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WITH ADDRESSES OF

CHAS. G. BURTON - - - - - Commander-in-Chief
WM. JIBB - - - - - Department Commander

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
LANSING, JUNE 24, 1908.

HON. FRED M. WARNER, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor, in compliance with law, 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 12, 1907, to June 18, 1908, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

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ROLL OF THE THIRTIETH ENCAMPMENT

(Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk, thus (*) were present.)

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

*William Jibb, Adrian	- - - - -	Department Commander.
Edward B. Nugent, Bay City	- - - - -	Senior Vice-Department Commander.
*Henry Spaulding, Hartford	- - - - -	Junior Vice-Department Commander.
*William Putnam, Lansing	- - - - -	Department Chaplain.
W. W. Root, Mason	- - - - -	Medical Director.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

*Fayette Wyckoff	- - - - -	Assistant Adjutant General.
*George R. Cochran	- - - - -	Assistant Quartermaster General.
*W. W. Cook	- - - - -	Inspector.
*James Van Kleeck	- - - - -	Judge Advocate.
John R. Bennett	- - - - -	Chief Mustering Officer.
*Fred J. Buck	- - - - -	Patriotic Instructor.
*Isaac Grant	- - - - -	Chief of Staff.
*W. W. Whitney	- - - - -	Senior Aide-de-Camp.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*M. D. Richardson	- - - - -	Lake City.
*George Raab	- - - - -	Flint.
*S. H. Mallery	- - - - -	Lake Odessa.
*J. J. Drake	- - - - -	St. Joseph.
E. T. Carrington	- - - - -	Bay City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

*C. V. R. Pond, Lansing.	James H. Kidd, Ionia.
Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids.	*Louis Kanitz, Muskegon.
*Oscar A. Janes, Detroit.	S. B. Daboll, St. Johns.
Rush J. Shank, Lansing.	*Russel R. Pealer, Three Rivers.
*John Northwood, New Lathrop.	*Ethel M. Allen, Portland.
Washington Gardner, Albion.	*James Van Kleeck, Bay City.
Michael Brown, Big Rapids.	*Edward C. Anthony, Negaunee.
Henry M. Duffield, Detroit.	*D. B. K. Van Raalte, Holland.
*Henry S. Dean, Ann Arbor.	*E. C. Cannon, Ewart.
*Jos. B. Griswold, Grand Rapids.	

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 58.

Delegate.

*Paul Dubie.

*Commander, Roda O'Mara.

Alternate.

D. D. Brown.

*Past Commanders.*W. W. Fowle.
*O. W. Hodges.John Heeny.
James Wood.**C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.**

Chartered January 22, 1876.

Membership 56.

Delegate.

C. W. Owens.

Commander, A. J. Warner.

Alternate.

Chas. W. Lake.

*Past Commanders.*Wm. G. Whitney.
E. T. Hoyt.
K. B. Etheridge.
*C. V. R. Pond.
A. F. Turpening.
Wm. H. Thurber.A. J. Warner.
O. D. Curtis.
L. D. Reynolds.
E. C. Chase.
D. H. Wood.
Wm. Wimer.**N. H. FERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.**

Chartered May 27, 1877.

Membership 34.

Delegate.

*Eli M. Ruggles.

Commander, Francis C. Histeutt.

Alternate.

Robert Nesbit.

*Past Commanders.*John C. Deane.
Frederick Norman.
Allen F. Casselman.
Girard A. Whitbeck.James Dellabaugh.
Geo. J. Moog.
Dallis Johnson.**PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.**

Chartered June 12, 1878.

Membership 20.

*Delegate.*R. D. Lane.
Gabriel See.

Commander, H. H. Weaver.

Alternate.

Zeladee Culver.

*Past Commanders.***CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 170.

*Delegates.**Francis La Lone.
*Thos. Dixon.
E. M. Raymond.

*Commander, Allen C. Adsit.

*Alternates.**E. J. Horton.
J. Barrett.
F. O. Day.
H. F. McCormick.*Past Commanders.*Byron R. Pierce.
*Wm. D. Frost.
Chas. P. Coffin.
*Jos. O. Bellaire.
W. B. Bostock.
C. W. Depple.
G. H. Chappel.
W. A. Clark.
Edward Racine.
J. A. S. Verdier.
*Jos. B. Griswold.
*E. P. Everett.J. W. McCrath.
John Schmidt.
E. H. Cummings.
G. B. Schwab.
Solon W. Baxter.
Theo. C. Putnam.
Jas. R. Stephenson.
Chas. S. Smith.
L. C. Read.
Thos. Peacock.
*G. H. Sherman.
E. B. Taylor.

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C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 55.

Delegate.

Jas. O'Neil.

Commander, Nelson R. Masters.

Alternate.

*L. B. Wolcott.

Past Commanders.

F. K. Proctor.
Geo. E. Porter.
D. F. Austin.
J. M. Fink.
W. M. Taylor.
Nathan J. Randall.
W. H. Tallman.

C. H. Fairbanks.
*O. Hancock.
Mark W. Taylor.
O. C. Nash.
A. S. Thomas.
A. Riker.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 108.

Delegates.

*Chas. P. Rose.
*James I. Mather.

Commander, *Louis Kanitz.

Alternates.

J. E. Hughes.
Dennis McComber.

Past Commanders.

William R. Jones.
John Sturgeon.
Wm. Reynolds.
William H. Wiselogel.
Chas. B. Mann.
James Dean.
S. A. Aldrich.
Chas. Miller.

John R. Bennett.
Howard C. Bond.
Henry G. Bigelow.
Louis Kanitz.
John W. Eddy.
John G. Allport.
E. P. Watson.
August Flint.

CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPEMING.

Chartered September 17, 1889.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Thos. D. Nelson.

Commander, John Scott.

Alternate.

James O'Brien.

Past Commanders.

O. B. Robinson.

Francis V. Sauer.

JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 36.

Delegate.

Harman Smith.

Commander, W. J. Bulson.

Alternate.

A. L. Cobb.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Robbins.
John B. Smith.
A. H. Deitz.
Wm. Gilbert.
Chas. Wilber.

W. H. Potter.
C. R. Reynolds.
John Hamblin.
Lou Mullican.
H. E. Waterman.

WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 64.

Delegate.

*A. T. Hecock.

Commander, Francis H. Miller.

Alternate.

Wm. H. Rankin.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

*D. C. Spears.	Joseph Hilton.
*R. B. Davis.	M. V. Fox.
*Wm. Laffin.	Geo. W. Jackson.
N. Carney.	*H. C. Spaulding.
*Geo. W. Hurd.	N. Newell.
Horace Pulver.	

ROBERT'S POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.

Chartered March 16, 1880. Membership 18.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, R. Gorton.	<i>Alternate.</i>
C. Cole.		G. Pearsall.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. W. Hunt.	H. P. Wimble.	
H. H. Williams.	C. Cole.	
G. Parks.		

RYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.

Chartered April 9, 1880. Membership 28.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, E. E. Burnham.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Byron Stansbury.		

I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.

Chartered May 11, 1880. Membership 33.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Chas. Tanner.	<i>Alternate.</i>
George W. Dickerson.		Fred F. Main.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Charles E. Judd.	Eri D. Babcock.	
Geo. W. Dickinson.	Chas. C. Newkirk.	
Stephen Manchester.	Lorenzo A. Clark.	
Geo. O. Richardson.	Jos. N. Bradley.	
Wm. H. Lee.	Horace Eastman.	
Fred F. Main.		

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.

Chartered May 24, 1880. Membership 87.

<i>Delegates.</i>	Commander, A. H. Rowe.	<i>Alternates.</i>
Geo. N. Price.		W. Collins.
J. W. Norington.		H. Thompson.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
L. M. Ward.	W. F. Kimball.	
L. Hemingway.	John Clark.	
Henry Skelley.	M. J. Vincent.	
Chas. A. Warner.	A. A. Covell.	
John Seel.	L. B. Kimball.	
A. H. Rowe.		

PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.

Chartered May 26, 1880. Membership 48.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Robt. B. Patterson.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Wm. G. Hudson.		F. Kinney.

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Past Commanders.

Wm. G. Hudson.	Chas. Olson.
H. C. Ransom.	A. C. Hawley.
J. E. Smith.	G. M. Chase.
J. Shackelton.	S. H. Gleason.
Wm. H. Kimball.	Pelig Ewing.
M. Brayman.	H. B. Smith.
F. J. Dowland.	R. P. Bishop.

SEDWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.

Chartered August 24, 1880.

Membership 48.

Commander, Wm. Rodgers.

Delegate.

W. H. Norman.

Alternate.

W. Smith.

Past Commanders.

Orin Button.	W. J. Manley.
Ed Cox.	A. A. Smith.
G. W. Gardner.	Chas. Coppins.
W. S. Lewis.	J. R. Foster.
S. E. Skutt.	H. S. Keath.
O. M. Bush.	Jos. H. Powell.
*E. C. Cannon.	D. E. Wait.
S. E. Kerby.	Jos. H. Foster.
Dan'l Farrington.	

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 319.

Commander, O. D. Kingsley.

Delegates.

*H. A. Backus.
*A. S. McWilliams.
*Wm. L. Lyons.
S. S. Russell.
John J. Downey.
*H. R. Strong.

Alternates.

*C. A. Bartlett.
J. D. Elderkin.
E. Muffat.
C. D. Randolph.
Chas. A. Wilcox.

Past Commanders.

E. O. Durfee.	*D. G. Crotty.
W. P. Sumner.	*A. L. Sawyer.
*Wm. Davey.	*M. Green.
W. Hart.	*Carl Engle.
H. B. Eggeman.	M. P. Thatcher.
*G. L. Holmes.	*J. Renton.
*A. V. Phister.	*J. Reid.
*C. K. Radcliff.	*J. T. Spillane.
D. G. Genny.	J. A. Lane.
J. Gill.	*C. J. Pierce.
*B. R. Finlayson.	A. C. Blair.
*T. Davey.	C. W. Yates.
W. C. Claxton.	*Edward E. Thayer.
*D. S. Kimball.	*H. B. White.
*E. F. Lamb.	

M'PHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.

Chartered May 21, 1881.

Membership 73.

Commander, J. W. Hilliker.

Delegates.

*R. B. Garner.
W. W. Dean.

Alternates.

B. F. Newhouse.
G. A. Stearns.

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Past Commanders.

M. D. Morgan.	Levi Soule.
C. S. Vader.	O. P. Carver.
D. G. Shorter.	L. W. Lyon.
F. D. Marvin.	Chas. H. Johnson.
W. W. Sackett.	

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Chartered May 20, 1881. Membership 66.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. G. Todd.	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. L. Zook.		D. E. Morris.

Past Commanders.

C. C. Phillips.	O. A. Reynolds.
Thos. Horton.	A. M. Harrison.
*B. Merriman.	G. M. Harvey.
J. G. Todd.	D. W. Hall.
Alvin Chapman.	

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.

Chartered June 20, 1881. Membership 51.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Chas. Mather.	<i>Alternate.</i>
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Past Commanders.

*Henry Spaulding.	H. L. Stratton.
Eber Hart.	Allen Olds.
M. C. White.	Daniel Pool.
William Bennett.	John S. Heald.
A. P. Shaw.	

A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.

Chartered July 18, 1881. Membership 61.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, W. A. Preston.	<i>Alternate.</i>
F. J. Merchant.		R. F. Stratton.

Past Commanders.

*J. J. Drake.	John Lane.
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WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Chartered July 11, 1881. Membership 27.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, John C. Dick.	<i>Alternate.</i>
John S. Curtis.		Marion Huff.

Past Commanders.

M. B. Gardner.	W. P. Wood.
John W. Beistle.	Wm. Powers.
John Perrott.	John E. Barmore.
O. F. Richmond.	I. N. Bachelor.
Steve Scott.	John Graham.
Theo. W. Thomas.	H. D. Eastman.
H. A. Richardson.	John Shook.

EDWIN COLWELL POST NO. 23, BLOOMINGDALE.

Chartered August 29, 1881. Membership 25.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, G. W. Lewis.	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. E. Culver.		Emmit Ward.

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Past Commanders.

James McDowell.	J. N. Edwards.
Stephen Martin.	Geo. Wilson.
Frank Cooley.	J. T. Robinson.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Chartered August 19, 1881. Membership 61.

Delegate.

*A. F. Andrews.

Commander, Chas. W. Sadden.

Alternate.

L. B. Chapel.

Past Commanders.

*L. V. Curry.	V. C. Smith.
A. H. Marsh.	William Butcher.
J. M. Ripley.	Chas. Sadden.
E. Winters.	

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881. Membership 41.

Delegate.

David Piper.

Commander, G. W. Wilt.

Alternate.

C. T. Cheney.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Wotring.	Robt. Service.
G. W. Scott.	Geo. W. Dickerson.
L. E. Fry.	A. J. Hodges.
C. T. Cheney.	G. W. Hecket.
Amos Wilt.	William Emmons.
C. L. Blake.	A. S. Beardsley.
*J. M. Robb.	

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Chartered August 16, 1881. Membership 41.

Delegate.

J. A. Collier.
Casper Rechter.
H. A. Waldron.
J. H. Slater.

Commander, Jas. H. Slater.

Alternate.

Geo. F. Dennison.
B. F. Archer.
W. J. McRae.
J. W. Montgomery.

Past Commanders.

BURNSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.

Chartered September 19, 1881. Membership 31.

Delegate.

*O. M. Pritchard.

Commander, J. H. Van Camp.

Alternate.

Henry High.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Lusk.	L. D. Roberts.
W. H. White.	C. W. Willson.
R. Colbetzor.	H. B. Myers.
S. M. Rawson.	

A. L. CARVER POST NO. 28, HEMLOCK.

Chartered August 2, 1894. Membership 20.

Delegate.

*A. Whitmore.

Commander, *Jedd Bennett.

Alternate.

John Wendt.

Past Commanders.

T. M. Champlin.	*Calvin Sylvester.
Charles Burnham.	Jedd Bennett.
A. T. Cooper.	J. D. Smith.

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CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 9, 1881.

Membership 42.

Commander, Wm. H. Stokes. *Alternate.*
Delegate. E. J. LeFeuer. Wm. W. Reed.
Past Commanders. Eber Rice. Hiram Madden.
 Samuel White. Alvin D. Porter.
 E. F. Covell.

GARFIELD POST NO. 30, COLMA.

Chartered October 10, 1881.

Membership 20.

Commander, W. A. Baker. *Alternate.*
Delegate. *Geo. Enos. P. O. Bowe.
Past Commanders. W. A. Baker. J. A. Brown.
 S. Clark. Geo. Garrett.
 A. Newton. W. Wood.

BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.

Chartered October 21, 1881.

Membership 41.

Commander, W. R. Serrine. *Alternate.*
Delegate. *Wm. Killifer. Wm. H. Sage.
Past Commanders. *H. A. Chapin. B. F. Heckert.
 J. F. Bullard. Daniel Spicer.
 O. W. Rowland. John Reed.
 Ira W. Hulbert.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 3, 1881.

Membership 98.

*Commander, Horace B. Hayes. *Alternates.*
Delegates. *E. W. Bordo. G. W. Warner.
 *Henry B. Wilder. Wm. Wetherill.
Past Commanders. A. W. Alvord. R. M. Bellinger.
 *A. Griswold. S. S. French.
 *J. W. Taylor. *G. M. Hodges.
 *Wm. A. Vickery. *A. B. Simpson.
 J. G. Bohnett. A. S. Parker.
 S. M. Holton. R. J. Kelley.
 Austin S. Parker. W. R. Wickham.
 J. J. Cornwell. J. J. Cornwell.
 *Wm. Dowsett.

COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENCI.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 37.

*Commander, Wm. Chappell. *Alternate.*
Delegate. *Chas. C. Gilman. Alfred B. Whitney.
Past Commanders. U. Smith. Geo. N. Chappell.
 Fred Denson. Fred B. Sheffield.
 Wm. Onweller.

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W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.

Chartered November 10, 1881. Membership 27.

Commander, Oliver Wise. *Alternate.*
Delegate. John Chambers. Andrew Yerrick.

ZACH. CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881. Membership 87.

Commander, A. H. Cook. *Alternates.*
Delegates. A. R. Hotchkiss. J. M. Mitchell.
 L. R. Olds. J. Holdsworth.
Past Commanders.
 *T. Biddle. J. S. Hicks.
 Herrick Hodges. Geo. O. Chapman.
 L. K. Jillson. Jos. Martin.
 J. S. Donahue. A. N. Cook.
 W. S. Bradley. H. J. Dodge.
 H. W. Hillyard. *James Martin.
 C. A. Butterfield.

GEORGE L. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.

Chartered December 29, 1881. Membership 15.

Commander, Henry Hess. *Alternate.*
Delegate. John Booth. P. E. O'Brian.
Past Commanders.
 B. H. Rutter. M. A. Hand.
 M. J. Nelson. *J. K. P. McCullough.
 S. L. Snavley. J. H. Booth.
 P. E. O'Brien.

STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.

Chartered November 30, 1881. Membership 31.

*Commander, Thos. Lowe. *Alternate.*
Delegate. Wm. Roller. A. J. Capers.
Past Commanders.
 H. H. Hinds. Edson Pickill.
 J. A. Crocker. J. A. Kellogg.
 J. T. Pickard. H. V. Hallett.
 T. M. Smith. John Lorson.
 T. S. Finch.

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Chartered December 14, 1881. Membership 79.

*Commander, Theo. S. Hill. *Alternate.*
Delegate. *Bart Griffin. C. Wasserman.
 *J. S. Cornwell. Chas. Ziem.
Past Commanders.
 W. G. Gage. D. F. Leonard.
 *E. F. Guild. Hugh McLean.
 *H. Coleman. *Gordon T. Converse.
 C. H. Peters. *Wm. W. Morgan.
 *D. K. Halsey. M. E. Keller.
 *Jas. T. Hale. *Fayette Wyckoff.
 T. T. Hubbard. *O. S. Bishop.
 *Riley L. Jones. Chas. P. Colvin.
 Wm. H. Presser. P. J. Sensabaugh.
 Robert Dederick. C. F. Schuetler.
 Henry Fiege. *Jos. Seeman.
 D. W. Osborne.

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KILPATRICK POST NO. 39, BERRIEN SPRINGS.

Chartered February 15, 1882.

Membership 31.

Delegate.

G. H. Kimball.

Alternate.

R. Shriber.

*Past Commanders.*Rosco D. Dix.
D. G. W. Ganzler.
J. Hallenbeck.W. H. Miller.
S. E. Hadlock.
Mendell Wells.**A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.**

Chartered February 8, 1882.

Membership 118.

*Delegates.**C. W. Pangler.
C. B. Richardson.*Alternates.*Geo. Sattler.
Nelson Drake.*Past Commanders.*D. B. Ainger.
*Wm. Jordan.
Lewis A. Snell.
J. D. Butler.S. W. Harmon.
Joseph Shaw.
*Wm. M. Beckman.
*Thos. J. Snow.
G. B. Allen.**R. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.**

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 35.

Delegate.

*E. R. Doane.

Alternate.

W. D. Streeter.

*Past Commanders.**T. E. Wood.
*J. F. Harrington.
E. Gorman.
Rush Green.
J. A. Palmer.E. L. Negus.
L. Reilly.
A. W. Morton.
A. Steger.
Wm. Yocum.
J. F. Wattrous.**CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.**

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 205.

*Delegates.*Daniel S. Mevis.
*Lister J. Kenney.
*Marion F. Buck.
*John A. Wardell.*Alternates.*John Davidson.
G. L. Hasty.
U. H. Lazell.
E. D. Allen.*Past Commanders.*Rush J. Shank.
Wm. L. Reed.
*Frederick Schneider.
Theo. E. Potter.
Edwin R. Havens.
James M. Slocum.
Frank M. Howe.
*Wm. C. Nesen.
Addison S. Boyce.James H. Baker.
I. N. Ashley.
*Allen S. Shattuck.
*Wm. W. Cook.
*Geo. J. Foster.
Seymour Foster.
*Geo. W. Stone.
*Lewis A. Miller.
John A. Marvin.**SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.**

Chartered February 16, 1882.

Membership 51.

Hathaway.

Commander, Byron Tripp.

Alternate.

Geo. Miller.

Past Commanders.

John Rentz.	Jas. K. Crane.
Peter Fisher.	*E. R. Welch.
Frank A. Sperry.	Horace R. Wood.
Geo. F. Ford.	Wm. Ten Eyck.
*W. H. Colyer.	Edwin Youngs.
H. H. Wilber.	*N. T. Stoner.

ANSON SANFORD POST NO. 44, SANFORD.

Chartered September 23, 1889. Membership 11.

Commander, John M. Howe.

Delegate.

Gerdon Longenbarger.

Alternate.

Myron Howard.

Past Commanders.

John W. H. Brooks.	Leonard Pawling.
Hiram G. Thorington.	John F. Briggs.
John Verity.	

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882. Membership 112.

Commander, Clark W. Decker.

Delegates.

*Asa W. Aldrich.
*Wm. Gimbart.
*Isaac M. Chase.

Alternates.

M. L. Robinson.
Geo. Mann.
Alfred Dobbins.

Past Commanders.

*Geo. R. Cochrane.	S. E. Graves.
*Willard Sterns.	*D. B. Morgan.
Geo. W. Westerman.	*Peter A. Beck.
*B. F. Mattern.	*W. T. Bradley.
*Samuel Patten.	Geo. Austin.
*Stewart Ballou.	*John B. Allen.
B. F. Graves.	*L. O. Salsbury.
*Fred J. Buck.	*Henry Mickley.
*Geo. Irwin.	*Wm. Jibb.
*Hope Welch.	

W. C. GILBERT POST NO. 47, DOWAGIAC.

Chartered March 11, 1882. Membership 35.

Commander, J. R. Edwards.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Chartered March 9, 1882. Membership 194.

*Commander, Thos. Daniels.

Delegates.

*De Los Ellis.
*Dan Beardsley.
Hiram F. Hatch.
*John Boyle.

Alternates.

A. W. Martin.
Jacob Dawson.
H. Bailey.
Lewis Pelton.

Past Commanders.

T. H. Williams.	*J. L. Sample.
*A. D. Welling.	S. B. Davis.
*H. Dorr Blakeman.	*D. J. Willson.
*O. F. Kaywood.	*J. D. Jewell.
*Albert Dunham.	*Geo. Cottrill.
W. E. Morris.	H. H. Allen.
*Geo. S. White.	*Wm. H. Porter.
*M. S. Redfield.	C. H. Haskin.
*W. W. Hitchcock.	

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

WADSWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.

Chartered March 16, 1882.

Membership 28.

Delegate.

Commander, Thos. C. Tyner.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

JOHN T. REYNOLDS POST NO. 52, PENTWATER.

Chartered November 18, 1887.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

Commander, T. O. Gardner.

Alternate.

M. S. Perkins.

Geo. Tate.

*Past Commanders.*T. O. Gardner.
W. A. Clark.

O. M. Inman.

PHIL M'KERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 37.

Delegate.

Commander, W. J. Adams.

Alternate.

Fred Hines.

W. J. Hyde.

*Past Commanders.*T. M. Saraw.
Hugh Blakely.
G. L. Barnaby.
S. C. Parker.E. S. Baldwin.
H. C. Freeland.
W. J. Adams.

O. P. MORTON POST NO. 54, MANTON.

Chartered April 15, 1882.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

Commander, R. A. Cora.

Alternate.

Xera Ellsworth.

Felix White.

*Past Commanders.*Xera Ellsworth.
D. B. Averill.Edward Morgan.
A. A. Clawson.

CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.

Chartered June 4, 1895.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

Commander, Marion Bates.

Alternate.

Ezra F. Sibley.

Robt. N. Ormsby.

*Past Commanders.*Peter B. Cade.
*Homer A. Sperry.
Marion Bates.
*L. J. Compton.
A. S. Hathaway.Frederick Klusendorf.
Amos Finch.
William Hamlin.
Wm. B. Hamilton.
*Ashel B. Watson.

C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 72.

Delegates.

Commander, J. C. Leggett.

*Alternates.*Mortimer Culver.
Robert Foster.Wilson James.
Louis Belinger.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Warner.	A. C. Esterbrook.
N. W. Houser.	B. D. Pritchard.
Geo. Cady.	L. W. Belinger.
J. W. Eley.	Parley Main.
John S. Curtis.	*Geo. B. Myers.

THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.

Chartered May 19, 1882. Membership 83.

<i>Delegates.</i>	Commander, H. W. Nottingham.	<i>Alternates.</i>
Frank T. Wolf.		Sam Reigles.
Ben Louis.		U. W. Shagelmyre.

Past Commanders.

W. J. Kellogg.	W. R. Sinder.
J. B. Gouhier.	H. W. Nottingham.
Peter Shall.	Ray T. Streeter.
G. F. Nash.	Levi Dennis.
Clarence Lamson.	

G. W. ANDERSON POST NO. 58, DE WITT.

Chartered April 25, 1882. Membership 17.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Thos. W. Baldwin.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Thomas Price.		J. R. Beadle.

Past Commanders.

Allen Dryer.	G. W. Stimson.
H. E. Howell.	T. W. Baldwin.

A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.

Chartered May 22, 1882. Membership 27.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, M. J. Blakeman.	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. S. Eastman.		J. C. Parsons.

Past Commanders.

L. S. Lee.

DEWEY POST NO. 60, LESLIE.

Chartered May 25, 1882. Membership 40.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, *A. A. Lumbard.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Jos. B. Christis.		Wesley D. Smith.

Past Commanders.

L. S. Rice.	*W. D. Longyear.
H. Laberteaux.	R. C. Bishop.
J. B. Scovel.	

G. F. DOORE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.

Chartered May 19, 1882. Membership 15.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, N. L. Parmeter.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Geo. H. Smith.		J. W. F. Newsome.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. H. Smith.	L. W. Lyon.
Orson Higley.	Benj. F. Ordway.
Philip Sparr.	

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JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.

Chartered June 3, 1882.

Membership 29.

Delegate. Philo Borst. **Commander,* Miles Mulford. *Alternate.* Samuel Smith.

Past Commanders. D. G. Dove. J. D. Jackson.
L. Bearss. Miles Mulford.
J. T. Pomeroy.

G. K. WARNER POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS.

Chartered June 20, 1882.

Membership 36.

Delegate. Wm. Legacy. *Commander,* F. E. Hayes. *Alternate.* Amos Lake.

Past Commanders. L. B. Smith. Wardwell Chase.
J. E. Hill. J. M. Walker.
Theo. Hills. S. C. Williams.
B. F. Oakes. Wm. Youngs.
F. E. Hayes. C. F. Adams.

FRANK GRAVES POST NO. 64, NILES.

Chartered June 19, 1882.

Membership 34.

Delegate. James Hardee. *Commander,* Alexander Winborn. *Alternate.* A. C. Judson.

Past Commanders. H. C. Beswick. A. E. Dodge.

W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.

Chartered July 24, 1882.

Membership 23.

Delegate. Frank East. *Commander,* S. P. King. *Alternate.* H. H. Miller.

Past Commanders. Luther Kinney. I. S. Pound.
D. Trattels. L. H. Scott.
A. P. Beeman. H. H. Bowen.
T. P. Ayers. N. G. Stanard.

STEVENS POST NO. 66, EAST JORDAN.

Chartered December 4, 1882.

Membership 23.

Delegate. L. C. Madison. *Commander,* J. H. Kocher. *Alternate.* Wm. Harrington.

Past Commanders. J. W. Rogers. Wm. Jaquays.
L. C. Madison. Geo. J. Bowen.

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 81.

Delegates. Jason Maudley. *Commander,* Aug. Meisel. *Alternates.* *Henry Sims.
*G. Lewis. A. L. Gilbert.

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Past Commanders.

H. C. Green.	L. McHugh.
Frank Berdan.	Chas. Gossler.
C. L. Collins.	S. Wilhelm.
Pat. Gibbons.	M. J. Borland
*James Van Kleeck.	O. F. Kellogg.
J. P. Day.	Wm. Hubbard.

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Chartered June 27, 1882. Membership 34.
 Commander, Jacob P. Huyson.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Joel Morse.	Benj. B. White.

Past Commanders.

Phil Penfield.	F. A. Pitts.
W. P. Shafer.	G. W. Carroll.
William Beamer.	J. D. Randall.
Wm. H. Barry.	Burr Pittinger.
	A. H. Towne.

DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.

Chartered June 29, 1882. Membership 47.
 Commander, Chas. J. Jenney.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*I. H. Richardson.	R. H. Clark.

Past Commanders.

*J. W. Snell.	*T. B. Main.
Geo. H. Richardson.	Wm. L. Stearns.
Alton P. Beardsley.	Henry Northway.
True Hart.	Wm. Patterson.

ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.

Chartered September 7, 1882. Membership 45.
 Commander, Wesley W. Van Horn.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*A. W. Snyder.	D. W. Feos.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Bumphrey.	James L. Haines.
James Bouton.	*Russell R. Pealer.
S. M. Snyder.	*A. A. Udell.
Jeff. P. McKey.	Bishop E. Andrews.
W. C. Porter.	Geo. A. B. Cooke.

A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.

Chartered September 1, 1882. Membership 31.
 Commander, O. D. Russell.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
H. E. Pierson.	D. W. Robinson.

Past Commanders.

E. S. Amedon.	E. B. Cooke.
Daniel Berger.	P. H. Van Vleck.
J. H. Whitmer.	H. L. Anthony.
L. J. Twichell.	E. Zeigler.
P. J. Rodes.	A. A. Wilber.

STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.

Chartered August 31, 1882. Membership 32.
 Commander, Chas. B. Brown.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*C. D. Paxon.	J. C. Jordon.

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Past Commanders.

Peter Ross.	Jerry H. Sargent.
Solomon S. Fox.	Albert W. Nash.
John H. Peck.	Varsol P. Fales.
John W. Moore.	Isaac N. Hoyt.
Frank E. Pickett.	David Knowles.
James M. Potts.	C. B. Brown.

WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.

Chartered September 13, 1882.

Membership 31.

Commander, Chas. W. Dickinson.

Delegate.

A. M. Van Wormer.

Alternate.

Jos. Douglas.

Past Commanders.

C. E. Soule.	William Walters.
C. N. Dickenson.	Orson Vanderhoef.
Eugene Gardner.	Wm. Kefgen.
*G. A. Farr.	Philander Palmer.
Miner J. Emlaw.	Anthony Boet.

JOSEPH R. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 48.

Commander, Adam Lahr.

Delegate.

*J. Sorter.

Alternate.

A. Rupp.

Past Commanders.

*Geo. Spaulding.	F. B. Nelson.
H. Beisal.	C. Gruner.
C. L. Peck.	*J. Callum.
*H. R. Austin.	Wm. Hogans.
*Burton Parker.	*Wm. F. Haight.

FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANSVILLE.

Chartered September 18, 1882.

Membership 25.

*Commander, A. L. Crossman.

Delegate.

Merritt Hicks.

Alternate.

O. F. Brotherton.

Past Commanders.

Andrew Beers.	C. F. Patrick.
O. L. Lathrop.	A. L. Crossman.

ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 131

*Commander, Enoc Shaffer.

Delegates.

W. C. Shook.
*Eli Strong.
G. E. Dunbar.

Alternates.

*David C. Oakes.
Chas. L. Leathers.
*Aaron Miller.

Past Commanders.

Geo. M. Buck.	*Jas. E. White.
Wm. F. Sherman.	*P. H. Burke.
*J. D. Turner.	*Geo. F. Larned.
*Freeman Hall.	John D. Sumner.
F. D. Root.	H. P. Shutt.
*C. E. Foote.	*E. S. Bissell.
F. P. Muhlenberg.	Chas. Prange.
John Barker.	*Geo. Clark.
	Geo. W. Doane

HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS STATION.

Chartered September 25, 1882. Membership 30.

Commander, Wesley McBride.

legate.

Henry Van Orman.

Alternate.

Wm. Linsley.

Past Commanders.

A. P. Varney.

Chas. Tiefenthal.

*John Hoffmaster.

D. S. Halstead.

Geo. Ruehle.

Fred Hodges.

John Bacon.

Henry H. Smith.

COL. JEFFORDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.

Chartered September 19, 1882. Membership 36.

Commander, G. W. Perry.

delegate.

S. B. Preston.

Alternate.

Wm. Moore.

Past Commanders.

E. F. Evans.

W. S. Hecox.

Geo. Wellman.

R. C. Smith.

Alex. Brown.

*Wm. Boston.

*E. D. Williams.

*A. R. Williams.

G. W. Perry.

WM. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.

Chartered October 6, 1882. Membership 45.

Commander, E. W. Blanchard.

Delegate.

R. H. Stevens.

Alternate.

A. T. Bliss.

Past Commanders.

John Avery.

H. M. Caukin.

E. F. Graybill.

*L. W. Sprague.

O. B. Green.

O. W. Green.

E. W. Blanchard.

A. H. Bennett.

A. J. Cole.

O. J. Cary.

C. O. Jennison.

COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.

Chartered October 9, 1882. Membership 51.

Commander, John E. Rainbow.

Delegate.

Elijah Goodwin.

Alternate.

Henry Wright.

Past Commanders.

Daniel P. Beebe.

W. H. Bockes.

James Harriott.

James W. Mosher.

Jos. A. Mowbrey.

W. J. Wilson.

James Greacen.

Chas. H. DePuy.

Jas. M. Flagg.

James M. Steel.

John Lewis.

CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 85, THREE OAKS.

Chartered October 16, 1882. Membership 25.

Commander, C. H. Davis.

Delegate.

Dwight Warren.

Alternate.

Geo. L. Stevens.

Past Commanders.

Isaiah Rynerson.

Fred F. Sovereign.

Wm. W. Smith.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCELONA.

Chartered October 10, 1882.

Membership 24.

Commander, H. C. Merdon.

Delegate. *Past Commanders.* *Alternate.*

H. B. Hudson.	David S. Davis.
I. O. Lyons.	D. W. Lazell.
J. W. Wallace.	

JOS. WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 61.

Commander, Benj. Morse.

Delegate. *Past Commanders.* *Alternate.*

H. Dawson.	Chas. McCarty.
S. P. Hicks.	Leonard H. Hunt.

CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 55.

Commander, John D. Parke.

Delegate. *Past Commanders.* *Alternate.*

*C. B. Lowell.	J. S. Benham.
L. L. Harsh.	*J. M. Wells.
R. M. Simmons.	D. E. Youngs.
*M. F. Buell.	*C. M. Hall.
O. N. Dennison.	M. E. Blair.
M. A. Merrifield.	G. W. Blakewell.
	Henry Seymour.

RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.

Chartered October 18, 1882.

Membership 20.

*Commander, Chester Felton.

Delegate. *Past Commanders.* *Alternate.*

*H. D. Penoyer.	H. A. Miller.
*J. M. Greenfield.	W. J. Ottaway.
S. H. Thomas.	Cyrus Phelps.
C. H. Adams.	Albert Crosby.
W. V. Banning.	*C. M. Caldwell.
John Wheeler.	*Chester Felton.

J. N. PENOYER POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.

Chartered November 14, 1882.

Membership 48.

Commander, J. H. Leavenworth.

Delegate. *Past Commanders.* *Alternate.*

F. R. Cranshaw.	*Adolph Tyfer.
*O. F. Mosier.	J. H. Wellington.
Albert Trask.	C. F. Brand.
N. S. Wood.	N. B. Kinsey.
C. A. Beelman.	J. P. Shermann.
*Fred Wellington.	G. R. Grout.
C. P. Burdick.	E. St. John.
*Henry Vance.	H. S. Averill.

WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.

Chartered October 25, 1882. Membership 32.

Commander, Henry O. Totten.
Delegate. *Geo. Wood.
Alternate. E. J. Halliday.
Past Commanders.
 A. B. Darragh. Henry Davison.
 Peter Shook. J. N. Robinson.
 *L. W. Beach. L. B. Longwell.
 H. W. Forney. Willard Gray.
 C. H. Crandall. L. L. Cornell.
 Chas. Morrow. *H. E. Histed.

WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Chartered December 9, 1882. Membership 37.

*Commander, Chas. Strewing.
Delegate. S. Miller.
Alternate. W. J. Vreeland.
Past Commanders.
 J. M. Van Riper. L. Firstle.
 *S. F. Smith. *J. R. Brown.
 *H. W. Moses. *W. B. Littlefield.
 *Albert W. Wagar. *C. Strewing.
 B. Parish. *Chas. Simpson.
 *E. Beach. *F. Firstle.
 *F. M. Reid.

CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.

Chartered December 21, 1882. Membership 13.

Commander, C. C. Parker.
Delegate. Henry F. Garman.
Alternate. J. C. Kyle.
Past Commanders.

JOHN J. BAGLEY POST NO. 97, HERSEY.

Chartered December 27, 1882. Membership 11.

Commander, L. F. Corey.
Delegate. Henry Rose.
Alternate. I. N. Owens.
Past Commanders.
 Wm. B. C. Pitts. L. F. Corey.
 Wm. D. Lovell. P. A. Hall.

WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Chartered December 30, 1882. Membership 60.

Commander, *L. B. Rice.
Delegate. E. G. Spalding.
Alternate. L. B. Rice.
Past Commanders.
 E. S. Post. *Wm. Thompson.
 L. A. Sherman. C. W. Higgins.
 E. S. Pittit. *C. V. W. Brokaw.
 *Geo. W. Howe. *J. W. Burns.
 W. H. Brown. G. B. Windover.
 *J. D. Kinney. *A. S. Welsher.
 W. H. Smith. *Harvey Hyde.

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M. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.

Chartered January 10, 1883.

Membership 29.

Commander, T. H. Steadman.
Delegate. J. O. Probasco. *Alternate.* Isaac Farrar.
Past Commanders. Ezra N. Thayer. J. R. Dougherty.
 *B. H. Stevens. Chas. W. Lung.
 Geo. W. Terry. T. H. Steadman.

MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.

Chartered January 13, 1883.

Membership 56.

Commander, Perry D. Pettit.
Delegate. *Albro Curtiss. *Alternate.* T. S. Barnes.
Past Commanders. N. C. Sutliff. James Donaldson.
 *W. H. Beasley. E. F. Doty.
 Wm. L. Phillips. J. B. Yarbough.
 E. B. Killee. G. W. Todd.
 Thomas Crofford. Wm. Stahl.
 John Barnes. W. J. Clark.
 A. W. Russell. K. P. Peet.

ELI P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.

Chartered January 16, 1883.

Membership 39.

Commander, W. L. Robson.
Delegate. Miles Vannetter. *Alternate.* C. L. Lockwood.
Past Commanders. Wm. L. Robinson. R. Wiggins.
 H. M. Bigelow. Chas. E. West.
 Mathias Coad. Milo Vannetter.
 Hiram Haine. Leroy Satterlee.

GEO. A. WINANS POST NO. 104, OVID.

Chartered February 8, 1883.

Membership 39.

