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## CARSON-WILSON POST IN CHARGE OF FREEDOM TRAIN PARADE SATURDAY; STARTS AT 11 A. M.

The Carson-Wilson Post has been honored by being put in charge of the FREEDOM TRAIN PARADE to be held here Saturday, Jan. 24, the same day the Freedom Train is on exhibit here. The parade will climax a big week of rededication for all Tulsans.

The Legion has had splendid assistance from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 577 of Tulsa in connection with the parade and it is expected that this parade will surpass all previous parades held in Tulsa.

Parade Committee: Floyd Long, Chairman, Hess Crossland, Dexter Moss, Jr., Georgette Mayo and Paul Heilman, all of the Legion and Basil Clark and Sam Hedrick of the VFW.

Parade Route: **West on 5th street to Main, North on Main to 2nd, East on 2nd to Boston, South on Boston to 5th, East on 5th to Elgin and disband.**

Parade line-up:

**Headquarters Division:** (forms East of Detroit on 5th).

Motorcycle escort.

C. E. Marshall, parade marshal.

Floyd A. Long, parade chairman.

Ray Whitaker, chief of staff.

Massed colors under supervision of Sam Hedrick.

Commanders, Gen. Alva J. Niles and Col. Harry L. S. Halley.

Oklahoma Military Band and Drill Team.

Army Recruiting Units, Captain Gregory.

Navy Recruiting Units, Chief Lubas.

Marine Recruiting Units, Sergeant Doer.

National Guard Units, Captain James F. Donham.

Army Reserve, Captain Forsythe.

Naval Reserve, Lt. Comdr. Seimes.

Marine Corps Reserve, Captain Robt. Wheeler.

City and county officials.

**First Division:** (forms East of Elgin on 5th).

Commander, Col. Jas. A. Bell.

The American Legion Band.

Order of Purple Heart.

Fitzhugh Lee Camp Spanish-American War Veterans.

Frank Frantz Camp, Spanish-American War Veterans.

Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Military Order of Cooties.

The American Legion.

40 et 8.

Marine Corps League.

American Veterans of World War II Nurses of World War I and II.

Women's Overseas Service League.

**Second Division:** (South of 5th on Elgin).

Commander, Maj. Frank Van Voorhis Central High School Band.

Order of Purple Heart Auxiliary.

Fitzhugh Lee Camp Spanish-American War Veterans Auxiliary.

Frank Frantz Camp Spanish-American War Veterans Auxiliary.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Junior Auxiliary.

American Legion Auxiliary.

Eight et Forty.

American Legion Junior Auxiliary.

Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

American Veterans of World War II Auxiliary.

**Third Division:** (North of 5th on Elgin).

Commander, Sergeant Davis.

Will Rogers High School Band.

Gold Star Mothers.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

Sons of the American Revolution.

Daughters of the American Revolution.

Daughters of Union Veterans.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Navy Mothers.

American War Dads.

American War Dads Auxiliary.

War Moms.

**Fourth Division:** (South of 5th on Detroit).

Commander, Harvey Ross.

Daniel Webster High School Band.

Sahara Patrol, Saba Grotto.

Red Cross Units.

Y. M. C. A.

Cub Scouts Drum & Bugle Corps.

Shrine Patrol and Uniform Bodies.

Y. W. C. A.

Salvation Army.

B. P. O. E. Drill Team.

Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Girl Scouts of America.

**Fifth Division:** (North of 5th on Detroit).

Commander, Sam Harrison.

Booker T. Washington High School Band.

Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

American Legion.

Army, Navy and Marine Corps Mothers.

**Sixth Division:** (South of 5th on Frankfort).

Commander, C. C. Woodard.

Rangers and Rangerettes.

Akdar Shrine Mounted Patrol.

Roundup Clubs.

Mounted Troops of America.

## First District Convention At Vinita, Jan. 24-25

The First District Mid-Winter Convention of The American Legion of Oklahoma, will be held January 24 and 25, 1948, in Vinita, Okla.

### PROGRAM

Place: Vinita, Oklahoma.

Host: Vinita Post No. 40.

**Saturday, January 24, 1948**

12:00 noon: Registration—Lobby, Hotel Vinita.

1:00 p. m.: Greetings—J. Milton Patrick, District Commander.

3:00 p. m.: Trip through the Grand River Dam Power Plant.

6:30 p. m.: Banquet—Hotel Vinita.

9:00 p. m.: Dance—Hotel Vinita.

**Sunday, January 25, 1948**

11:00 a. m.: Memorial Service—Presbyterian Church. Rev. Moody Nicholson, First District Chaplain, presiding.

12:00 noon: Lunch.

1:00 p. m.: Assemble for General meeting—Legion Hall, Court House. Meeting called to order by District Commander Patrick. Colors advanced.

Color bearers, Vinita Post. Prayer, District Chaplain Nicholson. Address of welcome, E. N. Price, Commander, Host Post. Response, Elmer Chandler, Dept. Exec. Committeeman. Introduction of distinguished guests. Appointment of Resolutions Committee. Roll Call of Posts and membership report. Reports, district committeemen.

Membership, Don Patterson, Elmer Chandler, Tom Galvan, Ted Beard, Dept. Membership Chairman.

Americanism, C. C. Victory, Tulsa. Poppy Program, Arlis Lanham, Dept. Poppy Chairman.

Rehabilitation, Ted Thompson, Muskogee.

Child Welfare, E. S. Dunaway, Bartlesville.

Boys State, Rev. T. T. Brown, Skiatook Employment, C. C. Johnson, Tulsa.

Graves Registration, Bill Supernaw, Skiatook.

Report of Resolutions Committee.

Service Work, J. Fred Eaker, Dept. Service Officer.

Remarks: J. Milton Patrick, District Commander; Mrs. Don Patterson, Dist. Auxiliary President; Elmer L. Fraker, Dept. Adjutant; Mrs. Anne Redman, Dept. Auxiliary President.

Address, Brad M. Risinger, Dept. Commander.

Colors retired.

Adjournment.

