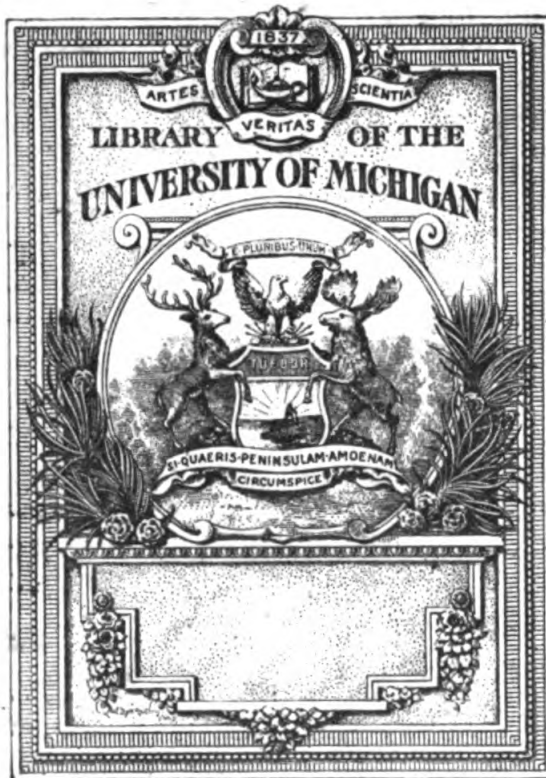


  
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1903-1904.**

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**DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.**

**Wm. Putnam, Post 42, - - - Lansing.**

**OFFICIAL STAFF.**

**ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.**

**Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, - - - Saginaw.**

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**JUDGE ADVOCATE.**

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**DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.**

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**John R. Bennett, Post 7, - - - Muskegon.**

## SENIOR AIDE.

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## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

O. Tomlinson, Post 269 - - - - - Plainwell.  
 S. M. Kent, Post 5, - - - - - Grand Rapids.  
 D. H. Grow, Post 388, - - - - - Allendale.  
 Reuben Quick, Post 87, - - - - - Lowell.  
 John Devlin, Post 433, - - - - - Detroit.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, C. O. A.

O. Tomlinson, Post 269, - - - - - Plainwell.  
 S. M. Kent, Post 5, - - - - - Grand Rapids.  
 John Devlin, Post 433, - - - - - Detroit.

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Ellery C. Cannon, (at large) - - - Post 16, Ewart.  
 William F. Atkinson, - - - Post 17, Detroit.  
 R. B. Davis, - - - Post 10, Dundee.  
 Geo. F. Larned, - - - Post 79, Kalamazoo.  
 Geo. A. B. Cook, - - - Post 72, Three Rivers.  
 Chas. S. Wilson, - - - Post 395, Grand Rapids.  
 E. T. Winter, - - - Post 24, Fenton.  
 E. Sanderson, - - - Post 202, Romeo.  
 W. H. Presser, - - - Post 38, Saginaw.  
 Chas. Miller, - - - Post 7, Muskegon.  
 John G. Berry, - - - Post 263, Vanderbilt.  
 Andrew Curtis, - - - Post 294, Big Rapids.  
 Geo. J. Johnson, - - - Post 8, Ishpeming.  
 Marvin Preston, - - - Post 384, Detroit.  
 P. H. McBride, - - - Post 262, Holland.  
 J. R. Stephenson, - - - Post 5, Grand Rapids.  
 T. E. Potter, - - - Post 42, Lansing.  
 W. D. Brainard, - - - Post 111, Eaton Rapids.  
 J. M. Greenfield, - - - Post 89, Flushing.

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Geo. H. Hopkins, - - - Post 384, Detroit.  
 H. B. White, - - - Post 17, Detroit.  
 O. F. Kaywood, - - - Post 48, Jackson.  
 T. J. Snow, - - - Post 40, Charlotte.  
 John Seel, - - - Post 14, Benton Harbor.  
 Chas. S. Smith, - - - Post 5, Grand Rapids.

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<b>L. C. Kanouse,</b>	- - - - -	Post 117, Byron.
<b>O. S. Perry,</b>	- - - - -	Post 202, Romeo.
<b>Jas. T. Hale,</b>	- - - - -	Post 307, Saginaw.
<b>W. H. Hall,</b>	- - - - -	Post 316, Grant.
<b>John W. Snell,</b>	- - - - -	Post 69, Midland.
<b>Loren Madison,</b>	- - - - -	Post 66, East Jordan.
<b>C. E. Moore,</b>	- - - - -	Post 300, Marquette.
<b>A. L. Bryant,</b>	- - - - -	Post 255, Mayville.
<b>E. B. Fenton,</b>	- - - - -	Post 384, Detroit.
<b>T. N. Stevens,</b>	- - - - -	Post 176, Stanton.
<b>Geo. W. Norton,</b>	- - - - -	Post 111, Eaton Rapids.
<b>Rodney James,</b>	- - - - -	Post 404, Plymouth.
<b>Philimon Bush,</b>	- - - - -	Post 59, Gobleville.





## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, AUGUST 31, 1903. }

To the HON. AARON T. BLISS, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Comrade—I have the honor, in compliance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved February 11, 1897, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as have taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 13, 1902, to June 11, 1903, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,  
EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.



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**FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.**  
**MORNING SESSION**

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }  
MUSKEGON, JUNE 10, 1903.**

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, convened at 10 o'clock a. m. in its Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment in the Grand Opera House with Department Commander Edward C. Anthony in the chair, in open session.

The Department Commander—Comrades, the hour has arrived for the opening of this, the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan. You will please come to order. The Encampment will now be opened informally for the purpose of receiving the Mayor and citizens who wish to be presented to this Encampment. I will appoint Comrades Louis Kanitz and E. B. Fenton a committee to escort the gentlemen to the stage.

The committee retired and returned with the gentlemen of the citizen's committee to the stage, who were received in due form by the Encampment.

Comrade Kanitz—Department Commander, I have the honor to present to you Mayor Eyke, of Muskegon.

The Department Commander—Comrades, let me introduce to you Mayor Leonard Eyke, of Muskegon.

Mayor Eyke:

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—As Mayor of the City of Muskegon it gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome you to our city.

When I look upon you I look upon men who have long passed the middle age of life, but I cannot forget that you were actors in the greatest drama ever played in the western continent—the Civil War. The war itself was greater than all its actors, its campaigns and its generals. But it is not for me, a man of peace, to recall scenes of the war to you, who each played your part therein. This I will not attempt to do. What I do desire to say, is that the successful issue of the war for the Union, was because from the farms, and stores, and workshops of the North, the common people came pouring out to take their places as common soldiers in the ranks, to support the one flag of a common and united country. And when the war was over, rejoicing that their work was done, but sorrowful because of its dreadful nature, they once more laid aside the trappings of the soldier and returned again to their places as common citizens, to the farms, the workshops and stores from whence they came.

This peaceful dispersion of the army was the greatest glory of the whole war. But you could not forget your old Comrades, you learned to value them as men. You didn't care if they were colonels or corporals, generals or privates, of English, French, Irish, or Dutch descent. If they were loyal to the flag, and had been soldiers in the Union army, and had been honorably discharged, they were good enough for you; and to perpetuate that feeling your association was formed—an association that in its principles and management of its affairs is probably the most democratic in America.

We welcome you here as men. We are proud to have you here because of your history, and of the principles that underlie your association. You will find us all here like yourselves, no class, nor the regards of any class,

but willing to pay tribute where tribute is due. Our city is open to you. We hope you will find it interesting and entertaining, that you may have a pleasant time together while with us; and that you may carry home with you pleasant memories of your visit here.

Once more feeling proud, happy, and honored, because of your visit the people of the City of Muskegon, through me, give you the most hearty welcome.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the following telegrams:

New York, June 9, 1903.

Hon. E. C. Anthony,

Department Commander, Muskegon, Mich.:

Please state to the Encampment I deeply regret official duties here prevent my attending. My heart and hopes are with the Comrades.

Fraternally yours,

BURTON PARKER.

Chicago, June 10, 1903.

Department Commander Anthony:

Regards of a Comrade of the Engineers and Mechanics to any members of that regiment at session of Encampment.

FRANK M. CRITTENDEN,

Of Company K.

The visitors having retired, the Encampment was opened in due form.

Prayer by the Department Chaplain, Wm. Putnam.

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this day and for this gathering; that these Comrades have been so graciously spared through another year; that our Commander and the executive officers of this Department, with one exception, have been graciously preserved, and are permitted to meet us here today. We ask Thy gracious blessing upon us in this gathering, not only upon the representatives of the great Army of the Republic gathered from this State, but upon the broad organization throughout the entire country. We pray that Thou will bless the great work in which we are engaged for the good of our Comrades and the good of our country. We stand before Thee this day, Almighty Father, as the representatives of that great Army from all parts of our united land who went forth to rescue it from peril and

save it from division and possible destruction. We thank Thee that so many of these representatives are still spared to enjoy the rich blessings for which they offered their services and their lives, and so many of whom bear the painful marks of that great conflict with them here today. We ask Thy blessing upon all the families of these Comrades and upon their descendants, that they may be (their sons especially) as loyal as their fathers. Oh, God, we pray that Thou wilt continue to preserve this organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, that it may still be, not only the advance but the color guard and the rear guard of our nation's patriotism. And now preside over us, Almighty Father, while we are gathered at this time. Give us grace to honor Thee, and give us grace in Thy sight to honor ourselves as well as to be honored by our fellow citizens. Many of us are descending the grade of life. Very soon we reach our setting sun. God grant that by His divine grace the closing hours of our day may be bright; that the radiance of the great Son of Righteousness shall shed its rays upon our departing moments, and when our work shall be all done, and these gathering with us one after another shall have forever ceased in the present life, we ask that through divine grace we may be permitted to enter into and enjoy forever the greater and more glorious gathering of Thy children in Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen."

The Department Commander—I will now declare this Encampment opened in due form.

The rules governing the National Encampment will prevail as the rules of this Encampment, unless there be objection.

The roll was called, and a quorum found to be present.

The Department Commander—The next in order is the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The Assistant Adjutant General—We beg to report that the Committee on Credentials is not ready to report at this moment. They are still at their work, and will be ready to report at a later hour. I would move you that the report when ready be accepted as the roll of this Encampment.

Supported and carried.

Muskegon, June 10, 1903.

To the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that we have examined the credentials as forwarded by the several Posts of the Department and find the following members present.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF, A. A. G., Chairman,  
H. A. CHAPIN, Post 31,  
JOHN W. BRAKEMAN, Post 7,  
HENRY SPAULDING, Post 20,  
Committee.

The following is the

#### ROLL OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

##### PRESENT.

Department Commander—Edward C. Anthony	-	Negaunee
Sen. Vice Dept. Commander—L. D. Van Kleek,	-	Pontiac
Jun. Vice Dept. Commander—M. D. Richardson,	-	Lake City
Medical Director—W. W. Root,	-	Mason
Department Chaplain—William Putnam,	-	Lansing

##### OFFICIAL STAFF OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Assistant Adjutant General—Fayette Wyckoff,	-	Lansing
Assistant Quartermaster General—Chas. D. Blanchard,	-	Marquette
Department Inspector—Geo. W. Stone,	-	Lansing
Chief of Staff—E. S. Jameson,	-	Marine City

##### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

E. B. Fenton	-	Detroit	O. Tomlinson,	-	Plainwell
C. E. Foote,	-	Kalamazoo	Thomas Davey,	-	Plymouth

##### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger,	-	Detroit	Louis Kanitz,	-	Muskegon
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Byron R. Pierce,	-	Grand Rapids	Russell R. Pealer,	-	Three Rivers
John Northwood,	-	New Lothrop	Ethel M. Allen,	-	Portland
Washington Gardner,	-	Albion	James Van Kleek,	-	Bay City
Michael Brown,	-	Big Rapids			



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- " 2, Quincy. Representatives, Chas. W. Lake, Past Post Commander, C. V. R. Pond.
- " 3, Whitehall. Representative, Edwin C. Estabrook; Post Commander, John C. Dean; Past Post Commanders, G. A. Whitbeck, Frederick Norman, James Dillabaugh.
- " 5, Grand Rapids. Representatives, J. W. McCrath, C. S. Smith, Thomas Dixon, A. B. Bartlett; Alternates, H. C. Nichols, Post Commander, Samuel R. Wooster; Past Post Commanders, Geo. E. Judd, Wm. A. Clark, C. P. Coffin, J. R. Stephenson, J. O. Bellaire, S. M. Kent, A. B. Coffinberry, W. B. Bostock, C. W. Dipple, T. H. Peacock, E. B. Taylor, S. W. Barter, W. D. Frost.
- " 6, Hillsdale. Representatives, James O'Neil; Past Post Commanders, T. S. Huff, Wm. Taylor.
- " 7, Muskegon. Representatives, John W. Brakeman, Alex. Eckerman, Albert Towl; Post Commander, John W. Eddy; Past Post Commanders, H. H. Himmelburger, Chas. T. Brundage, Edwin P. Watson, S. A. Aldrich, Wm. R. Jones, Louis Kanitz, James Cavanaugh, Chas. Miller, John G. Allport, John Sturgeon, Wm. L. Wiselogel, Wm. L. Reynolds, John R. Bennett, L. O. Lyon, Howard C. Bond.
- " 8, Ishpeming. Representative, Geo. J. Johnson.
- " 9, Hesperia. Representative, Marion Resseguee; Post Commander, Chas. Wilbur; Past Post Commanders, H. E. Waterman, C. Reynolds, Wm. Gilbert, Chas. Robbins, A. S. Mulliken.
- " 10, Dundee. Past Post Commanders, R. B. Davis, D. C. Spears.
- " 14, Benton Harbor. Representatives, John M. Jenkins; Post Commander, S. B. Kimball; Past Post Commanders, W. F. Kimball, John Seel, Henry S. Kelley.
- " 15, Ludington. Representative A. C. Hawley; Past Post Commander, R. P. Bishop.
- " 16, Evart. Representative, Orro Morton; Past Post Commander, E. C. Cannon.
- " 17, Detroit. Representatives, H. A. Backus, E. Muffat, D. G. Crotty, C. J. Pierce, O. D. Kingsley, G. L. Holmes; Post Commander, Wm. F. Atkinson; Past Post Commanders H. B. White, C. K. Radcliffe, William Davey.
- " 18, Traverse City. Representatives, J. W. Hilliker, L. K. Cleveland.
- " 19, Bangor. Representative, E. Stevens; Past Post Commanders, C. C. Phillips, Alvin Chapman, Ed. Ruthruff.
- " 20, Hartford. Past Post Commanders, Wm. Bennitt, Henry Spaulding.

- Post No. 22, Buchanan. Past Post Commander, M. B. Gardner.  
 " 23, Bloomingdale. Past Post Commander, Frank Cooley.  
 " 24, Fenton. Representatives, Edgar Durfee; Past Post Commander, E. T. Winters.  
 " 26, Hart. Representative, Jesse Mils; Post Commander, H. A. Waldron; Past Post Commanders, Wm. E. Thorp, Geo. F. Dennison.  
 " 27, Decatur. Representative, Alfred Turner; Post Commander, R. Colbetzor.  
 " 28, Hemlock. Alternate, Jedd Bennett.  
 " 29, Grand Rapids. Alternate, Edward Pyard; Post Commander, E. F. Covell; Past Post Commanders, Eber Rice, J. C. Christensen.  
 " 31, Paw Paw. Past Post Commander, H. A. Chapin.  
 " 32, Battle Creek. Representatives, Wm. Vickery, Geo. H. Rowell; Post Commander, R. J. Kelly; Past Post Commanders, Wm. Dawset, I. W. Taylor, J. J. Cornwell.  
 " 34, Otsego. A. A. Blakeman; Past Post Commander, J. D. Kelley.  
 " 35, South Haven. Past Post Commander, H. Hodges, L. K. Jillson, H. J. Dodge.  
 " 37, Stanton. Representative, Joseph Tishue.  
 " 38, Saginaw. Representative, Christian Wasserman; Post Commander, Henry Fiege; Past Post Commanders, Wm. W. Morgan, W. H. Presser, John Schmitt, Fay Wyckoff.  
 " 39, Berrien Springs. Representative, Harrison Newton; Past Post Commanders, Mandel Wells, John Hollenbeck, S. E. Hadlock.  
 " 40, Charlotte. Past Post Commander, T. J. Snow.  
 " 42, Lansing. Representative, Jas. M. Slocum; Alternate, M. Buck; Post Commander, Edwin R. Havens; Past Post Commanders, Allen S. Shattuck, Seymour Foster, Wm. W. Cook, F. Schneider, Theo. E. Potter.  
 " 46, Ganges. Representative, S. W. Eddy; Past Post Commanders, A. W. Walker, Wm. H. Denn, J. L. Jerne, H. C. Dow.  
 " 48, Jackson. Post Commander, O. F. Kaywood; Past Post Commander, Albert Dunham.  
 " 53, Mason. Past Post Commander, W. J. Adams.  
 " 54, Manton. Representative, O. M. Sherbourne.  
 " 56, Allegan. Post Commander, B. D. Pritchard; Past Post Commanders, G. B. Myers, E. D. Nash, S. F. Murphy, Wm. White, Emerson Allen, G. W. Cady, L. Y. Cady, W. H. Perry, A. C. Estabrook, J. W. Ely, W. W. Warner, L. W. Bellinger.  
 " 57, Marcellus. Past Post Commander, B. F. Geoner.  
 " 59, Gobleville. Representative, A. L. Harrington; Past Post Commander, M. J. Blakeman.  
 " 60, Leslie. Representative, A. A. Leach.  
 " 62, Cedar Springs. Representative, Levi Bearss; Past Post Commanders, Daniel G. Dove, James D. Jackson, Miles Mulford.

- Post No. 66, East Jordan. Post Commander, J. W. Rogers.
- " 68, Shelby. Representative, Wm. A. Olinda; Post Commander, F. A. Pitts; Past Post Commanders, N. Adams, P. A. Penfield.
- " 69, Midland. Alternate, Alfred See; Past Post Commander, J. W. Snell.
- " 72, Three Rivers. Representative, A. W. Snyder; Post Commander, Bishop E. Andrews; Past Post Commander, Russell R. Pealer.
- " 73, Sturgis. Past Post Commanders, E. Zigler, Isaac Provost.
- " 74, Wayland. Alternate, Isaac N. Hoyt; Post Commander, A. W. Nash; Past Post Commander, Frank E. Pickett.
- " 75, Grand Haven. Representative, Wm. F. Kefgen; Post Commander, Geo. A. Fair; Past Post Commanders, Robert Finch, Miner J. Emlaw, Chas. M. Dickinson.
- " 79, Kalamazoo. Representatives, Eli Strong, W. C. Shook, Edward Woodhams; Post Commander, Geo. F. Larned; Past Post Commanders, C. E. Foote, G. M. Buck, E. S. Bissell.
- " 80, Hopkins Station. Representative, James Kitson; Past Post Commanders, Geo. Ruehle, John Hoffmaster.
- " 82, Nashville. Past Post Commanders, R. C. Smith, Geo. Wellman.
- " 84, Kalkaska. Alternate, J. E. Rainbow; Past Post Commander, C. H. DuPey.
- " 87, Lowell. Representative, Reuben Quick; Past Post Commanders, L. H. Hunt, S. P. Hicks, Wm. H. Eddy, Benj. Morse.
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- " 89, Flushing. Representative, Geo. Darling; Past Post Commanders, J. M. Greenfield, Isaac Wheeler, J. M. Caldwell, Albert Crosby.
- " 91, St. Louis. Representative, Geo. Wood.
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- " 104, Ovid. Past Post Commanders, S. B. Southworth, John Hubbell.
- " 107, Dimondale. Post Commander, A. Pray; Past Post Commander, N. P. Bateman.
- " 108, Grand Ledge. Representative, J. K. Moss.
- " 109, Coldwater. Past Post Commander, Geo. H. Turner.

- Post No. 111, Eaton Rapids. Representatives, Milo Thompson, J. R. Norton; Post Commander, D. M. Beeman; Past Post Commanders, H. J. Milbourn, Geo. W. Norton, Eli Cook, J. J. Holmes, W. D. Brainard, C. B. Fowler.
- “ 114, Fowlerville. Representative, Marvin Benjamin; Post Commander, W. M. Horton.
- “ 117, Byron. Representative, Joseph Schweikart; Past Post Commanders, L. C. Kanouse, Amos Graves, Griffith LaDue.
- “ 120, Howell. Alternate, J. W. Elsworth; Past Post Commanders, John McGivney, H. H. Collins.
- “ 125, Hastings. Past Post Commander, H. H. Trask.
- “ 126, Belding. Representative, M. A. Filkins; Past Post Commander, F. R. Chase.
- “ 127, Maple Rapids. Alternate, Lester H. Pease.
- “ 128, Hawkins. Past Post Commander, Wm. Northrup.
- “ 130, Edmore. Representative, B. L. Ward; Past Post Commander, J. Perrine.
- “ 132, Portland. Past Post Commanders, H. W. Holcombe, E. M. Allen.
- “ 133, Newaygo. Past Post Commanders, John Pitwood, S. D. Simpson.
- “ 136, Nunica. Post Commander, E. R. Porter; Past Post Commanders, H. E. Plant, John Eckhoff, A. G. Hayward, J. Castel, O. A. Jubb.
- “ 140, Tecumseh. Representative, D. M. Bainbridge.
- “ 141, Lakeview. Alternate, J. J. Pond.
- “ 144, Lapeer. Representative, Edwin Weston; Past Post Commander, Robert King.
- “ 145, Flint. Representative, W. C. Lewis; Alternate, Wray Mitchell; Past Post Commanders, A. J. Ward, M. C. Barney, E. C. Marsh, Wm. H. Stone.
- “ 147, Pontiac. Post Commander, L. D. Van Kleek; Past Post Commander, D. S. Howard.
- “ 149, Holton. Representative, John Wiegand; Post Commander, John B. Ruggles; Past Post Commanders, J. A. Zerlant, S. L. Skeels, S. F. Crawford, J. T. Henry, Oliver Lewis, H. W. Crawford.
- “ 152, Alma. Representative, Geo. Willard; Post Commander Henry Wise.
- “ 157, Cassopolis. Representative, H. C. Walker; Post Commander, Norris Richardson.
- “ 158, Elm Hall. Post Commander, Albert M. Norton; Past Post Commander, C. E. Prine.
- “ 159, Middleville. Alternate, Wilber Cutler.
- “ 160, Corunna. Post Commander, Andrew Porter; Past Post Commander, Geo. D. Moreau.
- “ 162, Detroit. Past Post Commander, Carl Engel.
- “ 163, Vermontville. Representative, L. V. Andrews; Post Commander, Chas. Fuller; Past Post Commander, D. M. Purchis.
- “ 166, Marshall. Past Post Commander, D. Walkenshaw.

- Post No. 173, Carson City. Representative, E. M. Howel; Past Post Commanders, Alex. McCraig, Geo. D. Vandusen, James F. Filmore, C. H. Morse.
- " 176, Stanton. Post Commander, Thomas N. Stevens; Past Post Commander, Asa Morse.
- " 178, Sheridan. Representative, C. D. Harris.
- " 179, Brighton. Post Commander, Thomas Stoken.
- " 180, Ypsilanti. Post Commander, J. H. Woodman.
- " 181, Milford. Representative, S. D. Lee.
- " 182, Fremont. Representatives, Geo. H. Martin, M. D. Cole; Post Commander, S. G. Allen; Past Post Commander, A. M. Phelps.
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- " 190, Birch Run. Past Post Commander, John Cook.
- " 193, Mendon. Representative, R. D. Young.
- " 198, Reed City. Past Post Commanders, D. J. Randall, C. A. Randall.
- " 200, Carleton. Past Post Commander, Jacob Fahnestalk.
- " 202, Romeo. Representative, H. S. White; Past Post Commanders, E. R. Sanderson, O. S. Perry.
- " 203, Stockbridge. Past Post Commander, A. G. Miller.
- " 206, Bellaire. Representative, John Bush.
- " 213, Bellevue. Representative, Wm. Hawley.
- " 214, Millington. Representative, B. F. Crampton.
- " 216, Mt. Clemens. Representative, Rosell Widrig.
- " 218, Luther. Representative, Chas. B. Streeter; Post Commander, N. R. Menold.
- " 233, Wales. Representative, Alva L. Peck.
- " 234, Hubbardston. Representative, Wm. Brown; Past Post Commander, C. K. Bennett.
- " 237, Rockford. Past Post Commanders, E. C. Watkins, C. F. Sears.
- " 238, Coopersville. Representative, John Jackson; Post Commander, Eli Karney; Past Post Commander, Hiram Ames.
- " 240, Grayling. Post Commander, Dell Smith; Past Post Commander, A. L. Pond.
- " 242, Athens. Past Post Commander, Rial A. Carpenter.
- " 252, Howard City. Alternate, James Stevenson.
- " 255, Mayville. Past Post Commander, A. I. Bryant.
- " 256, Partello. Representative, R. H. McWethy; Past Post Commander, A. J. Phillips.
- " 261, Wayne. Past Post Commanders, C. H. Newkirk, Joseph Smith, Timothy Fuller.
- " 262, Holland. Representative, P. H. McBride; Post Commander, D. B. K. Van Raalte; Past Post Commanders, John Kramer, Benj. Van Raalte, P. H. Wilms.
- " 263, Vanderbilt. Past Post Commander, John G. Berry.
- " 269, Plainwell. Past Post Commanders, O. Tomlinson, J. H. Madden.
- " 276, Ada. Past Post Commanders, W. R. Lawyer, J. H. Martin.
- " 278, West Bay City. Post Commander, W. D. Evans.

- Post No. 279, Spring Lake. Representative, M. F. Reed; Past Post Commander, E. J. Pruim.
- “ 280, North Muskegon. Representative, Byron Stevens; Post Commander, C. E. Storrs; Past Post Commanders, Joseph Avery, Arthur F. Severy.
- “ 286, Fife Lake. Representative, Delos Hilton.
- “ 287, Cheshire. Past Post Commanders, R. C. Harmon, Wm. G. Rowe.
- “ 288, Lacota. Representative, E. R. Furgeson; Post Commander, Loren Dallrymple.
- “ 294, Big Rapids. Alternate, A. Curtis; Past Post Commanders, G. M. Gotshall, E. W. Ford, Washington Miller.
- “ 295, Galesburg. Representative, Russell Mason.
- “ 300, Marquette. Past Post Commanders, E. C. Anthony, Chas. D. Blanchard.
- “ 302, Byron Center. Past Post Commanders, D. S. Irwin, A. A. Palmer, A. M. Green, L. L. Hickox.
- “ 303, Schoolcraft. Representative, John Gilchrist; Post Commander, M. S. Burson.
- “ 307, Saginaw. Post Commander, J. T. Hale.
- “ 316, Grant. Representative, Hiram L. Brace; Past Post Commanders, Wm. Downing, Wm. Hall, James George, A. H. Judd, Frank Jackson, Amos Woodard, James Tyler, Jacob Treiler, John Roswarren.
- “ 318, Northville. Representative, Geo. Goodell, Past Post Commanders, S. J. Lawrence, E. K. Starkweather.
- “ 323, Ashley. Representative, Wm. Sharp.
- “ 329, Sumner. Representative, Chas. A. Button; Past Post Commander, John E. Booth.
- “ 337, Ravenna. Representative, John Gilbert; Post Commander, E. Hodges; Past Post Commanders, F. D. Hoogstraat, A. Enos, J. E. Noble, C. Lauback, H. Walker.
- “ 342, Twin Lake. Representative, A. H. Vanantwerp; Post Commander, Geo. DeThompson; Past Post Commanders, Chas. Buzzell, Geo. H. Buzzell.
- “ 346, Hamilton. Post Commander, J. C. Holmes.
- “ 347, Breckenridge. Past Post Commanders, Waldo Curtis, Barney Swope.
- “ 348, Scottville. Representative, J. W. Griswold.
- “ 350, Sand Lake. Representative, H. M. Johnson; Past Post Commander, Wellington Roscoe.
- “ 354, Palo. Representative, John W. Howarth.
- “ 358, Clayton. Representative, Albert E. Terwilliger.
- “ 365, Lake City. Representative, Joseph Wolfinger; Past Post Commander, M. D. Richardson.
- “ 366, White Cloud. Past Post Commanders, F. T. Baker, S. Agan.
- “ 371, Fennville. Representative, R. H. Stevens.
- “ 372, Benzonia. Representative, I. P. Covey.
- “ 377, Rochester. W. H. LeRoy.
- “ 382, Lake Odessa. Representative, Robert Blair; Past Post Commanders, S. H. Malory, Thomas Leak, Wallace Lovewell.

- Post No. 383, Martin. Post Commander, W. D. Stayman.  
 " 384, Detroit. Representatives, Thos. S. McGraw, Geo. C. Wetherbee, Wm. Winslow; Post Commander, Sidney B. Dixon; Past Post Commanders, Geo. H. Hopkins, Marvin Preston.  
 " 388, Allendale. Representative, Chas S. Knapp; Post Commander, Asa L. Porter; Past Post Commanders, H. C. Bement, Chas. M. Pausler, D. H. Grow.  
 " 393, Detroit. Post Commander, John Boylan; Past Post Commanders, Chas Kaufman, Henry Lorenzen.  
 " 395, Grand Rapids. Representative, H. C. Palmer; Post Commander, Chas. M. Runyan; Past Post Commanders, Wm. T. Johnson, Chas. A. Beebe, C. S. Wilson, J. M. Wood, J. R. Wyckoff, Melvin Stillson.  
 " 404, Livonia. Representative, Wm. D. Tules; Past Post Commander, Thomas Davey.  
 " 408, Grand Rapids. Representative, Frank Gardafee; Post Commander, Geo. B. Schwab; Past Post Commanders, E. Page, G. H. Sherman.  
 " 412, Burnips Corners. Representative, Nicholas Matson.  
 " 433, Detroit. Representative, John Devlin; Past Post Commander, Wm. N. Siggins.  
 " 434, McBrides. Representative, Jerome Pintler.  
 " 438, New Lothrop. Representative, John L. Delbridge; Post Commander, John Northwood.  
 " 441, Mason. Representative, D. P. Whiting; Past Post Commanders, W. W. Root, L. H. Ives.  
 " 451, Reed City. Past Post Commanders, "Ren" Barker, Aretus Corwin.  
 " 455, Montrose. Post Commander, David Cross.  
 " 460, Saugatuck. Representative, Richard Baker.

