

Chapter VA 5

G.A.R. MEMORIAL HALL

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VA 5.01 Objective. The department shall maintain a memorial hall in the capitol designated as the G.A.R. Memorial Hall and dedicated to the soldiers and sailors who served in Wisconsin commands in the Civil War of 1861 to 1865 and persons from Wisconsin who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in any subsequent wars. The department shall use the hall to provide a suitable place for the collection, care, management and display of the battle flags of Wisconsin units in the Civil War and the Spanish American War and the war relics, books and mementos of the memorial collection of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1965, No. 111, eff. 4-1-65; am. Register, April, 1986, No. 364, eff. 5-1-86.

VA 5.02 Primary field. If space for display covering the Civil War and any subsequent wars shall be inadequate, the primary field of the memorial collection shall be the Civil War and the Spanish American War, and all materials in the memorial collection not related to such wars or in duplication of materials in the collection related to such wars may be made available on loan to the museum at the Wisconsin Veterans Home for Veterans at King, or to other public museums.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1965, No. 111, eff. 4-1-65; r. and recr. Register, April, 1986, No. 364, eff. 5-1-86.

VA 5.03 Curator, duties and responsibilities: The curator under the direction of the secretary shall operate and conduct the G.A.R. Memorial Hall pursuant to Wisconsin statutes and in accordance with the policies established by the board. The curator shall:

(1) Have charge and custody of the battle flags of Wisconsin Units in the Civil War and the Spanish American War and the war relics, books and mementos of the memorial collection of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall.

(2) Identify and prepare and maintain a current catalog of all articles in the memorial collection and all acquisitions thereto.

(3) Restore, preserve and safeguard all articles in the memorial collection. The curator may not sell, mortgage, transfer or dispose of in any manner or remove from the memorial hall, except for temporary purposes, any articles which are a part of the memorial collection, except that, upon the recommendation of the secretary and the approval of the board, any duplicate articles or articles outside the field of the memorial collection may be sold or exchanged for the purpose of procuring additional materials for display.

(4) Procure by loan, gift, exchange or purchase additions to the memorial collection as may be necessary in order to develop a representative museum collection depicting and commemorating the service of Wisconsin men and women in the nation's wars.

(5) Display the memorial collection so as to make it instructive and attractive to visitors to the state capitol.

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(6) Permit research to be conducted upon any materials in the memorial collection, whether on display or in storage, which is consistent with the preservation and safeguarding of such materials.

(7) Welcome and register visitors to the hall, conducting them through the hall and explaining the exhibits and displays of the memorial collection and the historical significance of the military service and the events they depict.

(8) Take such steps as may be necessary to protect visitors and the memorial collection from persons who would interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the memorial hall and the memorial collection including their ejection.

(9) Protect the memorial collection from theft or vandalism and report promptly to the secretary and the capitol police any evidence of theft or vandalism.

(10) Keep records on all matters affecting the memorial hall and the memorial collection, including acquisitions, articles borrowed or loaned for research or display, and visitors to the memorial hall.

(11) Prepare an annual report to the board on the operation of the memorial hall and make such other reports as the secretary may require.

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