Commander, W. G. Hunter.
Delegate. W. B. Parker. *Alternate.* Humphrey J. Moore.
Past Commanders. W. G. Hunter. S. B. Southworth.
 John A. Hubbell. Cyrus Sherman.
 A. R. Doyne. *Hiram W. Treat.
 Luther Stone. Chas. Cowan.
 John Link. *N. B. Goodfellow.
 *W. B. Parker.

WORTH POST NO. 105, TEKONSHA.

Chartered February 15, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Willard Whitney.
Delegate. R. E. Eldrid. *Alternate.* C. C. Juckett.
Past Commanders. Willard Whitney. Wm. H. Davis.
 William Gribbens. Geo. Blashfield.
 C. H. Miller.

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TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.

Chartered March 17, 1883. Membership 31.

<i>Delegate.</i> Chas. H. Holcomb.	*Commander, Andrew Pray.	<i>Alternate.</i> *Henry Claffin.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Andrew Pray. *N. P. Bateman. *John Spitter.		*O. G. Andrews. *John Van Osdall. *Brook Carlton.

EARL HALBERT POST NO. 108, GRAND LEDGE.

Chartered March 15, 1883. Membership 36.

<i>Delegate.</i> *A. E. Elliott.	Commander, N. W. Tracy.	<i>Alternate.</i> L. W. Holmes.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. S. Holmes. E. Wallace. *W. D. Southworth. H. L. Bigelow. B. F. Sanborn.		E. J. Wells. D. G. Kennedy. Henry Newsom. Oliver Wright. Andy McKelvey.

BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Chartered March 9, 1883. Membership 143.

<i>Delegates.</i> S. M. Teachout. L. Daniels. H. Timerson.	*Commander, Edwin E. Lewis.	<i>Alternates.</i> Geo. Whitehead. E. P. Fox. Jos. Fitterly.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
H. A. Reynolds. *Geo. H. Turner. Henry Firth. H. C. Simons. L. A. Dillingham. *Alfred Milnes. B. K. Robbins. Frank Eaton.		*C. W. Bennett. T. S. Osborn. Chas. R. Thompson. F. D. Newberry. H. H. Benson. B. F. Rolph. Geo. A. Russell. Hezekiah Sweet.

DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Chartered March 12, 1883. Membership 31.

<i>Delegate.</i> John A. Dillon.	Commander, J. K. Periman.	<i>Alternate.</i> Mathew Burt.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
R. A. Beach. J. H. Dwyer. *Fred Barkway.		J. K. Periman. C. H. Eastman. *Edwin Camp. Wm. Barnard.

J. B. BRAINAED POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.

Chartered March 14, 1883. Membership 129.

<i>Delegates.</i> *D. S. Milbourn. B. K. Crandall. O. J. Peterson.	Commander, Eli Cook.	<i>Alternates.</i> A. Crossbeck. *L. D. Rodman. *J. R. Norton.
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Past Commanders.

*Geo. Norton.	*D. M. Braman.
*H. B. Olmsted.	*James Umborgan.
W. D. Brainard.	L. A. Fowler.
*Eli Cook.	*H. J. Milburn.
Geo. Noble.	*Alonzo Cheney.
Jasper Rolph.	C. B. Fowler.
*Roswell West.	*J. J. Holmes.

JOHN CRYDERMAN POST NO. 112, MULLIKEN.Chartered March 16, 1883. Membership 13

Commander, Pomeroy Canfield.

Delegate.

Henry Slocum.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*W. W. Thompson.
L. H. Wilcox.

L. D. Fisher.

MILES POST NO. 113, ST. CLAIR.Chartered March 15, 1883. Membership 13.

Commander, David P. Ingles.

Delegate.

Archibald McKenzie.

Alternate.

Benj. B. Potter.

Past Commanders.

John Fink.

JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.Chartered March 22, 1883. Membership 45.

*Commander, Lewis Cobley.

Delegate.

*Marvin Benjamin.

Alternate.

Sanford A. House.

*Past Commanders.**Wm. M. Horton.
*G. D. Hamilton.
*Louis Cobley.
A. H. Smith.W. P. Stowe.
O. P. Showers.
C. E. Dunston.
Geo. L. Fisher.**ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.**Chartered March 23, 1883. Membership 15.

Commander, Daniel Saunter.

Delegate.

C. W. Farnham.

Alternate.

Chris. Hoofnagle.

*Past Commanders.*Martin Luther.
A. J. Rowinsky.

C. Y. Gardner.

D. G. ROYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.Chartered March 22, 1883. Membership 18

Commander, L. C. Kanouse.

Delegate.

*J. Schweikert.

Alternate.

A. Lewis.

*Past Commanders.*E. D. Welch.
H. I. Bishop.
*G. LaDde.L. C. Kanouse.
Wm. Case.
M. D. Comstock.

H. H. NIMS POST NO. 118, LEXINGTON.

Chartered March 31, 1883. Membership 17.

	Commander, M. J. Dowling.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
Fred O. Hykes.		John Papst.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*R. Papst.		M. A. Dowling.
Oliver Yake.		Fred Keener.
L. M. Brown.		

BAXTER POST NO. 119, CHARLEVOIX.

Chartered March 28, 1883. Membership 26.

	Commander, Harrison Berdan.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
Egbert Carpenter.		Geo. O. Scott.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*E. H. Green.		H. Berdan.
C. H. Whitford.		J. G. Reed.
E. B. Hodge.		W. H. Collins.
Robert Miller.		Geo. W. Cook.

WADELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.

Chartered April 5, 1883. Membership 50.

	Commander, *E. D. Sargent.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
E. A. Noble.		H. H. Hall.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*G. W. Axtell.		*John McGiney.
*R. E. Parshall.		R. D. W. Woodworth.
Frank Jordan.		Asa Parshall.
Marshall Borden.		Calvin Wilcox.
*Geo. Barnes.		*M. W. Dickinson.
		H. H. Collins.

PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.

Chartered April 6, 1883. Membership 24.

	Commander, S. B. Vannocker.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
Martin J. Hulbert.		A. H. Beers.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Nathan R. Jersey.		*A. J. Wilson.
*John Marshall.		*H. T. Weaver.

CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.

Chartered April 7, 1883. Membership 18.

	Commander, C. C. Forney.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
E. Z. Guild.		Wm. H. Wood.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John Hallabaugh.		John S. Perry.
H. A. Parker.		A. J. Schnester.

FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.

Chartered April 11, 1883. Membership 51.

	Commander, Hiram Jones.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
Corwin Williams.		Charles Williams.

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Past Commanders.

Baker Shriner.	Geo. Ingram.
H. H. Trask.	Frank A. Standley.
Hiram Palmater.	Jos. C. Wardell.
*M. B. Todd.	W. F. Hicks.
H. Marble.	Oliver Greenfield.
Travers Philips.	D. E. Birdsall.
Wm. Ream.	W. H. Garrison.

DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.

Chartered April 14, 1883.

Membership 33.

*Commander, Frank R. Chase.

Delegate.

M. L. Howe.

Alternate.

W. H. Locke.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Tower.	Frank R. Chase.
W. R. Olds.	J. H. Keeney.
C. M. Slayton.	

"BILLY" BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.

Chartered April 15, 1883.

Membership 27.

Commander, *J. E. Jones.

Delegate.

Robert Anderson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Robert Anderson.	Dennis Wright.
Thomas Anderson.	Perry S. Percy.
Elisha Mudge.	J. A. Knickerbocker.

B. G. HUTCHINSON POST NO. 129, FOWLER.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 10.

Commander, _____.

Delegate.

Jesse T. Everts.

Alternate.

C. Willoughby.

Past Commanders.

E. A. Stowe.	Jesse Everts.
M. B. Drake.	Wm. M. Young.
W. E. Hamilton.	W. J. Hammond.

J. T. BARRETT POST NO. 130, EDMORE.

Chartered April 19, 1883.

Membership 17.

Commander, Abel Barrick

Delegate.

B. L. Ward.

Alternate.

J. K. Train.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Person.	Henry W. Hewes.
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HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 37.

Commander, E. Kernerling

Delegate.

Bruce Wilcox

Alternate.

Geo. Davis.

Past Commanders.

E. P. Wellesley.	H. H. Ward.
W. H. H. Godfrey.	W. T. Remner.
John L. Lytle.	John Hall.
William Broughton.	John Anderson.
Charles Clement.	E. Kernerling.

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JOHN MEGABRAH POST NO. 132, PORTLAND.

Chartered April 27, 1883. Membership 45.

Commander, John Van Horn.

Delegate.

*Rush P. Baldwin.

Alternate.

Wm. G. Minor.

Past Commanders.

E. M. Allen.

H. W. Holcomb.

Vincent Taylor.

J. C. Blocksten.

John W. Van Horn.

M. J. Whitney.

H. C. Glines.

W. R. Norwood.

*H. Outwater.

Wm. G. Miner.

SAMUEL JUDD POST NO. 133, NEWAYGO.

Chartered April 27, 1883. Membership 20.

Commander, J. H. Edmonds.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.**

Chartered April 27, 1883. Membership 13.

Commander, *John Mitchell.

Delegate.

Geo. Cooley.

Alternate.

*W. O. Boughton.

Past Commanders.

*W. O. Boughton.

E. F. Lamb.

D. Douglas.

*J. C. C. Stephens.

Wm. Barber.

*M. W. Fairbanks.

A. Herrick.

U. Bache.

*John Hughes.

BARTHOLOMEW POST NO. 136, NUNICA.

Chartered May 11, 1883. Membership 15.

Commander, E. R. Porter.

Delegate.

James Stevenson.

Alternate.

D. C. Nash.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Bond.

John Castle.

E. Barden.

H. E. Plant.

A. G. Hayward.

T. W. Dandy.

John Howard.

John Eckhoff.

WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.

Chartered May 8, 1883. Membership 51.

Commander, Robt. L. Warren.

Delegate.

*James H. Webb.

Alternate.

Richard Williams.

Past Commanders.

*Henry S. Dean.

*J. Q. A. Sessions,

J. M. Perkins.

W. H. Jackson.

*N. P. Jacobs.

Chas. H. Manly.

*W. R. Childs.

W. A. Clark.

Robt. Campbell.

Fred Pistoris.

Harrison Soule.

*H. J. Pierson.

A. F. Martin.

Silas P. Hill.

*Jos. T. Jacobs.

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B. M. JOHNSON POST NO. 138, FERRY.Chartered May 18, 1883. Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. H. Critchet.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry Dodge.		A. B. Decker.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
P. W. Parish.		T. P. Landon.

HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.Chartered May 23, 1883. Membership 30.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, John C. Viall.	<i>Alternate.</i>
C. M. Deming.		Wm. Broadwell.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. J. Potter.		Frank Hasell.
C. M. Demming.		J. N. Kelly.
C. B. Gruly.		Frank White.
A. C. Rice.		

BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.Chartered May 18, 1881. Membership 63.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, W. Smith.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Geo. J. Keyser.		A. Middlebrook.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*Elwill Camborn.		Lemers Barnes.
Geo. Swarts.		W. P. Smalledge.
J. W. Wightman.		Chas. Davis.
Miles Baldwin.		I. N. Ingersoll.
S. P. Hosmer.		*H. W. Stevens.
G. S. Van Tyne.		L. B. Thompson.
A. W. Mills.		*Elmer Wilson.
A. W. Slayton.		John D. Shull.

A. MACOMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 30.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, *Hiram Cornwell.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Martin E. Wilson.		Harmon Rossman.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
O. A. Adams.		Leonard Rossman.
John W. LaRue.		B. S. Vest.
C. S. Vinning.		

WHITESIDES POST NO. 143, CARO.Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 11.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Lyman C. Grady.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*N. M. Richardson.		A. C. Spaulding.
Geo. W. Baslow.		R. M. Ross.
D. M. Macomber.		J. P. Westfall.
Jas. A. Connor.		

TURRILL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.May 29, 1883. Membership 42.

	Commander, *Geo. W. Cranston.	<i>Alternate.</i>
		John Cunningham.

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Past Commanders.

*L. W. Hinman.	*G. W. Cranston.
C. V. Austin.	*F. McElroy.
*J. E. Mapes.	Louis O. Brient.
*Herman Dockham.	Geo. B. Farquaharson.
*Robt. King.	Peter Bessette.
W. P. Grover.	*O. S. Church.
Jacob Piper.	

GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.

Chartered June 7, 1883.

Membership 146.

Commander, Jarvis E. Albro.

Delegates.

Chas. R. Pomeroy.
*Oscar Johnson.
John McKercher.

Alternates.

Joseph Remington.
J. Thompson.
Irving McConnell.

Past Commanders.

*O. F. Lockhead.	J. R. Benjamin.
*M. C. Barney.	*Geo. W. Hilton.
*Chas. L. Bentley.	*Joseph Rush.
O. S. Thomas.	Geo. E. Newell.
Paul Countryman.	*Geo. Raab.
John W. Begg.	*James H. Failing.
*Frank E. Willetts.	Wm. M. Wheeler.
*Ed. C. Marsh.	*Jas. W. Van Tassel.
*Chas. W. Austin.	Thos. A. Willitts.

CAPT. WILSON POST NO. 146, WALDRON.

Chartered June 8, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, W. B. Moore.

Delegate.

W. B. Moore.

Alternate.

E. N. Weaver.

Past Commanders.

A. Gibbs.	S. W. Yeagle.
C. H. Gorsuch.	E. N. Weaver.

DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Membership 73.

*Commander, David S. Howard.

Delegate.

*Daniel S. Nale.

Alternate.

William Sprague.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. H. Morgans.	*S. S. Mathews.
*John Benjamin.	*L. D. Van Kleeck.
D. Judson Hammond.	B. J. Fuller.
*D. S. Howard.	*Lucine Loorie.
*Samuel Giles.	*S. J. Cloonan.
James Orr.	*Wm. Cheals.
*Hiram Daniels.	

DALHGREEN POST NO. 149, HOLTON.

Chartered June 13, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, H. W. Crawford.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

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RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.

Chartered June 12, 1883.

Membership 22.

Commander, J. B. Northrop.
Delegate. *S. H. Fordyce. *Alternate.* Reuben Wellman.
Past Commanders. R. Wellman. I. N. Fordyce.
 William Suix. J. B. Northrop.

HENRY RICE POST NO. 151, SEBEWA.

Chartered June 16, 1883.

Membership 8.

Commander, Sam Bigham.
Delegate. Sam Bigham. *Alternate.* G. E. Friend.
Past Commanders. G. E. Friend. J. M. Bradley.

WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 47.

Commander, Lafayette Stevens.
Delegate. *Geo. McCurdy. *Alternate.* Chester Walker.
Past Commanders. *John Greig. L. Stevens.
 V. M. Wilson. Francis Hawley.
 Ezra Robinson. J. W. Holmes.
 E. N. Chadwick. Henry Wise.
 R. R. Purvis. Geo. Willard.
 F. Palmer.

HIEL P. CLARK POST NO. 153, SARANAC.

Chartered July 2, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, W. H. Pinckney.
Delegate. *E. N. Lowrey. *Alternate.* John Greeves.
Past Commanders. E. P. Gifford. Eustis Hull.
 H. A. Harton. Marshal Tanner.
 F. T. Haskin. A. W. Knee.
 Nathan Hubble.

A. G. GALBRAITH POST NO. 154, DECKERVILLE.

Chartered June 29, 1883.

Membership 14.

Commander, L. M. Taylor.
Delegate. James Lane. *Alternate.* Robert Lee.
Past Commanders.

GREGG POST NO. 155, HOMER.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, Nathan D. Burton.
Delegate. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders.

CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.

Chartered July 5, 1883. Membership 62.

<i>Delegate.</i> *H. M. Estis.	Commander, *W. M. Leland.	<i>Alternate.</i> Geo. W. Liby.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John W. Bradner. *W. N. Stocker. W. F. Tromp. M. A. Kniffin. O. E. Wilson. N. S. Parmalee.		J. L. Ring. S. B. Daboll. H. S. Hart. J. E. Stone. D. S. French.

ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered July 6, 1883. Membership 19.

<i>Delegate.</i> *H. C. Walker.	Commander, Norris Richardson.	<i>Alternate.</i> Thos. M. Seares.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
M. A. Abbott.		Jas. M. Shepard.

COLONEL ELY POST NO. 158, ELM HALL.

Chartered July 10, 1883. Membership 32.

<i>Delegate.</i> C. M. Guild.	Commander, R. Schnepf.	<i>Alternate.</i> A. N. Morton.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Seneca Sly. Geo. Rockafellow. N. K. Strayer. C. M. Guild. A. N. Maston.		C. A. Button. J. W. Fullerton. C. E. Prime. James Toy.

HILL POST NO. 159, MIDDLEVILLE.

Chartered July 11, 1883. Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i> H. Carrick.	Commander, D. W. Johnson.	<i>Alternate.</i> Wm. McConnell.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
A. A. Tewksbury. D. W. Johnson. Wm. McConnell.		H. B. Carveth. J. S. Johnson. J. W. Gould.

HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.

Chartered July 12, 1883. Membership 37

<i>Delegate.</i> J. P. Hackett.	*Commander, Wm. E. Jacobs.	<i>Alternate.</i> Daniel Munger.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
L. H. Wilcox. *Geo. Morean. G. W. Mattoon. *J. C. Thomas. J. J. Peacock.		A. Adams. Ed. Conley. *Carl Pelton. Andrew Porter. Philip Kline.

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F. U. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.

Chartered July 20, 1883.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

*E. F. Whitmore.

Commander, *John McCredie.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.**

Chartered July 30, 1883.

Membership 42.

Delegate.

*John Remaile.

*Commander, Chas. Fuller.

Alternate.

David Young.

*Past Commanders.*J. N. Hawkins.
D. M. Purchis.
F. M. Potter.
C. A. Hollenbeck.*C. F. Fuller.
C. S. Snell.
H. H. Brown.**GEN. WOOL POST NO. 164, MORLEY.**

Chartered August 2, 1883.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

*Felix Ludington.

Commander, D. C. King.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*Chauncey Blossom.
R. D. Williamson.
F. A. Russell.O. S. Palmer.
Wm. A. Eddy.
Samuel Glover.**O. COLGROVE POST NO. 166, MARSHALL.**

Chartered August 4, 1883.

Membership 79.

*Delegate.**C. E. Hillis.
Perry Mayo.

Commander, John Roe.

*Alternate.**S. B. Shotwell.
H. H. Miller.*Past Commanders.*Epheram Marble.
Henry H. Miller.
Arthur Phillips.
David Waikinslaw.*Henry A. Clute.
John Cuzzins.
S. W. Thompson.
C. F. Walter.**MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.**

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

Louis Downer.

Commander, Wm. L. Bickle.

Alternate.

D. McLaughlin.

*Past Commanders.*Marvin LaCore.
J. W. Dickerman.
A. S. Fritz.
Chester McIntyreN. W. Harrington.
Wm Bickle.
John Dayo.
Abner S. Fritz.**LUMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.**

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 75

*Delegates.*W. A. Lawton.
C. B. Henika.

Commander, T. S. Langrize

*Alternates.*Geo. H. Smith.
Thos. B. Hamilton.

Past Commanders.

Jos. A. C. Rowan.	Edwin F. Dunton.
Ora E. Clark.	H. A. Crull.
Louis A. Labadie.	Alex. Worden.
V. A. Baker.	Levi B. Rogers.
Chas. B. Henika.	Thos. Keyes.
Jas. Buckley.	Edward W. Tracy.
Melvin Burch.	Wilbur F. Lawton.
Horace Pardee.	

DECATUR BELDING POST NO. 172, NORTH STAR.

Chartered September 25, 1895. Membership 10.

Commander, W. E. Roberston. *Alternate.*
Delegate. *Past Commanders.*

JULIUS T. BARETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.

Chartered August 22, 1883. Membership 46.

Commander, *Geo. R. Gibbs. *Alternate.*
Delegate. John McCuaig. C. W. Churchell.

Past Commanders.

C. H. Morse.	Alex. McCuaig.
Geo. W. Garner.	A. J. Chambers.
L. M. Lyon.	Geo. R. Gibbs.
E. M. Howell.	G. D. VanDusen.
W. A. Sweet.	C. A. Hamlin.
Jas. F. Fillmore.	D. M. Shelley.
J. K. Ackley.	

E. R. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.

Chartered August 30, 1883. Membership 27

Commander, Graham Pope. *Alternate.*
Delegate. Chas. Smith. A. J. Scott.

Past Commanders.

A. J. Scott.	Arno Jaehnig.
W. H. Mason.	H. B. Rogers.
Geo. Johnson.	Chas. Smith.

C. F. SMITH POST NO. 175, ESCANABA.

Chartered September 1, 1883. Membership 13

Commander, Emil Glaser. *Alternate.*
Delegate. Maurice Boyl. Hiram Williams.

Past Commanders.

A. H. Rolph.	John G. Walters.
Norman A. Eddy.	Samuel Atkins.
John Power.	Emil Glaser.

MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.

Chartered December 6, 1895. Membership 21.

Commander, Chas. W. Blumberg. *Alternate.*
Delegate. A. J. Rickard. Thos. E. Dunn.

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Past Commanders.

Thos. N. Stevens.	Chas. H. Miner.
James C. Percival.	Geo. E. Barber.
E. D. Childs.	Edwin Porter.
Henry M. Hempteed.	Chas. W. Blumberg.
Asa Morse.	John Steele.
John C. Grooms.	

CHAS. S. TRAVERSE POST NO. 177, CAPAC.

Chartered August 17, 1883. Membership 21.

Commander, Fred Ross.

Delegate.

A. C. Fairbrother.

Alternate.

A. A. Smith.

Past Commanders.

A. C. Fairbrother.	Ezra S. Frantz.
R. C. McNaught.	Wm. C. Huggett.
Andrew Curry.	A. A. Smith.
Chester Williams.	B. I. Wade.

TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHERIDAN.

Chartered August 29, 1883. Membership 19.

Commander, C. D. Harris.

Delegate.

Jos. Bacon.

Alternate.

S. M. Crandall.

Past Commanders.

Samuel Sage.	D. A. Pond.
Daniel Fero.	C. D. Harris.
Lorenzo Allen.	A. J. Greenhoe.

DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.

Chartered August 30, 1883. Membership 24.

Commander, G. W. Pentlin.

Delegate.

L. H. Westphal.

Alternate.

J. W. Fulton.

Past Commanders.

Wm. W. Pentlin.	H. P. Martin.
G. V. Baadcke.	*Daniel Smith.
Mart Featherly.	Thos. Stoken.
James Shanks.	G. J. Roetke.

CARPENTER POST NO 180, YPSILANTI.

Chartered August 30, 1883. Membership 59.

Commander, *S. A. Ferguson.

Delegate.

*S. L. Shaw.

Alternate.

Nelson B. Tuttle.

Past Commanders.

*E. P. Allen.	*D. W. Shipman.
J. O. Chapman.	*J. H. Woodman.
S. B. Merness.	*H. S. Boutell.
J. F. Wise.	*A. D. L. Kinsley.
*Jerome Allen.	*J. C. Tuttle.
Eugene Holbrook.	Frank Joslyn.
*C. S. Barrett.	O. P. Showers.
	Peter Stiffin.

HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO 181, MILFORD.

Chartered September 3, 1883. Membership 101.

*Commander, Samuel W. McCall.

Notes.

James D. Rowe.
Newton B. Babcock.

Alternates.

Albert Manypenny.
Pat. Ormond.

Past Commanders.

Walter Crawford.
Lyman Cate.
*O. D. Stephens.
*C. D. Stevens.
*Silas Bullard.
Willis L. Smith.
*Alex. J. McCall.
*Andrew Muir.
*J. F. Beaumont.

Robt. F. Potts.
Geo. W. Sturdevant.
*Joseph Allen.
*Judson Fielden.
H. Walter Nichols.
*Spencer D. Lee.
H. A. Rexford.
H. S. White.

HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.

Chartered September 18, 1883. Membership 72

Commander, Frank R. Bacon.

Notes.

Shinar Preston.

Alternates.

Geo. Seymour.

Past Commanders.

C. R. Rathbone.
E. E. Giddings.
Daniel Squiers.
A. M. Phelps.

F. A. Bacon.
S. G. Allen.
M. D. Cole.

J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.

Chartered September 20, 1883. Membership 19

Commander, L. M. Newell.

Notes.

Chas. Woodruff.

Alternate.

*G. L. Smith.

Past Commanders.

*Silas Fletcher.
*D. W. Thomson.
Frank Downey.

L. M. Newell.
Edwin J. Eisenberg.

JOHN BROWN POST NO. 184, DETROIT.

Chartered September 24, 1883. Membership 16

Commander, Geo. W. Moore.

Notes.

*Othello Crosby.

Alternate.

Jos. Barber.

Past Commanders.

*Samuel Smith.

Isaac Fielder.

HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.

Chartered September 25, 1883. Membership 44

Commander, Roman L. Whipple.

Notes.

C. W. Albertson.

Alternate.

Miles Whipple.

Past Commanders.

Charles Hamilton.
John Taggart.
Henry Lilly.
David Gibbs.
Geo. H. Bolton.

*Frank E. Hadley.
James P. Allen.
Wells Knapp.
Lynn Carpenter.
Daniel Rich.

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FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Membership 34.

Commander, W. O. Davis.

Delegate.
J. C. Predmore.

Alternate.
*Thos. Morrison.

Past Commanders.
C. H. Crawford.
Gleason F. Perry.
L. L. Hoffman.

H. E. Nichols.
W. O. Davis.

GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.

Chartered October 5, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, Lucius Sanborn.

Delegate.
V. A. Bailey.

Alternate.
*Wm. Hartwig.

Past Commanders.
Geo. Thompson.
J. P. Suiter.
N. N. Green.

Geo. A. Cramton.
F. M. Goodale.
Lucius Sanborn.

WALLACE BROWN POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.

Chartered October 12, 1883.

Membership 13.

*Commander, John Irish.

Delegate.
Benj. Fisher.

Alternate.
Austin Sheley.

Past Commanders.
W. H. Ferguson.
John Cook.
Wm. H. H. Douglas.

*Victor B. Rottiers.
Richard M. Johnson.
Milton Hadsal.

O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.

Chartered October 19, 1883.

Membership 17.

Commander, Henry Huff.

Delegate.

Alternate.

JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 33.

Commander, J. Lonsberry.

Delegate.
*A. D. Rundlet.

Alternate.
H. H. Montney.

Past Commanders.
Samuel L. Curry.
W. H. Sargent.
W. H. Russell.

J. W. Buffinn.
E. E. Eckles.
Geo. Van Nest.
Chas. Wolson.

L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 46.

Commander, Jerome Stone.

Delegate.
Harrison Kimball.

Alternate.
Chas. Hooper.

Past Commanders.
Melvin Hayes.
George Beldon.
John Mahard.
Smith Miller.

James H. Hall.
Chas. Hooper.
E. F. Newell.
Benj. Burlington.

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JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.

Chartered November 2, 1883. Membership 18.

Commander, W. O. Davis. *Alternate.*
Delegate. *J. F. Wilder. Chas. Perry.
Past Commanders. Delos Adams. Wm. H. Moore.
J. R. Kipp. *F. M. Jones.

JAMES STEDMAN POST NO. 198, REED CITY.

Chartered November 5, 1883. Membership 24.

Commander, Alpheus Florida. *Alternate.*
Delegate. *Past Commanders.* S. C. Bratt. David Randall.
Chas. Randall. W. W. Corbett.
Daniel Donivan. Charles Williams.
R. Russell. Jerry Mann.
*H. C. Stoddard.

PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLETON.

Chartered November 15, 1883. Membership 18.

Commander, Geo. H. Post. *Alternate.*
Delegate. C. Burke. Geo. Wingel.
Past Commanders. H. D. Smith. John Baker.
F. R. Hawley. J. Fahnestock.
W. C. Watson. Walter Viles.
F. Ballin. M. L. Baker.

MCGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.

Chartered December 6, 1883. Membership 29.

Commander, E. W. Muenschler. *Alternate.*
Delegate. James Henderson. C. D. Gardner.
Past Commanders. Geo. A. Hart. Wm. F. Brain.
Allen McKee. J. F. Albro.

ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROMEO.

Chartered December 13, 1883. Membership 25.

Commander, *Freeborn H. Price. *Alternate.*
Delegate. *John J. Casey. Wesley Brooks.
Past Commanders. E. R. Sanderson. William Smith.
Freeborn Price. O. S. Perry.
O. D. Thompson. George A. Hines.
*S. Vandecar. *H. S. White.

G. H. EWING POST NO. 203, STOCKBRIDGE.

Chartered December 14, 1883. Membership 24.

Commander, E. G. Pierce. *Alternate.*
Delegate. *Past Commanders.* E. B. Parks. Lucius Bowdish.
A. G. Miller. W. H. Collins.
F. A. Stephen.

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L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 87.

Commander, Willard Knapp.

*Delegates.*H. C. Everetts.
G. L. Osborn.*Alternates.*Wellington White.
Chas. Jackson.*Past Commanders.*Chas. Freeman.
A. B. Crane.
*Julius Frieseke.
Wm. H. Beatty.
O. F. Webster.
Chas. L. Paris.
J. H. Moyses.
*M. C. Dawes.*W. R. Smith.
Robert Gray.
*John Q. Adams.
Thos. M. Wiley.
Wm. Guipe.
J. J. Mackey.
S. W. Sadler.
*Duane C. Cooper.**MAJOR WEBER POST NO. 206, BELLAIRE.**

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 36.

Commander, James White.

Delegate.

*John Bush.

Alternate.

E. Dunson.

*Past Commanders.*Henry W. Stewart.
Rosswell Leavitt.
Arthur Watkins.
Wm. J. May.Silas York.
James C. Abbott.
Elijah Baker.
F. W. Bechtold.**GEO. A. CUSTER POST NO. 208, GALIEN.**

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, Samuel Jackson.

Delegate.

William B. Crocker.

Alternate.

Francis Hanover.

*Past Commanders.*Henry Keefer.
Wm. H. Beach.
Alonzo Goodenough.
B. F. Yaw.Dan W. Swem.
Wm. F. Swem.
Geo. Roberts.
John Penwell.**ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.**

Chartered December 27, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, E. R. Fitzsimmons.

Delegate.

E. A. Cahon.

Alternate.

B. A. Cook.

*Past Commanders.*E. R. Fitzsimmons.
C. W. Hall.
C. R. Dillon.
H. Bigbey.C. J. Reynolds.
Robt. Kelso.
T. D. Butler.**E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 56.

Commander, *Spencer Stevens.

Delegate.

Reuben Page.

Alternate.

*Ben Wheat.

*Past Commanders.*O. G. Hubbard.
S. D. Wiley.
W. E. Bregette.
J. H. Perine.
*C. F. Smith.*W. M. Loder.
Wm. Hastings.
F. E. Palmer.
*H. F. Gilbert.
J. O. Banks.

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WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 101.

Commander, J. L. Fowler.

*Delegates.*C. A. Preston.
E. D. Merritt.*Alternates.*J. Sherman.
*Ichabud Buck.*Past Commanders.**J. H. Kidd.
M. M. Currier.
*James H. Laden.
*O. H. Perry.
C. A. Cornell.
James Greenman.J. L. Fowle.
M. L. Pike.
D. A. Jewell.
Chas. Eyster.
F. S. Hutchinson.
I. Buck.**JOS. B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEVUE.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 39.

Commander, W. M. Hawley.

Delegate.

*S. W. Gibson.

Alternate.

H. Dilno.

*Past Commanders.*J. A. Berchard.
L. B. Cook.
Alex. McKenzie.
G. F. Anson.
Wm. Hawley.
Herbert Dilno.F. Hughes.
R. B. Bishop.
Henry Dilno.
Geo. P. Stevens.
*S. W. Gibson.**WM. RICHARDSON POST NO. 214, MILLINGTON.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, *L. J. Beers.

Delegate.

*A. M. Davis.

Alternate.

J. A. Case.

*Past Commanders.**Samuel Atwood.
*Elijah Howard.
Freeman J. Fitsworth.
Irving Van Wagner.
*Wm. I. Markes.
John A. Case.
Edward Caine.Alford Bingham.
P. P. Cone.
*Ruben Wilber.
Wm. N. Storms.
*Sheldon Webster.
*Wm. J. Hains.
*S. T. Damon.**JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.**

Chartered January 12, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, L. U. Lyon.

*Delegate.**U. C. Case.
Thos. Hope.
Arthur Longman.
A. A. Holcomb.*Alternate.*Warren Mullen.
O. M. Gates.
H. H. Kindig.
J. N. Barker.**H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**

Chartered January 7, 1884.

Membership 41.

Commander, *James Wade.

Delegate.

Nelson H. Miller.

Alternate.

Louis Guiette.

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Past Commanders.

Judson S. Farrar	Edgar Weeks.
Wm. Jetney.	*Geo. W. Robertson.
*Samuel Irew.	*James A. Price.
*Rozell Widrig.	*M. L. Skillman.
*Louis A. Allen	*Edwin Tharrett.
*Joseph Immen.	*August Steitzer.
*J. F. Cotton.	Jordan Widrig.

W. B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.

Chartered January 8, 1884.

Membership 42

Commander, Chas. B. Streeter

Delegate.

Ernest Nicholson.

Alternate.

E. P. Willard.

Past Commanders.

A. Woodruff.	A. Ferris.
A. A. Miner.	J. W. Nicholson.
G. Gundrum.	N. R. Menold.
Jobe Bremer.	Wm. Judd.

HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE

Chartered January 10, 1884.

Membership 7

Commander, Ely H. Reynolds.

Delegate.

C. R. Fisk.

Alternate.

S. R. Betgan.

Past Commanders.

S. J. Snook.	Wm. Cooley.
Dorr Darling.	S. W. Coffin.

BRADLEY POST NO. 221, HARRISON.

Chartered January 16, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, H. W. Hughs.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.**Alternate.***HENRY C. BEEBE POST NO. 223, RICHMOND.**

Chartered February 7, 1884.

Membership 28.

Commander, A. M. Keeler.

Delegate.

*J. H. Quick.

Alternate.

E. S. Hunt.

Past Commanders.

Culver Patterson.	Alex. Van Brocklin.
A. M. Keeler.	S. H. Heath.
James Quick.	Cyrus Withey.
Edwin J. Walton.	Geo. Shipman.

RUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.

Chartered February 8, 1884.

Membership 49.

Commander, Geo. P. Humphrey.

Delegate.

Geo. V. Brill.

Alternate.

*C. S. Ramsay.

Past Commanders.

Geo. P. Humphrey.	Philip O'Brien.
John Baker.	Geo. V. Brill.
Robt. Brahman.	E. A. Bouchard.
Wm. N. Cross.	

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GEO. MARTIN POST NO. 227, EAST PORT.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 29.

Delegate.

S. B. Anway.

Commander, J. H. McPherson.

Alternate.

John McEwen.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Arnold.
John McPherson.
J. R. Child.

Dr. C. Chamberlain.
Daniel Blakely.
Wm. Greenman.

FAIRCHILDS POST NO. 228, GRASS LAKE.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Commander, John E. Erwin.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Arnold.
John McPherson.
J. R. Child.

Dr. C. Chamberlain.
Daniel Blakely.
Wm. Greenman.

HARVEY TUCKER POST NO. 229, MARINE CITY.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

Louis Cohrs.

Commander, Alex. Stearns.

Alternate.

G. Horn.

Past Commanders.

John W. Ackley.
*Wm. Baird.
Ira Marks.
Henry Manchester.

Isaac Colby.
Emulus Adam.
Geo. Hornbusel.
Wm. Kiddle.

EDDY POST NO. 231, PLYMOUTH.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

Commander, Walter Kenster.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

*M. R. Weeks.

MILO WARNER POST NO. 232, CASS CITY.

Chartered February 27, 1884.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

Commander, D. P. Deming.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Geo. S. Farrar.

J. M. Fenn.

OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.

Chartered February 4, 1884.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

*Orville Cowles.

Commander, *Wm. Baldock.

Alternate.

A. L. Peck.

Past Commanders.

William Grunwell.
Elihu Ackerman.
*Wm. Smith.
B. M. Jenne.
*Jos. Nestle.

Henry Maurer.
H. C. Mudge.
Newell Bowers.
*Geo. White.

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O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.

Chartered March 4, 1884.

Membership 27.

Commander, E. H. Smith.

Delegate. *Jacob P. Schoeni. *Alternate.* M. F. Graham.

Past Commanders.

E. H. Smith.	J. A. Churchill.
A. A. Moore.	H. W. Hitchcock.
H. W. Browne.	A. S. Harris.
E. C. Read.	

WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, John A. Newvill.

Delegate. Geo. Heaton. *Alternate.* A. E. Martin.

Past Commanders.

John A. Newvill.	F. M. Gates.
John Jones.	*Wm. Mears.

PETER A. WEBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 24.

Commander, Chas. A. Jaqua.

Delegate. P. R. Perry. *Alternate.*

Past Commanders.

E. C. Watkins.	A. L. Picket.
G. A. Sage.	C. F. Sears.
Chas. A. Haner.	James Eadie.

RANDALL POST NO. 238, COOPERSVILLE.

Chartered March 13, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, E. L. Washburn.

Delegate. Henry Ferguson. *Alternate.* Geo. Haas.

Past Commanders.

John Jackson.	Eli Karney.
John Cavney.	Hiram Ames.

MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 27.

Commander, Adelbert Taylor.

Delegate. Wright Havens. *Alternate.* R. P. Forbes.

Past Commanders.

*O. Palmer.	Dell Smith.
A. L. Pond.	W. S. Chalker.
*A. C. Wilcox.	

LEONARD MAUCH POST NO. 241, WOODLAND.

Chartered April 2, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, Alson Hill.

Delegate. Geo. Van Aman. *Alternate.* Wm. Koons.

Past Commanders.

D. B. Kilpatrick.	John H. Rogers.
J. M. Reiser.	Nathaniel Whiting.
Joshua Dillenback.	J. H. Landis.
A. W. Dillenback.	Harrison Long

FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.

Chartered April 5, 1884. Membership 21.
 Commander, J. H. Paul.
Delegate. Henry Kahler. *Alternate.* Stephen Huxley.
Past Commanders.
 B. F. Taylor, Jas. Oldacre,
 Herman T. Watkins, Joel Lee,
 Jas. E. Mason, Elias Foote,
 Henry Kahler.

FIGHTING DICK POST NO. 243, SPARTA.

Chartered April 5, 1884. Membership 10.
 Commander, W. L. Van Antwerp.
Delegate. A. Grawn. *Alternate.* Calvin Crain.
Past Commanders.
 A. B. Cheney, A. Grawn.

JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 248, WACOUSTA.

Chartered April 25, 1884. Membership 20.
 Commander, L. F. Conrad.
Delegate. H. P. Cutler. *Alternate.* N. S. Wells.
Past Commanders.
 Quincy L. Taylor, Henry M. Burnes,
 Geo. W. Watson, Chas. F. Andrus.

WA-BU-NO POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.

Chartered April 24, 1884. Membership 62.
 Commander, Samuel J. Morrison.
Delegate. *Chas. J. Jeffords. *Alternate.* La Fayette Hall.
Past Commanders.
 John A. Harris, *Warner Churchill,
 H. E. Deuell, Samuel R. Morrison.

