

# Grand Army of the Republic

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[The Grand Army of the Republic badge. Authorized by the U.S. Congress to be worn on the uniform by Union Army veterans.](#)

<b>Abbreviation</b>	G.A.R.
<b>Successor</b>	<a href="#">Woman's Relief Corps</a> and <a href="#">Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War</a>
<b>Formation</b>	April 6, 1866
<b>Founder</b>	<a href="#">Benjamin F. Stephenson</a>
<b>Dissolved</b>	August 2, 1956
<b>Type</b>	<a href="#">Veterans' organization</a>
<b>Purpose</b>	<a href="#">Social</a> , <a href="#">literary</a> , <a href="#">historical</a> , <a href="#">benevolent</a>

The **Grand Army of the Republic** (**GAR**) was a [fraternal organization](#) for [veterans](#) that were in the [Union Army](#) ([United States Army](#)), [Union Navy](#) ([U.S. Navy](#)), and the [Marines](#) during the [American Civil War](#). It started in 1866 in [Springfield, Illinois](#). It ended in 1956 when its last member, [Albert Woolson](#) (1850–1956), died.<sup>[1]</sup>

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- [GAR page at the Library of Congress](#)
- [SUVCW official website](#)
- [ASUVCW official website](#)
- [DUVCW official website](#)
- [Medals related to the GAR in the collection of the American Numismatic Society](#)
- [Grand Army Museum, Lynn, Massachusetts at Essex National Heritage website](#)
- [Grand Army Museum, Lynn, Massachusetts at official City of Lynn website](#)

- [Photographs of Members of the Stevens Post, Seattle, Washington](#)
- [Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Library, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania](#)
- The [Grand Army of the Republic. Philip R. Schuyler Post, No. 51 records](#), including membership records, constitution and by-laws, correspondence and minutes of the Philip R. Schuyler Post No. 51, are available for research use at the [Historical Society of Pennsylvania](#).
- [Geocache on the Memorial Highway](#)
- [Grand Army of the Republic Collection Archived](#) 2018-05-25 at the [Wayback Machine](#) - [McLean County Museum of History](#) archives (Illinois)
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