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NO. 14,



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The first meeting of the organization for Andrew Mather Post No. 14, was called by Capt. John L. Morrison, June 15, 1868, at which time the proper officers of the department of W. Va., G. A. R. came from Wheeling, W. Va., to organize the post, which was done in due form with the following as charter members :

Edward M. Hoit,	A. Q. Mountz,
O. M. Clemens,	G. W. Taggart,
Wm. H. Mattingly,	Wm. H. Collett,
Chas. B. Smith,	A. F. Lang,
J. B. Case,	L. Campbell,
W. H. R. Eba,	Philip L. Wilson,
	Dr. I. Scott.

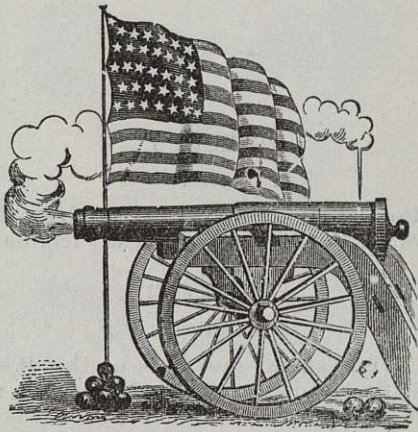
The post organized by electing the following officers to serve for one year from the above date :

G. W. Taggart,	Commander,
A. Q. Mountz,	Senior Vice-Commander.
A. F. Lang,	Junior Vice-Commander.
Barna Powell,	Quartermaster.
Philip L. Wilson,	Adjutant.
Rev. Thos. H. Monroe,	Chaplain.
Dr. I. Scott,	Surgeon.
L. Campbell,	Sergeant Major.
Chas. Kitz.	Quartermaster Sergeant.

At the first organized meeting held on June 20, 1868, a committee on By-laws was appointed, as follows : J. B. Case, C. B. Smith and Philip L. Wilson, and the following were elected as trustees, to-wit : Wm. H. Mattingly, C. B. Smith, A. F. Lang and E. M. Hoit.

At a subsequent meeting the committee on By-laws reported the following as their work, the same being unanimously adopted, and which By-laws have governed the Post up to present date.

There's a flag that was born in the skies,  
From the rainbow it borrowed its hue,  
In the blood of our heroes baptised,  
'Tis our glorious Red, White and Blue.



Wherever that flag is unfurled,  
It proclaims all men equal and free,  
'Tis an emblem of hope to the world,  
Let it float o'er the land and the sea.

BY-LAWS OF  
Andrew Mather Post

No. 14.



ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Post shall be known as Andrew Mather Post, No. 14, Department of West Virginia.

ARTICLE II.

MEETING.

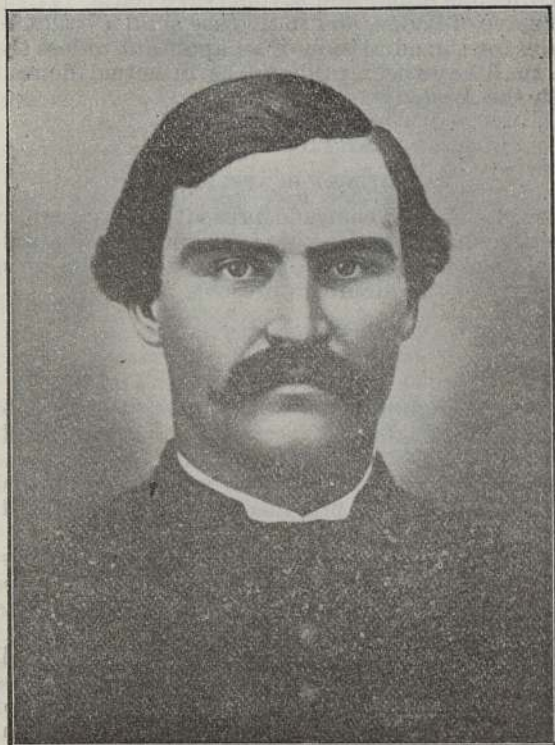
Sec. 1. The stated meetings of this Post shall be on the first and third Thursday of each month. The hour of meeting shall be at 8 o'clock P. M., from the first meeting in April to the first meeting in October, and from October to April at 7:30 P. M.

Sec. 2. At every stated meeting of the Post there shall be a roll call of the officers.

Sec. 3. Any officer of the Post who shall be absent from three consecutive regular meetings, without excuse satisfactory to the Post, shall have his office declared vacant by the Commander.