J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.

Chartered April 29, 1884. Membership 46.
 Commander, H. W. Perkins.
Delegate. *John C. Salmon. *Alternate.* B. C. Moore.
Past Commanders.
 Geo. M. Doty, O. J. Knapp,
 C. Walling, J. A. Dockeway,
 J. N. Clark, L. L. Church.

LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.

Chartered May 29, 1884. Membership 27.
 Commander, *A. L. Bryant.
Delegate. L. H. Van Antwerp. *Alternate.* Austin Dumaw.
Past Commanders.
 A. B. Markham, Geo. Richards,
 J. R. Perry, Geo. Pierce,
 F. C. Michael, F. H. Kitchen,
 *J. W. Janes.

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WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.

Chartered June 21, 1884. Membership 21.

Commander, P. D. Bissell.

Delegate. Frank S. Walker. *Alternate.* A. J. Gennell.

Past Commanders. Jesse Warren. J. B. Tawlyn.
H. B. Cornell. S. A. Snyder.
W. H. Cushing.

A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.

Chartered June 24, 1884. Membership 33.

Commander, L. A. Howard.

Delegate. James Drinkwater. *Alternate.* *G. W. Dobson.

Past Commanders. Wm. Shepard. Cor. Hadley.
Frank Barber. E. A. Shattuck.
Chas. P. White. Wm. Van Giesen.
O. H. Chapman. Frank Barber.

CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.

Chartered July 12, 1884. Membership 34.

Commander, *Duffy Duquett.

Delegate. *Daniel S. Huntley. *Alternate.* John Kneeland.

Past Commanders. *F. Walden. J. M. Orr.
Leroy Adams. *S. R. Kingsley.
*A. S. Hill. *Robert Bird.
*A. W. Thompson. *Joseph Smith.
*Peter C. Bird. R. Monroe.

A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.

Chartered July 17, 1884. Membership 39.

Commander, *P. H. McBride.

Delegate. *Alternate.* Lewis De Kraker.

Past Commanders. *John Kramer. *D. B. K. Van Raalte.
Peter D. Suiter. Peter Walnes.
*Benj. Van Raalte. A. J. Ward.

GEN. HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.

Chartered July 7, 1884. Membership 19.

Commander, *John G. Berry.

Delegate. Wm. Karslake. *Alternate.* Geo. Bolinger.

Past Commanders. N. C. G. Ashley. Royal Stone.
T. C. Woodin. G. C. Crissey.
W. H. Claspill. T. C. Woodin.

JACKSON COREY POST NO. 264, WOLVERINE.

Chartered June, 1904. Membership 9.

Commander, A. W. Eck.

Delegate. *Alternate.*

Past Commanders.

LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.

Chartered August 2, 1884. Membership 34.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Alonzo Dunning.	<i>Alternate.</i>
A. B. Be Dell.		C. E. Jenkins.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
A. Whitehorn.		A. B. BeDell.
B. T. Phillips.		J. C. Sherman.
M. C. Caughey.		M. Durocher.
Andrew Gram.		Ira Carley.
A. B. Wells.		C. H. Jones.

MARK THOMPSON POST NO. 269, PLAINWELL.

Chartered August 6, 1884. Membership 36.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, O. Tomlinson.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Chas. Macomber.		H. L. Lane.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Chas. Mason.		John B. Swan.
Chas. Adams.		H. S. Stratton.
W. D. Talbot.		B. L. Kahler.
John H. Madden.		Arthur Hazelwood.

F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECORSE.

Chartered February 27, 1890. Membership 20.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, John Todd.	<i>Alternate.</i>
William Coleman.		*Sylvester Hall.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John Hills.		*Euphratus Ross.
*Lewis Montry.		Preston R. Warner.
*John Conard.		

BOYS-IN-BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.

Chartered August 15, 1884. Membership 18.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Chas. Hinman.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Jerome B. Wilcox.		Hiram Belcher.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Joseph Linebaugh.		*J. B. Wilcox.
F. J. Shaler.		

LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.

Chartered September 1, 1884. Membership 33.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, John A. Jackson.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*James E. Deliforce.		W. P. Draper.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*A. D. Jackson.		*James E. Johnson.
John Steidler.		*D. Case.
Amos Wisdom.		*S. H. Evans.
*Wesley Robison.		*Herbert Taylor.
*Chas. A. Heath.		

LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.

Chartered September 8, 1884. Membership 17.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Myron A. Hance.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Wm. Green.		J. A. Sloan

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Geo. W. Keys	N. D. Langlois
Geo. G. Smith	James H. Bosworth
W. E. C. Wright	Geo. W. Sweet
Lester B. Taggart	Clas. H. Wilson
S. K. May	Henry Ranaue
Wm. R. 268	M. H. Harvey

BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.

Chartered September 8, 1884. Membership 10

Commander W. W. Thomas

<i>Deputy</i>	<i>Adjutant</i>
R. B. Harris	Leiber Deuster

Post Commanders

Clas. E. Hill	Alfred T. Jones
Wm. L. Ayer	J. H. Howell
W. F. Thompson	William Gray
Stephen L. George	David W. Winters

H. S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.

Chartered September 12, 1884. Membership 18

Commander A. Allen

<i>Deputy</i>	<i>Adjutant</i>
*Wm. Burnett	J. Rosenwald

Post Commanders

W. I. Lee	Geo. A. Allen
*A. W. DeLard	*H. H. Allen
	E. F. Carrington

PERKINS POST NO. 279, SPRING LAKE.

Chartered September 16, 1884. Membership 9

Commander M. Walsh

<i>Deputy</i>	<i>Adjutant</i>
C. P. Brown	M. T. Bond

Post Commanders

Geo. V. Hart	S. S. Roberts
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AMOS E. STEELE POST NO. 280, NORTH MUSKEGON.

Chartered September 17, 1884. Membership 17

Commander Samuel M. Coffey

<i>Deputy</i>	<i>Adjutant</i>
*Joseph W. Aspin	F. M. Fowler

Post Commanders

Clas. E. Stearns	Z. J. H. Bates
J. S. Avery	M. S. Smith
James E. Stevens	Geo. R. Knapp
B. L. Andrews	

MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.

Chartered October 18, 1884. Membership 23

Commander J. M. Elder

<i>Deputy</i>	<i>Adjutant</i>
*J. E. Young	M. S. Smith

Post Commanders

*H. J. Young

SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Chartered October 23, 1884. Membership 21.

<i>gate.</i>	Commander, William Edwins.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Spencer Leigh.		Jos. Fleetham.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
E. W. Taylor.		A. Creamer.
Geo. Richards.		I. Eldred.
S. York.		C. Richards.
B. Peabody.		L. M. Peck.
T. Lusk.		F. Linhart.

HENRY H. KNAPP POST NO. 284, DAVISON.

Chartered October 16, 1884. Membership 22.

<i>gate.</i>	Commander, John Reeser.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Josiah Langley.		J. F. Cortwright.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*L. D. McAllister.		J. Cooley.
*Wm. M. Knapp.		Alex. Campbell.
L. G. Adams.		C. B. Smith.
*A. A. Elmore.		A. A. Conger.
B. F. Sanford.		S. G. Comstock.
*J. Cottrell.		Wm. N. Monroe.

COL. STEWART POST NO. 285, TUSTIN.

Chartered October 28, 1884. Membership 17

<i>gate.</i>	Commander, J. W. Loomis.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Wm. E. Waldron.		Jerry Miller.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
R. H. Jones.		John Stansell.

FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 286, FIFE LAKE.

Chartered October 28, 1884. Membership 27

<i>gate.</i>	Commander, H. E. Davis.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*John W. Safford.		Geo. Raider.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Geo. Hart.		D. McAley.
A. M. Wansey.		W. E. Clarke.
Miles Bryant.		

B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 287, CHESHIRE.

Chartered November 9, 1884. Membership 16

<i>gate.</i>	Commander, C. V. Nash	<i>Alternate.</i>
Jos. Cross.		C. H. Lawrence.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
R. C. Harmon.		W. H. Stout.
W. G. Rowe.		S. S. Stout.
James H. Barkhead.		G. W. Lewis.

JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 288, LACOTA.

Chartered March 3, 1890. Membership 26

<i>gate.</i>	Commander, D. A. Beebe.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Chas. Gardner.		Samuel Johnson.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

E. Deming.	O. P. Carmon.
L. Dalrymple.	*H. P. Gillespie.
Zenoa Woody.	Bently Cook.
D. A. Beebe.	

HENRY C. PRATT POST NO. 289, MACKINAC ISLAND.

Chartered December 2, 1884. Membership 13.

Commander, Geo. W. Marshall.

Delegates.

Geo. E. Rogers.

Alternate.

Dan. B. Mills.

Past Commanders.

Wm. P. Preston.	John McWebster.
Theodore Rieths.	Patrick Kerrigan.
Andrew Chapman.	Wm. Marshall.
Benoni LaChance.	Gregory Lambert.
P. McCormick.	Edwin M. Coates.

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Chartered January 15, 1885. Membership 80.

Commander, *E. C. Moore.

*Delegates.**D. A. Moore.
*W. P. Nisbett.*Alternates.*Col. E. Allen.
John Cole.*Past Commanders.*

D. E. Stearns.	W. A. Whitney.
Geo. M. Davidson.	W. Miller.
W. D. Moody.	F. O. Vandershuis.
Geo. G. Jenkins.	Geo. M. Gotchell.
A. B. Knapp.	M. Brown.

E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.

Chartered February 7, 1885. Membership 22.

Commander, A. A. Russell.

Delegates.

Andrew Allen.

Alternate.

J. K. Plummer.

Past Commanders.

A. A. Russell.	R. B. Mason.
A. E. Stafford.	

CHAS. BROWN POST NO. 296, ALASKA.

Chartered March 2, 1885. Membership 7.

Commander, Wm. N. Rowland.

Delegates.

Elisha Parker.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.**

Chartered March 7, 1885. Membership 23.

Commander, La Fayette C. Long.

Delegates.

Geo. E. Hill.

Alternate.

Leonard Reed.

Past Commanders.

J. L. Bradford.	L. C. Long.
C. W. Perry.	

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Chartered March 7, 1885. Membership 31.

	Commander, C. E. Moore.	
<i>legate.</i> J. S. Van Horn.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i> W. W. Walker.
R. R. French. A. O. Kruger. John Dooley.	_____	Chas. D. Blanchard. P. C. Beanston. *E. C. Anthony.

ORIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.

Chartered March 30, 1885. Membership 18.

	Commander, N. F. Cooper.	
<i>legate.</i> R. F. Hanes.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i> Joe Pattingall.
Lyman Havens. L. L. Hickox. A. A. Palmer. A. M. Green. N. F. Cooper.	_____	W. D. Moonnan. W. Colley. D. S. Irwin. R. F. Hanes. J. B. Morse.

BURSONS POST NO. 303, SCHOOLCRAFT.

Chartered April 16, 1885. Membership 13.

	Commander, E. D. Monroe.	
<i>legate.</i> Chas. Cronk.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i> E. J. Vreland.
John Gilchrist. Will Fauckboner. Albert Cornell. M. S. Burson.	_____	Albert Wager. Will Snyder. Frank Carlton.

MILTON WILLIAMS POST NO. 304, CLIFFORD.

Chartered April 23, 1885. Membership 12.

	Commander, S. E. Spencer.	
<i>legate.</i> Wm. A. Montgomery.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i> *Samuel Hate.
Harrison Bradshaw. Geo. Irwin. A. W. Cline.	_____	W. Montgomery. John Herenden. D. Asletien. John Van Etten.

BACON POST NO. 305, FENWICK.

Chartered April 30, 1885. Membership 8

	Commander, S. G. Wheaton.	
<i>delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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M. R. ROGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.

Chartered May 9, 1885. Membership 12.

	Commander, W. Harwood.	
<i>delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

WALTER ORR POST NO. 312, SCOTTS.

Chartered June 27, 1885.

Membership 9

Commander, C. T. S. Cook.
Delegate. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders.

HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.

Chartered July 22, 1905.

Membership 10

Commander, A. O. Clark.
Delegate. *Alternate.*
 H. D. Lathrop, D. F. Dorman.
Past Commanders.
 John Dagle, A. O. Clark.

WILTSIE POST NO. 314, SALINE.

Chartered June 12, 1885.

Membership 4

Commander, E. W. Hunt.
Delegate. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders.

CHAS. E. WENDELL POST NO. 316, GRANT.

Chartered July 30, 1885.

Membership 26

Commander, F. M. Jackson.

G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.

Chartered August 17, 1885.

Membership 15

Commander, L. G. Hunt.
Delegate. *Alternate.*
 Peter Benwire, J. M. Davidson,
Past Commanders. B. F. Morris,
 Albert Newkirk,
 H. Freeman,
 L. G. Hunt.

ALLEN M. HARMAN POST NO. 318, NORTHVILLE.

Chartered August 22, 1885.

Membership 39

*Commander, Thos. Calhoun.
Delegate. *Alternate.*
 *Geo. F. Goodale, Fred Le Loest.
Past Commanders.
 *B. G. Webster, T. P. Banks,
 *H. O. Ward, *E. K. Starkweather,
 *James Taylor, *J. W. Dolph,
 *S. J. Lawrence, Andrew Hoak,
 *O. B. Moore, James Hamilton,
 *E. K. Simonds, *M. S. Nichols,
 *Henry M. White, *Thos. Calhoun,
 *C. L. Brigham.

J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.

Chartered August 31, 1885.

Membership 17

Commander, F. A. Blackman.
Delegate. *Alternate.*
 Felix Chamberlain, John Ashley.

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Past Commanders.

Geo. Norwood.	Mark Norris.
N. H. Orr.	F. A. Blackman.

GEO. J. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.

Chartered September 1, 1885. Membership 15.
 Commander, Dewitt C. Faxon.
legate. *Alternate.*
 H. B. Yoxheimer.

Past Commanders.

A. W. Soul.	S. D. Curtis.
Ben Evins.	Geo. Harris.
Adam Craver.	John Orrison.
Wm. Malcolm.	H. B. Yoxheimer.

WILLIAM KERBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.

Chartered September 14, 1885. Membership 17.
 Commander, N. B. Bowker.
legate. *Alternate.*
 *Chas. Manchester. Geo. W. Harris.

Past Commanders.

Nathan Roof.	David Duncan.
N. B. Bowker.	O. J. Sprague.
E. Z. Fuller.	

W. B. STUART POST NO. 324, CRYSTAL.

Chartered September 12, 1885. Membership 10.
 Commander, Chauncy Pickell.

O. D. JACKSON POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.

Chartered September 25, 1885. Membership 15.
 Commander, A. R. Goodwin.
legate. *Alternate.*
 Frank Melbourn. Wm. Motter.

Past Commanders.

J. M. Henderson.	N. O. Merritt.
James Smalley.	Geo. Carneoney.
Geo. Mauk.	Frank Milbourn.
A. P. Goodwin.	

MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.

Chartered October 1, 1885. Membership 12.
 Commander, *A. P. Morris.
Delegate. *Alternate.*
 E. R. Tracy. J. C. Carlinghouse.

Past Commanders.

Wm. R. Fuller.	*A. P. Morris.
Murry Hess.	James Henderson.
I. Kilburn.	L. A. Palmer.
Edwin Price.	V. Watson.
John Carlinghouse.	Wm. Drew.
I. L. Hawley.	L. M. Jones.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

COL. H. H. JEFFORDS POST NO. 330, DEXTER.

Chartered November 5, 1885. Membership 11
 Commander, Chas. F. Bates.

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
*Easha White.		D. Litchfield.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*I. C. Richmond.		M. E. McNeil
H. H. Wilson		C. F. Bates.
James Hanna.		

C. E. HILTON POST NO. 336, EAST GILEAD.

Chartered January 21, 1886. Membership 12
 Commander, Chas. Miller.

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry A. Kinsey.		Peter Casebeer.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. W. Parker.		Jackson Kanouse.
C. W. Spade.		Myron Aldrich.
C. H. Brooks.		Geo. O. Bixler.
Samuel German.		

ALBERT SPERRY POST NO. 337, RAVENNA.

Chartered January 29, 1886. Membership 13
 Commander, Orange Oaget

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
John Gilbert.		Fred Plumbhoff.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Albro Enos.		Henry Walker.
Henry Hill.		John E. Hodgis.
Fred Plumbhoff.		Isaac R. Franks.
James E. Noble.		F. D. Hoogstraat.

MATHEW ARTIS POST NO. 341, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered March 10, 1886. Membership 13
 Commander, Abner R. Byrd.

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
Bennett Allen.		John Harris.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
B. E. Curtis.		Abner R. Byrd.

E. H. LISCOLN POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.

Chartered March 10, 1885. Membership 14
 Commander, James A. Troutt

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
Frank La Londe.		James Joyce.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wm. P. Spalling.		

JOHN W. PURDY POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.

Chartered March 11, 1886. Membership 10
 Commander, Jerry Arnett.

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
*John C. Holmes.		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Ben Laberge.		H. L. Beach.
Holmes.		O. Hoard.
Arnett.		

BILLY CENSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.

Chartered March 16, 1886. Membership 34.
 Commander, Barney Swope.
Delegate. Henry Shaffer. *Alternate.* James Toles.
Past Commanders.
 *W. H. Weed. P. P. Vannorman.
 Randolph Root. J. B. Holbert.
 Thos. Holton. *Chas. Wolverton.
 Charles Rooks. C. K. Fox.

S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTVILLE.

Chartered March 27, 1886. Membership 38.
 Commander, Jasper N. Clark.
Delegate. *J. C. Mutard. *Alternate.* W. W. Robinson.
Past Commanders.
 Thomas Barnes. H. M. Buty.
 Henry Jenks. James Meads.
 A. J. Kinnie. J. L. Toms.
 J. W. Griswold. W. D. Cowan.
 F. Conrow.

M. H. WHITNEY POST NO. 350, SAND LAKE.

Chartered April 9, 1886. Membership 29.
 Commander, Wellington Rasco.
Delegate. John Howe. *Alternate.* Henry M. Bennett.
Past Commanders.
 Wellington Rasco. F. W. Hicks.
 Geo. H. Godfrey. James Seutt.
 Wm. Sleight. Alanson Dickenson.

GEO. ALLEN POST NO. 351, COVERT.

Chartered April 15, 1886. Membership 12.
 Commander, Theo. B. Randell.
Delegate. Adam Bowman. *Alternate.* Marvin Tracy.
Past Commanders.
 Jacob Gunsul. Osmer Letson.
 Geo. W. Morgan. T. P. Randall.
 W. F. Conner. *O. D. Darling.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Chartered May 18, 1886. Membership 31.
 Commander, M. N. Hough.
Delegate. John Mount. *Alternate.* *H. H. Fellows.
Past Commanders.
 *James Kelley. R. M. Teets.
 George Nisle. G. B. Sherwood.
 *A. A. Stringham. S. R. Sherwood.
 T. F. Bushton. M. N. Hough.

JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.

Chartered May 16, 1886. Membership 18.
 Commander, Caleb Richardson.
Delegate. Mathew Goody. *Alternate.* Hiram Westfall.

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Past Commanders.

B. S. Everest.
Geo. Prankard.
John W. Howarth.
Henry Barrows.

Ira S. Jeffers.
Chas. M. North.
Caleb Richardson.

F. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 10

Commander, C. F. Stearns.

Delegate.

*Theo. Burden.

Alternate.

R. S. Brown.

Past Commanders.

R. S. Brown.
L. Mathews.
E. Robertson.
*Theo. Burden.

*W. J. Brown.
*W. J. Williamson.
L. Mathews.

ROWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.

Chartered July 12, 1886.

Membership 20.

Commander, *H. F. Yarrick.

Delegate.

*Harvey C. Dudley.

Alternate.

Byron Beach.

Past Commanders.

*D. H. Warren.
*A. E. Terwilliger.
B. F. Rockwell.
Ralph Taylor.
*Milton Townsend.

John Murty.
J. C. Gambee.
S. Spencer.
D. B. Wisner.
*John Wirtz.

CORBETT POST NO. 360, PALMYRA.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 26.

Commander, *Geo. Williams.

Delegate.

*William Wood.

Alternate.

Wm. Brown.

Past Commanders.

*M. T. Cole.
*Jared B. Bailey.
*E. Lewis.
W. H. Colwin.
*Fred Bay.
*Wm. Wood.

*John Bittey.
*Richard Bailey.
John Patterson.
*Geo. Southwick.
*Squire Johnson.

KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Membership 18.

Commander, Henry Runyan.

Delegate.

James Locke.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Henry Runyan.
James Locke.

*E. W. Watkins.
Wm. Farraud.

C. B. HUBBELL POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.

Chartered October 28, 1886.

Membership 14.

Commander, Fred Hanley.

Delegate.

W. J. Fife.

Alternate.

J. R. Petrie.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Saxton.	H. Samson.
J. F. Koontz.	D. A. Curtice.
J. Kellogg.	E. N. Carley.
F. Hanley.	

CALDWELL POST NO. 365, LAKE CITY.

Chartered November 18, 1886. Membership 43.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, M. D. Richardson.	<i>Alternate.</i>
C. H. McCann.		Chas. Reed.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*M. D. Richardson.	N. Shults.	
L. Klingensmith.	B. F. McManus.	
Wm. H. Miller.	H. S. Lamb.	
Wm. Bartholomew.	S. A. Phillips.	
	L. Charter.	

GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.

Chartered July 18, 1886. Membership 24.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, E. T. Baker.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

F. VEENFLEET POST NO. 368, REESE.

Chartered November 18, 1886. Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, *Thos. Gulliver.	<i>Alternate.</i>
John M. Weaver.		Wm. H. Lindsay.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
D. Cole.	E. Shook.	
J. G. Van Buren.	Jas. M. Higgins.	

NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.

Chartered January 3, 1887. Membership 24.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Henry Madill.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.

Chartered January 18, 1887. Membership 22.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, John Boshaw.	<i>Alternate.</i>
John Smith.		W. H. Gard.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
James E. Horton.	E. J. Goodell.	
Benj. B. Priest.	John Smith.	

A. H. FENN POST NO. 371, FENNVILLE.

Chartered February 3, 1887. Membership 19.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Isaac Lameroux.	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. H. McCormick.		Aritus Turrell.

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Past Commanders.

A Turrell
John Sherman.

Robert Rouse.

E. P. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 35

Commander, Zenas E. Clark.
Deputy.
*Wm. Wilson.

Alternate.
Geo. Hunt.

Past Commanders.

*L. P. Jyldson.	J. C. Van Blaricom.
Jos. Montgomery.	Wm. A. Joy.
Roswell P. Reed.	I. P. Covey.
H. M. Statley.	D. W. Phelps.
John W. Van Deman.	

S. E. DOWNER POST NO. 374, PARMA.

Chartered March 9, 1887.

Membership 12

Commander, Chas. Adams.
Deputy.
Emory A. Miller.

Alternate.
R. B. Clark.

Past Commanders.

John P. Baker.	W. A. Matson.
O. A. Rogers.	Geo. Schwab.
H. C. Anderson.	Frank Gorton.
Frank Hoag.	J. R. Godfrey.
Geo. Miller.	

WM. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.

Chartered April 1, 1887.

Membership 30

Commander, James C. Vorhes.
Deputy.
*John E. Clemens.

Alternate.
Robt. Patterson.

Past Commanders.

A. E. Collins.	*A. O'Brien.
E. H. Dewey.	J. J. Snook.
J. R. Wortley.	*N. B. Taylor.
*J. W. Eastman.	*H. L. Wood.
W. J. Fraser.	

CHARLES BRADFORD POST NO. 379, BANNISTER.

Chartered March 23, 1887.

Membership 9

Commander, Wm. H. Morrison.
Deputy.
H. Manning.

Alternate.
Jacob Bishop.

Past Commanders.

Edward Bensinger.	John Riley.
R. R. Smith.	W. C. Wooley.

JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.

Chartered April 23, 1887.

Membership 8

Commander, *Geo. W. Dingman.
Deputy.
Wm. Campbell.

Alternate.
Wm. Betwee.

Past Commanders.

*L. Lutenbacher.	*J. E. Carl.
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U. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.

Chartered April 27, 1887. Membership 35.

<i>Delegate.</i> S. J. Justice.	Commander, *Steve Mallery.	<i>Alternate.</i> H. H. Bosell.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	Wallace Lovewell. *Edwin Tirman. John Bishop. *Thos. Leak. Abel Bywaters. Robt. Musgrove.	Martin Cox. A. A. Walters. Wm. Fink. *S. H. Mallery. C. J. Yager.

C. B. WHEELER POST NO. 383, MARTIN.

Chartered May 19, 1887. Membership 8.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, *W. D. Stayman.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.

Chartered May 21, 1887. Membership 112.

<i>Delegates.</i> *Sam W. Burroughs. John S. Conant.	Commander, O. A. Janes.	<i>Alternates.</i> Geo. C. Hopper. Alvin S. Clark.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	*Henry M. Duffield. *Thos. A. Wadsworth. *Marvin Preston. *Sidney B. Dixon. Oscar R. Looker. *Robert Gibbons. James N. Cox. *Wm. S. Green. Wm. T. Gage. *Arba M. Seymour. Chas. A. Cooledge. *Dayton Parker.	*B. Jasnowski. *S. M. Kent. *Jacob Bristol. *A. H. Heath. *Lewis H. Chamberlin. *Frank C. Trowbridge. *Chas. G. Hampton. *Thos. S. McGraw. Alex. W. Blain. *Oscar A. Janes. Oscar R. Looker.

CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.

Chartered July 21, 1887. Membership 21.

<i>Delegate.</i> *H. Glass.	Commander, Chas. Clark.	<i>Alternate.</i> B. P. Mount.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	J. H. Wood. H. Glass.	Wm. H. Ford. S. Coon.

AINSWORTH POST NO. 392, RANSOM.

Chartered January 26, 1888. Membership 15.

<i>Delegate.</i> *W. H. Palmer.	Commander, W. L. Mapes.	<i>Alternate.</i> Levi Alligar.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	G. W. Hile. W. L. Mapes.	P. M. Humiston. W. H. H. Pettit.

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MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.

Chartered April 4, 1888.

Membership 18

Commander, *Fred Kraft.
Delegate. A. L. Booth. *Alternate.* G. W. Blanchard.
Past Commanders.
 *Jos. Doherty. *John Boylan.
 *John Griswold. *Chas. Kaufman.
 *John H. Hemley. *Orrin D. Darling.

A. P. EARLE POST NO. 394, WEXFORD.

Chartered April 15, 1888.

Membership 21

Commander, J. J. Carl.
Delegate. L. A. Crittenden. *Alternate.* Geo. B. Taylor.
Past Commanders.
 John F. Paul. Wm. J. C. Davis.
 *E. Bowerman. J. S. Walling.
 A. Pringle. N. Hanna.
 Bruce Stewart. A. F. Hopkins.

A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 88.

Commander, *Ed. H. Stein.
Delegates. James K. Richmond. *Alternates.* Chas. H. Goodrich.
 Geo. W. Dellenback. Eugene Wood.
Past Commanders.
 W. T. Johnson. Wm. Walker.
 J. M. Wood. John Knowlin.
 C. H. Fox. J. R. Wyckoff.
 J. H. Bowers. J. S. French.
 R. H. Lee. Geo. R. Phillips.
 D. Z. Kline. C. S. Wilson.
 C. M. Runyan. J. Whinnery.
 Edgar W. Wheeler. D. Delano.
 N. H. Waldbridge. C. A. Beebee.
 W. H. Marston. Isaac Provost.

GEO. WARD POST NO. 398, BRANT.

Chartered January, 1889.

Membership 22.

Commander, Chas. Cogswell.
Delegate. *Henry Passmore. *Alternate.* Eugene D. Webber.
Past Commanders.
 W. DeClarence. N. B. Richardson.
 John Boone. Perry Crane.
 Alva Nichols. Geo. Rinenburg.
 Daniel Thompson. Willis Dibble.
 Michael Cummings.

WOOLSEY POST NO. 399, NORTHPORT.

Chartered January 19, 1889.

Membership 10.

Commander, Ishmeal Comstock.
Delegate. Jacob B. Vanatter. *Alternate.* James Mason.
Past Commanders.
 Wm. H. Porter. John Thomas.
 Edw. Scott. Wm. B. Green.

BURLINGAME POST NO. 402, AKRON.

Chartered April 23, 1889. Membership 13.
 Commander, John Paul.
Delegate. L. C. Wilbur. *Alternate.* L. L. Davis.
Past Commanders.
 John Graham. J. B. Going.
 E. G. Mathews. *Geo. J. Dart.
 Leonard James. Wm. Gardner.
 E. A. Dickey. John Rothermel.
 John E. Evans.

J. AND A. RYDER POST NO. 404, NEWBURG.

Chartered May 18, 1891. Membership 15.
 Commander, N. Beckenseed.
Delegate. *Wm. D. Toles. *Alternate.* Jas. King.
Past Commanders.
 *H. D. Bassett. *A. Fred Smith.
 C. G. Brown. *E. C. Bassett.
 Chas. Westfall. Willard Sherman.

CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 405, PERRINTON.

Chartered May 13, 1903. Membership 20.
 Commander, R. S. Cushman.
Delegate. A. C. Gillett. *Alternate.* Geo. W. Groom.
Past Commanders.
 T. B. Musser. Geo. W. Groom.
 J. S. Wright. R. S. Cushman.

W. W. CHAPIN POST NO. 407, AUBURN.

Chartered July 14, 1891. Membership 13.
 Commander, J. E. Hill.
Delegate. *A. J. Holmes. *Alternate.* E. J. Buzzard.
Past Commanders.
 *J. C. Rowden. Henry Hopler.
 John Wilber. James Davis.

GEN. W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.

Chartered June 29, 1891. Membership 47.
 Commander, J. H. Burgess.
Delegate. *Wm. J. Bennett. *Alternate.* L. M. Jones.
Past Commanders.
 Chas. E. Murry. R. Hawley.
 Jared Downer. O. B. Randall.
 Henry Adams. Wm. Hulburt.

A. W. BRINDLE POST NO. 413, WYANDOTTE.

Chartered August 1, 1891. Membership 11.
 Commander, *W. W. Bishop.
Delegate. *Alternate.* John Wayman.
Past Commanders.
 W. W. Bishop. John Wayman.

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ROBT. ERWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.

Chartered October 30, 1891.

Membership 20

Commander, John W. Worden.
Delegate. James M. King. *Alternate.* Geo. Stacy.
Past Commanders.

R. J. WADE POST NO. 417, HARBOR BEACH.

Chartered January 21, 1892.

Membership 11.

Commander, William Whaling.
Delegate. Wm. McMillan. *Alternate.*
Past Commander.

H. P. MERRILL POST NO. 419, BAY CITY.

Chartered February 19, 1892.

Membership 23

Commander, *Geo. W. Butterfield.
Delegate. Horace Morey. *Alternate.* E. D. Cowles.
Past Commanders. *M. M. Andrews. Geo. P. Cobb.
 A. J. Cook. *L. G. Wilcox.
 H. E. Meeker. J. W. Knaggs.
 Orrin Bump. Israel Youngs.

WM. H. DUMPHY POST NO. 424, YALE.

Chartered January 27, 1893.

Membership 18.

Commander, Chas. Moutney.
Delegate. Miles Simmons. *Alternate.* Henry A. Cope.
Past Commanders.

STEPHEN MUNGER POST NO. 425, FREELAND.

Chartered August 2, 1893.

Membership 9.

Commander, Geo. W. Haverland.
Delegate. Ambrose Purchase. *Alternate.* James McAdams.
Past Commanders. Henry Manwell. J. B. Alexander.
 A. McGuire. Peter Doran.
 Jefferson Chapman.

P. O'CONNELL POST NO. 426, IRON MOUNTAIN.

Chartered August 3, 1893.

Membership 10.

Commander, J. W. Burbank.
Delegate. Samuel Bassett. *Alternate.* John D. Buell.
Past Commanders. J. W. Burbank.

JOHN RITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.

Chartered July 14 1896.

Membership 12.

Commander, Jos. S. Phillips.
Delegate. *West. *Alternate.* John Davis.

Past Commanders.

Thomas Boodger.	Jos. S. Phillips.
*John Jackson.	*Jesse L. Van Sickle.
Sidney Carlton.	David McAlley.
Seymour Bortle.	

MARINE CITY POST NO. 432, MARINE CITY.

Chartered September 19, 1896. Membership 11.

	*Commander, W. H. Scott.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
John Minnie.		

Past Commanders.

Max Bates.	Chas. F. Farmer.
Edward J. Hill.	*W. H. Scott.

O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.

Chartered November 18, 1896. Membership 49.

	*Commander, Geo. W. Cook.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
*O. D. Caldwell.		Jesse D. Burke.

Past Commanders.

*John Devlin.	*Wm. N. Siggins.
*H. F. Serrine.	*Jas. M. C. Miller.
*Chas. F. Jones.	*E. H. Davis.
*Geo. W. Clements.	J. T. McCurdy.

McCOOK POST NO. 434, McBRIDE.

Chartered February 24, 1897. Membership 20.

	Commander, M. J. Christian.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
Geo. Carpenter.		Albert Bush.

Past Commanders.

Louis Perkins.	M. J. Christian.
Myron Dean.	Frederick Neff.

F. A. DANIELS POST NO. 437, NEW TROY.

Chartered June 29, 1897. Membership 11.

	Commander, John A. Cox.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

H. P. NILES POST NO. 438, NEW LATHROP.

Chartered July 22, 1897. Membership 9.

	Commander, *John Northwood.	
<i>Delégate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
Geo. Jacobs.		J. Douglass.

Past Commanders.

*Batus Snyder.	J. Douglass.
S. D. Wilson.	*John Spears.
James Smith.	C. A. Petty.

STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Chartered December 31, 1897. Membership 37.

	Commander, John G. Snook.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
*Henry I. Northrop.		Nelson De Camp.

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Past Commanders.

J. A. Sherwood.	N. Templer.
T. Bortles.	*L. H. Ives.
Frank Lester.	H. O. Call.
*W. W. Root.	

GEO. R. MUIR POST NO. 442, ROSE CITY.Chartered April 8, 1898. Membership 18.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, *A. S. Rose.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Henry Dobson.		C. D. Griffith.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. M. Bates.	A. S. Rose.	
O. J. Hickey.	James Smith.	

WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.Chartered April 14, 1898. Membership 36.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, C. C. Dunham.	<i>Alternate.</i>
H. A. Spencer.		A. J. Teed.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
D. E. Cook.		Chas. C. Burnham.

R. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.Chartered April 29, 1898. Membership 22.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, U. W. Leland.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Chas. Terry.		Warren Saxton.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
C. A. Peasley.	Geo. S. McClellan.	
Eli Bowen.	D. Bonesteel.	
V. W. Leland.	Ed. Bradshaw.	
W. H. Allen.		

J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.Chartered July 21, 1899. Membership 17.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. Funk.	<i>Alternate.</i>
P. P. Smith.		Roger Burns.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. W. Sweetland.	John Jones.	
B. F. Thompson.	Avon Dever.	

P. M. ANGUS POST NO. 450, STANDISH. ☞ ☐Chartered November 11, 1899. Membership 7.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Dewitt C. Hallock.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.Chartered April 28, 1900. Membership 25.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Dr. C. D. Woodruff.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Irvin S. Miller.		Cornelius Cook.

Past Commanders.

*Isaac Grant.	Homer Spencer.
*Aretas Corwin.	James L. Dearin.
David J. Zook.	Livingston Hall.
John H. Freeland.	Anthony Wise.
*"Ren" Barker.	Nathaniel Clark.
Jas. H. Andrews.	Geo. H. Gilbert.

H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.

Chartered June 23, 1900. Membership 30.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, A. J. Teall.	<i>Alternate.</i>
H. M. Slick.		*Henry Niswander.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*A. J. Teall.	Geo. F. Harmon.	
Philander Karr.	*A. M. Albert.	

HARLOW PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.

Chartered July 21, 1900. Membership 21.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Walter B. Nedrey.	<i>Alternate.</i>
R. D. McKinch.		J. O. Pattan.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Walter B. Nedrey.	Geo. E. Parker.	
W. C. Lockwood.	*J. B. Hickey.	
A. B. Payne.		

JAMES A. SAXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.

Chartered July 17, 1900. Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, A. J. Drake.	<i>Alternate.</i>
A. J. Drake.		S. Fuller.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
D. C. Morrison.	A. J. Drake.	
W. Mohrman.	W. H. Easton.	

JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Chartered November 21, 1900. Membership 22.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, *W. C. Bouck.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*August Luke.		Geo. W. England.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*David Cross.	*James E. Barnes.	
*James H. Persons.		

STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.

Chartered February 22, 1901. Membership 23.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, U. Gyde.	<i>Alternate.</i>
M. M. Tryon.		T. Hammond.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
L. S. Allen.	C. Calkins.	
A. C. Washburn.	L. A. Sayles.	

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J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Membership 23

Commander, Judson Doud.
Delegate. David White. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders. J. C. Bartholomew. C. Whitney.

GEORGE BOYD POST NO. 461, SELMA.

Chartered August 8, 1903.

Membership 20.

Commander, R. C. Norris.
Delegate. *Geo. W. Wheeler. *Alternate.* James Mansfield.
Past Commanders. Amos Merrill. John H. Wheeler.
 B. F. Smith.

R. A. ALGER POST NO. 462, RAPID CITY.

Chartered November 2, 1907.

Membership 13.

Commander, Joseph Finney.
Delegate. David W. Cousins. *Alternate.* Peter Desmond.
Past Commanders. Joseph Finney.

PROCEEDINGS.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

DETROIT, MICH., June 17-18, 1908.

The Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Light Infantry Armory in the city of Detroit at 9:30 a. m., June 17, 1908, and was opened by William Jibb, Department Commander.