Department Officers .....	Present	14
Past Department Commanders.....	"	11
Post Commanders .....	"	68
Representatives .....	"	118
Alternates .....	"	15
Past Post Commanders.....	"	271
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>497</b>
<b>Number of Posts represented.....</b>		<b>168</b>

The Senior Vice Department Commander took the chair, and the Department Commander read his address, which was as follows:

## COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—One year ago you honored me by election to the highest office in the gift of this Department. I accepted that honor feeling all its responsibilities and realizing my own unfitness to meet the full requirements of this high position. I entered upon the duties of Department Commander of Michigan with no little fear of the final outcome. The year has been full of constant thought and earnest solicitude for the upbuilding of our cherished Order.

## MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership is a matter of the first consideration. Ten years ago, June 30, 1893, the reports show a membership of 19,020. There has been a gradual decrease every year until today we have a membership of 13,716—a total loss of 5,304 in ten years. Of this loss 3,589 was by death. Fully realizing that an earnest effort should be put forth to increase our members and bring back the delinquent members, the attention of the Posts was called to this matter in General Order No. 4, and Post Commanders were urged to appoint committees to look up the Comrades and in every way possible assist in recruiting the ranks of every Post.

Again in General Order No. 5, I supplemented the request of the Commander-in-Chief by urging systematic work in securing recruits. I also urged the establishing of out-posts in the villages and districts where a few could be brought together under the command of a Sergeant and meet from time to time in the homes of Comrades. I have yet to learn of one Post that has taken up this work, though the field is a promising one. If the larger and more centrally located Posts take up this work and push it, I believe our membership could be increased by 1,000 during the next year.

In the State of Illinois in 1901, there were, according to the report of their Commander, 697 deaths in our Order there, but owing to the new recruits who filled up the ranks there was a loss in total membership of only 31. Fill up the ranks should be the rallying cry of every



Michigan Post, until every veteran is found marching under the banner of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

I am aware that this is a subject that many would pass by without comment; however, I am constrained to speak of it, and, if possible, urge upon you the necessity of bringing back into full membership this large army of delinquents. The suspended list is the largest and most fruitful source of loss to our membership. The Assistant Adjutant General will give you more details in figures relative to this class which will excite your interest and awaken serious thought. I cannot but feel that this list should be reduced by one-half in the next six months, and I only wish that every Comrade could be reinstated at once.

In this rich commonwealth of Michigan there should be no delinquents among the Nation's defenders. In every Post where such appears let some Comrade go out quietly among his more prosperous friends, not letting his left hand know what his right had doeth, and ask them to help a needy brother. Then with the account squared on the books invite the Comrades back into full fellowship again. If this were done, we would come to this reunion in 1904 with a largely increased membership in the State of Michigan.

Your Commander is pleased to note and commends the spirit of harmony and good fellowship that pervades the Department. Only one case of discipline having been brought to the attention of the Commander, that of a Post Courtmarshal in Post 347; after reviewing the proceedings and finding of the Courtmarshal I was convinced that the findings and sentence was not sustained by the evidence, exercising the authority invested in me I returned the findings and ordered the sentence of Dishonorable Discharge reversed and the Comrade restored to good standing in his Post.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

The Department Encampment at Flint two years ago passed a resolution proposing an amendment to the Rules and Regulations so as to admit (as Associate Members) gentlemen not members of the Grand Army of the Re-

public. This was before the National Encampment at Buffalo, but for reasons well known was not acted upon at that time. It was brought before the Encampment at Washington but failed of adoption. I would recommend the re-adoption of a similar resolution at this meeting, and have the same presented to the next National Encampment with the urgent request that it be passed and embodied among the laws governing our Order.

## DEPARTMENT FINANCES.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General will give the financial condition of the Department and the financial record of the past year.

From the gradual decrease of our membership there must as a natural sequence be a gradual decrease in our revenues. In order to give an idea of the gradual decrease from this source, I will read the amounts collected each year from 1897 to 1902, inclusive.

Receipts from per capita tax, 1897.....	\$3,185 50
Receipts from per capita tax, 1898.....	3,155 90
Receipts from per capita tax, 1899.....	3,029 90
Receipts from per capita tax, 1900.....	3,008 40
Receipts from per capita tax, 1901.....	2,912 80
Receipts from per capita tax, 1902.....	2,776 80

This shows a falling off of \$408.70 from this source alone, since 1897. The only other resource is the sale of supplies, and with the decrease in new Posts organized the demand for supplies has correspondingly decreased so that while in 1897 the Department sold \$533.50 worth of supplies. In 1902 we have sold \$350.02, a decrease of \$183.48 since 1897.

The National Encampment at Cleveland increased the per capita tax of the Department one cent per member. This has increased our expense about \$140 this year. Consequently our expenses are a little in excess of our receipts. I make this report without further recommendations.

## ALGER FUND.

There was turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General at the beginning of my administration to the credit of the Alger Fund \$967.72. This now amounts to \$1,020.96. If allowed to remain in present hands until the

year expires. I would recommend that this fund be continued at interest as has been done in the past.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

This organization is one that should have our earnest support and good wishes. A strenuous effort is being made in many Departments to build up and increase their membership and it is meeting with success. Reports show that in Iowa this order has nearly trebled its membership during the past year. We may ask what has been the cause of this revival? It was in a large measure due to the efforts of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic; and what is being done in one Department can be done in all. I hope that Michigan will not allow herself to be outdone by other States in sympathy and effort to sustain the Sons of Veterans.

#### THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

As an auxiliary to the G. A. R., they have shown their deep devotion to the principles of our Order, by their readiness to render any assistance in their power to help the needy Comrades and to infuse new life into the weak Posts. As a rule where there is a live and energetic auxiliary, there you will find a live Post. If many of the smaller Posts would organize a Relief Corps, I have no doubt it would be the means of prolonging their existence.

#### CHANGE IN RULES AND REGULATIONS.

At your Encampment one year ago in adopting the report of the Department of Inspection, it was recommended "that the inspection of Posts be abolished." This resolution was cited to the National Department for action. The resolution came up in the National Encampment at Washington and after consideration the report of the committee was adopted. Article 5, Chapter 5, of the Rules and Regulations is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. "The Commander-in-Chief or any Department Commander may require the inspection of any Department or Post in his respective jurisdiction whenever he may believe that the best interests of the Order require it. For this purpose he may detail a Comrade, who shall for the time being be called an Inspector. The duties of such officer shall be prescribed by the Command-

er-in-Chief, or the Department Commander making the appointment."

This amendment makes it optional with the Department Commanders to order inspections whenever he may deem it for the best interest of the Post or Department.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

The reports for this year are not yet available, but the Chaplain will give you in his very complete report the full details of the observance of Memorial Day in 1902 by the various Posts of this Department.

This day is the most fitly observed of all the Nation's holidays. As we who stand as examples of patriotic devotion and sacrifice see our steps growing feeble, each succeeding observance of this day has a deeper meaning. As our ranks grow thin we swell the ranks of the great brigade across the river, and the time will soon elapse when the last Comrade shall have entered "the low green tent whose curtain never outward swings." A generous and grateful people will perpetuate our memories.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION IN THE SCHOOLS.

A little more than three months ago, I received a request from Comrade Bakewell, Special Aid in charge of this work on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, for the appointment of a Special Aid to have charge of this work in this Department. I appointed Col. Theo. E. Potter of Post 42. He accepted and with his usual energy entered upon his duties.

The time was so short before the meeting of the Department Encampment that it was thought little could be done. Following the example of the Department of Minnesota, it was decided to enlist the pupils of our public schools in the study and observance of "Memorial Day." Circulars were sent to all the High Schools of the State offering prizes for the best five essays on Memorial Day. The result has been most encouraging, and a more detailed report will be received from Col. T. E. Potter, who is in special charge of this work. I think much good can be accomplished by continuing this work so well begun.

## LEGISLATION.

The Encampment at Pontiac by resolution requested the Legislature to pass an act and make appropriation for erecting a monument at Andersonville Prison, in honor of the seven hundred Michigan sons who gave up their lives in that infamous prison pen. This has been passed and an appropriation of \$5,500 has been made, and the Governor has appointed the commission to carry out the provisions of this act.

A resolution asking the Legislature to provide for the publication of the records of each officer and names of soldiers enlisted from the State was passed. The Committee on Legislation have, by earnest work, supplemented by the able assistance of Senator Cannon, secured the passage of an act that will give the Michigan soldiers a published record of inestimable value.

## SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' MONUMENT.

Two years ago the Legislature provided for a commission of five members to adopt plans and select a site for a suitable monument. As a member of that commission, I can say that we have given this matter careful consideration, and have recommended that a monument be erected on the Capitol grounds at Lansing, at a cost of \$250,000. This bill has passed the Senate and is now in the House where we hope it will be passed before their final adjournment.

I desire to recommend that the necessary steps be taken to secure the erection of a suitable memorial to Gen. Geo. A. Custer, one of Michigan's bravest sons, who so gallantly led our cavalry brigade at Gettysburg, distinguished himself on many another battlefield, and finally gave up his life heroically fighting to the last near the Little Big Horn with Sitting Bull and his Sioux warriors.

## SOLDIER'S HOME AND WOMEN'S ANNEX.

The Committee to visit the Soldier's Home have performed their duty and their report will be heard with much interest. This Home was created for the use of those who in its hour of need gave to the country their best service. Let us see to it that we help to keep it, look after its every interest, and the well being of our Comrades whose Home it is.

During the past year, I have made four personal visits there and heartily commend the present officials for their excellent management.

#### THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT WASHINGTON.

This will ever be remembered with pleasure by every Comrade who was privileged to be present. The Department of Michigan as represented in the parade was such as to make the heart of every son and daughter of Michigan swell with pride. As your Commander I can truly say that I was proud of the excellent display made by "Michigan, my Michigan."

Our headquarters at the Hotel Arlington were all that could be desired and was visited by many more than the twelve hundred whose names were registered. For the grand rally and the response to meet and again march down historic Pennsylvania avenue and for every assistance rendered me as Department Commander on that memorable occasion, I desire to thank you one and all. Especial mention must be made of Detroit Post No. 384 for their excellent appearance at this time.

The next National Encampment will be held at San Francisco, California, during the week of August 17 to 22. This is nearly two months earlier than our meeting last year, thus giving but a short time for the incoming officers to make up their semi-annual reports and prepare for the Encampment. As it has been the custom for the retiring Commander to engage quarters for the incoming Department Commander, I have acted upon the precedent thus established and have secured headquarters at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco. This was done with little expense to the Department through the courtesy of Comrade E. B. Fenton, a member of the Council of Administration. It is hoped that this action will meet with the approval of my successor.

#### CONCLUSION.

I desire to take this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude to the members of my staff, my official associates, and to all the Comrades who have aided by encouraging words and helpful acts in the administration of this Department. To Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Fayette Wyckoff, do I feel especially indebted

for the valuable assistance he has given me, and the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties.

During the past year I have made the acquaintance of many new friends, have added much to the pleasant experiences of life, and shall ever cherish in memory the great honor you have conferred upon me, and these sacred associations with my Comrades.

The Chair—I will appoint the following Committee upon the Address of the Department Commander: Comrades E. M. Allen, Post 132; Louis Kanitz, Post 7; Michael Brown, Post 198; W. F. Atkinson, Post 17; B. H. Pierce, Post 5.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

Comrade Kanitz—If I may be permitted to interrupt a moment—it is simply to expedite matters later on. If you will be so kind, Comrades, to listen to a Comrade who is here with us today, and expected to be with us at the camp fire tonight, but matters have shaped themselves somewhat different, and he will be obliged to leave at 8:36, so that it will be impossible for him to speak to us this evening. I know you want to hear him. Department Commander, if there are no objections, I move that the rules be suspended long enough to hear from our Comrade Russell A. Alger.

The Department Commander—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Gen. Alger.

Comrade Alger—Commander and Comrades—It is not possible in this busy world of ours for men to control their time. We are called frequently from one place to another to perform this duty and that, even though we would linger among our friends longer than we can. I expected to have remained here during the two days of the Encampment, but before leaving home I found that a business engagement that could not be postponed would call me home tomorrow morning; but if I could have remained here but an hour, Comrades, and had to have walked back, I would have come here this year. It has not been my privilege during the past few years to gather with you as often as I wished, but so long as I live, if my health permits, no Encampment of this our great State or great Army shall pass without my being present. A lady in New York the other day asked me who was the nearest to my heart. I told her my family. "Who next?"

"The Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Michigan." And so I feel, Comrades, while we hear the constant talk—too true, perhaps—that we are on the downward road, yet while we stay we will be young, and while we have anything to do, we will do it, as we did in the field. A very distinguished lady in official life in Washington this past winter asked me why old men married young wives. I told her because the eye and the heart never grow old. And so while we are here, looking, perhaps, not so frequently in the mirror to see ourselves as we used to do, yet while we are here, Comrades, let us make this fight to the finish.

I am very happy indeed to look into your faces. I don't know scarcely whether today you look younger than you did the last time I saw you. Perhaps it is because I feel young myself. I don't intend to grow old. If I am older than I was forty years ago, I don't know it, and I hope the rest of you feel the same today. The roster shows we are growing older and our ranks are thinning. But even though the circle grows smaller, let us stand closer together and feel that it is a great privilege to serve one another.

Where you have done me the great honor to send me now in official life, if I cannot do something for my Comrades in my own State and other States, I shall feel that I have been sent there in vain. Nothing can be done for our Comrades too much. All that I can do will be done, with that love, that devotion that fills my heart towards every man who wears the button.

I should say no more but I wish to acknowledge, Mr. Commander and the Encampment of the State of Michigan, the receipt while I was in Washington in official life of this beautiful badge upon which is written that I was the first Department Commander of the State of Michigan. I would rather have that than a thousand acres of the best pine land in the State. The other badge is perhaps the only one that is worn in the State—I hope there may be many more—that of Commander-in-Chief, presented to me by my staff as Commander-in-Chief: This belongs to the State; that belongs to me. Good bye.

The Department Commander—I am informed that a committee of ladies from Charles T. Foster Relief Corps No. 7 is in waiting at the door, and desire to be presented



to the Encampment. I will appoint as a committee to escort the ladies to the stage Comrades Allen, Pond, and Northwood, who will immediately escort them into the room. In the meantime we will suspend the regular order of business.

The committee of ladies were escorted to the stage.

The Department Commander—I have the honor to introduce to you Mrs. Lozee and a committee from Charles T. Foster Relief Corps No. 7.

Mrs. Lozee—Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in behalf of Charles T. Foster Relief Corps No. 7, whose representatives we are, I have the honor—and I deem it an honor that can come to one but once in a lifetime, to present through you to the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, this flag—“Old Glory”—

“The flag of the freeheart's hope and home!  
By angel hands and valor given,  
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,  
And all thy hues were born in heaven.”

Commander, in the days of '61 you fought to preserve the honor of this flag, allowing no stars to be blotted from its field of blue and no traitorous hand to tear it from your grasp; and so now we offer it to you, well knowing that the boys of Michigan will never see it dishonored nor its beautiful folds trailed in the dust. We ask you to accept it in the name of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty from the banner corps of the Department of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Celia A. Lozee, President Corps No. 7; Elizabeth A. Kenney, Secretary Corps No. 7; Jennie L. Pond, Past Department President; Sarah H. Wyckoff, Past President Corps No. 7; Laura L. Rice, Past President Corps No. 7; Nora Wortman; Althea Clark; Delia Paine; Flora Leshner.—Committee Charles T. Foster Relief Corps.

The Department Commander—I have a Comrade here whom I will call upon to receive this flag on behalf of the Department of Michigan, who can do it a great deal better than I can—Comrade E. M. Allen.

Comrade Allen—Commander, Comrades, and Ladies of this Corps—It is the duty of a soldier always to obey his superior officer. I will accept this command and endeavor, to obey it to the best of my ability. In behalf of our

Commander, in behalf of these Comrades assembled of the Department of Michigan and the fourteen thousand Comrades who are not here but who are represented, we accept this beautiful banner from your hands. I thought as I listened to the eloquent words of the lady who presented it, when she said that all the colors of this flag are born in heaven, and I looked over these members of her committee, I thought that the colors are not only born in heaven, but the agency through which it is transmitted to us came from heaven, too; at least, if they did not come from heaven, they are all bound for heaven, whither, I trust, we are all marching. I assure you, ladies, that this flag which you have given to the Department of Michigan will be kept by us and maintained unsullied, not only at Department headquarters, but every Comrade will bear from this Encampment a picture of this scene and will ever be proud of this day. You will pardon me if on this occasion I take a moment to review the history of the flag.

It is a history not often told in song or story. There is a tradition that when King Richard led his Royal army to Palestine, in the great Crusade to wrest from impious hands the empty sepulchre of a risen Lord, there followed in his train a sturdy yeoman from western England. He wore a stout heart and ready blade and rode by his sovereign's side through all the varied fortunes of that ill starred campaign. He afterward suffered imprisonment with his king and finally returned with him to Merry England to receive the meed of praise, which beauty ever gives to knightly chivalry. Through all the chances of battle, before beleaguered Jerusalem, he wore upon his arm a shield of brass, upon which were embossed the same ensigns which now adorn our flag and the name of this cavalier was Washington. His descendants with commendable loyalty held an honored place in all the succeeding wars of his country, until from the fateful field of Nasby, where his king, Charles the First, lost his kingdom and eventually his head, Sir John Washington retired to private life. Eight years, chafing under the rule of the Protector, vainly hoping for the time when Charles the Second should come into his own, induced him to seek in the New World a broader field for civil and religious liberty. He brought hither among his household deities the same device which had reflected the sun in Palestine

and was dented with sturdy blows at Marsden Moor and Nasby and it became a part of his family arms. When General Washington ordered our flag to be constructed he knew he was perpetuating the arms of his family, although his modesty forbade him to proclaim it. So this flag we love, which is the exponent of those principles which have been crystallized in heroic deed on a thousand battle fields is ours by inheritance with all its history running back into tradition. But we love it not simply for its history. We love it because it guarantees that every son who has sworn allegiance, be he rich or poor, black or white, whether at home or abroad, may wear upon his brow the imperial coronet of an American citizen.

And I say to you, ladies, that these men, grown old with passing years, whose brows are corrugated with time and whose heads are crowned with silver can be safely entrusted to preserve this flag with all its splendid history. They gave their best years of their young manhood to its defense, and many of them certified their loyalty to the flag with the purple current of their blood; and when the last man of the Grand Army of the Republic shall have heard the bugle sound "lights out," and shall have heard the reveille that welcomes him to the camp beyond, the motive that prompted you to bestow this flag upon the Department of Michigan will live. Again, in behalf of the Department and the Commander, I thank you for this flag.

The ladies having retired, the regular order of business was resumed.

The Senior Vice Department Commander read his report, and it was referred to the following committee: Comrades D. S. Howard, Post 147; H. A. Backus, Post 17; H. B. White, Post 17.

The report was as follows:

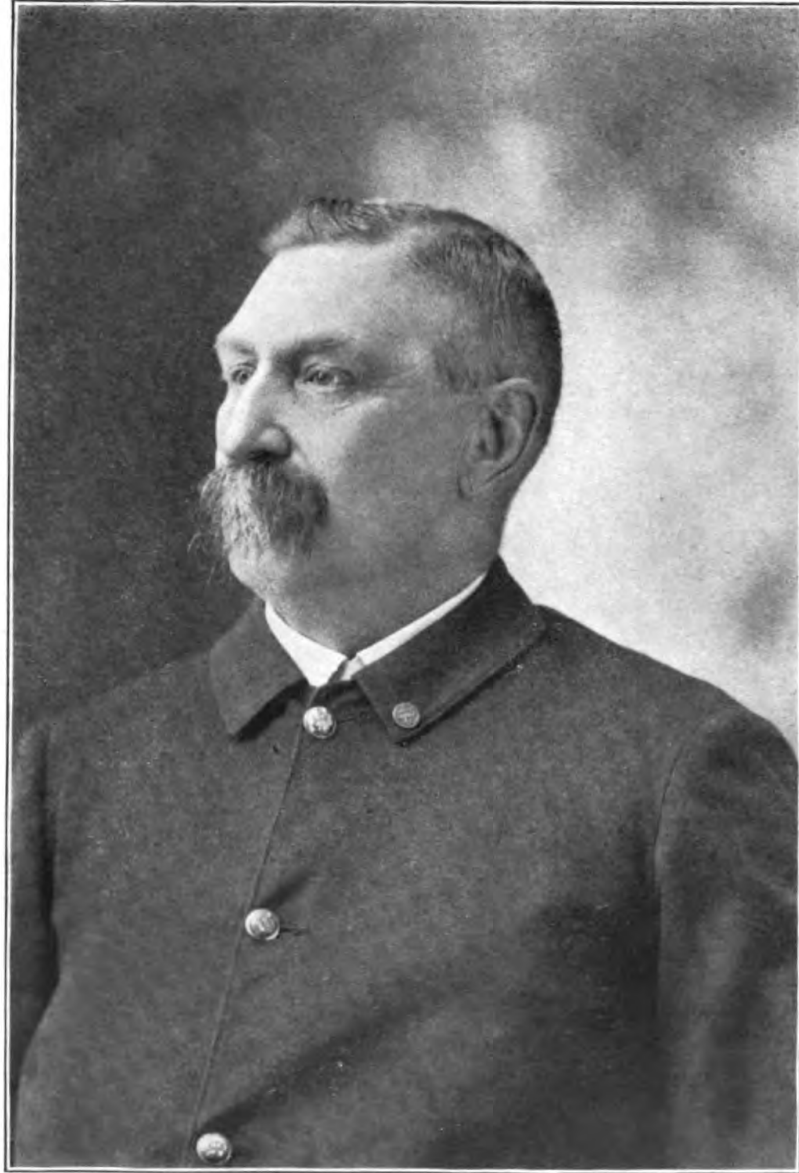
Pontiac, Mich., June 3, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor and pleasure of submitting my annual report as Senior Vice Department Commander.

During the past year I have attended several Posts in





**M. D. RICHARDSON,**  
Junior Vice Department Commander, G. A. R.

the eastern part of Michigan and found them to be in a prosperous condition and have always received a most hearty welcome from the Comrades.

To our beloved Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps many thanks are due for the earnest work they have done and are doing in enlisting new members in order that their good work may still go on when they shall have passed away and the boys of '98 be cared for as we have been by these noble women.

The observance of Decoration Day was very general and it would seem as though the true spirit of observing the day in devotion to the memory of the heroes who have crossed the "Great Divide" is growing greater every year. One of the most interesting features of the day at Pontiac was the reading of an essay by Talbot Smith, one of the competitors in the prize contest. I would recommend that the custom of awarding a prize to members of the schools for the best essays devoted to Decoration Day be perpetuated as it lends interest and zest to the coming men and women in the study of our Nation and of our Grand Organization.

I attended the National Encampment at Washington and am glad to say that Michigan was nobly represented there by the men who represented Michigan in the days of '61-'65, their steps are growing more feeble and their number fewer as the years go by, but their love of home and native land still burns bright within them.

Very respectfully yours in F., C. & L.,

LEANDER B. VAN KLEEK,  
Senior Vice Department Commander.

The report of the Junior Vice Department Commander was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades M. Brown, Post 274; O. Tomlinson, Post 269; and R. B. Davis, Post 10.

The report was as follows:

Lansing, Mich., June 7, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G. Department of Michigan,  
Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir:—I have the pleasure of submitting my report as Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and in

so doing I desire to call the attention of the Department to an act of the Legislature of 1897, entitled An Act to prefer the employment of Veterans of the late Civil War, in all public places in the State of Michigan; which act was amended by the Legislature of 1899, so as to include the soldiers of the late Spanish-American War in its provisions, which said act as amended is found on page 147 of the Journal of the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of the State of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic. A provision in section one of said act, which requires the applicant to be a resident of the county where such employment is to be performed for at least two years directly previous to such application, renders it inoperative and of no effect.

An amendment to remedy the defect referred to was drafted by Judge Cahill, Ex-Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan, and was introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Colby on January 28, 1903. It was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, who reported the same to the House favorably, and recommended its passage. Said amendment was subsequently referred to the Judiciary Committee, the said Judiciary Committee refusing to make any report on the amendment, it slept the sleep of death in their hands.

We hope this Encampment may take such action in the matter as may be necessary, to have it properly brought before the next Legislature, so that the Veterans of the Civil War may obtain the rights which sacredly belong to them for services rendered in the time of our Nation's need. Other states have already enacted laws similar to the one herein referred to, and which have the approval of the Supreme Court of their respective States, and we know of no just reason why the great State of Michigan should not make the same or similar provisions for the Veterans residing therein, as any other State in the Union.

We also call the attention of this Encampment to a concurrent resolution which was passed by the House and Senate of the State of Michigan, and which was approved by the Governor during the session of 1901, which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, The heroes of the war for the preservation of the Union are fast passing away; and

"WHEREAS, It is fitting that the memory of those heroes and

their brave deeds should be kept prominently in the minds of the youth of this country, that they may be respected and honored as their patriotism merits; therefore

*“Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the Congress of the United States be respectfully requested to take appropriate action for the presentation to each honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the war for the preservation of the Union, of some suitable badge or button, properly protected by law, whereby he may be designated as one of the country’s defenders in her hour of peril; and*

*“Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be instructed to use all proper means to secure legislation by Congress appropriate to this end; and*

*“Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit copies of these resolutions to President McKinley and to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.*

*“Approved.*

*“A. T. BLISS, Governor.”*

On December 4, 1901, Hon. J. C. Burrows, U. S. Senator of Michigan, introduced in the Senate of the United States the following bill; to wit:—

#### A GOVERNMENT BADGE FOR THE VETERANS.

A bill to provide for presenting a badge or button to each honorably discharged soldier, sailor and marine of the war for the preservation of the Union, and for protecting the same by law.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that every honorably discharged soldier, sailor and marine who was in the military or naval service of the United States for a period of not less than ninety days at any time between the 12th day of April, Anno Domini, 1861, and the first day of July, Anno Domini, 1865, shall be entitled to receive a badge or button from the Government of the United States, as a testimonial of his services in the war for the preservation of the Union.

Section 2. That such badge or button shall be made of some suitable metal, and shall be after a pattern to be prescribed by a joint board consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.

Section 3. That said joint board shall also prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary in regard to the form of applications for such badge or button, the degree or amount of proof required to establish the fact that the applicant rendered service entitling him to such badge or button, and the identity of the applicant. But the records of the War Department and the Navy Department of the United States shall in all cases be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated in regard to the service of the applicant.

Section 4. That every person who shall counterfeit any badge or button adopted and issued under the provisions of this act



shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment not more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Section 5. That every person who shall falsely and fraudulently wear, display or use as his, with intent to deceive, any badge or button adopted and issued under the provisions of this act, but which badge or button was awarded and issued to and intended for any other person, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment not more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Section 6. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Said bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, where it still remains, and we believe no effort has been made by said committee to have said bill reported out so that the Senate could act thereon.

Now, in consideration that laws have been and are still being enacted by the General Government of the United States, and by the several States of the Union, to teach patriotism to the coming generations who will inhabit this great Republic, that if the foregoing bill, or one similar, should become a law, it would be an object lesson, which would teach patriotism more effectually than any other method ever devised; besides placing a badge of honor on the breasts of those who faced death in defense of the flag we are so justly proud of today, and which would only be a small pittance of the recognition due them by the greatest government on earth, and which they so nobly earned and justly deserve.

We would respectfully ask that this Encampment give the matter careful consideration, hoping that a suitable memorial may be presented to Congress by this Encampment requesting that the foregoing bill, or one similar, may become a law and operative at an early date.

My relations with the officers of the Department, and of the Department itself, have been most cordial, and I have endeavored to commit no act that would cast a reflection on the Department which has honored me as Junior Vice Commander. I extend my sincere thanks to the Department, for the courteous treatment extended to me, and I assure them that I fully appreciate the honor they have conferred upon me.

Yours in F., C. & L.,  
M. D. RICHARDSON,  
Junior Vice Commander, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

The Department Commander appointed the following committees:

Committee on Resolutions—Comrades C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; P. H. McBride, Post 262; M. C. Barney, Post 145.

Committee to visit the Woman's Relief Corps—E. M. Allen, Post 132; S. J. Lawrence, Post 218; George H. Hopkins, Post 384.

Committee to Visit Sons of Veterans—O. Tomlinson, Post 269; T. E. Potter, Post 42; W. D. Brainard, Post 111.

Committee to Visit Ladies of the G. A. R.—Frank R. Chase, Post 126; W. W. Root, Post 441; W. H. Leroy, Post 377.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General was read and referred to the following committee: A. B. Coffinbury, Post 5; John W. Eddy, Post 7; H. L. Bryant, Post 255.

The report was as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 LANSING MICH., MAY 9, 1903. }

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander:

Comrade—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order I have prepared and now submit for the consideration of this Department a detailed report of the transactions of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General for the past year.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The reports sent to National Headquarters during your term of office as consolidated from the semi-annual reports as sent in by the Posts of this Department are as follows:

	Posts.	Members
Number in good standing, Dec. 31, 1901.....	368	14,406
Term ending June 30, 1902.		
Gains:		
By muster .....	217	
By transfer .....	114	
By reinstatement .....	210	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	2	23
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Total gain first term.....	2	564
Aggregate .....	370	14,970
Losses:		
By death .....	216	
By honorable discharge.....	18	
By transfer .....	88	
By suspension .....	412	
By delinquent reports.....	5	132
By surrender of charter.....	4	52
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Total loss first term.....	9	918
Number remaining in good standing at end of first term.....	361	14,052
Term ending December 31, 1902.		
Gains:		
By muster .....	131	
By transfer .....	96	
By reinstatement .....	205	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	3	78
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Total gain second term.....	3	510
Aggregate .....	364	14,562
Losses:		
By death .....	185	
By honorable discharge.....	34	
By transfer .....	74	
By suspension .....	470	
By delinquent reports.....	3	57
By surrender of charter.....	2	26
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Total loss second term.....	5	846
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1902.....	359	13,716
During the first term ending June 30, 1902		
Posts No. 315, 355, were reinstated.		
Posts No. 195, 285, 339, 443, 444, reported as delinquent.		
Posts No. 106, 247, 249, 355, surrendered their charters.		

During the second term ending December 31, 1902  
Posts No. 195, 285, 339, were reinstated.  
Posts No. 244, 257, 339, were reported as delinquent.  
Posts No. 161, 356, surrendered their charters.

It is well known that this does not show the condition of the Department today, as the membership received and lost since January 1, 1903, does not enter into this report.

The total gain in membership from all sources has been 1,074, while the total losses from all sources is 1,764. A net loss for the year of nine Posts and 690 members. Of this number 401 members died. The most fruitful source of loss to our membership is the suspended list; reports show the Posts of this Department are carrying 2,579 on suspended list. This is not quite 19 per cent of our present membership. Some of the Posts are reporting more on the suspended list than they do in good standing, for example one Post reports 75 members in good standing and 118 remaining on suspended list; there are 14 Posts reporting more than 100 per cent above membership on suspended list, and 23 Posts reporting over 50 per cent on suspended list while many others are carrying a less number of suspended members.

