



**Grand Army of the Republic
Memorial**



Benjamin Franklin Stephenson and the G.A.R. Memorial

Location: 7th & C Streets, N.W.

Benjamin Stephenson founded the Grand Army of the Republic after the Civil War to provide care and financial assistance to Union veterans and their widows and orphans. The G.A.R. ensured its status as the nation's most powerful veterans' group by helping determine the outcomes of several postwar presidential elections. The memorial was dedicated on July 3, 1909 by President William Howard Taft.