The Department Commander, after satisfying himself that all present were members of the Grand Army of the Republic, opened the Encampment in due form. (Called the Encampment to its feet by the gavel.) The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing:

Department Chaplain: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we are glad to look up to Thee this morning and thank Thee for all Thy kind grace and providence during the year past that has been extended to us and that so many of us still are spared to greet each other once more, and to take each other joyfully by the hand and glad that we are permitted to enjoy this occasion together. We invoke Thy divine blessing to rest upon this gathering today and during all its sessions. We pray that Thy blessing may rest upon each officer of this Encampment, and especially upon the Commander in his duties and responsibilities. And may Thy presence be with us all so that we may feel that we are guarded from on high in all that we are called to do. May friendship and harmony prevail among us in all of our deliberations and we pray that while we meet here that Thy blessing may rest upon the Grand Army of the Republic throughout all of the United States; that God may smile upon them all everywhere and give them grace to discharge all of their duties and perform their work gladly and successfully. We ask Thy gracious blessing upon our government, upon our Chief Magistrate, upon our country as a whole, upon our people as a Nation, to raise it up by the hand of God for great purposes in this new century. And we ask Thee, Heavenly Father, that Thou wilt so bless our people that patriotism may prevail, that wisdom may reign among us as a people. And in the great coming decisive event in which we elect our Magistrate for another term, we ask God to

give wisdom to our people to rightly decide that the purposes of God may be carried out in raising up this Nation and carrying forward to still greater and grander work and position among the nations of the earth. We pray for our boys and our young men today that they may be filled with the spirit of their fathers. May the time never come, may the light of the sun never shine upon that day when it shall be said that liberty, civil and religious liberty, has departed in this land. May the sun never shine upon the day when our sons and our sons' sons, shall have departed from the stalwart patriots of their fathers, that they shall be ready to risk their lives if necessary for the perpetuation of this government, the perpetuation of our institutions and of our nationality. And now we pray, Heavenly Father, that Thou will give us peace to reign for years and years to come in this land. We thank Thee for the great unity of spirit that now prevails North and South. We thank Thee for the splendid loyalty that has sprung up among those who once were our foes and opponents. We thank Thee that we have been spared to see the blessings of these days and glad that slavery has been overthrown and we ask Thee to bless them and bless the North and South, East and West, our entire land, may it continue to prosper so that as a people who honor national unity recognize Thee as God over all and may be reigned over by Thy providence, by Thy blessing, by Thy spirit, that Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Department Commander: All Past Commanders are kindly requested to take seats on the rostrum. If a request will not do, I shall make it an order. Before taking up the business of the day I want to say a word of two. I shall be pleased to recognize any Comrade that is entitled to recognition, but understand you are not entitled to recognition, or will not be recognized, until you state your name and the number of your Post distinctly. There is no need of any of you being timid or bashful here, and I shall expect you to speak loudly.

Department Commander: I now declare the Thirtieth Annual Encampment opened in due form. By action of the Council of Administration, the rules governing the National Encampment will prevail as the rules of this Encampment unless there are objections. Are there any objections? If not, we will now listen to the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Assistant Adjutant General: The Committee on Credentials is still in session and at work on their report and we ask that the report of this committee be deferred until later in the session.

Department Commander: If there is no objection it will be so ordered. I hear no objection; it is so ordered.

The Department Commander, in the absence of the Junior Vice Commander, called Past Department Commander C. V. R. Pond to the chair.

Comrade Pond: We will now hear the address of the Department Commander.

ADDRESS OF WILLIAM JIBB, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: Again in answer to the long roll we have assembled together in this our Thirtieth Annual Encampment.

One year ago, by your votes, you conferred upon me the honor of Department Commander of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, of which I assure you I was, at that time, and have been ever since, very proud and shall always feel more thankful than words can express.

I was well aware at that time that such a position must have careful study and cool judgment in order to meet the demands of the various questions which must of necessity come before us and at the same time do equal justice to every comrade, the widows and orphans, which is the principal object for which we are banded together.

In assuming the duties of this important office, I will have to confess that it was with some reluctance and misgivings as to my ability to satisfy the members of this Department and carry the work through the year with any kind of success. If I have done so, I certainly shall feel well repaid for my labors during my term of office, as your Department Commander. But, on the other hand, if I have been a failure, my mistakes will show for themselves, and I pledge you my word of honor, they have been of the head and not of the heart, for I have done my very best, at all times, and in all places. But you are the judge and jury and I ask for charity in your verdict and sentence.

I have personally visited many of the Posts, and I surely could not suggest anything that could have been added by the Comrades and Ladies of the Relief Corps to make my visits more profitable or enjoyable. I am sure that I could not discover any trouble or bad blood in any of the Posts. Of course, there were differences of opinion, but I always concede that to the American citizen and *especially* to the old veterans of the *sixty's*.

I am very sorry that I was unable to call on more of the Posts, but it was certainly no fault of mine. We men who sacrificed so much in our palmy days for our country can not rely on the condition of our wealth at our age, and that was all that prevented me from meeting more of you at your homes.

But Comrades, let us continue to touch elbows and keep our alignment perfect, and there is no doubt as to the final judgment, when we hear the bugle sound "lights out" for the last time, in the case of every old comrade.

MEMBERSHIP.

The standing of the Department in membership, at the time of the incoming of the present officials:

Membership in good standing, December 21st, 1906.....	11,068
Membership in good standing, December 31st, 1908.....	10,688
Loss for year	380

Number of Posts December 31st, 1906.....	32
Number of Posts December 31st, 1907.....	33
Loss in number of Posts	1
Loss of members by death	26
Increase of death rate over previous year	6
Taking our loss by death from all other causes, and we have gained in membership	12
There are now on the suspended list	15

And this certainly is one of the things which demands your attention at once and which has been noticed in General Orders. The responsibility now resting principally upon the officers of the local Posts and with the proper amount of work and attention given thereto might bring about the needed results along this line.

There have been issued from Headquarters:

General Orders	8
Special Orders	1
Circular Letters	2

OUTPOSTS.

Comrades, there is no way known to your Commander to stop Old Father Time in his annual rounds, and as it is now forty-three years since we laid down our arms in defence of our Country and Flag, you all will observe the marks of those many years in the silvered heads of the Old Boys who make up this Encampment, and we are compelled to admit that, although the disposition is good, the heart is willing and more than anxious to attend these Post meetings, yet the feeble condition of the body and the tottering limbs will not endure it. Therefore, the small Posts are reduced so that it is almost impossible to get out a quorum to do the business and for that reason they can not hold regular meetings and all interest is lost sight of.

I therefore earnestly recommend that the incoming administration give this matter their careful consideration and attention.

FINANCES.

At our encampment at Bay City, last year, Commander Griswold recommended that the per capita tax be increased to twenty-five cents per member, which in my judgment was wise in him and the vote of the body sustained him.

Had it not been done, I hardly think we would have come out even, although the strictest economy has been exercised in all the Departments.

Cash in general fund	\$1,645 73
Cash in Alger fund	1,000 00
Received during year from all sources	5,534 15
Disbursements during year	2,727 45

ALGER FUND.

This fund remains the same as no change has been ordered by the encampment and in my opinion none is needed.

The interest as before is turned into the general fund.

INSPECTION OF POSTS.

This is a question which admits of careful study. First: As to the advisability of still continuing the work. Second: As to the best method of continuing it.

I am fully satisfied that the practice of having a comrade inspect a Post of which he is a member is a *farce* and of no effect or good whatever.

After I was elected your Commander I gave this matter some attention and conceived the idea of the present method and have tried the same. I appointed Past Senior Vice Department Commander, W. W. Cook, as Department Inspector. I was looking for some comrade who could and would give the system a thorough test and certainly was fortunate in getting Comrade Cook, for with hard and persistent work, he has done all that could have been done. His report will give you the full details and we can do no less than thank him.

MEMORIAL DAY.

This is a subject that becomes dearer to the Veterans as the years pass and they can almost hear the long roll beat and the bugle sound "lights out" on the final camping ground, while attending the Memorial exercises, and scattering the beautiful flowers over these little grassy mounds, as their token. The questions come to their minds: Will I be there next year and will my comrades remember me as they do today? The thirtieth of May, this year, was indeed a gloomy day, although the elements were dark and threatening and the rain came down in torrents, yet the loyalty and interest of the Old Veterans was in no wise dampened and good attendance at the services is shown by reports. But, as Past Department Commander Griswold remarked, it grieves us to think that the young people of today can not be brought to realize that Memorial Day was set apart to honor and to pay a tribute of respect to the men who sacrificed their lives for this country, and not for games of ball and other frivolous sports. Let us hope that the education of the rising generation will bring about the needed change.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

If there is any one thing more than all others that will bring about the change, which I have just spoken of, relative to Memorial Day desecration, it is the proper work and energy along the line of the Department Patriotic Instruction, and I personally know of some hard work being done in that office during the past year. Still there is plenty of room for more of the same kind of labor and we should all endeavor to see that the lesson of patriotism is carried into all our colleges, schools and homes, and if this is done as it should be, all

frivolous sports on Memorial Day will cease and there never will be assembled together a Corporal's Guard again to insult the flag on American soil.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORP.

It certainly is an undisputed fact that were it not for this organization, a large number of our Posts, who are now making their reports and are in good standing in the Department and are represented here today owe their existence in a large degree to the Woman's Relief Corps. It does seem that they never can find any place to stop work and never appear satisfied unless they can find something more to do in the interest of the Old Veterans, their widows and orphans.

And now I desire especially to thank the Department President, Mrs. Evelyn Cresure, and I also desire to include all her staff and the ladies all, for their courtesies and assistance during the last year.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This order is built up and constituted of the same kind of loyal ladies as the preceding one, and they are working along the same lines with the same object in view and we also thank and wish them *God speed* in all their work.

THE SONS OF VETERANS.

If our deeds and memories are remembered, recognized and perpetuated in the future, after the G. A. R. becomes a relic of the past, which it must in a few short years now, to whom would the public more naturally turn than the Sons of the Old Boys, who have all the years been filling their hearts and minds with stories of patriotism and the hardships endured, the sacrifices made on the field of battle and in those infamous prison pens. And all for what? Love of the Flag and the establishment of the entire Union. Therefore I believe it is a duty we owe them to aid and assist in every way possible.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

September 9th, 1907, in compliance with general orders from National Headquarters, promulgated from Department Headquarters, found us in Saratoga Springs, New York. Splendid accommodations had been secured for us through the courtesy of Past Commander Griswold and everything was in elegant condition and entirely satisfactory. Our route from here was over the Wabash Railroad. The train en route was in charge of Traveling Passenger Agent, R. S. Greenwood, to whom many thanks are due for the efficient and pleasant manners which were extended to all on board, there being not one jar in the entire trip.

In accordance with a vote of the Council of Administration, at Bay City, your Commander, with the Asst. Q. U. Gen'l., was instructed to procure Martial Music, as the official band of the Department at Saratoga and the instructions were complied with and better service and more satisfactory music could not, and in fact was not, rendered by any band during the entire encampment. They were given the

and first place on several occasions and I desire to impress this on your minds, that one of the many reasons for all the applause and cheers received by them was that on every coat was noticed a little bronze button, denoting that they had offered their all, even to their lives, in the defense of their country, and the only band of Saratoga composed entirely of Veterans of the Civil War. These men are now organized in this Department, as the Civil War Veteran Musicians, with Major Squire Johnson in command, and none can be a member unless he is in good standing in the G. A. R. As you are all well aware, nothing will stir the patriotic blood in the heart of an old soldier nor induce him to step higher than the fife and drum, and inasmuch as these men are doing all in their power for our interests, I believe that it is our duty, and I esteem it a privilege to do all we can to encourage and assist them, my home city, Adrian, having presented them with a banner.

Therefore, I most cheerfully and earnestly recommend that they be designated and made the official music of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, to lead the Department in our parades to our State and National Encampments. And right here, I desire most earnestly to thank all the comrades who displayed such loyalty to Saratoga, during the parade and the down pour of the rain, for it did seem that some one had made a mistake and turned the ocean over on us. But the Red Cross ladies were constantly on hand the entire route with their preventative for colds, and when the time came to break ranks, every one answered to their names.

I also wish to thank all the Aides for the courtesy and attention shown our Commander. Where all were so loyal, it is hard to discriminate, but I can not refrain from special mention of A. A. G. Wyckoff and A. Q. M. G. Cochrane, also Chief of Staff Grant, all of whom performed their duties with credit to themselves and to the Department and are entitled to many thanks.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The coming National Encampment is to be held, so to speak, at your door, in fact what was at one time a part of your own State of Michigan, now Toledo, Ohio.

Arrangements for headquarters for this Department have been made at the Boody House, and as good as any in the city. All who desire to go will be taken care of as usual at all National Encampments and I hope to see a large attendance.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

This is a subject, Comrades, which I hope and believe you will give your careful and candid consideration, for it is a matter which interests every one of us. The welfare, comfort and care of the boys who stood with us in the firing line, shoulder to shoulder, to uphold the Flag and save and keep this country one and indivisible, the land of the free, ought to be close to the heart of every Grand Army man, in fact, next to his family and fireside.

And now, Comrades, if I at this time make any errors in speaking of this matter, it will be on account of the extreme loyal and heartfelt

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interest which I have in every one of those members at the Home, and expecting this matter will come up for some action on your part. I believe it to be only justice to you, as well as those boys, that you should fully understand the situation.

As chairman of your committee, last year, I, with one other member of the committee visited the Home and presented to the Encampment my report, with the exact and entire facts, in every detail and without color. The report was unanimously approved by this body of men.

I had been informed that it was doubtful if the present committee would make a visit to the Home this year, so they could make no report at this time, and I concluded to make some investigation myself, as I had received letters from parties, who, I became satisfied, after looking into the case somewhat, were trying to create dissatisfaction and disturbance there, which, if successful, would entirely destroy the discipline and break up the Home.

And now the whole matter, in my opinion, resolves itself to this question: Are the Comrades to believe the story of one political aspirant, who is anxious to make capital out of the members of the Home, against a united Board of Managers, composed of the very highest type of gentlemen, every one of whom wears that little bronze button, and who would, each and every one, rather put his hand down in his pocket and give one of the boys assistance, if he needed it, than to take one cent from him wrongfully?

And now, Comrades, after a careful investigation and being familiar with the management of the Home, I most earnestly recommend that this Encampment endorse and approve the rules as applied and carried out by the present Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home, believing it to be for the very best interest of all concerned.

PENSIONS.

The Committee on Pensions, I have no doubt, worked faithfully and well, but in my judgment Congress failed either to comprehend the situation or neglected to do their duty, in that they cut out of the Widow's Pension Bill so many worthy women, simply for the reason that they were not married before 1890. If a soldier had the misfortune to lose his wife, before that date or since, and then afterwards marries and lives with his second wife ten or fifteen years or until death separates them, in my opinion, it is no legitimate reason she should be cut off, for no doubt the soldier whose wife is so treated, rendered in many cases more service to the government than did the other. The woman who marries an old soldier and cares for him during his declining years is entitled to just as much consideration as one who marries him when he is young and can care for and provide a livelihood for her.

But we have to submit to the inevitable and be thankful for small favors, as our Congress sees fit to disburse them.

LEGISLATION IN MICHIGAN.

The Committee on Legislation in the past year have had no work which needed their attention in state affairs, there being no session

during our term of office., But in the coming year, the legislature will assemble together, and I have noticed that other states are agitating the question of State Pensions for their soldiers, to-wit: New York, Pennsylvania and others. And now what other state is more able to do justice to her defenders than Michigan, whose soldiers left a record any state might be proud of, having never sent a regiment to the field that made a disgraceful surrender or displayed cowardice on the firing line.

I therefore respectfully recommend that the Committee on Legislation, appointed for the ensuing year, be requested to draft a bill, similar to that of the above named states, and present to the next legislature and use all legitimate means to have it become a law.

And now, Comrades, in assuming the position of your Department Commander, to which I was elected one year ago at Bay City, I certainly was well aware of the responsibility connected therewith. I have kept in view always two ideas—first, to make it a year of pleasure and good times for all the veterans, their widows and orphans; second, to guard well the treasury.

In doing this I have been ably seconded by all the officers in the Department, both elective and appointive, and to all of them I desire at this time to extend my most heartfelt thanks for their loyal support in every instance, as there has not been one jar or discord during the entire year.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

The address of the Department Commander was referred to the following committee:

Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Post 2, Comrade Frank R. Chase, Post 126, Comrade M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Comrade Sprague, Post 83, Comrade B. F. Graves, Post 45.

Department Commander: I desire to announce some committees. The Committee to carry fraternal greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Department Commander Kanitz, Comrade S. J. Lawrence, and Comrade M. C. Barney.

Department Commander: I desire to say right now that I have information from the Commander-in-Chief that he will arrive at 3:30 p. m., Michigan Central, and will be here with us this afternoon and address you. The committee to wait on the Commander-in-Chief and also at the Campfire tonight will be Col. W. F. Bradley, Post 45; S. J. Lawrence, Post 318; Freeman Hall, Post 79. The committee to carry fraternal greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Commander, John Northwood, L. H. Ives, R. L. Jones.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Senior Vice Commander if he is present. Is Comrade Nugent present? He is not here. We will pass that and listen to the report of the Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Spaulding.

Hartford, Mich., June 1st, 1908.

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

My Dear Comrade: I have the honor herewith to submit this, so-called report, for the year ending June 17, 1908. The Junior Vice Commander stands about the same as the fifth wheel on an artillery caisson, so in case of a breakdown it may be used. As suggested by the Department Commander a year ago, I have at all times held myself in readiness to execute his desires, and it affords me great pleasure to here state that there has been no breakdowns. I attended the National Encampment at Saratoga Springs, and am pleased to say that Michigan was on guard from beginning to end and shirked none of her duties on account of rain or floods. I have visited several Posts in this part of the state and have been cordially received by the Commanders wherever I have met them. I find that there is not the same interest manifested in the order that there was a few years ago, and I do wish that something might be done to arouse the comrades to their duty to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thanking all of the Comrades for the unanimous vote given me at Bay City, and the courtesy and kindness accorded me during the past year, I am,

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

HENRY SPAULDING,

Junior Vice Dept. Commander.

Department Commander: I will appoint as a Committee on the Junior Vice Commander's report, Comrade J. J. Drake, Post 21, Comrade Chapin, Post 31, and Comrade G. W. Wheeler, Post 461.

Department Commander: We will now hear the Medical Director's report.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.
MASON, MICH., June 5, 1908.

William Jibb, Department Commander, and Comrades of the Thirtieth Encampment of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

I have the honor to submit my report as Medical Director of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1907:

Number of Posts in this Department for the year ending December 31, 1907	318
Number of Posts reporting	99
Number of Posts making no surgeons' report	219
Number of deaths during the year	244
Number who presumably died of wounds received in the service	6
Number who presumably died of disease contracted in service	70
Number who presumably died of other causes	168
Number of ex-soldiers or marines treated free of charge.....	32
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$109 00
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers or soldiers.....	41
Reasonable money value of such service	\$97 00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, Posts, Relief Corps or other organizations or Comrades	\$197 41
Total money value of above mentioned services and supplies.	403 41
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pension...	7
Number of ex-soldiers or sailors in almshouse	None

The following is the name and location of the State and National Soldiers' and Sailors' Home for the care of ex-union soldiers and sailors of this Department, including their wives and widows:

Name, "Michigan Soldier's Home."
Location, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

MEN.

Number present in quarters December 31, 1907.....	700
Number present in hospital December 31, 1907.....	157
Total present December 31, 1907.....	857
Number absent with leave	214
Total membership	1,071

WOMEN.

Number present in quarters December 31, 1907.....	62
Number present in hospital December 31, 1907.....	34
Number absent with leave.....	22
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Total membership of women	118
Total number of men and women present in Home.....	953
Total number of men and women absent with leave.....	257
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Total	1,184
Decrease in membership from the previous year.....	146
Number of deaths for the year—Men.....	137
Number of deaths for the year—Women.....	18
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Total number of deaths for the year.....	155

The number of deaths for the year is larger than that of any previous year.

Current expenses of the Home for the year, \$166,000.

The general government pays the State \$100 per annum for the support of each soldier who is a member of the Home, and present therein, and the balance of the expense is met by an appropriation by the State legislature.

The number of Posts in good standing in this Department on the 31st of December, 1907, was three hundred and eighteen and only ninety-nine made reports to the Medical Director. Doubtless this is due to the fact that the National organization of the G. A. R. does not now require any report from the Department Medical Directors.

There were reported five hundred and eight deaths to the Assistant Adjutant General and only two hundred and fifty-four to this Department, showing the unreliability of these reports from the Post surgeons. Nineteen Posts reported no deaths. Post No. 5 of Grand Rapids reported fourteen deaths for the year, the largest number of any.

The amount of aid rendered to needy Comrades and their families by the various Posts and Relief Corps is much less than that of former years. Probably this is due to the fact that the government is more liberal in the matter of pensions, as are also the counties which, through the action of the board of supervisors, are providing aid for our needy, unfortunate comrades and their families.

On retiring from the office, which my comrades have honored me with by electing me to it for the eighth time, I fail to find proper words to express my appreciation for either the honor conferred or the kindness shown by all comrades and especially by the Department officers with whom I shall always recall my associations with the most pleasant recollections.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM W. ROOT,

Medical Director.

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Department Commander: The committee to report on the Medical Director's report will be Past Department Commander J. B. Griswold, Comrade J. C. Salmon, Post 252, and L. A. Kinney, Post 42.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Department Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FOR 1907.

LANSING, June 16, 1908.

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

Dear Sir and Comrade: From Post reports of Memorial Day services for 1907, I present you the following summary:

Number of Posts that observed Memorial Sunday.....	292
Number of sermons preached to these Posts.....	292
Number of veterans who preached sermons.....	14
Number of Sons of Veterans who preached sermons.....	29
Number of veterans present at these services.....	7,034
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	288
Number of veterans who attended this observance.....	8,586
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	965
Number of graves of comrades decorated	24,776
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones.....	2,165
Number of public schools participating in Decoration Day..	577
Number of scholars present	41,245
Number of other organizations participating	279
Number of public addresses delivered	269
Number of veterans who delivered addresses.....	51
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	26
Number of burial plots owned by Posts	169

Memorial Day was generally fair and propitious. The services were well attended by the Posts and public. Each year, however it becomes more difficult to obtain about one-third of the Memorial Day reports, largely, we think, through neglect, or indifference to their value and importance as G. A. R. records and history.

Some of the footnotes appended to the reports received, relating to incidents of the day, we have regarded of sufficient value to repeat, and worthy of permanent record.

Custer Post, No. 5, Grand Rapids, was presented a fine monument by Custer Relief Corps No. 27, but no details or description is given.

Post 6, Hillsdale, had the best memorial services for years. No sports nor games marred the sacred day.

Post 9, Hesperia: Our services were a grand success from beginning to end. The part taken by the schools was most patriotic, interesting and grand.

Post 33, Morenci: There were no games or amusements of any kind. Business was all suspended from noon until 4 p. m. A very large crowd greeted the old boys on their arrival at Oak Grove, our main cemetery.

Post 34, Otsego: We had a great day, the best in ten years. The weather was fine and a large crowd out.

Post 37, Stanton: We had the best days exercises we have had for several years. The city paid all expenses and furnished us good music for the parade.

Post 42, Lansing: We enjoyed perhaps the most brilliant memorial day of our history. The city had been magnificently decorated to welcome the President of the United States the following day, and we had the full benefit of it, in the presence of unusual numbers of people to witness our grand parade. Besides, the Post and Relief Corps had the distinction and pleasure of an automobile ride, in forty-two automobiles, in the parade, and to Mt. Hope cemetery, provided by Mr. R. E. Olds, the manufacturer, who was also chairman of the citizens committee, to cooperate with the Post on that day. The city paid all the necessary expenses.

Post 173, Carson City: The post dedicated a fine granite monument in our cemetery, sixteen feet high and costing \$800.

Post 302, Byron: Memorial Day was a great success with us, as all other doings heretofore had were cut out, and the Post had the whole crowd.

Post 419, Bay City: Our exercises were very interesting. The opera house was crowded, the interest including the general public, thousands of school children, and loads of flowers. It was one of the best ever held in this city.

An occasion of uncommon interest took place in the township of Allen, Hillsdale county, where there is no Grand Army Post, in the dedication of a granite soldiers' monument, sixteen feet, ten inches high, of very fine design, a gift to the township from Comrade Charles Lake of Post 2, Quincy. Judge Stone of Hillsdale, and others gave eloquent patriotic addresses on the occasion.

In his modesty the generous donor refused to have his name engraved on the monument; but it lives in the hearts and memories of the people. The incident with a picture of the monument was furnished us by Past Post Commander, Chaplain Wm. G. Whitney, of Quincy, who made the presentation in behalf of the donor.

In closing this, our sixth report to you, it is appropriate, on account of our presence in this city, to quote a few lines, long ago forgotten, but recently discovered among old files of papers, in an article written by us in 1869, at a time when we were editorially connected with a religious paper published here in Detroit. Memorial Day of that year had just been observed. We were not then connected with the G. A. R. and its work, but wrote of it for publication in our paper as a matter of public interest and impression.

"It gives us great satisfaction to announce that the observance of Memorial Day was very general throughout the country. In all our cities and large villages, east and west, and in very many small villages and rural districts, our noble boys who died in the country's service, and lie buried in our midst, were remembered with affection and their graves adorned with memorials of love and tenderness. Nature was

put to her best task in decking with beauty and fragrance their last earthly resting places. Fond recollections were awakened, while by the side of graves of former comrades and battles fought over again in memory by thousands who still survive the havoc of war. The true love of country was intensified. The value of our national heritage, enhanced by the cost of so many precious lives, was more deeply realized and appreciated, and will be by other and more remote generations.

The ornamenting of the many graves in cemeteries was tastefully and liberally accomplished. And to the living friends of these soldiers thus remembered, whether present or absent, these tokens of regard for their loved and lost were appreciated with gratitude and received as a most precious consolation."

These words were first written over thirty-nine years ago. How often they have been verified since. At that time the Grand Army of the Republic and its greatest and most public celebration—Memorial Day—were in their infancy. And we all were much younger than we are now and a great many gone who were with us then, added to our record of the remembered. The writer did not dream then of ever sustaining the relations to the G. A. R. he since has and sharing so often and prominently in its work and in these memorial day scenes. But he was glad to bear this testimony to it then; and glad to repeat and reinforce it now; for forty years have greatly added to, deepened, enlarged and confirmed those earlier views and sentiments, materializing them into broader realities, embracing the many thousands since added to those victor ranks, over whom we now plant the national banner, as well as the Spring beauty of our memorial triumph over war and death and decay and oblivion.

And thus, in a sense, we annually *resurrect*, as well as immortalize our patriotic dead to share with us the triumphs of peace and unity; before we go to share with them the blessed fruits, we hope, of a *Divine* and eternal reconciliation unity, peace and victory.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,
Department Chaplain.

Department Commander: I will appoint on the Chaplain's report Comrade Mears, Post 235; Comrade Warren, Post 358 and Comrade Schneider, Post 42.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Wyckoff.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.
LANSING, June 17, 1908.

William Jibb, Department Commander:

Comrade: In accordance with the rules and regulations of our order I take pleasure in submitting the following report of the business transacted in the office of Assistant Adjutant General during the terms ending June 30th and December 31, 1907.

The following abstracts from the consolidated reports forwarded to National Headquarters during the year, shows the gains and losses for the respective terms as follows:

First term ending June 30th, 1907:

	Posts.	Members.
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1906.....	326	11,068
Gains during term:		
By muster	157	
By transfer	102	
By reinstatement	197	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports. 5	89	
Total gains first term.....	5	545
Aggregate	331	11,613
Losses during term:		
By death	270	
By honorable discharge	15	
By transfer	62	
By suspension	139	
By delinquent reports	8	97
Total loss for term	8	583
Remaining in good standing	323	11,030

Second term ending Dec. 31, 1907:

Gains:	Posts.	Members.
By muster	1	160
By transfer		82
By reinstatement		137
By reinstatement from delinquent reports. 3	54	
Total gain for term	4	433
Aggregate	327	11,463

	Posts.	Mem- bers.	Posts.	Mem- bers.
Losses during term:				
By death	238		
By honorable discharge	19		
By transfer	58		
By suspension	357		
By delinquent reports	6	76		
By surrender of charter	3	27		
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Total loss second term			9	775
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Remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1907.....			318	10,688
The gains and losses for the year are:				
Remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1906.....			326	11,068
Gains:				
By muster	1	317		
By transfer	184		
By reinstatement	334		
By reinstatement from delinquent	8	143		
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Total gains for the year			9	978
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Aggregate			335	12,046
Losses:				
By death	508		
By honorable discharge	34		
By transfer	120		
By suspension	496		
By delinquent reports	14	173		
By surrender of charter	3	27		
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Total loss for the year			17	1,358
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Number remaining in good standing			318	10,688

The net loss for the year was eight posts and 380 members. The total deaths for the year as reported is 508, an increase over the previous year of 63.

The reports show that the Posts of the department are carrying on their rolls 1,318 suspended members; the responsibility for this rests entirely with the Posts, and the remedy may be applied by them. Comrades are suspended and are held suspended for years. Suspended members who refuse to pay up after being properly notified should be dropped in accordance with the rules and regulations. The attention of the Posts has been repeatedly called to this large list of suspended members but it has been little heeded. If these suspended members were dropped instead of being "hung up" by suspension many of them would be at liberty to join other Posts.

One new Post has been added by muster during the year, viz.: R. A. Alger Post No. 462, located at Rapid City.

The following Posts have been reinstated from delinquents reported during the year:

Post No. 112, Mulliken; Post No. 174, Houghton; Post No. 229, Marquette City; Post No. 429, Ironwood.

The following Posts were delinquent:

Post No. 46, Ganges; Post No. 154, Deckerville; Post No. 157, Casopolis; Post No. 167, Capac; Post No. 172, North Star; Post No. 249, Sparta; Post No. 299, Crystal Valley; Post No. 439, Fostoria.

The following posts have surrendered their charters:

Post No. 135, Centerville; Post No. 342, Twin Lake; Post No. 124, Constantine.

Of the 318 Posts composing this Department, one has a membership of 300, one post reports a membership of over 200, 11 posts have a membership of from 100 to 200; 37 Posts have membership ranging from 50 to 100; 76 posts have a membership from 30 to 50; 127 Posts have a membership of from 15 to 30, and 65 Posts have a membership of less than 15. The most encouraging feature is that these smaller Posts with few exceptions are enthusiastic, and say that they will hold out as long as they can muster a quorum.

And now, reluctantly, I touch upon the matter of "Out Posts." The attention of this Department has been called to this important matter for several years, yet with little, if any, success. From my knowledge of the situation, I am of the firm belief that an active campaign should be inaugurated for establishing Out Posts; that the larger and stronger Posts of the Department should take the initiative. The difficulty seems to be that it will take time and some little expense on the part of some comrade or Post, and none have seen fit, except in one case, to make the effort. Believing that an effort should be made, I would like to see this Encampment take the initiative, and that an effort be made even at a little expense to the Department; enough to give the movement a trial.

FINANCES.

There has been received by me during the year from all sources the sum of \$2,740.70. Of this amount by far the larger proportion comes from the per capita tax. From this source I have received the following:

For the term ending June 30, 1907.....	\$1,102 70
For term ending Dec. 31, 1907	1,335 10
From sale of supplies	280 25
Reinstatement of delinquent Posts	6 87
Charter	10 00
From other sources	5 78
Total receipts	\$2,740 70

This amount has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General in vouchers and cash and for which I have his receipts.

While there has been a decrease in membership, there has been a slight increase in monies received. This increase was largely in the per capita tax received from the second term, when the rate of 12½ cents went into effect.

SUPPLIES.

There is a slight falling off each year in the amount of supplies sold. The reports show that 317 members have been received by muster during the year. Rules and regulations provide that a comrade "Upon muster shall receive from the Post a membership badge, the cost thereof being added to the membership fee." (See Section 8, Article II, Chapter II, Rules and Regulations). The number of membership badges sold during the year would not supply one-half of the comrades mustered in. I fear that some of the Posts are neglecting to supply the badge as required, or are substituting the button in place of the badge. This substituting the button in place of the badge cannot be done and obey the rules and regulations.

There is on hand supplies to the value of \$67.97, as shown by exhibit A.

The value of the Department property as shown by inventory, (see exhibit B), is \$126.50.

The Journals of the Twenty-ninth Department Encampment were delayed in being printed. They are being distributed at this encampment. For some good reason no doubt, the National Department has furnished this Department only twenty copies of the Journal of the Forty-first National Encampment, with notice that "Comrades or Posts desiring copies could secure them by sending to Col. J. Henry Holcomb, Asst. Q. M. Gen., G. A. R., Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., enclosing twelve cents for postage."

There have been but two meetings of the Council of Administration and but one of the Executive Committee. Proceedings of these meetings are submitted with this report and will appear in the Journal.

VISITING POSTS.

I have visited quite a number of Posts and Grand Army meetings during the year, and should have been glad to visit many more had my purse and time not been limited. I have felt for some time that the interest and efficiency of this Department would be materially increased if more meetings and camp-fires could be visited by the Department officers. Much has been done in this line, but it is nearly all at personal expense. I believe this Department would be the gainer and not the loser if a small amount could be appropriated to help pay expenses in visiting Posts.

I receive many letters asking questions which are all plainly answered by the rules and regulations. I am led to believe that many Posts are without rules and regulations, they being lost or destroyed. I would respectfully recommend that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to send five copies of the rules and regulations to each Post of the Department. I estimate that this would cost the Department from \$45.00 to \$48.00. Quite a number of changes have been made in the past five years, and the latest rules and regulations should be in the hands of every Post.

With the establishment of permanent headquarters in the Capitol building at Lansing, and the keeping of all supplies there, the work in the office is yearly increasing. The frequent change of Post officers,

especially that of Adjutant and Quartermaster, leads to confusion and loss of records, and soon we have Posts claiming that they have membership of only so many and they have been paying per capita tax on too many members; that they do not propose to pay for dead horses any longer. Such a statement leads to much correspondence and time spent in looking over reports so as to adjust matters and keep them running smoothly.

MEMBERSHIP.

While the membership is steadily decreasing, this should not lead to discouragement. From the most reliable information to be had, for every two comrades enrolled in our ranks, there are three outside. Our comrade who is very active in recruiting the membership of his Post says: "It is more easy getting recruits now than three or five years ago." This same comrade has brought into his Post within the year fifty-nine members. If every Post had as active a recruiting officer, I can see where permanent and increasing membership would result. I fear many of us are becoming indifferent and are not willing to put forth the effort necessary. There is no good reason why every soldier who served in the great army for the suppression of the gigantic rebellion should not be in our ranks. All that is necessary, comrades, is personal work on your part. Don't leave it all for one comrade to do.

In closing, Commander, I desire to thank you for the honor conferred, and the confidence bestowed in appointing me your Assistant Adjutant General. To me our relations have been of the most cordial and pleasant nature, and I trust that the friendship of the year will continue as long as life shall last. My association with the other officers of the Department and members of the staff have been of the most agreeable nature, and to all I have only the best wishes.

I have endeavored to perform my duties faithfully, and if I have succeeded and my efforts have met your approbation, I shall be amply rewarded. To the comrades, one and all, let us hold fast to our order and lose no effort to advance its interests.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Department Commander: As committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, I will appoint Comrade J. O. Bellaire, Post 5; P. H. McBride, Post 262; George Raab, Post 145.

EXHIBIT "A."

INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND, JUNE 13, 1908, AS REPORTED TO THIRTIETH DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

Articles.	Amount.
7 Sets Rituals at 50 cents	\$3 50
5 Service Books at 15 cents	75
27 Rules and Regulations at 3 cents	81
103 Application Blanks at 40 cents	41
31 Leaves of absence at 1½ cents	46
112 Transfers at \$2.25 per hundred	4 55
103 Discharges at \$2.25 per hundred	2 32
3 Charters at 25 cents	75
3 Post Descriptive Books at 50 cents	1 50
14 Badges at 35 cents	4 90
62 Rank Bars (one-half of these are damaged) at 21 cents.	13 02
283 Badge Ribbons at 3 cents	8 49
43 Buttons at 6 cents	2 58
157 Odes at ½ cent	78
4 Beaths Blue Book at 75 cents	3 00
1 Minute book at 50 cents	50
12 Q. M. Receipts for Dues at 25 cents	3 00
6 Orders on Quartermaster at 25 cents	1 25
80 Adjutant's Record Book at 15 cents	12 00
	\$67 97

EXHIBIT "B."

DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND.

One U. S. Silk Flag (Standard) mounted	\$25 00
One Union Jack bunting, mounted	10 00
One Department banner, silk, badly worn	25 00
One Smith Premier typewriter No. 2; old but in fair working order	35 00
One Letter scale	1 50
One Department seal	2 00
One numbering machine	8 50
One Letter Press	1 50
One copying pad bath (badly rusted)	1 00
One Registration rack	3 00
Two Frames for Department Commanders' photographs	14 00
	\$126 50

Department Commander: At this time I desire to announce the Committee on Resolutions: As members of that committee I will name:

Comrade H. M. Duffield, Post 384; Comrade E. C. Cannon, Post 16; Comrade George L. Holmes, Post 17; Comrade Albert Dunham, Post 48; Comrade L. G. Wilcox, Post 419.

Department Commander: The next order of business will be the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

DETROIT, June 17, 1908.

William Jibb, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to report the following amounts received and disbursed by the Assistant Quartermaster General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., from June 12, 1907, to June 17, 1908.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. General Wm. E. Bostock	\$1,645 73
Received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. Wm. E. Bostock, Alger Fund	1,000 00
Received from Asst. Adj. General Fayette Wyckoff	2,740 70
Received from Interest on General Fund	59 81
Received from interest on Alger Fund	39 93
Received from Board at Saratoga	36 00
Received from Mrs. Jibb and Mr. F. King for Board at Saratoga	12 00
Total receipts	\$5,534 15
Total disbursements	2,727 45
Balance on hand	\$2,806 70

One thousand dollars of general fund and \$1,000 of Alger fund is deposited in Holland City State Bank and drawing interest at four per cent, and \$869.02 general fund is deposited in the Adrian State Savings Band and drawing interest at three per cent.