I mention these facts hoping that some good result may come from a knowledge of these matters; the remedy lies with the individual Posts, should we not make a strong effort to get these back into the ranks? Here is an opportunity for work in recruiting our membership.

The gain by muster during 1901 was 411 while in 1902 we only mustered 348, a falling off of 63. I know it is believed that from this time on there must be a continual loss in our membership. I cannot agree with this when the best information we have shows that less than half of the Civil War Veterans living within the borders of our State are members of our noble Order.

It is believed if an earnest effort should be made that many could be induced to join the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is with not a little pride and pleasure that we can report two new Posts organized and mustered in. On January 17th, application was received from J. E. Cohe-nour and 16 others of Saugatuck for a Charter for a new Post. which was granted and the Post was mustered in on February 9th. Col. B. D. Pritchard of Post 56 being detailed as mustering officer. On May 4th received ap-

plication from G. W. Groom and 12 others of Perrinton, Gratiot County, for Charter for a Post and asking permission to take the same name and number as the disbanded Post, which was granted and Charles Price Post 405 was mustered in May 13th by Special Mustering Officer Robert Anderson of Post 127. These Posts having been organized and mustered since December 31, 1902, do not appear in the consolidated report. These are some of the legacies you will leave to your successor.

#### FINANCES.

The cash receipts that have come into my hands are as follows:

From per capita tax, first term.....	\$1,405 20
From per capita tax, second term.....	1,371 60
From charter fees.....	20 00
From other sources.....	16 00
From sales of supplies.....	350 02
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,162 82</b>

All of which has been paid over in cash or voucher to Assistant Quartermaster Chas. D. Blanchard as per his receipts on file.

Full details of the expenditures will appear in the reports of the Assistant Quartermaster General and the Council of Administration to which you are referred.

A full assortment of supplies has been kept at Headquarters and all orders sent there have been filled. There is a falling off in the demand for supplies due possibly to the fact that very few new Posts are being organized.

The receipts of the Assistant Adjutant General are (\$115.69) less than 1901, owing to decrease in membership, there is a corresponding decrease in Per Capita Tax. There has been a call for increase of expenses in some directions. The Encampment at Cleveland increased the Per Capita Tax to the National Department one cent per member; this means about \$140.00 per year of increase tax to this Department.

There has been an increase in the price of printing, consequent upon the increase in price of material and labor. These increased demands show that the receipts have not quite met the expenditures, but if we can increase



**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.



our membership, and I believe we can, we can continue to show a surplus.

The value of Post supplies on hand is \$90.81, the value of Department property consisting of flags, office matter, etc., as fixed by the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration is \$141.00. This is a decrease from valuation of last year of \$33.00. Our Department flag is so nearly worn out that only a small valuation was affixed. There was a small decrease in valuation of Department banner, Union Jack and typewriter.

From the reports of the various Posts to the Department Headquarters for the term ending December 31, 1902. we find the following showing as to amount of property, cash and other items belonging to the Posts of the Department:

Cash in Post relief funds.....	\$1,602 34
Cash in Post general funds.....	11,320 37
Value of real estate.....	37,098 00
Estimated value of other property.....	46,194 66
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$96,315 37</b>

#### RELIEF.

The relief afforded by the Posts to needy and deserving Comrades as shown in the semi-annual reports is distressingly meager, the total relief as reported only amounts to \$399.66. I can hardly believe this represents the amounts actually given; all Posts should make sure that the personal charity of individual members as well as Post contributions is reported. It is unfortunate that in our reports to National Headquarters so incomplete a record has to be made, when all must admit it is but a fraction of what is actually given.

There has been issued during the year eight General Orders, three Special Orders, five dispensations, fifteen Special Details.

The correspondence at Headquarters has continued to be constant all through the year, care has been exercised to respond to all inquiries received as promptly and fully as possible.

Once again Post Commanders and Adjutants are reminded that the semi-annual report ending June 30, blanks for which have been sent to the Adjutants, must be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General before



the 1st of July. The early session of the National Encampment makes it imperative that this call be heeded. There is danger that many Posts will be found on the delinquent list if reports and per capita tax are not sent in during this month. There will be no time for special calls.

You will observe from this report that six Posts have surrendered their Charters and disbanded. I believe that if a personal effort had been made by the members some of them might have existed for years yet, lack of interest and indifference is the primary cause of disbandment, in others small membership is the reason assigned. I like to refer to the words of a Comrade, (not of this Department however) who in forwarding his report showing a loss of one by death, leaving only five remaining, said: "It is our intention to keep up our organization as long as the Department will permit and life lasts. We did not enter the Grand Army to give up in dismay and hold up our hands at discouraging drawbacks; we are not built that way."

The Journals of the Thirty-sixth National Encampment not having been received I wrote to the Adjutant General and on May 18th received from Past Adjutant General S. H. Towler the following reply:

"Dear Comrade—It has been a matter of very deep regret to me that there has been such a delay in the publication of the Journal of the Thirty-sixth National Encampment, but the fault is not with me. My work was all done and corrected more than two months ago, but the printers with whom I made the contract became overwhelmed with work, and to please their regular customers put my work aside. However the book is now in the bindery and I will ship a part or all of them this week. Five thousand copies have been printed and they will be distributed to the Departments in accordance with the recommendation and approval of both Commander-in-Chief Stewart and Past Commander-in-Chief Torrence. After supplying Present and Past National Officers and retaining a small supply for Headquarters and libraries, there will be left for distribution to the Department one copy for each two Posts."

Up to the time of leaving Headquarters at Lansing no Journals had been received.

This Encampment will choose one Representative and one Alternate at large, and 18 Representatives and 18 Alternates upon the basis of one Representative and one Alternate for each 750 members or major fraction thereof

to represent this Department at the Thirty-seventh National Encampment to be held at San Francisco, Cal., August 17-22, 1903.

There has been two meetings of the Council of Administration and two meetings of the Executive Committee of that body. The proceedings of which are attached to this report.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to express to you, Commander, my sincere thanks for the honor of my appointment as your Assistant Adjutant General. Our relations have been so far as I am concerned exceedingly happy, and I could not ask or expect greater consideration from my superior than you have invariably accorded me. I have endeavored to conscientiously and faithfully perform every known duty devolving upon me. It has been my purpose to serve you and the Department in a way that would meet your approval and be for the best interest of the Order. If I have succeeded in a degree I shall feel amply repaid for the effort. To the other Department officers and members of your personal staff, my relations have been pleasant indeed, and to you all from Department Commander down I express my grateful thanks. As my acquaintance with my Comrades throughout the State increases, my love and regard for them also increases.

There is no bond that unites us together like that of "Comrade." Cherish it as long as life shall last.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

## MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 PONTIAC, JUNE 12, 1902. }

In obedience to the call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met in parlor C, Hodges House at 4 p. m.

**Present:**

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander.  
 L. D. Van Kleek, Sen. Vice Department Commander.  
 M. D. Richardson, Jun. Vice Department Commander.  
 W. W. Root, Medical Director.  
 Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain.  
 Chas. D. Blanchard, Asst Q. M. Genl.  
 Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.  
 Council of Administration—E. B. Fenton, W. J. Just, Thomas Davey.

It was moved and supported that the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at \$1,000 and the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General at \$3,000.

Which motion was adopted.

The Department Commander announced as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Comrades E. B. Fenton, Post 384; W. J. Just, Post 211; C. E. Foote, Post 79.

Moved and seconded that the Department Commander be empowered to respond to the calls of weak Posts for visits, etc., by details of Comrades from near by Posts at the expense of the Department.

Which motion was carried.

After some informal talk on the good of the Order, on motion the council adjourned to meet at call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

**Approved:**

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 LANSING, MICH., MARCH 10, 1903. }

Pursuant to a call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee met at Department Headquarters in Capitol building at 10 a. m.

**Present:**

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander.  
 Chas. D. Blanchard, Asst. Q. M. Gen.  
 Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.  
 Executive Committee—C. E. Foote, W. J. Just.

The Committee proceeded to examine the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General and found the same correct.

Comrade Foote moved and it was supported that Comrade E. B. Fenton be authorized to secure Headquarters for the Department of Michigan at San Francisco, Cal., for the coming National Encampment to be held in August, said quarters to consist of one parlor for General Headquarters to be supplied with two folding beds, also three rooms for two persons each, that the Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to confer with Comrade Fenton in arranging for and securing these Headquarters.

Which was adopted.

Comrade Just moved that the Twenty-fifth Department Encampment be held on the 9th, 10th and 11th of June at Muskegon that being the place selected by the last Encampment.

The motion prevailed.

It was moved that the Assistant Adjutant General visit Muskegon and make such arrangements for Department Headquarters as may be deemed necessary.

Motion adopted.

Comrade Foote moved that the Assistant Adjutant General secure the services of a stenographer to take the minutes of the Encampment, and prepare them for the printer.

The motion was adopted.

Moved and carried that the Department invite the Commander-in-Chief to attend the Department Encampment and Camp Fire on Wednesday June 10th.

Which motion prevailed and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to invite the Commander-in-Chief.

The following valuation was placed upon the Department property :

1 Silk Flag (poor condition).....	\$10 00
1 Union Jack .....	12 00
1 letter scale .....	1 50
1 Department seal .....	2 00
1 numbering machine .....	10 00
1 duplicator .....	4 00
1 Department banner.....	40 00
1 bunting flag (old).....	2 50
1 letter press.....	1 00
1 typewriter .....	50 00
1 frame for Dept. Commander photo.....	8 00
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Total valuation.....	\$141 00

Committee adjourned subject to call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:  
EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
MUSKEGON, JUNE 9, 1903. }

Persuant to call of the Department Commander the Executive Committee met in Room 147 Occidental Hotel at 3:30 p. m.

Present:  
Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander.  
Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.  
Chas. D. Blanchard, Asst. Q. M. Gen.  
Council of Administration—Capt. E. B. Fenton, C. E. Foote, O. Tomlinson.

The Committee proceeded to examine and audit the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General which they found

correct, showing a balance of \$1.490.54 in General Fund, Alger Fund \$967.72, interest \$14.51. making a total of \$982.23 on deposit to the credit of the Alger Fund.

Moved and supported that above report be adopted.  
Motion to adjourn prevailed.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:  
EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
MUSKEGON, JUNE 9, 1903. }

Agreeable to published call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met in Room 147, Occidental Hotel, Muskegon, Mich.

**Present:**

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander.  
L. D. Van Kleek, Sen. Vice Dept. Commander.  
Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.  
Chas. D. Blanchard, Asst. Q. M. Gen.  
Council of Administration—E. B. Fenton, C. E. Foot, O. Tomlinson, Thomas Davey.

Minutes of two preceding meetings of the Executive Committee were read and on motion were approved.

The Commander announced the death of Comrade W. J. Just, a member of the Council of Administration. A Committee on Resolutions on death of Comrade Just was appointed consisting of Comrades Tomlinson, Foote, and VanKleek.

The Committee reported as follows:

At a meeting of the Council of Administration, G. A. R., Department of Michigan, June 9, 1903, the death of Comrade W. J. Just was announced by the Department Commander and referred to the undersigned as a Committee to submit resolutions appropriate thereto.

Now therefore resolved, That the Council of Administration in the death of Comrade Just has lost a faithful and efficient member and Comrade, who has served for many years faithfully and well. That the Department has lost a loyal Comrade whose sympathies and acts were

at all times a living evidence of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

That these resolutions be spread at large upon the records of the Assistant Adjutant General and that that officer is hereby instructed to furnish a copy thereof to the bereaved widow and family.

O. TOMLINSON,  
C. E. FOOTE,  
L. D. VAN KLEEK,  
Committee.

On motion the resolutions as read were adopted.

There being no further business, on motion the Council of Administration adjourned sine die.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was read and referred to the following Committee: E. O. Jameson, Post 384; J. O. Bellair, Post 5; H. A. Backus, Post 17.

The report was as follows:

Muskegon, June 9, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—In compliance with rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to herewith submit to you my report of the business transacted in the office of the Quartermaster General of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., for last year.



**CHARLES D. BLANCHARD,**  
Assistant Quartermaster General, G. A. R.







Voucher.	Date.	Claim.	Amount.
1902.			
9	July 21..	Telephone A. A. G.'s office.....	85 00
10	July 21..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
A	Aug. 15..	Per capita tax National Department.....	246 31
B	Sept. 8..	Supplies from Q. M. G.....	16 00
11	Sept. 11..	Postoffice stamp, express, etc., A. A. G. office.....	12 75
12	Sept. 11..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
13	Sept. 11..	C. V. R. Pond compiling proceedings 24 Department Encampment.....	50 00
14	Sept. 11..	Salary A. A. G., half month.....	45 84
15	Sept. 11..	" " " ".....	45 83
16	Sept. 11..	Supplies, A. A. G.'s office.....	32 15
17	Sept. 12..	Jewett & Knapp, badge ribbon.....	9 00
C	Sept. 15..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
D	Sept. 22..	J. K. Davidson, metal badges for 36 National Encamp- ment at Washington.....	61 60
E	Sept. 29..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
F	Oct. 6..	Ribbon badges, Judd and Detweiler, Washington, D.C.....	11 00
G	Oct. 7..	S. D. Pierce, Dec. Dept. H. Q. at Washington.....	20 00
H	Oct. 11..	H. Q. Exp. 36th National Encampment.....	252 85
I	Oct. 11..	Placards for Michigan Headquarters.....	4 00
J	Oct. 11..	Mounts for staff 30th National Encampment.....	49 00
K	Oct. 18..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
L	Oct. 24..	Post 384, band 36th National Encampment.....	50 00
M	Oct. 31..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
N	Nov. 3..	Supplies from Q. M. G.....	38 38
O	Nov. 12..	Trans. A. Q. M. G.....	18 00
P	Nov. 12..	Robert Smith Printing Co.....	75 15
Q	Nov. 17..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
R	Dec. 1..	" " " ".....	45 83
18	Dec. 6..	Office expense A. A. G.....	20 10
19	Dec. 6..	Miss M. Wyckoff, cutting ribbon badges.....	1 50
20	Dec. 6..	H. H. Stalker & Co., printing ribbon badges.....	2 00
21	Dec. 6..	A. A. G. Ex. 36th National Encampment.....	5 56
22	Dec. 6..	Office expense A. A. G.....	11 10
23	Dec. 6..	Ezra Baker, one B duplicator.....	5 00
24	Dec. 6..	Wynkoop, Hallenbeck, Crawford & Co., printing.....	8 50
25	Dec. 6..	Office expense A. A. G.....	25 18
26	Dec. 29..	C. E. Foote, Attg. Leg. committee.....	5 10
27	Dec. 29..	A. Milnes, " ".....	5 00
28	Dec. 29..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
29	Dec. 29..	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	6 44
1903.			
30	Jan. 7..	Office expense A. A. G.....	10 57
31	Jan. 7..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
S	Jan. 12..	Supplies from Q. M. G.....	27 70
32	Jan. 17..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
T	Feb. 16..	National per capita tax.....	241 39
U	Feb. 24..	Supplies from Q. M. G.....	27 85
33	Feb. 25..	Office expense A. A. G.....	8 48
34	Feb. 25..	Telephone A. A. G.'s office.....	5 00
35	Feb. 25..	A. Milnes, Exp. Attg. Leg. committee.....	5 80
36	Feb. 25..	C. E. Foote, " ".....	4 75
37	Feb. 25..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
38	Feb. 25..	Crotty Bros., supplies.....	3 00
39	Feb. 25..	Salary for half month A. A. G.....	45 84
V	Mar. 2..	" " " ".....	45 83
W	Mar. 12..	Exp. meet. ex. committee, Blanchard.....	35 64

Vouchers.	Date.	Claim.	Amount.
	1903.		
X	Mar. 16..	Exp. meet. ex. committee, Anthony.....	\$38 14
Y	Mar. 19..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
40	Apr. 3..	Office expense A. A. G.....	8 04
41	Apr. 3..	Exp. meet ex. committee, Just.....	2 78
42	Apr. 3..	" " " " C. E. Foote.....	6 61
43	Apr. 3..	Humphrey drum corps National Encampment.....	20 00
44	Apr. 3..	Exp. A. A. G. to Muskegon.....	7 13
45	Apr. 3..	Office expense A. A. G.....	10 32
Z	Apr. 3..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
A-2	Apr. 3..	Supplies from Q. M. G.....	33 70
46	Apr. 15..	Printing 500 Department Rosters, 1903.....	61 00
47	Apr. 15..	Exp. Attg. Leg. Committee, C. E. Foote.....	8 10
48	Apr. 15..	" " " " A. Milnes.....	5 00
49	Apr. 15..	Office supplies A. A. G.....	19 50
B-2	Apr. 15..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
C-	Apr. 30..	" " " " ".....	45 83
D-	May 15..	" " " " ".....	45 84
E-	May 18..	Supplies from Q. M. G.....	13 00
F-2	May 26..	R. E. Brackett, prize medals, for high schools.....	50 00
50	June 2..	J. A. Bissinger, flowers for funeral of W. J. Just.....	4 00
51	June 2..	Crotty Bros. letter copy book.....	2 15
52	June 2..	Office expense A. A. G.....	14 17
53	June 2..	" " " " ".....	10 19
54	June 2..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
G-2	June 3..	Robert Smith Printing Co.....	112 85
H-2	June 6..	Salary A. Q. M. G.....	100 00
I-2	June 6..	Office expense A. Q. M. G.....	9 61
55	June 6..	Exp. A. A. G. Muskegon.....	4 30
J-2	June 9..	Exp. executive committee, Muskegon, Fenton.....	13 05
L-2	June 9..	" " " " Muskegon, Foote.....	9 98
M-2	June 9..	" " " " Muskegon, Tomlison.....	9 06
P-2	June 9..	Exp. credential committee, H. Spalding.....	8 35
N-2	June 9..	" " " " H. A. Chapin.....	3 31
K-2	June 9..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 79
O-2	June 9..	A. Q. M. G. expense to Muskegon.....	19 45
		<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,267 60</b>
<b>Total receipts cash.....</b>			<b>\$3,681 61</b>
<b>Total receipts vouchers.....</b>			<b>1,076 53</b>
			<b>\$4,757 14</b>
<b>Total disbursements.....</b>			<b>\$3,267 60</b>
<b>Balance on hand.....</b>			<b>1,490 54</b>

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Comrade Tomlinson, Post 269—Commander, in view of the program that has been adopted by the citizens for this afternoon, I move you that when this Encampment take a recess at the noon hour, that it stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Seconded and carried.

The report of the Medical Director was read and referred to the following committee: S. R. Wortes, Post 5; J. F. Fillmore, Post 173; W. M. Horton, Post 114.

The report was as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT  
OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
MASON, JUNE 6, 1903. }

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the year ending December 31, 1902:

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants.....	194	
No. of deaths during year.....	239	
No. who presumably died of wounds received in the service .....	9	
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service .....	90	
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	140	
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge .....	39	
The reasonable money value of such service.....		\$366 00
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines .....	33	
The reasonable money value of such service....		110 00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, Posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....		148 40
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies .....		\$624 40
No. of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions .....	25	
No. of ex-soldiers or sailors in almshouses.....	4	

The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes for the care of ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this Department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Membership December 31, 1902, present .....	810
On leave .....	217
	1,027
Total .....	1,027
Average present for year ending December 31, 1902.....	732
Number of deaths.....	106
Appropriation by State for the years ending December 31, 1902, for the current expenses of Home.....	\$124,000

The United States government allows \$100 per annum for each soldier cared for in a state soldiers' home, basing their estimate on the average number present in the home. There should, therefore, be paid to the State of Michigan, for the year ending December 31, 1902, \$73,200.00 which amount being deducted from the State appropriation of \$124,000.00 leaves the cost of caring for over 1,000 veterans and about 100 widows, wives and mothers of soldiers a trifle over \$5,000.00, or less than \$50.00 per capita. I have not reported the figures relating to the Women's building which will probably be reported by the officers of the W. R. C.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,  
WILLIAM W. ROOT,  
Medical Director.

Comrade Woodman—I received a letter yesterday informing me that the flag of the Fourteenth Michigan was found in the depot at Toronto, Canada, and if any member of the regiment is present today, if he will communicate with me, I will put him in the way of getting that flag.

The report of the Department Inspector was read and referred to the following committee: Geo. H. Hopkins, Post 384; Seymour Foster, Post 42; Albert Dunham, Post 45.

The report was as follows:

Lansing, Mich., June 17, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Michigan:

Comrade—I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the transactions of the Posts of the Department of Michigan, for the year ending June 30, 1903:

Total number of Posts.....	359
Total number of members in good standing.....	13,716
Number of Posts inspected.....	262
Number of Posts not inspected.....	97
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings..	Fair to good
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified .....	240
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped.....	50
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed..	35
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept .....	258
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax has been forwarded.....	258
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	52
Aggregate of Post relief fund.....	\$2,277 96
Aggregate expenditures by Posts for relief.....	986 46
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermaster....	17,159 56
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts....	54,051 27
Number of Posts with Woman's Relief Corps attached	187
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	17
Number of Posts with Ladies of the G. A. R. attached.	14

I repeat what has been said by my predecessors in regard to the present system of inspection in this Department, it seems to me that it is an outlay of money and labor, from which no value is received. The most valuable information obtained is also reported to the Assistant Adjutant General in the semi-annual reports, and in many cases the reports of the inspectors are inaccurate. Most of our Comrades will remember that inspection was the part of the service most dreaded during the war, then we were young and compelled to do it.

The original object of inspection was to find the weak Posts and then detail a Comrade from some strong neighboring Post to visit them and place them on a war footing. My experience has been that the large strong Posts make prompt and accurate reports, while the small weak Posts do not report at all.

You will see by my report that out of 359 Posts in good



standing only 262 were inspected, leaving a balance of 97 Posts uninspected, which was caused mostly by the following orders sent out from National Headquarters at the time I should have received the reports:

**General Order No. 2.**

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
Independence Hall, Philadelphia, November 25, 1902.

Article 9.—At the Thirty-sixth National Encampment, the following amendments to the Rules and Regulations were adopted:

The abolition of the offices of Inspector General and Department Inspector, and the reports required of and by these officers, was recommended..... The Committee reported—

We do not concur as to the officers, but do concur as to dispensing with the formal reports, and to this end recommend the adoption of the following, in lieu of Article 5, Chapter 5, page 30 (providing for inspection).

The report of the committee was adopted, and Article 5, Chapter 5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief, or any Department Commander may require the inspection of any Department or Post in their respective jurisdictions, whenever they may believe that the best interests of the order requires it. For this purpose, they may detail a Comrade, who shall for the time being, be called an Inspector. The duties of such officer shall be prescribed by the Commander-in-Chief, or the Department Commander making the appointment.

I heartily agree with the National Encampment in the amendment made, and I recommend that this Encampment advise the carrying out of the same by the Department Commander.

In conclusion I wish to thank Commander Anthony for the honor conferred on me by appointing me Department Inspector. I have tried to do my duty, but it has been the hardest and most worrying position I have ever filled in the Grand Army, for the reason that a great majority of the Comrades have had no confidence in the present mode of inspection, as has already been clearly shown by the action of the National Encampment.

In retiring from this my official station, I shall ever remember with pleasure the courtesies and kindnesses that have been shown me during my term as Department Inspector.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,  
GEO. W. STONE,  
Department Inspector.





**WILLIAM PUTNAM,**  
Department Chaplain, G. A. R.

The report of the Department Chaplain was read and referred to the following committee: H. S. White, Post 202; D. S. Howard, Post 147; M. Stilson, Post 395.

The following is the report.

Lansing, Mich., June 8, 1903.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I herewith render to you my report as Chaplain of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., for the year 1902.

The work of the Department Chaplain consist mainly in obtaining and compiling reports embodying statistics of the Posts of this Department, relating to Memorial Sunday services and Decoration Day and report to you. These observances and statistics constitute quite an important item in the purposes and history of the Grand Army of the Republic, and should receive the careful and thorough attention of every Post, especially every Post Chaplain or Adjutant, in promptly, fully and correctly preparing such report and transmitting it to the Department Chaplain or Assistant Adjutant General. Instead, many are carelessly and imperfectly executed, long delayed, or neglected altogether.

To fill out these reports requires very little time and trouble if done promptly, while the data is fresh and the mind still interested in them. It would greatly aid in securing these reports if they were called for by each Post at the first meeting after Decoration Day, read, corrected if necessary, approved, and ordered sent at once to Department Headquarters. This business treatment of the report would give the members of Posts information they do not all possess and convey a more just impression of prominence and importance to it, as an historical document, the items of which go to swell the great aggregate of the vast work done by the Posts in their patriotic and sacred act of remembering and honoring the names and services of Comrades who gave themselves as sacrifices on the alter of our Country's salvation in the hour of peril; constituting a service and honor surpassing that rendered by and to the soldiers of any other age or country.

To obtain these reports from all the Posts as far as possible has been difficult and laborious. Up to July, 268 reports had been received from the 361 Posts, leaving a deficiency of nearly 100. Printed circulars were then prepared and sent to the Adjutant of each delinquent Post, soliciting an immediate report, and obtaining 52 responses. Early in August the circular was again sent to about 40 still delinquent, obtaining 12 responses. In September the appeal was sent the third time to 24 still delinquent, accompanied by a blank form of report—all that could be obtained—from which only 7 responses came. Finally, in October, we wrote a personal letter to the Commander of each remaining delinquent Post as follows:

Comrade—I am very anxious to receive a report of Memorial and Decoration Day services of last May from every Post if possible.

At our last Department Encampment much regret and dissatisfaction was publicly expressed that so many Posts failed to report the previous year. This year, by repeated appeals to Adjutants of Posts, I have reports from all but 17. Your Post is one of the 17. Last month, with my third appeal, I sent a blank form of report to be filled out and returned, but have not yet received it. These reports are important. Will you, as Commander, be so kind as to urge a report at once from your Chaplain or Adjutant, and greatly oblige.

Very truly yours, in F., C. and L.,  
WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.

From this appeal came only four responses, leaving 13 Posts from which we could obtain no report.

A number of reports are deficient and imperfect. A few make no mention of the number of graves decorated. By careful and repeated addition of long columns of figures to obtain accuracy, we reach the following results:

Number of reports received.....	348
Number of Sunday Memorial services attended.....	338
Number of Sermons preached to Posts.....	334
Number of Veterans who preached sermons to Posts....	24
Number of Sons of Veterans who preached sermons to Posts .....	35
Number of Comrades reported present at these services..	10,008
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	340
Number of Comrades participating in this observance....	13,739
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated....	1,107
Number of graves of Comrades decorated.....	22,002

Number of graves without proper headstones.....	2,228
Number of public schools participating.....	592
Number of pupils participating.....	44,875
Number of other organizations participating.....	469
Number of Posts having public addresses delivered.....	304
Number of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	65
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	41
Number of Posts owning burial plots.....	169

These reports, the results of which are here exhibited, show a great public work done by the Posts of this Department in large numbers of Sunday services and sermons, hundreds of Decoration Day parades and addresses, thousands of citizens and school children enlisted and may thousands of graves of Comrades visited and decorated with flowers and flags.

It reflects honor on Comrades, living or dead. It awakened great public interest, and sympathy, and cooperation in the purposes of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the sacred solemnity of Memorial Day as a great National anniversary devoted to the memory of our Country's great sacrifice for Liberty, Union and perpetuation.

These services constitute annually one of the grandest and most sublime National object lessons in Patriotism this country can produce, and everything should be done that can be done to not only make it a proud success, but to have its full records exhibited by every Post in our country showing their part, however great or small, in this perpetuation of a great historical feature of our national existence.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.

Department Commander—I regret to announce that Chief Mustering Officer W. W. Wheeler is unable to be present. The Assistant Adjutant General will read his report.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the report which is as follows:

Flint, Mich., June 6, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan:

Dear Comrade—I have the honor to report to you and through you to the Commander of this Department, that I have not been called upon to muster any Posts personally. Two Posts have been mustered since December 31, 1902, Post No. 460 of Saugatuck was mustered February 9, 1903, Col. B. D. Pritchard, by request, being detailed to muster the Post. Chas. Price Post No. 405 was mustered by Comrade Robert Anderson of Post 127 on May 13th. This Post taking the name and number of the old Post.

The fact that only two Posts have been mustered forcibly reminds us that our Comrades are fast passing away or are too old and feeble to take active interest in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thanking you, Commander, for the honor bestowed and regretting that I have not been able to do more, I am

Yours in F. C. & L.,

WM. W. WHEELER,

Chief Mustering Officer.

There being no recommendations for the Encampment to pass upon, Comrade Hale, Post 307, moved and it was seconded that the report be received and placed on file.  
Adopted.

The Encampment took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment assembled at 9 a. m. the hour to which it had taken a recess, with the Department Commander in the chair.

The Assistant Adjutant General—I have the report of the Judge Advocate, and also a letter from him announcing the fact that he will not be able to be here.

This is his report:

Union City, Mich., June 3, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to present the following report of the work of this office for the past year:

No matters of vital importance to the Department and no matters requiring action of the Department Encampment have been before the Judge Advocate. The few cases that have been submitted were of minor importance, and in most of the cases no questions were involved which are of importance to the Encampment or general membership of the Department.

I assume that whatever action has been taken in the particular cases has been satisfactory to Comrades concerned as I have heard of no appeals.

So far as known to me the Department is in a condition of entire harmony and been so fraternally during the entire year.

Through you I wish to thank the Department Commander for the honor bestowed, and all the officers of the Department and the many Comrades whom I have met during the year for kind and courteous treatment.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

M. A. MERRIFIELD,  
Judge Advocate.



Comrade Foote—Commander, in the report just read there is nothing to pass upon, and I move you that it be accepted and not referred to a committee.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Kanitz—If the Comrades will bear with me, I wish to make a statement to you. There are a great many Comrades who have come here to attend the Encampment and transact such business as may properly come before it, but they also have obligations at home, and they wish to get home as soon as possible, and also to participate in the election of officers. Would it not be well to fix the hour for the election of officers this morning at 9:30. and proceed until we get through, so Comrades who wish to go home on the 11 o'clock train can do so? I move you that we fix the hour for the election of officers at 9:30.

Seconded and carried unanimously.

Comrade Kelley, Post 32—I desire to hand the Adjutant a communication. It is a resolution inviting the Grand Army of the Republic to meet next year at Battle Creek. I understand there is scarcely any opposition here. I therefore move that the rules be suspended, and that we now proceed to fix the place of our next Encampment.

Carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the communication from Battle Creek, which was as follows:

June 5, 1903.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, Michigan Encampment,  
Muskegon, Michigan.

Gentlemen—The Mayor and Common Council of the city of Battle Creek take great pleasure in extending to the Grand Army of the Republic an invitation to hold their next annual encampment in this city.

