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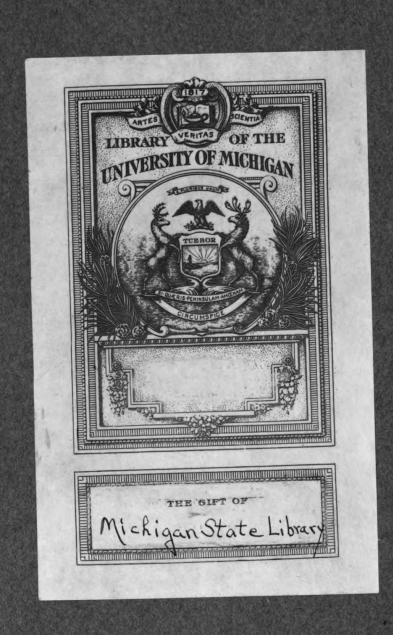


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WITH ADDRESS OF

JAMES R. STEPHENSON, Department Commander

AND REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

A spirit of true comtadeship was beautifully exemplified by the citizens of Benton Harbor.

Verily "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

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Headquarters Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic. Lansing, June, 1927

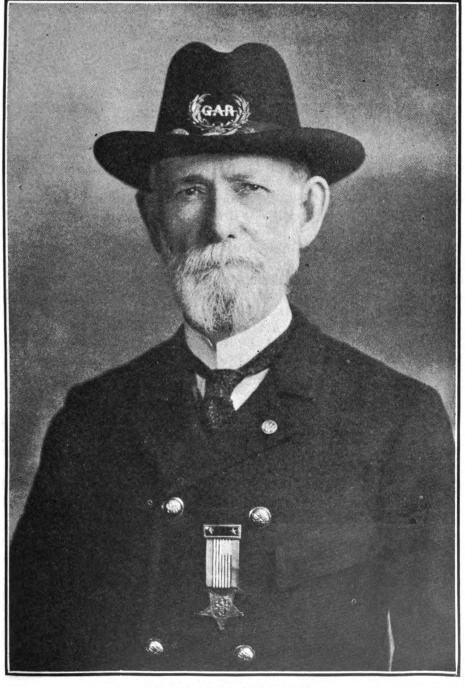
Hon. Fred W. Green, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir: I have the honor, in compliance with the 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 9, 10, 11, 1926 to June 8, 9, 10, 1927 as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

> Respectfully yours in F. C. and L., JAMES R. STEPHENSON, Department Commander.



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JAMES R. STEPHENSON Department Commander

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, 1926-1927

COMMANDER—James R. Stephenson, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids. SENIOR VICE COMMANDER—Willis W. Crocker, Post No. 48, Jackson.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER—George S. Farrar, Post No. 28, Bad Axe.

CHAPLAIN—Charles W. Gardner, Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids.
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL—
H. A. Chapin, Post No. 31, Paw Paw.

JUDGE ADVOCATE—Oscar A. Janes, Post No. 384, Detroit.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR—M. D. Richardson, Post No. 42, Lansing.

CHIEF OF STAFF—Isaac Grant, Post No. 451, Reed City.

SENIOR AIDE—Walter L. Funk, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER—Wm. Killefer, Post No. 31, Paw Paw. INSPECTOR—F. L. Manning, Post No. 48, Jackson.

SERGEANT NATIONAL COLORS—Fred Shipp, Post No. 42, Lansing. SERGEANT DEPARTMENT COLORS—James A. Sutton, Post No. 48, Jackson.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—Wm. Barrett, Post No. 278, Bay City; Albert Dunham, Post No. 48, Jackson; A. C. Estabrook, Post No. 56, Allegan; Charles A. Bartlett, Post No. 17, Detroit; Fred Gill, Post No. 38, Saginaw.



PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

| Russell A. Alger, deceased |
|---|
| Russell A. Algel, deceased |
| Wm. A. Throop, deceased |
| Wm. Humphrey, deceased |
| C. V. R. Pond, deceasedLansing, 1878-9 |
| A. T. McReynolds, deceased |
| Byron R. Pierce, deceased |
| *Oscar A. JanesDetroit, 1883 |
| Rush J. Shank, deceasedLansing, 1884 |
| Charles D. Long, deceasedFlint, 1885 |
| John Northwood, deceased |
| L. G. Rutherford, deceased |
| Washington Gardner |
| Michael Brown, deceasedBig Rapids, 1889 |
| Henry M. Duffield, deceased |
| Charles I Esta deceased |
| Charles L. Eaton, deceased |
| Henry S. Dean, Deceased |
| James H. Kidd, deceased |
| *Louis Kanitz |
| S. B. Daboll, deceasedSt. Johns, 1895-6 |
| Wm. Shakespeare, deceased |
| Aaron T. Bliss, deceasedSaginaw, 1897-8 |
| Alex L. Patrick, deceased |
| Russell R. Pealer, deceased |
| Ethel M. Allen, deceasedPortland, 1900-1 |
| James VanKleek, deceasedBay City, 1901-2 |
| Edward C. Anthony, deceased |
| D. B. K. Vanraalte, deceased |
| Geo. H. Hopkins, deceased |
| E. C. Cannon, deceasedEvart, 1905-6 |
| Joseph B. Griswold, deceasedGrand Rapids, 1906-7 |
| William Jibb, deceased |
| Charles Foote, deceased, died in office |
| Geo. L. Holmes, deceased, to fill vacancy Detroit, 1909 |
| James M. Greenfield, deceasedFlushing, 1909-10 |
| Samuel J. Lawrence, deceased |
| Geo. W. Stone, deceasedLansing, 1911-12 |
| John T. Spillane |
| *Frank R. ChaseSmyrna, 1913-14 |
| Riley L. Jones, deceased |
| Henry Rankin, deceased, died in office |
| Eli Strong, to fill vacancy, deceased |
| *Lucius H. Ives |
| William O. Lee, deceased |
| David S. Howard, deceasedPontiac, 1918-19 |
| Edwin F. Lamb, deceased |
| *Henry SpauldingLansing, 1920-21 |
| J. J. Holmes, deceased |
| William Mears, deceased |
| Lyman A. L. Gilbert |
| Marvin C. Barney, deceased |
| John SeelBenton Harbor, 1925-26 |
| James R. Stephenson |
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PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