An itemized statement of receipts and disbursements is herewith attached and which will appear in the Journal when printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

GEORGE R. COCHRANE,

Assistant Quartermaster General, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

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TAILED REPORT OF GEO. R. COCHRANE, ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
IN ACCOUNT WITH DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1906.		
June 26...	Cash received from Wm. E. Bostock, Past Assistant Q. M. General:	
	Balance General Fund.....	\$1,645 73
	Balance Alger Fund.....	1,000 00
July 5...	Cash and vouchers 1, 2 and 3 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	211 43
July 8...	Cash from Fayette Wyckoff.....	200 00
July 16...	Cash and voucher 4 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	245 84
July 27...	Cash and vouchers 5, 6 and 7 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	265 62
July 31...	Cash interest on certificate of deposit from June 12 to July 21, 39 days, General Fund from Holland City State Bank.....	6 50
	Cash interest on certificate of deposit from June 12 to July 21, 39 days, Alger Fund, from Holland City State Bank.....	4 33
Aug. 21...	Cash by vouchers 8, 9 and 10 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	104 17
Sept. 29...	Cash by vouchers 11 and 12 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	38 86
Oct. 16...	Cash from Geo. Durfee, board at Saratoga.....	12 00
Oct. 28...	Cash interest on certificate of deposit for 3 months, General Fund from Hol- land City State Bank.....	15 00
Nov. 15...	Cash by vouchers 13, 14 and 15 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	22 83
Dec. 2...	Cash interest on deposits, General Fund, from Adrian State Savings Bank.....	1 52
1908.		
Jan. 6...	Cash and vouchers 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	413 44
Jan. 17...	Cash and voucher 21 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	445 84
Jan. 28...	Cash and vouchers 22 and 23 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	218 30
Feb. 4...	Cash and voucher 24 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	195 83
	Cash by vouchers A-1 and B-2.....	24 00
Mar. 25...	Cash by vouchers 25 to 33 inclusive from Fayette Wyckoff.....	182 97
June 3...	Cash and vouchers 34 to 38 inclusive from Fayette Wyckoff.....	133 32
	Cash by interest on certificates of deposit on General Fund from Holland City State Bank to June 16.....	25 67
	Cash by interest on certificates of deposit on Alger Fund from Holland City State Bank to June 16.....	35 58
	Cash by interest on deposits on General Fund from Adrian State Savings Bank.....	11 12
June 11...	Cash from Mrs. Jibb and Mr. F. King for board at Saratoga.....	12 00
June 16...	Cash and vouchers 39, 40 and 41.....	62 25
	Total receipts.....	\$5,534 15

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1907.		
June 29.	Paid for postage for Asst. Q. M. General, voucher A.	1
July 2.	Paid J. H. Baker, agent American Bonding Co., premium on bond of Asst. Q. M. General, voucher B.	2
July 5.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, expenses to Adrian and return, voucher 1.	4
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half of June salary, voucher 2.	4
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 3.	7
July 16.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half of July salary, voucher 4.	4
July 27.	Paid Frederick Carson, reporting proceedings of 29th Department Encampment, voucher 5.	50
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 6.	11
	Paid J. H. Saunders, cleaning typewriter, voucher 7.	190
Aug. 9.	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, per capita tax, voucher C.	31
	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank exchange on N. Y. draft for per capita tax, voucher D.	31
Aug. 20.	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, supplies, voucher E.	45
	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. draft for supplies, voucher F.	45
Aug. 21.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half July salary, voucher 8.	12
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage, office expenses and printing, voucher 9.	45
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half of August salary, voucher 10.	3
Aug. 27.	Paid Wm. Jibb, Department Commander, stamps, voucher G.	45
Aug. 31.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half of August salary, voucher H.	45
Sept. 4.	Paid Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Past Department Commander's badge, voucher I.	80
Sept. 6.	Paid W. F. King, Jr., Wabash agent, transportation for 6 members of drum corp from Adrian to Saratoga and return, voucher J.	74
	Paid Squire Johnson, drum major Department of Michigan, transportation, voucher K.	222
Sept. 7.	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. drafts, National Encampment's expenses at Saratoga, N. Y., voucher L.	15
Sept. 13.	Paid U. S. Hotel, hotel accommodations for headquarters, voucher M.	45
Sept. 14.	Paid S. D. Pierce, decorating headquarters, voucher N.	13
Sept. 15.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half September salary, voucher O.	24
Sept. 29.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage, printing and office expenses, voucher 11.	45
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, expenses connected with Encampment at Saratoga, voucher 12.	5
Sept. 30.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half September salary, voucher P.	45
Oct. 8.	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on two N. Y. drafts to Jos. K. Davison's Sons for badges, voucher 2.	55
Oct. 9.	Paid Jos. K. Davison's Sons, 250 Department badges, voucher R.	45
Oct. 17.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half of October salary, voucher S.	45
Nov. 5.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half of October salary, voucher T.	25
Nov. 11.	Paid Lawrence & Van Buren Printing Co., supplies, voucher U.	15
Nov. 15.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 13.	5
	Paid The Dyer-Jenison-Barry Co., Ltd., premium on bond of A. A. General, voucher 14.	2
	Paid Crotty Bros., supplies, voucher 15.	45
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half November salary, voucher V.	48
Nov. 21.	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, supplies, voucher W.	10
	Paid Adrian Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. draft to Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General for supplies, voucher X.	45
Dec. 2.	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half November salary, voucher Y.	25
Dec. 28.	Paid Geo. R. Cochran, A. Q. M. General, first half year's salary, voucher Z.	100

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DISBURSEMENTS.—Concluded.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1908.		
6...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half December salary, voucher 16	\$45 84
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 17	17 81
	Paid Robert Smith Printing Co., printing and supplies, voucher 18	94 10
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half December salary, voucher 19	45 83
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, stamps, printing and office expenses, voucher 20	9 86
1. 17...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half January salary, voucher 21	45 84
1. 28...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, railroad and hotel expenses, visit to Dowagiac, voucher 22	7 10
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 23	11 20
b. 4...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half January salary, voucher 24	45 83
	Paid H. A. Chapin, 4 days' services at headquarters at Saratoga, voucher A-1	12 00
	Paid H. Spaulding, 4 days' services at headquarters at Saratoga, voucher B-2	12 00
ar. 10...	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, supplies, voucher C-3	51 80
	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. draft to Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General for supplies, voucher D-4	10 04
ar. 13...	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, per capita tax, voucher E-5	187 04
	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. draft to Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, for per capita tax, voucher F-6	25 00
ar. 25...	Paid Mrs. Etta Saunders, engrossing memorial resolutions (3), voucher 25	5 00
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half February salary, voucher 26	45 84
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, railroad fare to Adrian and return, voucher 27	3 66
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 28	11 29
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half February salary, voucher 29	45 83
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, railroad and hotel expenses to Detroit and return for the Encampment, voucher 30	6 00
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 31	12 36
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half March salary, voucher 32	45 84
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, expenses in securing quarters at Toledo, voucher 33	7 15
April 1...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half March salary, voucher G-7	45 83
April 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half April salary, voucher H-8	45 84
April 30...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half April salary, voucher I-9	45 83
May 4...	Paid Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing and binding 500 rosters 1908, voucher J-10	45 00
May 5...	Paid for stamps for Asst. Q. M. General, voucher K-11	1 00
May 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half May salary, voucher L 12	45 83
June 3...	Paid Lawrence & Van Buren Printing Co., printing, voucher 34	8 75
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 35	12 78
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, railroad fare to Detroit and return, voucher 36	3 85
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half May salary, voucher 37	45 83
June 9...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 38	22 11
	Paid Geo. R. Cochrane, Asst. Q. M. General, last half year's salary, voucher M-13	25 00
June 11...	Paid Wm. Jibb, Department Commander, postage, voucher N-14	3 00
June 16...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half June salary, voucher 41	45 84
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and expenses, voucher 40	6 60
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, for Hallenbeck Printing Co., voucher 39	8 00
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, sundries, expenses at Detroit	8 05
	Paid Geo. R. Cochrane, railroad fare to Detroit and return	2 00
	Paid Geo. Raab, railroad fare to Detroit and return	2 00
	Paid M. D. Richardson, railroad fare to Detroit and return	8 46
	Paid S. Mallery, Ex. C., railroad fare to Detroit	6 96
	Paid Wm. Jibb, railroad fare to Detroit and return	2 00
	Paid Dan J. Willson, railroad fare to Detroit and return	2 55
	Paid Geo. Durfee, services at Saratoga	12 00
	Paid Geo. R. Cochrane, Asst. Q. M. General, railroad fare and expenses to Saratoga	20 11
Total disbursements		\$2,727 45

Department Commander: I will appoint on the Assistant Quartermaster General's report Comrade D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262; Comrade Albert Dunham, Post 48; Comrade Hope Welch, Post 45.

Department Commander: The next order of business will be the report of the Judge Advocate General.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

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

As Judge Advocate of this Department it is a satisfaction to report that there is little to report. There is no class of men, who in feeling and good fellowship are more closely allied than are the members of the Grand Army. Disputes and litigation are conspicuous by their absence.

During my term as Judge Advocate of the Department, I have been called upon but once for an opinion upon a dispute arising in this Department. A Post of this Department, with commendable spirit, set about raising funds to build a monument to commemorate their comrades who made the great sacrifice for humanity and have gone to meet their reward at the hands of the Great Power to whom men and nations yield obedience. With the very greatest sympathy with the object those comrades had in view, I could only treat the matter in a cold-blooded way and rule on the question as I understood the law to be. The opinion states the facts and will explain itself.

OPINION.

BAY CITY, MICH., Jan. 8, 1908.

Opinion of the Judge Advocate in the matter of dispute of H. C. Gilbert, Post No. 47, G. A. R., Department of Michigan, based upon correspondence of officers and members of the Post and on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

Some time in the early part of 1907, the Post determined to build a monument to the veterans of Dowagiac and Cass County. Some six thousand and more dollars were raised for this purpose; the sum being raised by subscription by veterans and citizens—except fifteen hundred dollars which was donated—one thousand dollars by Cass County and five hundred dollars by the City of Dowagiac. The statements of the Adjutant of the Post in a letter of February 10, 1907, to the then Judge Advocate, Comrade Atkinson, shows that a committee was appointed consisting of three members of the Post and two non-soldier citizens. His letter does not show, neither is there any evidence, that this committee was given any power further than to organize by choosing a chairman, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. No further power seems to have been given this committee. The committee it appears, never made a report. And no claim is made that its acts were ratified by the Post. After the money was raised it appears that the chairman of the committee disagreed with the other members as to a design; one of the committee insisting on accepting a design offered, and being the putting up of the monument to a Minneapolis firm, while

chairman insisted that the design was faulty, and not what was required by the veterans and citizens.

On the seventh of February, a meeting of the Post was held at which a vote was taken and carried by a majority, to discharge the committee appointed and appoint another. It is claimed that this meeting was illegal, as appears from a letter from the Adjutant of the Post to the Judge Advocate, dated February fifth, 1907, for the following reasons:

1. The meeting was called without consulting the Adjutant.
2. That there were present three persons, a young lady stenographer and two young men who had no affiliation with the Grand Army. (It does not appear that any of them took part in the meeting. It is however claimed that an ex-soldier, who had no connection with the Grand Army, voted.)

3. That the committee was discharged by less than a two-thirds vote. My predecessor held in an opinion of February 15, that this meeting

February was legal. I fully concur in his opinion, viz.: That the Post Commander could legally call a meeting without consulting the Adjutant; that the presence of the young lady stenographer is legal for the reasons stated in his opinion. Furthermore, there does not appear to have been any Grand Army business carried on at that meeting. The meeting was for the purpose of re-arranging the committee composed of veterans and citizens, a matter in which both were equally interested and an open meeting might be held for such purpose. Another thing might be said, both factions took part in the business transacted and should be bound by it. Following this meeting another meeting of the Post was held on the twenty-sixth of February and again a majority voted to discharge the old committee. In the meeting of February seventh, the vote stood fifteen to discharge the committee and eight to retain it. At the meeting of February 26th, the vote stood thirteen against the old committee and nine in favor of it. I glean these facts from the letter of the Adjutant to the Judge Advocate, dated February tenth, and letter of Willis N. Farr of March fifth to the Assistant Adjutant General.

After the meeting of the twenty-sixth of February was called, and on the twenty-fifth of February it is said that the four members of the committee who, as it is claimed were discharged, entered into a contract with a Minneapolis firm accepting the design offered by that firm which had been strenuously objected to by the chairman of the committee. I do not understand that the second has entered into any contract. But the last committee appointed after the meeting of the twenty-sixth of February, notified the Minneapolis company not to go on with the contract, while an attorney has advised it to proceed. The whole matter is reduced to two questions. Which of the two committees is the legal one? Had the old committee any right to enter into any contract, or has the committee any right to make a contract on behalf of the Post?

Basing my judgment in part upon the decision of my predecessor, I think the first committee was legally discharged at the meeting of February seventh; that if they were not discharged under evidence they had no plenary power and could not enter into a contract. So far as can be seen by the evidence adduced, their duty was to gather facts

and report. A committee is the eyes and ears of the body it represents; it picks up information and reports to the main body for ratification or rejection of its reports and recommendations. What is said of the first committee will apply with equal force to the second. So far as appears neither of the committees had or have power to bind the Post by any contract unless that contract was ratified. Under the showing made I am compelled to hold that the committee was by the action of the Post discharged; there is no legal contract; that neither committee could at any time enter into any contract binding on the Post; that any contract entered into by either committee would be void unless ratified by the Post. If the Post were incorporated a different question would be presented.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

Judge Advocate, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

Some time after this opinion was rendered I received the following letter:

DOWAGIAC, MICH., May 25, 1908.

Mr. James Van Kleeck, Bay City, Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrade: Yours of April 29th received. It did not seem to require a reply as you indicated an early answer to mine of March 23, which I am awaiting with some anxiety. You will pardon me if I allude to a seeming point in your opinion of February 8, 1908; that is the majorities against the first committee in Post meetings of February 7 and 26, 1907. The call for February 7th was for a regular meeting of the Post and the committee was not aware that any change was contemplated, and as every member of the Post and citizens as well were aware that the original committee was authorized by the incorporated Post to carry the monument enterprise to a finish without even reporting farther to any authority, as per resolution sent you, the move was a surprise and both meetings run by our opponents on strictly political ward caucus methods.

Again I ask your indulgence.

Your opinion was based upon correspondence of officers and members of the Post and on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General. Now may I ask you what the A. A. G. had to report. He came here to adjust an election dispute and nothing else. He stated to Mr. Wilbur of the old committee that he was not here to talk monument at all and would not go into the subject, and did not meet any other member of the old committee or its friends except in Post meeting where the subject was not mentioned. His report would seem to me of small value. Even in the election his bias was all on one side. After announcing that a motion to elect a Post Commander was in order we forced him to read from the regulations that it was all out of order and not permissible. Then he said he knew that before. We have the monument matter in shape to present to the National Department, but feel that it belongs only to the State and should be settled here.

Very truly yours,

E. R. SPENCER.

which the following reply was sent:

BAY CITY, MICH., May 27, 1908.

E. R. Spencer, Esq., Dowagiac, Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrade: Yours of yesterday received. Your letter of March 23rd to which mine of April 29th was an acknowledgement of its receipt, was sent to the Assistant Adjutant General for explanation and instruction. It has not yet been returned to me. I do not understand that an official opinion should be rendered unless the subject was submitted to me by the Department Commander. I hope you will not regard me as over technical in this matter and that you may regard this letter as unofficial and written as one comrade might write to another. I trust further that you will not regard my opinion previously given as being biased or in the interest of either of the factions which appear to exist in your Post. Factions in Grand Army Posts as well as in other human institutions, have usually resulted in harm to the order.

In answer to your letter of yesterday I will say all of the correspondence together with the Assistant Adjutant's report was returned to headquarters with my opinion. I can not now recall all of the correspondence. My opinion was based upon what was before me. You refer in your letter of yesterday to the meetings of the Post of Feb. 7th and 26th, 1907. As I now remember, the objection raised to the legality of those meetings was that persons not members of the Post or of the Grand Army were present at one or both of those meetings. There was nothing in the correspondence showing that any of the ritualistic work was done while persons not members of the Post were present. Neither could it be assumed that the officers of the Post would permit outsiders to be present while working under ritual. Should this be done it might result in forfeiture of the charter of the Post. It is quite common for National, State Encampments and Posts, to suspend the business of the Post or Encampment and admit persons who are not members to enter and discuss matters of interest to the order. It must also be remembered that the building of monuments is not purely Grand Army work, especially in your case, where the board of supervisors, the city, and individual citizens had contributed largely to the fund, the expenditure of which is the subject of the controversy. In the absence of proof to the contrary, I assume that the officers were discharging their official duty, and that no ritualistic work was done in the presence of outsiders. That the meeting of February 7 was conducted as a ward caucus as you state in your letter of yesterday is an indefinite charge and I submit the question if this should be the subject of investigation by the Department. The officers of the Post control its action and so far as they act or permit the Post to act within the rules and regulations are independent of the Department.

Now, my Comrade, you say in yours of the 25th, "Now may I ask what the Adjutant General had to report?" It certainly would be improper for me to disclose the contents of an official document, a report made to the Commander, without his directions. The report was returned with all the correspondence and of course is under the control of the Department Commander.

In conclusion let me call your attention to a very grave question in this matter. In your former letter you say that the Post is incorporated. That this incorporated body appointed a committee with power to select and contract for the erection of a monument. The Post being a body corporate has such powers as the law in express term gives and such incidental powers as are necessary to carry into effect the object of its creation. The business of a corporation organized for trading or business purposes is conducted by a board of directors. A Grand Army Post is purely a fraternal society and it would seem that the executive officers of the Post would be the proper persons to execute a contract for the erection of a monument. The power to execute a contract must be given by the Post; must be explicit and definite or the contract ratified after it is made.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

Judge Advocate.

This letter with a copy of the answer was sent to the Assistant Adjutant General.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

Judge Advocate.

Department Commander: I will appoint on the committee for the report of the Judge Advocate General, Comrade Burton Parker, Post 76; Comrade E. C. Anthony, Post 300; Comrade Lewis, Post 67.

Department Commander: I have a note from the Secretary of the Committee on Arrangements for this Encampment as follows: "Can you arrange to have group photo taken of Delegates upon adjournment on court house steps? If so, set time." They want to know at once.

Comrade ———: I think the proper time to have anything of that kind done will be after the parade.

Department Commander: The next order of business will be the report of the Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade Bennett. He is not here. We will pass that. We will listen to the report of the Patriotic Instructor, Comrade F. J. Buck, Post 45.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

ADRIAN, MICH., June 10, 1908.

Myette 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 year ending June 17, 1908.

It was with some hesitation that the appointment of Department Patriotic Instructor was accepted, but through the earnest solicitation of Department Commander Jibb, it could not be easily declined. I felt that through the patriotic force and impulses of our Department Commander, and with the fullness of his faith in the cause, would supply my deficiencies; hence the acceptance with the determination to employ my best ability to carry forward what I considered to be the grandest purpose of our organization.

In many of the Posts in this Department the office of Patriotic Instructor has gone begging, the Commanders having been unable to secure comrades who would be willing to act; those who were qualified have not had the time to devote to the work.

In response to the circulars sent out in September, 1907, but 86 Posts have reported, and only 68 Post Patriotic Instructors have sent in their annual reports. I cannot account for it. The spirit of patriotism and love of country is today stronger in the hearts of the people than ever before. Some system should be suggested by the National Patriotic Instructor in regards to the rules to be followed that would be of great assistance to both the Department and Post Patriotic Instructors.

Nearly all of the schools in this State are supplied with flags. The flag itself is a great object teacher for though in a material sense it is but a fabric dyed, yet in its higher sense it represents principles that men have died for, and that give it a grandeur beyond words. Many of the teachers in the schools are very patriotic, and are careful to teach patriotism whenever the opportunity presents itself.

The reports sent to this office represent only 34,260 schools, with a total of 198,155 pupils. Post Patriotic Instructors should become personally acquainted with superintendents, principals and grade teachers of the public schools within their jurisdictions, and the Patriotic Instructors when visiting schools, should wear badges or uniforms. It would be well to invite teachers and pupils to attend campfires by the posts, have them speak or recite and listen to the war stories of the veterans. It would cause them to feel how much old soldiers appreciate their attention to patriotism and the old flag.

Some Posts during the year have held public meetings of a patriotic character, assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps.

I have been unable to visit Posts and would suggest that my successor be a comrade who has leisure and means at his command, which will be of material value both to him and the Department.

In conclusion, let me earnestly entreat the Post Patriotic Instructors to give their best efforts to the educational work taken up by the Grand Army of the Republic. The making of good citizens is largely the

work of the public schools, and the future of the nations will greatly depend upon the character of its teachings. Neglect, therefore, no opportunity to impress upon the pupils, by observances already instituted by the Grand Army, as well as by other methods, which may be deemed best suited to their localities, the proper lessons of loyalty and patriotism.

With thanks to the Department Commander for the honor conferred in naming me as Department Patriotic Instructor, I remain,

Fraternally yours in F. C. and L.,

FRED J. BUCK,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Department Commander: I will appoint on that committee L. B. Wilcott, Post 6; H. L. Mickley, Post 45; J. N. Chappell, Post 33.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Inspector General, Department Inspector, Comrade Cook.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

LANSING, MICH., June 17, 1908.

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

Comrade: Herewith please find report of this office for the past year:

Shortly after the Encampment of last year at Bay City, much to my surprise, appointment as Inspector was tendered me by the Department Commander. Believing that it is the duty of every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic to accept work when tendered him, I entered upon the duties, though with many misgivings as to my ability to perform the duties in a manner creditable to the Department and acceptable to the comrades. The result, whether good, bad, or merely indifferent, is submitted.

As is now well known, an attempt was made, at the suggestion of the Department Commander, to inaugurate a system of county inspections, that is, to have all the Posts in each county inspected by some comrade detailed from and by this office. Correspondence was immediately commenced with comrades in the various counties where more than one Post was located requesting such comrades to accept detail for the county in which he resided, explanation being made that the Department could bear no part of the expense of travel or entertainment. Many declinations were received, and this necessitated more correspondence with other comrades. Generally the reason given for declination was the inability of comrades to bear the expense involved. However, in twenty-four counties details of accepting comrades were made, and blanks and instructions forwarded. From these comrades 105 reports were received. I regret to state that in a few counties details were accepted but no reports were received. It is fair to presume that the Posts in these counties were not looked after.

As soon as it was ascertained that a comrade could not be obtained as county inspector in any given county a request was forwarded to the commanding officer of each Post in that county that the name of some suitable comrade as Post Inspector be sent to this office. During October and November each Post in the Department, not covered by the "county system," was addressed to the same effect. These requests were, in too many instances, unanswered, while the replies received from others indicated that comrades did not consider an inspection either necessary or desirable. The orders of the Department Commander were, therefore, simply ignored. Every Post in the Department was given an opportunity, and this office faithfully tried to have every Post inspected.

Following are the figures gathered from the inspection reports received, it being borne in mind that the inspection was made as of June 30th last:

Number of Posts inspected.....	196
Number of comrades in good standing in above Posts	8,261
Number of Posts reporting ritual properly exemplified	168
Number of Posts reporting ritual not properly exemplified..	28
Number of Posts reporting officers regular in attendance.....	61
Number of Posts reporting members regular in attendance...	131
Number of Posts reporting members not regular in attendance	65
Number of Posts reporting records well kept.....	190
Number of Posts reporting dues and reports forwarded.....	187
Number of Posts reporting a relief fund	27
Number of Posts reporting no relief fund.....	169
Amount in relief fund (26 Posts)	\$564 32
Amount expended for relief during preceding year (44 Posts)	653 82
Amount of money and securities in hands of Quartermasters (166 Posts)	10,164 10
Value of property owned by 162 Posts	61,630 12
Posts reporting auxiliary societies	157
Posts reporting prospects good.....	134
Posts reporting prospects fair	31
Posts reporting prospects poor	29
Posts reporting Camps of Sons of Veterans	6

Based on reports made to the Assistant Adjutant General the above figures show sixty per cent of the Posts and seventy-five per cent of the membership inspected.

Generally speaking the work of relief is in the hands of the Auxiliary Societies—with very few exceptions the Woman's Relief Corps—and this accounts for the apparent smallness both in amount of relief and cash in the relief fund. Many Posts are practically kept alive through the efforts of their attached corps. Many of the Assistant Inspectors speak in glowing terms of the hard work, willingly and gladly performed by the patriotic sisterhood.

While the value of property owned by the Posts is large it should be borne in mind that several Posts own the buildings in which they meet, while others have valuable collections of relics, memorials, etc.

Your Inspector herein desires to thank every comrade who aided in

the inspection, and especially the twenty-four who, at their own expense of time and money, performed the work in their respective counties. In a few cases Posts refunded the actual amount expended. Inspectors have, in all cases, given words of encouragement and cheer to the Posts, and it is believed that their visits have been productive of much good.

If these inspections are to be continued I would recommend that the county system be extended, that it be made obligatory upon Posts to pay the actual traveling expenses of the inspecting officer, and to furnish him at least twenty-four hours entertainment when required. It is very difficult to obtain comrades to do this work, and doubtless so when they must bear their own expenses. The system, so long in use in this Department, whereby a Post was inspected by one of its own members, did and does not produce as good results as may be anticipated from the visit of a comrade from another Post. If this system is not pursued an entire abandonment of inspections must follow, as is now the case in the Department of Iowa and perhaps others.

Again, if inspections are to be of any value, they should be made in this Department, not later than August or September, and as of the actual date when inspected. This would enable Department officers to extend assistance to weak Posts and to give encouragement where needed.

Thanking Department Commander Jibb for the honor conferred, and yourself for many courtesies,

I am yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM W. COOK,

Department Inspector.

Department Commander: I will appoint on that Committee, Comrade James Van Kleeck, Post 67; Comrade H. A. Backus, Post 7; Comrade R. L. Jones, Post 38.

Department Commander: That concludes the reports of all the officers. We have gotten along very nicely because you have been so good and quiet and attended to the business which is your business.

Comrade Janes: I want to urge all of the boys to join in the parade this afternoon. The military of this city are to be your escort, headed by the Governor and his staff on horse. They are making great preparations in your honor. The Posts of this city and some of the adjoining towns are to be here to participate in the parade. The line of march is short, just down Woodward avenue to Jefferson, out to Beaubien and back here to Congress and the hall. Let everyone join in the parade for Old Glory. Let us show Detroit that we reverence and respect Old Glory and Grand Army Day. All be there at half-past one. The Grand Marshal is Charles A. Coolidge, a retired brigadier general of the regular army who served in the Civil War and who took the Ninth Infantry into Peking during the China uprising. Come and follow him, cheer him, and let us have a grand parade. (Applause.)

Tonight at eight o'clock at the Light Guard Armory on the next street, Larned, where they will seat 4,000 people, occurs the Campfire. Commander-in-Chief Burton is to be there. We have prepared a program that will be entertaining. All come, wives and all. The Governor of the State will have something to say to you. Hon. Wm. C. Maybury.

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grand talker, will be there. Chief Duffield will be there and talk to you and we are going to have an Ex-Confederate who is a whole ampfire in himself. So come and hear him. Fill that hall with enthusiasm. (Applause.)

One other announcement I have been requested to make. Detroit Post 84, Grand Army of the Republic, whose Post Room is over the Wayne County Savings Bank, keeps open house to every comrade who calls on this morning until the next morning if you want to stay there. (Applause.)

Department Commander: The business of this Encampment will go right on after the parade. There will be no hesitation, we will go right on with the business, so be here if you want to partake in it.

Comrade Parker, Post 76: Comrade Foote of Kalamazoo and myself are somewhat interested in the election of Department Commander tomorrow and he and I have consulted and if it pleases the members of the Encampment, I move you, Sir, that the election of officers be made a special order of business at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Comrade ———, Post 62: I arise to a point of order, Commander. I may be wrong, but still I believe I am right. The Committee on Credentials has not reported and as I understand it, we are not in order to do business. This is executive business.

Department Commander: Your point of order is well taken and the motion is out of order. What is your further pleasure?

Comrade Schneider: Department Commander and Comrades: I have here in my hand a memorial in regard to the publication of the soldiers' record which I won't attempt to read now and I move you, Mr. Commander, that the same be received and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Kanitz: I move you, Sir, that the election of officers be held immediately upon assembling tomorrow morning.

Department Commander: I shall not entertain the motion.

Comrade ———, Post 395: I move you that this encampment do now take a recess until after the parade this afternoon.

Seconded and carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Department Commander: The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials will make a supplementary report now.

Assistant Adjutant General: The Committee on Credentials have not completed their report but we will make a supplementary report and ask permission to complete the report later on. Whole number of delegates thus far reported present 548, representing 162 Posts.

Department Commander: What will you do with the report?

Comrade Kanitz: I move that the report be accepted with the suggestion that they behave better after this.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade White, Post 79: I move you, Commander, that tomorrow morning at nine o'clock be set as the time for special order for election of officers for this encampment. I make this motion for this reason, that we have it in the morning because a great many delegates want to leave immediately after dinner for home. We want it in the morning so that all may have a voice in the election of officers. It is agreeable to Comrades Parker and Foote that this motion be made.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: The committee to report on the books of the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General will now make their report.

DETROIT, MICH., June 16, 1908.

To William Jibb, Department Commander, Department of Michigan.
G. A. R.:

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General of this Department, also the vouchers showing the receipts and disbursements of their respective offices, for the preceding year and find the same to be correct. The following statement is a summary of the receipts and disbursements for the said preceding year:

Balance on hand June 12, 1907:	
General Fund	\$1,645 73
Alger Fund	1,000 00
Received from all other sources during the year	2,888 42
Total receipts	\$5,534 15
Amount of Disbursements:	
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General	\$1,100 00
Salary of Assistant Quartermaster General	50 00
* Capita Tax to National Department	380 07
Disbursements for all other purposes	1,197 38
Total disbursements	\$2,727 45

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Balance in hands of Q. M. General on this date:	
General Fund	\$1,806 70
Alger Fund	1,000 00
	\$2,806 70
Total amount on hand	

For itemized statement of expenditures see report of Assistant Q. M. General.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
M. D. RICHARDSON,
S. H. MALLERY,
GEORGE RAAB,
Committee.

Comrade Richardson: I move the adoption of the report.
Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Are there any committees ready to report now?

Comrade Van Raalte: The committee having had under consideration the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, from June 12, 1906, to June 17, 1908, respectfully report that they have found it correct and recommend its adoption.

Seconded and carried.

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

To Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G., of G. A. R.:

Your committee to which was referred the Assistant Quartermaster General's report from June 12, 1907, to June 17, 1908, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and find the report correct and recommend its adoption.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,
A. DUNHAM,
HOPE WELCH.

Committee.

Department Commander: Are there any other committees ready to report?

Comrade Bellaire: The Committee on the Adjutant General's report.

To the Department Commander:

Your committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined with care the said report and the suggestions contained therein relative to suspended comrades; also the substitution of the button instead of the badge, which is contrary to the Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R.

That we further recommend that each Post should supply themselves with the Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R. The mere fact that

the report to this Encampment contains valuable suggestions will not avail unless acted upon and turned to our advantage.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH O. BELLAIRE,
P. H. McBRIDE,
GEORGE RAAB.

Committee.

Comrade Bellaire: I move that the report be adopted.
Seconded and carried.

J. J. Drake, Post 21: The committee on the report of the Junior Vice Commander report as follows:

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Your committee to whom the report of the Junior Vice Commander was referred, would respectfully report that they have examined the said report and recommend its adoption.

J. J. DRAKE,
G. W. WHEELER,
H. A. CHAPIN.

Committee.

Comrade Van Kleeck, Post 67: The committee on the report of the Department Inspector would respectfully submit the following:

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

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

Sir: We, the committee to whom was referred the report of Comrade William W. Cook, Department Inspector, respectfully report, that we have given the report of Department Inspector careful examination and commend this officer for the careful discharge of his duties.

Your committee is well aware of the difficulty the Department Inspector has had in securing the services of comrades to discharge duties wholly gratuitous, yet the Grand Army is based largely upon the generosity of its members. One of the true tests of the Grand Army member is: "What is he willing to do for his comrade or the order itself."

Your committee are fully in accord with the suggestions made by the Inspecting Officer, viz.: That a fund should be provided for the services of inspectors; yet how this fund could be provided is the question of serious importance.

Your committee are unanimous in the belief that a comrade from the Department, or from a different Post would be of more value as an Inspecting Officer than a member of the Post inspected.

Your committee, however, do not believe that it is expedient to require the Post to bear the expense. The burden would fall heavily on Posts, with few members, and in many cases would result in the surrender of their charters, and a general loss to the organization.

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If a fund for inspection must be provided for, it must be done by the Department.

We recommend the matter of providing a fund for the inspection of Posts be referred to the Committee on Administration, with power given it to declare the office of Department Inspector vacant, or to appropriate from the general fund such sum as in their judgment may be sufficient to pay the expense on inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES VAN KLEECK,
H. A. BACKUS,
R. L. JONES.

Committee.

Department Commander: Any further reports ready? What is your pleasure? I have a communication. (Reads.) "Will the delegates come to County Building for photo after this session. We have camera all ready.—C. M. Hayes & Co." This was brought to me this morning. What will you do?

Comrade ———, Post 17: I move that the invitation of Mr. Hayes be accepted.

Comrade Davey, Post 17: Comrade ——— has moved that this invitation be accepted. How many will be there representing this convention? Is there going to be a corporal's guard or a regiment?

Comrade Stone, Post 42: It is a very nice thing to have an invitation to have our photo taken. I would like to amend that by saying that we will go in a body.

Comrade Kanitz: Was that his amendment; Stone's amendment? I apprehend that you all mean to do what is right in the matter, but I think it is a physical impossibility for us to adjourn over there and have our beautiful mugs taken. I know what will happen. About a baker's dozen will go and get a picture taken. I think it is impracticable to accept that invitation. I think your motive is good but I think it is impracticable and we should not waste any time with it.

Comrade Davey, Post 17: I move that the motion be laid on the table.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Any further reports?

Assistant Adjutant General: (Reads.) The committee on the report of the Patriotic Instructor respectfully report that the committee have read the report carefully and recommend its adoption.

L. P. WOLCOTT,
J. N. CHAPPELL,
H. L. MICKLEY,

Committee.

Comrade Raab, Post 145: Of course, that is all that we can do is to accept that report, but this Department does not know by the report of the Patriotic Instructor nor the committee that has made this report on his report what has been done throughout the Department by visiting schools. I stand up here to speak for Post 145, and what has been done by them in visiting schools. If the report of the Patriotic Instructor of Post 145 would be read to this Department you would

see what has been done and if the work that was done by this Post was copied and emulated by other Posts, you would have an entirely different report than you received this morning from the Patriotic Instructor. It does not go far enough. It went as far as it could go. There are certain duties laid down for you to do, visit these schools, talk to the children. Post Patriotic Instructors are supposed to appoint assistants to visit these schools to talk to the children. How many of you do it? The report of Crapo Post 145, shows that five or six comrades visited in the city of Flint all of the public schools, the parochial schools and the schools in the county. The Patriotic Instructor of the Post devoted his time to this for weeks. We also had a public meeting for the teachers of the city, a reception along the line of patriotic work. It was largely attended. We had a banquet for them, everything of that kind, and I want to say to you that there is not a Post in the State of Michigan that can equal the report of the Patriotic Instructor of Crapo Post. I would like to have this Encampment hear his report because the report is so good that next year some of you fellows will come in here with an improvement.

Comrade Davey, Post 17: If we are going to get a report from every Post and from every comrade, our time will be taken up. I move that the report of the Patriotic Instructor be accepted.

Comrade White, Post 79: The Post appointed me Patriotic Instructor and I visited every school in Kalamazoo excepting the parochial schools and better attention I never saw. I never saw anywhere, even among the old soldiers, better attention than those children exhibited on those occasions. The teachers would join with them and always say: "Come again, come again."

Comrade Barney, Post 145: Our Post Commander appointed me Patriotic Instructor and I determined to do the work thoroughly. With the help of some of the comrades, we went to all the schools with the permission of the superintendent, the commissioner of schools and the school board, and I want to say to you that they were all very anxious to have us go. I saw Father Murphy and I said: "Do you want us to come to your schools?" And he said: "Right, my boy, we would not have you kept out." I want to say that this is one of the important matters that we have before us at this time. We sat in Flint between 700 on each side in the hall and better attention you could not get with older people. For one hour they just sat there and listened to the stories we gave them. These Patriotic Instructors are slighting their duty. We are going into our graves with these stories untold and I hope this will not be left in such a slipshod way. It ought to be done in every city in the State. We went out into the county and visited 4,500 of them there and I want to say that this is one of the most important question before us. Ten or fifteen years from now we will be gone and our stories will be gone with us. (Applause.)

Department Commander: The question is on the adoption of the report of the Patriotic Instructor.

The motion was supported and carried.

Department Commander: Are there any further reports?

Comrade Parker, Post 76: The committee appointed to examine the report of the Judge Advocate is ready to report.

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

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

Sir: The committee appointed for the consideration of the report of the Judge Advocate of the Department have the honor to report that we have carefully examined the report referred to, and find it to be correct, and a clear statement of the law pertaining to cases of the character in question, and was prepared with much care and study, early showing that its author, the Judge Advocate, had given much time and attention to it, and exhibited in its preparation marked ability, not only as an able lawyer, but well grounded in rules, regulations and decisions pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic.

BURTON PARKER,
EDWARD C. ANTHONY,
GRIFF LEWIS.

Committee.

It was moved and supported that the report of the committee on the Judge Advocate's report be adopted.

Carried.

Comrade Griswold, Post 5: The committee on the report of Medical Director would report as follows:

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director, respectfully report that we have examined the same and commend the manner in which it is made, and the completeness of the report.

It shows, however, the negligence of Post surgeons. There were reported to the Adjutant General 508 deaths among our membership, while only 244 were reported to the Medical Director. Greater care should be exercised by the Posts in the selection of surgeons, and Post surgeons should keep careful records and make reports in accordance with our regulations, so that the Medical Director's books may give a complete record of our deceased comrades.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GRISWOLD,
J. C. SALMON,
L. A. KINNEY.

Committee.

Assistant Adjutant General: I want to explain. This Department is entitled to twenty-one delegates to the National Encampment to be held in Toledo, August 31 to September 5. As is our custom, each district appoints one delegate and one alternate, then there will be the others to be selected by you as a committee. I have prepared the blanks on which the districts can make reports of their choice and as I call the district be sure that whoever has this blank will attend the meeting and make a report on this blank so that I will have the names everything complete.

Department Commander: As the district is called somebody will announce where the meeting will be held and the Adjutant will put it on the slip and you will know.

The Adjutant called the districts and places were designated for the meetings.

The committee appointed to act as escort to the Commander-in-Chief appeared at the outpost. The Commander rapped the Encampment to their feet and the Commander-in-Chief was escorted to the platform amid applause.

Department Commander: Comrades, salute your Commander-in-Chief, Comrade C. G. Burton.

Department Commander: Comrades, we are notified that a committee of the Ladies of the G. A. R. are at the outer door. You will be at ease. The Officer of the Day will admit the ladies. The committee to escort the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to the platform will be Comrades Lawrence, Barney and Kanitz.

The ladies were escorted to the platform by the committee duly appointed.

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, it affords me great pleasure to introduce to you the committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department Commander: Ladies of the G. A. R.: It gives me pleasure at this time to greet you and to have you with us. The Ladies are the fundamental foundation of the Grand Army of the Republic and all its principles. Were it not for the ladies, I doubt if we would be in existence today. I doubt if we would be an organization today were it not for the support received from these loyal ladies and we are pleased to meet you here today. In behalf of this Department and of these loyal Boys, I bid you welcome.

The Department Commander then introduced Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Ward: Comrades of the Grand Army, it gives me great pleasure today to come to an assemblage of heroes; yes, heroes, every one, though in plain citizen's dress, without any epaulets, swords or gaudy trappings of war, none the less heroes, because after four years of the longest and bloodiest war of history, you could beat your swords into ploughshares, your spears into pruning hooks and go back to the every day monotony of common life without a murmur, our soldiers of the Civil War.

Comrades, we are appointed to come not for self-seeking, but to keep fresh and green the memory of your great deeds that have preserved our fair land and undivided country. It is our duty and privilege to care for you when sick and afflicted, to comfort your widows and orphans, and at last when one by one you cross the dark river to join the great majority where tents are never struck, to lay reverently and lovingly on your silent breast that flag for which you fought so long and well.