Battle Creek, the "Queen City of Michigan," will put forth every effort to make your next encampment, should you decide to hold the same here, one never to be forgotten. We have every facility to offer by way of accommodations, railroad connections, etc. We respectfully urge the acceptance of this invitation.

Very respectfully yours,

FRED H. WEBB,  
Mayor.

GEO. W. HAMM,  
City Recorder.

Comrade Kelley—I now move you that the rules be suspended, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Battle Creek as the place of our next meeting.

Seconded, and carried unanimously, and the Assistant Adjutant General having cast one ballot for Battle Creek for the place of the next meeting of the Encampment, and it was declared to have been so selected.

Comrade Foote, Post 79—I desire at this time to present a resolution, and I take this opportunity of so doing before the election of officers, in order that all the Comrades present may hear it and vote upon it before the election of officers and before any Comrades retire. It is an important resolution, as I believe you will think after you have heard it:

WHEREAS, We recognize and esteem the splendid war record of Comrade John C. Black of Illinois, who rose from private soldier in April, 1861, to Brev. Brigadier General in August, 1866; and whose service began at Romney, W. Va. while in the three months service, and in the three year service continued in the Army of the Frontier, at Paririe Grove and Pea Ridge; the siege of Vicksburg; the storming of Blakely and Mobile campaign; and closed after the rebellion had collapsed, in Sheridan's army along the Rio Grande, that enforced respect for and obedience to the Monroe doctrine; and

WHEREAS, Having returned to the walks of civil life, shattered in limbs and with sadly impaired health, but with an intensified spirit of patriotism, loyalty and love for his comrades, Comrade Black has ever since then been in the foremost rank of the champions of the veteran soldiers of the great war, in action and in speech. As a member of Congress, as Commissioner of Pensions, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the National Home for disabled volunteer soldiers, as United States District Attorney, as Commander of the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, as President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Soldiers' Home, and as President of the Illinois Vicksburg Commission, he has had grand opportunities and he has always shown himself faithful to every trust and to the best interests of his Comrades; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Illinois has unanimously and by a rising vote declared Comrade John C. Black to be its choice for Commander-in-Chief of our Order to be presented at the National Encampment to be held at San Francisco next August, and has invited the Department of Michigan to join in his support; and

WHEREAS, The Departments of Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, California, Alabama, Arkansas and Virginia and North Carolina have in their recently held Encampments declared Comrade John C. Black of Illinois to be their candidate for Commander-in-Chief and directed

their delegates and representatives to vote for him at San Francisco; be it

*Resolved*, by the Department of Michigan in its Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment Assembly in the City of Muskegon, that the delegates and representatives of this Department in attendance upon the National Encampment at San Francisco, be, and they are hereby, instructed to support the candidacy of Comrade Black and to assist every honorable endeavor to elect him.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

Comrade Bliss—I am very much pleased to hear that resolution presented to our Department. I want to say a word for Comrade Black. Comrade Black I personally know. When we went to Portland, Maine, I was a member of a party in which were General and Mrs. Black, and I learned to love him and respect him. He is a very able, worthy gentleman, and a man that, according to his military record is one that we all ought to be proud of. He is very much crippled up by wounds, and impaired in health by the effects of those wounds. He was one of our Commissioners of Pensions, and I think there is no one can say but what he did his work loyally and faithfully. I speak not only for myself, but I am in hopes that our Department will endorse Comrade Black. I do not know of any other candidate before the different Departments at the present time for Commander-in-Chief. He has been a candidate before, but the time has come that we should recognize and elect Comrade Black for Commander-in-Chief at San Francisco. I hope Michigan will endorse him.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Department Commander—The next in order will be the report of the Committee on Soldiers' Home and Women's Annex. The Assistant Adjutant General will read the report, Col. Dean not being able to be present.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the report of the committee, which was as follows:

Ann Arbor, June 5, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Comrade—The committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, respectfully report that Friday, May 22d, was fixed as the day upon which to





GEO. W. STONE,  
Department Inspector, G. A. R.

make the visit, but unfortunately the serious illness of the wife of Comrade John Northwood and an imperative and unexpected call upon Comrade O. A. Janes prevented two of the members from going to Grand Rapids on the day named. The other members of the committee arrived unannounced at the Home at 8:30 a. m., and remained there until 5:00 p. m., May 22d, and spent the day looking over the various departments and the grounds of the institution. The grounds are beautifully kept, and in their spring dress are very attractive. The hospitals and kitchens are clean and neat. The food ample, of good quality, well cooked and properly served. That the surgeon in charge, his assistants and nurses are attentive and considerate in the discharge of their duties, is the verdict of the members, and the general condition of the Hospitals substantiate this verdict. In the entire institution there is a general air of good discipline, but not the least appearance of despotism in the management of the Home, and these appearances are corroborated by the expressions of the members of the institution.

The Women's Building furnishes a comfortable home for the loyal women to whom we owe so much for their services during the dark hours of the War of the Rebellion. Under the efficient and considerate management of Mrs. Rutherford, widow of our lamented Past Department Commander, the declining years of these noble women are made more pleasant and their downward pathway smoothed.

If efficient and economical management, earnest and patriotic devotion to duty, entitles a commandant to commendation, Col. Geo. E. Judd has earned the right to receive it. In every department of the institution thorough business methods prevail, which is equivalent to saying that nothing is wasted and the best use is made of all supplies furnished by the State. There is little room for suggestions from your Committee. The rooms in the Women's Building are furnished by individuals, Relief Corps, and Posts. In some of these rooms, from constant use the carpets have become badly worn and should be replaced by new ones, but your Committee feel assured that all that will be necessary to remedy these conditions is to call the attention of those who ask the privilege to care for these rooms and minister to the comfort of the women who sacrificed and endured so much from '61 to

'65. Your Committee hardly feel it necessary to call attention to the necessity for a careful and judicious trimming out of the beautiful woods surrounding the Soldiers' Home—this will suggest itself to each member of the efficient and conscientious Board of Managers. Another matter will suggest itself to the Board of Managers, viz; a better means of escape in case of fire from the third floor of the Women's Building, on which floor is located the Hospital.

In conclusion your Committee are proud to say that in her care for the men who gave their best years to the defense of their country, as in the struggle for the maintenance of the Union, Michigan has done her duty.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

O. A. JANES.  
JOHN NORTHWOOD.  
H. S. DEAN.

Comrade Tomlinson—There being no recommendations in the report, I move you that the report as read be accepted and adopted by the Encampment.

Seconded.

Comrade Atkinson, Post 17—I move as an amendment that it be referred to a committee, and take its usual course.

The Department Commander—It is not proper to refer it to a committee. It should be either adopted or rejected.

Comrade Atkinson—I have something I want to say about the Soldiers' Home. I don't want to take up the time. I insist on my right to present my views about the Soldiers' Home, and I ask that it be deferred until the election of officers. There are a good many things that ought to be said about the Soldiers' Home.

Comrade Devlin, Post 17—I move that the report do lie on the table.

Seconded and carried.

The Department Commander—The hour has arrived for the Special Order of business—the election of officers. What is your pleasure?

Comrade Davis—I move that the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes each.

It was moved as an amendment that the nominating speeches be limited to three minutes each, which was ac-

cepted and seconded, and the motion prevailed, unanimously.

Comrade Bellair, Post 5—Isn't it necessary to have the districts meet before this? How are you going to proceed with the election of delegates to the National Encampment? I think the proper way would be to adjourn and give the different delegations a chance to recommend candidates.

The Department Commander—That probably will be the way when we arrive at that order.

Comrade Phillips—I move you that the speeches seconding nominations be confined to one minute of time.

Seconded, and carried.

The Department Commander—If there is no objection, the Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll for nominations by districts for Department Commander.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of the Encampment by districts, and the following nominations were made for Department Commander:

Comrade McGrath, Post 384, nominated Comrade Geo. H. Hopkins, Post 384. Seconded by Comrades White, Post 202; Howard, Post 147; Stone, Post 42; Feige, Post 38; Kaywood, Post 48; Devlin, Post 17.

Comrade Tomlinson, Post 269, nominated Comrade Benjamin D. Pritchard, Post 56. Seconded by Comrades Corey, Benzonia; Seals, Post 14; Hicock, Post 302; Comstock, Post 1; Burton, Post 56; Weston, Post 111; Smith, Post 82; Durfee, Post 24; Harrington, Post 59; Lauback, Post 337; Perry, Post 73.

Comrade Gardner, Post 48, nominated Comrade D. B. K. VanRaalte of Post 262. Seconded by Comrades Prim, Post 156; and Comrade Kanitz, Post 7.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318, nominated Comrade Stephen H. Mallery, Post 382.

The nomination of Comrade VanRaalte was seconded by Comrades Brown, Post 279; Turner, Post 109; Wooster, Post 5; Andrews, Post 72; Lewis, Post 145; Bennett, Post 7; Schneider, Post 42; Morse, Post 173; Fenton, Post 5; Chase, Post 126; Childs, Post 441; Ward, Post 145, and a number of others.

The nomination of Comrade Mallery was seconded by Comrade Davis, Post 17, and a number of others.

The nomination of Comrade Pritchard was seconded by Comrade Dunp, Post 46.



The nominations having been closed, the following tellers were appointed: Comrades William Davy, Post 17; John W. McGrath, Post 5; L. L. Burton, Post 56; John Devlin, Post 433; W. W. Cook, Post 42.

A vote was taken for Department Commander, and pending its counting, the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Pond, from the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following:

Commander and Comrades—Your Committee on Resolutions desire to submit the following:

WHEREAS, The members of the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, are now enjoying one of the largest and most pleasant gatherings in the history of our Order in Michigan; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That to the citizens of Muskegon for their unlimited hospitality, and to the committee of arrangements who have had in charge the planning and executing of the numerous details of work which have made our visit to their beautiful city of patriotic lessons in bronze, one of continuous and unalloyed delight, and to the officials of the city, whose welcome to our Comrades evidenced their full wish that the veteran soldier should know that the "open door policy" prevailed during this Encampment, we hereby tender our acknowledgments and sincere gratitude, and in recording this expression of our recognition of the great efforts so successfully put forth for the comfort and pleasure of us all, we give assurance that in our album of memories, this visit to Muskegon will have a place most choice.

To our Comrades of Phil Kearney Post No. 7 for their untiring and successful efforts to make the arrangements for the Encampment a success, we extend our hands with a Comrade's "God bless you."

To the officers of the day and guards who have so faithfully performed their duties at our outposts, we extend sincere thanks.

Fraternally,

C. V. R. POND, Chairman,  
P. H. McBRIDE,  
M. C. BARNEY.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Allen, Post 132, from the Committee on the Address of the Department Commander, reported as follows:

**To the Encampment:**

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander respectfully report:

That they have considered the same and congratulate the Encampment upon the manner in which the affairs of the Department are presented to it.

We heartily endorse all the Commander has said as to the efficiency of the Woman's Relief Corps.

We do not agree with the Commander as to the desirability of having associate members of Posts, and believe that the Grand Army of the Republic should remain entirely distinct from all associations with persons who cannot know the tie that binds old soldiers together.

We cheerfully endorse the recommendation that a suitable memorial be erected to the memory of General Custer, but do not see that the Department has the means to carry it out, and that it is properly a State matter.

We concur in the other recommendations of the Commander.

Very respectfully,

E. M. ALLEN,  
W. F. ATKINSON,  
LOUIS KANITZ,  
M. BROWN,  
B. R. PIERCE,

Committee.

The Committee on Report of the Quartermaster General made the following report:

Muskegon. Mich., June 10, 1903.

To the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of Assistant Quartermaster General C. D. Blanchard for the past year, most respectfully report:

That they have compared the itemized report submitted by the Quartermaster General with his receipts and vouchers and have found them to correspond in every detail. Your Committee endorses the recommendation of the Quartermaster General that the Alger Fund be al-

lowed to remain in the Marquette Co. Savings Bank until the expiration of the year on September 30, 1903, in order to obtain the increased interest from three to four per cent.

Your Committee cannot speak in too high terms of the beautiful and systematic manner in which the accounts of the Quartermaster General have been kept.

EDWARD S. JAMESON,  
HERBERT A. BACKUS,  
JOS. O. BELLAIRE,  
Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

Comrade Fenton presented the report of the Executive Committee, Council of Administration, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF  
ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
MUSKEGON, MICH., JUNE 9, 1903. }

We have this day examined the accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General and find as follows:

DISBURSEMENTS.

We find he has received from Assistant Quartermaster General Orin Bump, of general fund, balance.....	\$1,559 32
From Assistant Adjutant General.....	3,172 82
Accumulated interest on same.....	26 00
Total general fund.....	\$4,758 14
We find he has expended from this fund, showing proper vouchers therefor.....	3,267 60
Leaving balance on hand, general fund.....	\$1,490 54
Received Alger fund.....	\$967 72
Accumulated interest from last year.....	14 51
Total on hand, Alger fund.....	\$982 23

Now on interest in the Marquette Savings Bank at four per cent. If left there until September 30, 1903, (1 year) which would add to this fund \$39.29 making the sum total Alger Fund \$1,021.52.

Respectfully submitted,  
 E. B. FENTON,  
 C. E. FOOTE,  
 O. TOMLINSON,  
 Ex. Committee, C. of A.

Report was adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Department Inspector made the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

Muskegon, Mich., June 10, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade—The Committee to whom was referred the report of Comrade Geo. W. Stone, Department Inspector, beg leave to submit the following. The report shows the Department Inspector's care and thoughtfulness in the discharge of his duties and we respectfully recommend that the report as submitted be accepted and adopted.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
 SEYMOUR FOSTER,  
 ALBERT DUNHAM,  
 Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Senior Vice Department Commander made the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

Muskegon, Mich., June 11, 1903.

Department Encampment G. A. R.:

Commander and Comrades—We the Committee to whom you referred the Senior Vice Commander's report, have carefully examined the same and recommend its adoption.

D. S. HOWARD,  
 H. A. BACKUS,  
 H. B. WHITE  
 Committee.

Comrade White presented the report of the Committee on Department Chaplain's report, which was as follows:

Muskegon, Mich., June 11, 1903.

Department Michigan, G. A. R.:

Comrades—Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Chaplain would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the Chaplain's report and would recommend its adoption.

H. S. WHITE,  
D. S. HOWARD,  
MELVIN STILSON.

Comrade White—I wish to remark in connection with that report, many points that are suggested in the report, if adopted by the Posts and carried out faithfully, will add greatly to the interest of the reports, to the great benefit of the Grand Army of the State. I move its adoption.

Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Comrade Foote—The Committee on Legislation report as follows:

A resolution was passed at the last Encampment as follows:

*“Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation, when appointed, be requested to consider what legislation can and ought to be provided for the inauguration of suitable decoration services on Memorial Day in communities where no Grand Army Posts exist, and to report their recommendation to the next State Encampment.”*

Your Committee respectfully reports that they have no recommendation to make at this time; that if the communities included within the resolution have not sufficient patriotism to see to it that the soldiers' graves are suitably decorated on Memorial Day, that we know of no legislation that can be enacted to compel them to decorate.

I move the adoption of that report.

Seconded and carried. So the report was adopted.

Comrade Foote also read the report of the Legislative Committee appointed by General Orders No. 2.

The report is as follows:

Muskegon, Mich., June 9, 1903.

To the Michigan Department of G. A. R. in Encampment assembled at Muskegon, Mich., June 10, 1903:

Department Commander—Your Legislative Committee appointed by General Orders No. 2, current series, charged with the special mission of urging upon the Governor and the Legislature an appropriation for the early publication and distribution of an individual record of all Michigan soldiers and sailors in the Civil War, begs leave to herewith offer the following report:

Your Committee convened at Lansing in December, 1902, and conferred with Governor Bliss, urging upon him the favorable recommendation in his inaugural message to the Legislature of an appropriation for the publication and distribution of such record. This request met the approval of the Governor, and the appropriation was duly recommended in his message. Early in January after the assembling of the Legislature, your Committee again convened at Lansing and prepared a bill duly covering our purpose, and after a thorough canvass of the officers of the Legislature and the Civil War veterans who were members, your Committee secured two Comrades of the G. A. R., viz.: Senator Ellery C. Cannon of the Senate, and Representative Nathan V. Lovell of the House, who each introduced a copy of the bill in their respective house. Your Committee then memorialized the Legislature in a memorial, which was published in the House Journal of January 29th, in which we appealed for the justice of our cause, and for an early and favorable consideration of our bill, which we subsequently emphasized before the different committees of the Legislature, before whom we secured hearings.

The Senate bill, introduced by Senator Cannon, was taken up first and passed by the Senate and was favorably reported by the House Military committee, but on reaching the House Ways and Means Committee, it was held up for a long time by the chairman, who finally reported out a substitute bill, which was found wholly impracticable and would have been inoperative, had it passed in that form; however, your Committee finally succeeded—through the influential aid and tactful management of Senator Cannon—in getting the substitute bill so

amended as to make it an operative measure in case no unlooked for obstacles should develop during the progress of the work, but the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House insisted on such restrictive and arbitrary classification of the work, in the provisions for the disbursement of the appropriation, that it is not at all improbable that the Adjutant General's Department will be so hampered, in certain contingencies—which are very liable to arise in a work of such magnitude—as to compel a suspension of the work before it is half completed, and await an enabling act of a future Legislature. But it was the best that could be obtained, so that your Committee accepted the bill in that form rather than fail to get anything. This bill was then concurred in by the Senate, and signed by the Governor on May 26, 1903, and has thus become a law which goes into effect ninety days after the close of the present session of the Legislature.

Your Committee desire to herewith put on record its grateful thanks to the Governor, and to his Assistant Adjutant General, George H. Turner, for his valuable aid in the preparation of the bill, and in making the preliminary estimates, and to the influential aid of G. A. R. Comrades in the Senate and House, to all of whom, we recommend a vote of thanks by this Encampment.

A copy of the printed memorial to the Legislature, and of the act passed in pursuance thereto, is filed with this report, which is herewith respectfully submitted to the consideration and approval of this Encampment, and your Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. FOOTE,  
F. SCHNEIDER,  
A. MILNES,  
Committee.

Report unanimously adopted.

The following is the memorial presented to the Legislature by the Committee:

Lansing, Mich., January 26, 1903.

Memorial to the House of Representatives:

Referring to House bill No. 104. introduced by Representative Nathan V. Lovell, which provides for the publication and distribution of regimental histories, giving the individual war record in alphabetical order, of soldiers and sailors from Michigan in the great Civil War of 1861-1865; the Legislative Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan, appointed to prepare and urge the early passage of aforesaid bill, having been asked what reason there was for the passage of such bill, and what purpose would be subserved thereby, begs leave to respectfully submit to your honorable body the following brief memorial for the information of the Michigan Legislature:

MEMORIAL.

The great Civil War in which the Michigan troops bore such a very honorable part as to achieve national distinction for valor, and gallantry in action in many desperate battles; in which great struggle for liberty and the preservation of National Union, so much individual heroism and patriotic spirit was developed, will ever stand forth in the history of this country as the greatest epoch of modern times, and the supreme crucial test of our people for national self-government.

The final and successful termination of this long and bloody struggle for national unity made possible the subsequent great development of the resources and power of the republic. So that every individual who served honorably and faithfully in that great life struggle for national existence, is entitled to the gratitude of his State, and is justified to point with honest pride to his individual record which it is the duty of this now great State of Michigan to officially ascertain, certify, declare and publish.

In 1879 and supplemented in 1881—sixteen years after the war—the Legislature authorized Adjutant General Robertson to compile and publish a history “of the services of Michigan regiments, batteries, and companies in the late war.” In pursuance of which, such history is one volume, entitled “Michigan in the War” was subsequently



compiled and published from all official data then obtainable, and such volumes distributed to a limited number. This work, while in many respects an admirable compilation as a general history, was yet a great disappointment to all the rank and file of Michigan veterans, because, with the exception of a brief register of commissioned officers only, no mention whatever is made of the individual record of the rank and file of those who stood on the fiery edge of battle, who rushed through the deadly storms of shrieking shot and shell in the fierce charge upon the enemy's works, bore with fortitude the great sufferings and privations of those four long years of war, those who by their heroism and valor, have shed such great renown and glory upon our State

Since the publication of "Michigan in the War" many heretofore inaccessible facts regarding the individual history of Michigan veterans and regiments in the Civil War, have come to light that have for years lain buried in the archives of the War and Navy Departments of the National Government and in the records of rebel war department, which have now been authentically established, but were previously unobtainable. Much has also since then been done by the Government and the State, that will facilitate the compilation and publication of such an alphabetical and individual record in regimental volumes at this time; so that we are informed by the Adjutant General's department—which has recently made very careful estimates on the subject—that such work can now be prepared for the printer and published at a much smaller expense than formerly, as the Government has recently completed an exhaustive, full and classified record of the Civil War; and abstracts of such records in the War and Navy Departments are now readily furnished on application by the States, which formerly were absolutely refused (see pages 159 to 160 of "Michigan in the War"). A complete alphabetical index of each Michigan veteran of the Civil War, showing what organizations he served in, has been prepared in manuscript form, in the Adjutant General's office, all the Michigan military organizations of the Civil War are alphabetically arranged by companies, regiments and batteries, in manuscript books.

Col. Turner, the present efficient Assistant Adjutant General—himself a distinguished Michigan veteran of the

Civil War and an experienced printer and publisher—has made very careful estimates of the cost of compiling and preparing, and obtained from the State printer and binder an estimate of the cost of publishing the work contemplated by the bill now before you, a summary of which is herewith submitted for your information, as follows:

Estimates furnished by Robert Smith Printing Co., in 1901, for publishing the records of the Civil War by regiments with 500 copies for each regiment.

500 copies, bound and complete, 40 cents per copy with an average of 175 pages.....	\$200
45 regiments at \$200 each.....	9,000
For transcribing records.....	5,000
For proof-reading, comparing, etc.....	2,000
	\$16,200

The 100,000 names in the above volumes are estimated then to make six volumes for complete set.

Estimated cost for sets of 6 volumes for library distribution .....	\$3,800
	\$16,200
Total .....	\$20,000

The generation that has come after the veteran of the Civil War is fast reaching middle life, and is showing an increasing interest in the history of that great struggle and incidentally in the part their fathers took in that historic epoch.

The old veteran is now frequently asked by his children and friends: "Where can I find the official particulars of your military record in the Civil War?" Alas, he is now compelled to answer, they are buried in the archives of the Adjutant General's department, and the War department. For all practicable convenience of reference and accessibility, or inspiration and instruction to our posterity, they might as well be at the bottom of the sea. Tons of literature have been published, and many costly monuments erected to publish and perpetuate to future generations the name and fame of our great leaders and generals—and no one appreciates this, and reveres such names and their fame more than does the old veteran—but not one dollar has this great State spent in publish-

ing the individual name and fame of the rank and file of its Civil War veterans.

Two years ago a bill of similar import passed the Senate, and was favorably reported in the House, but pigeonholed by the "Ways and Means" committee on the plea that the necessary expense of such publication could not then be afforded by the State. Since then, through the energetic and successful efforts of the present administration, over \$400,000 have been collected from the General Government on account of old Civil War claims, which until very recently no one ever expected to recover. The plea of the State's poverty is therefore no longer admissible, and this Legislature can well afford to appropriate from this large war claim collection the modest sum asked for in the bill before you, and thus finally accomplish a long delayed act of justice to the Civil War veteran, and thus erect to him a more enduring monument than can ever be done in stone.

So generally has the merit and justice of this subject been admitted by other states that all of Michigan's neighboring states and many eastern states, have already published elaborate editions of the individual and alphabetical records of their civil war veterans, of which complete sets are now on file in the Adjutant General's office of this State, an inspection of which we commend to your honorable committee.

The bill before you has also been submitted to the Governor for suggestions, and has met with his entire approval in the form now before you. As will be perceived, the bill also contemplates the issuing of complete sets of such work when published, to State, city and school libraries, for the convenient reference of the public generally.

We also beg to submit to your consideration a certified copy of a resolution in support of this measure which was unanimously adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic, at its annual Encampment held at Pontiac June 11 and 12, 1902. See also page 70, official record of published proceedings of Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment Department of Michigan, G. A. R. held at Pontiac June 11 and 12, 1902, which can be referred to at the Headquarters of the G. A. R. in the Capitol. Also our credentials as to our appointment as a Legislative Committee on behalf of said body, charged with the preparation of a bill and the urging of its early passage by the Legisla-

ture, and its recommendation and approval by the Governor. All of which is most respectfully submitted to your favorable consideration and for your information.

FREDERICK SCHNEIDER, of  
G. A. R. Committee on Legislation.  
Late Col. of 2d Mich. V. V. Infantry.

All of which is earnestly supported by the associated members of said Committee, Hon. C. E. Foote of Kalamazoo, and Hon. Alfred Milnes of Coldwater.

The memorial was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The act referred to in this report and memorial is published in this Journal with other laws affecting the veterans of the State. See page 162.

The result of the first ballot for Department Commander was announced, and was as follows:

	Votes.
Comrade Pritchard received.....	125
Comrade Van Raalte received.....	196
Comrade Mallery received.....	41
Comrade Hopkins received.....	28
Junior Vice Commander.....	1
Comrade L. H. Ives.....	2
Total vote .....	393
Necessary to a choice.....	197

No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, a second ballot was taken, pending the counting of which the regular order of business was resumed.

The names of Comrades Pritchard and Hopkins were withdrawn.

Comrade Allen—The Committee on the Commander's Address desire to make a supplemental report which was accidentally omitted from the report just read. The Committee on Commander's Address recommend that the Department appropriate \$35.00 to purchase a suitable badge for the retiring Commander, as has been our custom for many years.

I move the adoption of the report.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Comrade Coffinberry presented and read the report of the Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, which was unanimously adopted.

The report is as follows:

Muskegon, Mich., June 10, 1903.

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander:

Comrade—Your Committee on Report of Assistant Adjutant General would beg leave to report as follows: That they have carefully considered said report in detail and find the same to be full and complete on all points covered and would recommend its adoption.

Two items in particular, as referred to in report, we would wish to emphasize and call to the attention of Post officers: First, the amount of relief and charity expended by Posts. We believe that the amounts reported do not cover all such actual amounts as are contributed, and that in some instances and some Posts the amounts are made up personally and with passing the hat, instead of from Post funds, in all such cases the burden often falls on the members who faithfully attend Post meetings, when it should be borne alike by all, and we would recommend that all Posts should have a relief fund.

Second, regarding suspended members. While the number as shown by the report appears large and appalling, yet we would recommend that they be not dropped, but still carried along, while increased efforts may be made by all Posts to get them back into line—the Rules and Regulations provide this may be done, on payment of one year's dues and we believe that many could be induced to return to the Posts if approached in a friendly way by a carefully selected committee from the Post.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. B. COFFINBERRY, Post 5;

J. W. EDDY, Post 7;

A. L. BRYANT, Post 255,

Committee.

Comrade Lawrence—I wish to withdraw Comrade Mal-lery's name, and to move that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade VanRaalte.

(Cries of "no," "no!")

There being opposition, the nomination was not with-drawn.



**E. S. JAMESON,**  
Chief of Staff, G. A. R.



Comrade Jameson, Post 384—I have the report of the Committee appointed at the Encampment at Pontiac to secure an appropriation for a monument at Andersonville.

To the Officers and Comrades of the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee appointed at the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention at Pontiac, June 12, 1902, to solicit from the State Legislature an appropriation to erect a suitable monument at Andersonville, Georgia, to the memory of the Michigan dead who perished in the Rebel prison pen there, beg leave to report:

That the object sought has been successfully attained. Your Committee report with pride, that they caused to be introduced and unanimously passed by both houses and signed by Comrade, Governor Bliss, a bill carrying an appropriation of \$6,000, of which amount \$500 will be for expenses of the commission engaged in its erection, leaving a net amount of \$5,500 which will go into the construction of the monument.

The commission as named by Governor Bliss embraces two of your Committee, the third member being a lady from the W. R. C., whose grand and noble work in purchasing and beautifying the old prison grounds at Andersonville certainly deserves recognition by a place on the commission. At the same time, those appointed feel deep regret that Comrade J. A. Griffen, who has labored so faithfully for the attainment of this object, should have been the unfortunate one to be left out. The State Legislature subsequent to the passage of the monument bill, passed a bill making an appropriation to convey State officials to receive the monument at the unveiling.

It is believed that arrangements can be made with the railroads that will give a reduced rate to all Comrades who desire to participate and will make an itinerary for the party, taking in Atlanta, Chattanooga and other points of interest en route. Due notice of the event, rates, route, etc., will be furnished Department Commander by the commission who will no doubt notify the Comrades by General Order.

In conclusion, the Committee wish to thank the Posts through the State for their ready response to our circular



petitions sent out, which after filling with signatures they forwarded to their representatives in both houses. These petitions in no uncertain manner expressed the feelings of our citizens on the subject and as one Senator remarked, "We were completely deluged with them." The result being that your Committee comes before you today proud that they have so successfully accomplished your object.

Signed. EDWARD S. JAMESON,  
GEO. W. STONE.

I move the adoption of the report.

Seconded.

Comrade Atkinson—As I understand it, \$5,500 go into the monument; \$4,000 of the people's money is pledged to pay the expenses of some legislators to go down to look at the thing built; an additional appropriation—

Comrade Jameson—A separate bill—has nothing to do at all with our bill. This is for \$6,000; \$500 for the expenses of the committee. I think I understand there is another bill for \$4,000, with which we had nothing to do. I will say this Committee was appointed by the Grand Army a year ago, and that Committee put this bill through. The other bill was put through for a junket, and had nothing to do with any bill presented by the Grand Army. This Committee never represented that bill and knew nothing about it.

Comrade Atkinson—Why is it here?

Comrade Jameson—It isn't; it is a report on the \$6,000 appropriation.

Comrade Atkinson—I would like an explanation.

Comrade Jameson—I can do it in two words. The reason that we embraced it in our report was that we thought a number of the Comrades would like to go, and we wanted to let them know that there was a large party going. We mentioned the fact casually. This Committee knew nothing whatever about it, that this bill was going through. We asked for \$6,000 and the expenses of the commission, and the commission were allowed \$500.

Comrade Atkinson—If any of our Comrades would like to go will their expenses be paid out of the \$4,000?

Comrade Jameson—You will have to ask somebody else. The report was adopted.

The result of the second ballot for Department Commander was announced as follows:

	Votes.
Comrade Mallery received.....	41
Comrade Van Raalte received.....	302
Comrade Pritchard received.....	5
Comrade Hopkins received.....	1
Comrade Junior Vice.....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>358</b>
<b>Necessary to a choice</b> .....	<b>179</b>

Comrade VanRaalte having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared to have been elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander appointed Comrades Hopkins, Pritchard, and Mallery a committee to escort Comrade VanRaalte to the platform.