| H. M. Bigelow, deceased | Montague, 1878-9 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| No record for 1880 or 1881 | |
| G. R. Wright, deceased | |
| M. A. Merrifield, deceased | Union City, 1884 |
| George L. Fisher | Fowlerville, 1885 |
| S. A. Hosmer | |
| W. W. Cook, deceased | Lansing, 1887 |
| True Hart, deceased | Midland, 1888 |
| William H. Russell | |
| E. L. Negus, deceased | Chelsea, 1890 |
| C. L. Brundage, deceased | |
| James A. Crozier, deceased | |
| L. M. Ward, Deceased | |
| Herman C. Frieseke, deceased | |
| Norm G. Cooper, deceased | Sturgis, 1895 |
| Lucian W. Lyon, deceased | |
| L. W. Sprague, deceased | |
| Moses F. Carleton, deceased | |
| J. C. Bontecou, deceased | Petoskev 1900 |
| Theo C. Putnam | Grand Rapids 1901 |
| Marvin C. Barney, deceased | |
| L. D. Vankleek, deceased | Pontiac 1903 |
| S. A. Aldrich, deceased | |
| John J. Cornwell, deceased | |
| M. D. Morgan | Traverse City 1906 |
| Riley L. Jones, deceased | |
| Edwin B. Nugent, deceased | Ray City 1009 |
| J. J. Drake, deceased | St Togenh 1909 |
| Henry P. Shutt, deceased | |
| A. J. Ward, deceased | Uolland 1011 |
| H. C. Rankin, deceased | |
| John A. Wardell | Tonging 1019 |
| Frank L. Manning | Tookson 1014 |
| Eli Strong, deceased | |
| Thomas Davey | Detroit 1015 |
| M. M. Andrews, deceased | |
| H. W. Stevens | Tooumneh 1017 |
| J. J. Holmes, deceased | |
| George H. Keating, deceased | Don City 1010 |
| *M. D. Richardson | Tonging 1000 |
| E. A. Jennings, deceased | Lansing, 1920 |
| Samuel D. Bailey | |
| | |
| John A. Miller | . Grand Rapids, 1923-4 |
| *Edwin R. Havens* *George W. Howe | Don't Human 1007 0 |
| Willis W. Crocker | FUFL MUTON, 1925-b |
| WITHS W. Crocker | Jackson, 1926-27 |



PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

| S. B. Kitchell, deceased | |
|---|----------|
| W. A. PalmerGrand Rapids, 18 | 79 |
| Dallas Johnson Montague, 18 | |
| *Oscar A. Janes | |
| J. N. Keller, deceased | 83 |
| M. H. Humphrey, deceased | 84 |
| H. F. Higgins, deceased | 85 |
| Thomas H. Williams, deceasedJackson, 18 | |
| George W. Stone, deceased | |
| William Jibb, deceased | 00 |
| Wm. H. Marston, deceased | 9 U |
| | |
| Thomas M. Wiley, deceased | |
| E. C. Anthony, deceased | |
| James M. Greenfield, deceasedFlushing, 18 | |
| Oscar Palmer, deceased | |
| Ren Barker, deceased | |
| D. C. Spears, deceased | |
| S. H. Mallory, deceased Lake Odessa, 19 | |
| Samuel J. Lawrence, deceased | 01 |
| *M. D. RichardsonLake City, 19 | |
| Dan. J. Wilson | |
| S. M. Kent, deceased | |
| *Henry Spaulding | 08 |
| George W. Wheeler, deceasedBoon, 19 | 09 |
| *Albert DunhamJackson, 19 | 10 |
| George I. Nash, deceased | 11 |
| J. J. Holmes, deceased | |
| Charles A. Coolidge, deceased | 13 |
| Marvin C. Barney, deceasedFlint, 19 | 14 |
| Thomas Davey | 15 |
| *Alison L. Bryant | 16 |
| E. E. Lewis, deceased | 17 |
| Frank Lester, deceased | 10 |
| William G. Miner, deceased | 10 |
| E. S. Post, deceased | 0 V |
| George D. Freeman | 4 U |
| *John Seel, deceased | <u> </u> |
| *A. C. EstabrookAllegan, 1923 | ,-3 |
| Arthur E Formy | -4 |
| Arthur E. Ferry | -5 |
| *Josiah Creque | |
| George S. FarrarPort Austin, 1926 | -7 |



ROSTER OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT G. A. R.

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

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 54.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Henry O. Shirts.

Alternate.

George Post.

Philo Jones.

Past Post Commanders.

Henry O. Shirts. *Charles Redner. Albert Hawley. D. L. Reynolds. *Jesse McBaine.

C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.

Chartered Jan. 22, 1876.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Harvey J. Wood.

Alternate.

W. J. Austin.

*C. W. Owen.

Past Post Commanders.

Harvey J. Wood.

CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.
Post Commander, Wm. H. VanLeeuwen.

Membership 38.

Delegate.

egate. *Eugene Owen. Alternate. Wm. H. Allen.

Past Post Commanders.

John Barrett. Charles P. Coffin.

L. D. Reynolds.

Theo C. Putnam.

*J. R. Stephenson.
John T. Pomeroy.

W. D. Frost. Geo. B. Schwab.

LaFayette Stevens.

*Walter L. Funk.

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

Chartered February 26, 1879.
Post Commander, Luther Wolcott.

Membership 23.

Delegate.

gate. E. O. Dickinson. Alternate.

