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UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS PAPERS

The collection includes correspondence and other papers relating to the Virginia state organization and to the local Lynchburg organization, R. E. CRAIGHILL Camp No. 11.

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BOX 4 Proceedings of the Stated Convention of the...Encampment United Spanish War Veterans - 43rd (1941), 47th-50th (1945-1948), 52nd (1950)

 Miscellaneous correspondence and samples of buttons, name tags, stickers, etc., to be used at conventions

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**ROBERT E. CRAIGHILL CAMP, NO. 11
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS**

The Robert E. CRAIGHILL Camp, No. 11, United Spanish War Veterans (USWV), was chartered on 28 May 1927 at Lynchburg, Virginia. Membership was open to veterans from all branches of service, who fought in the War with Spain (Spanish-American War) and who had received an honorable discharge from the service.

The local camp assumed the responsibility of the welfare of its members, "assisting in obtaining pensions, hospitalization, burial [expenses] and in any other way they can be of service."

In 1936, and again in 1942, the R. E. CRAIGHILL Camp, No. 11, was host to the annual encampment for Virginia. Both encampments were financed entirely by the members of the local camp. In 1940, a memorial to the soldiers, sailors, and marines who fought in the War with Spain was placed on Monument Terrace, in Lynchburg.

In 1940, L. E. WINGFIELD of the CRAIGHILL Camp was instrumental in the organization of the Seventh Army Corps Veterans Association. During the annual encampment in 1940, in Staunton, Virginia, he presented the idea of a veterans association and was elected President of the Association. The Association eventually became a national organization with members in more than twenty states.

The last minutes recorded for R. E. CRAIGHILL Camp, No. 11, were on 8 May 1952. Nothing further is known of the Camp at present.

[United Spanish War Veterans Papers, Mss., MS1370, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]