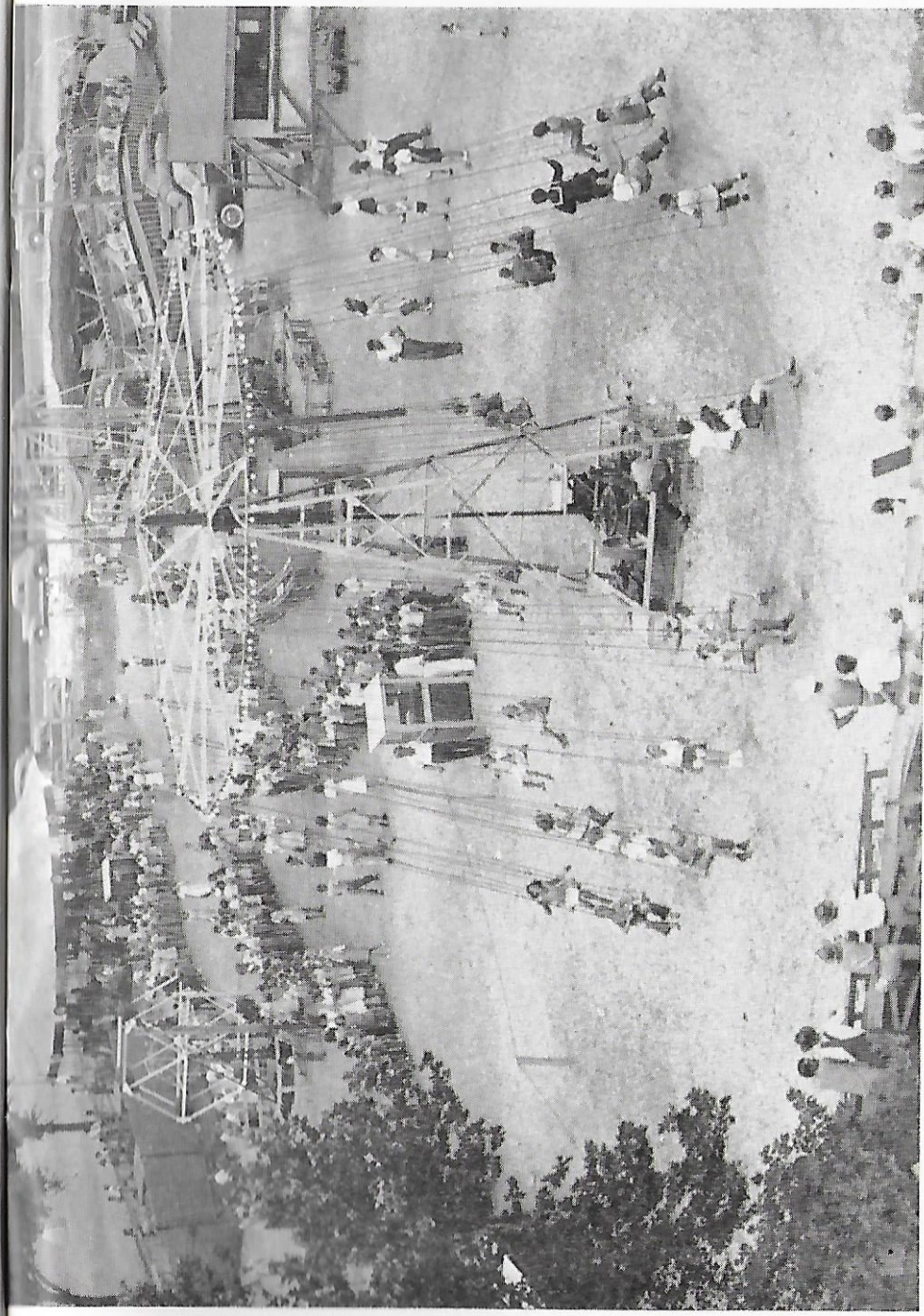
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