Past Post Commanders.

*J. G. Cromwell.

Luther B. Wolcott. Orlando C. Nash.

James H. French. Frederick Wolf.

Geo. A. Slayton.

D. D. Rhodes.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 28.

Delegate.
*Ezra Tyler.

Post Commander, Charles Miller.

Alternate.

Henry Houghson.

Past Post Commanders.

*Louis Kanitz. Charles Depuy. *John Sturgeon. W. T. Wiselogel. Howard C. Bond. E. W. Downing.



CHARLES H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPEMING.

Chartered September 17, 1889.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Thomas D. Nelson.
No Delegates Elected.
Past Post Commanders.

Thomas D. Nelson.

John Scott.

JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, H. E. Waterman. No Delegates Elected.

Past Post Commanders.

Charles Robbins.

H. E. Waterman.

W. R. Mathews.

WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 13

Post Commander, Francis H. Miller. No Delegates Elected.

Past Post Commanders.
*James Knowles.

Francis H. Miller. Chester Daniels.

Fred Alshure. Albert Johnson.

I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 18, HARBOR SPRINGS.

Post Commander, Charles A. Farmer.

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 8.

Delegates.

Alternates.

Cecil C. Abbott. Fred F. Main.

B. B. Bradley.

Marion Mead.

Past Post Commanders.

Charles Farmer.

Fred F. Main.

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

Chartered May 24, 1880.

880. Membership 36. Post Commander, Charles B. Holmis.

Delegates.

Samuel L. Hull.

Alternates.

P. E. O'Brien.

*George Sharpe.

Thomas B. Wynn.

Past Post Commanders.
Ambrose H. Rowe.

A. A. Covell.

John Seel.

Chester Chorpening.

Wm. E. Walker.

*Merritt F. Covell.

Charles S. Hopkins.

*James M. Brent.

PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.

Post Commander, Henry Quigley.

Chartered May 26, 1880.

Membership 4.

Delegate.

Robert Paterson.

Past Post Commanders.

H. B. Smith.J. S. Harrington.

R. B. Patterson. Ed. Lockwood.



FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 83.

Post Commander, M. J. Whitney. Alternates.

Delegates.

Robert McBeth. *Wm. H. Hibbard.

J. W. Fletcher. Mathus Myer.

Henry Alfitus.

Anthony Nolde. *Peter P. Miller.

John Dorsey.

Past Post Commanders.

Edgar O. Durfee. John T. Spillane.

Holden B. White. Samuel D. Bailey.

*Freeman A. Pierce.

Robert Morris. *David Plumadore.

George C. Beebe. *Edward H. Hill.

Charles K. Radcliff. Wm. J. Fraser.

Napoleon Peppin.

J. B. Lachine. *Thomas Davy.

A. F. Chappell.

McPHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.

Chartered May 21, 1881.

Membership 9. Post Commander, C. D. Webster.

Delegate.

F. D. Marvin.

Alternate. B. F. Newhouse.

Past Post Commanders.

F. D. Marvin. N. W. Harrington.

C. D. Webster. H. J. Curtis.

A. C. Elder.

B. F. Newhouse.

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 8. Post Commander, W. H. Ashley.

Delegate.

John C. Crall.

Alternate.

George Spaulding.

W. H. Ashley. *John H. Monk. Past Post Commanders.

*I. W. Pierce. C. C. Phillips.

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.

Chartered June 20, 1881.

Membership 6.

Delegate.

Post Commander, *James Westin.

Edward Stair.

Alternate. Charles Acker.

Past Post Commanders.

*Henry Spaulding.

William A. Palmer.

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

Chartered July 18, 1881. Post Commander, Aug Morelock. Membership 7.

Delegate.

*Leroy Lamuniou.

Past Post Commanders.

*Albert S. Roe.

*Aug Morelock.



WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Chartered July 11, 1881. Post Commander, John Curtis. Membership 6.

Delegate.

Alternate.

George Hanley.

Eli Helmick. Past Post Commanders.

*John C. Dick. Eli Helmick.

George Hanley.

*Samuel Bunker.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Eva B. Lord, Acting Adjutant.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 4.

Delegate.

Perry Birdsall.

Past Post Commanders.

Ira Ford.

Vernon Smith.

E. T. Winters.

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, A. S. Beardsley. *J. C. Wardell.

No Delegates Elected. Past Post Commanders.

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Post Commander, A. O. Aldrich.

George W. Witt. John Locke.

A. S. Beardsley.

W. C. B. Smith.

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

S. C. Brigham.

Alternate. D. P. Kelly.

Past Post Commanders.

*H. D. Tucker.

Geo. Enslow.

M. Farley.

Geo. Dennison.
J. H. Montgomery.

A. O. Aldrich.

BRODHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.

Chartered October 21, 1881.

Membership 11.

Post Commander, William Killefer.

No Delegates Elected. Past Post Commanders.

Geo. L. Tuttle.

John Reed.

H. A. Chapin.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31, 1881.

Membership 34.

Delegate.

Post Commander, *Wm. Forward. Alternate.

George W. Marsh.

Jerome Morse.

Past Post Commanders. *John W. Walker.

E. M. Morse.

Enos Short.

A. B. Latta.

W. E. Dockry.

James Gardner.

*I. W. Taylor.



COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENCI.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Jacob Whitehead.

Alternate.

Wm. H. Turpening.

James H. Houley.

Wm. Onweller.

Past Post Commanders.

Abram Babcock. William H, Chappell. Jacob Whitehead.

L. W. Chapin.

Fred B. Sheffield.

James N. Chappell.

ZACH CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Post Commander, Thomas Biddle.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

*J. F. Jones.

Past Post Commanders.

R. F. Pierce.

Alternate.

*Thos. Biddle.

*Jas. Martin.

A. L. Nealley.

J. A. Richards.

STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, J. S. Holcomb. No Delegates Elected.