We are expecting to see all of the First District Legionnaires in Vinita on January 24 and 25, 1948. For hotel reservations, contact Mr. George W. Driskill, Vinita, Okla.

## Tell Congress!

By NATIONAL COMMANDER JAMES F. O'NEIL

The American Legion has supported the principle of Universal Military Training for more than a quarter-century without securing its enactment into law. Thousands upon thousands of Legion and Auxiliary voluntary hours of endeavor have been poured into the effort to give the nation a permanent and reasonable form of non-militaristic national defense.

Again we are confronted with the positive necessity of renewing our all-out effort in behalf of UMT before the Congress.

To put it succinctly—"This is it."

In my opinion, the final decision as to whether or not this nation is to possess such protection will be made by this Congress.

The lines of battle are clearly drawn.

On the one hand there is a latent force of three-fourths of the American people of voting age who favor Universal Military Training as the answer to the nation's permanent defense. On the other side is a milling, vocal, active group of less than one-fourth of the United States' citizens who oppose UMT or any other long-range defense plan. Well-intentioned, pacifist and subversive elements are each contained in this segment.

Our clear objective is to bring upon Congress the impact of thinking of the vast majority supporting UMT.

The campaign to do this is hereby inaugurated on the part of The American Legion. It will be a campaign for weeks, not of months. Decisive action on the part of the national organization, the departments, posts and individual Legionnaires is necessary—NOW!

The task is one of marshaling UMT forces for action. The strength of opinion is already possessed.

Petitions to Congress have been widely distributed and are carried in this issue of **The National Legionnaire**. They must be signed and forwarded as the spearhead of our campaign.

With a concern and urgency the breadth and depth of which I have not heretofore expressed, let me appeal that you become a campaigning crusader for national defense through Universal Military Training—for the nation itself.

Let us adopt as our slogan and objective:

"Tell Congress!"

### Sick Book

Warren G. Miller is just out of the hospital and will be confined to his home about two weeks, 242 W. 14th Pl.

Kenneth L. Dill is in the Veterans hospital at Muskogee.

Jessie J. Hall is also in the Veterans hospital at Muskogee.

Drop these boys a card, they will appreciate it.

### Spastic Welfare Fund Gets 40 et 8 Aid

The "Cavalcade of Stars" musical melange, rich in comedy and studded with stage, radio and circus stars, will bring entertainment supreme to Tulsa, when it is presented at Convention Hall, January 27 under the sponsorship of the 40 et 8 of the American Legion.

"Cavalcade of Stars" is a stage show as modern as tomorrow. Proceeds will be used for the Child (Spastic) Welfare Fund of the 40 et 8.

### LEGISLATIVE NEWS - LETTER

WASHINGTON (ALNS) — The American Legion's Veterans Homestead Act advanced the first step toward enactment when hearings were held by the House Veterans Affairs Committee Dec. 18.

For two hours an interested House Committee threw questions at National Commander James F. O'Neil and Walter E. Alessandrini, chairman of The Legion's national housing committee, on aspects of the Homestead Act . . . The Legion witnesses had an answer for every question, and the Legion proposal weathered the first battle in grand fashion.

Commander O'Neil told the committee that although more than 800,000 new homes have been constructed during 1947, veterans' pri-

### AUXILIARY NEWS

Mrs. H. E. Glaser, Publicity Chairman

Mrs. J. Ted (Isabel) Turner, bridge chairman, announces that a dessert bridge will be held at the hut on Tuesday, January 27, at 1:00 p. m.

All members are urged to attend and bring a prospective member with them. Those desiring a reservation should call Ruth Brown, bridge telephone chairman, not later than Monday evening.

The Junior American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday the 26th at 7:30 p. m., in the home of the Junior President Miss Barbara May Burns, 316 N. Quannah.

Mrs. L. A. Burns, Junior Activities Chairman, urges all the girls to be present. We will have a short business meeting preceeding our monthly party.

### 30-Year Membership Cards Presented

Thirty-year membership cards were presented last Tuesday night to Past Post Commanders Alva J. Niles and Roy Youts.

"The veterans are being forced out of the market by high costs despite their priorities," O'Neil asserted . . . "In my judgment, this is the problem for which we must find a solution."

Chairman Alessandrini emphasized that associations formed by the Act would operate through private contractors, with private capital, in compliance with local labor practices and building codes and ordinances, with payment of full real estate taxes to the municipality and with home ownership by the veteran . . . "No other plan provides for solving the veterans' housing problem in this American way," he said.

The sentiment of the House Committee is definitely with our bill, Legislative Director John Thomas Taylor declared following the hearing . . . Further hearings will be held early in January . . . Taylor predicted the measure would receive unanimous approval by the committee . . . "It will pass the House when it arrives for consideration, he added . . . To date, no less than 25 companion bills to the Homestead Act have been introduced in the House of Representatives . . . "This is an indication of its popularity," Taylor said.

# FREEDOM TRAIN HERE JAN. 24th

**12,000 PEOPLE EXPECTED TO VISIT TRAIN BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 10 P. M. ON TRACK 1 - UNION DEPOT**

When the Freedom Train visits Tulsa January 24, Tulsans will be privileged to inspect more than 100 documents marking the growth of individual liberties throughout the nation's history—The train will be on track one at the Union depot and will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

In all America's quiet towns and teeming cities, people move where they wish, discuss what they will, make their livings as their talents allow them, save and spend as they choose and care for the ones they love. Just going about the business of daily living, these people are using freedoms as simple and familiar as breathing. People in lands which have lost these simple freedoms could tell us how precious they are.

It seems like we Americans have always had them. They existed, first, only as ideals in the minds of courageous men.

The Freedom Train, sponsored by the American Heritage Foundation, will travel about the United States for one year, visiting communities in all 48 States. The train carries significant original documents of American liberty, which our forefathers struggled to create.

It is easy for us Americans to feel we have always had the blessings of liberty—that we will always have them. But these freedoms, born in strife, must be protected with vigilance.

The areas where democracy flourishes grow smaller over the world. Its privileges have slipped through the hands of other peoples. They can slip through our.