The committee escorted the Department Commander elect to the platform.

The Department Commander—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Comrade VanRaalte as the Department Commander elect of Michigan for the ensuing year.

Comrade VanRaalte—It is a pleasure to me to look into your loyal faces, and to thank you for this honor conferred upon me. I feel that it is through your kindness and good wishes that I am elected to this position. I can assure you that I appreciate it, because it comes from that patriotic organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, to which no one can belong, unless he has fought in defense of his country and the honor of its flag. Let us endeavor to be true to the great principles of our organization, Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, giving each other the hand of Fraternity, thus showing that we have that same kind of feeling with which we were united on the battle field; that Charity which flows from a loyal heart, thus showing to one another that we love each other, and making life pleasant to one another, and entering in that border land from whence no one returns. When we enter that home, God grant that we may be a "Rift of light, a crown of glory that fadeth not."

There is a sentiment which endeavors more or less to place the disloyalty of the South upon the same plane with the loyalty of the North, which aims to make an act of disloyalty less disgraceful. I have no use for such sentiment. It is only a matter of time when history will correct itself and place them in the true light on its

pages as traitors; where your names will become more glorious, more honorable, and you will be known as the patriots that preserved this Nation from destruction.

As we go along through life let us remember ever to be true to each other. Let us remember that we are drawing near the border, so as to make these last days pleasant.

Comrades, you have shown from your loyalty and patriotism that you have appreciated the great sacrifices that the fathers of the Revolutionary War made for us, in order that they should bestow upon us this great heritage, and for eight long years they battled amid hardships and sufferings so great, in order that they and their children might be free, doing it for God and country, to have the right to govern themselves, to have a government by the people and for the people, each recognizing only God the Heavenly Father, as their king. You have been through those trials. You have the honor of being a part of that magnificent army that went out in the sixties in defense of these great privileges for which your forefathers fought. You have preserved these great privileges; you have perpetuated this Union; you have made it a mighty nation—a nation honored, respected and feared. You have made it a governing power among the nations, so that our nation today is honored and respected, not as a nation of war, but as a nation of peace and good will to men. Although mighty in war through this intelligence, and this loyalty and love of country. You have made it possible for this country to be what it is. If it were not for your loyalty and patriotism, we possibly would have no country today. You have been the means of removing the one spot and stain that was upon our noble star spangled banner, the foul blot of slavery. Through your loyalty and your patriotism you have removed it, so that our banner today we can truthfully say floats over an entire free nation. May God grant that the nation may ever be loyal to its country and flag; that it perpetuates this nation; that it may safely guard the great privileges and principles for which you fought, and ever protect Old Glory, remembering that it is sacred, and that it has been baptised with the blood of our noble sons today. This noble flag is a beacon of the world, a beacon of peace, a beacon of light to country, law, humanity; and that this nation may ever remember

that the honor of our country is our honor, and the glory of our flag is our glory, and thus forever allow our beautiful star spangled banner forever to float—

“In Freedom's light, protected by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.”

Comrade Hopkins—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have had the honor and the pleasure of knowing your Commander elect for many years—known him as a soldier and as a citizen. He does honor to himself and to the people he represents, wherever he is. I was thinking, perhaps, that Comrades Pritchard and Mallery and myself made a mistake in these latter days that we were not born in Holland. You know we have a man in the White House who is from Holland. He was not born there, but he came from Holland stock. Sometimes a man says that he was born in a certain place. I remember a few years ago I had the privilege of traveling abroad and visited a town with some gentlemen, and at the dinner table one of the gentlemen was discussing the beautiful town and what he saw there, and turned to the landlady and said “I was born here.” She says, “Is that so?” “Yes, I was born here about two hundred years ago.” That is the way some of us were born in Holland. You have made no mistake today, and I bespeak for your Commander elect the earnest and hearty support of every Grand Army man in the State and personally beg to tender to the Comrades my sincere thanks for their kind expressions to me.

Comrade Pritchard—Comrades, First I desire to return to my friends who have supported me in this pleasant contest today my sincere thanks. I appreciate most thoroughly your action towards me. It is the highest honor that can be returned by one to another. I thank you most heartily and sincerely from the bottom of my heart for your loyalty. I was not born in Holland, but we had a fine Holland contingent in the country in which I lived and from which I come, with whose history I have been thoroughly acquainted for the last forty or fifty years. I desire to say to my friend who has been successful here today that it is the first time that I have ever been required to surrender. I do so as gracefully as I know how, and with a feeling of the deepest gratitude in

my heart. I assure you and pledge to our friend who has been successful here today as thorough loyalty to his administration as he gave to the country in the dark hours of the Rebellion. My friends, the time is not appropriate to make any lengthy remarks, but I wish to say just a few words to you. It is this: that the opportunity which you and I had will never occur again on earth. It is an opportunity that can never be given to man. The issue which we had before us was entirely different from the battle that was fought by our forefathers in the War of the Revolution. They simply sought separation from a monarchical power, an independent country; but that great principle and everything else underlying a free republican government and the rights of citizens was not settled by that war. But it fell to your lot and those associated with you to settle that question. Until it was settled, there was no permanency for the Republic. The question was squarely up, the issue was clearly and thoroughly made. It was a question between slavery and freedom, a question between right and wrong. On your side of this contest was the right. The right was on our side and the wrong was on theirs. We fought for universal freedom against universal slavery over one element of our country. We fought for the preservation of our country; they fought for its destruction. That was the difference in the contest. I would like to enlarge on this idea, but I will not take your time.

I thank you, my friends, everyone that has supported me, and bespeak loyalty to our present Commander, which I know he will have from every one of you. I thank you. Comrade Mallery—I think I find myself today very much in the position of the young man who went out to see his best girl. When he got out to her home he found another fellow there before him. Like a good boy, he fetched everything, all his troubles and all his joys, to his mother, and he went home and was saying to his mother there was another fellow there when he got there. His mother says, "My boy, what do you think of it?" "I just simply think I wasn't in it." That is the situation that I find myself in today; simply that I wasn't in it. Now, Comrades, I have some friends in the Department of Michigan, and they have stood by me very nobly. You have my sincere thanks. You comrades here who have supported me and those who have opposed me, I wish

to say to you, Comrades, that I believe you have done the right thing just at the right time, in supporting and electing Comrade VanRaalte to this position of Department Commander. I wish to say to my friends who have been my friends and supported me in this campaign, that I want you to take home those little ribbon badges as a relic of a lost cause. . More than that, I want you to go home and pledge yourselves as I do today, my whole strength, wherever I am, wherever I am placed as a Grand Army man, I am ready to place my shoulder to the wheel to support Comrade VanRaalte in this administration from start to finish. I will not take your time to make a long speech. I thank you for the recognition I received at your hands.

The Department Commander—The next in order will be the election of a Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Kanitz nominated Comrade S. A. Aldrich, Post 7. Seconded by Comrade Godulf, Post 294.

There being no further nominations, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Aldrich, and he was declared to have been duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Aldrich—It is no time make a speech if I could make one, so from the bottom of my heart I thank you one and all for this high honor conferred.

The next thing in order being the nomination and election of a Junior Vice Department Commander, the following nominations were made:

Comrade Allen nominated Comrade E. S. Jameson, Post 384.

Comrade Barney, Post 45, nominated Comrade H. H. Collins, Howell.

Comrade Melburn, Post 111, nominated Comrade W. D. Brainard, Post 111.

The nomination of Comrade Jameson was seconded by Comrades Bellair, Post 5, and Chase, Post 126.

The nomination of Comrade Brainard was seconded by Comrades Ives, Post 53; Horan, Post 111; Shattuck, Post 42; Calkins, Post —; Leet, Post 60.

The nomination of Comrade Collins was supported by Comrade Turner, Post 105; Comrade Richardson, Post 365.

It being announced that a committee from the ladies of

the G. A. R. was in waiting, Comrades Bliss, VanRaalte, Pritchard and Barney were appointed a committee to escort the ladies to the platform.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

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**Memorium.**

WHEREAS, Since last as Comrades we assembled in Annual Department Encampment, death has removed from our midst our Comrade and Past Department Commander Chas. D. Long; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That while we, in submissive spirit, bow to the Divine will in the removal from our midst of Comrade Long, we also desire to give expression to the intenseness of our loss. The genial spirt which was Comrade Long's made his comradeship a fact of love of one for another. In his battle for the principle of justice in the matter of pensions, Comrade Long was indefatigably earnest and his brain was supported by his money in the defense he made of his Comrade's pension rights.

He is gone, but he can never be forgotten by us his Comrades;

*Resolved*, That a memorial page be placed in the Journal of the proceedings of this Encampment to the memory of Comrade Long and that an engrossed copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased Comrade by the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department.

Fraternally,

C. V. R. POND,  
P. H. McBRIDE,  
M. C. BARNEY.

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The regular order of business being suspended, the committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. were escorted to the platform.

The Department Commander—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Baber, who is chairman of this committee:

Mrs. Baber—Department Commander and Comrades of the Grandest Army in the world—I think you will say I have the right to call you Comrade when I tell you that when I look to the South, I look to where three brothers lie in soldiers' graves. They were all I had to give, but had I a dozen and Old Glory was in danger, I would give them up a willing sacrifice to save this grand old Union from disgrace. Comrades, we Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic love the Grand Army, and we love the flag for which you offered your lives. And while you were fighting in the South, we the mothers, wives, and sisters, were at home working and praying for your success and safe return home. Therefore, Comrades, while we belong to you by reason of our kinship, we are just that much more loyal to you and your work for we always honor that for which we have to make sacrifice, and the greater the sacrifice, the greater the love. During the year that has passed since we met in Pontiac, many "boys in blue" have answered to the last roll call, and the time is not long that we may meet together like this and we should each try to make these meetings enjoyable. Our department has organized three new circles the past year, making a total of twenty-five circles with a membership of 800, an increase of over 100 the past year. We have given for relief over \$400.00. We have furnished a room at the Woman's Annex at Soldiers' Home. Have several prospective circles that we expect to organize soon. Our "baby" circle is only seven days old, and is called Wm. T. Sherman Circle No. 25 of Muskegon. The department also sent \$10.00 to the G. A. R. Home in Philadelphia. As I have two Sisters with me who just love to talk, I will have to stop or it will not be safe for me to return to our convention with them.

The Department Commander—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Chelson.

Mrs. Chelson—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—It gives me pleasure to look upon your faces this morning, to be one of the committee to extend the greet-

ings of our Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We feel that we are in close touch with you and all your work, for we love the work and we love you as ours. In looking over this assembly I see many gray-haired men, some of whom remind me of days of suffering. I feel that I am a patriotic woman if ever any one was. I was only three days old when my father went to the army, of course I gave my consent, but no doubt I cried when he was gone. I am thankful my father could go. I am thankful that I had a father to give his services to my country. I love that dear old flag. As our sister chairman has said, we would sacrifice all we have for that dear old flag; we would sacrifice until we had nothing left. So I say again, we love the Grand Army of the Republic. We are devoted to our country. We are anxious with your co-operation to teach the children patriotism. Pardon me if I am personal, but I would like to relate a little incident that occurred Decoration Day at our own home. We observed Decoration Day. I have a little fellow who is only four years old. My neighbor has a little fellow of the same age, and I asked them if they would kindly remove their hats as the Grand Army were passing my house. I didn't know how these little fellows would carry it out in their childish way. By the time the Grand Army came those little fellows had gotten out on the block. They each had to have a flower. My little fellow stood with his flower up. When the stars and stripes came by them he removed his hat and stood until they had passed. To this day he will call it "McKinley," because he don't know anything different. The first he knew of the stars and stripes was in connection with McKinley. We told him McKinley was our President, so he always calls it "McKinley." So those old soldiers—we have many of them that are Comrades in our Post—lifted their hats to that little fellow, and tears ran down their cheeks. They afterwards spoke about it. Why can't we have more children that will honor us and recognize us? It is our duty as mothers and fathers to teach our children complete patriotism—not half patriotism, but complete observance of Decoration Day. I am sorry to say that in many places we hear of a dance, or a game of ball, in connection with Decoration Day. It is a shame, it is a shame. Last year at our memorial exercises—we always have grand exercises and the citizens turn out in a body, and so do the Ladies'

Circle, and we went to the park, and in the very town hall that we all own as a township was a dance. We felt it an outrage, and one of our Comrades took it upon himself to rise in public that day and denounce it as a shame and a disgrace to our Post. We all cheered him for it. It was right. This year there was nothing of the kind. We were able to influence the public to keep those things out. If those things occur in connection with our Memorial Day, our children are not properly taught. Let us do what we can to close those things out, that the whole nation may give a day to the memory of our departed and lost ones. We have with us our National President who will be much more entertaining than I, so I will not take more time.

Mrs. Sickafuss—I was here last year and I was very hoarse, but I am going to try today to make you hear me, so I did not blame you for not listening when I came here. When I speak to you, I would like you to hear. I haven't very much to say, only to bring to you the greetings of our Women of the G. A. R.—your mothers, sisters, wives and nieces, and all women of blood kin., As I told you last year, my husband was a soldier, and I am glad that I am the wife of a soldier, and I am glad to meet you this year in this beautiful town. I am glad you have such a city. You have elected a man who lives in our town. I have insisted, and insisted whenever I have met the convention that you should honor him, and I loved you more than ever when I saw you go through the streets the other day after you had done this splendid thing. Don't you know you have done such splendid things for this government. The speakers last night told you what that was, saved our flag. And when I look upon the old soldiers I always say, "God bless you who saved the old flag." You who helped save it, you did this splendid thing. We want you to go on in peace and joy and good health, leaving these honorable things back of you, creating in the hearts of all a feeling of patriotism. I will not say any more, only God bless you.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Anna Auth.

Mrs. Auth—Comrades of the Grand Army, the grandest organization in the world, I come to you this morning feeling that I ought to bow my head to you, I feel that being presented to the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan is a greater honor than to be presented to all

the crowned heads of Europe. I represent the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we proudly bring to you the greetings from Maine to California, from the east to the west and north to the south, and bid you God speed in your noble work. There is something about the Grand Army that no other organization contains. I feel it as I travel up and down the country in the interest of my organization, that of your mother, your wife, your sister, daughter, grand daughter, and blood kin. We are so proud that we have that privilege. We are so grateful that you made it possible that this nation might live for them. Wherever any human being lives under the flag, they are free. You made it Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the boys of '61 and '65. I had a brother, and he didn't come back. The very bud and blossom of our boys went from West Virginia—Virginia it was then. I might say that I come from West Virginia because we were loyal. My husband and my brother were soldiers. My brother was a soldier; his remains are somewhere in the southland; my father and I tried to find him, we wandered up and down the mountains after the flag and wherever we could proceed, but we never could find his remains. It was a great grief to me. Then I had other great griefs. We suffered during those days of '61 and '65. For two years I was in Europe and we passed through a great many countries. We finally got up into the little republic of Switzerland. I met a great tall Sweitzer, and he was very old, and he saw the silken flag on my bosom which you made it possible for me to wear, and he looked at it. He could only speak two words in English. He said "McKinley," "Amereeka!" And he was so proud he wanted to love me, because I was an American, because I could wear the flag you made it possible for me to wear. We went down to Paris and went to the Exposition. In that Exposition I saw the bust of Lincoln in the color of bronze, the color of the race whom he made free. We had Americans, we had other figures in gold and silver. Lincoln didn't have a flag, but I had quite a number with me, and I placed a flag so that he would be decorated with the flag that he loved so well. On the Fourth of July we were yet there, and we went to the grave of Lafayette, and we took a bunch of American Beauties and a silken flag and laid them on his grave, after having a little service. We

sang the old Doxology and "My Country 'tis of Thee." We thought we were a part of the Grand Army while we were in Europe, and we were.

Away back in the war the organization which I represent, the mothers, suffered. They had sacrifices to make, many while you were down at the front. I remember perfectly well a mother who, after her day's work was done, sat down to rest, and she would take up the paper, and she read down the long line of names of the dead and wounded, and among them was her dead boy, and I still hear that cry of anguish that pierced that midnight air. Her boy would not come back again. She was a mother. Then again I saw in our city a wife, and she called her little family around her, "Your father is dead." The mothers and the wives and the sisters did a great deal toward this work, toward this flag which you saved. We are so grateful that we can teach patriotism as we do in the public schools. It even would not be desecration for the church to hold services in honor of our flag. I am so glad we have the privilege of teaching patriotism; I am so glad it was you that saved the flag for us; I am so glad that there is a Grand Army. A great many who were among the boys of '61 and '65 are not in the Grand Army. They ought to be in the Grand Army. We, the wives and mothers, sisters, daughters, ex-army nurses, are honored and in our organization are so proud if we are of any help to you. We want to do all we can to exalt the Grand Army and make it matchless of all organizations. We want you to stand first—we want to do everything we can to build the Grand Army up.

I went with your Commander-in-Chief, Thomas J. Stewart, as his guest. I have traveled in my time with Sunday school conventions, with church people, with temperance people, and all kinds of people, and I must say that the Grand Army of the Republic is the best of them all, for they are the most congenial party I ever traveled with. I was with your Commander-in-Chief when he was in the South. His wife was with him in all his travels. A good, dear woman she is. She traveled with us to Custar. We went into the reception and saw the Commander-in-Chief. "Oh," says the Commander-in-Chief, and he walked down to me, "I am so glad I feel like kissing you." I said, "Commander-in-Chief, you

couldn't kiss me, but I will kiss your wife, and she can kiss you."

The Ladies of the Grand Army do love you; we want to do the very best we can. We are your friend, you are ours. We claim you, because you are what you are. I thank you for your attention. God bless your organization.

The Department Commander—Ladies for the Department of Michigan I thank you for your very kind greetings. The Comrades will pin the badges upon the ladies.

The ladies having retired, the regular order of business was resumed.

The result of the first ballot for Junior Vice Department Commander was announced as follows:

	Votes.
Comrade Jameson received.....	134
Comrade Brainard received.....	106
Comrade Collins received.....	30
Comrade Maynard received.....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>271</b>
Necessary for a choice.....	136

No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, a second ballot was had, and pending its count, the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Hopkins—I am requested by the chairman of the Committee that you appointed to visit the Woman's Relief Corps to say that we have performed that duty. For one, Commander, I want to thank you and the boys here for the honor they conferred upon me, but I knew there was a greater honor coming to me than could be conferred by the boys here, because, as an old bachelor you sent me to convey the greetings of this body to a beautiful lot of ladies, as loyal and true as ever lived.

Comrade Pond—The modesty of Comrade Hopkins prevents him from saying that he carried your greetings to his sister, who was ably presiding over that convention.

Comrade Collins' name was withdrawn as a candidate for Junior Vice Department Commander.

The Committee on the Report of the Junior Vice Department Commander presented its report, which was as follows:

Muskegon, Mich., June 11, 1903.

Department Commander:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander beg leave to submit the following:

First, We have examined the said report and the statute therein mentioned and find the defect in the State law substantially as stated and recommend that the Committee on Legislation appointed by the Department Commander, at the proper time take whatever action may be necessary to remedy said defect.

Second, In reference to that portion of the report dealing with the bill introduced by Comrade and Senator Burrows of Michigan, your Committee deem it unwise to concur in the recommendations of said report for the reason that if said bill becomes a law its operation will result in great loss to the Grand Army of the Republic. It is our judgment that it will greatly reduce its membership.

Third, The button now worn by the Comrades teaches the lesson of patriotism as emphatically as would the emblem furnished under the proposed law.

M. BROWN,  
O. TOMLINSON,  
R. B. DAVIS.

Committee.

The Junior Vice Department Commander—It appears by that report that there had been proposed legislation growing out of the passage of that law in 1897, which has been amended and became a law in 1899. One of the sections of that law provided employment of veteran soldiers, giving them preference in the offices to be filled in the State, municipal and county governments, and one of the sections of that law was this, in substance: that the man must have been a resident of the State for five years and of the county for two years where the proposed employment was to be had. It was recommended in the report of the Junior Vice Commander that such action be taken as might remedy that requirement for two years.

The report was adopted.

The second ballot for Junior Vice Department Commander resulted as follows:

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	Votes.
Comrade Collins received.....	1
Comrade Brainard received.....	55
Comrade Jameson received.....	151
Comrade Tilleson received.....	2
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Total .....	209
Necessary to a choice.....	105

Comrade Jameson having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared to have been elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Recess to 2 p. m.



## SECOND DAY.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Comrade W. W. Root, of Mason, being renominated for Medical Director for the ensuing year, and there being no other candidates, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for him, and he was declared to have been duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade Shattuck, Post 42, nominated Comrade William Putnam for Department Chaplain for the ensuing year, and there being no further nominations, he was duly elected by the ballot of the Assistant Adjutant General, and so declared.

The following Comrades were nominated for members of the Council of Administration: Comrades O. Tomlinson, Post 269; S. M. Kent, Post 5; D. H. Grow, Post 388; Thomas Davey, Post 404; Reuben Quick, Post 87; John Devlin, Post 433; Loren Roberts, Post 18; C. C. Phillips, Post 19.

It was moved that each delegate vote for five names on a single ballot, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for the five receiving the highest number of votes as members of the Council of Administration.

Seconded and unanimously carried.

Comrade Davey withdrew his name.

A ballot being had, pending its counting, the regular order of business was resumed.

The Officer of the Day announced a committee of the "Sons of Veterans," also a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps in waiting.

Comrades Lawrence and Barker were appointed a committee to escort the committee from the Sons of Veterans to the platform.

Comrades Bliss, Foote, Bennett, Kanitz and Pierce were appointed a committee to escort the committee from the Woman's Relief Corps to the platform.

The regular order of business having been suspended, both committees were received at the same time.

Comrade Bliss—Commander, I have the honor to present to the Department the committee from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrade Bliss—Department Commander and Comrades, I have the pleasure of presenting to you Mrs. Redfield and her committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, with greetings to the boys.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I take great pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. Udell.

Mrs. Udell contented herself with reading the following report from the Woman's Relief Corps:

Muskegon, Mich., June 11, 1903.

Edward C. Anthony, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir—We take pleasure in extending to you and through you to the Department Encampment of Michigan, the greetings of your Auxiliary, the Department of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps, now assembled in Twentieth Annual Convention.

The following report gives the present condition of this Department:

Membership, 8,662.	
Net gain since June, 1902, 346.	
Number of Corps, 234 (with not one delinquent).	
Cash expended for relief.....	\$1,484 39
Relief other than money.....	3,784 49
Cash expended from Dept. relief fund.....	70 00
Total .....	\$5,338 88

Since organization of Department of Michigan W. R. C.:	
Cash expended for relief (1885-1903).....	\$38,621 77
Cash expended for relief from Dept. fund..	1,129 23
Estimated value of relief other than money	48,655 86
Total since organization.....	\$88,406 86

We pledge anew our loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the principles for which this Order was established.

Very sincerely in F. C. & L.,  
 LYDIA C. HOPKINS,  
 Department President.

The Department Commander—On behalf of the Encampment I thank you most heartily for what you have done and what you are doing for the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department.

The committee will pin upon each of the ladies the Department Encampment badge.

The committee from the Sons of Veterans were introduced to the Encampment.

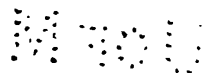
Commander-elect Turner—Commander, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Comrades—I have been detailed to perform the pleasant duty this afternoon of bringing to you the greetings of the Michigan Division of the Sons of Veterans that are now in session in this city. I want to say to you at this time that we wish you well, and that every individual member of our organization sends you greeting. I never look at that old flag up there but what I think, and I believe every son of a veteran thinks, of the sacrifices that you made. As one has beautifully said, that flag gives the spirit of well known power. Under its folds the weakest must be protected and the strongest must obey. That flag was first given to the air in the Revolution's darkest days. It reflects the sufferings of the past, the glories yet to be. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I do not care at this time to make any extended speech because I know that you are busy. I wish again to extend to you the hearty greetings and the well wishes of the Division of the Sons of Veterans in convention in this city.

The Department Commander—On behalf of the Department of Michigan we thank you for this greeting.

The committee having been presented each with the Encampment badge retired, and the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Foote nominated for Delegate at Large Comrade Ellery C. Cannon, Post 16, and there being no further nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Ellery C. Cannon of Post 16 for Delegate at Large to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment. The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed and Ellery C. Cannon was declared duly elected.

Comrade George H. Hopkins, Post 384, was nominated for alternate at large, there being no other nominations, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast



the vote of the Encampment and George H. Hopkins was declared elected alternate at large.

The Delegates from the several congressional districts presented the names of the following Comrades for Delegates and Alternates to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment to be held in San Francisco, August 17-22. On motion the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot for them and they were declared elected.

## DELEGATES.

## Dist.

1. William F. Atkinson, Post No. 17, Detroit.
2. R. B. Davis, Post No. 10, Dundee.
3. Geo. F. Larned, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.
4. Geo. A. B. Cook, Post No. 72, Three Rivers.
5. Chas. S. Wilson, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.
6. E. T. Winter, Post No. 24, Fenton.
7. E. Saunderson, Post No. 202, Romeo.
8. W. H. Presser, Post No. 38, Saginaw.
9. Chares Miller, Post No. 7, Muskegon.
10. John G. Berry, Post No. 263, Vanderbilt.
11. Andrew Curtis, Post No. 294, Big Rapids.
12. George J. Johnson, Post No. 8, Ishpeming.

## ALTERNATES.

## Dist.

1. H. B. White, Post No. 17, Detroit.
2. O. F. Kaywood, Post No. 48, Jackson.
3. T. C. Snow, Post No. 40, Charlotte.
4. John Seel, Post No. 14, Benton Harbor.
5. Chas. S. Smith, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.
6. L. C. Kanouse, Post No. 117, Byron.
7. O. S. Perry, Post No. 202, Romeo.
8. Jas. T. Hale, Post No. 307, Saginaw.
9. Wm. H. Hall, Post No. 316, Grant.
10. John W. Snell, Post No. 69, Midland.
11. Loren Madison, Post No. 66, East Jordan.
12. Cortland E. Moore, Post No. 300, Marquette.

The following named Comrades were nominated to complete the list of Delegates to the National Encampment: Comrades Marvin Preston, Post 384; P. H. McBride, Post 262; J. R. Stephenson, Post 5; T. E. Potter, Post 42; W. D. Brainard, Post 111; Allison L. Bryant, Post 255; J. M. Greenfield, Post 89.

As only six Delegates were necessary to complete the list, it was moved and carried that the Encampment proceed to ballot, each Comrade voting for six names, and that the six receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected.

As the result of the ballot, the following Comrades having received the highest number of votes were declared elected as Delegates:

Marvin Preston, Post No. 384, Detroit.  
P. H. McBride, Post No. 262, Holland.  
J. R. Stephenson, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.  
T. E. Potter, Post No. 42, Lansing.  
W. D. Brainard, Post No. 111, Eaton Rapids.  
J. M. Greenfield, Post No. 89, Flushing.

The six remaining Alternates were then placed in nomination: Comrades Allison L. Bryant, Post 255; E. B. Fenton, Post 384; T. N. Stevens, Post 176; George W. Norton, Post 111; Rodney James, Post 404; Philonan Bush, Post 79.

There being no further nominations, on motion, the Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment and the Comrades as named were declared elected as Alternates.

The Department Commander announced that the next in order would be the election of five members for Council of Administration.

The following Comrades were then placed in nomination: O. Tomlinson, Post 269; S. M. Kent, Post 5; D. H. Grow, Post 388; Reuben Quick, Post 87; John Devlin, Post 433; Loren Roberts, Post 18; C. C. Phillips, Post 19.

There being seven nominations, motion was made and carried that the Encampment proceed to ballot, each member casting his ballot for five Comrades, and that the Assistant Adjutant General shall cast the vote of the Encampment for the five Comrades receiving the highest number of votes.

Ballot was taken and, pending the count of the vote, Comrade T. E. Potter, Special Aide to the Commander-in-Chief in charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Education in the public schools of this Department, presented his report.

As the hour was getting late and the encampment anxious to adjourn, the report was received and ordered printed in the Jurnal without reading.

The following is the report:

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir—Through recommendation of the Commander of this Department, Edward C. Anthony, I was appointed by the National Commander a Special Aide in charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Education in the public schools of this Department.

I received my commission April 2, 1903, and at once consulted with the Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General as to the course to take to accomplish the best results within the seventy days before the Annual Encampment of this Department.

On April 4, 1903, the Department Commander issued the following circular:

Circular No. 1.

Lansing, Mich., April 4, 1903.

To the Pupils of the High Schools of Michigan:

Being desirous that the pupils in our schools become more interested in the observance of Memorial Day, one of the most sacred of our National holidays, a day full of thoughts of noble men and noble deeds with its lessons of Patriotism, this Department has thought best to emulate the example of other Departments and offer to the pupils of the high schools of Michigan, five prize medals for the best five essays on the subject of "Memorial Day."

The essays to be written and sent to Colonel Theodore E. Potter, Lansing, Mich., special aide in charge of Patriotic Education in schools, before the 10th day of May, 1903. The essay to contain 1,200 words approximately. Each essay must bear the name of the writer and postoffice address.

A committee of three consisting of Hon. Walter H. French, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction; Hon. Charles Smith, State Senator; Hon. Perry F. Powers, Auditor General, will examine the essays and award the prizes.

The medals will be of solid gold, artistic in design and workmanship and are well worth the effort put forth to secure them.

It is hoped that arrangements can be made to have the medals presented to the successful candidates at the public services to be held on Memorial Day.

The Department Commander reserves the right to use any or all the essays for publication or in memorial exercises as may seem best.

Where more than one essay shall be written in the same school, they shall be submitted to the principal of the school (or a committee appointed by him) who shall select the one to be forwarded for competition.

It is hoped the principals of the schools will encourage their pupils in this work making the subject matter as plain as may be.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

This circular was mailed to every G. A. R. Post in this Department, and to the principals of 415 high schools in the State, and also to the 84 county commissioners of schools.

April 15, 1903, the Department Commander, in General Orders No. 6, appointed the Assistant Inspector in each Post a special assistant to aid me in my work, and all who would accept the appointment were requested to report to me for duty.