Past Post Commanders.

Joe Tishen.

J. B. Graham.

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Post Commander, *Fred Gill.

Membership 21.

Delegates.

James Dunn.

Alternates.

James Dunn. Christ Wasserman.

Past Post Commanders.

M. McCann. A. H. Crawford.

Fred Gill.

*E. B. Metcalf.

Frank D. Keeler.

W. J. Clark.

*M. A. Griffin.

A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.

Chartered February 8, 1882.

Membership 26.

Delegates.

Post Commander, Asa N. Smart.

Alternates.

George Gardner.

Henry Gardner.

Myron B. Fox.

J. V. O'Neil.

Past Post Commanders.

Asa N. Smart. Charles W. Pangler.

L. B. Taggart. Evander Dunning.

Silas May.

*F. G. Warren.



CHARLES T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 49

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Post Commander, *Fred Shipp.

Membership 4

Delegates.

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Alternates.

James A. Hamilton.

J. R. Dunlap. Dan Mevis.

*Wm. Holloway.

Dan Mev

Past Post Commanders.

*E. R. Havens.
Thomas B. Blosser.
Franklin Paine.
W. L. Mosher.
*A. B. Chapin.
*Charles T Lord.

W. P. Treadway. Fred J. Shipp. E. D. Weale. *Benj. Olinger. John C. Snooks. Seymour Foster.

A. L. Bryant.

*M. D. Richardson.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 37.

Delegate.

Post Commander, R. P. Butrick.
Alternate.

James White.

George Dibble.

Past Post Commanders.

D. B. Morgan.
N. D. Chew.
R. P. Butrick.
Charles Adams.
A. L. Drake.

H. L. Jefts.G. W. Dickerson.Maurice Long.D. S. Kimball.Charles A. Carpenter.

B. H. RUTTER POST NO. 47, DOWAGIAC.

Chartered August 28, 1914

Membership 3.

Delegate.

Post Commander, L. J. Carr.

Alternate.

J. H. Momany.

William Parker.

No Other Report.

EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Chartered March 9, 1882.

82. Membership 64. Post Commander, *John Killeen.

Delegates.

*F. T. Scofield.

Alternates.

Gilbert Ellenwood.

*Thomas Nichols.

Past Post Commanders.

Anson Crowman.

*Albert Dunham.
Delos Ells.
F. L. Manning.
A. N. Soba.

*W. W. Crocker.

*Josiah Creque. D. J. Wilson. S. B. Davis. B. F. Lair. Frank White.

*Wm. M. Carroll.

WADSWORTH POST NO. 40, LAWRENCE.

Chartered March 16, 1882.

Membership 9.

Delegate.

Post Commander, George A. Cross.

Alternate.

Wm. A. Shurr.

None Reported.

Past Post Commanders. Francis Branch.

Charles Cook.

Thomas C. Tr.

Thomas C. Tyner.



PHIL Mckernan Post No. 58, Mason.

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, Theo Bortle. No Delegates Elected. Past Post Commanders.

Orrin L. Morse.

Isaac Morse.

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

Chartered June 4, 1895.

Membership 5.

Delegate.

Post Commander, *Walter Tennant. Alternate.

J. P. Curtis.

Walter Tennant.

Past Post Commanders. Homer G. Sperry.

Marion Bates.

William Hamlin.

Frederick Kipp.

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

Post Commander, *Luzerne Durand.

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Alternate.

A. C. Estabrook.

A. E. Calkins. Past Post Commanders.

*A. C. Estabrook. Mortimer Culver. William Burnett.

L. Y. Cady. *A. E. Calkins. Luzerne Durand.

COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLES.

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, R. Hill. No Delegates Elected. Past Post Commanders.

Elias Nash.

J. S. Eastman.

G. K. Warner.

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

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 25.

Delegates.

Post Commander, Charles Pineo. Alternates.

Alex. Welsh. J. Royce.

John Wilber.

Dan Chapman.

*John Syrmeyer.

O. F. Kellogg.

John VanBuren. George Rood.

W. H. Hubbard.

Willard Hoffman.

Charles Pineo.

Past Post Commanders.

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

Chartered September 7, 1882.

Membership 10

Post Commander, J. D. Wolf. No Election Report. Past Post Commanders.

S. M. Snyder.

J. D. Wolf.



WEATHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.

Chartered September 13, 1882.

Membership 8.

Post Commander, Enno J. Pruim. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

Alfred S. Baker. Charles N. Dickinson.

John Jackson. Martin O. Hurliss.

JOSEPH R. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered September 12, 1882

Membership 16.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Justus Sorter.

Alternate.

Bernard Sturm.

John B. Roberts.

Past Post Commanders.

Burton Parker.

M. Plumadore.

ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882

Membership 33.

Delegates.

Morris Kent.

Post Commander, H. W. Harvey.

Alternates.

*S. H. Carlton.

Sylvanus Becker. H. R. Campbell.

*J. P. Riley.

Past Post Commanders.

Past Post Commanders.

*Wm. Snyder.

*Charles Prange.

HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS.

Post Commander, A. W. Brockway.

Chartered September 25, 1882.

Membership 2.

Delegate.

William W. Lindsay.

Past Post Commanders.

A. W. Brockway.

W. W. Clark.

WILLIAM A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.

Chartered October 6. 1882.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, Abram H. Johnson.

Delegate.

W. P. Lunn.

Past Post Commanders.

John W. Finch. J. J. Riley.

C. A. Peasley. Martin W. Kelsey.

GENERAL LYONS POST NO. 86, MANCELONA.

Chartered October 10, 1882.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, John W. Marshall. No Delegates Reported.

Past Post Commanders.

John W. Wallace.

Frank Bradley.



CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, J. M. Wells. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

A. E. Thayer. C. M. Hall.

Geo. Eberhard.

J. M. Wells.

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

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 16.