Sec. 4. Any member having been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues may be restored to membership by the payment of all dues in arrears as well as all fines standing against him.





**ANDREW MATHERS.**

**Capt. Company D., 14th West Virginia, Volunteer  
Infantry.**

Killed near Winchester, Virginia, in front of  
his company in line of duty, July 20, 1864, age 24  
years, 4 months, 13 days.

## ARTICLE III.

## FEE.

Sec. 1. The fee for membership in this Post, shall be one dollar and seventy-five cents, (\$1.75) inclusive of Badge, and in no case shall a ballot be taken for the admission of an applicant unless the fee shall have been paid and be in actual deposit with the Post.

## ARTICLE IV.

## BALLOTING FOR APPLICANTS.

Sec. 1. Every comrade present at any regular meeting shall cast one vote for, or again, an applicant, unless he shall be excused from voting by a majority of the members present.

## ARTICLE V.

## FINANCES.

Sec. 1. Each member of this Post shall pay to the Quartermaster fifty cents per quarter in advance, and any member who shall become one month in arrears shall not be entitled to any aid whatever, except as provided for by Sec. 3, Art. 4, Chapt. 5, of the Rules and regulations.

Sec. 2. The Quartermaster shall act as Treasurer of the Post, shall give receipts for all dues paid, and report at each meeting of the Post the amount of funds in the treasury.

Sec. 3. Fifty per cent of all funds which shall come into the hands of the Quartermaster shall be set aside as a sinking fund for the purpose of securing a Grand Army Hall, said sum to be invested by the Trustees at their discretion unless otherwise ordered by the Post.

Sec. 4. No loans shall be made.

## ARTICLE VI.

## COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. At the second regular meeting in each year the Post Commander shall appoint the following Committees :

First—Committee on Finance consisting of three comrades.

Second—Committee on Grievances consisting of two officers and three comrades.

Third—A Committee on Employment consisting of five comrades.

Sec. 2. The Committee on Finance shall be required at least once every six months, (and may at any time) to examine the records of the Quartermaster and shall report in writing its findings, or may verbally report at any other time the condition of the finances of the Post and the records of the Quartermaster.

The semi-annual reports, in writing, shall be made at the first regular meetings in January and July of each year.

Sec. 3. The Committee on Grievance shall take cognizance of the conduct of the officers and comrades of the Post ; endeavor to reconcile difficulties that may arise among members and when proper, shall prefer charges and specifications for the action of the Post ; and any comrade having a grievance or charge to prefer shall file his complaint with the chairman of the committee who shall bring it before the same for its action.

Sec. 4. The Committee on Employment shall assist in procuring, and shall use every endeavor to secure employment for all deserving and worthy soldiers who were honorably discharged and who apply to them for that purpose, and especially for all disabled soldiers who are comrades in the G. A. R.

They shall keep a record of all soldiers who apply to them for employment with their name, regiment and company, and the character of employment desired, and shall report to the Post once in each quarter.

Sec. 5. The Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Surgeon and Chaplain shall constitute ex-officio, a standing committee on charity, whose duty it shall be, on application, to inquire carefully into the condition of all indigent

comrades or the widows or orphans of those who may have been comrades in good standing at the date of their death, and if found worthy to afford necessary relief or else report at the next regular meeting, the facts relating to the condition of any such suffering soldiers or their families, and may draw on the Quartermaster for any sum not exceeding three dollars, (\$3.00). Said order must be countersigned by the Post Commander and an account of the expenditure must be kept by the committee and reported to the Post.

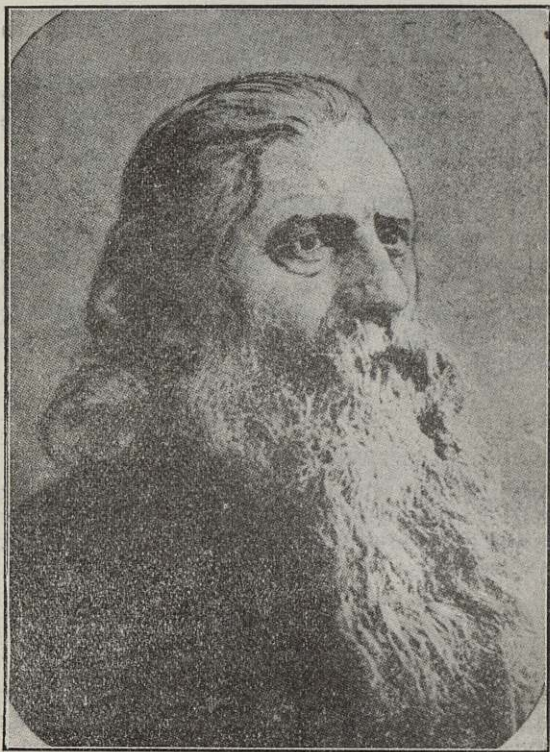
All committees shall perform such duties as may be imposed upon them by the Post, and any comrade who shall for two successive weeks neglect his duty as a member of a regular or select committee, after having accepted an appointment on such committee, shall be fined fifty cents unless excused by a majority vote of all comrades present.

