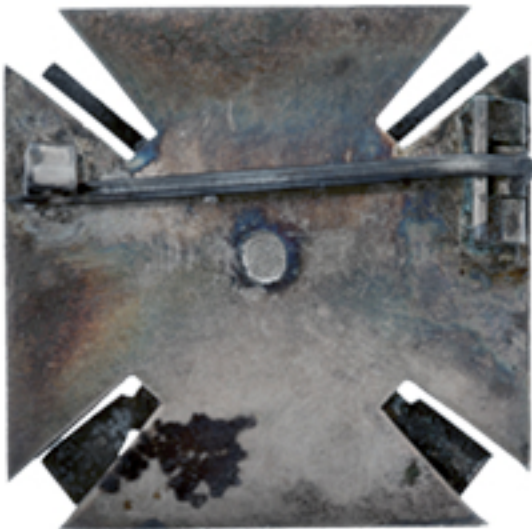


Indian War Veterans of the North Pacific Coast



**Silver Membership
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INDIAN WAR VETERANS.

The above association was established at the state fair grounds on September 25, 1885, by veterans who participated in the Indian wars of the Pacific Northwest, which were fought prior to 1860. The objects of the association are "to keep alive the memories of the trials of pioneer life, to encourage friendship and benevolence among those who have acted as the vanguard of civilization, to transmit a true history of the Indian wars of the North Pacific coast, and to impress ourselves and our posterity with that true patriotism which protects our homes from all evils, both by war and peace."

The organization took upon itself the honors of a grand body, and began the work of organizing Subordinate Camps with very flattering results. The proposed history has in past been collected and published in book form, and succeeding volumes, corrections or additions may be looked for.

Oregon, in its infancy, was baptized in the blood of its inhabitants. Three Indian wars, with numerous Indian outbreaks, make a part of its history. No one without experience can understand the appalling frightfulness of such wars. Terror becomes universal. Every bush is thought to be the hiding-place for an Indian. His movements are known to be stealthy and sudden—and to torture and murder those who fall into his hands, without regard to age or sex, is his known mode of warfare. Many brave men laid down their lives in these wars, and many mothers, with their little ones, were butchered by the relentless foe.

In civilized warfare the soldier realizes that the eyes of his countrymen are watching his every act, the pomp and splendors of war kindle anew the flames

of patriotism and urge him on to deeds of valor and feats of prowess; if he goes down he knows that an honored sepulcher will receive his remains, and that a grateful nation will perpetuate his name and memory. Not so with the pioneer who made a fortress of his log cabin, and, leaving the wife of his bosom and the mother of his children to guard home and family, went forth to meet a savage foe, unknown to civilization and law; no bugle sound or martial strain led him on, but often alone or in small bands he was compelled to seek the lurking foe.

Of such as these are the men who formed the Association of Indian War Veterans of the North Pacific Coast. Such were the brave men who protected the early settlements with their blood, their treasures and their lives. In our



Frenchtown Historic Site, Walla Walla, WA

The sublime courage and patriotism which impelled these veterans forward when duty called is indicated by their patient waiting for the long-delayed justice due them at the hands of the government. The voice of Gen. John E. Wool, of the