The visit of the Freedom Train is a time of rededication to our American principles. It should awaken in us a sense that we, as American citizens, are rulers of our own destinies.

All these great documents were created to guarantee the sanctity of the individual. They give each of us the freedom to develop to the full extent of our abilities. They also require that we, as individuals, accept the duties of responsible citizenship to protect our heritage. By our steadfast zeal we can hope the liberties we now cherish may extend to all freedom loving people throughout the world.

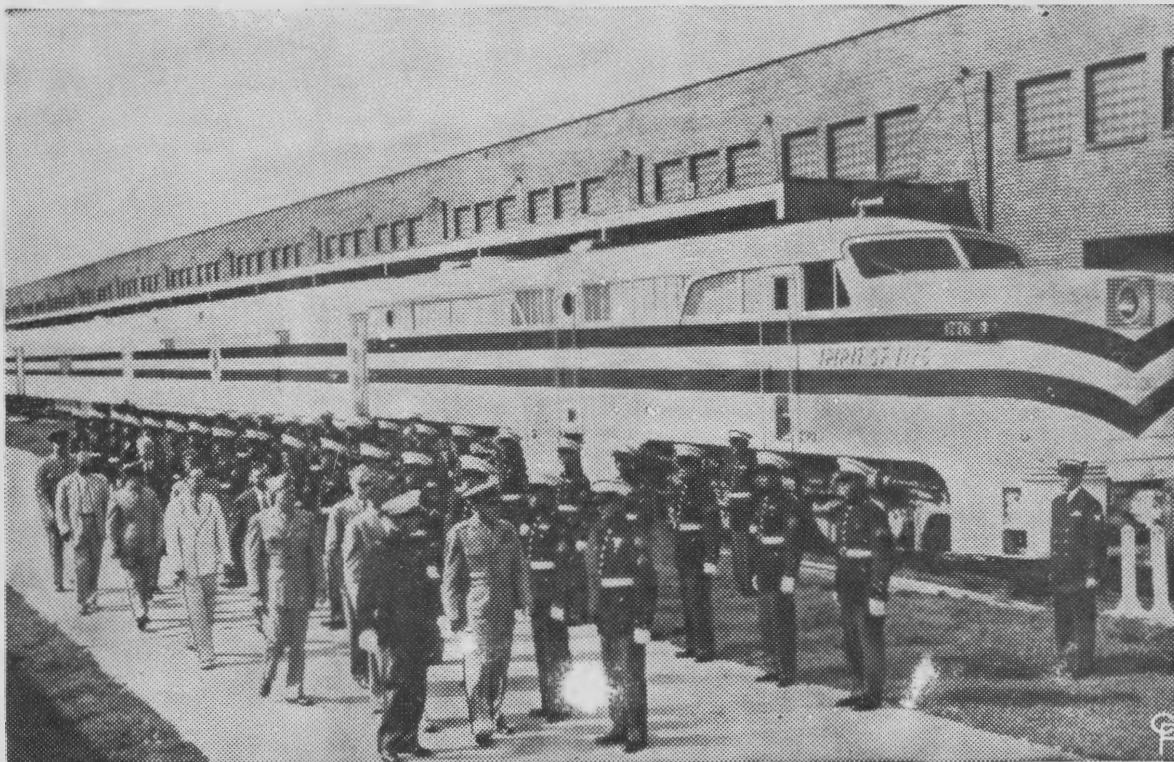
## Flag Service

Carson-Wilson Post maintains Flag Service at Legion Cemetery constantly. The Flag is raised at 8 a.m. and lowered at approximately 5 p.m. every day. The Flagcode is as follows:

(1) If Funeral takes place before noon, Flag is lowered at half mast as funeral procession approaches cemetery and remains at half mast until high noon; at which time Flag is run back to masthead and stays the rest of the day.

(2) If the funeral is in the afternoon the Flag is lowered to half mast at the approach of the funeral procession and remains at half mast until 4 p.m., at which time it is run to the masthead where it flies a few minutes before being lowered for the day.

Flag is a 5x8 storm flag.  
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 Joseph J. Shea—Secretary.  
 Edward D. Brewer—Vice President  
 and General Manager.



**GUARD FREEDOM'S DOCUMENTS**—When the Freedom Train arrives in Tulsa January 24 its precious cargo will be guarded by a detachment of United States Marines shown here as they are reviewed by Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift (right) and Col. Robert E. Scott (left). The train carries more than 100 documents which chart the growth of individual liberties throughout the nation's history. The train, shown in the background, will be open for inspection from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. as it sits on track one at the union depot.

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**THE FREEDOM TRAIN DOCUMENTS**

These are the great documents marking the growth of our liberties throughout our nation's history. They are all on public display on the Freedom Train during its 33,000-mile one year tour of 300 cities in 48 states.

**The Beginnings**

Letter by Columbus on Discovery of America

This is an early printed description of the epochal discovery of America in 1492. This letter was printed in Rome in 1493 and was addressed by Columbus to his friend Gabriel Sanchez.

Lent by Mrs. Marshall L. Brown and the Princeton University Library.  
**Thirteenth Century Manuscript of Magna Carta**

The signing of Magna Carta by King John of England in 1215 began a new era in the ceaseless struggle for constitutional liberties. This copy (written in the late 13th century) is the only one of such antiquity owned in America.

Lent by The John H. Scheide Library.

**Stirrings of Freedom in Colonial America**

**The Mayflower Compact**

Before landing from the **Mayflower** the Pilgrims drew up a compact which provided for their government during the first years of the Plymouth Colony. This copy is the text as published in John Mourt's **Relation of 1622**, the first account printed in England of the voyage of the Pilgrims.

Lent by the Library of Congress.  
**Pennsylvania Charter of Privileges of 1701**

This is the original of the famous document signed by William Penn in making one of the most important grants of colonial liberties.

Lent by the American Philosophical Society.