Post Commander, Joseph Brumby. Delegates.

Alternates.

Elijah Hough. David Thompson. Hugh McLean.

Burton Bass.

Levi Chamberlain.

Past Post Commanders.

Wm. L. McNitt.

Daniel Crane.

Frank McPhillips.

John LaMott.

Henry Schwick.

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

Chartered October 25, 1882. Post Commander, H. W. Farney. Membership 12.

Delegate.

Alternate.

F. M. Frear.

George Wood. Past Post Commanders.

A. B. Darragh.

L. B. Longwell.

Wm. Bartholomew.

J. E. Holton.

George Wilcox.

H. W. Forney.

WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Chartered December 9, 1882. Post Commander, A. W. Wagar, Acting. Membership 4.

Delegate.

Charles Struing.

Alternate.

Past Post Commanders.

David Valrance.

*A. W. Wagar.

Charles Struing.

J. M. VanRiper. David Valrance.

WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Chartered December 30, 1882.

Membership 22.

Post Commander, R. F. Workmaster. No Delegates Reported.

Past Post Commanders.

George W. Howe.

Edwin S. Petit.

N. D. Brown.

John Hill.

ELI P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.

Chartered January 16, 1883.

Membership 2.

Blanche West, W. R. C., Act. Adjt. No Further Report.



TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, John Hetrick. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

N. P. Bateman.

John Hetrick.

BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Chartered March 9, 1883.

Membership 29.

Delegates.

Post Commander, Jacob Nodel. Alternates.

*L. L. Bosserman. Steuben Filkins.

James Davis.

Reuben Cole.

Past Post Commanders.

Charles W. Bennett.

E. E. Lewis.

C. H. Camp.

L. S. Daniels.

DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Chartered March 12, 1883.

Membership 10.

Past Commander, R. H. Brooks. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

A. H. Boies. John A. Dillon. W. A. Barnard.

R. H. Brooks.

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

Chartered March 14, 1883. Post Commander, John Thompson. Membership 24.

Delegate.

John Henderson.

Alternate.

Charles Whipp.

Past Post Commanders.

Charles Gifford. George B. Nobles. Alonzo Cherry. Charles Wilbur.

John Putnam. C. B. Fowler.

T. D. Chatman. J. W. Norton.

John Thompson.

JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 5.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Alfred H. Smith. Alternate.

S. Feagler.

George Simpson.

Past Post Commanders.

George Hamilton.

Alfred H. Smith.

WADDELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.

Chartered April 5, 1883.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, George Barnes. No Delegates Reported. No Other Reports.



CARVER POST NO. 128, FRANKFORT.

Chartered April 7, 1883.

Membership 9.

Post Commander, C. C. Forney. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

Lot Nevins.

A. B. Benton.

FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.

Chartered April 11, 1883

Membership 15.

Post Commander, Francis M. Craig. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

T. H. Taylor.

J. R. Daley.

DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.

Post Commander, Frank R. Chase.

Chartered April 14, 1883.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Alternate.

J. M. Thomas.

E. L. Berry. Past Post Commanders.

B. F. Tower.

W. R. Olds.

*Frank R. Chase.

WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.

Chartered May 8, 1883.

Membership 12.

Post Commander, W. H. Jackson. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

Zebulon Gray. Wm. Russell. Thomas M. Saran. Charles Manley.

HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.

Chartered May 23, 1883.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Frank Hassell. No Other Reports.

BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.

Chartered May 18, 1883.
Post Commander, A. VanValkenberg.

Membership 15.

Delegate.
P. K. Allen.

Allernate. H. Kahill.

Past Post Commanders.

J. D. Shull.

S. P. Hosmer.

H. W. Stevens.

J. M. Ingersoll.

H. J. Sweet.

A. VanValkenberg.

WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, Orland Lavally. No Delegates Reported.

Past Post Commanders.

Lyman C. Grady. D. S. Arnold. John L. Myers. B. F. Reed.



TURRELL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.

Chartered May 29, 1883.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, Geo. E. Holman. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

C. W. Cramton. N. C. Hayes. A. L. Taylor.

Levant Carter.

GOVERNOR CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.

Chartered June 7, 1883.

Membership 31

Delegate.

Post Commander, *Ira G. Ormsbee.

Alternate.

*Ray Mitchell.

Herbert N. Myers.

George Raab. Joseph Rush. Past Post Commanders.

Thomas B. Fouch. James M. VanTassel.

*F. H. Hanley.

DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

Post Commander, *S. H. Giles. Alternate.

George W. Sibley.

S. E. Green.

J. J. Cloonan.

Past Post Commanders.

S. H. Giles.

James D. Tinney. *James Churchill.

WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Post Commander, Henry Corl.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

Alternate.

A. Crooks.

A. O. Davis.

Past Post Commanders.

Andrew Crooks.

Henry Corl.

CHARLES F. GIBSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.

Chartered July 5, 1883.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Geo W. Kimble.

Alternate.

Past Post Commanders.

*L. L. Trask.

L. J. Loomis.

M. B. Drake. *E. A. Sitts. O. E. Wilson.

L. L. Trask.

ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered July 6, 1883.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, Henry C. Walker. No Delegates Reported.

Past Post Commanders.

James M. Shepard.

Henry C. Walker.



HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, COBUNNA.

Chartered July 12, 1883.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, J. J. Peacock. No Delegates Reported.

Past Post Commanders.

J. C. Thomas.

J. J. Peacock.

EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.

Chartered July 30, 1883.

Membership 12.

Delegates.

Post Commander, *Henry H. Brown.

Alternates.

J. B. Stone. S. A. Fuller. Wm. E. Surine.

Past Post Commanders.

A. J. Brown.

Charles F. Fuller.

Charles S. Snell.

David Young.

David M. Purchis.

Henry H. Brown.

LOMBARD POST NO. 170. PETOSKEY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 24.

