

AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY FOUNDATION

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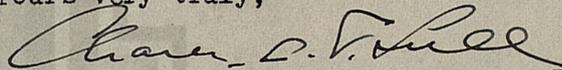
My dear Captain Carter:

On the suggestion of Colonel M. L. Crimmins, and in recognition of your interest in the military history of the United States, the Board of Trustees of the recently organized American Military History Foundation have the honor to invite you to become an active charter member of the association.

The objects of the Foundation are set forth in the by-laws in the mimeographed statement of organization herewith. The dues, as also indicated in the by-laws, are purely nominal.

Trusting that you will join us as a member of the Foundation, I enclose a membership blank to be filled out and returned to the Secretary.

Yours very truly,



CHARLES E. T. LULL
Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army,
Secretary.

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Captain R. G. Carter,
Army & Navy Club,
Washington, D.C.

AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY FOUNDATION
Washington, D. C.

On June 2, 1933, the American Military History Foundation was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. On June 8th, the incorporators met in compliance with law and adopted the following by-laws:

"1. The name of the organization shall be 'The American Military History Foundation.' Its principal office shall be located in Washington in the District of Columbia.

"2. The objects of the Foundation shall be 'educational, literary, and patriotic, the establishment of the facts and the preservation of the evidence and traditions of American Military History; in particular, to collect, acquire, or locate manuscripts, documents, publications, pictures, relics, and all other things and information pertaining to the military history, colonial and federal, of the United States; to effect the preservation of these objects and information, either in its own possession or by gift or bequest to or deposit with the Archives of the United States, the War Department, historical societies, libraries or other appropriate depositories; and to diffuse knowledge of and to undertake and stimulate research in American Military History and traditions by publication, displays, and otherwise.'

"3. The members of the Foundation shall be the Incorporators and any person elected by the Board of Trustees or by the Association. Members shall be classified as Active Members and Honorary Members. Their privileges shall be as prescribed by the Board of Trustees. There shall be four classes of active members: Charter Members, Annual Members, Life Members, and Founders. The dues of the various classes of active members shall be as follows:

Charter Members)	One Dollar per annum and an initiation fee
Annual Members)	of One Dollar.
Life Members)	A single contribution of Twenty-five Dollars or more.
Founders)	A single contribution of One Hundred Dollars or more.

"4. There shall be an annual meeting of the members called by the Board of Trustees. Special meetings of members may be called by the Board of Trustees on three weeks' notice and shall be called on the written request of twenty-five members. All meetings shall be held in Washington, D.C., except when the Board of Trustees shall specifically designate another place of meeting. Fifteen members shall form a quorum. Except where voting by proxy is specifically authorized by these by-laws or by the Board of Trustees, questions before a meeting of members shall be decided by the majority votes of members present.

"5. The Board of Trustees shall have the powers provided by the laws of the District of Columbia, and may make rules not inconsistent with said laws and with these by-laws. After the first year of incorporation, the Board shall have the power to increase the number of its members to not exceeding eleven. The incorporators of the Foundation shall elect the first Board of Trustees, to consist of seven members, four to serve for a term of three years, and three to serve for a term of four years. At the expiration of these terms of service, respectively, the term for which their successors respectively and any additional members shall be elected, shall be for three years. Any vacancy on the Board of Trustees may be filled by the Board until the next annual meeting of the members, at which meeting a trustee shall be elected by the members for the unexpired term.

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"6. The Board of Trustees may appoint an executive committee from among its members for such term as it may deem proper, not exceeding two years, and (except in cases which it is provided by these by-laws that the vote of the Board of Trustees must be unanimous) may delegate to it such powers as the Board may deem proper and as may be in accord with the laws of the District of Columbia.

"7. The officers of the Foundation shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, each having the powers and duties usually incident to his office. They shall be elected by the Board of Trustees from among its members and shall hold office for three years or until their successors are elected. The Board may elect other officers and prescribe their duties, and may combine the offices of secretary and treasurer in the same person.

"8. No officer of the Foundation or member of the Board of Trustees shall, while remaining in office, receive any compensation from the Foundation.

"9. The treasurer shall transfer capital fund donations and other capital funds to a trust company, selected by the Board of Trustees, as credits to a "Trust Fund," under a contract approved by said Board. Except by a written approval of three-fourths of the members of said Board, the capital of said Trust Fund shall not be expended.

"10. The Board of Trustees may adopt a form of seal for the Foundation.

"11. These by-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of members voting on the question in person or by proxy at a members' meeting."