**The Struggle for Independence**

**Declaration of the Nine Colonies (1765)**

In October 1765 delegates from nine of the Colonies met at New York to protest against the injustices of the Stamp Act—"Taxation Without Representation." They prepared this declaration of their rights as Englishmen. This is an early printing of the proceedings of the Congress.

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**Thomas Jefferson's Statement on Rights of Colonists (1774)**

A contemporary edition (1774) of Jefferson's pamphlet, **A Summary View of the Rights of British America**, described as "The boldest declaration of American rights that had yet been written."

Lent by the Library of Congress.

**Declaration of the People Against Governor Berkeley**

Nathaniell Bacon, distinguished colonial planter, led an early and remarkable protest against the tyranny and incompetence of Sir William Berkeley, Governor of Virginia. In July 1676 the people took up arms against the harsh measures and high taxes of the Governor. This is a contemporary manuscript copy of the statement of

their grievances—authorized by Bacon and to which is appended the eloquent phrase, "General, by the Consent of the People."

Lent by Colonial Williamsburg and the Institute of Early American History and Culture.

**Original Letter of Caesar Rodney Dated July 4, 1776 Declaring the Voting of Independence**

Rodney's letter to his brother Thomas is the only known surviving letter written by a signer on July 4, 1776, and mentioning the Declaration. The great decision, Rodney states, "is determined by the thirteen united colonies, without even one decenting colony . . ."

Lent by Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach.

**Manuscript Essay of James Iredell Stating the Rights of the Colonists**

These are the final two pages of the original manuscript written in June 1776, by James Iredell (one of first Associate Justices of Supreme Court) eloquently setting forth the case of the colonists against Great Britain.

Lent by the Princeton University Library.

**Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration of Independence (June 11-28, 1776)**

Original manuscript of immortal statement of American liberties, by Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, with verbal changes by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams noted thereon.

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**THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

*A Declaration by the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress assembled*

*When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for <sup>one</sup> people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to ~~assume~~ <sup>assume</sup> among the powers of the earth the ~~separate and equal~~ <sup>separate and equal</sup> station to which the laws of nature & of nature's god entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> separation.*

*We hold these truths to be <sup>self-evident;</sup> ~~self-evident;~~ that all men are created equal, ~~that from that equal creation of any sort of~~ <sup>they are endowed by their creator with certain</sup> ~~unalienable~~ <sup>unalienable</sup> rights, that ~~among these are~~ <sup>life, liberty, & the pursuit of happiness;</sup> that to secure these ~~rights,~~ <sup>rights,</sup> governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government ~~shall~~ <sup>becomes</sup> destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, & to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles & organizing it's powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety & happiness. <sup>providence indeed</sup> will declare that governments long established should not be ~~changed~~ <sup>changed</sup> for light & transient causes and accordingly all experience hath shown that*

The Freedom Train exhibits Thomas Jefferson's original manuscript draft of the Declaration of Independence. This manuscript, known as the "Rough Draft," is one of the truly priceless documents of American history. In many respects it is more interesting than the final engrossed copy with all its signatures, for the "Rough Draft" contains all the changes and additions that were made from its inception to its final presentation to the Continental Congress.

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### Original Letter of Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane Transmitting Certified Copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation to the King of Prussia (Feb. 14, 1777)

In an effort to gain recognition of American independence as well as commercial privileges Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane, American commissioners in Paris, wrote Baron de Scolenberg, Minister of the King of Prussia, and requested that the enclosed certified copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation be transmitted to Frederick the Great at 'the earliest opportunity.'

Lent by Mr. Philip H. Rosenbach.

### Copy of the Declaration of Independence Attested and Signed by Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane

The original manuscript copy attested by Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane as American commissioners in Paris and sent to Frederick the Great in an effort to gain official recognition and trading concessions for the United States.

Lent by Mr. Philip H. Rosenbach.

### A Contemporary Manuscript Copy of the Articles of Confederation Attested and Signed by Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane

The original certified manuscript copy attested by Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane as American commissioners in Paris and sent to Frederick the Great in an effort to gain

official recognition and trading concessions for the United States.

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### Paine's "Common Sense" (1776)

First edition (1776) of Thomas Paine's celebrated pamphlet which was instrumental in swaying public opinion in favor of independence. Paine declares that the cause of liberty in America in this hour is the cause of all mankind.

Lent by New York Historical Society.

### Fight for Freedom

#### "The Crisis" by Thomas Paine (1776)

This is a first printing (1776) of one of the most eloquent pamphlets written during "the times that try men's souls" and in which Tom Paine lashed out at the "summer soldiers" and the "sunshine patriots."

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### Paul Revere's Original Commission As Official Messenger

In this original manuscript dated April 29, 1775, General Joseph Warren, who fell several weeks later at Bunker Hill, appoints Paul Revere messenger to the Committee of Safety.

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### Original Orders of the Continental Congress Increasing the Powers of General Washington

This is the original Congressional order (December 27, 1776) signed by John Hancock as the President of Congress and conferring new and vast powers upon General Washington in an effort to meet the current military crisis.

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### Letter of George Washington to Gouverneur Morris Describing Conditions of Winter Headquarters in 1780

In this original manuscript letter of December 10, 1780, to Gouverneur Morris, Washington decries the criticisms of contemporary arm-chair strategists and declares that matters would go much better for the troops "if like Chameleons they could live upon air, or like the Bear, suck their paws for sustenance during the rigor of the approaching season."

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### The Treaty of Paris (1783)

In the Treaty of Paris, signed September 3, 1783, Great Britain recognized the independence of the United States. Called the greatest triumph of American diplomacy, the treaty is signed for the United States by Franklin, Adams, and Jay and by Hartley for Great Britain. Their personal seals appear below their signatures. The first and last two pages of the official manuscript copy are shown. The copy is marked "Duplicate" because during

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**President Washington's "To Bigotry No Sanction" Letter**

This is the original manuscript letter written by President George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, in which he states his conviction that "happily the Government of the United States gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance . . ."