We Americans are proud to speak of these United States. Have we ever paused to think what would be this country as divided states? If the South had succeeded in their foul dream of divided states and you soldiers had given up the struggle to preserve the Union, you had left nearly a half million of your comrades in the fields and in southern prisons. You had done for the monarchy

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treacherous England, and both North and South with diminished resources would have been in a constant struggle and an easy prey to surrounding countries and after the first secession had proved successful, how long before the East and West, for some fanciful grievance, would have split apart also? All our great commercial enterprises that we flourished with almost miraculous power since the close of the war would then have been unknown. Our great West would still have been the "Happy Hunting Grounds" of Indians instead of being covered with prosperous cities and happy homes, and instead of being the strongest, richest and most flourishing Nation in all the world, we would have been turned into insignificance, perhaps blotted out forever like the South American states, or the little Central American countries, always in quarrels.

The Romans looked at patriotism as the greatest of all virtues. You remember the story in the palmy days of Rome when the great gulf opened in the heart of the beautiful city and the affrighted people ran to their priests and said: "What shall we do to close this awful gulf?" and the priests consulted their augurs and oracles and they said: "Not all the most precious thing in all Rome is thrown into the gulf will it lose." And the affrighted people brought their gold and silver, their precious jewels, their great, priceless works of art and threw them into the gulf, but to no avail. At last a young man of the bluest blood of the patricians, who had won great honors in battles of the Romans, mounted his war horse, came to the edge of the gulf and said: "Nothing in all his world is more precious than patriotism, youth and courage." And he sprang into the gulf. It closed.

"Some things are worthless
Some others so good
That Nations who buy them
Pay only in blood.

For Freedom and Union
Each man owes a part,
And Soldiers paid their share
All warm from the heart."

(Applause.)

Department Commander: I take pleasure in presenting Mrs. Dickson.

Mrs. Dickson: I just came to greet you and bid you a hearty welcome to our beautiful city. I hope that each and everyone of you when you leave here will say that it is one of the best cities you have ever attended in convention. I bid you good afternoon.

Department Commander: The Adjutant will please present the Ladies with one of the badges of the Encampment.

Comrade Kanitz: This is one of my best girls. We were young together.

The badges were presented on the Ladies, after which they retired.

REPORT OF LADIES OF G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.,
DEPARTMENT OF MICH.

June 17, 1908.

Commander C. E. Foote of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I wish to give you just a few of the things we as an organization have been doing the past year:

Cash received during year	\$1,173 59
Disbursed for relief, etc.....	877 41

Forty-two flags have been placed on the breasts of departed comrades. We are ever watching to do something for those who sacrificed all that was dear to them to save our country.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. EARLE,

President.

EMMA WHITTAKER,
Secretary.

Department Commander: It would seem to me that it ought not to be necessary for me at this time to introduce to you a Comrade who is known all over this United States, but I take pleasure in introducing to you and presenting to you at this time our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Burton. Comrades, salute. (Applause.)

Commander-in-Chief, C. G. Burton: Department Commander and Comrades of Michigan: I bid you greeting. I have just landed down here at the depot and one of your outposts captured me. They have got my uniform, they have got my quinine, they have got about everything that I would like to have just now. My nose is full of dust and my throat has accumulated considerable Michigan real estate. I hope ere long to get washed and cleaned up and be presentable. Your outposts informed me that they had been instructed to bring me right here, so I came without any hesitancy, because the greeting of a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic by his comrades in council assembled does not depend upon his personal appearance or his clothing. A comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic is always at home in the council chambers of his comrades. (Applause.)

I have had something of a strenuous time in order to get here. There are four of our Department Encampments in session now, New York, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin, and although the Grand Army of the Republic has accomplished a great many things, it has not been able to eliminate either time or space and it is absolutely a physical impossibility for a comrade of the Grand Army to be in two places at one and the same time. Since I left my home in Missouri, I have visited the

Encampment at Pennsylvania, from there to New York City to participate in the unveiling of the Lincoln Memorial tablet, and from there to Iowa, from there to Minnesota, and from there to Wisconsin, and by traveling night and day I am here with you today, as I hope to be with the Ohio boys tomorrow noon.

I understand from the newspaper, Department Commander, that you are to have a Campfire tonight at which time I am to speak to the Comrades of the Grand Army. That being true, boys, I shall not tax your time and attention at this time. Assembled in Encampment, I take it for granted that you have business to do and perform. The Grand Army of the Republic, like every other deliberative organization that has business to do should do it decently and in order. I do not know whether you have reached the election of officers or not. As the days of the Grand Army grow less and as the comrades view the honor that is conferred in pinning upon their breasts the badge of Department Commandership, I doubt not that you will have an interesting time tomorrow in selecting your officers for the ensuing year. It has been my pleasure at several of the Encampments to be present when the election of officers occurred and I have listened to eloquence of all kinds and character and among others I read the most remarkable speech the other day in nominating a comrade. It was short but it was effective. Said a comrade upon the floor: "I desire to place in nomination Comrade So-and-So. I shall not take up your time by enumerating here his military record or his virtues as a comrade, but I shall content myself with saying that he is as good as the best of us and a damned sight better than the rest of us." (Laughter and applause.) While perhaps the man who shall receive your suffrages will not be put in nomination in that way, yet I hope he shall at least possess those qualifications.

I shall not be able to meet with you again in council because I am compelled to leave on the morning train. I desire to congratulate you, I desire to congratulate the Grand Army of the Republic and above all, I desire to congratulate the widows of our dead comrades upon the fact that after five years of a hard fight the pension bills of the Grand Army of the Republic, both as to comrades and as to widows, are today a part of the law of the United States. (Applause.)

Five years ago at San Francisco the National Encampment by unanimous vote declared in favor of the service pension bill and an increased widows' pension bill. A year ago that portion of the Grand Army bill having reference to the comrade, with but two slight amendments, became the law of the land, and on Sunday, the 19th day of April last, the President affixed his signature to the Grand Army bill which gives widows twelve dollars instead of eight dollars per month. (Applause.)

I have at times heard some comrades of that old army claim that the Grand Army of the Republic had accomplished but little, and yet, boys, it is a fact, an undeniable fact, that with the exception of the original pension law of 1862, known as the general law, every subsequent enactment affording affirmative relief of a general character, as well as their enactment in regard to the administration of the pension laws, has been written into the law books of the United States through the combined efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

Five years ago as the representative of the organization as Chairman

of the Committee on Pensions, when I presented the pension bill to the House Committee and stated what we desired, some member of the Congress remarked: "I have got letters from some comrades that they are opposed to this bill," and another spoke up, "There are some of my constituents in favor of some other bill. Whom do you gentlemen represent?" I said: "Gentlemen, we seven men here represent the National Organization of the Grand Army of the Republic," and I read the resolution that was adopted at San Francisco. "Well," they said, "we know now what the Grand Army wants." "Yes," I said: "I want to emphasize the position of the Grand Army of the Republic. I want you gentlemen to understand that the Grand Army of the Republic never has demanded extravagance in the way the pension legislation. It has never demanded looseness in the consideration thereof. It has never asked but has protested against favoritism in its administration, but the Grand Army of the Republic does declare that this great Nation in the day of its pride, its power, its prosperity and its glory, ought not to be unmindful of the obligation it owes to the boys who wore its uniform and fought its battles in the day of its triumph to this end, that it ought not to permit a single solitary one of them, living, either by reason of misfortune or disease, to look at God's sunlight through the darkened windows of the poorhouse, or lie within the limits of the unconsecrated paupers' field. (Applause.)

And the Congress of the United States has responded and there is now upon the statute books of the Nation a law under which any worthy comrade can have his name inscribed without subjecting himself to personal indignities or personal humiliation. The widows' pension bill is an amendment to the act of 1890, and therefore the limitation as to marriage was involved. The House passed it as an amendment to that act and therefore left the limitation of marriage as heretofore. The House Bill went over to the Senate and the Senate was inclined to bring the limit down to the date of the bill. I discovered that owing to that contest between the Senate and the House it was quite possible that we would not get any bill at all. I had been invited to the Encampment of the Department of Potomac on the 19th of February, and I notified our dear Comrade, Bob Brown, my predecessor, who was Chairman of your Pension Committee, to meet me, and he and Past Commander-in-Chief Burdette and King, members of the Pension Committee, residents of the City of Washington, and we four called upon the Chairman of the House Committee and we found that the House was committed to the retention of the limitation of June 27, 1890. We then went to see the President, and the President, after talking with us, said: "Gentlemen, I have very pronounced views myself in regard to the limit on income"—by the way, that is all stricken out now—"also as to the marriage limitation, but I say frankly to you, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, you are in a position to know; you gentlemen go ahead and whatever you can get out of Congress I will sign." (Applause.)

We went to see the Chairman of the Senate Committee, and we found that the Senate was inclined, or rather was disposed, to stand for the reduction. We then went to see Joe Cannon, the Speaker of the House, and we finally saw the gentlemen representing both House and Senate: "Under the bill passed by the House, 180,000 widows

will immediately get a dollar a week substantially more than they are getting now; under the Senate amendment 20,000 more widows will be added to the list, but in the name of God do not deprive the 180,000 widows of their dollar a week while you are deciding whether you will let in the other 20,000." (Applause.)

They took us at our word and the House bill was accepted by the Senate and is now upon the law book. The limitation of June 27, 1890, stands, but a bill has been introduced in the Senate to bring it down to the date of the bill and personally I hope that bill will pass. (Applause.)

There was not much involved this year in the Grand Army of the Republic. It is true as we grow older we grow contentious and we are the greatest kickers on earth, but there was not very much to kick about, very little to kick about. We have had comparatively a very pleasant year and we are going to wind up that year with a great encampment at Toledo, Ohio. I take great pleasure in stating to you that the good people of the City of Toledo are doing everything they can to make the Forty-Second Annual Encampment a great success. They appointed a transportation committee, and they have backed me up in every effort that I have made to secure from the railroad companies the old rate of one cent a mile. I am sorry to say, boys, that we have not succeeded in obtaining it. I have been there personally and talked with them and I have written them letters, but the railroad people just now seem to be stiff-necked and rebellious. They have proposed so far to give us one and one-half rate. We hope to reduce that. But if not, even though it should not be reduced, Toledo being situated centrally, as it is in the center of that vast territory from which eighty per cent of the Boys in Blue went out to battle, the comparative cost from the home of the comrade to Toledo is much less than it was to Minneapolis and Denver, and so even though the railroad companies will not do for us that which they ought to do, we still have reason to believe that the Encampment at Toledo will be one large in numbers and supreme in enthusiasm.

Now boys, the Grand Army of the Republic, as long as it exists, has certain things to do and perform. The perpetuity of this government depends upon the virtue and intelligence of its people and the Grand Army of the Republic is the greatest patriotic lot of school teachers on earth, the greatest patriotic organization that ever has been on earth and therefore remembering what you have done, with confidence in ourselves and with hope for the future, let us dress up our lines and as one by one a comrade drops out in answer to the bugle call, let us close up with faith in ourselves and with faith in God, let us march on, our footsteps always keeping time to the music of the Union. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Commander-in-Chief, in response I desire to say for the Department of Michigan, our hearts beat in unison with yours in the Grand Army work and we are proud to have you with us today. In regard to our election of officers and the reference you made to those qualifications, I will guarantee to you, Sir, that we cannot elect a man in Michigan who does not fill the bill.

Department Commander: The committee appointed to escort the Commander-in-Chief will report here and take charge of the Commander.

Commander-in-Chief Burton: I will meet you all at the Campfire. I expect I will have headquarters somewhere and when I get cleaned up, come in and see me, you do not have to give the password. Just come in and I want to shake hands with each one of you. (Applause.)

Comrade Duffield, Post 384: I desire to put a motion which I know every comrade of the Encampment will most gladly vote for. I move Mr. Commander, that one of these badges containing the medallion of our dear Comrade, General Alger, be presented by this Encampment to his wife, Mrs. Alger, a member of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Department Commander: And added to that that Comrade Duffield be the one to present it.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Anything further to come before the encampment?

Comrade Janes: You honored me last year with being Chairman of the Legislative Committee. I have not a written report to make, not having called that committee together during the year for the reason that there was no occasion to present any legislation to the State of Michigan in behalf of the Grand Army thus far this year, but I will verbally state this: At the last Encampment at Bay City you may recall that I made a report at that time that an amendment to the bill passed by the legislature some years ago had been presented by this committee and up to that time during that session it had not become a law, although having passed the Senate but not acted upon in the House. That was a bill in reference to the employment of ex-soldiers of the Civil War and of the Spanish War in public business, State, municipal and otherwise. We found that the bill that had been enacted several years ago was deficient, as held by the Supreme Court of this State, to cover all exigencies, and we drafted an amendment that required the employment in all municipalities or State departments all men who served in the Civil War and in the Spanish War who were competent for the positions should be appointed and if any attempt to displace any who were in the service, municipal or State or otherwise, they should have a hearing before the Mayor, the Common Council or the Township Board or before the Governor of the State in regard to their incompetency before they shall be discharged. (Applause.)

Furthermore, that a writ of mandamus should be granted a person before they attempt to discharge and any effort on the part of any municipality or State authority to discharge a man without first complying with that law was guilty of fine and imprisonment, if necessary, under the law. (Applause.)

That is upon the statute books of this State. I speak of it because I think it is not generally known and if any of you are employed and any attempt is made to reduce you to one position or another without complying with the act, you should make a protest and resort to the writ of mandamus to compel them, and if found guilty they will be fined and imprisoned. Otherwise, if you are making an application for an appointive position and you are competent to fill the duties of that office and the appointing power refuses to appoint you, you can then go into the courts and compel him to make such appointment, providing that you are fully competent to fill that position. That is the State law in this State. I speak of it because the legislature passed

it after the encampment adjourned. You go to the statute books and take action if any of them are so unloyal, so deficient in appreciation. If they have got to be forced to do it, go into the courts and make them ashamed of their action. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Any further business?

Camrade Van Kleeck: Comrades of the Department, I wish to present a resolution that is of some importance to this Department. It is a personal matter to me and I believe it is a personal matter to two-thirds of the comrades here assembled. In the matter of the consolidation of United States Pension Agencies:

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

WHEREAS, In two successive sessions of Congress efforts have been made to consolidate the existing pension agencies into one agency located in Washington, D. C., and

WHEREAS, This proposed abolition of the existing agencies and consolidation of the work into one agency is strongly opposed throughout the entire country by the pensioners and citizens generally, on account of the many complications and delays in the payment of the pensions that must inevitably follow such reorganization of the present system of paying pensions, and as the system now in vogue and represented by the eighteen pension agencies distributed equally over the country gives prompt service to the pensioners in their respective territories, with accuracy and quick returns after payment of pensions is due, which is a feature of great importance to the large majority of pensioners, both soldiers and widows, because of living expenses increased, bills contracted and movements planned dependent upon the income derived from the pensions, and any delay and uncertainty as to when the check might arrive would put the average pensioner to inconvenience, and

WHEREAS, The act of Congress passed February 5, 1867, authorizing the establishment of pension agencies recites that they be established "wherever the public interest and the convenience of the pensioners require," and

WHEREAS, No great amount of saving of expense in clerical hire would be had by such consolidation if the payment of pensions, the transaction of the immense amount of correspondence with the pensioners, and the two thousands of vouchers returned for correction of errors are made as speedily as under the present system of the pension agencies;

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic in Thirtieth Encampment assembled, does respectfully and earnestly protest against the consolidation of the pension agencies into one agency, and respectfully asks that the different pension agencies as now established be retained, because they are more representative of the whole mass of the people, and are so much closer to the body of pensioners with whom they do business.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department are hereby extended to Senators J. C. Burrows and William Alden Smith, and to the representatives in Congress from this State who used their influence by vote and otherwise to prevent the consolidation of pension agencies, and that a copy of this Preamble and these Resolutions be forwarded by

the Assistant Adjutant General to the President of the United States and to the senators and representatives in congress from Michigan.

It was moved that the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

An amendment was made to adopt the Resolution.

Comrade Van Kleeck: I would be pleased to accept the amendment and let this encampment act upon it at the present time.

Department Commander: The question is on the amendment. Are you ready for the amendment?

Comrade Janes: Just one word in reference to this encampment acting at this time. Many of the comrades I know throughout this State, and in the past year during this agitation of the consolidation of pension agencies I have received scores, yes, hundreds of letters from asking me to protest against it. Of course, it was rather a diffident question for me to become active, occupying the position of Pension Agent, and I have written back to you to correspond with the Senators and Representatives in Congress from your district and protest against it. This last time it came up I kept quiet because the charge had been made upon the floors of Congress that this opposition to the consolidation of the pension agencies came through the pension agents to hold their jobs and I kept quiet. I did not write to a single Congressman. As I got communications from you I simply suggested that if you felt that way to write to your Congressman. The two Senators did ask me officially to give them certain facts in regard to what the agents knew as to the desirability or undesirability of this consolidation and I gave them those facts. The Senate stood firm against the consolidation. The House voted to abolish indirectly. The question did not come up in the House to abolish the agencies, but to withhold any appropriation for maintaining any agencies but one, and that would compel the abolition of the agencies by the President of the United States. Under the law of 1867, passed by Congress, the establishment of pension agencies throughout the country was left entirely in the hands of the President of the United States, limiting him to only three in any State or Territory, or where the annual distribution did not amount to \$500,000 a year for pensions. Now that law is on the statute books. The President appoints the agents and it follows that he has the same right to dis-establish the agencies whenever he deems best to do so, and as the President did not act in the matter. Congress sought to withhold the appropriations for these agencies and that would compel him to act. At this last session the Senate stood strongly against it and for over two weeks the question was in the conference committee battling back and forth until nearly adjournment and the House finally yielded and restored the appropriation for the agencies as they now exist. But I have seen extracts from letters written by members of Congress who were active in the abolishment of the agencies wherein they say that if the Secretary of the Interior, who is in favor of it and the Commissioner of Pensions, who is urging it, (that if they) still remain the same mind and the President remains in the same mind, he will exercise his authority under that law and issue an order consolidating all pension agencies into one in the City of Washington. Now the object of the resolutions which are being

passed by the various encampments since the adjournment of Congress, is to let the President of the United States know what the Grand Army's views are upon that question so that he will not run against the views of the pensioners of the Grand Army of the Republic without giving due consideration. If you remain silent, he will take it for granted that you are satisfied for consolidation. Knowing the sentiment in the communities where you live among the pensioners, and I have had letters not only from pensioners, but from people out in the State. It is for you to say whether you will enter your protest to the President and to Congress when it assembles, whether you want it done or do not. New York has passed similar resolutions. Pennsylvania and other Departments also, and if any action is taken prior to the National Encampment, it is proposed to have the National Encampment speak upon that question. I am speaking to you as a pensioner. I know something of what the delays will be and as a pensioner I do not want to be removed thousands of miles from where I can get my check and from what I have heard from you boys, I don't think you want to. So it is up to you to say whether you will adopt or reject this.

Department Commander: The motion is on the adoption of the resolution.

Resolutions adopted unanimously by rising vote.

Comrade Bellaire: I move that we take a recess until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Seconded and carried.

Encampment took a recess until 8:30 o'clock a. m., June 18, 1908.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

June 18, 1908, 8:30 o'clock a. m.

Encampment called to order by the Department Commander.

Department Commander: Comrade White will invoke the divine blessing.

Comrade White: Almighty God, we are assembled in Thy presence this morning to engage in the important duties pertaining to our offices. We pray that Thou wilt receive our homage for all the mercies that we have received. Thou hast given us beautiful weather for which we thank Thee and we pray that the blessing of God may rest upon this Encampment. We pray Thee to bless us in the election in which we are about to enter and may the blessings of God rest upon all our work. Bless our country and be with the great convention convened for the nomination of a man that shall stand in the place of a great man that Thou hast raised up for the people. Let Thy blessings rest upon these men and bless us this day, we reverently ask Thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Department Commander: Are there any other committees to report?
 Comrade Mears, Post 235: The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Chaplain are ready to make their report.
 Department Commander: We will hear the report.

To the Commander, Officers and Members of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Your Committee to whom the report of the Department Chaplain was referred would respectfully recommend the adoption of said report and further recommend that the thanks of this Department be tendered to our beloved Chaplain for his untiring and earnest labors for the upbuilding of the moral, social and christian influence of this Department, and that we style and name him the "Grandest of all the Grand Old Men of this Department."

W. J. MEARS,
 DARWIN WARREN,
 FRED SCHNEIDER,
Committee.

Comrade Mears, Post 235: I move the adoption of the report.
 Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Are there any other committees to report? If there are none, what is your pleasure, comrades? If any of you have any business on your minds speak up as we have but a few moments before the special order of business comes. Has any comrade anything to offer?

Comrade Pond, Post 2: The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Department Commander is ready to report.

Department Commander: The Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Spaulding, will please take the chair.

Comrade Spaulding: Give us your attention and listen to the report of the Committee on the address of the Commander.

Comrade Pond: Comrades of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, submit the following report:

For the faithful and zealous devotion of our Commander to every interest of our Order, the comrades of this Department cannot be too responsive in gratitude, and his appeal for a continued "touch of elbow" until the call of "lights out" shall overtake us, is, in these the sunset hours of our lives, worthy of earnest attention by every comrade.

In the subjects of the address, relating to Outposts, Inspection of Posts, Observance of Memorial Day, Patriotic Instruction, The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans, your Committee believe that the words of the Commander should command the attention of every comrade.

The recommendation designating the fife and drum corps as the official music by this Department, to lead in our parades at annual State and National encampments, we heartily endorse. Surely the part taken by such music on the right of this Department in the parade here in Detroit, made evident the popularity of the same with the public as well as with our marching comrades.

That portion of the address relating to the management of the Soldiers' Home, receives our most sincere approval. The six comrades who compose the Board of Managers of the Home, we all know to not only have been brave and valiant soldiers of the Union Army, in 1861-65, but to have been true and honored members of this Department for years past, and to hold positions in the esteem of their fellow citizens in their respective home cities, that enables each of us to believe that nothing but a positive devotion to the best interests of the Home and its inmates actuates each in his work as a member of the Board of Management. No political influences affect the management of the Soldiers' Home in Michigan. Each veteran inmate acts upon his own ideas of political preferment, with no restraint whatever because of his political views, and any effort upon the part of aspirants for political honors to create a distrust of the veterans' friends, (The Board of Managers), is to be sincerely deplored.

The Commander's reference to the action of Congress by the recent increase of Widows pensions from eight to twelve dollars per month, but failing to provide for a widow who had married since 1890, is most opportune, and in the judgment of your committee should induce an effort upon the part of all comrades, in requesting their respective Congressmen to correct the law at its next session, so that the widows of all veterans may receive pensions at the rate of twelve dollars per month.

The Commander's reference to "Legislation in Michigan" in which he recommends that the Committee on Legislation to be appointed by his successor, should draft a bill, calling for the granting of a State pension to soldiers who served in Michigan regiments, of similar form to bills presented to the legislatures of New York and Pennsylvania, can, we believe, be most properly left to the in-coming administration, as embodying a proposition that should receive careful consideration, as it is without a doubt, the fact, that from one-third to one-half of the living veterans of the Civil War now residing in Michigan, served in other State's regiments, and also a fact that they would be pleased to see their Michigan comrades receive pension recognition from the State, possibly, the question might arise as to the proper recognition of the adopted veterans who have had much to do in advancing Michigan to the present status in the Union of States.

Your Committee recommend that the usual testimonial of a Past Department Commander's Badge be purchased and presented to our retiring Commander, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to expend the sum of thirty-five dollars for the same.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,
C. V. R. POND,
FRANK R. CHASE,
M. D. RICHARDSON.

Committee.

Comrade Pond: I move the adoption of the report.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Just at this moment I desire most heartily to thank the committee and the Encampment entirely. I have felt

very much interested in some of those matters and I most heartily thank all of you comrades.

Department Commander: What is your further pleasure? Are there any other committees to report?

Assistant Adjutant General: I find on my desk here this morning a communication. It was not handed to me with any explanation. I have simply found it on the table. My only object in reading this is to show you how little some of the officers or members understand the rules and regulations and therefore the necessity of providing yourselves with a copy and read it and post yourselves. The communication is this:

DETROIT, June 18, 1908.

"The G. A. R. of Lakeview, Michigan, asks to have Augustus Wilcox re-instated as Past Commander of Andrew MacComber Post 141."—Lakeview G. A. R.

Department Commander: Time for special order. What is your pleasure, comrades?

It was moved that nomination speeches be limited to five minutes.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Griffin, Post 38: I have a short communication here from a comrade whose name has been presented at the two prior encampments of this State. You all know the cause of his declining the nomination other years. He has always worked for harmony. At the present time there is another different cause altogether. By the advice of the physicians, on account of the serious illness of his wife, they forbade him at the last moment to come and be present with you today or at this encampment. For that reason he has sent the following communication:

"To the Comrades of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

At the last moment before the Annual Meeting of the Department, I find that it is impossible for me to attend because of dangerous sickness in my family. I therefore withdraw from the canvass for Department Commander and take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the many comrades who have so generously supported my candidacy.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM G. GAGE."

Department Commander: What will you do with the communication, comrades?

Comrade Foote, Post 38: I move that a telegram be sent by this Encampment to Comrade Gage, expressing our deepest sympathy with him in the serious illness of his wife.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: In addition to that, it is my order that this be placed on file in the Department.

Comrade Wilcox, Post 6: I move you that three tellers be appointed to canvass of the vote.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: I will appoint as tellers, Comrade William J. Comrade Fred J. Buck and Comrade Milnes.

Department Commander: Nominating speeches are in order.

Comrade Spaulding, Post 76: In the autumn of 1861, there were two enlisted in the Engineers, father and son. They served their three years, at least one of them did, the other laid his life upon the altar of his country and died. He was the father of Burton Parker and when Burton Parker came back to Petersburg. He came back to Petersburg in 1865, gathered up the fragments of the business that his father had left and married the girl to whom he was betrothed when sixteen years of age. He went on with the saw-mill business and became head of the mill and somebody advised him that he had the elements of a lawyer and advised him to go to Ann Arbor. Always a good man, always true as a boy, many of his friends offered to put up the money, but he went to Ann Arbor and graduated high in the law. He came back to Monroe and hung out his shingle and has done business ever since. He has raised three strong stalwart boys like himself. He is a gentleman of honor. He has occupied every position Monroe county could give him. He has been Mayor of the city twice. He has been in our legislature. He helped to nominate that grand old man who is out here a few miles, Thomas Palmer. He was the one who led the phalanx making him Senator of the United States. (Applause.) No act could have given more credit to Monroe, nor to Michigan, than the election of that grand old man who is out there writing a history of Michigan.

I present his name to you for your Commander. He served as a private soldier all the way through. He did his duty in every case. He is competent to be your Commander as is my friend Jibb now, and will give you good service, and I propose, without any reflection on any other candidate, that we give him our vote so far as we can. (Applause.)

Comrade Cole, Post 360: I represent a Post that is purely agricultural. I come in here in behalf of Post 360, to second the nomination of Burton Parker. We have known him for years and years and know that he is all right and will make us a good Commander.

Comrade Farr, Post 75: Commander and Comrades: Under the leadership and direction of my Post at Grand Haven, Michigan, at the extreme western limit of the State, I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Parker. (Applause.) But it is more, comrades, than the command of my Post that actuates me here today. Forty years of comradeship has given it the pleasure of a personal regard. I do not claim for Comrade Parker any more merit than that of each and every comrade upon this floor, but I claim that he is equal to the best. (Applause.) Like you, he went out a boy, a beardless boy, and became a soldier of the Republic. Like you he did his duty there during those heroic years and like you he returned with character stainless from contact with camp and field, to his duty as a citizen, the high duties of citizenship, and he has performed them each and every one. As

a citizen his record has been spotless; as a husband, for many years he has led the steps of an invalid wife through flowery paths as our beloved McKinley did. (Applause.) He educated his boys to places of honor and usefulness and taught them always fidelity to the Republic. Comrade Parker was always a faithful soldier, a noble citizen, an affectionate husband, a loving parent, a loyal friend, and no man hath more than this, and for these things I ask your suffrages for him at this assembly. (Applause.)

Comrade Devlin: On behalf of the First District of Detroit, I rise to second the nomination of Burton Parker. (Applause.) The entire delegation this morning so far as represented unanimously agreed to support this nominee and I say to you, gentlemen, you comrades here, that there are none of us in the State of Michigan, who have ever taken any part in the deliberations who are not aware of the fact that Comrade Parker has been one of our ablest and most stalwart comrades and we ask on behalf of the First District that you support him for this nomination. (Applause.)

Comrade McGraw: I know Comrade Parker. I know him to be a good man. I am a delegate here from the First District. I am going to support another candidate, however, and no delegate from the First District has any right to stand up on this floor and say the First District supports Comrade Parker.

Comrade Devlin: I expressed the sentiment of the caucus that convened on the floor here this morning. By unanimous vote they instructed me to present this case just as I have.

Comrade McGraw: I wish to say that I was not invited to any caucus and that I was not there.

Comrade Wilcox, Post 419: I second the nomination of Burton Parker.

Comrade White, Post 79: I listened to the eloquent remarks of my friend Spaulding when he nominated Burt Parker. I think Comrade Spaulding told the truth, yes I do. I know Burt Parker. I had the honor of serving two terms in the legislature with him and I know him. He is a good fellow. But boys, there are others. I rise to make the nomination of another man from the western part of the State. I do this with great pleasure because the western part of this State has had no Commander for twelve or fifteen years. If locality counts for anything, and it does in this as in political conventions, we are entitled to consideration. You will remember, boys, the story that our Commander-in-Chief told us yesterday about the nominating speech to which he listened the day before. The Comrade in making a nomination said: "My candidate is as good as the best and a damned sight better than the rest." (Laughter.) Now Commander, that reminds me of a little story. There was a man with whom I was acquainted who was always in a hurry. He would take a run and a double-quick on everything he did and he accomplished a great deal by being in a hurry. He was in so much of a hurry that when he went to bed he hardly had time to say his prayers. He would kneel down by the bedside and say about five words of his prayer, jump into bed and in a few minutes he was in dreamland. So to save time he wrote out the prayer and posted it on the wall and when he got ready to go to bed he would say, "Lord, them's my sentiments." (Laughter.)

What the Comrade in Wisconsin said I say in regard to Comrade Foote of Kalamazoo. (Applause.) He is as good as the best and quite a bit better than the rest of us. (Applause.) You can make no mistake in electing Comrade Foote. He has missed but two encampments, State and National, in twenty years. (Applause.) You always see the genial face and smile of Comrade Foote in every convention, in every encampment, ready to perform any of the duties that may devolve upon him. He is a Grand Army man from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet. (Applause.) He has the ability; he has the time to devote to the position of Department Commander. While I have nothing to say against this other man, Comrade Foote has the time and the ability to look after the interests of the Department of Michigan. (Applause.) Now boys, when you come to vote, let me give you a bit of advice; being disinterested, of course, you know it is all right. Look on the list, take the name of Foote and put it in the box and it will be all over in five minutes. When you go home and report to your constituents, "We have elected that genial man from Kalamazoo, C. E. Foote," they will say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servants. We will send you next time." Vote for Foote. (Applause.)

Comrade Clute, Post 166: I rise for the purpose of seconding the nomination of Comrade Foote. We know Comrade Foote and we love him. We love him not only on account of his character as a comrade but for the work he has done for the Grand Army of the Republic. He served in the legislature and I knew him there. We think that Comrade Foote in his position stands a far better chance on this educational business that is about to come up here. We want a man familiar with everything, familiar with the pension business. More than almost any other comrade, I believe with him as our Department Commander we will be glad that we elected him. (Applause.)

Comrade Barker, Post 451: I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Foote. I live in a county in the northern part of Michigan. Not saying a single, solitary thing against Comrade Burt Parker, because he is one of the grandest men that ever went down the pike. I have been with Burt Parker all along the line. He is all right, but he is a little too late at this time getting in line. We will put in Comrade Foote and another year we will get Burt in. That is where I stand and there are a whole lot of fellows up north standing on the same line.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318: Commander and Comrades, I listened last evening to the speeches of different men in our Campfire and it brought back to me this same old proposition that we had in the sixties, obey orders. I belong to a Post at Northville and some of the comrades that are here this morning and delegates have requested, some have demanded, that I second the nomination of Comrade Foote. (Applause.) I know both of these comrades, I know Comrade Parker, known him for years, a personal friend of mine. But comrades, when my Post or Delegates ask me to voice their sentiments, I feel it is my duty as a comrade to do so. The difference between Comrade Parker and Comrade Foote, in the mind of the majority of the men here, is this, and I believe it is a just one; this is a position that a man might envy. It is a position that means an honor to his family. Comrade Foote is no

like myself and Comrade Parker. He is getting to be an old Comrade. Give it to the old boys whose age is tipping on toward the sunset and let such men as Comrade Parker and myself, who are boys, wait fifteen or twenty years longer and then we will have a chance. (Applause.) For that reason, my delegation asked me to second the nomination of Comrade Foote. (Applause.)

Department Commander: You will all notice that he got a long way from Comrade Foote before saying what he has.

Comrade Willson, Post 48: Ever since the formation of the Department of Michigan we have as a general thing been extremely well favored in our selection of Department Commander. Do not make any mistake now. I have great pleasure and consider it my duty to support the nomination of Comrade Foote, of Kalamazoo. He is capable, honest, thorough and well qualified for the office. A man's qualification for the office of Department Commander should be judged more or less from the way that he supports his own Post. Charlie Foote never missed a Post meeting unless by sickness or absence from home. I support the nomination of C. E. Foote. (Applause.)

Comrade Cook, Post 111: I rise to support the nomination of Comrade Foote in behalf of Wilcox Post 111. We will make no mistake in voting for Comrade Foote.

Comrade Mallery, Post 382: I have known Comrade Foote for the last twenty-five years, twenty years at least, in Grand Army work. I have met him at every National and at every Department Encampment that I have attended and the most of you know that I am here, first, last and all the time. Comrade Foote has been one of the old, staunch wheel-horses of the Grand Army ever since I have known him. I have known him almost as well as though I had wheeled the dirt that made him, and while I have all the respect in the world for Comrade Burt Parker, yet I pledge myself today to cast my vote and the votes of the delegates of my district to Comrade Foote. (Applause.)

Department Commander: A delegation of Ladies from the Woman's Relief Corps are waiting at the door and I know you will all give way to them. I will appoint Comrades Pond, Anthony and Milnes to escort the ladies to the platform.

Comrade Pond: We have a great deal of pleasure in presenting to you the representatives of the Women's Relief Corps.

Department Commander: Ladies of the Relief Corps, I could not imagine any greater pleasure than to greet you this morning. The boys—these are all boys, you know—they all greet you and are very glad to meet you and hope that the Ladies of the Relief Corps will continue in existence to the end of time.

Department Commander: Comrades, I introduce to you Mrs. Babbitt. Salute.

Mrs. Babbitt: Members of the Grand Army, I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Flagg, who will address you.

Mrs. Flagg: Department Commander and Comrades: When our Department President delegated me to say a few words to you and bring the greetings from her and from the Relief Corps of Michigan, eight thousand and over strong, I said: _____ can be said after that lovely campfire last night, after this _____ it seems to me

words can be added to them." It is a gratification to come to into your faces and be privileged to say just a few words and pledge on the loyalty and support so long as there is a Relief Corps there as we have tried to give you in the past. We feel proud of this present administration and what our Department President and her workers have accomplished. I do not know that anyone can appreciate it better than those around her. She has tried to do her duty. bringing these greetings we say we pledge the heartiest support. I will not take further time. We know your business is pressing you. I will take pleasure in pinning on the Department Commander and Adjutant the badge of the Women's Relief Corps. (Applause.)

Badges were pinned on the Department Commander, Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General.)

Department Commander: I desire to say to you now, Ladies, that on behalf of the Grand Army and its officers, myself, we certainly appreciate your loyalty and your work in the past year. We are in a position to know what it is and we do appreciate it with all our hearts. I in behalf of this body we thank you. (Applause.)

Mrs. Babbitt: Boys of the Grand Army, it gives me pleasure to introduce the director of C. E. Foote. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Mrs. Foote wishes to be excused from making you an hour and a half address, so you will excuse her, if you please.

Department Commander: Comrades, I introduce to you Mrs. Bliss, the wife of our Past Department Commander Bliss, who has answered the last roll call.

Mrs. Bliss: Comrades of the Grand Army, I think you must all know me pretty well by this time for I am asked to come before you every year and I am glad to come and look into your faces and I think you are glad to see me because you know I will not talk to you very long. I will not detain you. I haven't the strength today to say all that is in my heart. I wish you Godspeed and you can always remember that I am trying to do as my husband would have done had he remained your comrade on earth. I believe if he were permitted to see this morning this body of men, it would be a happy time for him. (Applause.)

Mrs. Babbitt: I just want to say that Mrs. Bliss should be made life member of this committee. She has given this solid silver loving cup to you. (Applause.) I take pleasure in introducing our Past Department President, Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. Gray: Comrade Jibb, it has been my pleasure to be detailed to bring to you the sweetness of the Women's Relief Corps. Mrs. Creusere has delegated me to bring you these flowers. We have our vases all filled and I know Mrs. Creusere would have been glad to have sent some over before.

Department Commander: They are beautiful and sweet, but those flowers are not the sweetest part of the Women's Relief Corps. (Applause.) The sweetest part is the ladies. Flowers are beautiful and sweet. We all agree to that. Nothing so beautiful, nothing so sweet, nothing so lovely as the ladies, however. I thank you. (Applause.)

Mrs. Babbitt: Just to tell you of one woman's work in Michigan.

Are there any members of the Eighth Regiment, Michigan Infantry present?

(Eight members arose.)

Mrs. Babbitt: (Continuing.) In Grand Rapids they have a Post named the A. B. Watson Post and I want you to know the loving work that Mrs. Watson, the wife of Major A. B. Watson, of the Eighth Michigan Infantry, is doing for the old soldiers. I wish you might see the love in her eye as she presents the beautiful gifts which she gives to that Post. She has suited one hundred men in that Post at quite an expense. She has given \$2,500. She has presented \$500 worth of flags and I could not tell you of the many other things that she has done for our old soldiers. Some say, "Yes, she is wealthy and can do it." but all wealthy people do not do what they might. She is to be commended for this work. They say that she does it for the Watson Post only. That is not true. She has helped in other places besides giving \$200 for the silver offering this year. (Applause.) I am glad to meet the members of the Eighth. I will now read the report of the Women's Auxiliary:

DETROIT, June 17, 1908.

William Jibb, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir: I have the honor to extend to you and through you to the 30th Annual Department Encampment of the G. A. R., the loyal greetings of your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps in 25th Annual Convention assembled, and to submit to you the following reports of the condition of our order:

Number of corps in Department	220
Number of members	8,584
Cash expended in relief by corps	\$1,739 74
Estimated value of relief other than money	4,786 64
Total	\$6,526 38

Cash expended from Department Relief Fund	\$100 00
Number of soldiers and families assisted	1,698
Cash in General Fund	\$855 02
Cash in Relief fund	83 37

On this, our 25th Anniversary, we also present to you the amount expended since the organization of the Department:

Cash expended 1884-1908	\$47,317 93
Relief other than money	71,262 00
Cash expended from Department fund	1,559 23
Total	119 16

This, Commander, is the record of your Auxiliary's past work lies the promise of the future. It has not been a gain or

f applause, but for the glory of the cause, we are doing what shall **t** be forgotten.