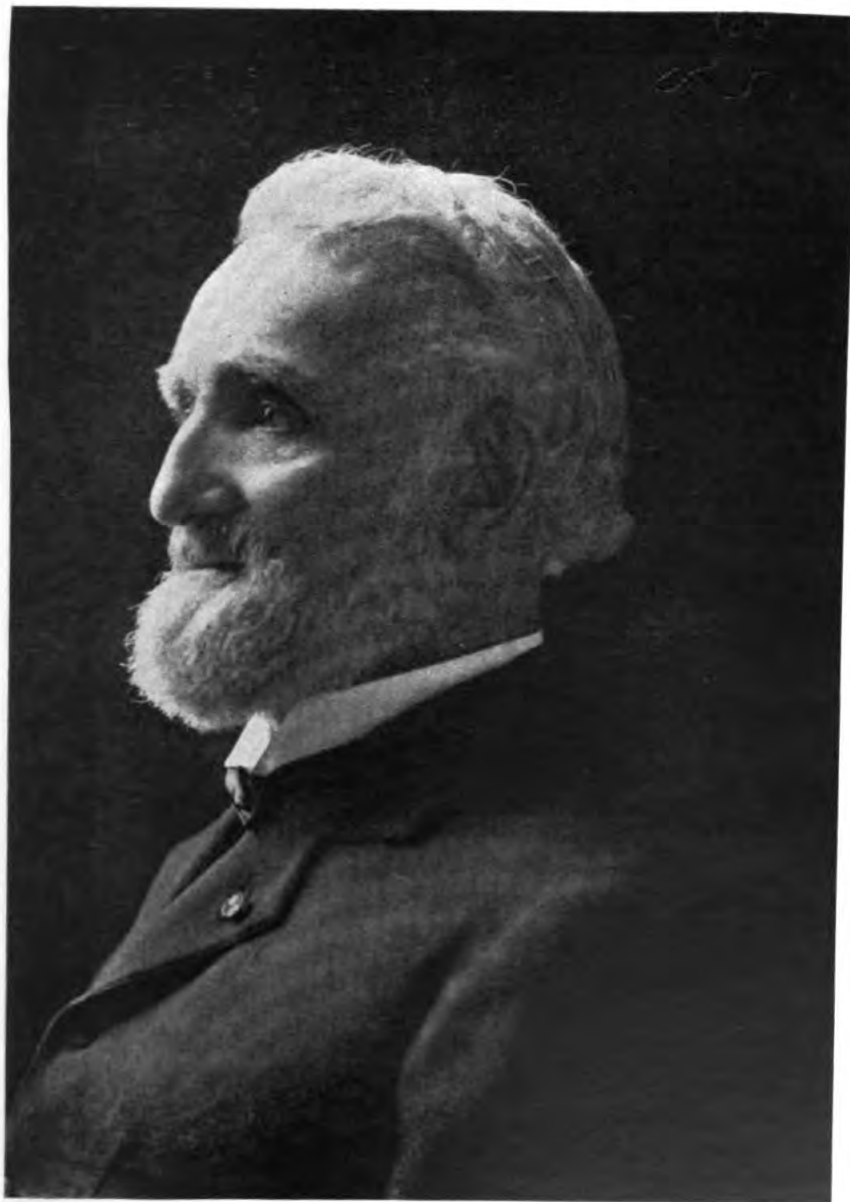
April 21, 1903, I issued two circulars and mailed them to the 263 aides appointed by the Department Commander.

The circular offering prize medals to the high school students for the best essays written on the subject of Memorial Day, giving only thirty days to write them and send them in. was a decided success. The scholars of the high schools of Michigan are to be congratulated on their promptness in writing so many scholarly, patriotic sentiments in so short a time. and it is safe to say that at least 100 essays were written during these thirty days; but as only one essay could be sent from each school, there were but 48 received, and put into the hands of the committee on the 12th of May for examination and awarding of the prizes.

The committee to examine the essays and award the prizes consisted of the following well known citizens and public men: Hon. Perry F. Powers, Auditor General; Walter H. French, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Senator Charles Smith. And the thanks of the Department is extended to them for their zeal and painstaking effort in deciding the awards.

I have received much encouragement from all parts of the State from county superintendents, principals of schools and students in this work; the greatest drawback being in the fact that the members of the G. A. R. have not taken as active an interest in it as I expected and as was desirable.

Much has heretofore been done by patriotic societies,



T. E. POTTER.

**Special** Aide in Charge of **Military** Instruction and **Patriotic** Education  
in Public Schools.





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especially the Woman's Relief Corps, in teaching salutes to the flag, military and flag drills, and addresses to schools by veterans and others, all of which has been instrumental in instilling patriotism in our youth.

But little has heretofore been done to draw it out of them, in getting expressions from them, of the patriotic sentiments and historic knowledge and impressions they have received. This latter form of encouragement and development is what now seems to be demanded. What is of most value and price must come out of us through careful thought and diligent labor.

Stamp into the soul of a child a high noble principle of action through its own mental effort to conceive and express that principle and it will remain through all time.

Now that we have laid the foundation for doing this, let us build upon it, for the pupils of our public schools have this year proved to the Department of Michigan that they can and will fully respond and do their part when asked.

Let us, then, as representatives of the G. A. R. of the State of Michigan, fully do our part in stimulating, encouraging and calling out the talent of our schools by offering prizes for the best essays on some such subject as "The G. A. R., what it is organized for, and why the veterans should join it;" "Sherman's march to the sea;" "Principal battles of the war;" "Generals and their campaigns;" "Appomattox, its effect on the nation;" "The grand review;" and similar topics that our young people will study into, while we are still living to inspire them as living examples and mementoes of stalwart patriotism.

I hope this Department, as such, will provide in some way to offer liberal prizes to the students of our schools, and thus call out the best talent of perhaps one thousand of them on patriotic subjects.

And I firmly believe it would be the means of adding many members to our Grand Army Posts by the interest created among old soldiers through interest and inquiries of these young people, and the reading of their essays.

Statistics show that less than one-half of eligible living old soldiers belong to the Order, and as they grow older and fall out of active business, they feel the need of congenial associations and old army friendships and aid, and are more ready to come in and fill up our ranks thinning by death. No society is so homelike and enjoy-

able to them as that of old Comrades, and they love to be together, in the ranks, as when they were young.

In justice to the Commander of the Department of Minnesota, a State less than four years old when Sumpter was fired upon, and which offered the first full regiment to suppress the Rebellion, and which sustained the greatest percentage of loss in the war of any regiment—at Gettysburg alone losing eighty per cent of their number—we are to give him credit for offering the first G. A. R. prizes to the scholars of the high schools of this country for essays on Memorial Day. I have several published copies of these prize essays for distribution to those whom I hope the next Commander of this Department will appoint to take up and carry on this work the coming year.

I am required by the Chief Aide, Allen C. Bakewell, to report to him on or before June 15th as to what has been done in this Department, and that report will be characterized largely by the action of this Encampment.

Last year twenty-eight states made splendid reports to him on their work in this line. Michigan made none. Now that we have made this year a fine beginning in arousing the interest and enthusiasm of the young people of the high schools of Michigan in the cause of patriotic education, can we, as a Department of the Grand Army, afford to discontinue it?

The part the Civil War soldiers took in saving this country will be remembered longer and more nobly by instilling the principles and spirit of national patriotism into our children and grand children, and they be led to more fully appreciate and maintain the results of those four years of struggle for preservation of liberty, than by any monuments of stone that could be reared to our memory.

**THEODORE E. POTTER,**

Special Aide in Charge of Military Instruction  
and Patriotic Education, Department of Michigan,  
G. A. R.

Lansing, Mich., June 9, 1903.

The result of the ballot for Council of Administration was announced as follows: Comrade O. Tomlinson, 111 votes; S. M. Kent, 117; D. H. Grow, 97; Reuben Quick, 80; John Devlin, 148; Loren Roberts, 74; C. C. Phillips, 60; scattering, 5.

In accordance with the resolution, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrades O. Tomlinson, S. M. Kent, D. H. Grow, Reuben Quick, and John Devlin for members of the Council of Administration, and they were declared duly elected.

Comrade Judd—The Committee ordered to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. beg leave to report that we have presented your compliments to the Ladies of the G. A. R., and have been received by them, and they return to you their thanks for the attention given them, and their sincere sympathy with you at all times and in all places, and wish you good wishes and prosperity.

The Department Commander—There being no further business before the Encampment, I will call upon Past Department Commander C. V. R. Pond to install the officers elected into their several offices.

Senior Past Department Commander Pond proceeded to install the newly elected officers with Fayette Wyckoff as Assistant Adjutant General, into their respective official positions.

Past Department Commander Anthony turned over to Commander VanRaalte the gavel, the emblem of authority, and with it the property of the Department.

The Department Commander announced that he would appoint his Assistant Quartermaster General later, and his name would be published in General Orders.

The Department Commander called a meeting of the Council of Administration at Headquarters room in the Occidental Hotel immediately after adjournment.

The business of the Encampment being closed, the Department Chaplain pronounced the benediction and the Commander declared the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, closed.

**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 PONTIAC, MICH., JUNE, 12, 1902. }

**General Orders No. 1.**

Having been elected and this day installed Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, at its Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment held in this city of Pontiac, Mich., I hereby assume command.

The earnest cooperation of each and every Comrade in this Department, in making the year we are entering upon, one of good results as to the welfare of the Order, is sincerely asked and will be expected as I enter upon the responsibilities of the office to which I have been chosen.

The following appointments are announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38.

Assistant Quartermaster General, Chas. D. Blanchard, Post 300.

Headquarters of the Department will be continued at Lansing, Michigan. All official correspondence other than that intended personally for the Department Commander, should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General of the G. A. R., Lansing, Michigan. Mail for the Commander will be addressed to Negaunee, Mich.

**EDWARD C. ANTHONY,**  
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING MICH., JUNE 13, 1902. }

**General Orders No. 2.**

I. The Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of this Department, held at Pontiac, Mich., June 11 and 12, 1902, elected the following named Comrades to office for the ensuing year:

Department Commander, Edward C. Anthony.....	Post 300
Senior Vice Dept. Commander, L. D. Van Kleeck.....	" 147
Junior Vice Dept. Commander, M. D. Richardson.....	" 365
Medical Director, W. W. Root.....	" 441
Department Chaplain, William Putnam.....	" 42

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.**

E. B. Fenton.....	Post 384
C. E. Foote.....	" 79
O. Tomlinson .....	" 269
Thomas Davey .....	" 404
W. J. Just.....	" 211

## DELEGATES TO THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

1.	"Ren" Barker, (at large).....	Post	451
2.	Edward S. Jameson.....	"	384
3.	J. Q. A. Sessions.....	"	137
4.	W. D. Brainard.....	"	111
5.	George D. Dean.....	"	46
6.	H. W. Holcomb.....	"	132
7.	L. H. Ives.....	"	441
8.	Amos Finch.....	"	55
9.	A. L. Bryant.....	"	255
10.	John W. Brakeman.....	"	7
11.	John W. Snyder.....	"	67
12.	Thomas N. Stevens.....	"	176
13.	Wm. A. Jellison.....	"	300
14.	J. O. Bellaire.....	"	5
15.	F. J. Buck.....	"	45
16.	J. W. Snell.....	"	69
17.	Frank E. Willits.....	"	145
18.	William Hart.....	"	17
19.	Stephen L. Cooper.....	"	32
20.	M. C. Dawes.....	"	205

## ALTERNATES.

1.	D. C. Spears, (at large).....	Post	10
2.	Eugene Muffatt.....	"	17
3.	Horace Palmer.....	"	45
4.	Wm. C. Shook.....	"	79
5.	L. K. Jillson.....	"	35
6.	S. H. Mallery.....	"	382
7.	Joseph L. Allen.....	"	181
8.	Rosell Widrig.....	"	216
9.	E. Howard.....	"	214
10.	A. H. Eckerman.....	"	7
11.	Oscar Palmer.....	"	240
12.	E. B. Kille.....	"	101
13.	Geo. G. Johnson.....	"	8
14.	J. B. Kenney.....	"	98
15.	J. M. Greenfield.....	"	89
16.	L. S. Russell.....	"	42
17.	N. M. Richardson.....	"	143
18.	Clark M. Hall.....	"	88
19.	A. D. Miller.....	"	203
20.	Roda O'Mara.....	"	1

## II. Additional appointments upon the staff are announced:

Judge Advocate, M. A. Merrifield.....	Post	88
Department Inspector, Geo. W. Stone.....	"	42
Chief Mustering Officer, Wm. W. Wheeler.....	"	145
Chief of Staff, Wm. S. Green.....	"	384
Senior Aide, L. G. Wilcox.....	"	419

**AIDES-DE-CAMP.**

Geo. A. Russell.....Post 109  
 H. A. Chapin..... " 81

III. Other appointments as aides upon the staff of the Department Commander will be made upon recommendation by Post Commanders to the Assistant Adjutant General. Such recommendations should be made with a view to strengthen the Order in the locality from which the appointments are to be made, and of Comrades who may represent the Department Commander when called upon to do so, in a most worthy manner.

IV. The following standing committees for the year are announced:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

E. B. Fenton.....Post 384  
 W. J. Just..... " 211  
 C. E. Foote..... " 79

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.**

Chas. E. Foote.....Post 79  
 F. Schneider ..... " 42  
 A. Milnes ..... " 109

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.**

S. J. Lawrence.....Post 270  
 D. C. Spears..... " 10  
 S. H. Mallery..... " 382

**COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.**

Henry S. Dean.....Post 137  
 O. A. Janes..... " 384  
 John Northwood ..... " 438

V. Post Commanders will at once send to the Department Inspector, Comrade Geo. W. Stone, Lansing, Mich., the name of a Comrade competent to act as Post Inspector and perform the duties of that office between the 1st of September and December 31st, 1902, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

VI. The blanks for the semi-annual reports and per capita tax for the term ending June 30, 1902, have been mailed to Post Adjutants by the last administration. It is very essential in order to maintain the keeping of the Posts of the Department from suspension by the National Encampment that Post Adjutants and Post Quartermasters make out these reports and forward the same to Department Headquarters immediately after the last Post meeting in June. In sending the per capita tax or

funds for Post supplies, let the remittance be either by registered letter, postoffice or express order, or by bank draft; if by any of the three last named methods, make the same payable to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

VII. Detroit Post 384 having tendered their services as escort to the Department Commander for the grand parade at the National Encampment to be held at Washington, D. C., in October next, the same have been accepted.

By command of

Official: EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF, Department Commander.  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., AUGUST 18, 1902. }

General Orders No. 3.

I. The approaching National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Washington, D. C., October 6th to 11th, offers another opportunity to comrades of the grandest army the world has ever known, to again meet and renew a comradeship formed during the trying scenes of 1861-65. It also furnishes another opportunity to attend a National Encampment in the Capitol City of our Nation, nearby to which lie many of the great battlefields on which many of you participated. The Department Commander hopes each and every Comrade will endeavor to be present and join in one more Grand Review down Pennsylvania avenue.

II. Headquarters of the Department of Michigan will be established at the Arlington hotel, Vermont avenue, between H. and I. streets, and will be open to all Comrades during the week of the Encampment.

The same arrangements for registration that proved so popular and gave such universal satisfaction at Cleveland will be used. All Comrades are earnestly requested to call and register at the earliest date possible after arrival in the city. The system is such, a Comrade desiring to find the whereabouts of a friend can do so readily, without interfering with registration.

III. The following report of the Transportation Committee in regard to special Headquarters train has been received, viz.:

"At a meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., held at Detroit, July 31, 1902, it was agreed to accept the proposition of the Pere Marquette and Wabash R. R. in conjunction with the Pennsylvania R. R. and the following has been selected as the official route for the Department of Michigan to the 36th National Encampment at Washington, D. C.

"Train will start from Grand Rapids over Pere Marquette R. R. at 10:30 a. m., October 4, going to Detroit, leave Detroit 4 p. m. via Wabash R. R. to Buffalo, Pennsylvania R. R. from Buffalo to



Washington, with side trip to Gettysburg on the going trip, extra charge of \$1.00. Double track all the way after leaving Detroit. Chair cars for all free of charge. Returning all Comrades using official route will be permitted to stop over at Niagara Falls not to exceed 10 days within the final limit of ticket (November 3). To obtain this privilege deposit ticket with the Wabash railroad agent at Niagara Falls until ready to continue journey. No extra expense for this stop-over.

"This will enable many to make side trips to points in New York State from Niagara Falls and Buffalo."

S. J. LAWRENCE,  
D. C. SPEARS,  
S. H. MALLORY,  
Committee.

This train will carry the Department Commander and Staff, the President and officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, Gov. Bliss and wife, also many of the Past Department Commanders. The Department Commander extends to all Comrades and their friends, especially the organizations allied by fraternal ties to join him on Headquarters train, leaving Detroit at 4 p. m.

Tickets will be on sale Oct. 3rd to Oct. 6th inclusive and good to return without deposit up to and including the 14th, the last train leaving Washington not later than midnight of Oct. 14.

By depositing ticket with joint agent on or before 12 o'clock noon Oct. 15th and payment of fifty cents by the holder at time of deposit the limit of ticket will be extended to and including Nov. 3rd.

One stop-over in each direction will be allowed, east of Buffalo.

The schedule time for special Headquarters train is as follows, with rates of fare:

	Leave.	Fare.
Grand Rapids.....	10:00 o'clock A. M.	\$14.25
Lake Odessa.....	11:00 " "	13.70
Sunfield .....	11:15 " "	13.55
Grand Ledge.....	11:05 " "	13.30
Lansing .....	12:10 " P. M.	13.10
Williamston .....	12:35 " "	12.80
Howell .....	1:20 " "	12.40
Plymouth .....	2:20 " "	12.00
Detroit .....	arrive 3:00 " "	11.55

Leave Detroit 4 o'clock P. M. Saturday, Oct. 4th, supper at St. Thomas, arrive at Harrisburg 8 o'clock A. M. Sunday, 5th, (breakfast) arrive at Gettysburg 10:30 A. M., spending the day in Gettysburg, leaving Gettysburg 12:00 o'clock midnight, arrive at Washington 6 o'clock A. M. Monday 6th. Returning trains leave daily at 7:50 A. M. and 7:15 P. M. Train leaving Washington 7:50 A. M. arrives at Buffalo at 7:40 P. M., leaves Buffalo via Wabash R. R. 2 o'clock A. M., (cars available at 9 P. M.) arriving at Detroit 7:40 A. M., connecting in union depot with all trains on Pere Marquette R. R. Sleeping car accommodations will be provided for all desiring such at regular rates.

IV. Free Quarters of the G. A. R. will be furnished on application. All applications must be made through these Headquarters and forwarded to National Headquarters on or before Sept. 1st, 1902.

The time is short so do not fail to send in your application without delay; also, see General Orders No. 6 (paragraph 4), from National Headquarters just sent you.

Parties desiring to secure private accommodations can do so by making application to M. J. Weller, Chairman of Committee on Public Comfort, Jenifer Building, 7th and D. St., N. W. Washington, D. C. Where organizations or parties numbering ten or more may wish to be quartered together it is advisable that early communication be made to the committee for individuals, couples, or small parties. Satisfactory quarters can be found up to the beginning of the encampment, though in such cases it would be advisable to make definite arrangements when practicable in advance. Where large parties are to be quartered together it will be important to designate about what proportion will need other sleeping accommodations than cots. Where absolute engagements are made in advance of the encampment a deposit will in some cases be necessary for the protection of both parties.

V. Delegates elected to the 36th National Encampment should notify these Headquarters immediately whether they will be in attendance at Washington. This is necessary in order that alternates may be notified in time to fill vacancies should there be any.

A meeting of all delegates, Past Department Commanders, and all officers entitled to seats in the Encampment from this Department, will be held in Michigan Headquarters Room at the Arlington Hotel at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday evening, Oct. 7th, for the transaction of business and the distribution of encampment badges.

VI. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 8th; further orders as to route, etc., will be issued later.

The Michigan Department will be under the immediate direction of Comrade W. S. Green, Chief of Staff, to whom all Post Commanders and Commanders of battalions, who participate in the parade will report during the day or evening of Tuesday, Oct. 7th, at Headquarters at the Arlington Hotel.

Aides-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander will report to the Senior Aide, Comrade L. G. Willcox, Tuesday evening, Oct. 7th, at the Arlington Hotel, for assignment to duty on day of parade.

Comrade Willcox will report to and receive instructions from Chief of Staff, who will have entire charge of the Michigan column during the parade.

The Department Commander hopes that as many Posts with their colors as possible, may be seen in the Michigan line.

VII. Reports of the term ending June 30th, 1902, have been received and consolidated report forwarded to National Headquarters. It is with regret, but in compliance with Rules and Regulations, that it becomes necessary to notice that Posts 195, 339, 443 and 444 have failed to make this report and are reported as delinquent.

VIII. Additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp upon the

Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

	Post		Post
Capt. A. B. Coffinbury.....	5	Levi Mitz.....	186
T. S. Huff.....	6	L. L. Hoffman.....	187
Geo. J. Johnson.....	8	Wm. H. Beaty.....	205
S. B. Kimball.....	14	S. T. Finney.....	270
J. H. Powell.....	16	Richard Goodell.....	270
H. A. Chapin.....	31	A. W. Dorland.....	278
Joseph C. Wicoff.....	39	Edgar W. Ford.....	294
Isaac Wheeler.....	89	Peter Trudell.....	300
James H. Wellington.....	90	John Dooley.....	300
Henry W. Moses.....	95	Eli K. Simonds.....	318
Albert W. Wagar.....	95	K. E. Starkweather.....	318
Geo. A. Russell.....	109	B. G. Webster.....	318
Eli Cook.....	111	Stephen O'Neill.....	343
Geo. H. Lineback.....	115	Wm. P. Spaulding.....	343
Rudolph Papst.....	118	A. B. Weston.....	381
B. F. Vest.....	141	Geo. W. Harmon.....	384
Henry Pinckney.....	153	D. C. Alcumbrack.....	408
H. H. Miller.....	166	Isaac Grant.....	451
J. W. Dickerman.....	168		

The Department Commander will not hesitate to call upon the members of his Staff for any assistance necessary in extending greetings of Michigan Headquarters to all comrades who may call.

IX. In accordance with Rules and Regulations the inspection of Posts takes place between Sept. 1st and Dec. 31st, 1902. Blanks for each inspection will be sent to Post Adjutants, who will see that they are placed in the hands of the inspectors appointed by Post Commander.

Inspectors' reports will be forwarded to Department Inspector, Geo. W. Stone, Lansing, Mich. Addressed envelopes will be sent with the blanks for the report.

The following comrades having been appointed Assistant Inspectors, they will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

	Post		Post
Clark A. Reynolds.....	9	H. Rossman.....	141
A. H. Rowe.....	14	E. P. Gifford.....	153
Joseph Foster.....	16	Seneca Sly.....	158
Chas. Wortman.....	24	Chester McIntyre.....	168
Deforest Litchfield.....	33	Richmond Booth.....	187
W. H. Miller.....	39	John T. Cuzzens.....	166
Wm. H. Dunn.....	46	F. W. Bechtold.....	206
C. V. Deland.....	48	D. P. Deming.....	232
R. N. Ormsby.....	55	John Chambers.....	278
L. Y. Cady.....	56	Thos. D. Horton.....	280
W. H. Barry.....	68	W. E. Dockry.....	294
John Hoffmaster.....	80	Geo. E. Harris.....	321
Abustus Simonds.....	86	Thomas Barnes.....	348
John M. Caldwell.....	89	Milo Bovee.....	358
N. S. Wood.....	90	Edward S. Jameson.....	384
Jacob Smith.....	115	A. M. Alberts.....	452
Lewis Brown.....	118	John I. Hodgman.....	456
Dennis Wright, Jr.....	127		




  
**In Memoriam.**

Since the issuing of last General Orders (No. 2) from this Department, we, as comrades, have sustained an irreparable loss. Comrade and Past Department Commander Chas. D. Long died at Detroit, June 27, 1902. Comrade Long was 20 years old when he enlisted as a private in Co. A, 8th Mich. Infantry, on the 23rd day of August, 1861, at Flint, Michigan. He was duly mustered into the service of the United States for the term of three years, on Sept. 23rd. His regiment was with the expedition sent to Hilton Head, South Carolina. On April 16th, at an engagement on Wilmington Island, Ga., Comrade Long was reported as mortally wounded, being shot in the body, left arm and left hip; being of vigorous constitution, he survived, and was discharged for disability, June 23, 1862.

He entered upon the duties of civil life with energy, filling numerous positions of trust in public life, rising to the honorable position of Justice of the Supreme Court of our State.

The best that can be said of him is, he was the comrades' best friend, and beloved by all who enjoyed his personal friendship.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 LANSING, MICH., NOV. 12, 1902. }

**General Orders No. 4.**

I. The month of December is fast approaching, and at the first meeting in that month, each Post will elect all but the appointive officers to serve for the year 1903. At this meeting you will also elect delegates and alternates to attend the Department Encampment to be held in Muskegon in 1903. Posts will elect one delegate for each 50 members or fraction over one-half that number. Every Post, however, is entitled to one delegate.

The Commander desires to urge upon the Posts the importance of selecting for officers those who have shown their interest in the Post and comrades by their zeal and active work. With such officers to conduct the interests of the Posts, there should be substantial gains all along the line in 1903. The best interests of the Post and comrades should be the first and ruling motive in selecting your officers.

Blank returns of election of Post officers, and credentials for delegates will be sent to each Post Adjutant, with addressed envelopes for their return to Department Headquarters. This should be done immediately after the election at the first meeting in December, 1902. Commanders and Adjutants will make careful note of these instructions.

II. The next and the important thing to emphasize is the Semi-Annual report for the second term ending December 31, which, with the per capita tax of ten cents per member, must be forwarded to Department Headquarters on the day following the last meeting in December. Make all drafts, postoffice orders and express orders payable to the order of Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Do not send personal checks as there is an additional expense to the department in their collection.

Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's Semi-Annual report ending Dec. 31, 1902, will be sent to Adjutants of posts, one copy to be retained by the Post and kept on file for future reference, the other to be forwarded to the assistant Adjutant General at Lansing.

Posts are reminded that the National countersign for 1903 cannot be sent to them until after their Semi-Annual returns for Dec. 31, 1902, are received at Department Headquarters.

III. Blanks for Post Surgeons' reports will be sent to Post Adjutants, who will see that they are placed in the hands of the Post Surgeon, or if there be none, the Adjutant will fill them out and forward in enclosed addressed envelope to Comrade W. W. Root, Medical Director of the Department, Mason, Mich. These reports are for the year ending December 31, 1902.

IV. The Thirty-Sixth National Encampment held at Washington last month deserves special mention, and will be held in sacred memory by those present as one of the best in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander was delighted with the large at-

tendance and splendid appearance of the comrades of this Department, and congratulates one and all for their commendable efforts in making the Department of Michigan one of the best in the parade. Also, to thank the members of his Staff, who by their personal and earnest work helped to make the part taken by this Department so much of a success.

The Commander also feels that special mention is due to the escort, Detroit Post 384, who, by their fine appearance and splendid drill, elicited the unstinted applause of all.

Our system of registration again proved itself superior to all others and received the commendation of many from other Departments; 1056 was the total registration of Michigan soldiers at our Headquarters.

V. The Department Commander urges upon the Posts the importance of recruiting and reinstating delinquent members. There is opportunity for earnest work in this direction, and it is hoped that this important matter will not be passed by unnoticed. It is suggested and recommended that Posts appoint a recruiting committee whose duty it shall be to assist the officers of the Post in securing new members and looking up the delinquents. Here is a field for earnest and successful work and if entered upon in the true spirit of comradeship, cannot fail of good results and bring about a substantial increase in our membership. And why not? For of all organizations the Grand Army of the Republic stands for Patriotism and Country.

VI. Additional appointments of Aide-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

	Post		Post
William F. Atkinson.....	17	Wm. Boston.....	82
Chas. Y. Pierce.....	17	Wm. R. Andrews.....	87
Eber Hart.....	20	C. W. Blumberg.....	176
Geo. Wilson.....	23	Wm. R. Norton.....	182
Jesse McBane.....	37	C. H. Crawford.....	187
Chas. Prange.....	79		

VII. The Department Inspector has confirmed the appointment of the following named comrades for Assistant Inspectors. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

	Post		Post
H. H. Weaver.....	4	Lawrence McHugh.....	67
J. S. Hilton.....	10	H. B. Smith.....	79
E. D. Babcock.....	13	Warren Hecox.....	82
Holden B. White.....	17	R. B. Boylan.....	87
Manley C. White.....	20	H. W. Forney.....	91
Edwin Colwell.....	23	A. A. Carr.....	93
O. M. Pritchard.....	27	J. D. Kenney.....	98
T. Biddle.....	35	G. D. Hamilton.....	114
T. M. Smith.....	37	Miles J. Whitney.....	132
H. Coleman.....	38	Geo. W. Clute.....	134
Silas B. Allen.....	40	Asa Morse.....	176
Frank A. Sperry.....	42	F. A. Bacon.....	182
T. C. Tyner.....	49	A. A. Miner.....	218

	Post.		Post.
Henry Manchester.....	229	A. Turrel.....	371
W. P. Warren.....	307	Geo. W. Hille.....	392
J. W. Parker.....	336	Chas. Kaufman.....	393
Edwin N. Carley.....	364	John T. McCurley.....	433

Commanders of Posts that have not named an Assistant Inspector are requested to do so at once, and such appointment is hereby approved without further notice or naming in General Orders.

Chapter V, Art. V, Sec. I, Rules and Regulations, requires that inspection of Posts be made before December 31. Reports of the same to be sent to Comrade Geo. W. Stone, Department Inspector, Lansing, Mich.

VIII. In accordance with Rules and Regulations, the installation of officers of Posts will take place at the first regular meeting in January, 1903. Please take notice, however, that such installation cannot take place until the Semi-Annual report with per capita tax for the term ending Dec. 31, 1902, has been sent to Department Headquarters and the Post inspected.

Post Quartermasters must file their bonds with the Post Commander before they can be installed into office.

Official: By command of  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF, EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
 Assistant Adjutant General. Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 LANSING, MICH., FEB. 20. 1903. }

**General Orders No. 5.**

I. National orders No. 3 accompany these orders and should have the careful attention of the Posts. Should there be a small attendance on account of bad weather, etc., at the first reading of these orders, the Department Commander suggests that they be read the second time.

II. The new officers of the Posts having now fully entered upon their duties for the year, the Department Commander wishes each and all a year of renewed interest and success. That we may realize our best wishes for the good results desired, it is hoped that every officer and comrade will do his part, not leaving for another what he should do himself, but all seeking to emulate the best efforts of others. By such earnest work the Posts in the Department of Michigan will realize a permanent increase and not a decrease in its membership.

The Department Commander calls attention to the following extracts taken from a letter received from the Commander-in-Chief Thomas J. Stewart:

"With the installation of Post Officers for the year 1903, the Commander-in-Chief suggests that an earnest effort be made all along the line to recruit our ranks and awaken and continue a renewed interest in the several Posts. The newly elected officers



will, no doubt, appreciate the honor conferred upon them by their comrades, and be ready and willing to advance the interest of the Post, and make their administration a success. There is always more activity among Posts during winter months and comrades should be urged to attend Post meetings and take an active personal interest in securing the re-instatement of former members and the recruitment of new members. There is sufficient material in every community to increase the membership of Posts and overcome all losses. Let us abandon the idea that every year must hereafter show a loss in membership; that will surely be the result if we are to cease our efforts, and with folded arms quietly invite such a result. We can be strong and influential for many years to come if we will only be up and doing."

