

## William Henry Hubbell (ME# 2612)

This is an original medal made of bronze from the early 1900's. It is for the United Spanish War Veterans, Wm. H. Hubbell-Camp # 4. This camp was made up by Brooklyn, NY veterans. Central cross in the medal has crossed swords, rifles, cannons, and a fouled anchor. I am unable to tell what the makers mark is on the back. 1 1/4" in diameter



From the Brooklyn Daily Eagle Almanac  
47<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
Armory: Marcy Ave, Heyward and Lynch St.  
Colonel John G Eddy  
**Lieut Col William H Hubbell**

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This, the first organization, was mustered into the National Encampment, **Spanish War Veterans**, as **William H. Hubbell** Command No. 12 on February 13, 1900, ...

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## UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

### *An Historical Sketch*

After the close of the Spanish war there grew out of that conflict several organizations having for their object the perpetuation of the memories of those days and such needful help as could be afforded to their comrades and dependents. Of these organizations the most prominent were the "Spanish War Veterans," "Spanish- American War Veterans," "Service Men of the Spanish- American War," "Legion of the Spanish- American War Veterans," and the "Veteran Army of the Philippines."

Realizing that scattered efforts and divided membership could never bring about the objects for which these various organizations were formed, three of them ---- "Spanish War Veterans," the "Service Men of the Spanish- American War" and the "Spanish-American War Veterans"--- in 1904, amalgamated. The amalgamation agreement dates from April 18, 1904, and was ratified at St. Louis, Mo., the same year.

The officers who signed the amalgamation agreement for their respective organizations were Harold C. Megrew, Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish War Veterans; William E. English, Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish- American War Veterans; and George M. Moulton, Commander-in-Chief of the Service Men of the Spanish War.

The committees on amalgamation which drew up the agreement were composed of men who were and have since been prominently before the public. In addition to the three Commanders referred to above, there were on the committees, Maj. Gen. J. Warren Keifer of Springfield, Ohio, who, besides serving in the Civil War, where he attained the rank of Major General and was severely wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness, was also Major General of Volunteers in the Spanish-American War. He served many terms in Congress and was Speaker of the House in the 47th Congress. Gen. Nelson A. Miles was another member of the committee, and his public record with which all are familiar. Maj. Emmett Urell, Capt. Champ S. Andrews, Gen. Willis J. Hulings, Col James C. Coryell, Gen. John A. Wiley, Col. Edward C. Young and Maj. Lawrence M. Ennis were among the most outstanding members of the amalgamation committee.

The organization which grew out of the amalgamation of the bodies above referred to, became the "United Spanish War Veterans," the present organization, and the only one the membership of which is composed exclusively of men who served during the Spanish-American War period.

In the city of Washington, D.C., in 1906, the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, which organization at that time was confined exclusively to the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, amalgamated with the United Spanish War Veterans. The amalgamation agreement was signed for the United Spanish War Veterans by Charles R. Miller, Commander-in-Chief, and by Frederick A. Walker, Commander-in-Chief of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans.

In May 1908, in Washington, the Veteran Army of the Philippines amalgamated with the United Spanish War Veterans, and the agreement was signed by Walter S. Hale as Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, and Gen. D.H. Bandholtz as Commander-in-Chief of the Veteran Army of the Philippines. When this organization came into the United Spanish War Veterans every organization composed exclusively of men who had seen service in the Spanish War period was then under one head.

Since the above date the United Spanish War Veterans has constantly progressed. Its membership, of course, like all veteran organizations, for a period after the close of the conflict was small, but its active members were eager to be of service to their comrades, and as a result today the organization has within its ranks a larger percentage of eligible than any veteran body has ever had.

The approximate membership of the organization today is around 111,391 members. It has become a leading factor in the veteran movement; this condition is due to several causes. First, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic have all reached that age where they cannot successfully carry on the work that they have so nobly performed for many years, making it necessary for the duties to fall upon other shoulders. It was natural that it should fall to the next senior organization, that of the Spanish War period. Second, the men who composed the Spanish War Veterans, are now of that conservative age where they have a measure of judgment and discretion which enables them to weigh carefully all questions coming before them and give calm and deliberate consideration to the issues involved.

The National Headquarters of the organization up to 1923, as had been its custom since inception, was moved every year to the home of the Commander-in-Chief. After 1923, realizing that an organization, national in scope, should have a permanent office, it was established in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, where it has since remained.

Author Unknown – 1936

Note: The USWV National Headquarters, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. remained open until the passing of Beulah Cope (Adj. Gen. USWV 1971-1998) on July 3, 1998. Fittingly for a woman who gave so much of herself to the history of the Spanish –American War and the United Spanish War Veterans, Beulah's death came during the 100th anniversary of the war in Cuba. The holdings of the USWV are now housed at the Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

## **Names of Past Commanders in Chief of Organizations Amalgamated into United Spanish War Veterans**

### **SPANISH WAR VETERANS**

J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio

Nelson A. Miles, Washington, D.C.

**William H. Hubbell, Brooklyn, N.Y.**

M. Emmett Urell, Washington, D.C.

The principal items of the amalgamation agreement are:

Section 1: The name of the organization created by the union of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans National Association Spanish American War Veterans, and the National Encampment Service Men of the Spanish War, hereby united in one fraternal, patriotic and lasting organization, shall be "United Spanish War Veterans."