Under the provisions of the by-laws, the following persons were elected as a board of trustees, viz:

Colonel Arthur L. Conger, U.S. Army, Retired.
Dr. Allen R. Boyd, Library of Congress
Captain Dudley Knox, U.S. Navy, Retired.
Colonel J.R.M. Taylor, U.S. Army, Retired.
Dr. James Brown Scott, Carnegie Endowment
Lt. Colonel Charles E. T. Lull, Chemical Warfare Service
Major Russell B. Patterson, Cavalry

The following have been elected by the Board of Trustees as officers of the Foundation:

Colonel Conger, President
Dr. Boyd, Vice-President
Lt. Colonel Charles E. T. Lull, Secretary and Treasurer

While the principal office of the Foundation is in Washington, D.C., business will be conducted, for convenience, from the office of the Secretary and Treasurer, Room 452, Post Office Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

The first objective of the association is, of necessity, to build up a strong representative membership. In this it has had, already, an encouraging response from leading historians, students, officers and others interested in military history throughout the United States. The Board of Trustees has approved certain projects however to initiate and carry on useful activities. These projects will depend for their success upon active collaboration of the members of the association. As soon as the initial projects are perfected, they will be published to the Foundation.



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GEORGE F. GRANT
TREASURER
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Capt. R. G. Carter
U. S. Army, Retired.
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Captain Carter.

You will please accept assurance of my deep appreciation of your favor of 7th. inst. together with copy of letter to you from Mr. C. A. Jones, of New York. As the years go by we occasionally learn of one, or more, still living, who actively participated in events of the old frontier days. A frontier now vanished. Many of the old timers are gone. I have always had a desire to know who, if any, of those whom I knew in the South West, were still living. Accordingly, in 1907, I took a chance, and wrote a Mr. O. R. Smythe, at Lordsburg, New Mexico, and it was my pleasure to receive a letter from him, but, much to my regret, of the many men for whom I enquired, just one, besides Mr. Smythe, was living. In the natural order of things the years bring many changes. And how that great, beautiful section of Texas, the so called Staked Plains, has changed. When you were there, and when I was there, buffalo, and grass. You had the Comanches, I did not. My Indians were the Apaches, west of Fort Davis, and in New Mexico, and plenty of them. The passing of the Plains is, to me, a cause of regret. It would have been a wonderful thing to have preserved this great section for a national park, given over to the buffalo, and antelope, yet this beautiful, and wonderful creation of nature, must give way to advancing settlement, and live, only, in the memory of those who were privileged to know it in its primitive glory. I shall be very glad to meet you the coming summer, and learn from one, who was a participant, the story of the rounding up of the Comanches, in 1874. It would be most interesting, if those, who were on the frontier from 1870 to 1885, could hold a convention at some place in the south west, and relate their adventures during those troublous years. On my trip from Dallas, to Silver City, in 1880, I passed through Fort Concho, but I have not much recollection of the place. I remember, more vividly, the country west of there, and well I may, as the country was infested with apaches, especially through the Guadalupe Mountains. As a matter of fact I was supposed to have been killed by the Indians in Bass Cañon. This report reached my then home town, (Meriden Conn), and occasioned the publication of my obituary. A man by the name of Grant was killed in that cañon about two weeks before we passed through it, but I have never been convinced that it was I. At Fort Cummings, on that trip, were several companies of the fourth cavalry, one company, (I Co. as I remember) under Capt. Parker. In New Mexico were many companies of said cavalry, almost constantly two, or more on the Gila River, where I became very well acquainted with Maj. Davis. Those were interesting days, now gone forever, wonderful experiences which we do not regret, and which can never again be indulged in. I am disposed to look



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back upon the old days with much pleasure, but cannot say that I would care for a repetition.

I shall anticipate much pleasure in meeting you during the coming summer. It has been my custom to spend the month of July in the woods, but a short distance from Portland. If you will kindly notify me when you are here such notification will be forwarded to me and I will meet you at any time, and any place in Portland.

As per your request I am returning the copy of Mr. Jones letter. Again thanking you for your favor I am

Very truly yours

Geo F. Grant

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Capt. R. G. Carter
Washington
D. C.

My Dear Captain

I was very much disappointed in not seeing you in Portland, during the past summer, I certainly hope that your failure to carry out your usual custom was not due to disability of a physical nature. I called at the Sherwood and was informed, by a young fellow, that they heard from you about last December, but he did not know why you were not there during the summer. I trust you are as well as when I last saw you, and that I may hear from you. I wish you would kindly send me the name, and address, of your old Sergeant, who lives in New Hampshire, I may be up in that section some day, and would like to meet him.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience I am

Most sincerely yours

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