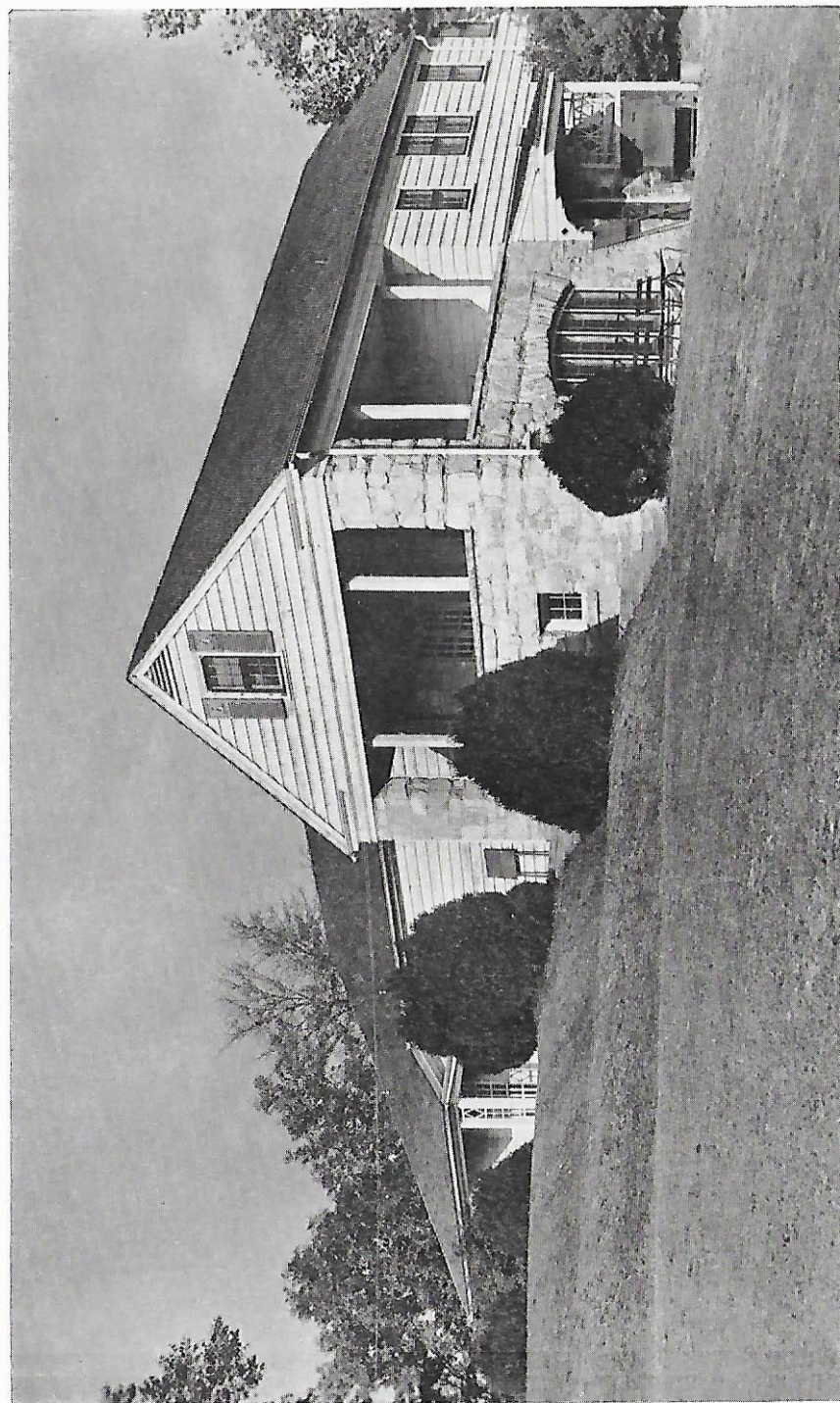
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THE LEGION SWIMMING POOL