Section 16: Camps shall be numbered by states, and those now in actual existence and active operation shall be given numbers in order of their original formation as former "camps" or "commands" in the organizations hereby united and consolidated.

### **Departments of the United Spanish War Veterans Dates of Organization as of 1929**

Rhode Island ... 1900	Colorado & Wyoming ... 1908
District of Columbia ... 1900	Veteran Army of the Philippines ... 1908
Wisconsin ... 1900	Oregon ... 1909
Montana ... 1902	Virginia ... 1909
Kentucky ... 1902	Nebraska ... 1909
Washington & Alaska ... 1902	Texas ... 1909
Maine ... 1902	The Potamac ... 1910
Minnesota ... 1903	Florida ... 1911
California ... 1904	Maryland ... 1919
Connecticut ... 1904	South Dakota ... 1920
Illinois ... 1904	South Carolina ... 1921
Michigan ... 1904	Alabama ... 1922
New Jersey ... 1904	Tennessee ... 1923
New York ... 1904	Georgia ... 1923
Ohio ... 1904	Arizona ... 1923
Indiana ... 1904	Louisiana ... 1923
Pennsylvania ... 1904	Arkansas ... 1924
Iowa ... 1905	Mississippi ... 1924
Missouri ... 1905	North Carolina ... 1924
Massachusetts ... 1906	West Virginia ... 1924
Kansas ... 1907	Idaho ... 1927
New Hampshire ... 1907	Vermont ... 1929
	Utah ... 1929

To all whom it may Concern:



Know ye That William H. North a  
Company, (A) of Captain Wm. H. North  
38<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Illinois Infantry  
VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May  
one thousand eight hundred and four to serve one hundred years or long  
during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1864, at Springfield  
by reason of illness  
(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said William H. North was born in  
in the State of Illinois, is 24 years of age,  
5 feet 9 inches high, dark complexion, brown eyes,  
dark hair, and by occupation when enrolled, a Farmer

Given at Springfield this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
October

1864 OCT 21 1864

PAYMASTER U.S. ARMY

James A. Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Lt 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Cav  
Commanding the Regt.

Mustering Officer

\* This section will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army

U.S.O. No. 97

Luther A. Smith

Capt Comd Company

To all whom it may Concern:



Know ye

That William H. Hubbell

of Captain

of the



Know ye That William H. Hubbell a  
Company of Captain Wm B. Smith  
Company, (A) 38 Regiment of Illinois Infantry  
 VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May  
 one thousand eight hundred and sixty four to serve One hundred days or less  
 during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States,  
 this 14 day of October, 1864, at Springfield  
Illinois by reason of limited services in the field  
 (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said William H. Hubbell was born in  
 in the State of Illinois, is 24 years of age,  
5 feet 9 inches high, Dark complexion, Brown eyes,  
Dark hair, and by occupation when enrolled, a Farmer

Given at Springfield this fourteenth day of

this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1864, at Springfield  
by reason of his services having expired  
(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said man was born in  
in the State of Illinois, is 24 years of age,  
5 feet 9 inches high, Dark complexion, Brown eyes,  
Dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer.

Given at Springfield this 21<sup>st</sup> day of

October 1864. James A. Hall

\* This sentence will be erased should there be anything  
in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier  
rendering him unfit for the Army

U. S. No. 92.

Luther D. Adams  
Capt. Co. C, Company

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Cav

Commanding the Regt.

Mustering Officer





# COL. W. H. HUBBELL DEAD.

**Commander in Chief of Spanish War Veterans Succumbs to Blood Poisoning, Following Operation.**

Col. William H. Hubbell, who, during the Spanish War commanded the Forty-seventh Regiment, New York Volunteers, and who since 1901 has been Commander in Chief of the National Army of Spanish War Veterans, died late yesterday afternoon at the home of Dr. I. MacMunn Holly, 636 St. Mark's Avenue, Brooklyn. His death was

due to blood poisoning which followed an operation performed a week ago.

Last night was the regular meeting night of the William H. Hubbell Command, Spanish War Veterans. At the beginning of the meeting Col. Hubbell's death was announced, and after a guard of honor for the body was appointed the meeting adjourned.

Col. Hubbell was born in New York City in 1847, and for many years had been in the warehouse business at 32 North Moore Street, Manhattan. His home was at 935 St. Mark's Avenue, Brooklyn, where the funeral will be held on Friday. He enlisted as a private in Company I, Forty-seventh Regiment, in 1865. In 1884 he was appointed to be Adjutant of the regiment, and in 1891 was elected Lieutenant Colonel.

At the outbreak of the Spanish war he volunteered, and went with the regiment to Camp Black, later going to Fort Adams, Newport Harbor, as Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment. After peace was declared, the Forty-seventh was ordered to Porto Rico, where Col. John G. Eddy, the commanding officer of the regiment, resigned, and Col. Hubbell took his place. He commanded the regiment throughout its tour of duty there, and brought it back to Brooklyn in 1899. Considerable pressure was brought to bear on the State authorities to have him retained in command of the regiment, but the Adjutant General ruled that Col. Eddy still held the position. A month after returning from Porto Rico Col. Hubbell retired from the Guard.

At the National Encampment, held Aug. 23, 1901, Col. Hubbell was elected Commander in Chief of the National Army of Spanish War Veterans, to succeed Gen. Nelson A. Miles. At the time of his death he was at work on a plan to associate the veterans of the Spanish, Philippine, and Chinese Wars.