## ARTICLE VII.

### INTOXICATION.

Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful for any member to present himself for admission at any meeting of this Post, in an intoxicated condition and if so presenting himself he shall be refused admittance and any member who may be intoxicated at any public meeting of this Post, or at any meeting where the Post is represented, shall be temporarily relieved of his Badge by the officer of the day and shall be forbidden any participation with the Post upon that occasion. It is also unlawful for any comrade to recommend for election to membership any person of grossly intemperate habits.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of any member of this Post to prefer charges against any other member who does not peaceably submit to the requirements, and comply with Sections 1 and 2, of this Article, to the Committee on Grievance, who shall destroy the name of the comrade preferring the same and keep it secret.



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Sec. 3. When such charges are sustained the penalty shall be :

For the first offense :—A reprimand by the Commander before the Post.

For the second offense :—Suspension from the Post for not less than a month.

For the third offense :—Expulsion from the Post by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

#### UNSUSTAINED CHARGES.

Any comrade maliciously filing a complaint or charge against another shall sustain such charge in open Post, or shall be punished the same as the comrade, against whom the complaint or charge was filed would have been if the same had been sustained.

### ARTICLE VIII.

#### REINSTATEMENT.

Any member who shall have been expelled from this Post may, after a space of six months, be reinstated to membership by making application in the usual way.

### ARTICLE IX.

#### SIGNING THE BY-LAWS.

All comrades, on enlistment, shall express consent and assent to the By-laws, Rules and Regulations by signing their names thereunto.

Headquarters Andrew Mather Post No. 14. }  
Parkersburg, W. Va. }

The foregoing By-laws, adopted by Andrew Mather, Post, No. 14, are respectfully referred to the Department commander for his approval.

BARNA POWELL, Acting Adjutant.  
May 27, 1885.

Headquarters Department of West Va. }  
Parkersburg, May 27, 1885. }

Approved by command of

C. B. SMITH, Dept. Commander,

H. V. DANIELS, Ass't Adj't General,

Article, II, Section 4, has been amended to read  
as follows :

That every member unable to pay his dues by  
reason of sickness or otherwise may have the same  
remitted and be reinstated by a majority of the  
Post.



WILLIAM KIRK.



The following is the enrollment of the present membership and officers, (December 1, 1903.)



### OFFICERS.

Wm. Kirk	Commander.
J. A. Baker,	Senior Vice-Commander.
J. F. Hull,	Junior Vice-Commander.
H. Clay Coffman,	Adjutant.
N. B. Swartz,	Quartermaster.
S. F. Shaw,	Surgeon.
J. W. Hilliard,	Chaplain.
Richard Starr,	Officer of the Day.
J. T. Horr,	Officer of the Guard.
John Cecil,	Quartermaster Sergeant.



### ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Archibold, C. W.	Irvin, James
Armstrong, Samuel	Johnston, J. W.
Allen, W. A.	Johnson, Adelbert
Brownfield, E. J.	Kirk, Wm.
Bukey, V. H.	Kress, Anthony
Buckley, J. L.	Leonard, W. C.
Bartlett, M. B.	Leach, James A.
Beckwith, Lewis	Lang, F. A.
Boern, Geo.	Mitchell, J. M.
Baker, John A.	McKee, Jordan
Bracey, Nathan	McHenry, W. W.
Bartlett, S. B.	Moeck, Peter
Bogue, L. D.	Manion, T. W.
Black, T. A.	Miles, W. H.
Bachman, Samuel	McCandless, J. B.
Baldwin, J. F.	Mallory, Martin
Batton, C. L.	Moyer, John
Biles, F. B.	Postlewait, William
Caldwell, C. T.	Piggott, J. T.
Cecil, John	Nash, William
Coffman, Henry Clay	Purdy, Geo. H.
Carpenter, W. E.	Reeder, James R.
Cale, W. A.	Shaw, S. F.