And to you our brave Grand Army
 Who so proudly wore the Blue,
 Who in days of storm and battle
 To the right were ever true,
 We now to God, to you and country
 Our solemn pledge renew.

Loyally yours,

EVELYN CREUSERE,

Department President.

Department Commander: It seems to me that I am not competent to **r**ame words strong enough to thank you for this elegant work which **o**u have done since your organization and I desire again to thank **o**u for the most splendid work which you have done for the old boys **nd** their families.

(The Encampment Badges were pinned on the ladies, after which they retired.)

Comrade Van Raalte: Department Commander and Comrades: After hearing the eulogies and all these grand things that are presented before us today for the Commandership of the Department, I cannot help but feel pleased and feel that you as a body, as men of the Grand Army must feel proud that you have such men in the Grand Army of the Republic and that they are chiefly composed of such men. (Applause.) But Comrades, in choosing a commander there are certain things that should be considered. We need for a Commander a man that closely affiliates with the Grand Army of the Republic. A man that is in deep sympathy with our wants and that knows what we want; and the reason I say this, comrades, is, that a great many of our comrades today are not what they were twenty years ago mentally, physically or financially. A great many of them say they do not care whether they belong to the Grand Army or not and have various excuses that are really too foolish to consider, but if you do not consider them it means the banishing of the Post. Now you want a Commander who understands their wants, that can give them some fatherly talk and will give the time to go and visit them. That question is becoming more and more important to you every year to see to it that you elect that kind of Commander that will do that or else a great many of the Posts will be abandoned. I wish to second the nomination of Comrade Foote. (Applause.)

Comrade Mears, Post 235: Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: There are many men who would love to fill the position. In fact, I have had aspirations myself but when Comrade Foote wrote me that he was in the position that his hair is whiter than mine and that it was becoming thinning I will support Comrade Foote. You will make no mistake. You will have the foot but you will have the hand that will lead to meet you. You will have the head to guide this in the safe and glorious way. It gives

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me pleasure to come four hundred miles to support the nomination of Comrade Foote. Comrade Burton Parker is a grand man but he can wait until later. I support the nomination of Comrade Foote. (Applause.)

Comrade Van Kleeck: I want to support the nomination of Comrade Parker. I knew him as a soldier and I want to say that our people from the north support Burt Parker. (Applause.)

Comrade Kidd: If I am in order, I want to say one word for my old friend, Burton Parker. I want to say that these comrades are both good comrades. One will be elected this year and the other the next, as they ought to be. The question has been raised here about sectionalism. Both these comrades represent not only western Michigan or eastern Michigan, but the State of Michigan. I have a warm place in my heart for the city of Monroe. They didn't raise the question of sectionalism when that city sent George A. Custer out to fight. They didn't raise the question of sectionalism when they sent Tom Custer to help his brother in the war, nor when George Spaulding was sent out to fight for the Michigan Regiment, or did they raise that question when Judge Christiancy was elected term after term to the Supreme Court of this State. It has been remarked here that we must make no mistake. I deny that we can make any mistake in electing either of these comrades.

It was moved and supported that the encampment proceed to ballot. Carried.

Ballot was then taken.

Department Commander: While the tellers are counting the ballots we will listen to reports, if there are any.

Comrade Duffield: The Committee on Resolutions are ready to report.

To the 30th Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this encampment are herewith expressed to the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Michigan, for their munificent donation on their silver anniversary to the funds of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., of the sum of eight hundred sixty-nine (\$869) dollars.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this encampment are herewith expressed to Mrs. Allaseba M. Bliss, for the beautiful sterling silver loving cup presented by her to the Department of Michigan, G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrade Duffield: The following resolution was adopted verbatim from the report of the Post at Lansing, which procured within eight months sixty-four recruits to that Post.

WHEREAS, Every Department Commander has, for a number of years, in General Orders and public addresses urged upon all the Posts to make special efforts to increase their membership and thus increase or at least maintain the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department.

Therefore, Resolved, That to aid and facilitate this very necessary

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work, the accompanying six reasons why all comrades not in the G. A. R. should join it, be, and hereby are adopted by this Department to be printed in the Journal of the encampment and sent to every Post in this Department to be used by them to induce old soldiers to join the Posts.

Every honorably discharged old soldier should join the Grand Army of the Republic for the following good and sufficient reasons:

1. It is his duty to aid his former comrades in the great work in which the Order is engaged. This work is wholly for the good of all old soldiers and their families, socially, morally and pecuniarily, especially in sickness, death and burial.

2. In this way it shows to every one the proud fact that he was a soldier, did his duty honorably and means to stand through life by them who stood by him in the terrible days of struggle, danger and suffering.

3. He should do it for the sake of his own history and memory. These are maintained and kept alive by the Grand Army of the Republic in a way not done by any other person or means. The military record of the service is kept by the Post for the living and the dead. Every year their graves are visited and decorated. If a soldier dies too poor to own a burial place, the Grand Army provides one, and prevents his body being buried in the Potter's field. If poor and sick, they see him provided for and kept out of the poor house.

4. Every old soldier drawing a pension is largely indebted to the Grand Army for its constant efforts and success in having pensions given and increased to the disabled, wounded and aged comrade; especially the recent service and age-limit pension law.

5. The Grand Army of the Republic is such a grand and honorable an organization as to be respected and honored by our entire country and people for its high character, noble spirit, pure patriotism and charity. To be a worthy member of it is a badge of honor. The right to join is a privilege for which many men would give a large sum. To this right the old soldier became entitled only by laying his life, his all on the altar of his country and by many years of hard service, suffering and wounds.

6. Our old comrades should be members of the Grand Army of the Republic as a duty to their children and friends as well as to themselves. A comrade who dies outside of it robs his children and his children's children of an honor and record and satisfaction they will always regret, and on each successive year they will regret it more and more as time passes and adds to the esteemed and historical greatness and fragrance it will continue to attain.

To do its mightiest and best it needs every true and honorable veteran within its ranks and every one of them needs to be there for the reasons here given. No one should stand aloof now any more than he did in 1861-65 to rally around the flag, keep step with his comrades and march along to victory.

Comrade Duffield: The following resolution was submitted by the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, The Legislative Committee originally appointed by this Department to promote the enactment of a soldier's record law, of

Michigan soldiers and sailors of the Civil War of 1861, to 1865, consisting of Comrades Charles E. Foote of Kalamazoo, Frederick Schneider of Lansing, and Alfred Milnes of Coldwater, have this day by memorial reported to this Department, the failure of the Adjutant General's Department of Michigan to fully carry out the provisions of the soldier's record law, being Act 147, Public Acts of 1903, by failing to publish a general index of all individual records, intended for library sets for the convenient reference of the public, and the charging out of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for that purpose, thereby placing the funds where they are unavailable for the purpose intended, to make the edition accessible to the public generally in the School and public libraries; and such other persons who are or may hereafter be entitled thereto, therefore be it

Resolved, By this Department in annual encampment assembled, that we fully endorse and approve of the action of said Committee, and recommend the appointment of a Committee to continue the work and procure a reappropriation for the publication of a general index as originally contemplated by the soldier's record law and the shipment and distribution of the remaining volumes of the soldier's record to the public school libraries of this State.

Comrade Duffield: Just one word about this last resolution. I shall be brief. The legislature appropriated a sum to cover the cost of an index of the record of every soldier in Michigan. Comrade Turner in part prepared for an index to be incorporated when he was called to other duties and it was not completed. Now you all know at once the advantage of an index so that it will be alphabetical. If you want to find John Smith you look in the index, say Company A, Ninth Michigan, or thus and so. As it is now you would have to search through the entire number of volumes—thirty odd volumes—with thousands of names perhaps in a volume to find that person. To many old soldiers and to the widows of many old soldiers that practically cuts them off from the benefit of the publication. This money was once voted for that purpose then it was carried back into the treasury. This is so that this committee or such other as the Commander may see fit to appoint shall continue that work and we shall have an index that will enable the soldiers and their friends to find where they are in the infantry.

Resolved, That the thanks of this encampment are hereby given to the Mayor, Committees, Aldermen and citizens of the city of Detroit for their generous and hospitable entertainment of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic on this occasion, and in this connection especial thanks to Milton Carmichael, Secretary of the General Committee, whose assiduous and devoted attention to the many details of the business have greatly contributed to make the gathering the complete success which it has been.

HENRY M. DUFFIELD,
E. C. CANNON,
A. DUNHAM,
GEO. L. HOLMES,
L. G. WILLCOX,

Committee.

Comrade Duffield: I move the adoption of the resolutions.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the tellers.

Comrade Cook: Total vote cast for Department Commander was 41, of which Wm. Glover Gage receives 2, Comrade Burton Parker 165, and Comrade Charles E. Foote, 274.

Comrade Parker: I move you that the election of Comrade Foote be made unanimous by a rising vote of this encampment.

Department Commander: Comrade Foote having received the unanimous vote of this encampment, I declare him elected your Commander for the ensuing year. We will now proceed to vote for candidates for Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade Janes: Twenty-five years ago you assembled here. You know how well you have been received in the city of Detroit, how well, comrades, the citizens have done to take care of you, and by unanimous vote of all the Posts in the city of Detroit, Wayne county, I am instructed to present for Senior Vice Commander a comrade who served in the Michigan First Cavalry, belonged to the famous Custer Brigade, a brave soldier, one who has worked hard to make this encampment a success, I present to you the name of George L. Holmes, of Post 17. If there are no other candidates, I would move you that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the unanimous vote for Comrade George L. Holmes as Senior Vice Commander of this Department.

Seconded and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the encampment for George L. Holmes for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Department Commander: By unanimous vote of the convention, I declare George L. Holmes elected Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Spaulding: I rise to nominate a candidate from the southwest part of the State, Berrien county. In doing so I speak of Comrade J. J. Drake, a member of Post 21, St. Joseph, who has been an active worker and a charter member of that Post ever since its organization. That Post is a good Post and works for the interest of the Grand Army in the State. I present the name of J. J. Drake, of Post 21, St. Joseph, Mich., for Junior Vice Commander.

Department Commander: Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander?

There being no other nominations it was moved and supported that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for J. J. Drake, Post 21, for Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Carried.

Department Commander: Following instructions, the Assistant Adjutant General has cast the vote of this encampment for J. J. Drake, of Post 21, for Junior Vice Commander. I declare J. J. Drake elected as your Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: The next nomination in order will be for Medical Director. Are there any nominations?

Comrade Payne, Post 2: I take very much pleasure in re-introducing to you a name most familiar. He is always seen at the encampments and is always with us, Comrade W. W. Root.

Comrade Richardson, Post 365: I understand that Comrade Root is not a candidate for re-election and is willing to give way for another candidate and I wish to present the name of John C. Salmon, Post 252. He is from Howard City.

Comrade Ives, Post 441: I am authorized to say if there is any other candidate for the position of Medical Director, Dr. Root is not a candidate and will therefore withdraw his name. He has had it for a number of years.

Department Commander: Comrade Root withdraws his name and is not a candidate.

Comrade Richardson: I move that the vote of this encampment be cast for John C. Salmon, of Post 252, Howard City.

Department Commander: It is moved and supported that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of this encampment for John C. Salmon, for Medical Director, for the ensuing year.

Carried.

Department Commander: John C. Salmon having received the unanimous vote of this encampment, I declare him elected your Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: The next nomination in order will be for Department Chaplain:

Comrade Cook, Post 42: For the sixth or seventh time, I desire to present William Putnam for the office of Department Chaplain. For all the previous years you have listened to his reports and you have endorsed him enthusiastically. We ask you to do it again. He is our man. He is the grand old man of Lansing. He is the grand old man of our Post and I tell you that you can make no mistake if you elect him again as your Chaplain.

It was moved and supported that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant General be directed to cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for William Putnam for Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General then cast the vote of the encampment for William Putnam, Post 42, for Department Chaplain.

Department Commander: I declare William Putnam elected Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: The next in order will be the election of Delegate at Large and an Alternate.

Comrade Seymour, Post 384: Commander, in behalf of the delegation from the First District, in behalf of the comrades of Wayne county, in behalf of our citizens of the city of Detroit, and I believe voicing the sentiment of Detroit Post 384, I beg you, sir, to put in the name of Samuel W. Burroughs, Post 384, for Delegate at Large. Comrade Burroughs is well known in the county of Wayne. He was born in this county. He received his education at the schools in Ypsilanti, going from the Nor-

at the age of fifteen or sixteen years in the army, in the Seventh Army where he served for about five months; released from that position on account of his size and age, re-inlisted and going with Sherman to sea in the Fifteenth Infantry with which very many of our comrades are familiar. Comrade Burroughs stands also very high professionally and is in every way a first-class Grand Army man. He has been invited on several occasions, sir, to give Memorial Day addresses, of which he is most capable of doing, as those who have heard him will testify.

He has had this distinctive honor in Toledo and he is very desirous, are his comrades of Detroit Post, of going to Toledo and showing that he is fully competent to represent the District and Department of Michigan as a delegate in the convention. I move you, sir, that this convention endorse Comrade Burroughs unanimously for this position.

Comrade Van Raalte: I ask that this encampment show due respect to their newly elected Commander and I make a motion that the Commander appoint a committee to escort Comrades Parker and Foote to the rostrum.

Department Commander: I think we will proceed with the election. You are out of order.

Comrade Van Raalte: I ask for the suspension of the rules. I think it is no more than proper to show this respect and honor to our incoming Commander.

Department Commander: We will proceed with the election. Any further nominations for Delegate at Large.

Comrade Duffield: I am going to borrow just one sentence from our eloquent Commander-in-Chief in supporting the motion to elect Comrade Burroughs. He is pretty near as good as the best of us and he is a darned sight better than the rest of us.

Comrade Janes: Mr. Burroughs is a member of my Post, an officer of that Post which I now command, and you will make no mistake in electing Comrade Burroughs as Delegate at Large.

Comrade Anthony: I move you that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade Samuel W. Burroughs, Post 384.

Supported and carried.

Agreeable to instruction I cast the ballot of this encampment for Comrade Samuel W. Burroughs for Delegate at Large.

Department Commander: I declare Samuel W. Burroughs duly elected Delegate at Large for this Encampment.

Comrade Howe, Post 98: I understand that Edgar G. Spaulding of our city, who has spent many years of his early life in prison in the south is a candidate for Alternate at Large from this encampment. I make a motion, if there are no other nominations, that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot for Edgar G. Spaulding of Post 98.

Supported and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot as instructed.

Comrade Cook: Comrades, It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Assistant Adjutant General has cast the vote of this encampment for Edgar G. Spaulding, who served in prison with me, as Alternate at Large. I want to say that Ed Spaulding is the best fellow on earth.

Department Commander: I declare Edgar G. Spaulding duly elected Alternate at Large.

Department Commander: The Assistant Adjutant General will read the roll of districts for District Delegates. The Adjutant has the names of comrades chosen in your district convention. If there is any mistake some comrade from that district will so state. Listen to the names of the Comrades for District Delegates.

Assistant Adjutant General: One or two of the Districts have not been handed in the report of the caucus that was held. When I come to that number I wish you would step up and hand in the report:

- District No. 1, O. D. Kingsley, Post 17, Detroit.
- District No. 2, Hope Welch, Post 45, Adrian.
- District No. 3, I. W. Taylor, Post 32, Battle Creek.
- District No. 4, James Martin, Post 35, South Haven.
- District No. 5, W. D. Frost, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
- District No. 6, David S. Howard, Post 147, Pontiac.
- District No. 7, Henry S. White, Post 202, Romeo.
- District No. 8, G. T. Converse, Post 38, Saginaw.
- District No. 9, R. C. Norris, Post 461, Cadillac.
- District No. 10, George W. Butterfield, Post 419, Bay City.
- District No. 11, M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.
- District No. 12, Court Moore, Post 300, Marquette.

Comrade Duffield: I move you, sir, that the District Delegates as reported by the districts be affirmed by the encampment.

Supported and carried.

Department Commander: I declare them duly elected.

Department Commander: The Assistant Adjutant General will now read the names of Alternates from the same Districts.

Assistant Adjutant General:

- District No. 1, James Reid, Post 17, Detroit.
- District No. 2, A. T. Hecock, Post 10, Dundee.
- District No. 3, E. E. Lewis, Post 109, Coldwater.
- District No. 4, Albert S. Roe, Post 21, St. Joseph.
- District No. 5, P. H. McBride, Post 262, Holland.
- District No. 6, Oscar Johnson, Post 145, Flint.
- District No. 7, George W. Howe, Post 98, Port Huron.
- District No. 8, Victor B. Rottiers, Post 190, Birch Run.
- District No. 9, Alexander Eckerman, Post 7, Muskegon.
- District No. 10, Griff Lewis, Post 67, Bay City.
- District No. 11, F. Ludington, Post 164, Morley.
- District No. 12, Archibald Scott, Post 176, Hancock.

Comrade Duffield: I move that the list of Alternates as read by the Assistant Adjutant General be approved and confirmed as the Alternates from this encampment.

Supported and carried.

The following additional Delegates were elected:



yman P. Judson, Post 372, Benzonia.
 Robert Finch, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
 V. H. Beasley, Post 101, Ithaca.
 William M. Horton, Post 114, Fowlerville.
 William A. Bolter, Post 42, Lansing.
 A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville.
 E. A. Willitts, Post 145, Flint.
 James W. Grenfield, Post 89, Flushing.

The following additional Alternates were elected:

Eli Strong, Post 79, Bay City.
 D. J. Willson, Post 48, Jackson.
 James Miller, Post 433, Detroit.
 Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.
 D. C. Cooper, Post 205, Owosso.
 J. G. Berry, Post 263, Vanderbilt.
 William Thompson, Post 98, Port Huron.

Assistant Adjutant General: Before we proceed to the election of the Council of Administration, I feel that it is necessary to give you some little information. The Council of Administration has the handling of the Department during the year in the absence of this encampment. They also have the oversight of the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General. If you put men on this Council of Administration who are not well posted as to the dealings and work of the Grand Army and also as business men familiar with accounts, you are embarrassing the work of the Department. Now put your best men on this Council of Administration, men who are capable in every way. We have had good, capable men all along but when we put in new men every time there is a certain amount of embarrassment and extra work falling upon the Assistant Quartermaster General and myself and it ought not to be so. You may think it is an honorary office. It is a working office and one of the hardest in the Department.

Comrade Schneider: I want to nominate a comrade to fill that bill exactly as described by the Assistant Adjutant General, one who has all the qualifications. I want to nominate W. W. Cook, Post 42.

Comrade Spears, Post 10, of Dundee, was nominated by Comrade Van Raalte.

Comrade W. J. Clute, Post 166, Marshall, was placed in nomination.

Comrade M. D. Richardson, Post 365, and Comrade Geo. Raab, Post 145, were nominated by Comrade Mallery.

It was moved and supported that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the encampment for the above named gentlemen to compose the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

Carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: According to instructions I cast the vote of this Department for W. W. Cook, Post 42; W. J. Clute, Post 166; D. C. Cooper, Post 10; M. D. Richardson, Post 365; George Raab, Post 145; and the Council of Administration.

Comrade Duffield: I offer the following motion, comrades, that a fund of \$869.00 presented to this Department by the Department of Michigan, Woman's Relief Corps, be disposed of under the direction of the Council of Administration for the purposes expressed in the gift of its generous donors. That is, briefly, that it be applied to help of weak Posts who are about to disband, and to maintain the membership of the Department. So far as in the judgment of the Council of Administration it is practical and desirable.

I move the adoption of the resolution. The Council of Administration has the power under this resolution, if you adopt it, to do whatever they think best with that money. On the other hand, if the Council of Administration does find a case where the Post through disaster or fire or anything of that kind needs to be helped, then they can, if they please, and only if they please, they can put it there.

Supported and carried.

Comrades Van Raalte and Kanitz were appointed a Committee to escort the Commander-elect to the rostrum.

Department Commander: You have made no provision for meeting next year at any place. If anybody has a proposition, let him fire away.

Comrade Duffield: I move that it be left to the Council of Administration.

Comrade White, Post 79: I have a communication which I desire to read. It will tell its own story.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., June 12, 1908.

Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, In Encampment Assembled:

Gentlemen: It having come to our knowledge that the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, will at the present assembly, select a meeting place for the next Encampment; we, The Commercial Club of Kalamazoo, representing the largest interests of our city, most heartily invite your most honorable body, to consider the advantages of holding such meeting in our city in 1909.

We pledge ourselves to cooperate with your representatives in every way possible and aid them in making your visit pleasant, profitable and economical.

Our hotel accommodations equal those of many much larger cities and you will find them both ample and of good quality.

A Convention Hall, with seating capacity of 3,000 will be completed this season.

We have first-class transportation facilities furnished by five steam railroads and a first class electric system.

We have a city of 40,000 people situated in one of the most beautiful valleys and on one of the most beautiful rivers in our State.

Lastly, our whole population are ready to do honor to your members individually and collectively.

We believe, should you accept this invitation, your meeting will be one of the most delightful you will ever hold. Thanking you for any consideration you may give us we are,

Most respectfully yours,

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

J. D. CLEMENT, Secretary.

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MICHIGAN.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

June 13, 1908.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, In Encampment Assembled, Detroit, Michigan:

Gentlemen: On behalf of the citizens of the city of Kalamazoo, I wish to extend to you an invitation to hold your next encampment in the city of Kalamazoo.

We shall be delighted to entertain you, and all of our citizens join with me in extending to you a hearty invitation to hold this encampment here.

We trust that our fair city will so be favored, and I remain,

Yours very truly,

FRANK N. MILHAM,

Mayor.

Comrade Duffield: I move that the invitation to hold the next encampment of the Grand Army at Kalamazoo be accepted.

Supported and carried.

Comrade Van Raalte: Your Committee wishes to report, having been appointed to escort your Department Commander-elect and Comrade Parker to the stage, we wish to present to you our present Commander-elect Foote and Comrade Parker.

Department Commander: Comrade Foote, I have not language to express my feeling on this occasion. You know how I love you. You know that I know that your administration will be out of sight when you get through.

Comrade Foote: Commander Jibb, I appreciate the kind words that you have said but I fear I cannot fill the bill. Comrades of the Department of Michigan, this is no time for a speech from me. I can only say that from the bottom of my heart, from the top of my head to the soles of my feet, every effort that can be made during the coming year to advance the interests of the Grand Army of the Department of Michigan, will be made by me. (Applause.) I fear, though, that I shall fall far short of your present Commander, William Jibb, in my efforts. But I have had the interests of the Grand Army at heart since April 10, 1873, and as I grow in years,—not older—but as I grow in years, the interest increases every year and I hope that it will keep on increasing until the sun of my existence shall set. I again thank you, comrades, and shall leave the future to tell my story. That is all I have to say. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Comrades, I want to introduce to you my dear old friend, Burt Parker. I want to say that you will hear from him next year.

Comrade Burton Parker: Commander and Comrades, I congratulate the Department upon the election of Comrade Foote. He is not an old man as my friend Comrade Lawrence would have made him; he is

a boy the same as myself. I know that every pulsation of his kind-loving heart beats with the old soldier and the Grand Army of the Republic and I want you to join me in pledging ourselves to aid him in every effort, in every way in order to make his administration a brilliant and glorious success. (Applause.) I want you to join me in pledging ourselves to impress on the rising generation that the price of liberty is bought by precious blood and precious treasure; that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. (Applause.)

Comrade Kanitz: I move that we now proceed to the installation of officers-elect.

C. V. R. Pond being the Senior Post Department Commander present was called on and proceeded to install the officers-elect.

C. E. Foote, Department Commander, appointed Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General and James E. White Assistant Q. M. General and they were duly installed into their respective offices.

The Department Commander announced a meeting of the Council of Administration at the Hotel Normandie at 2 p. m.

The Chaplain invoked the divine blessing and the Department Commander declared the Thirtieth encampment closed.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
IMPERIAL HOTEL, BAY CITY, June 12th, 1907.

Pursuant to the call of the Department Commander William Jibb, the Council of Administration met at 3 p. m.

Meeting was called to order by the Department Commander, the following members being present.

William Jibb, Department Commander; Edward B. Nucent, Senior Vice Department Commander; Henry Spaulding, Junior Vice Department Commander; William Putnam, Department Chaplain; W. W. Root, Medical Director; George R. Cochrane, Assistant Quartermaster General; Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General; M. D. Richardson, George Raab, S. H. Mallery, J. J. Drake and E. T. Carrington, members Council of Administration.

On motion of Medical Director Root, the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General were fixed at \$2,500 and the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General at \$1,000, the premium on said bonds to be paid by the Department.

Motion prevailed.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that Headquarters had been secured at the United States Hotel in Saratoga, four sleeping rooms and a parlor with board for eight people for fifty dollars per day.

Comrade _____ moving moved that those occupying rooms at headquar-

rs. whose expense is not provided for by the Department be charged the rate of three dollars per day.

Motion was carried.

Comrade Carrington moved that the Department employ a Drum Corps for the encampment at Saratoga, and that Department Commander William Jibb and Assistant Quartermaster General George R. ochrane be a committee to secure the Drum Corps.

Carried.

Comrade Raab moved that \$50 dollars be appropriated to secure the usual bronze badge for the Forty-first National Encampment to be held at Saratoga.

Motion carried.

Comrade Mallery moved that the Assistant Adjutant General procure two thousand ribbon badges with the word "Michigan" printed hereon for distribution to those attending the National Encampment.

Carried.

Moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to advance the per capita tax, for such Posts as in his judgment it will be best to do so, in order that they may not be reported as delinquents.

Motion prevailed.

The Department Commander appointed the following comrades as members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration:

E. T. Carrington, Post 278, Bay City.

M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.

S. H. Mallery, Post 382, Lake Odessa.

The Department Commander also announced the appointment of Comrade James Van Kleeck, of Post 67, to be Judge Advocate.

Comrade Van Kleeck was duly installed as Judge Advocate by the Department Commander.

There being no further business the Council adjourned to meet at call of the Department Commander.

Approved,

WILLIAM JIBB,

Department Commander.

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FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adjt. General, G. A. R.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE C. OF A.

DETROIT, MICH., June 16, 1908.

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee met in Parlor B, Hotel Normandie, at 10:30 a. m.

Present:

William Jibb, Department Commander.
 George R. Cochrane, Assistant Quartermaster General.
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.
 M. D. Richardson, }
 Steve Mallery, } Executive Committee.
 George Raab, }

The committee proceeded to examine and audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and find the same to be correct.

That the amount received by him during the year was \$2,740.70, all of which had been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General and for which he has his receipts.

The accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General, together with vouchers were examined and compared and found to be correct, showing total receipts from all sources for the year to be \$5,534.15. Disbursements, \$2,727.45, leaving balance in hands of the Assistant Quartermaster General, \$2,806.70, and represented in the following funds: In General fund, \$1,806.70; in Alger fund, \$1,000.00.

It was moved that the railroad fare of the members of the Executive Committee in attending this meeting be paid.

Adopted.

On motion committee adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HOTEL NORMANDIE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

June 16, 1908.

Agreeable to the call of the Department Commander the Council of Administration met at 2:30 p. m.

William Jibb, Department Commander, called the meeting to order.

Present:

William Jibb, Department Commander.
 Henry Spaulding, Junior Department Commander.
 James Van Kleeck

George R. Cochrane, Assistant Quartermaster General.
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.
 M. D. Richardson, }
 George Raab, } Committee of Administration.
 Steve Mallery, }
 J. J. Drake, }

The Assistant Adjutant General reported that a stenographer had been engaged to take the minutes of the proceedings of the encampment and transcribe the same for fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Comrade Drake moved that \$50.00 be allowed and paid to the stenographer when his work was completed.

Carried.

The list of Department property was submitted with estimated value of same.

Moved that ten per cent be deducted from the amount as given. Which motion prevailed.

(For itemized statement of property see Exhibit "A.")

The Assistant Adjutant General presented statement of supplies on hand amounting to \$ (See itemized statement Exhibit "B").

The Executive Committee wishing more time to complete their report the Council of Administration adjourned until 8 a. m., June 17.

DETROIT, JUNE 17th, 8 a. m.

Agreeable to adjournment the Council of Administration met promptly on time.

The Executive Committee reported that they had examined the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General and find the same to be correct, and make the following statement of the finances of the Department:

Balance on hand June 12, 1907, General fund, \$1,645.73; in Alger fund, \$1,000; received from all sources during the year, \$2,888.42, making total \$5,534.15 received by the Assistant Quartermaster General.

Total disbursements for the year amounted to \$2,727.45, leaving balance on hand to date of \$2,806.70, represented as follows: In General fund, \$1,806.70; in the Alger fund, \$1,000.

This shows an increase in the General fund of \$160.97.

Report of the Executive Committee was on motion accepted and adopted.

Council of Administration then adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held in the city of Detroit, June 17th and 18th, opened on the morning of the 17th very auspiciously, fine weather and a very large attendance.

Through the untiring energy of Milton Carmichael, Secretary of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, every detail was carefully looked after and all wants supplied. The Citizens Committee very generously furnishing the beautiful bronze encampment badge, with the medallion bearing the profile of our beloved Comrade and late Commander-in-Chief General Russell A. Alger.

Headquarters were provided for the Grand Army at the Hotel Normandie, where every comfort was provided.

RECEPTION TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND STAFF.

On Tuesday evening the 16th, in the spacious parlors of the Hotel Cadillac, the Department President of the W. R. C. and her associate officers tendered a reception to Department Commander, William Jibb, and his staff. For nearly two hours the endless procession of enthusiastic members of the G. A. R., the W. R. C. and patriotic citizens of Detroit, passed along the line. It was indeed a most successful greeting to all interested and too much praise cannot be given to the Ladies of the W. R. C. who so successfully arranged and carried out the reception.

The annual parade which took place on the afternoon of Wednesday the 17th, was a most notable affair. The Grand Army being escorted by a regiment of the National Guard together with a company of cavalry and the Naval Reserves. The Department of Michigan was headed by a Drum Corps of over thirty members every one of which was a veteran of the civil war.

The line of march was thronged with an enthusiastic and cheering populace.

The Banner Post of the Department, Detroit Post 384, under command of Col. O. A. Janes, acted as escort for the Department and their fine marching and military bearing provoked continued applause.

THE CAMPFIRE.

This was the crowning event of the encampment. Between four and five thousand people, composed of the members of the Grand Army, the W. R. C. and the Ladies of the G. A. R., and citizens filled the spacious auditorium of the Light Guard Armory to overflowing, and for over three hours listened to the patriotic utterances of Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Burton, also from Mrs. Kate E. Jones, National President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Creusere, Department President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Earle, Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and Department Commander Henry M. Duffield, Department

Commander William Jibb, Governor Fred M. Warner, Mayor Thompson, Ex-Mayor Maybury and others. The singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. Delia Caldwell was most enthusiastically received and applauded as was also the singing of "The Sword of Bunker Hill" by Homer Warren.

SILVER JUBILEE OFFERING.

The presentation of this most generous offering by the Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of that grand organization. The presentation was made by the Department President, Mrs. Evelyn Creusere in the following well chosen words:

"Commander-in-Chief, Mr. Chairman, Department Commander, Comrades, Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, kindred organizations and friends:

"I know of no greater pleasure than to stand before you this evening as the representative of the Department of Michigan, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Auxiliary to that grand organization where membership cannot be bought and where the man that wears the little bronze button knows that he has earned the right to wear it.

We are celebrating at this time our Twenty-fifth Annual Convention, our Silver Anniversary, and we are justly proud of the record we have made.

Since the organization of our Department we have expended for relief of the needy veterans of Michigan the sum of \$120,139.16, and in this record of the past lies our promise for the future.

We appreciate the honor of being the Auxiliary to the Grand Army, we appreciate its loyalty to us and its recognition of us as its Auxiliary. Staunch and true has it been to us, loyal and faithful have we been to them, and so Commander, I bring to you tonight a testimonial of our appreciation and affection.

I bring to you a Silver Offering generously donated by the Loyal Corps of Michigan, and I present to you and through you to the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, this offering of \$869.24, and we ask that it be used for the building up and maintaining of the Grand Army of the Republic in Michigan.

Comrades do not allow yourselves to be suspended or dropped from the ranks of the Grand Army. You need the Grand Army and it needs you; stand shoulder to shoulder together now as you did in "61 to 65," and if through misfortune or illness you are unable to meet your indebtedness to your Posts, call on your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps; they will gladly come to your assistance, for as long as there is a Grand Army Post, as long as there is a comrade of the Grand Army, there will be a Woman's Relief Corps to render loving care to you and your dependent ones, and when the last of you shall have been called home, the Woman's Relief Corps shall still live and teach to all a due reverence for your memory.

Fear not, Comrades, that you shall be forgotten, for so long as love of country shall warm the human heart, we shall teach to all to bow in reverence in that place where they shall read the inscription, "Here

lies a soldier of the Civil War." And could we ever look at that grand old Flag and not remember you?

"That grand old flag, the nation's boast,
The flag of many stripes and stars,
Well may we love since dearly bought,
With Hero's lives, their wounds and scars."

God bless you, Comrades; all honor to you and to the memory of the heroes who are sleeping, who have made it possible for us to say: One country, one language and one flag.

The Silver offering was presented in a beautiful solid silver loving cup. This magnificent cup being presented by Mrs. Allaseba M. Bliss, in memory of her late husband Gov. A. T. Bliss.

The cup bears the inscription: "Presented to the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Michigan by Allaseba M. Bliss, in memory of her husband, Col. A. T. Bliss."

On the reverse side it reads: "A silver offering presented to the G. A. R., by its Auxiliary, the W. R. C. in commemoration of its Silver Anniversary, June 17, 1908.

The munificent gift was received in behalf of the G. A. R. by Department Commander William Jibb, in eloquent and well chosen words.

This, one of the most enthusiastic and successful campfires, was presided over by Past Department Commander Col. O. A. James, who was most happy in his remarks and in the introduction of the several speakers.

The exercises closed by the vast audience singing "America."

GENERAL ORDERS.

SERIES 1907-1908.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, JUNE 14, 1907.

General Orders No. 1, Series 1907-08.

1. Having been elected Department Commander at the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, held at Bay City, June 11-12, I hereby assume command. I have accepted the responsibilities of this high office, with the full purpose of giving to the Grand Army of the Republic the best efforts at my command, for the upbuilding of our loved order. I thank you, my comrades, for the honor conferred and I most earnestly desire the hearty co-operation of every comrade of the Department to make the year a most successful one.

2. Fayette Wyckoff, of Lansing, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Geo. R. Cochrane, Adrian, Assistant Quartermaster General.

3. Headquarters of the Department are established at the Capitol, Lansing, where all official communications should be sent.

Personal communications intended for the Commander should be addressed to Adrian, Mich.

The further action of the Encampment will be given in General Orders No. 2.

WM. JIBB,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, JUNE 24, 1907.

General Orders No. 2, Series 1907-08.

1. At the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Bay City, June 11 and 12, the following Department Officers and Representatives were elected:

Department Commander, William Jibb, Post 45, Adrian.
Senior Vice Department Commander, Edward B. Nugent, Post 67, Bay City.
Junior Vice Department Commander, Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.

Department Chaplain, William Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.
 Medical Director, W. W. Root, Post 441, Mason.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.
 George Raab, Post 145, Flint.
 S. H. Mallery, Post 382, Lake Odessa.
 J. J. Drake, Post 21, St. Joseph.
 E. T. Carrington, Post 278, Bay City.

The following staff appointments are hereby announced:

Inspector, W. W. Cook, Post 42, Lansing.
 Judge Advocate, James Van Kleeck, Post 67, Bay City.
 Chief Mustering Officer, John R. Bennett, Post 7, Muskegon.
 Patriotic Instructor, Fred J. Buck, Post 45, Adrian.
 Chief of Staff, Isaac Grant, Post 451, Reed City.
 Senior Aide-de-Camp, W. W. Whitney, Post 2, Quincy.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

O. A. Janes, Post 384, Detroit.
 C. E. Foote, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
 Wm. G. Gage, Post 38, Saginaw.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

S. J. Lawrence, Post 318, Northville.
 L. H. Ives, Post 441, Mason.
 John Northwood, Post 438, New Lathrop.

DELEGATES TO FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

John Devlin (at large) Post 433, Detroit.
 David S. Kimball, Post 17, Detroit.
 E. K. Starkweather, Post 318, Northville.
 T. J. Snow, Post 40, Charlotte.
 Bishop E. Andrews, Post 72, Three Rivers.
 P. H. McBride, Post 262, Holland.
 Allen S. Shattuck, Post 42, Lansing.
 O. S. Church, Post 144, Lapeer.
 W. J. Marks, Post 214, Millington.
 Geo. W. Wheeler, Post 461, Cadillac.
 John G. Berry, Post 163, Vanderbilt.
 Geo. H. Gilbert, Post 451, Reed City.
 T. E. Beanston, Post 300, Marquette.
 David C. Oakes, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
 David C. Spears, Post 10, Dundee.
 J. M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing.
 Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson.
 Wm. Smith, Post 233, Wales.
 S. J. Lawrence, Post 318, Northville.

A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville.
H. W. Simms, Post 67, Bay City.
Geo. W. Doty, Post 252, Howard City.
W. S. Bradley, Post 35, South Haven.

ALTERNATES.

Geo. W. Howe (at large) Post 98, Port Huron.
Geo. L. Holmes, Post 17, Detroit.
J. K. Perriman, Post 110, Hudson.
L. D. Rodman, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.
John Hoffmaster, Post 80, Hopkins.
S. H. Mallery, Post 382, Lake Odessa.
William Horton, Post 145, Flint.
J. F. Cotton, Post 216, Mt. Pleasant.
F. C. Crowell, Post 38, Saginaw, W. S.
Elijah Bowerman, Post 461, Selma.
L. G. Wilcox, Post 419, Bay City.
William Bartholomew, Post 365, Lake City.
Curtis Moore, Post 300, Marquette.
O. Palmer, Post 240, Grayling.
L. H. Ives, Post 441, Mason.
Henry Maurer, Post 233, Lamb.
W. W. Morgan, Post 38, Saginaw.
H. F. Yarick, Post 358, Cadmus.
H. C. Walker, Post 157, Cassopolis.
A. J. Scott, Post 174, Houghton.
W. E. Clark, Post 286, Fife Lake.
John C. Rowden, Post 407, Auburn.
John Conard, Post 270, Ecorse.

If the names and postoffice address is not correct please notify the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

The following named Comrades are appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander :

Thomas S. McGraw, Post 384.
Frank R. Chase, Post 126.
Jno. W. McCrath, Post 5.
Geo. W. Hurd, Post 10.
Byron Stansfield, Post 12.
Albert Hows, Post 14.
Carl Engle, Post 17.
L. B. Wolcott, Post 6.
Luther Fry, Post 25.
John D. Hanna, Post 33.
David Lamley, Post 43.
Dan. J. Willson, Post 48.
A. H. Beech, Post 110.
Henry Stevens, Post 140.
Edward C. Marsh, Post 145.
C. H. Gorsuch, Post 146.