The Department Commander heartily endorses the sentiment and wishes of the Commander-in-Chief and urges upon the newly installed officers, the necessity of vigorous and systematic work of recruiting. The pension rolls show that only about one-half of the comrades of '61-5 are members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Here is a fruitful field for active work. As suggested in previous orders, let Post Commanders appoint committees to carry on the work of recruiting. Not to relieve the officers of their duty or responsibility but to assist them. "Keep in touch with each other, boys. Get a little nearer together." Let the veterans of '61-5 present a united front and thus show to the world that we are proud of having served our country in the hour of its sorest need.

Your attention is called to a circular issued by "one of the active, energetic Posts of the Grand Army, that has been productive of excellent results." Copies of the same are enclosed and a sufficient number will be furnished on application to these Headquarters, believing that prompt and systematic use of the same will bring increased membership to the Posts and Department.

III. For the purpose of enabling comrades living at a distance, or where there are not enough to maintain an organized Post, the Rules and Regulations provide for the forming of Out-Posts. See section 11, article 2, chapter 2, Rules and Regulations. This presents to many Posts an opportunity to increase membership and to enable many comrades to enjoy the privileges of comradeship in the G. A. R. which they do not now have. It is hoped that the Post will give this forming of Out-Posts serious consideration.

IV. The Department Commander calls special attention to the enclosed extracts from the message of the Governor on the erection on the Capital Grounds at Lansing of a "Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument," and urges that committees be appointed to circulate petitions as suggested, using the printed headings for the petition. This should be pushed vigorously and at once, to be effective.

V. The semi-annual reports for the term ending Dec. 31, 1902, have been forwarded to National Headquarters. The total number of Posts in good standing is 359. A loss of two Posts during the term. The total membership is 13,716.

We have gained three Posts by reinstatement, viz.: Posts Nos. 195, 285 and 339.

Have lost five Posts as follows: By delinquent report, Posts 244, 257 and 339. By surrender of charter, Posts 161 and 356.

Our net losses in membership for the term is 336. Of this number 185 was by death.

VI. Your special attention is called to the very earnest and patriotic appeal of the Commander-in-Chief in paragraph II, General Orders No. 3, National Department, asking for aid to assist our comrades in the Southern Departments in the work of decorating the graves in our National Cemeteries on Memorial Day.

It is hoped that the Posts will take up the work promptly following the instructions as given in National General Orders regarding remittance, etc. Let our response be of the kind that speaks more than words.

VII. Many inquiries come to these Headquarters regarding the laws affecting the G. A. R. The attention of the comrades and all interested is called to the fact that these laws are all to be found in the back part of the Journals of the Department Encampments. These Journals should be on file in your Post room, as they have been sent to the Adjutants of your Post regularly.

VIII. It is desirable that all Post officers and Aides-de-Camp to National and Department Commanders procure and wear at all meetings of the Post and public meetings where the G. A. R. is represented, the Rank Bar designating their several offices.

The following named comrade has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Comrade W. L. Zook, Post 19.

Official: By command of  
**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,** **EDWARD C. ANTHONY,**  
 Assistant Adjutant General. Department Commander.

**WANTED.** The address of any comrade who was acquainted or served with Bruce Buckminster, late of Co. B, 10th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, by Mary A. Buckminster, Owosso, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 LANSING, MICH., APRIL 15, 1903. }

**General Orders No. 6.**

I. The Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan G. A. R., will be held in the thriving and patriotic city of Muskegon, on June 9, 10 and 11.

Headquarters will be established at the Occidental Hotel at 10 a. m., June 9th, where all comrades will be welcome.

II. The Executive Committee will meet at Headquarters Room at 3 p. m., June 9th, and the Council of Administration will meet at 7:30 p. m. for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

The Committee on Credentials will meet at the Occidental Hotel on Tuesday, May 9th, from 3 to 6 p. m. and from 7:30 to 10 p. m., and on Wednesday, June 10th, from 7:30 to 10 a. m., after which they will be at the Opera House, where the Encampment will be held.

All comrades entitled to seats in the encampment must secure the Encampment badge from the Credential Committee and be in possession of the national countersign before presenting themselves for admission.

III. The Assistant Adjutant General and Comrades H. A. Chapin, Post 31; John W. Brakeman, Post 7; Henry Spaulding, Post 20; will constitute the Committee on Credentials.

IV. The Encampment will convene at the Opera House, Wednesday, June 10th, at 10 a. m. and continue in session from day to day until all business is completed.

A special program for the encampment will be issued later.

V. The Post at Muskegon has organized with Comrades Louis Kanitz, John R. Bennett and Chas. Miller as Committee of Arrangements. This committee is earnestly at work making arrangements for a most hearty welcome to the Comrades of the G. A. R., the W. R. C., Sons of Veterans, and Ladies of the G. A. R. in their visit to this "City of Monuments." A volume could be written in commendation of the patriotism and public spirit of the citizens of this thriving city, but let this suffice. You will be royally received and most generously entertained.

VI. The Commander of Phil Kearney, Post No. 7, will detail an officer of the day, officer of the guard, and as many guards as will be necessary for duty during the Encampment. The officer of the day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions at 7 p. m., June 9th.

VII. Department and staff officers are requested to have their reports ready and sent to the Assistant Adjutant General before the 28th day of May, that the Department Commander may have knowledge of their work before closing his report to the Encampment.

#### RAILROAD RATES.

VIII. On account of the Encampment at Muskegon, the Michigan Passenger Association have granted a "rate of one fare for the round trip."

IX. The hotel accommodations will be ample. The following have announced their rates:

Occidental Hotel.....	\$2 00 to \$3 00 per day
The Wierengo.....	1 50 to 2 00 per day
Campau Hotel.....	1 00 to 1 25 per day

Comrades desiring to secure accommodations at hotels or private houses can do so by applying to Comrade H. D. Baker, chairman of committee on accommodations.

X. Posts are requested to send all requests and requisitions for supplies by June 6th. Headquarters will be closed at Lansing 12 m., June 8, and opened at Occidental Hotel, Muskegon, 10 a. m., June 9th.

XI. Special orders relative to Memorial Day will be issued later. The Department Commander desires that preparation for its proper observance be taken up at an early day, by the appointing of committees and securing the cooperation of municipal cor-

porations, school boards and teachers, with the purpose of interesting the school children,—that the lessons of the day may be impressed upon the youth of our country.

XII. The Department Commander is pleased to note the increasing interest in recruiting the ranks of our loved order. Only about one-third of the veterans of the Civil War living in this department are on the rolls of the G. A. R. Our work is to secure the enrollment of the other two-thirds. Is not our object a worthy one? Let every comrade bring in one or more, how soon the lagging spirit in some of our Posts would be revived and enthusiasm succeed depression. A hearty grasp of the hand, a kindly word of interest, an awakening of fraternal feeling, will bring the wandering back, and you, my comrade, will be revived and strengthened by so doing.

XIII. Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are reminded that they have a duty to perform, and attention is called to this particular duty, viz.: To assist the Post Commander in recruiting and maintaining the membership of the Posts, and bringing back the dropped members.

XIV. The Department Commander hereby appoints all the assistant inspectors as special aides on military instruction and patriotic education in schools. Their special duty will be to assist in inculcating patriotism among the youth of the country.

The chief aide to the Commander-in-Chief, who has charge of this special work for the G. A. R., in a circular issued Feb. 16th, suggests that the special aides should promptly systematize a plan to secure the following results:

1. The flying of the flag over every schoolhouse.
2. Daily salute to the flag.
3. Legislative action in the interest of patriotism in schools.
4. To interest the school authorities in the floating of flags over schoolhouses and the adoption of a "Manual of Patriotism."
5. Patriotic exercises by schools in recognition of all national holidays.
6. Attendance of school children on memorial services.
7. To cooperate with the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans and all other patriotic organizations carrying forward this patriotic work.

Assistant Inspectors who will accept the appointment as special aides for this work, are requested to report to Comrade Theodore E. Potter, Lansing, Mich., for duty.

XV. The Roster of the Department for 1903 has been sent the Post. Any Post Commander failing to receive a copy will please notify the Assistant Adjutant General.

XVI. National Orders Nos. 4, 5 and 6 have been sent to the Posts and should have the earnest attention of the comrades, and the subjects mentioned in Nos. 5 and 6 should receive favorable consideration. The Department Commander calls special attention to the earnest appeal of the Commander-in-Chief, soliciting aid to assist our comrades in decorating the graves of our noble dead in the National Cemeteries in the south land.

Official:

By command of


FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

Information wanted of David J. Warner, late of Co. K, 46th Ill. Vol. Inft., as matters of interest await him, by his brother, W. W. Warner, Selden, Sheridan Co., Kan. When last heard from David J. Warner was living in Otsego Co., Mich.

Wanted—Address of Edgar and Sylvester Leach, both of Co. D, 23d Ohio Inft., by Warren Hawes, Elm Hall, Mich. Information to their interest awaits them.



  
 HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., APRIL 27, 1903. }

**General Orders No. 7.**

Thirty-five years ago the Commander-in-Chief by General Orders, set apart the thirtieth day of May "For the purpose of strewing with flowers, and otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion," and annually since this beautiful ceremony has been repeated by virtue of orders from National Headquarters.

In obedience to National General Orders No. 7, the Department Commander calls the attention of the Posts to the anniversary of "Memorial Day" and directs that suitable provisions be made by each to properly observe the 30th day of May, 1903, with the usual ceremony of strewing their deceased comrades' graves with the first flowers of spring and placing above them the flag for which they fought and died.

Other nations pay tribute to their honored soldiery by granting triumphal entries in their capital cities, the erecting of victorious arches and everlasting monuments to perpetuate their memory and deeds of valor. It has been left to the American soldier to build a more lasting and sacred monument,—"Memorial Day." Well has one of Michigan's noble sons said in commemoration of the day, "Better by far that this country have no granite shafts than to forget this sacred day. It is a living, breathing patriotism, revived every year. It is a monument rebuilt annually in the hearts of the people. It is by far the best lesson of loyalty that could be taught to the youth who are so soon to be the men and women of the nation."

So may orators chosen to address the people assembled in cities, villages, and hamlets, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, commend the spirit and wisdom of the founders of our system of government, and without stint praise the valor and patriotism of our comrades in preserving and perpetuating what our forefathers established.

Let the sacredness of the day be upheld by discouraging all efforts on the part of selfish interests to make it a day of sports and games. The day is sacred to the memory of our noble dead, let us strive to keep it so.

The proper observance of Memorial Sunday, May 24th, is heartily commended, and it is hoped that every Post in the Department will attend divine service on that day.

In carrying out the provisions of this order, the cooperation of the loyal women of the Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans, and kindred organizations is earnestly invited and will be greatly appreciated.

Official: By command of  
**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,** **EDWARD C. ANTHONY,**  
 Assistant Adjutant General. Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., MAY 20, 1903. }

**General Orders No. 8.**

I. As previously announced, the Department Encampment will be held in Muskegon, June 10th and 11th. Headquarters at the Occidental Hotel.

The Department Commander desires that a large representation of the Department be present to do honor to the city that is generously preparing to receive us.

II. The comrades and citizens of Muskegon have arranged for and on the afternoon of June 10th will give to the delegates and officers of the Department, also the delegates and officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, the ladies of the G. A. R., and delegates and officers of the Sons of Veterans, an excursion on one of the largest steamers on Lake Michigan, provided the weather be favorable. Arrangements have also been made for a rousing campfire on the evening of the 10th. Addresses will be made by Comrades R. A. Alger, J. C. Burrows, Washington Gardner and others.

It is urged that as many as possible reach the city on the 9th, as the Encampment convenes at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 10th.

III. As announced, railroad rates will be one fare for the round trip from all points in Michigan. Dates for sale of tickets for the lower peninsula, June 8th, 9th and 10th, good to return on or before June 13, 1903, and from points in the upper peninsula date of sale, June 8th and 9th, with return limit to June 14th.

IV. Blanks for the Semi-Annual Reports of Post Adjutant and Quartermaster for the term ending June 30, 1903, are being sent out, together with an addressed envelope for their return to these Headquarters. The attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 1, Article 2, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations, requiring these reports to be sent in by July 1st. Do not wait for this date, but fill out and send in at the last Post meeting in June. This is imperative, as the National Encampment meets nearly two months earlier than usual, and the Adjutant General has written asking this Department to send in its semi-annual report by the 15th of July. This will not admit of any delay on the part of Post or Department officers in sending in reports. This much is said to impress it upon your minds and not to be forgotten. The per capita tax of ten cents for each member must accompany the reports. Make drafts, money order and express orders payable to the order of Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Do not expect a reminder; let this notice be sufficient.

V. Blanks for Chaplains' Memorial Day Reports also accompany these orders with envelopes for return of same. Post Chaplains, and where there is no Chaplain, the Post Adjutant, will fill out the report. Do this the next day after memorial Day when all the facts are fresh in your minds. It is necessary that these reports be sent in by the 15th of June, not later. Attention is called to the circular letter of the Department Chaplain which accompanies these orders.

VI. President Lincoln's Gettysburg address will be found in General Orders No. 7 from National Headquarters. It should be used in all Memorial Day services as directed by the National Encampment.

VII. The following Posts have been mustered during the term: Nos. 405 and 460, and Posts 244 and 444 have been reinstated.

VIII. In closing these orders, the Department Commander would express his gratitude to the comrades of the Department for their universal courtesy and willing responses to the requests that have been made. Let us not forget that spirit of fraternity that binds us together as comrades, but rather let us cherish it, and may it cement us together more closely as the years pass. Let us be faithful to our noble order until we answer to the "last roll."

Official:

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.



  
**In Memoriam.**

It is with profound sorrow, the Department Commander  
announces the death of Comrade


**W. J. Just**

Member of Council of Administration and Past Post Commander  
of Post 211.

Comrade W. J. Just died April 23rd at his home in Ionia.

He entered the service as a member of Co. B, 25th Michigan  
Infantry, August 6, 1862; was discharged on account of disability,  
June 16, 1863; enlisted the second time as 1st Sergeant in Co. C,  
New 3rd Mich., Sept. 21, 1864, was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant,  
Jan. 1, 1865. Discharged from the service, July 7, 1865.

Comrade Just has held numerous positions in the Grand Army  
of the Republic, and as a comrade and citizen won the respect of  
all. Nothing better can be said than that he died a "just man."  
Let us cherish his memory.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., SEPT. 22, 1902. }

**Special Orders No. 1.**

I. Wm. S. Green, having tendered his resignation as Chief of Staff, the same has been accepted.

II. Comrade E. S. Jameson, Post 384, is hereby appointed as Chief of Staff and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Comrade Wm. A. Jellison, Post 300, is hereby detailed and will have charge of the registration at Headquarters in Washington. Comrades are requested to call and register soon after arrival in the city.

**FREE QUARTERS.**

IV. Much anxiety is being felt by those who have applied for free quarters. Gen. Orders No. 7, paragraph X, explains fully the work of National Department in this particular. A letter from Adjutant General S. H. Towler on this subject, says: "I would like at this very minute to give out the assignments if I could do so, but it is impossible until I have all the facts before me. The Boys need not worry. Assignments will come in time, and if they should not know where they are going, competent men will be there to show them where to go."

Believing everything will be in readiness for all, there need be no hesitancy on the part of any.

Let us fall in line on Wednesday, Oct. 8, in Washington, D. C.

Orders for formation and parade will be issued at Washington by National Department.

Official:

By command of

**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

**EDWARD C. ANTHONY,**  
 Department Commander.

## STATUTE LAWS.

Laws of Michigan affecting veterans passed by the Legislature down to and including the session of 1903.

## SOLDIERS' HOME.

[Act No. 152, Session Laws 1835, p. 172; amended 1889, Act 103, p. 108; 1891, Act 44, p. 44.]

AN ACT to authorize the establishment of a home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines in the State of Michigan.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be established in this State an institution under the name and style of the "Michigan Soldiers' Home," and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated from the general fund for preparing grounds, and for the erection of suitable buildings and fixtures thereon, and equipping the same; and the further sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of maintaining such Soldiers' Home for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-five and eighteen hundred and eighty-six: Provided, That the board may use ten thousand dollars of the above, or so much as may be needed, to support or maintain such persons as are entitled to support under this act up to the time the home is ready for occupancy, in such manner and such place as the board may deem best: Provided, however, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers hereinafter created to draw upon the sum hereby appropriated an amount exceeding one hundred and ten thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five and the sum of forty thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

Sec. 2. The general supervision of said Soldiers' Home shall be vested in a board of managers to consist of six members, who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the members of which board shall hold their office for the respective terms of two, four and six years from the first day of

March, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, said respective terms of office to be designated in their several appointments, and thereafter there shall be two members of said board appointed every two years, whose term of office shall continue for six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Governor shall be a member of said board ex officio, and shall be chairman thereof.

Sec. 3. The said board is hereby empowered to select and establish with all convenient dispatch a site for the Soldiers' Home, and for that purpose they are authorized to receive proposals for the donation of lands for the location of such home in behalf of the State and for the benefit of such institution: Provided, That good an [and] sufficient titles to any lands thus granted shall be obtained by said board before any such site shall be fully established.

Sec. 4. The said board, having established a site for the home, shall immediately deposit a certificate of their determination, together with all conveyances of lands granted, in the office of the Auditor General. They shall also prepare, or cause to be prepared, and adopt a plan for the grounds, buildings and fixtures necessary for such institution, of such form, dimensions, style and finish, as when completed the grounds and improvements thereon, including the buildings and fixtures therein, shall be at a cost to the State not exceeding the sum hereinbefore appropriated.

Sec. 5. The board of managers having secured a site and adopted a plan for the grounds and buildings, which shall not comprise less than one hundred acres of land, shall forthwith proceed to advertise for proposals for the erection and furnishing of such parts of the buildings, in accordance with their plans, as may be necessary to put the said institution in readiness at an early day for the reception of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as shall be hereinafter declared entitled to homes in said institution; and upon the reception of any such proposal they may, in their discretion, make contracts with such bidders as shall make proposals most conducive to the interests of the State, taking into consideration the price, time of performance and responsibility of the contractor, with such sureties as he may offer; which contract, when

duly executed, shall also be deposited in the office of the Auditor General, and a duplicate of said contract shall be kept by the secretary or other proper officer of the board as part of the records of the institution.

Sec. 6. Each of the members of said board shall be entitled to receive three dollars per day for each day he shall be engaged with the business of the board and his actual and necessary expenses, the accounts for such expenses and compensation to be allowed by the Board of State Auditors and paid from the general fund in a similar manner to those for members of other boards of the several State institutions.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the members of the board of managers to meet annually at the home on the second Wednesday in March of each year, and at said annual meeting they shall elect of their own body a treasurer and clerk, who shall hold their office for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the board of managers to meet once in every three months, on their own adjournment, and oftener if they should deem it advisable, at which meeting they shall prepare and carefully digest and mature a system of government for said home, embracing all such rules, regulations and general laws as they may deem necessary for preserving order, for enforcing discipline, for preserving the health of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as may be received at this home.

Sec. 9. For the purpose of maturing said system of government and discipline it shall be competent for said board to authorize one of its members to visit similar institutions now in operation, and by personal inspection and investigation to acquire an insight into the principles and practical workings of said similar homes, for the information and benefit of said board, the expense actually and necessarily incurred in any such visit and investigation to be charged against the appropriation hereinbefore made.

Sec. 10. The board of managers shall have power, and it shall be their duty to appoint a Commandant for said home who shall be an ex-officer, soldier or marine, whose salary shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars per annum, and who shall nominate for the action of the

board of managers all necessary subordinate officers, who shall also be ex-officers, soldiers, sailors or marines, who may be dismissed by said Commandant for inefficiency or misconduct; but in case of every removal a detailed statement of the case shall be reported to the board of managers by the Commandant. The board of management shall have power to fix the salaries of all subordinate officers: Provided, The amount so paid shall not exceed such reasonable compensation as is paid for the like service in similar institutions.

Sec. 11. All honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army or navy of the United States in the late war of the rebellion, or in the Mexican war, and who are disabled by disease, wounds or otherwise, and who have no adequate means of support, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning their living, and who would be otherwise dependent upon public or private charity, shall be entitled to be admitted to said home, subject to the rules and regulations that shall be adopted by the board of managers to govern the admission of applicants to said home: Provided, That no applicant shall be admitted to said home who has not been a resident of the State of Michigan for one year next preceding the date of the original passage of this act, unless he served in a Michigan regiment or was accredited to the State of Michigan.

Sec. 12. The method of drawing money from the State treasury and accounting for the same shall be similar to that now in force with other State institutions, as prescribed by the general law.

Sec. 13. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, and for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six the further sum of forty thousand dollars, which sums when collected shall be passed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse the same for the amounts advanced under the provisions of this act.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

Approved May 21, 1889.

Approved April 28, 1891.

[Act No. 249, Session Laws of 1889, p. 370; amended Act 47, p. 143, 1895.]

AN ACT relating to the admission of insane members of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to the insane [asylums] asylum of the State, and to their support at such asylums.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That in case any member of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall become insane and shall be so adjudged according to law, and shall be sent to any one of the asylums for the insane, such insane inmate shall not thereby lose his connection with said Michigan Soldiers' Home, and the proper officers of said Soldiers' Home shall claim from the general government any proportion of the cost of maintaining such insane inmate to which said Soldiers' Home is entitled by law.

Sec. 2. Whenever any such inmate of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall be adjudged insane according to law, the probate judge having jurisdiction thereof may commit such insane person to any insane asylum of this State to be there maintained and supported at the expense of the State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved July 3, 1889.

Approved March 29, 1895.

[Act No. 90, Session Laws 1895, p. 199.]

AN ACT to provide for the maintenance of discipline and for the better government of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, who served in the late Civil War, their wives and mothers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the officers of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, shall consist of a Commandant, with the military rank of Colonel; an Adjutant, with the military rank of Major; a Surgeon, with the military rank of Major; a Quartermaster, with the military rank of Captain; and such non-commissioned officers as the Commandant may from time to time appoint.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commandant to provide some suitable place within said home wherein disobedient or otherwise disorderly persons can be restrained, and the said Commandant or such other officer as may be temporarily in command may place in restraint any disobedient or otherwise disorderly person until such person can be brought before the proper judicial tribunal, or until the necessity for such restraint shall have passed away: Provided, No person shall be so restrained more than forty-eight hours.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of such Commandant to make a detailed written report of every case in which said restraint shall have been resorted to, to the board of managers of the home at the next meeting of the board after such action shall have been taken.

Sec. 4. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 24, 1895.

#### WOMAN'S ANNEX.

[Act No. 212, Session Laws 1893, p. 423.]

AN ACT establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late Civil War, their wives and mothers, and making an appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be erected, at some suitable spot upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to be designated by the board of managers of said Soldiers' Home, a dormitory building, cottage, or cottages, not to cost when finished a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, for the care of soldiers, sailors and marines, who served in the late civil war and were honorably discharged, their wives and mothers: Provided, That such wives must have been married to soldiers, sailors and marines during the war or previous to January first, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Sec. 2. In case the husband is living and does not wish to be separated from his wife by entering the Soldiers' Home, then he shall also be eligible to admittance to the above mentioned dormitory, cottage or cot-



tages, together with his wife and minor children under fourteen years of age, if any.

Sec. 3. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of the general fund, to be used for the purpose of erecting and furnishing said dormitory or cottage buildings, and the further sum of five thousand dollars is also appropriated for the maintenance thereof for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four: Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers to draw a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and five thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Sec. 4. The government of this home shall be vested in the board of managers of the Soldiers' Home, as provided for under act one hundred and fifty-two, section two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five. The [Commandant] Commandent of the Soldiers' Home shall have direct control and supervision of the Home herein created, and the officers of the Soldiers' Home shall also be the official officers thereof.

Sec. 5. Any moneys, which may be paid to the said board of managers from subscriptions, donations, or any source whatever of like private beneficence, should there be a surplus at the annual meeting at the end of the year, shall be covered into the State treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund.

Sec. 6. The board of managers shall elect out of their own body a chairman, secretary and treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 7. All supplies for said institution shall be purchased and furnished under the direction of the Commandant of the Soldiers' Home, as may be prescribed by the board of managers.

Sec. 8. The conditions as to eligibility, shall be the same as prescribed for the admission into the Soldiers' Home of the soldiers, sailors and marines, under act one hundred and fifty-two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, viz.: The husband or father must have served in a Michigan regiment, been accredited to the State of Michigan or have been a resident of this State one year previous to the passage of this act.

Sec. 9. The Auditor General shall add to and incorpo-

rate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, and in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, the sum of five thousand dollars, to be assessed, levied and collected according to law. which sums, when collected, shall be passed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse it for the advances made under the provisions of this bill.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 2, 1893.

#### BURIAL OF SOLDIERS, ETC.

[Act No. 170, Session Laws 1885.]

**AN ACT** to authorize the burial of the body of any honorably discharged ex-Union soldier, sailor or marine in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray his funeral expenses.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward in their respective counties, a suitable person, other than those designated by law for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be, in his township or ward, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent or respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed forty dollars, the body of any honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine, having at any time served in the army or navy of the United States, who shall hereafter die, not leaving means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person as appointed who shall serve without compensation, and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors, and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed in the foregoing section, before he assumes the charge and expense of any such burial, to first satisfy himself by a careful inquiry into and examination of all the cir-

cumstances in the case, that the family of such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, if he had any at the time of his decease, residing in such township or ward, is unable, for want of means, to defray the expenses of such funeral or burial, whereupon, if he finds such inability to exist, he shall cause such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, to be buried as provided in section one of this act. and he shall also immediately report his action to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county, setting forth all the facts, and that he found the family of such deceased person, if he had any, in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the expenses of such funeral or burial, together with the name, rank and command to which he belonged as such soldier, sailor or marine, the date of his death, place where buried and his occupation while living; also an accurately itemized statement of the expenses incurred by reason of such burial.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors, upon receiving the report and statement of expenses provided for in section two of this act, to transcribe in a book kept for that purpose, all the facts contained in said report respecting such deceased soldier, sailor or marine. It shall also be the duty of said clerk upon the death and burial of any such soldier, sailor or marine, to make application to the proper authorities under the government of the United States, for a suitable headstone, as provided by act of Congress, and to cause the same to be placed at the head of such deceased soldier's, sailor's or marine's grave.

Sec. 4. All expenses incurred in such burial, as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 10, 1885.

[Act No. 33, Session Laws 1887, p. 31.]

**AN ACT to authorize the board of supervisors of any county in this State to purchase lots in any cemetery or burial place for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines.**

**Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be lawful for the board of supervisors of**

any county in this State to purchase one or more lots in any cemetery or burial place, for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army of the United States in the late war of the Rebellion.

Sec. 2. The title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall be vested in such county or in such incorporated Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, as the board of supervisors may designate, such title to be held by such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall revert to the county when such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic shall cease to be a legal corporation.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 17, 1887.

[Act No. 33, Session Laws 1887, p. 31.]

AN ACT to provide for the joint erection of soldiers' monumental buildings by township, incorporated villages and cities, and to permit the same to unite with any Grand Army Post in the erection of such buildings.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That whenever any township, incorporated village or city, or county, in which a soldiers' monumental building is proposed to be erected by any Post or Posts, or the Department of Michigan, of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, shall desire to unite with such Post or Department in the erection of such building for township, village or city purposes, such township, village or city, shall have the right to aid and assist in the construction and building of the same to the same extent as though such [building] buildings were to be used solely for such township, village and city or county purposes, and such township, village, city or county shall have power; and they are hereby authorized to contract with any such Post or Department, whenever the same shall have been incorporated, and thereby determine the proportions that said township, village, city or county shall pay towards the construction of said building, the architecture and arrangements of the same, and the separate portions respectively which shall be occupied or used by the respective parties to such contract.

Sec. 2. And for the purpose of carrying the same into

effect, the said township, village, city or county is authorized to appoint by its township board, village trustees, or common council of any such city, or board of supervisors of any such county, a board of three trustees, who shall constitute the building committee in behalf of said township, village, city or county, under the supervision of the township board, village trustees, or common council, or board of supervisors appointing them, and who shall have power under such supervision to make the contracts hereinbefore specified, and oversee on the part of such township, village, city or county, the work of constructing such building, and who shall audit and sign all vouchers on account of the same.

Sec. 3. It is further provided that the township, village, city or county so uniting in the erection of any such building may raise the funds necessary for the same in the same manner and to the same extent as is now provided by law for the building of municipal buildings.

Sec. 4. Such buildings shall be and remain the property of the said municipal corporation after the dissolution of such Grand Army Post, but it shall be forever dedicated as a memorial building to the memory of the Union soldiers of the war of the Rebellion, and all relics, documents, books, papers and library belonging to such defunct Post, or which may be deposited afterwards for such purpose, shall be cared for therein by proper supervision, by the public authorities, in a proper room or rooms kept for that purpose, and which shall at all reasonable times be kept open and free to the public: Provided, That in case any surviving organization of the descendants of such soldiers become and remain an incorporated body, as such incorporated organization may, at its option, and said town, village, city or county is hereby authorized and required, if so desired, to permit the said incorporated organization to maintain, so far as possible the same relations to the said municipal corporations in said buildings, in substantially the same manner and to the same extent, during the life of said corporation or that of any corporation formed as its successor, having the same ends in view as the Posts or Department of the Grand Army of the Republic might or could do: And provided further, That the amount of money contributed by said Post or Department to the construc-

tion of said building, in case the same, upon the dissolution of such Post or Department, shall be and remain so long as may be necessary a perpetual fund devoted to the maintenance of such building as a memorial building.

Approved June 7, 1889.

#### ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN MICHIGAN SOLDIERS.

[Act No. 203, Session Laws 1885.]

AN ACT to provide that certain Michigan men who served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, shall be enrolled in this State, with the same rights and benefits of volunteers who served in Michigan regiments.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That all persons that during the late war of the Rebellion have served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, and who, at the time of their enlistment, were citizens of and had lost their legal residence in this State, and who were duly mustered into and honorably discharged from the United States service, and who were never credited to this or to any other State, shall, upon satisfactory proof thereof, filed with the Adjutant General, be considered as having enlisted from this State and shall have their names enrolled upon the books and records of that office, and be credited to the several localities and districts of this State, for the period they actually served, as the proofs in each case shall warrant.

Sec. 2. Upon such enrollment such persons shall be recognized by this State as Michigan soldiers, and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits now or hereafter extended to volunteers who were enrolled and rendered similar service during said late war in regiments organized in this State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 17, 1885.

## PAYMENTS OF STATE BOUNTIES.

[Act No. 157, Session Laws 1885, p. 212.]