Cross, R. B.	Starr, Richard
Cottrell, J. L.	Sharp, W. H.
Chaddoc, Chas.	Swartz, N. B.
Crippen, J. H.	Stahl, Henry
Cothren, T. C.	Smith, P. M.
Drennan, Geo. H.	Sprague, T. J.
Downing, G. H.	Sayres, E.
Deems, Granville	Sams, W.
Davis, J. W.	Taggart, G. W.
Faling, Geo. E.	Traugh, M. V.
(Honorable Discharge.)	Taylor, R. B.
Fellows, L. O.	Thomas, R. H.
Freeman, W.	Upson, N. L.
Florence, Loring	Vrooman, W.
Grimm, J. H.	Welsh, D. W.
Graham, Justice A.	Walthers, D. G.
Gatts, S. E.	Wise, John W.
Hazen, S. S.	Wadkins, John
Hogan, John	Ward, George
Hull, James F.	Warne, J. P.
Hilliard, J. W.	Williamson, Horace
Heaton, D. C.	Woofter, Rev. G. A.
Horr, J. T.	(Hon. Transfer.)
Haught, Jackson	Worley, Jacob.
Headley, Henry	



### PAST POST COMMANDERS.

G. W. Taggart,	S. S. Hazen,
Moses Pilcher,	J. L. Simpson,
G. K. Mallory,	W. W. McHenry,
D. W. Welsh,	O. M. Clemens,
Jordan McKee,	Wm. Kirk,
Van H. Bukey,	S. F. Shaw,
R. B. Taylor,	M. B. Bartlett,
Peter Moeck,	J. T. Piggott,
J. L. Buckley,	H. C. Coffman,
R. H. Thomas,	J. T. Horr.

## TOTAL DEATH ROLL OF POST SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Dobbins, John W., 13th Ind. Cav.	July 2, 1884
Tennent, Wm., 16th Ind. Vol.	Aug. 13, 1884
Chandler, Albert, 77th O. Vol.	Dec. 17, 1885
McIlrain, John, 80th Pa. Vol.	May 11, 1885
Stealey, Kenner, 10th W. Va. Vol.	Aug. 18, 1887
McPhearson, John, 14th W. Va. Vol.	March 10, 1887
Scott, Dr. I. Surgeon, 7th W. Va. Vol.	Feb. 28, 1888
Egan, Michael, Capt. Co. B. 15th W. Va. Inf.	
- - - - -	Sept. 15, 1888
Kennedy, David, 1st Pa. Cav.	Nov. 14, 1888
Johnson, Robt. R., Co. D. 14th W. Va. Vol.	
- - - - -	Sept. 25, 1889
Turner, Z. W. 11th W. Va. Inf.	Feb. 12, 1889
McPhearson, J. F., 10th W. Va. Inf.	Oct. 1889
Hunt, Dr. L. C., 12th W. Va. Vol.	1890
Stroud, Wesley 11th W. Va. Inf.	July 5, 1890
Deems, Edward W. 14th W. Va. Inf.	May 13, 1890
Eskey, S. S. 148 O. N. G.	Dec. 16, 1890
Brown, Samuel A. 1st Mich. Cav.	- 1891
Madens, John, 2nd W. Va. Vol.	April 3, 1891
Bradley, John, Co. K. 3rd Ky. Cav.	Sept. 18, 1892
Pilcher, Moses, 3rd W. Va. Cav.	Aug. 19, 1892
Ryan, W. S. Co. D. 14th W. Va. Vol.	Dec. 15, 1892
Drake, Alonzo L. 15th W. Va. Inf.	July, 1892
Fisher, Chas. C. 15th W. Va. Inf.	- 1892
Kirkpatrick, David J. 7th W. Va. Vol.	Jan. 14, 1893
Barnes, J. M. 4th W. Va. Inf.	March 17, 1893
Field, T. G. Lieut. 18th O. Vol.	Oct. 14, 1894
Covert, Ralph, 63rd Pa. Cav.	June 15, 1894
Sheehy, John, 15th N. Y. Battery	Aug. 8, 1894
Worman, Frank, 18th O. Vol.	Nov. 1, 1894
Guinn, Thomas, 96th O. Vol.	May 30, 1896
Roach, John A. 1st W. Va. Cav.	Jan. 9, 1896
Ayres, W. C. 10th W. Va. Vol.	Feb. 7, 1896
Bradley, Michael, 16 W. Va. Inf.	July 3, 1897
Warthen, E. S. 5th Ohio Vol.	Feb. 17, 1898
White, Adam, 10th W. Va. Vol.	1898
Rogers, George, 2nd W. Va. Cav.	June 10, 1898
Smith, C. B. Lieut. 1st W. Va. Cav.	Dec. 7, 1899
Rost, John, 6th Pa. H. Art.	- Jan. 15, 1899