Richard Bailey, Post 360.
Ren Barker, Post 451.

Post Commanders are requested to send in the name of an active Comrade for appointment on the Staff of the Department Commander at once.

Semi-annual reports for first term are now due. Post Commanders will see that these reports and the per capita tax are forwarded to Department headquarters at once. Comrades, let there be no delay in this important duty.

All requisitions for supplies *must* be accompanied with draft or money orders payable to Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjt. General. Comrades ordering supplies will govern themselves accordingly.

Preparations for the 41st National Encampment at Saratoga Springs is being vigorously pushed and full information will be sent to the Posts as soon as received.

The Department Commander desires that as many Posts and Battalions go in a body as possible.

Fred J. Buck, Adrian, having been appointed Department Patriotic Instructor, all communications relative to Patriotic work should be addressed to him.

The Department Chaplain reports a large number of Posts have not sent in their Memorial Day reports. Post Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that these and all reports are promptly forwarded. Only a few more days and the Department Chaplain must forward his report to National Department.

Comrades are requested to notify headquarters of the dates of all Reunions, Campfires and other Patriotic gatherings, especially those held under the auspices of the Grand Army.

Your Department Commander desires that an energetic campaign be at once organized in every Post to bring in the Comrades who for some reason are not now a member of our Noble Order.

Persuade them to come in; this is a duty you owe them. It is also the duty of every veteran of the great Civil War to enroll himself with his comrades and assist in maintaining that fraternity and comradeship that should know no end.

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, August 9, 1907.

General Orders No. 3.

1. For the guidance of those attending the 41st National Encampment to be held at Saratoga Springs during the week beginning Monday, September 9th.
2. Headquarters of the Department of Michigan, will be established at the United States Hotel, in Cottage No. 14, on Monday morning, September 9, and continue until the close of the encampment.
3. All comrades from Michigan and all who served in Michigan regiments are expected to call and register as soon as possible after arriving in the city. Registration will be by the card system.
4. There will be a meeting of the Delegates and members of the encampment from this Department at headquarters in the United States Hotel at 3 p. m., Tuesday, Sept. 10th, to select a member for the committee on resolutions, also a member for the National Council of Administration, and to transact such other business as may properly come before them in connection with the encampment. Delegate badges will be distributed at this meeting.
5. All delegates elected from this Department will at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General, if they expect to attend the encampment; this is necessary in order that alternates may be notified where delegates are unable to attend, thus securing a full representation from this Department.
6. The annual parade will take place on Wednesday, September 11th, at 2 p. m. Full particulars of formation and line of march will be found in General Orders No. 10 from National Headquarters.
7. The attention of delegates and members of the encampment is called to the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations, as published in General Orders No. 10 from National Headquarters. They should be carefully read and considered, so that all may act intelligently on the questions submitted.

FREE QUARTERS.

Free quarters will be provided for those who may desire them, and who make application for the same fifteen days prior to the encampment, but this is only to apply to those who come in uniform and who will appear in the parade. Application for Free Quarters must be made to Frank M. Sterrett, Executive Director, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Parties desiring to secure accommodations in advance of their arrival should write to Frank M. Sterrett, as above, stating the kind of accommodations desired, and the price you wish to pay. This will need prompt attention by all desiring to secure quarters.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TRAIN.

As announced in Special Orders No. 1, this train for the accommodation of all living in the northern and western part of the State will

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leave Grand Rapids on the Pere Marquette R. R. at 5:30 p. m., Saturday, Sept. 7th, and will leave Detroit over the Wabash R. R. at 10:50 p. m., running through solid without change of cars.

INSPECTION.

There will be a general inspection of the Posts of this Department. To make this inspection of benefit to the Posts, where practical, a County Inspector will be appointed who will inspect the Posts in his county. Commanders of Posts will receive notice from and arrange with the Assistant Inspector for the inspection of their several Posts. It is expected that, as far as possible, the Posts will bear the expenses of the Assistant Inspector in visiting their Posts. It is hoped that by this method much good may be accomplished and increased interest manifested. This inspection is under the immediate charge of Department Inspector W. W. Cook, Box 299, Lansing, to whom all communications relative to inspection should be addressed.

Orders detailing the following comrades as Assistant Inspectors for the counties named will soon be issued:

Allegan, Joseph W. Ely.
 Bay, E. B. Nugent.
 Calhoun, Edward Cunningham.
 Cass, G. I. Nash.
 Delta, A. H. Rolph.
 Grand Traverse, M. D. Morgan.
 Ingham, A. S. Shattuck.
 Jackson, H. F. Hatch.
 Livingston, Geo. Barnes.
 Marquette, P. C. Beanston.
 Monroe, L. B. Smith.
 Otsego, John G. Berry.
 Ottawa, A. J. Ward.
 Saginaw, J. W. Budd.
 St. Clair, E. V. W. Brokaw.
 Van Buren, John G. Todd.

Further announcements will be made in future orders.

AIDES-DE-CAMP

On the staff of the Department Commander are expected to enter earnestly on the work of promoting the interests of this Department by recruiting the membership of their Posts. Here is a field for activity that will bring great results. It is surprising what the work of an earnest Grand Army comrade may accomplish in bringing in new recruits and the reinstatement of those who have dropped out. The position of Aide is not one of idle honor, but involves work for the interest of the Posts and comrades. Many Posts have not sent in recommendations for appointment as Aide-de-Camp. Post Commanders will see that some efficient comrade is named at once. The following named have been recommended, and are hereby appointed as Aide-de-Camps on the

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staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

James Wood, Post 1.
 William Wimar, Post 2.
 Thomas Gaynor, Post 8.
 Morris Long, Post 12.
 Harland R. Strong, Post 17.
 O. F. Richmond Post 22.
 W. H. Harwood, Post 40.
 George Durfee, Post 45.
 Fred Wellington, Post 90.
 S. H. Thomas, Post 89.
 Daniel W. Larzell, Post 86.
 J. O. Probasco, Post 100.
 Harvey T. Weaver, Post 121.
 John Bronson, Post 125.
 William T. Renner, Post 131.
 Geo. J. Keyser, Post 140.
 Silas Bullard, Post 181.
 H. R. Janes, Post 197.
 Ransom Russell, Post 198.
 S. P. Vanderhoff, Post 198.
 J. A. Case, Post 214.
 John A. Harris, Post 250.
 A. D. Jackson, Post 274.
 William Edwins, Post 283.
 A. E. Terwilliger, Post 358.
 Robt. A. Babcock, Post 370.
 Nicholas Matzen, Post 412.

Aides are requested to secure their rank badges and wear them on all proper occasions.

A year of active work is before us; let every comrade do his part.

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 CAPITOL, LANSING, Oct. 2, 1907.

General Orders No. 4.

The 41st National Encampment, held at Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 9-14, like its forty predecessors, was of great interest and enthusiastic from its beginning to the close. For the first time since the encampment at St. Louis, twenty years ago, the annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic took place amidst a downpour of rain. Notwithstanding this the comrades of this Department stood by their colors, exhibiting that indomitable spirit which possessed them in the exacting days of

the great war; every comrade marched through to the end, passing the reviewing stand with flags and banners drenched and clinging to the staffs the uniforms of the comrades wet and bedraggled, but every man in line. The Department Commander desires most earnestly to express his heartfelt thanks and admiration for the comrades of the great Department of Michigan. None did better—none could do better. Every comrade was loyal to his Department, and it was this loyalty that enabled the Department of Michigan to so nobly do its part. He has nothing but praise for every one; where all did so well, there is no opportunity for special mention of any one comrade.

We would be remiss in our duty did we not bear testimony for the noble women of our Department W. R. C.; by their presence and cheerfulness they were ever ready in word and deed to give encouragement to the "Boys in Blue." This was manifested by their willingness to endure the discomforts of the driving rain to encourage the Comrades on the march. We can but express our appreciation of their devotion and enthusiasm. God bless these noble women.

The special train bearing the Department of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C., with numerous comrades and friends, left Detroit on schedule time; the trip to Saratoga was most enjoyable, and we arrived at our destination without a mishap to mar its pleasure.

The encampment was opened informally on Tuesday evening, June 10th. The large Convention Hall was crowded to overflowing with from eight to ten thousand people who listened with rapture to the words of welcome from Gov. Hughes, the eloquent response by Commander-in-Chief Brown, and earnest words that came from others.

It was a love feast without alloy, and was most fittingly closed by the National President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Carrie R. Sparklin, who, with earnest words of appreciation and love for the comrades, presented to the National Department of the Grand Army of the Republic a jubilee gift from the Woman's Relief Corps of six thousand dollars. This magnificent gift was received by the comrades with rousing cheers. Surely no other organization, the world over, can boast of such a faithful and helpful auxiliary.

The hospitality of the citizens of Saratoga was unbounded; the latch string of every home was out, and despite the fears of many, the fifty-five thousand visitors were all comfortably housed and fed, and there was room for more.

The National Encampment proper, for the forty-first time in its history, assembled in Convention Hall, Thursday morning, September 12th. Its sessions were of the most harmonious character, and many measures of importance to our Order were considered and adopted. These will be promulgated in due time in general orders from the National Department.

Comrade Chas. R. Burton, of Kansas City, Mo., was chosen Commander-in-Chief. Toledo, Ohio, was selected as the place for holding the next National encampment. Comrades, this is so near our own State border, that the Department of Michigan will in a measure be responsible for its success. Let every Post in this Department commence, at this early day, to arrange for attending the Toledo Encampment.

You are also reminded that the Department Encampment will be

ld in the city of Detroit, in June next (date not yet fixed). The **Business Men's** Association have already commenced to plan for our reception; let us not be behind in our planning to meet in Detroit. Make the next Department encampment a record breaker. Would it not be a good plan for as many of the regimental associations as possible to arrange for holding their reunion at this encampment? In appreciation of the opportunities offered by these encampments every Post and Comrade is urged to renewed activity in recruiting our ranks.

The Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander have been appointed for their activity in the ranks of the G. A. R. It is expected that these comrades will second the desire of the Department Commander and look after the delinquent members and those who should be members of our order; build up the Posts and by so doing the Department will be benefited. The following additional names have been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander; they will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

G. A. Whitbeck, Post 3, Whitehall.
 John Lane, Post 21, St. Joseph.
 Edson Pickell, Post 37, Stanton.
 Silas Church, Post 62, Cedar Springs.
 Clark B. Lowell, Post 88, Union City.
 C. Fleming, Post 108, Grand Ledge.
 Fred Waldron, Post 261, Wayne.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

Comrades named below have been detailed in special orders as County Inspectors. Commanders of each Post should arrange with the county Inspector for inspection:

Benzie, C. C. Forney.
 Berrien, S. B. Kimball.
 Branch, Edwin E. Lewis.
 Cheboygan, Geo. V. Brill.
 Chippewa, James A. Troutt.
 Crawford, Delevan Smith.
 Dickinson, Samuel Bassett.
 Eaton, L. S. Snell.
 Emmet, Alex. Worden.
 Genesee, T. A. Willett.
 Gogebic, Curtis Buck.
 Ionia, Frank R. Chase.
 Lenawee, Clark W. Decker.
 Mason, R. P. Bishop.
 Mecosta, A. B. Knapp.
 Missaukee, Wm. E. Clark.
 Muskegon, John C. Deane.
 Newaygo, S. G. Allen.
 Oakland, Wm. H. Morgans.
 Oceana, J. A. Collier.
 Osceola, E. C. Cannon.

Sanilac, Oliver Yake.
 St. Joseph, A. A. Wilber.
 Tuscola, N. M. Richardson.
 Wayne, D. S. Kimball.
 Wexford, Geo. W. Wheeler.

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF, WILLIAM JIBB,
Assistant Adjutant General. *Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
 CAPITOL, LANSING, NOV. 21, 1907.

General Orders No. 5, Series 1907-08.

1. As required by Rules and Regulations the annual election of Post officers, delegates and alternates to next Department encampment will take place at the first stated meeting in December. The ratio of representatives in the encampment is as follows: One representative and one alternate for every fifty members or major fraction of that number; every Post, however, is entitled to one representative and one alternate. As Post Commanders are, by virtue of their office, members of the Encampment, as also all Past Post Commanders, they should not be elected as representatives. Post election returns and one copy of credentials should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the election.

2. Installation of officers will take place at the first meeting in January, unless a special meeting is arranged for. In the absence of a special detail to represent the Department Commander, the Senior Past Post Commander present is hereby detailed to act as Mustering Officer. Special detail of Mustering Officer will be made upon written request of the proper officers of the Post.

3. Post Commanders are reminded that in addition to other appointive officers, they will also appoint a Post Patriotic Instructor to be installed with the other officers of the Post. Earnest workers should be appointed to this office, as success in this work depends upon their efficiency.

4. Mustering Officers, before proceeding with the installation, will ascertain if all reports and per capita tax have been forwarded to Department headquarters.

5. Blanks, Forms A and B, for report of Post Adjutant and Quartermaster, also blanks for report of Post Patriotic Instructor and Post Surgeon, Post election returns, and Credentials for Delegates to the Department encampment, accompany these orders and are all sent to the Post Adjutant. Post Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that the reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster are promptly forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December.

PER CAPITA TAX.

6. By action of the Twenty-Ninth Department Encampment, held at Bay City, June 11 and 12, the per capita tax was fixed at twenty-five cents per year—twelve and one-half cents for each term. Post Quartermasters will see that the proper amount accompanies the reports. Special care should be taken to avoid mistakes and much time and annoyance thereby avoided.

7. Reports of Post Patriotic instructions shall be sent to Col. Fred J. Buck, Department Patriotic Instructor, Adrian, Mich., and the Post Surgeon's report to Dr. W. W. Root, Medical Director, Mason, Mich. Post officers, before making out reports should read them over carefully and follow printed instructions on each. Many errors will thus be avoided and the work of the Department facilitated.

8. Attention is called to the fact that many Posts send in for supplies without remitting for the same and without the requisition being made upon the proper blanks. Requisition blanks will be furnished free upon application. The money must accompany all orders for supplies. Rules and Regulations require that all recruits when mustered in be furnished with the membership badge. The button cannot be substituted for the badge.

9. Effort has been made to bring about a systematic inspection by appointing Assistant County Inspectors where practical; where no county inspector has been appointed the several Posts have been requested to send in the name of a suitable comrade for detail as Assistant Inspector for their Posts, and this should be done at once. The name of such comrade must be sent to W. W. Cook, Department Inspector, Box 299, Lansing, Mich. Post Commanders will see that proper arrangements are made for the inspection of the Post. Assistant Inspectors will communicate at once with the Commanders of Posts to which they are assigned and arrange dates for their inspection.

10. The Department Commander calls the attention of all to the opportunities for earnest work on all lines. In the election of Post officers see that only live working members are elected. It is also the duty of comrades after electing the officers, to attend the Post meetings and assist the officers in every way to build up our organization. During the year there will be two events of great interest. First, the Department encampment to be held in the city of Detroit. The city will make every arrangement to make your visit enjoyable. Second, the National encampment, to be held at Toledo, is so near our own doors that every one should arrange to be present. Keep these important events in mind and commence early to make arrangements for the same.

11. The Department Commander is very much in favor of joint public installations by Posts and Woman's Relief Corps, and recommends that where possible such installation be held; that the public be invited, and the event made pleasing and enjoyable to Comrades, Corps, and friends.

12. New Jersey Soldiers, Attention! The legislature of New Jersey has provided for presenting a suitable medal to the surviving officers and men who served in New Jersey organizations during the war of the rebellion. Application should be made to the Adjutant General,

Trenton, New Jersey. The medals will be ready for distribution January 15, 1908.

13. The Department Commander is desirous of visiting as many Posts as possible during his administration. Posts desiring his presence should make arrangements as to date as early as possible. When he is unable to attend arrangements will be made, if possible, for some other Department officer to visit them. Arrange for a social season during the winter and spring.

14. How many recruits will your Post report this term? Are you advancing along this line?

By Command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF, WILLIAM JIBB,
Assistant Adjutant General. *Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 CAPITOL, LANSING, March 23, 1908.

General Orders No. 6.

1. General Orders Nos. 3 and 4 from National Department accompany these orders.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

2. By direction of the Council of Administration, the dates for holding the Thirtieth Department Encampment to be held in Detroit, June 16 and 17, 1908, have been selected.

Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Hotel Normandie, on Congress Street, near Woodward Ave. This hotel is centrally located and less than a block from the Light Guard Armory where the encampment will be held.

Rules and Regulations provide that all Posts in arrears for reports or per capita tax shall be excluded from representation in the encampment. Posts in arrears will see to it that their reports and per capita tax are made and fully paid to the Assistant Adjutant General not later than May 1st.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

3. The Forty-second National Encampment will be held in the city of Toledo the week beginning with the 31st of August and ending September 5th, 1908. Michigan should be in strong evidence at this encampment. Arrangements are now being made to care for the Army of veterans, who are expected to be present. Col. Frank M. Sterrett, No. 109-110 Madison Court, Toledo, Ohio, is Executive Director for the citizens committee, and will gladly furnish any desired information relative to the encampment.

Fuller details of both National and Department encampments will be published later.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Attention is specially called to amendment of Rules and Regulations made at the Forty-first National Encampment, Section 3, Article 5, Chapter 2, was amended to read as follows:

Eight (8) members qualified to transact business shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of Posts having fifty (50) and more members in good standing; but Posts of less than fifty (50) and more than twenty-five (25) members; five (5) shall constitute a quorum; and in Posts having less than twenty-five (25) members; three (3) shall constitute quorum.

JOURNALS OF FORTY-FIRST ENCAMPMENT.

The Journals of the Forty-first National Encampment held at Minneapolis, Corporal James Tanner, Commander-in-Chief, were received too late for distribution at the Bay City encampment. Comrades and Posts desiring a copy can have the same sent to them by remitting fifteen cents to the Assistant Adjutant General to pay postage. Every Post should have a copy of this most interesting journal, it will stimulate those who read it to renewed interest in our great order. Send for a copy.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

The following additional named comrades have been appointed as aids on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

W. H. Jackson, Post 137.
Ira Carley, Post 266.
Warner Churchill, Post 250.
John W. VanDeeman, Post 372.
J. Q. A. Sessions, Post 137.
J. O. Bellaire, Post 5.

By Command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF, WILLIAM JIBB,
Assistant Adjutant General. *Department Commander.*

INFORMATION WANTED.

The address of George W. Irving, of Co. E., 1st Michigan Cavalry; by Henry N. Copp, 707 8th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Any information as to living, or dead, of Lewis Christie, Co. B., First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics; by E. A. Perkins, Saginaw, Mich.

The address of all members of "Berdan Sharp Shooters" by W. G. Alexander, Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Reunions, 1971 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 20, 1908.

General Orders No. 7.

In accordance with the firmly established rules of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in compliance with General Orders No. 5 from National Headquarters, Saturday, May 30th, will be observed by all the Posts of this Department as "Memorial Day," a day set apart by the people of a renewed and perpetuated Union, in remembrance of those who, in life offered all in defense of our national integrity and honor. The spirit and customs of our order impose upon all comrades the duty of participating in the public recognition of the day. Surely the comrades of this Department do not need a second word to decide their noble duty and dearly bought privilege of paying this tribute of respect and love to our departed comrades. As it is sadly true that so many have gone from the Battlefield of Life, it is grandly true that they have been promoted to the Life Immortal.

Each year the numbers to assemble and perform this sacred duty is rapidly decreasing; but each recurring Memorial Day brings new determination to perpetuate the day and the fraternal ties which unite us in one great comradeship.

Let no grave be unvisited, no comrade forgotten.

So far as possible let all the usual avocations be suspended. Let the day in no manner be diverted from its true purpose; let it be jealously guarded from all appearance of merry-making and frivolous or undignified behavior, that it may teach the youth of the land to the fullest extent the grand lessons of patriotism.

In accord with our usual custom, each Post will arrange to attend divine services on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. Our auxiliary organizations, the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans, with all other patriotic organizations should be invited to unite with us in paying tribute to our honored dead. Let all the people be assembled for special Memorial services where speech and song shall unite to teach and emphasize the duty and reward of patriotism.

Where practical, it is earnestly desired that the children of the public schools be invited to join in the services of the day.

The attention of Posts throughout the Department is called to the great work of visiting the public schools in their respective locality during the days just preceding Memorial Day. The visit of one or more comrades is an object lesson that instills into the minds of the younger generations lessons of sacrifice and patriotism that are beneficial and lasting. Patriotic instructors and Department Aides-de-Camp will cooperate with the Post Commanders in making arrangements and assignments for services in the public schools.

By resolution of the National Encampment, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be read at Memorial services.

Reports of Post Chaplains will be forwarded to the Department Commander, immediately after the exercises of day, blanks for which will be forwarded.

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

By Command of

WILLIAM JIBB,

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, May 14, 1908.

General Orders No. 8.

1. The date for holding the Thirtieth Annual Department Encampment, as announced in General Orders No. 6, current series, has been changed to one day later. The encampment will be in Detroit, Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 and 18th, in place of the 16th and 17th, as before announced. This change has been made to accommodate Commander-in-Chief C. G. Burton, who will be present on the evening of the 17th.

2. Headquarters at Lansing will close Saturday, June 13th, and will reopen in the Hotel Normandie, Detroit, Mich., Tuesday, June 16th, at 10 a. m.

3. The Executive Committee of the Council of Administration will meet at the Hotel Normandie at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, June 16th, to audit the books of the Assistant Quartermaster General and the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters' room Tuesday, June 16th, at 3 p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. Members of the Council will please take due notice.

4. The Ladies of the W. R. C. will hold a reception for National President Mrs. Kate E. Jones, and Department Commander William Jibb, and Staff, at the Hotel Cadillac, Tuesday evening, June 16th, from 8 to 10. All members of the G. A. R. and friends are invited to attend this reception.

5. The following comrades are hereby appointed as members of the Credential Committee:

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

Charles G. Hampton, Post 384, Detroit.

H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw.

Dan. J. Willson, Post 48, Jackson.

6. The Credential Committee will meet at the Hotel Normandie on Tuesday, June 16th, at 2:30 p. m., and will be in continuous session as near as may be until 10 p. m. On Wednesday, June 17th, they will meet at 7:30 a. m. and continue in session as long as may be necessary.

Delegates are requested to appear in person and receive their badges.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17.

7. The encampment will open in the Light Infantry Armory on Congress street at 9:30 a. m. sharp. It is hoped every delegate will be in his place.

8. The annual parade will take place at 2 p. m., on Wednesday the 17th, the police of the city forming the escort, one hundred and fifty strong. It is expected that the local Posts and those in the near vicinity will take part as Post organizations. The line of march will be short. Gen. W. S. Green is chairman of the Parade Committee.

The citizens of Detroit are putting forth every effort to make our visit enjoyable. Let every comrade show his appreciation by participating in the parade.

9. The afternoon session of the encampment will be called immediately after the close of the parade.

CAMPFIRE.

10. The Campfire will be held in the Light Guard Armory (Auditorium), Wednesday, at 8 p. m. The local committee is preparing an entertaining program of speeches and music. Commander-in-Chief C. G. Burton and Mrs. Kate E. Jones, National President of the W. R. C., will speak.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18.

11. Encampment will assemble at 8:30 a. m. sharp.

12. At 2 p. m. on the 18th, the city will give the visiting delegates an excursion on Detroit river.

13. Comrade E. E. Thayer, of Post 17, is hereby detailed as Officer of the Day for the encampment. He will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions.

The Commander of Post 433 is requested to detail a comrade to act as Officer of the Guard.

The Commanders of the following Posts will detail suitable comrades to act as guards during the encampment:

Post 17—2 guards.

Post 162—1 guard.

Post 363—1 guard.

Post 433—2 guards.

This detail will report for duty at the Light Infantry Armory at 8:30 a. m., June 17th, uniformed and equipped.

14. Hotel accommodations will be ample and at prices that will meet the needs of every comrade. For information as to accommodations write to Dr. Guy L. Kiefer, Detroit, chairman of Hotel Committee.

RAILROAD RATES.

15. The railroads of the lower peninsula have granted an excursion rate of one and two-thirds fare for round trip. Tickets on sale going June 16th and 17th, limited to the 19th. The D. & C. Navigation Co. have authorized a special trip rate for the en-

encampment from St. Ignace, Mackinac Island, Cheboygan, Alpena, Oscoda, Marquette, Soudan, Marquette, Harbor Beach and Port Huron. Tickets good coming June 12th, returning June 19th.

16. Posts having resolutions to present to the encampment will make duplicate copies and forward one copy to the Assistant Adjutant General so that he may receive it not later than June 12th.

17. Copies of the Journal of the Forty-first National Encampment, held at Saratoga, can be had by sending to Col. J. Henry Holcomb, custodian G. A. R., Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., and enclosing twelve cents to pay postage on same.

REPORTS FOR FIRST TERM.

18. Blank forms A and B, for Adjutant and Quartermaster's reports, for the term ending June 30, 1908, also blank reports of Post Chaplains (Memorial Day) reports, will be sent to Post Adjutant in due time. Post Commanders are charged to see that these reports from their respective Posts are made out and forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting of the Post in June. A prompt compliance with this request will greatly facilitate the work at Department headquarters.

19. Post and comrades desiring further or particular information relative to the encampment will receive information by writing to Milton Carmichael, General Secretary, 412-413 Hammond Building, Detroit, Mich.

20. Post Chaplains will, without fail, forward their reports to Rev. William Putnam, Lansing, Mich. (addressed envelope sent), immediately after Memorial Day.

FLAG DAY.

The comrades of this Department are requested to observe Flag Day by a most generous display of our National emblem over their places of business and residences. As June 14th falls upon Sunday, and while your Commander feels there is no desecration of the Sabbath in the display of Old Glory, yet in deference to General Orders from the National Department it is requested that Saturday, June 13th, be observed as Flag Day.

It is with regret that the Department Commander announces the death of Past Junior Vice Department Commander Edward S. Jameson, who died at his home in Marine City, April 14, 1908, after a long illness.

Tried and true as a citizen. A loyal comrade and friend. As long as his health would permit he was a constant attendant at our encampments. He will be greatly missed at the gatherings of the Department.

By Command of

<p>FAYETTE WYCKOFF, <small>Adjutant General.</small></p>	<p>WILLIAM JIBB, <small>Department Commander.</small></p>
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NOTICE.

The First and Second regiments of the U. S. S. S., well known as "Berdans Sharpshooters," will hold a reunion in Toledo, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1908, during the National encampment. Meetings will be held at Trinity Parish, where comrades will make headquarters during the week. For further information address Capt. Jas. H. Baker, Lansing, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, July 24, 1907.

Special Orders No. 1.

1. Circular Letter No. 2, from National Department accompany these Orders; as Michigan is within the limits of the Central Passenger Association, only the announcements made under that heading on pages 3, 4, and 5 will apply to this Department.

2. For the 41st National encampment to be held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 9-14th, 1907, the official route as selected by the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., will be from Detroit via Wabash R. R. to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, from Buffalo on West Shore to Albany, and Delaware and Hudson to Saratoga Springs.

SPECIAL HEADQUARTERS TRAIN.

3. A special train will leave Grand Rapids on the P. M. R. R., Union Depot at 5:20 p. m., Saturday, Sept. 7th. This gives those along the line of the P. M. and G. R. & I. roads ample time to reach the train from the north portion of the State. Leave Detroit at 10:50 p. m. via Wabash R. R., arrive at Niagara Falls 6 a. m., where a stop of two hours will be made for breakfast and a view of the Falls. Leave the Falls at 8 a. m., arrive at Buffalo 8:50; leave Buffalo, via West Shore R. R., 9 a. m.; arrive at Syracuse 12:30 m. (thirty minutes for dinner); leave Syracuse 1 p. m., arrive at Albany 4:10, Saratoga 5:30 p. m., Sept. 8th. This gives a daylight ride through western New York and the beautiful Mohawk Valley.

This train will be under special charge of Mr. R. S. Greenwood, Michigan Passenger Agent Wabash R. R., Chicago, and Mr. E. A. Cousino, Traveling Passenger Agent West Shore R. R., who will accompany it to Saratoga, looking after our interests. Train will be provided with standard and tourist sleepers, fine day coaches and chair cars, running through solid without change.

RATES.

The following rates from principal points in Michigan to Saratoga and return, for tickets reading same route going and returning, have been made. Proportionate rates from other points in the State:

Ann Arbor	\$18 16	Holland	\$16 39
Bay City	15 14	Howard City	16 42
Benoni Harbor	14 61	Howell	14 30
Charlevoix	13 36	Ionia	15 36
Chemung Rapids	16 06	Jackson	14 11
Eastport	15 06	Kalamazoo	15 11
Eastport Harbor	14 14	Lansing	14 30
Eastport Harbor	15 80	Ludington	16 40
Eastport Harbor	16 71	Lake Odessa	15 28
Eastport Harbor	16 46	Marshall	14 75
Eastport Harbor	18 70	Muskegon	16 46
Eastport Harbor	14 87	Mt. Pleasant	15 69
Eastport Harbor	18 54	Owosso	14 00
Eastport Harbor	13 25	Newaygo	16 46
Eastport Harbor	13 31	Reed City	16 40
Eastport Harbor	16 46	Petoskey	18 70
Eastport Harbor	16 06	Pentwater	17 82
Eastport Harbor	16 39	Port Huron	12 00
Eastport Harbor	14 66	Saginaw	14 08
Eastport Harbor	15 85	St. Joseph	16 17
Eastport Harbor	16 45	St. Louis	15 14
Eastport Harbor	15 43	Traverse City	18 35
Eastport Harbor	17 71	White Cloud	16 46
Eastport Harbor	14 03		

PERIOD OF SALE.

Tickets to be sold going only on September 6, 7 and 8.

SLEEPING CAR RATES.

Cost of double berth in standard sleeper (which will accommodate two) from Detroit to Saratoga \$3.50. Berths in tourists sleeper \$1.75. Reservations can be made through Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., G. A. R., Lansing, or A. F. Wolfslager, P. and T. Agent Wabash R. R., No. 9, West Fort St., Detroit, Mich. Secure your reservations early; remember, "the first come the first served."

VARIABLE ROUTES.

Tickets can be purchased via variable routes, that is, going by one route and returning by another; including route via New York City, Boston and Norfolk. Those going to New York have choice of steamer on the Hudson river in one direction. Rates for tickets by variable routes can be obtained from your local ticket agent; date of sale and other conditions same as for tickets going and returning via same route.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Those desiring to extend their trip to Jamestown Exposition can purchase tickets via variable routes as explained above or may buy regular Jamestown tickets with privilege of stopping at Albany, and return via Washington, Pittsburg or Columbus.

RETURN LIMIT.

Return passage to commence not earlier than September 9th nor later than September 17th, 1907, unless extension of return limit is obtained. Tickets must be validated on same day you start to return and must be presented by the original purchaser.

By deposit of ticket by the original purchaser with the special agent at Saratoga Springs, not later than September 17th, and upon payment of \$1 for each ticket at the time of deposit, an extension of return limit may be secured to leave returning not later than October 6th, 1907. Name of special agent and location with other details will be announced later.

STOP-OVER PRIVILEGES.

At Niagara Falls, on the return journey, where ticket has been extended by special agent, will be allowed within the extended return limit, Oct. 6th, but not to exceed ten days. Stop-over at New York City will be allowed on tickets reading via New York, provided tickets have been validated by special agent at Saratoga Springs. In all cases where stop-over where allowed, the ticket must be deposited by the original purchaser in person with the station ticket agent of the rail line over which ticket reads, on arrival in the city, and may be returned to passenger not earlier than one hour before departure of train or steamer on which return trip will be made; return limit from N. Y. not later than October 6th, 1907.

SIDE TRIPS.

Holders of tickets issued for G. A. R. encampment, may purchase side trip tickets at Saratoga Springs as follows:

Side trip from Saratoga Springs to New York and return to Albany, \$5.00.

Side trip to Boston from Saratoga Springs and return to Albany or Troy \$5. Special rates to many points of local interest about Lakes George and Champlain, and also to Norfolk, and return. Persons availing themselves of these side trips will take their tickets with them to these points for deposit, tickets being first extended at Saratoga. Tickets good returning on regular service from New York or Boston direct to Buffalo and Detroit without change of cars. Tickets sold for this occasion will not be honored on Limited Trains run via such connecting lines as exclude excursion tickets from those trains.

Tickets to New York will be valid between Albany and New York in either direction on steamships of the Peoples' line (night line) or Hudson River, day line, except that where the passengers use the boat from New York to Albany they should present their rail tickets to the ticket agent at the steamer dock in New York City.

The Department Commander most earnestly invites all Department Officers, Aides, Delegates and Alternates, with comrades and their friends who contemplate going to the encampment to avail themselves of this opportunity, and the low rate offered, to accompany the Department on this special train. Let us all go together; let it be "Michigan, My Michigan," all the way. No changes until you arrive at destination. The Departments of the W. R. C. and the Ladies of the G. A. R. will accompany the Department on this special train. All our friends are most cordially invited to join with us; this is an exceptional opportunity for many to visit the old home and friends in "York State." Why not take advantage of it? We will make you welcome.

In purchasing tickets be sure and ask for ticket on headquarters train via Wabash, West Shore and Delaware and Hudson R. R.; should your ticket agent not be supplied with tickets over this route, purchase ticket and get exchange order on office in Detroit, and exchange same on arrival at Detroit.

The usual amount of baggage will be checked through, but each piece should be marked "G. A. R. Headquarters Special."

Tickets will be accepted on steamers plying on Lake Erie, for return passage, Buffalo to Detroit.

By Command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

WILLIAM JIBB,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 20, 1908.

Special Order No. 2.

The attention of the Department Commander having been called to a circular letter sent out to the Posts of this Department by Huntley Russell, State Senator from the 17th district, in which is situated the Soldiers' Home. In this letter Mr. Russell unjustly attacks the management of the Home. Such statements tending to destroy discipline and create dissatisfaction among the inmates of the Home. To those acquainted with the management of the Home, this attack by Mr. Russell is unwarranted. The Department Commander heartily seconds the request of the Board of Managers in the resolutions adopted by them, and requests that no action by the Posts be taken, but that the matter be left for the action of the Department encampment to be held in Detroit, June 17 and 18, where all the facts can be presented and the matter freely discussed by the representatives of all the Posts. This will be in harmony with the resolutions passed by the 29th encampment at Bay City, when the same matter was being agitated in the State Legislature. The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, Certain unfavorable comment has been made against the Soldiers' Home, and its management, by certain members of the legislature and whereas all the managers of that institution are comrades

who have the best interests of the old soldiers at heart, who know their wants and needs.

AND WHEREAS, We are informed that certain legislation is contemplated by the legislature which in our judgment would disrupt and embarrass the present very able management of the Home, destroy discipline and upset the present rules:

AND WHEREAS, The present very able committee on Soldiers' Home have examined said Home in all its details and have made to this encampment a very flattering report as to its conduct and management.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That we believe that no legislation or change in the working of the Soldiers' Home should be taken without first consulting this Department through the Department Officers. We therefore advise that no legislation be made which will in the least disturb the present excellent management of the Soldiers' Home. We have the utmost confidence in its present management.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Board of Management is composed of veterans of the Civil War, of long experience in the management and affairs of the Home and who would exert every means in their power to see that all the inmates have equal and full justice.

The welfare of our Soldiers' Home is our first duty, and above all personal ambitions and feelings.

By Command of
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF, WILLIAM JIBB,
Assistant Adjutant General. *Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 ADRIAN, MICH., Sept. 25, 1907.

Circular Letter No 1.

Post Patriotic Instructor:

Comrade: It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I take up the work of Department Patriotic Instructor, although it was with some hesitation that I accepted the appointment. Not because of an unwillingness to serve my country, but lest the method pursued under the direction of one mind might not become too monotonous and less beneficial than if fresher thought should bring forth broader views and better energy to meet the requirements necessary for greater results.

The work that has been assigned to you as Post Patriotic Instructor is one of the most important and promising for good connected with our work as veterans. It will be of great benefit to the cause of which we are so justly proud, if you will take up this work with deep interest and energy, that grand results might be attained. It is the purpose to devote most of the time to encourage and promote a regular system of teaching patriotism among the youth, that love of country and reverence for the Flag shall have been so deeply impressed upon their young minds when they approach manhood they will become loyal citizens. We should inculcate in the minds and hearts of the young of

our land such patriotism and such right thinking and right acting as will bring results creditable to themselves and add to their country's glory.

See that the Flag floats over every school house in your district. What is more inspiring to the youth of our land than the Flag you helped to save? Keep it floating before the advancing youth who are to care for its honor and preserve its integrity. There is no more inspiring picture than a room full of children receiving from the hands of those who have earned the right to consider an almost personal ownership, our beautiful Flag, with its history and the stirring incidents of its life.

Department Commander William Jibb, desires that the Department of Michigan maintains a forward movement in swelling the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic. This is true patriotism. Kindly go to the veterans who are out of the Order and say to them they must no longer ignore the duty they owe to their comrades living and the memory of the comrades dead. No Union soldier or sailor of honorable record has a right to longer refuse to put on the little bronze button. I care not what may be his station in life, he owes to the comrades of the old line the devotion we so well know in this Order. Comrades, do valiant work in bringing into your Grand Order the Soldiers and Sailors who are not members residing within your district. It can be accomplished by a little effort on your part. Will you do your best?

Yours in F. C. and L.,-

FRED J. BUCK,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

45 Broad Street, Adrian, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,
ADRIAN, MICH., January 6, 1908.

Circular Letter No. 2.

Comrades: Believing it to be my duty, and esteeming it a privilege as well, as Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, to labor for and zealously guard the interests of the comrades who, during the dark days of '61 to '65, when traitors were attempting the destruction of our beloved country, placed their service and their lives upon their country's altar, I address you this circular letter.

Having learned from the records of Congress now in session, that our loyal comrade, General I. P. Sherwood, representing the 9th Ohio district, and a resident of Toledo, has introduced a bill which provides for a more complete system of pensions than we have at present, I take this method of informing you as to its provisions, and bespeak for the measure your earnest thought and united action. This bill provides that every soldier who served at least eighteen months, and was honor-

ably discharged, or who was confined in a rebel prison, having been captured in battle or while in the line of duty, shall receive a pension of one dollar per day.

In my judgment this is the only bill ever introduced in Congress which proposes to do anything like justice to the Boys who endured the hardship, did the hard fighting and struck the blows that killed treason. Comrade Sherwood asks the support of the members of the Grand Army in his efforts to have this bill enacted into a law.

While it is not within the province of your Department Commander to issue an order directing that you give to this measure your support. I most earnestly request and urge that every Post in this Department take action thereon at its first meeting after receiving this circular letter; and, by petition or resolution, urge upon our Senators in Congress, and the member of Congress from the district in which the Post is located, not only to vote for, but to use all legitimate means to aid in securing the passage of this bill; using the strongest terms at your command, in order that they may be impressed not only with the justice of the measure, but with the need of urgency.

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

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