**AN ACT** to provide for the adjudication and payment of certain claims for State bounties due to Michigan soldiers and supposed to have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers.

**Section 1.** The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors be and is hereby authorized and instructed to examine into and determine the rights of certain claimants to State bounties, which bounties, it is alleged, have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and to adjudicate and determine upon all questions of fraud in relation to such bounties.

**Sec. 2.** For the purposes herein provided, said board is hereby directed to hold its sessions at the capitol at Lansing, at such times, and as often as shall be necessary to transact and complete the business of adjudicating such claims. Said board is further authorized and directed to establish such methods of adjudication, and prescribe such mode of proof as shall seem to them most conducive to the object intended to be accomplished by this act, and as shall be the least expensive to such claimants. They shall have further power in all cases where it may seem to them to be necessary to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to call for papers and enforce the production thereof. They may also prescribe and provide suitable blanks, and do any and all things necessary and lawful for the prompt and faithful execution of the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 3.** For the purpose of this act, it shall not be deemed necessary in establishing a claim, for the soldier, or his widow or children, having a claim under the provisions of act number twenty-seven of the session laws of 1865, approved February 4, 1865, and being compiler's section 937 of the compiled laws of 1871, to comply with the technical requirements contained in the last three subdivisions of section one of said act, nor shall it be necessary to make any technical proof of a similar nature to that contained in the aforementioned provisos of said act number twenty-seven, but it shall be made to

appear in all cases that the soldier enlisted and was mustered into the service of some regiment or other military organization of this State, and was credited to this State or to some military subdistrict therein: Provided, That no payment shall be made upon any assignment of such claim, nor to any person except to such identical soldier, or in case of his death, then to his widow or children, or their legal representatives: Provided, further, That the statute of limitations shall not be a bar to any claim by such soldier, or his widow, children or legal representatives.

Sec. 4. If it shall appear upon such examination that "the bounty due" said soldier, so enlisted and mustered, has been paid to any other person, upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and that his bounty is still justly due him, the said board shall audit the claim, and issue a certificate showing the fact and directing the amount found to be due to be paid to such soldier or his heirs, and upon such certificate the Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State of Michigan for the amount found due by said board as shown by such certificate, and the Treasurer shall pay the same out of any money appropriated for that purpose, or any money not otherwise appropriated.

Approved June 9, 1885.

[Act No. 138, Session Laws 1891, p. 171.]

AN ACT providing for the payment by the State of bounties offered to soldiers and sailors under the call of the President of the United States of February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and remaining due to them and their heirs.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be paid to each enlisted man who enlisted and was mustered into the military or naval service of the United States during the late war of the Rebellion, under the call of the President of the United States bearing date February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and who served in a Michigan regiment, company or battery, or who served in any organization from any other State, and who was credited to this State, or to any county, township, city or village, or military subdistrict therein, under offers of bounties



made by virtue of acts passed by the Legislature of Michigan, such sum or sums as may remain due to such soldier or sailor under said offer of bounties, and in case of his death, then to his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, then to the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, or in case neither widow nor child survive him, then to his father or mother in the order named.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, upon application being made to them by any such soldier or sailor, or his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, his father or mother, as aforesaid, for the payment of such bounty, to ascertain upon proper and sufficient proofs, to be made in such manner and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Board of State Auditors:

First, Whether the applicant is a soldier or sailor, or the legal representative of a soldier or sailor, who is entitled to the bounty under the provisions of this act;

Second, The amount of bounty, if any, heretofore paid to such soldier or sailor by this State.

Sec. 3. If it shall appear that said applicant is entitled to the sum claimed or any part thereof, they, the said Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, shall make the necessary certificate showing the amount so due, with certificate together with the proofs and copies of the records relating thereto shall be forwarded to the Board of State Auditors. The Board of State Auditors shall thereupon examine and review such proof, and if found correct draw their warrant upon the State treasury for the amount so due, and the amount of said warrant (together with the date of its drawing), shall be communicated to the person entitled to receive the same, together with a voucher to be executed by the recipient of said bounty and returned to the Auditor General, according to certain rules to be prescribed by the Board of State Auditors, and thereupon said warrant shall be forwarded to the person so entitled to said bounty, and when properly endorsed and presented in due form to the State Treasurer, shall be paid out of any moneys in the State treasury for that purpose appropriated, and in case there shall not be sufficient money in the State treasury applicable to such purpose, such warrant shall

remain as an obligation against the State until paid, and a sum of money not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of said bounties.

Sec. 4. All applications for bounties, now on file in the office of the Board of State Auditors, shall be transferred to the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, and considered by them as original applications.

Sec. 5. It shall not be necessary to employ any agent or attorney for the prosecution or collection of said claims for bounties; but they shall be settled and adjusted directly by the Quartermaster General, Adjutant General and Board of State Auditors, without cost to said applicant, and the checks drawn in payment of these bounties shall be mailed directly to the claimant, or the money paid to the claimant, and it shall not be lawful to pay any moneys to third parties except after the transfer of said checks by indorsement of the soldier or claimant in whose favor the same was drawn.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 16, 1891.

#### INCORPORATION OF G. A. R.

[Act 37. Session Laws of 1883, amended Act 84, 1889, p. 87.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of the officers above mentioned and their place of residence;

Second, The corporate name by which the association shall be known in law;

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, and the period for which it is incorporated, which shall not exceed thirty years.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and thereupon the persons who shall sign such articles of association, and their associates and successors, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession and shall be persons in law capable to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy to them and their successors' estates, real and personal, of suing and being sued, and to have a common seal which may be altered or changed at pleasure, but said corporation shall have no power to divert any gift, grant, or bequest from the specific purpose or purposes designated by the donor or donors. It shall also have the power to act as trustee under any gift or bequest for any specified purpose within those named by its rules and regulations, or the spirit thereof, and may administer such trust by such officers and in such manner as is in accordance with such rules and regulations of the order and with the specified instructions of the donor or donors, and such trust when so created shall not be invalid for want of the names of specific beneficiaries to be benefited thereby. And in case the charter of any such Post or Department should be taken away or surrendered, or whenever such Post or Department shall become defunct as a corporation and incapable of carrying out the provisions of any such trust as trustee thereof, the same shall be turned over to and received by a commission, or board of trustees, of not more than three persons in number, which said board of trustees shall be appointed by the circuit court of the county in which said Post was organized, or if said property be real estate, in which said real estate is situated, which

said board of trustees shall continue to administer said trust fund in accordance with the provisions and the spirit of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the conditions expressed in said trust, and they shall account to and be governed in the management thereof by said court, and may be required to give the same bonds as receiver appointed under the general powers of the court: Provided, That the value of the real estate and personal estate owned in fee by said Post or Department, shall not exceed the value of one hundred thousand dollars, and that they and their successors shall have power to give, grant, sell, lease, devise and dispose of such real and personal estate or any part thereof to be disposed of, together with the proceeds, rent and income, as directed by such corporation under its rules and regulations. Said corporation shall have full power to make and establish rules and by-laws for regulating and governing all of its affairs and business not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this State or of the United States, and to designate, elect, or appoint from its members such officers under such name and style as shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sec. 4. A copy of the records of such articles of association under the seal of the State, duly certified by the Secretary of State, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed shall have power to institute and charter Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic within this State, and from time to time issue such orders for the government of Posts as are not repugnant to the rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States.

Sec. 6. At any time when a subordinate Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said Post, resolve to become incorporated, the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Adjutant of such Post may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, specifying as provided in section two of this act, and file a copy of the

resolutions passed at a regular meeting of the Post, with the clerk of the county in which such corporation shall be formed, which shall be recorded by such clerk in a book to be kept in his office for that purpose, and thereupon such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the officers thereof, their associates and successors shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in law with the same powers, duties and liabilities, as the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, have under section three of this act: Provided, That a certified copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the circuit court of the county where such record is recorded, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all the courts in this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable memorial edifice, building, or hall as to such corporation may seem proper for its purpose, and it may, if so desired, create for that purpose a capital stock of not more than one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than ten dollars each, which said shares may be subscribed for and held by any person, but in case such persons, or any persons holding shares who are not members of said Post, or of the Department Encampment of said Department, or agents of the same, they shall have no voice in the control of said building during the life of said corporation. And provided further, In case any such corporation so desires, it may, for the purpose of building any such memorial buildings, unite in the erection thereof with any township, village, city or county, to be used jointly for the purposes of the Grand Army, and the public purposes of any such public corporation, in such manner and form as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto respectively: Provided, That in case of the joint erection of any such memorial building, that when any such Post or Department becomes defunct as a corporation the said building shall belong in perpetuity to the public corporation and its successors, subject to the provisions of law. And any such corporation organized under this act may take, purchase, hold and own

suitable lots or parcels of ground as may be convenient for the purposes of a cemetery, and make all lawful rules and regulations for the disposition of lots therein and the burial of the dead: Provided, That this act shall not be construed to [affect] effect any municipal regulations in regard to cemeteries: And provided further, That any such corporation may join with any public corporation in the creation of such cemetery, or division of any existing cemetery, but in case of such joint agreement, such cemetery, after the dissolution of the said corporation, shall revert to and become the property of, or subject to the control of, any such public corporation, to be maintained by it in perpetuity as a distinct Grand Army division of such cemetery.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.

#### LEASE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO G. A. R. POSTS.

[Act No. 79, Session Laws of 1889, p. 84.]

AN ACT to authorize the leasing of public buildings and parts thereof in this State to Grand Army Posts at a nominal rent.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, Any county, city, town, village, or school district in the State of Michigan is hereby authorized to lease for any period not exceeding five years each to any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic established in any such county, city, town, village or school district, to be used by such Post, any public building or any part thereof, belonging to any such county, city, town, village or school district except school houses in actual use as such, at a nominal rent to be fixed by the board of supervisors of such county, the board of aldermen of such city, the township board, the board of trustees of such village, or the school board or boards of education of said district.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.

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**TO PREVENT ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE BADGE OR  
BUTTON.**

[Act No. 181, Session Laws 1901.]

**AN ACT** to amend the title and section of act number seventy-eight of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year eighteen hundred eighty-seven, being an act entitled "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or the badge of the Loyal Legion of the United States," and being section eleven thousand seven hundred sixty-eight of the Compiled Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven.

**Section 1.** The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the title of act number seventy-eight of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year eighteen hundred eighty-seven, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows, to wit: "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or of the Loyal Legion of the United States," and that section one of said act, being section eleven thousand seven hundred sixty-eight of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, be amended to read as follows:

**Section 1.** Any person who shall wilfully wear the badge or the button of the Grand Army of the Republic, the insigna, badge or rosette of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use the same with the intent to obtain aid or assistance within this State, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such order or of such society, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved, 1901.

**PROPERTY OF POSTS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.**

[Act No. 25, Session Laws 1895, p. 107.]

**Sec. 3.** The following personal property shall be exempt from taxation:

Third, Of all Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Union Veterans' Unions and of the Woman's Relief Corps connected therewith.

[Act No. 44, Session Laws 1901.]

Section 7. The following real property shall be exempt from taxation:

Eleventh, All lands with the buildings thereon owned by any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic or Woman's Relief Corps connected therewith when such lands and buildings are occupied and used by such Post or Woman's Relief Corps exclusively for the purposes for which they are organized.

#### STATE ARMS FOR SONS OF VETERANS.

[Act No. 141, Session Laws 1885, p. 158.]

AN ACT to authorize the use of condemned State arms by the organization known as the Sons of Veterans.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Quartermaster General of this State be and is hereby authorized to furnish each of the organizations known as the "Sons of Veterans" in this State with four of the condemned muskets belonging to the State. Said muskets are to be used by said [organization] organizations until such time as the [organization] organizations shall be disbanded, and upon such disbanding they shall be returned to the State.

Sec. 2. In order to insure a prompt return to the State of such arms upon the disbanding of such several organizations, the Quartermaster General shall in each case require of such organization a good and sufficient bond in such amount and with such sureties as he shall approve, conditioned for the prompt return of said arms as aforesaid.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.



## RELIEF COMMISSION.

[Act No. 253, Session Laws 1895, p. 548.]

AN ACT to amend sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and to add two new sections thereto to stand as sections five and six of said act.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of the several counties of this State to levy, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and annually thereafter, a tax not exceeding one-tenth of one mill on each dollar, to be levied and collected as provided by law, upon the taxable property of each township and city for their respective counties, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Such sums when collected shall be paid to the county treasurer of each of the counties of this State, to be paid out by him upon the orders of the commission hereinafter provided, duly signed by the chairman and secretary thereof: Provided, however, That in case any part of such fund shall not be necessary for the purpose for which it was raised the same shall remain in the treas-

ury of such county as the soldiers' relief fund, and shall be considered in raising future sums therefor.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the judge of the court of probate in each county, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines, to be known as the soldiers' relief commission of the county, with the powers and duties in this act provided. One of such persons shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and at the expiration of the term for which each of such persons is appointed, his successor shall be appointed for the term of three years thereafter. The persons so appointed, shall organize by the selection of one of their number as chairman and one as secretary, and in the event of the death, resignation, change of residence or other disability creating a vacancy, the judge of probate shall fill such vacancy by an appointment for the unexpired term. They shall each file the constitutional oath of office with the court and receive the proper certificate of their appointment. They shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for their services, to be fixed and paid by the boards of supervisors of their respective counties.

Sec. 3. The supervisors of each township and ward in each of the counties of this State, and where there are no ward supervisors, then the aldermen of the several wards of any incorporated city in this State, shall on or before the first day in May of each year make and place in the hands of the soldiers' relief commission, a list of all the persons entitled to relief under the provisions of this act, and the soldiers' relief commission, on the second Monday of May in each year, shall proceed to determine the amount necessary for aid and relief to be granted such persons under this act, which shall be then and there fixed and recorded in the books to be kept by the secretary of said soldiers' relief commission. The commission may determine not only the sum to be paid, but the manner of paying the same, and may discontinue payment of such relief in their discretion, and there shall be no appeal from their decisions.

Sec. 4. Whenever any emergency shall arise in case

of sickness, accident or death, which in the opinion of any supervisor or alderman needs relief, such supervisor or alderman, where inconvenient to consult any of the commission, shall have power to draw an order on the county treasurer for a sum not to exceed ten dollars, and shall certify his action and the circumstances of the case to such soldiers' relief commission, which shall ratify the same, and such commission may grant such further relief at any time as they may deem necessary: Provided, however, That no claim for relief shall be allowed which shall create a deficiency in the fund.

Sec. 2. That two new sections shall be added to said act to stand as sections five and six of said act, to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Said soldiers' relief commission shall make to the board of supervisors, at its October session in each year, a full report of its doings, the amount of relief fund on hand, the amount expended during the year preceding and the amount estimated for the year ensuing, and such further information and suggestions as they may consider necessary in the discharge of their duties under this act.

Sec. 6. In cases where moneys have heretofore been raised by any city or township under the provisions of the act hereby amended, the balance of moneys unexpended on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, may, by a vote of the common council or township board, be transferred to and made a part of the general fund of such city or township, as the case may be, and thereafter no such tax shall be levied except as provided in this act.

Approved June 1, 1895.

#### FLAGS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

[Act No. 56, Session Laws 1895, p. 153.]

**AN ACT to provide for the purchase and display of United States flags in connection with the public school buildings within this State.**

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the board of education or the board of school trustees in the several cities, townships, villages and school

districts of this State shall purchase a United States flag of a size not less than four feet two inches by eight feet, and made of good flag bunting "A," flag staff, and the necessary appliances therefor, and shall display said flag upon or near the public school building during school hours, and at such other times as to the said board may seem proper; and that the necessary funds to defray the expenses to be incurred herein shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as moneys for public school purposes are assessed and collected by law.

Approved April 14, 1895.

STATUE OF GOVERNOR AUSTIN BLAIR.

[Session Laws 1895, p. 600.]

No. 11. .

**JOINT RESOLUTION** to provide for placing a statue of Michigan's War Governor, Austin Blair, on the east side of the capitol, building on the State House grounds, in the City of Lansing, Michigan.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of securing and causing to be erected on the grounds belonging to the State of Michigan, adjacent to and on the east side of the capitol building, in the city of Lansing, a statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair.

And further resolved, That there shall be appointed by the Governor three commissioners, of whom two at least shall have been soldiers of the Union army of eighteen hundred sixty-one, eighteen sixty-five, whose duty it shall be to procure such statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair, and cause the same to be placed upon the grounds adjacent to the capitol building, and on the east side of said building, in the city of Lansing. The commissioners so appointed shall serve without charge for their services, or cost to the State: Provided, That such necessary expenses as may be incurred by the commission for postage, stationery, travel and

expenses essential thereto, while carrying out the object of this resolution, shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the Auditor General for vouchers of the commission, or any member thereof, sworn to before some officer competent to take such acknowledgment, when audited by the Board of State Auditors: Provided, That the said ten thousand dollars shall be added to and incorporated in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six by the Auditor General, and shall be assessed, levied and collected and credited to the general fund to reimburse it for the sum hereby appropriated, but said ten thousand dollars shall not be drawn from the treasury before April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

This joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1895.

#### RECOMPILATION OF SOLDIERS RECORDS.

[Act No. 30, Session Laws 1895, p. 117.]

**AN ACT** to provide for the continuance of the recompilation and copying of the records in the office of the Adjutant General pertaining to the enlistment, muster, history, and final disposition of the soldiers or sailors from this State during the War of the Rebellion, and to make an appropriation therefor.

**Section 1.** The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Adjutant General is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable books and to recompile and copy from papers now on file in his office, or from such other official papers as he may obtain, the military or naval history of each and every soldier or sailor, who enlisted from or was credited to this State during the war of the Rebellion. Such history shall show, as far as may be possible, the name, age, date, of enlistment, military or naval history and final disposition of each such soldier or sailor.

**Sec. 2.** The sum of eight thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the State treasury to the credit of the general fund not otherwise appropriated, for the

purposes mentioned in this act. The Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer upon the certificate of the Adjutant General not to exceed the sum above mentioned, as the same may be required to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five the sum of four thousand dollars, and a like sum for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, to be assessed, levied and collected as other State taxes are assessed. levied and collected, which sums, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse it for the sum appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 22, 1895.

#### LOCATING MICHIGAN REGIMENTS ON BATTLE FIELDS.

[Act No. 55, Session Laws 1893, p. 57.]

AN ACT to provide for a commission to locate and mark the positions and places occupied by the Michigan regiments and batteries who fought upon the battlefields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby empowered to appoint a commission of five persons, all of whom participated in the said battle of Chickamauga or Chattanooga, who shall serve without pay, and whose duty it shall be to cooperate with the national commission in ascertaining, fixing and marking the positions occupied by each regiment, battery and independent organization from this State engaged in such battles and during such engagements, and to further this purpose the commissioners are authorized and empowered to avail themselves of the knowledge and assistance of representatives of such regiments, batteries and other organizations as were engaged in such actions and battles, who shall also serve without pay, except for necessary and actual expenses while engaged in their work.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of meeting and defraying the traveling and other necessary expenses of this commission a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid upon the warrant of the Auditor General, upon the requisition of said commission: Provided, Said commission shall furnish to the Auditor General a detailed statement of their expenses for traveling, clerk hire, assisting in locating, placing and securing the marks and tablets necessary for performing and completing their duties as such commissioners, and for payment of expenses of representatives of the regiments batteries and other organizations as hereinbefore provided upon filing of itemized statement of such actual and necessary expenses. The commission shall also make out and file with the Governor, upon the fulfillment of their duties, an abstract of all expenditures and all acts done or recommendations made by them, with the information gathered from their observation, and pertinent in its relation thereto, as the commission may think proper.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three the sum of two thousand dollars to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse said fund for the amount appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 4, 1893.

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 1895, p. 72.]

AN ACT to make an appropriation for marking by monuments the places occupied by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second Regiments of Infantry; the Second and Fourth Regiments of Cavalry, Batteries A, and D, First Michigan Artillery, and the First Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, who participated in the campaigns and battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, within the National Military Park of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, and providing for the erection of the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be and the

same is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of erecting monuments to mark the places occupied on the battlefields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second Regiments of Michigan Infantry; the Second and Fourth Michigan Cavalry, the First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, and Batteries A and D, First Michigan Artillery. Said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Military Park Commission, created by act number fifty-five, public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-three, who shall receive no pay for their services, except for necessary and actual expense and clerk hire, while engaged in their duties.

Sec. 2. The said commission shall at once, after the passage of this act, proceed to carry the same into effect. They shall determine the design and number of monuments to be erected as contemplated in this act with all convenient speed. The actual expenses of said commission shall be paid out of the fund hereby appropriated, and they shall report to the Governor of the State of Michigan immediately upon the fulfillment of their duties in detail, making an abstract of expenditures with vouchers thereto, with all acts done or made by them, together with information as gathered from their observation and pertinent in its relation thereto, shall be embraced in their report as the [commission] commissioner shall think proper.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred ninety-five, the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum when collected shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse said fund for the amount appropriated by section one of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 26, 1895.



**PERMANENT G. A. R. HEADQUARTERS.**

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 1897.]

**AN ACT to provide permanent headquarters in the capitol building for the Grand Army of the Republic, to designate the purposes for which the same shall be used, and to provide for an annual report by the commander.**

**Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors shall set apart a suitable furnished room at the Capitol in Lansing, to be known as Headquarters room of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan. Said room shall be given like care and attention as is given to other office rooms in the Capitol. The room shall be under the charge of the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Michigan, and such officer or officers of the Grand Army of the Republic as he or his successors in office may appoint, and said room shall be used for the purpose of storing its supplies and property, arranging and keeping the records and history of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and conducting the general office business of the Department as directed by the Commander. The records shall be accessible under suitable rules and regulations established by the Commander of the Department or his authorized assistant, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and others engaged in collecting historical information.**

**Sec. 2. The Commander of the Department of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic shall annually report to the Governor on or before the first day of June of each year, such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as he may deem to be of interest to that organization and the people of the State. Eight hundred copies of this report shall be printed and bound in paper cover. Two hundred copies shall be distributed among the members of the Legislature and State officers, and six hundred copies shall be delivered to the Commander of the Department for distribution among the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.**

**This act is ordered to take immediate effect.**

**Approved February 11, 1897.**

## EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS.

[Act No. 85, Session Laws 1899.]

**AN ACT to amend act number two hundred five of the Public Acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment."**

**Section 1.** The People of the State of Michigan enact, That act number two hundred five of the public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**Section 1.** In every public department, and all public departments in all municipal corporations, and upon the public works of the State of Michigan, honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Rebellion and the soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war shall be preferred for appointment and employment; age, loss of limb or other physical impairment which does not, in fact, incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them: Provided, however, That the applicant shall have been a resident of the State for at least five years and of the county in which the office or position is located for at least two years. and possesses other requisite qualifications.

**Sec. 2.** No veteran, or other soldier, sailor or marine, as indicated in the preceding section, holding an office or employment in the public works of any city or town of the State shall be removed or suspended, or shall, without his consent, be transferred from such office or employment, except after a full hearing before the mayor of such city, or before the common council of such town, and at such hearing the veteran shall have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel. Such removal, suspension or transfer shall be made only upon a written order of the mayor or of the common council.

**Sec. 3.** Any violation of the provisions of this act shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 25, 1899.

**PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF RECORDS OF MICHIGAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.**

[Session Laws, 1903.]

**AN ACT to provide for the publication and distribution of a record of Michigan soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion, and to make an appropriation for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred four, therefor, and to provide a tax to meet the same.**

**Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, The Adjutant General shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, prepare for publication an alphabetical regimental history of all soldiers and sailors who enlisted from and were credited to this State during the war of the Rebellion. Such history shall contain the name, residence, date of enlistment, date of muster in, rank, promotion, wounds received, capture and imprisonment by the enemy, date of discharge, muster out or death, and such information as can be obtained from the records of this State, the war, navy and other departments of the Federal government, or other authentic sources, as will correct or complete the records, making as far as practicable a complete and concise military history of each soldier or sailor so serving; prefacing each volume of such records appropriately, with a concise general history of the organization therein named. He shall direct the preparation and compilation of such records for publication in forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, or forty-six volumes, assigning as far as practicable one volume to each of the following organizations and groups of organizations, viz.: One volume to each regimental infantry organization and reorganization, numbered from first to thirtieth regiment; one volume each to first regiment of Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, first regiment Michigan Sharpshooters, and first regiment Michigan colored troops; one volume to the fourteen Michigan Batteries of Light Artillery; one volume to Gen. George A. Custer's Cavalry Brigade, consisting of the first, fifth, sixth and seventh regiments of Michigan cavalry; one volume to each of the second, third, fourth, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh Michigan cavalry regiments; and one volume to contain all other miscellaneous organizations and detachments enlisted in**

this State and serving in Michigan or other State organizations; and one volume to contain a general alphabetical index of all names mentioned in the different volumes constituting the entire edition, showing in what organization or volume each name in the index may be found, for the convenient reference of the public in library sets, which index volume is herewith limited to two hundred copies. For this purpose the Adjutant General is authorized to employ such extra clerical assistance and procure such blanks and stationery as may be necessary in the preparation, compilation, comparing and proof reading, necessary to secure historical and typographical accuracy.

Sec. 2. The distribution of said volumes when published shall be made under the supervision of the Adjutant General, in the same general manner now adopted for the distribution of "Michigan in the War" under section three, act two hundred forty-eight, public acts of eighteen hundred eighty-seven. One regimental volume to the applicant of the organization in which he served as follows: Any person who served in any Michigan regiment, battery, company or detachment during the Civil War, and has been honorably discharged, or any person who served in any regiment, battery or company from any other State, or in the regular army, or in the navy, properly accredited to the State of Michigan, and has been honorably discharged, or if such person be dead, then his widow if living, or if she be dead, then his father if living, if he be dead, then the mother of any such person, or if she be dead, then to his eldest child, if any there be; and any such person who is still in the service, shall be entitled to receive one copy of said work, on application and identification to the Adjutant General, and if the application for such copy be not made in person by depositing with the Adjutant General necessary postage to cover the expense of sending such book. Also complete sets to adjutants general of other states, and to state and United States public libraries upon application, and to such other libraries in this State as the Governor may approve, and may be purchased by any other persons who may apply at cost of publication.

Sec. 3. So soon as the work of preparation and compilation of the historical records herein provided for

shall have progressed sufficiently near completion to enable printers and binders to make accurate estimates of the cost of publication, the Adjutant General shall serve a written notification of that fact on the Board of State Auditors; upon such notification, at the earliest practicable moment, the Board of State Auditors is hereby directed to solicit sealed bids for the publication, printing and binding of forty-five thousand volumes of "A Record of Michigan Soldiers and Sailors in the war of the Rebellion, eighteen hundred sixty-one to eighteen hundred sixty-five," and give public notice of the time and place for receiving such bids and the requirements of the contract in accordance with this act by publishing the same in such paper or papers, and for such a period as will in the judgment of the board bring the subject to the attention of the several prominent publishing houses in this State: Provided, That the cost of such work complete shall not exceed fourteen thousand dollars for the printing, binding and delivery of the entire edition herein provided for; and the standard of excellence in quality of material, style of binding, typography and style of printing shall be equal to that used by the State of Massachusetts in its recent publication of "Massachusetts' Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War," copies of which are now on file in the Adjutant General's office of this State: Provided, further, That the apportionment of the copies of the different regimental volumes of the edition of forty-five thousand volumes herein provided for, shall be in the same relative proportion as the total enrollment of the organizations represented in any single volume, bears to the total enrollment of the entire edition as provided for in this act; for which purpose the Adjutant General shall direct the preparation of, and furnish the Board of State Auditors with a comprehensive table of data, showing the total enrollment of the organization, and the total number of printed pages intended for each volume, and the apportionment of the total number of copies to each of such volumes, for the guidance of bidders for the contract of publishing such work.

Sec. 4. Each bidder shall deposit with the State Treasurer before making his proposal, the sum of five hundred dollars, to be forfeited to the State in case he

shall fail to make the contract in accordance with this act, if the Board of State Auditors shall declare him to be the successful bidder, and shall take a receipt from said treasurer and deposit the same with his proposal. The successful bidder shall make a contract according to the terms of his proposal and the provisions of this act, which shall be made and considered part thereof. Within thirty days after notice that the same is accepted, he shall also file with the State Treasurer a bond in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned upon the faithful performance of such contract within the stipulated time in all particulars, with at least two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Secretary of State. Such bond shall be the joint and several obligation of the persons executing it. If the successful bidder shall fail to complete his contract or shall forfeit the same for any cause, the said board shall relet the contract as soon thereafter as practicable in the manner provided by this section, and said contractor shall also pay to the State all expenses thereof, and said board may also complete any part of said first or subsequent contract not fulfilled at the reletting of the same at the expense of such contractor.

Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred four, to carry out the provisions of this act, the sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars, by purposes and amounts as follows: For advertising, necessary stationery, blanks, abstracts of necessary information from the departments of the Federal government and other sources of authentic information that may be found necessary during the progress of this work to supplement, correct or complete the record of soldiers and sailors in the Adjutant General's department, three hundred dollars; for clerical services in the Adjutant General's department necessary for transcribing, compiling the individual records, and the preparation and delivery of copy of same to the publishers, six thousand three hundred dollars; for proof reading and revising printed proofs of said work, four hundred dollars; for publishing, binding and delivering the completed volumes of the entire edition to the Adjutant General, fourteen thousand dollars; for suitable paper for the printing of this work,

which shall be furnished by the Board of State Auditors for this purpose, one thousand three hundred fifty dollars: Provided, That the Auditor General may audit vouchers for clerical services in the preparation of the copy for this work from time to time upon the certificate of the Adjutant General, to an amount not exceeding one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars, but no further vouchers for the preparation of the copy for this work shall be audited by the Auditor General until a tabulated statement, prepared and sworn to by the Adjutant General, is filed with the Auditor General, showing that one-fourth of the copy for this work is fully prepared and ready for the publishers, and when an additional one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars of vouchers are audited by the Auditor General, a similar statement under oath from the Adjutant General shall be required before the Auditor General can audit vouchers amounting to more than three thousand one hundred fifty dollars. A similar statement for the third one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars and the fourth one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars of vouchers shall be required before the Auditor General is permitted to audit the same, the intention being to insure the preparation of the copy for the entire number of regiments when the appropriation is exhausted. A similar check is required of the Auditor General upon the expenditure of the appropriation of four hundred dollars for proof reading: Provided, therefor, That the Auditor General shall not audit vouchers in payment of the publishing in excess of the fourteen thousand dollars appropriated therefor, nor for advertising, stationery, abstracts, information, etc., in excess of the three hundred dollars appropriated therefor, nor for paper in excess of the one thousand three hundred fifty dollars appropriated therefor.

Sec. 6. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year nineteen hundred three, the sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars, which, when collected, shall be credited to the general fund to reimburse the same for the money hereby appropriated.

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