Delegates.

Post Commander, S. S. Puckett. Alternates.

S. S. Puckett. W. R. Montgomery. Ira M. Stewart.

Silas Wright.

Past Post Commanders.

J. A. C. Rowan.

V. A. Baker.

L. A. Labadie.

E. A. Dunton.

Melvin Birch.

S. S. Puckett.

W. R. Montgomery.

John E. Warren.

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

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 7.

Delegate.

Post Commander, *J. W. Wyckoff. Alternate.

J. W. Wyckoff.

George Johnson.

Past Post Commanders.

George Johnson.

J. W. Wyckoff.

CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 8.

Delegate.

Post Commander, S. B. Mereness.

Alternate.

Samuel Fletcher.

Sheldon E. Crittenden.

Past Post Commanders.

S. B. Mereness.

Eugene Holbrook.

HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.

Chartered September 3, 1883.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, A. J. McCall.

Delegate.

A. J. McCall.

Past Post Commanders. J. F. Beaumont.

G. W. Sturdevant.

N. B. Babcock.



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

Chartered September 20, 1883.

Membership 6.

In Care of W. R. C.

HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.

Chartered September 25, 1883.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, William George. No Delegates Reported.

Past Post Commanders. Thomas A. Eberhard.

Fred Gintling.

William George.

FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, Daniel Hale. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

C. H. Crawford.

L. L. Hoffman.

L. H. VanAntwerp.

W. O. Davis.

O. H. Dunning.

Daniel C. Hale.

GEORGE C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.

Chartered October 5, 1883.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Lucius Sanborn. No Delegates Reported.

Past Post Commanders.

Nathaniel Greene.

Lucius Sanborn.

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

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 8.

Post Commander, William Stanton. No Delegates Reported.

Past Post Commanders.

C. J. Russell. A. C. Held. Samuel Maxan.

Wm. Stanton.

JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.

Chartered November 2, 1883.

Membership 4.

Delegate.

Post Commander, William H. Moore.

Alternate.

J. F. Wilders.

John Courtney. Past Post Commanders.

F. M. Jones.

William H. Moore.

JAMES STEADMAN POST NO. 198, REED CITY.

Chartered November 5, 1883.

Membership 4.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Charles A. Randall.

Charles A. Randall.

Alternate.
Aaron Bowman.

Past Post Commanders.

Charles A. Randall.

William A. Miner.



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

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Samuel Dick.

Alternate.

C. F. Buchele.

Chester Burch.

Past Post Commanders.
William Guipe.
Charles Freeman

S. Z. Watson. Silas W. Sadler. George W. Brock.

Charles Freeman. Leonard S. Bowles.

Theron Gladden.

E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.

Post Commander, Isaac H. Riddick.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 17.

Delegates.

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Alternates.

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Willard C. Durkee. William H. Mufley.

Cyrus B. Hungerford. John S. Kerkendall.

Past Post Commanders.

Everett G. Knapp. Jacob H. Perrine.

Hiram Herrick. Isaac Riddick.

Washington Gardner.

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

Post Commander, Samuel Stowell.

Chartered December 23, 1883.

Membership 15.

Delegates.

A. H. Gurney.

Alternates.

George Pettingill. Samuel Kelly.

Wm. Kidd.

Past Post Commanders.

James Layden. Samuel Kelly.

C. C. Eyster. J. C. Taylor.

JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.

Chartered January 12, 1884.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, C. H. Haines.

Past Post Commanders.

S. C. Rosenberry.

C. H. Haines.

H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.

Chartered January 7, 1884.
Post Commander, Gilbert LaCroix.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

 ${m Alternate}.$

John Destrow.

*Antoine Pettier.

Past Post Commanders.

Jay F. Cotton.

M. L. Skillman. *Gilbert LaCroix.

August Stetitzer.

differt Bacroix

RUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.

Chartered February 8, 1884.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, Mathew King. No Other Report.



GEORGE MARTIN POST NO. 227, EASTPORT.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, A. W. Hartwell. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

O. W. Whitney.

A. W. Hartwell.

OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, LAMB.

Chartered February 4, 1884.

Membership 7.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Orville Cowles.

Alternate.

Racelius Lawrence.

None.

Past Post Commanders.

Horace C. Mudge. *William Smith.

William Boldock. William Grunswell.

WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 285, BOYNE CITY.

Post Commander, John A. Newville.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 6.

Delegate.

Amos W. Palmer.

Alternate. W. H. Wallace.

Post Post Commanders.

Arthur E. Martin.

F. M. Gates.

John A. Newville.

LONSON BRYANT POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.

Chartered May 20, 1884.

Post Commander, A. D. Minard.

Membership 9.

Delegates.

Alternates. W. H. Turner.

S. H. Dwelley. George Huston.

John Elliot.

Past Post Commanders.

A. L. Bryant.

Eli Brooks.

A. D. Minard.

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

Chartered June 21, 1884.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Phillip D. Bissell.
No Delegates Reported.

Past Post Commanders.

A. A. Gennell.

P. D. Bissell.

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

Chartered July 17, 1884.

Membership 5.

Delegate.

Post Commander, Gerritt VanSchelvin.

Alternate.

John H. West.

Matt Notier.

Past Post Commander. Gerritt VanSchelvin.



LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.

Chartered August 2, 1884.

Membership 8.

Post Commander, A. W. Bill. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

James F. Lyon.

A. W. Bell.

Jesse Hubbard.

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

Chartered February 27, 1890.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Sylvester Thomas. No Other Reports.

LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.

Chartered September 1, 1884.

1884. Membership 7. Post Commander, Peter Swick.

Delegate.
James Johnson.

None.

Alternate.

Peter Swick.

James E. Johnson.

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

Post Commander, William Barrett.

Past Post Commanders.

Chartered September 12, 1884.

Membership 5.

Membership 3.

Delegate.

Andrew Kitchen.