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**Jefferson's Bill for Religious Freedom (1784)**

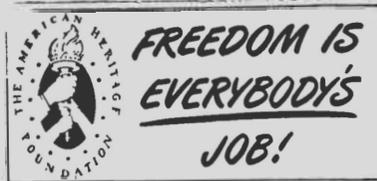
This bill which was passed and slightly modified by the Virginia Legislature, established freedom of worship in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It set the precedent for the guarantee that went into our Bill of Rights. This is the text as printed in the report of the committee appointed to revise the laws of Virginia, published in 1784.

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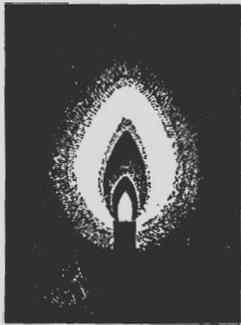
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**John Jay's Original Corrected Manuscript Draft of Federalist Paper No. 5**

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**The Virginia Plan of the Constitution of the United States (1787)**

Manuscript notes by Edmund Randolph for his speech at the Constitutional Convention on May 29, 1787, proposing ideas which later became part of the basic framework of the Federal Constitution.

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**Washington's Own Copy of the Constitution (1787)**

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**Journal of the Constitutional Convention Showing Entry for August 20, 1787 When the Habeas Corpus Clause Was Suggested for Inclusion in the Constitution.**

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**Pennsylvania's Ratification of the Federal Constitution (1789)**

"We the People of the United States" the Constitution begins, and Pennsylvania's ratification of it repeats not only that unifying phrase but the entire document. The original ratification of 1789, inscribed on parchment, is signed by Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, President of the Pennsylvania Convention, and other noted patriots.

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**The Bill of Rights (1787)**

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**George Mason's Draft of the Declaration of Rights to Be Proposed by the Virginia Convention as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States (June 1788)**

James Madison drew heavily on Mason's proposals in preparing the amendments which he introduced in 1789. Original manuscript.

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**Official Manuscript List of Proposed Amendments Protecting Civil Liberties Submitted by Virginia With Her Ratification of the Constitution (1789)**

Several States deplored the omission of a Bill of Rights from the Constitution and were reluctant to ratify it in the form that it came from the Constitutional Convention. Virginia, for one, attached to her ratification a list of amendments that she thought should be made to the Constitution at the earliest possible date. These amendments were in the form of a Bill of Rights safeguarding specific individual liberties.

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**Congress' Working Drafts of the First Amendments to the Constitution—The Bill of Rights (1789)**

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**Congressional Resolution That President Submit First Proposed Amendments to States (1789)**

Since three-fourth of the States have to ratify amendments before they become a part of the Constitution, Congress in this original manuscript resolution, passed by the House on September 24, 1789, and concurred in by the Senate two days later, requested the President to transmit to the States the first proposed amendments.

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**Virginia's Ratification of the Bill of Rights (1791)**

By 1791, Vermont had entered the Union and the approval of the Bill of Rights by 11 States became necessary. On December 15 of that year, the necessary eleventh State, Virginia, ratified all 12 amendments as this original manuscript ratification shows. Two of the amendments failed to obtain the required three-fourths vote of the States, but Virginia's action made the 10 amendments known as the Bill of Rights a part of our Constitution.

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**Thomas Jefferson's Letter to James Madison Commenting on the Proposed Constitution of the United States and His Regret at the Omission of a Bill of Rights (December 20, 1787)**

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**James Madison's Letter to Thomas Jefferson Noting That Madison Had Introduced Resolutions for the Amendment of the Constitution of the United States Which Would Guarantee Basic Personal Rights (June 13, 1789)**

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**Alexander Hamilton**

**Alexander Hamilton's Original Manuscript Outline of Subjects of Part of "The Federalist" (1788).**

The Federalist papers, written by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison, were explanations of the provisions contained in the proposed Constitution and greatly influenced its adoption.

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**Alexander Hamilton's Original Manuscript Draft of His "Report on the Public Credit" (1790)**

Written while Hamilton was serving as first Secretary of the Treasury.

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**Original Manuscript of "The Star Spangled Banner"**

Upon his release from the British ship from which he witnessed the unsuccessful attack against Fort McHenry, Francis Scott Key returned to his Baltimore hotel and wrote out some fragmentary notes in the form of a song with the metre of a popular tune of the day, "Anacreon in Heaven." The next morning it was sent to the printer to be struck off in handbills. This manuscript is the original that was used by the printer.

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## Washington's Leadership

**Washington's Revolutionary War Account Book Written in His Own Hand (1775-83)**

When Washington accepted the command of the Continental Army he said that he would make no charge for his services but that he would keep an account of his expenses, which he did not doubt Congress would repay. At the close of the war he made out this account book in his own handwriting. It shows that he expended more than 160,000 dollars or 16,000 pounds in "lawful" or coin currency. So accurate were his accounts that the Treasury found a discrepancy of only 89/90 of one dollar more due Washington than his book shows.

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**Washington's Farewell Address (September 1796)**

Original manuscript in Washington's hand writing of one of most famous documents of American history.

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## Emancipation and Reconciliation

**Abraham Lincoln's Draft of the Emancipation Proclamation (July 14, 1862)**

This might accurately be termed the first draft of the Emancipation for in it Lincoln sets down for the first time his plan for the abolition of slavery, toward which this was the first material move.