Dotson, Michael C. 148th O. Vol.	Feb. 2, 1899
Mallory, J. K. - - - -	July 13, 1899
Folwell, T. J. - - - -	Feb. 13, 1900
Kesterson, J. G. - - - -	Oct. 19, 1901
Martin, Wm. C. 11th W. Va. Inf.	Feb. 13, 1901
Courtright, Alford - - - -	July 15, 1901
Deanor, John - - - -	Jan. 1, 1901
Clemens, O. M. Capt. - - - -	March 10, 1902
Peppler, John H. - - - -	May 24, 1903
Rolles, D. A. - - - -	April 24, 1903
Jennie, S. A.	
Postlewaight, Uria P.	
McHenry, Samuel	
Elliot, J. W.	
Smith, John W. - - - -	June 11, 1902



Post meets the first and third Thursday of every month in G. A. R. Hall, McKinney Building, No. 404½ Market Street to which all visiting comrades are cordially invited.

This Post being the next largest in the State is always heard from both in the State and National Encampments and there should be no hesitation on the part of all soldiers for the Union within our limits making the Post Room their Fraternal Home and place of Record.

Along this line we will here quote from the address of our past Department Commander, M. B. Bartlett, delivered at New Martinsville, April 29, 1903.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General shows that our number is growing less, and our noble order is going down the slope and that we are fast approaching that time when the books of the Grand Army of the Republic will be closed, and the work of our Order will be a thing of the past. The influence of the Grand Army of the Republic on our country will not cease when the last Grand Army comrade has answered to the last roll call and been mustered out, but will continue for years to come. For since we have been mustered out of the service, we have been banded together in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and have been endeavoring to perform our duties as citizens. We having been teaching and preaching loyalty to the rising generation, until they are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of love of country and our country's flag; and we should have no fear if occasion should occur (God grant it may never come,) they will spring forth as one man in defense of our government, to maintain its honor and defend its flag. That flag cost many lives in our generation. As our order grows older, we can see that the Divine Commander of us is leading us on, for through His aid we have been able to accomplish so much.

As surviving Union soldiers, the past of our lives is secure. The war for the Union is not a memory only. It is true, it was crowded with pleasant associations and glorious deeds, but what

is far better, it has been crowned with results of untold good to liberty, humanity and Christian civilization. The legions of Caesar added luster to the Roman Eagles ; the Invincibles of Cromwell made a greater name in English history ; the Old Guard of Napoleon never surrendered, but died at Waterloo ; and the Continental Army rallied around Washington during seven years of immortal contest against tyranny. All these are written high on the roll of fame, but not above that splendid volunteer army which put down the greatest rebellion in history, which lifted high the banner of a redeemed Republic, purified, strengthened and destined to lead all the nations of the earth in power, and glory and human freedom.



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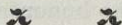
CLEVELAND, O.



“How bright are the honors which await those who, with sacred fortitude and patriotic patience, have endured all things that they might save their native land from division and from the power of corruption. The honored dead! They that die for a good cause are redeemed from death. Their names are gathered and garnered. Their memory is precious. Oh, tell me not that they are dead! That generous host, that airy army of invisible heroes. They hover as a cloud of witnesses above this nation. Are they dead that yet speak louder than we can speak, and a more universal language? Are they dead that yet act? Are they dead that yet move upon society, and inspire the people with nobler motives and more heroic patriotism? Till the mountains are worn out, and the rivers forget to flow; till the clouds are weary of replenishing springs, and the springs forget to gush, and the rills to sing, shall their names be kept fresh with reverent honors which are inscribed upon the book of National Remembrance.”

## PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S ADDRESS,

When the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa., was Dedicated Nov. 19, 1863, was in these Memorable Words:



“Fourscore and seven years ago, our Fathers brought forth upon this continent a new Nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

“Now we are engaged in a great Civil War, testing whether that Nation, or any Nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

“We are met on a great battlefield of that War. We have come here to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that Nation might live.

“It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

“But in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract.

“The World will little note, or long remember, what we SAY here; but it can never forget what they DID here.

“It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have, thus far, so nobly advanced.

“It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that Cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that Government of the People, BY the People and FOR the People, shall not perish from the Earth.”