Past Post Commanders.

*A. W. Dorland.

*William Barrett.

SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Chartered October 23, 1884.

Post Commander, William Edwins.

No Other Reports.

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Chartered January 15, 1885.

1885. Membership 19. Post Commander, *David Cantine.

Delegates.

Alternates.

Conrad Kirshner. George Dailey. George Stoddard.

*Barney Mosher.

M. D. Ford.

Past Post Commanders.
R. G. Abbey.

S. G. Webster.

A. B. Knapp.

Monthun A. D. Kuapj

*W. A. Northup.

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Post Commander, E. C. Anthony.

Alternate.

Patrick Ryan.

Walter Walsh. Past Post Commanders.

C. E. Moore.

E. C. Anthony.

ORIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.

Chartered March 30, 1885.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, George Moorman. No Other Reports.



M. R. ROGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.

Chartered May 9, 1885.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, W. Harwood. No Other Reports.

E. H. LISCUM POST NO. 348, SAULT STE. MARIE.

Chartered March 10, 1885.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, James A. Trout. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

James A. Trout.

J. W. Donaldson.

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

Chartered March 27, 1886.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, Fred J. Buck.

Delegate.

Rufus Hawley.

Past Post Commanders.

Fred J. Buck. Jasper M. Clark. Edward Lockard. Newton Kinne.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 852, MANCHESTER.

Chartered May 18, 1886.

Membership 8.

Post Commander, George Nisle. *A. A. Stringham.

Delegate.

T. J. Farrell.

Alternate.

Wm. Nebling.

KILBOURNE POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, E. W. Watkins. No Delegates Reported. Past Post Commanders.

Henry Runyan. E. W. Watkins.

Henry Locke.

Samuel Frye.

George Hass.

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

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, John L. Chandler.

Delegates.

Charles Raymond. Elisha Lenklitter.

Past Post Commanders.

I. P. Carey.

L. P. Judson.

J. L. Chandler.

Z. S. Clark.

C. C. Judson.

S. R. DOWNS POST NO. 374, PARMA.

Post Commander, A. M. Helmer.

Chartered March 9, 1887.

Membership 3.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Elijah Soule.

H. C. Anderson. Past Post Commanders.

A. M. Helmer.

Joe Anderson.



DETROIT POST NO. 884, DETROIT.

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 25.

Post Commander, John L. Hinman.

Delegate.

Uriah Gould.

Past Post Commanders.

W. S. Green.
Felix A. Lemkie.
*O. A. Janes.
Nicholas Woods.
Gilbert R. Osman.
George A. Winslow.
Gus F. Smith.

William T. Gage.
Sidney B. Dixon.
Josiah A. West.
George C. Wetherbee.
*Henry Stubenski.
Darius D. Thorpe.
John L. Hinman.

GEN. CHARLES GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.

Post Commander, N. D. Watkins.

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 7.

Delegate.

yate. Daniel Gilman. Alternate. S. F. Frye.

Past Post Commanders.

Jesse H. Wood.

Charles H. Clark.

Sylvester Coon.

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

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 52.

Delegate.

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Alternate.

*Francis Tindall.

David L. Hilliard.

Past Post Commanders.

Post Commander, *Edgar A. Green.

*James R. Beadle. Oliver L. Fox.

*Charles A. Green. Harvey P. Hilton. John A. Miller. *James H. Martin. Wesley Wheeler. Ed. H. Stein.

BURLINGAME POST NO 402, AKRON.

Chartered April 23, 1889.

Post Commander, R. J. Jameson.

Delegate.

Alternate.

E. A. Annable.

John C. Davis.

Past Post Commanders.
R. J. Jameson.

Zech Hess.

L. C. Wilbur.

CHARLES A. PRICE POST NO. 405, PERRINTON.

Chartered May 13, 1903.

Membership 2.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, J. L. Richards.
No Other Reports.

STEPHEN MUNGER POST NO. 425, FREELAND.

Chartered August 2, 1893.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Wendell D. Wiltsie.

Delegate.

Washington Radle.

Past Post Commanders.

A. D. McGuire.

Henry Manwell.

Wendell D. Wiltsie.



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

Chartered November 18, 1893.

Membership 39.

Post Commander, *Patrick H. Lally.

Delegates.

Alternates.

A. W. Rogers. *J. A. McConkey.

John C. Haines. H. K. Brooker.

Past Post Commanders. George D. Freeman.

*Walter F. Kinsler.

*B. C. Brainard.

T. F. Courtney.

STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Post Commander, Nealson DeCamp.

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 6.

Delegate. George Manck. Alternate.

Past Post Commanders.

H. O. Call.

Isaac Morse.

Oscar Blakeslee.

L. H. Ives.

R. E. White.

WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 10.

Delegate. *John Haskins. Alternates.

*W. W. Gorthy.

*D. E. McClain.

Past Post Commanders.

William Stewart.

George Morgan.

Thomas Fitzgerald.

*A. J. Teed.

GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, George H. Gilbert.

Delegate.

Andie Ritter.

Past Post Commanders.

*Isaac Grant.

Aretus Corwin.

JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Chartered November 21, 1900. Post Commander, A. R. Ellis. Membership 4.

Delegate.

William C. Bouck.

Alternate. John Burleson.

Past Post Commanders.

William C. Bouck. John Burleson.

John Barber.

A. R. Ellis.

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

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Membership 7.

Delegate.

Post Commander, *W. T. Kinsey. Alternate.

William G. Dunn.

William Edgecomb.

Past Post Commanders.

*Scott Eddy. William G. Dunn. Joshua Brown.

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

HELD AT BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN, JUNE 8, 9, AND 10, 1927

Benton Harbor, Michigan, June 8, 1927, 1:30 P. M.

The Forty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order by the Department Commander, James R. Stephenson, at the Bijou Theatre, Benton Harbor, Michigan, on Wednesday, June 8, 1927, at 1:30 P. M.

