

# Alvarado

John Sands-(Posthumous) MN National Guard in 1916, served as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt in WWI, was in nearly every major battle, after returning home he was promoted to Captain.

- Served with President Theodore Roosevelt's sons who had deep concerns about what would happen to the veterans when they returned home from the war. This led to many talks about an organization that was to become the American Legion, having been involved in these talks he came home to organize many of the Legion Posts in Marshall County. He also organized the Marshall County Barracks of WW1 Veterans.
- In 1977 he was honored as 1 of the 4 last surviving Founders of the American Legion
- Served as 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander in 1942
- Accepting for John is his son Wendall SANDS and his wife Michal

Soldiers and Sailors Discharges No. 2, Marshall County, Minn.

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No. 169687

## HONORABLE DISCHARGE

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:  
This is to Certify that

by direction of the President and under the provisions of section nine of the act of Congress, approved May eighteen, nineteen hundred and seventeen, JOHN WALTER SANDS First Lieutenant, Infantry was honorably discharged from the military service in The United States Army at Camp Dix, New Jersey, on the Twenty-seventh day of December, 1918.

I. Erwin  
Adjutant General.

## MILITARY RECORD

Battles, engagements, skirmishes Cantigny Sector; Aisne-Marne Offensive.  
Medals awarded None, 191  
Wound chevrons authorized None  
War service chevrons authorized Two gold chevrons. Served in France.  
Sailed from U. S., Aug. 29, '17, arrived in U. S., Dec. 23, '18.  
Remarks Joined for duty Aug. 15, 1917, First Lieut., Inf. O. R. C.  
Honorably discharged in S. O. No. 281, Par. 9, Hdqrs., Cp., Dix, N. J. Dec. 27, 1918.

I. Erwin  
Adjutant General.

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H. M. Hanson, Register of Deeds.

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