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**The Emancipation Proclamation**  
 Lincoln, the "Great Emancipator," embodied a growing American abhorrence of slavery that was climaxed by the Civil War. Although a military measure, the Emancipation Proclamation, issued on January 1, 1863, freed the slaves in most of the territory in arms against the Federal Government, and fore-shadowed the abolition of slavery itself. The first and signature pages of the official proclamation bearing Lincoln's signature and the seal of the United States are shown.  
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**Senate Version of Joint Resolution Proposing Amendment to Abolish Slavery (1864)**  
 A major step in the realization of freedom for all American was the abolition of slavery by the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution, ratified on December 18, 1865. The manuscript Senate version, dated January 11, 1864, of the joint resolution proposing the amendment is displayed.  
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**Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (November 19, 1863)**  
 The original manuscript in Lincoln's handwriting which he used while making his classic address at Gettysburg.  
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**Letter of Henry Laurens' of South Carolina Attacking Slavery (August 14, 1776)**  
 The original manuscript letter written to his son John only a few weeks after the Declaration of Independence. Inspired by the Declaration he states his abhorrence of slavery and that he is devising a plan for freeing his slaves.  
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**General Robert E. Lee's Letter Accepting the Presidency of Washington College (August 24, 1865)**  
 General Lee's original manuscript letter to a committee of The Board of Trustees of Washington College notifying them of his acceptance because he thought it "the duty of every citizen in the present condition of the country, to do all in his power to aid in the restoration of peace and harmony . . ."  
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**Abraham Lincoln's Baltimore Address (April 18, 1864)**  
 The original manuscript entirely in Lincoln's handwriting of the famous speech in which he defined the American concept of liberty and contrasted it with those that prevailed elsewhere in the world.  
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### Women's Rights

#### Petition of the National Women's Suffrage Association to Congress (1873)

From the beginning of the Republic, American women sought to obtain civil rights, but it was 1848 before an organized movement for such rights began. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were two of the leaders who in 1869 formed the National Women's Suffrage Association. They signed this 1873 petition of the Association to Congress, which asks for legislation to protect women in their right to vote in the several States.

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#### Petition of Matilda Hindman Asking Congress Not to Disenfranchise Utah Women (1874)

The West, where the pioneer women fought against hostile nature and the Indians as valiantly as any man, led the Nation in granting women the right to vote. In 1869 the Territory of Wyoming and in 1870 the Territory of Utah gave women the right to vote. This 1874 petition of Matilda Hindman, a Pennsylvania suffragette, begs Congress not to pass a bill, provisions of which would have abolished Utah women's rights to vote and other civil rights. The offending provisions did not become law. When Utah entered the Union in 1896, it became the third State in which women had the right to vote.

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#### The Nineteenth Amendment — The Joint Resolution of Congress Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Extending the Right of Suffrage to Women (1919)

Women's long struggle for the right to vote was crowned with success when the nineteenth amendment to the Constitution was adopted on August 26, 1920. The original amendment, in the usual form of a joint resolution to Congress, dated May 18, 1919, proposing the extension of the right of suffrage to women is displayed.

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### Freedom Follows the Flag

#### The Northwest Ordinance (1787)

A milestone in the development of the American way of life, the Northwest Ordinance was passed by the Congress of the Confederation on July 13, 1787. It not only provided for the government of the Northwest Territory but extended to its inhabitants such individual liberties as freedom of religion and trial by jury and established the pattern for the admission of new states to the Union. The printed text of the Ordinance, signed by Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Congress, is from records of the Northwest Territory. The Northwest Ordinance is also a landmark in the progress of education in the United States. "Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged," it states.

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#### Letter from President McKinley to William Howard Taft, President of the Philippine Commission (1900)

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Excerpts from the original manuscript of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in Lincoln's handwriting. This manuscript is the one Lincoln held in his hand while delivering the speech at Gettysburg. Lincoln began his first draft at the White House several days before he delivered the address. He arrived in Gettysburg at sundown the evening before the ceremonies dedicating the National Soldier's Cemetery. That evening he revised the first draft. Next morning he wrote the second draft, shown above, which is being exhibited on the Freedom Train. It has been lent by the Library of Congress.

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### Proclamation of the Independence of the Philippines, Signed by President Harry S. Truman (1946)

In granting independence to the Philippine Islands, the United States took a step unparalleled in the history of colonial administration. We remained true to our own history of liberty and self-government and kept our promise to the Filipinos, whose loyal support was so valuable in World War II. For more than 30 years the United States guided the Philippines in the ways of democratic government, and in 1934 the Congress passed the Philippine Independence Act providing for complete freedom 10 years after the inauguration of a new commonwealth government. But 10 years later World War II was raging. As soon after the end of that conflict as possible, however, independence was proclaimed. It is fitting that the proclamation of independence, the original of which, signed by President Truman, is shown, was issued on our Independence Day, July 4, 1946.

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### Letter of President Theodore Roosevelt to Secretary of War William Howard Taft in Regard to Keeping Our Prom- ise to Get out of Cuba (1907)

Keeping faith with countries and peoples over whom the United States has acquired control has been a cardinal principle of American policy. After the Spanish-American War and in 1907, when we were again in Cuba, many urged that we annex the island. President Theodore Roosevelt emphatically rejected such proposals, as his signed letter of January 22, 1907, to Secretary of War William Howard Taft shows. "Our business is to establish peace and order on a satisfactory basis, start the new government, and then leave the Island . . ." he said. "I will not even consider the plan of a protectorate, or any plan which would imply our breaking our explicit promise . . . The good faith of the United States is a mighty valuable asset and must not be impaired."

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### Proclamation of Richard P. Leary, Naval Governor of the Isle of Guam, Abolishing Slavery and Peonage (1900)

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#### Deborah Gannett's Deposition in Her Claim for a Pension for Revolutionary War Service (1818)

During the Revolutionary War, a woman, Deborah Gannett of Massachusetts, served for 3 years. Under the name of Robert Shurtleff, she enlisted in April 1781, served as a private, was wounded at the Battle of Tarrytown, witnessed the capture of Cornwallis, and was honorably discharged in November 1783. Her original handwritten deposition in her claim for a pension, dated September 14, 1818, is shown.

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#### The Thanks of the Congress of the United States to the French Nation (March 2, 1791)

An original broadside in which the Congress of the United States officially thanked the French nation for its tribute to Franklin through Mirabeau and thus rendered indirect and belated tribute to one of the greatest of all Americans.

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### Freedom of the Press

#### John Peter Zenger's New-York Weekly Journal, Issue No. 48 (September 1734)

One of the issues that led to his prosecution for libel and the first clear vindication of freedom of the press in Colonial America.

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#### John Peter Zenger's New-York Weekly Journal No. 55 (November 25, 1734)

Published under his direction from prison.