MIDWAY—HAMMOND POST ANNUAL CARNIVAL



THE LEGION HUT

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I

NAME

Section 1. The Post existing under these by-laws is the Hammond Post No. 3, Incorporated, of the American Legion, Department of Tennessee.

Section 2. The object of this Post is as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Subject to the conditions and limitations contained in the following section all persons shall be eligible to membership in this Post who are eligible to membership in the American Legion under the Constitution of the Department of Tennessee of the American Legion, including non-residents of this town or state.

Section 2. An applicant for membership must give his name, address, and a brief statement of his military record, including organizations in which he served during World War I and/or World War II, and present an honorable discharge or discharges. No person who claimed immunity from active service as a conscientious objector shall be eligible for membership, even though he may hold an honorable discharge. Before any person is admitted to membership his application shall be approved by a majority of the Committee on Eligibility; provided, that upon petition of not less than ten members the action of the Committee in either approving or rejecting an application may be called before a regular meeting of the Post for review, and the action of the Post, by majority vote, in affirming or reversing the action of the Committee shall be final.

Article III

MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The government and management of the Post are entrusted to a Board of Directors or an Executive Committee of eleven members.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall include the elected officers of the Post, the immediate Past Commander, and a sufficient number of members, appointed by the Post Commander, to complete the required number of 11 committee members.

Section 3. A vacancy existing in the Executive Committee, from any cause other than the expiration of a term, shall be filled by a member whom the Commander shall appoint. A person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member of the Committee whom he succeeds.

Article IV

POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the Post, shall have general charge, supervision, and direction of the affairs of the Post, and shall direct and control such sub-committees as may be appointed.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month. Special meetings may be called by order of the Commander, or on written notice of at least five members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Seven members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may expel or suspend any member of the Post, by a two-thirds vote of the whole Committee, for any violation of the by-laws or rules or for conduct improper and prejudicial to the welfare of the Post or the American Legion. No member, however, shall be suspended or expelled without being given one week's written notice of the charges against him. This notice shall specify the time when the offending member can submit to the Executive Committee a written answer to such charges as may have been brought against him.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall, subject to the approval of the Post, prescribe the rules for the use of Post Headquarters, as well as any other buildings, land, or property used or owned by the Post, and may modify or revoke such rules. The Committee shall fix penalties for violation of these rules; it shall also have the power to enforce or to remit such penalties. However, the Executive Committee may, with Post approval, appoint a Building Committee for the handling of any real estate or building program which it contemplates or a committee for the operation of any project which it may have from time to time, including Post Headquarters or any other business ven-

ture of the Post, and said Committee may operate independently of the Executive Committee if given such authority.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to pass upon all proposed Post expenditures, prior to their being submitted to the Post, when possible. When this is not practical, any expenditures may be brought to the attention of the Post and authorized from the floor without being referred to the Executive Committee, provided, however, a favorable vote at one regular meeting of the Post shall be considered sufficient authority for any expenditure not in excess of \$50.00.

Article V

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The officers shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Post, which is the first Monday in August of each year, at the hour of 8:00 P.M.; provided that, in the event the State Convention shall be called for a date earlier than August 22, the annual meeting of the Post shall be held and the officers elected at the regular meeting nearest to the date of the State Convention and not less than fifteen days prior thereto.

Section 2. Any officer or member of the Executive Committee may be removed after two weeks' written notice, and after a fair trial before the Post, by a three-fourths majority of the votes.

Article VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be a Commander, one or more Vice-Commanders, an Adjutant, and a Finance Officer of the Post. These officers shall be elected at a meeting of the Post, and shall hold office for one year, or until their respective successors have been chosen. The officers shall be members of the Executive Committee. The Commander shall appoint a Chaplain of the Post, and such other officers as may be required.

Section 2. *The Adjutant.* The Adjutant shall give notice of all meetings of the Post and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep minutes of such meetings. The notices of the meetings shall give to the members sufficient information as to the nature of the meeting and objectives that will be discussed. When any election or change of

policy is involved, notice must so state. He shall conduct the correspondence, and keep the records of the Post, including lists of the names, addresses, and previous military or naval organizations of the members. Also, he shall furnish to the Finance Officer the names of all persons elected to membership. As a matter of record and for the Finance Officer's authority, the Adjutant shall furnish this officer with records of all meetings involving expenditure; he shall further advise the Finance Officer when the Post has finally passed and authorized payment of obligations.

