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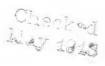
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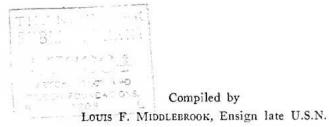
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At a meeting of the Connecticut Commandery of this Order, held at New Haven, Conn., April 22, 1904, it was voted to prepare a Register, and that the Commandery issue it as its first publication.

The Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War was founded by Lieutenant Walter J. Sears, U. S. N., February 2, 1899, in the City of New York, at which time ninety-eight gentlemen holding commissions in the service of the United States during the war with Spain perfected the organization, electing as Commander Col. Theodore Roosevelt, U. S. V., then Governor of the State of New York, and now President of the United States.

A petition, circulated among the officers who were companions of the New York Commandery of this Order, but who resided in the State of Connecticut, for the establishment of a commandery in Connecticut, was granted April 7, 1902, by terms of a provisional charter authorizing and empowering the companions residing in the State of Connecticut to institute, organize, and establish said commandery, and this was done on April 21, 1902, at New Haven, Conn.

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170 Fifth Avenue, S. W. cor. 22d Street.

New York, April 7, 1902.

To all and singular to whom these presents shall come, — Greeting:

That our worthy Companions, George M. Cole, Leonard B. Almy, Frederick L. Averill, Edward V. Raynolds, Arthur H. Day, Lucien F. Burpee, H. A. Giddings, F. A. Hill, L. F. Middlebrook, C. P. Kirkland, are hereby authorized and empowered to institute, organize, and establish a Commandery in the State of Connecticut, to be known as The Connecticut Commandery of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War.

the name of the Commander-in-chief at New York this 7th day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-sixth, and of the Order, the third.

(Signed) JOS. N. MILLER, Commander-in-Chief.

Attest, John T. Hilton, Recorder-in-Chief. Chap. 192, Sec. 34. 31 Statutes at Large, 757.

SEC. 34. "That all officers who have served during the war with Spain, or since, as officers of the Regular or Volunteer Army of the United States, and have been honorably discharged from the service by resignation or otherwise, shall be entitled to bear the official title and, upon occasions of ceremony, to wear the uniform of the highest grade they have held by brevet or other commission in the regular or volunteer service."

An enlarged design has been prepared by the firm of Bailey, Banks & Biddle of Philadelphia, of the insignia of the Order, to be used for a bronze memorial tablet. This design has been approved by the Congress of the Order, and a vote has been passed allowing any member of the Order to use the same, or a like design, and commending the idea to the consideration of the Companions.