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#### John Peter Zenger's New-York Weekly Journal No. 93 (August 18, 1735)

The issue published after the celebration which announced the vindication of a free press.

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#### Benjamin Franklin's Editorial on Zenger Printed in the Pennsylvania Gazette, 1737

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#### The North Briton, No. 45 (April 23, 1763)

In which John Wilkes attacked the ministers of King George III, an act for which he was imprisoned. Wilkes, a violent champion of freedom of the press, was the English representative of the Boston Sons of Liberty. This is the original publication.

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#### Alton Trials (New York, 1838)

An account of the trial of persons suspected of having attacked the printing press of Rev. Elijah Parish Lovejoy at Alton, Illinois, in 1837, and to have slain Lovejoy while he was defending it.

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#### An Essay on the Liberty of the Press by George Hay (Philadelphia, 1799)

An influential book which argued in legal terms the need for freeing the press from any outside influence.

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**John Milton's "Areopagitica" (1644)**

The first edition of John Milton's *Areopagitica*, the great English poet's protest to Parliament against the system of the press which prevailed in his time. It was printed at London in 1644.

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**Thomas Jefferson's Letter to Thomas Seymour (February 11, 1807)**

Here Thomas Jefferson declares that a free press, reporting the truth honestly, "is a noble institution, equally the friend of science and of civil liberty." This is a "polygraph" copy of a letter which he wrote to Seymour, created with a mechanical device by which another pen linked with the one he was using simultaneously produced a second copy.

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**Letter from Thomas Jefferson to Edward Carrington (January 16, 1787)**

Letter-press copy in which Jefferson stressed the importance of newspapers for conveying vital information to a free people.

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**The Nations United**

**Original Typescript Draft of the Covenant of the League of Nations (1918)**

Exhibited are three pages of the original typescript draft by Woodrow Wilson of the Covenant of the League of Nations. It was personally typed by President Wilson and contains manuscript corrections by himself.

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**Declaration of the United Nations (1942)**

On January 1, 1942, 26 nations, which President Franklin D. Roosevelt named the United Nations, adopted the principles of the Atlantic Charter, agreed to employ their full resources in the war, and pledged themselves not to conclude a separate peace with the enemy. This is the original Declaration, signed in Washington by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and others. Later 21 other nations adhered to the Declaration as the annex to the original document shows.

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**The United Nations Charter (1945)**

Even before World War II was over, the United Nations met in San Francisco from April to June 26, 1945, to create a new world organization to preserve peace. The Charter that was written and signed in San Francisco was reproduced in exact facsimile by the Department of State and each signatory nation was supplied with a copy. This is the U. S. official copy.



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**Fight for Freedom—  
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**Proclamation of an Unlimited National Emergency (May 27, 1941)**

The original official proclamation signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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**The Selection of General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander of the Allied Invasion of Western Europe**

This is the original pencilled draft by General George Marshall stating that "The immediate appointment of General Eisenhower to command of OVERLOAD OPERATION has been decided upon." It is signed by President Roosevelt and bears a note of explanation and gift from General Marshall to General Eisenhower.

Lent by General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**Agreement for the Invasion of Western Europe**

This is the original of the agreement reached by the Combined Staffs in Teheran formally approving OPERATIONS OVERLOAD and ANVIL. In the handwriting of President Roosevelt is a correction reading "during the month of May." The remaining manuscript corrections are by Admiral William D. Leahy.

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**Congratulations from the Secretary of War to the Supreme Commander**

This is the original signed draft of a message of congratulations from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson to General Dwight D. Eisenhower on the success achieved in the first phases of the invasion of western Europe.

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**Last Message from Corregidor**

This is the last radiogram sent from Corregidor by General Jonathan Wainwright to the War Department on May 6, 1942. The last part of it was garbled and communications were broken before clarification was received. It remained unsigned.

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**"Merry Christmas" from Bastogne**

On Christmas Eve of 1944, the Intelligence Officer of the 101st Airborne Division was preparing his daily report on the enemy situation. The map displayed shows an unbroken ring of German units around the division at Bastogne, Belgium. In the center of the ring of red symbols, the Intelligence Officer, in a gesture of defiance and unbroken spirit, wrote the words "Merry Christmas" and distributed the report. Even more inspiring to the men of the 101st Airborne Division was the Christmas message of their Acting Commander, Brigadier General Anthony C. McAuliffe. In it he repeated the German Commander's demand for surrender and his own classic reply "Nuts!"

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**Admiral Spruance Reports on Opera-  
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Island bases in the Pacific had to be acquired in order to carry out military strategy for crushing the Japanese Empire. Liberation of the Philippines was succeeded by action in the Marianas and the taking of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. This is the original signed report by Admiral Spruance, Commander of the Fifth Fleet, relating the part played by the Navy in the Iwo Jima operations.

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**Admiral Halsey's Report on Naval  
Action in Philippine Waters**

Of great sentimental interest to Americans was the return of United States forces to the Philippines after the dark days of December 1941. This is Admiral Halsey's signed official report of naval action in Philippine waters following the invasion of Layte in October 1944.

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**Admiral Nimitz' Battle Report of  
Midway**

The sneak attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 almost paralyzed our Pacific Fleet. But six months later the United States had rebuilt a strong striking force and launched an offensive naval action. The battle of Midway in June 1942 was a psychological and tactical victory. On view is the original, signed battle report by Admiral Nimitz.

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**Personal Report of General Stilwell to  
General Marshall (January 28, 1944)**

In this original manuscript of a penned personal letter for the attention of the Chief of Staff, General Stilwell praises the battle actions of his Chinese troops. In some 23 actions against tenacious and "tough" opposition they have been "uniformly successful except in three small attacks in which we bumped our noses . . . the men are keen and fearless . . . and they attack with dash . . . they now know they can lick the Japs and have their tails up."