Section 3. *Finance Officer.* The Finance Officer shall, subject to the control of the Executive Committee and the Post, be charged with the collection and custody of the funds of the Post, including all dues. He shall keep the accounts of the Post, and report thereon at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee. His accounts shall be audited annually. He shall pay all bills, when audited and approved, in such manner as the Executive Committee shall prescribe. The Finance Officer shall also make quarterly reports to the Post, showing the income, disbursements, and purpose of disbursements during the past three months. He shall be further required to follow the budget, as passed at the regular meeting of the Post. Payments not listed in budget over and beyond the budget shall be made only upon authority of the Post, at a regular meeting. No expenditure in excess of \$50.00 shall be honored by the Finance Officer, until it has been voted on favorably at three regular meetings of the Post. Expenditures within the budget and under \$50.00 may be honored by the Finance Officer when approved by the Executive Committee or the Post.

Section 4. The Finance Officer shall provide bond in a corporate surety company in such amount as the Executive Committee may deem advisable.

Article VII

DUES

Section 1. The dues of members shall be three dollars (\$3.00) per year, payable October 20th (or before the first day of January each year). From such dues, the Post shall pay to the Department Adjutant of the American Legion of this state the amount due Department Headquarters.

Section 2. A member failing to pay any amount due the Post, including his yearly dues, before January 1st of each year shall have his membership forfeited.

Article VIII

MEETINGS OF THE POST

Section 1. A quorum of 25 members shall be necessary to transact any official business.

Section 2. The Commander or a majority of the Executive Committee shall have power to call special meetings of the Post at any time.

Section 3. Upon the written request of 15 members, the Commander or the Executive Committee shall call a special meeting of the Post.

Section 4. The Post shall meet regularly on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Post Headquarters, at an hour designated by the Post.

Article IX

NOTICES

Section 1. Every member shall furnish to the Adjutant an address to which all notices and documents may be sent. The same shall be held to have been duly sent to or served upon a member, when posted or otherwise mailed to him at the address so furnished.

Section 2. Five days previous notice shall be given of all meetings of the Post. Three days previous notice of all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be given.

Section 3. When any major project is contemplated, or any change in policies anticipated, or any expenditure over \$50.00 is proposed, the Adjutant, in the notice to the members, shall insert sufficient information, so that the membership will know in advance of the contemplated project, change, or expenditure.

Section 4. The officers, Executive Committee, or the members, or any member in possession of a list of the members of this organization is prohibited from furnishing such list to any individuals or other members of the organization for political or commercial purposes. This provision also applies to all Post records.

Article X

REPRESENTATION OF THE POST IN THE AMERICAN LEGION AND ITS COMMITTEES

Section 1. Delegates and alternates to represent the Post at the State Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting of the members

of the Post, by a majority vote of those present at the meeting. Meetings for the election of delegates and alternates shall be held at least fifteen days before the State Convention which such delegates are to attend.

Article XI

RULES, RIGHTS, AND PROCEDURES

Section 1. Rules, rights, and procedures at meetings of the Post shall be those set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

Section 2. Unless otherwise provided the order of business at each regular meeting is as follows: Minutes, Committee Reports, Sick Call and Relief, Unfinished Business, New Business and Correspondence, and Good of the Legion.

Article XII

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Section 1. The Post can incur no obligation or liability of any kind whatsoever which shall subject or involve any other post, subdivision organization, committee, group of members, or a member of The American Legion.

Article XIII

AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS

Section 1. These by-laws shall become effective after being passed by three-fourths majority at three regular meetings of the Post. Likewise, a three-fourths majority vote at three regular meetings of the Post is necessary to amend or alter these by-laws.

THE AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