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**Secretary of the Navy Knox Praises  
The United States Marine Corps**

This is the original letter from Secretary Frank Knox to Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, Commandant of the USMC, on the 168th anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps. Secretary Knox declares: "The Marines launched this nation's first land offensive in the Pacific. Knowing the terrific odds, Americans everywhere awaited the outcome with hope and with prayer; but Americans everywhere also knew that the Marines would conduct themselves in keeping with their traditions of glory, remaining "Ever Faithful" even unto death itself. The Marines did not fail . . ."

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## HIGH COURT UPHOLDS LEGION IN OUSTER OF ADMITTED COMMUNIST

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The right of The American Legion to expel admitted Communists from its ranks has been upheld unanimously here by the Appellate Division.

The high tribunal affirmed the ruling of Supreme Court Justice Benjamin F. Schreiber in the case of Sidney Reiter, World War II combat veteran against the General Duffy Post 1141. Justice Schreiber denied Reiter an injunction to restrain the post from bringing expulsion proceedings against him on the charge of being an active Communist.

In his ruling handed down July 1, 1947, and now upheld by the higher court, Justice Schreiber had said:

“Reduced to its simplest terms, the contention of the plaintiff would seem to be that persons whose purposes are found by the organization to be hostile to the declared purposes of the organization may evade any bars which the organization may interpose to their membership by organizing themselves as a political party. This contention the court cannot accept.”

Reiter contended that The American Legion did not have the right to try him because of his political beliefs. The American Legion, through its National Judge Advocate Ralph B. Gregg, took the position that it had the right to determine for itself whether a member was loyal or disloyal and that it did not consider the Communist party to be a political party but a revolutionary conspiracy directed and financed from Moscow.



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## HIGH SPOTS AT THE MEETING

By JACOB STERNBACH

Virgil Veach made his sick report; and we were very glad to note that C. C. Johnson and Bobby Brown were OFF the sick list and were present at the meeting.

County Commander Floyd Long, on the committee for the Freedom Train Parade, said that the Mayor's Committee wished to thank the Post for its arrangement of the feeding of the band from Claremore. Floyd stated that his committee had received very good cooperation from everyone and that the parade would be as large and as good a parade as was the Armistice Day Parade. Our Post was to assemble East of Elgin on 5th Street.

Jack Tracy told us that a letter of thanks had been sent to all of the business people who had made a donation towards the Christmas Party for the crippled children.

Acting Adjutant Georgette Mayo read a letter announcing the Mid-Winter District Convention to be held at Vinita on Jan. 24 and 25. All members are invited to attend.

Ed Brewer spoke of the bond issue for the Spavinaw Water Project. He said that the committee in charge of trying to get out the vote asked that they be allowed to use the good name of the Legion for a full page advertisement as being in favor of the project. He made a motion to that effect, needless to say the motion was unanimously passed.

John T. Hoag lost \$6 by not being present at the meeting last night. His name was drawn out of the box. The Post set aside \$5 to be given to the member who is present at each meeting when his name is drawn out, in the event the member is not present, another dollar is added. The idea is to get more members to attend meetings. The kitty next week will be \$7.

The Post voted to get an Infantile Paralysis Fund collection receptacle and place it in the hut.

All but five of 37 American Legion posts in the 8th Congressional District of Indiana now own their own clubhouses.

A total of 2,035 women veterans was receiving VA hospital care as of October, 1947, including 1,432 who saw service in World War II.

## LEGION 1948 JUNIOR BASEBALL HANDBOOK SENT 16,772 POSTS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Containing 36 pages of rules, records and pictures, The American Legion Junior Baseball Handbook for 1948 is off the press and on its way to 16,772 posts.

Setting forth the regulations under which more than 1,000,000 boys under 17 years of age will play American Legion sandlot baseball next summer, the handbook contains a number of changes in rules. The most important deals with the recruiting of players by posts sponsoring teams. The basis for such recruiting has been changed from the population figure to high school enrollment.

A new Rule 10 has been added giving the representative of the national Americanism commission at any national tournament the power to remove any player, coach or manager from further competition for sufficient cause.

New forms also have been provided for the enrollment of 1948 players and the registration of teams. These new forms are now being sent to all American Legion departments.

### State Title Deadline

Department officials must certify their state championship Junior Baseball team to the national Americanism commission by August 18, 1948, for interstate competition. Regional tourneys will start August 22 or 23, sectional meets August 29 or 30 and the 1948 Junior World's Series on September 6.

The change in the rule governing recruiting of players provides they may be enrolled from one high school only if the student body exceeds 2,000, in case of co-educational schools, or 1,000 in case of schools restricted to boys. Players may be recruited from any combination of high schools providing the total enrollment of such schools does not exceed the respective 2,000 and 1,000 figures.

Another major change in the recruiting rule provides that players cannot cross state lines to play with a team in an adjacent community.

## TULSA TO GET AIR SQUADRON

The second air naval reserve squadron in the 8th naval district will be commissioned in Tulsa about Jan. 25, it was announced Wednesday by the navy department in Washington and district naval officials in Dallas.

To be the 8th such unit activated in the U. S., the Tulsa squadron will offer continued flying experience to all navy and marine veterans of the area who are eligible for flight duty.

Naval announcements said the squadron would be commissioned here because of excellent year around flying conditions, airport facilities and the fact that a large number of reserve officers and enlisted men reside in the Tulsa area.

Lt. Comdr. J. P. Irish, USNR, an inspector for the Civil Aeronautics Authority at Municipal airport, has been designated commanding officer

for the unit.

Physical examinations were given 24 Tulsa reservists at Dallas in December, and others were examined Jan. 15 in room 245 of the Federal building. A staff of naval flight surgeons will be sent here to conduct the examinations.

Formation of the squadron will be marked by a commissioning ceremony to be conducted by officials of the Dallas aid station. Invitations have been sent to city officials, airline officials and civic leaders.

Initial strength will be approximately 175 officers and men, including reservists from Fort Smith, Ark., Claremore, Sapulpa, Bartlesville, Pawhuska, and other northeastern Oklahoma communities.

Past National Commander Raymond J. Kelly of The American Legion has been named Detroit, Mich., corporation council for the city.



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