Department Commander: Officers of the Day, are the approaches to this encampment properly guarded?

Officer of the Day: Not satisfied that all are delegates to the Convention.

Commander: Satisfy yourself at once.

We will now receive the Mayor of this City and listen to his address.

Mayor Avery:

Sixty-five years ago today the young men of our entire country were engaged in battle trying to settle a question that our states were unable to settle. No finer, no braver army of young men were ever mustered into their country's service than those Boys of the 60's. Those same boys are with us today. The Grand Army of the Republic.

Sixty-four years ago today the siege of Chattanooga was in progress. Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Those sacred battlefields today are dotted monuments and inscriptions tell the story and are read by travelers from all parts of the world. No doubt some of you who are here took part in that great siege.

Gathered here today in our happy surroundings, only those who took part in that great fight to a finish can imagine the excitement that prevailed and the hardships endured.

Wars of later years in which we have engaged have not been fought on our soil, therefore we of younger generations have little conception of what the Grand Army of the 60's passed through. The World War so stubbornly contested in Europe brought home to our minds more clearly than ever before the importance of your victory. For instead of fortresses dotting the Mason and Dixon Line as they would have had you lost your fight, today the Mason and Dixon Line has been blotted from our memories forever.

I have always taken a deep interest in the G. A. R., first, because the members of this grand organization are responsible for our country's strength and gave us the opportunity to develop into the greatest country in the world; second, because my father was one of your number in his day, and was serving his country under General Sherman on his memorial march from Atlanta to the Sea.

Comrades of the 60's, it is the greatest honor of my life as Mayor of Benton Harbor to welcome you to our city, the Heart of Michigan's Fruit Belt. Our Chamber of Commerce has made every possible arrangement for your comfort and pleasure while you are with us, and we want you to feel at home.



Benton Harbor feels highly honored with the presence of Michigan's G. A. R. and when you return to your homes, remember that the citizens of this community have a warm spot in our hearts for you and invite you to come again.

Comrade Oscar A. Janes: The Commander has asked me to respond to your very welcome words, and as you delivered that address to us showing the spirit with which you receive this remnant of the Boys of 61-65, and when you said your father was one of those in that great strife, I was wondering if you were born when he was down there fighting for his country—it was as though you had been baptized in the blood and the sacrifices made during that four years of struggle to make this nation what it is today. It is truly said that the Mason and Dixon line has been obliterated, and if it had not been for our sacrifices and our valor we would not today be the proud nation of the world, universally acknowledged as the peer of all nations. And so we feel proud that Benton Harbor has the men in whose veins flows the blood of one who stood for his country's interests while in peril. Benton Harbor is known as you say, as the heart of the fruit belt of Michigan, and the loyalty displayed by the citizens of Benton Harbor and of Western Michigan ever abide with you and this nation forevermore. Mayor withdraws.

Department Commander invites all Past Commanders to come forward

and take places on the rostrum.

Department Commander: This is a regular meeting of the fortyninth annual encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic. We meet in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty and may all our hearts unite as one in sustaining the principles of this association.

Parade Rest.

Department Commander offers prayer in absence of Chaplain.

This Encampment is now open in due form for transaction of business. I think by the looks of the comrades in front that we have a quorum present.

Department Commander gives his report as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic—Comrades: One year ago you expressed your confidence in me by unanimously electing me to be your Department Commander. I felt at that time that you had bestowed a great honor upon me; and I also realized that I had assumed a great responsibility. In the year just passed, during which I have been privileged to serve you, that feeling has not lessened; and I have endeavored faithfully and honestly to perform all the duties incumbent upon my office.

Those comrades who have organized the Grand Army of the Republic built better than they knew. We who have lived to see the results of the organization can see something of the good that it has accomplished. Every Civil War Comrade should be proud of his membership, and should use his best effort to keep alive the organization, even if at a personal sacrifice.

With the assistance of the other officials it has been my policy to conduct as economical an administration as possible without impairing the high standard of this Department, and to turn it over to my successor in as good condition as I received it.



We all realize that year by year, our income grows less and less. Ten years ago at the close of the year, December 31, 1916, we had a membership of 6,257 in this Department, and this last December our membership in good standing was 1,415, which shows that we have lost over three-fourths of our members in ten years' time; and consequently our income from the per capita tax has been decreased in the same ratio. Out of the \$100,00 allowed for traveling expenses of the Department Commander, I have spent only \$43.51, the remainder being still in the treasury. Some expenses I have paid out of my own pocket. I refer you to the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General's report for a more complete record of the condition of membership, and of the finances.

The most sorrowful part of these gatherings at our Annual Encampments is that each time we meet, we miss so many familiar faces. Early in my administration we were called upon to mourn the loss of our Medical Director, Comrade Robert LeBarron, who filled that office so acceptably for several years. Three of our beloved Past Department Commanders, J. J. Holmes, Edward C. Anthony and M. C. Barney, have left our ranks to join the larger army above. They manifested their loyalty and love for the Grand Army by their long and splendid service in the organization. Pleasant memories of them will always be with us. For each of these, Memoriam Orders have been issued.

MEMORIAL DAY

The custom of the Grand Army of attending Divine Services on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, seems very fitting; and it is one that I hope will be long continued. Memorial Day through a growing tendency towards proper observance, is taking on more of the real nature of its original aim, that of a sacred day.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS

This valuable organization, our auxiliary, is a band of the loyal women of this country, who for years have been most helpful to the Grand Army of the Republic. We believe that many of the Posts would not be in existence today, but for the help and encouragement of their Relief Corps. I am glad to report that during the last year they have not failed to keep up their splendid record. The cordial relations existing between the Department Commander of Michigan and the President of the Women's Relief Corps, Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens, and her official family, have been most pleasant; and I wish to commend the excellence of their work.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This is another organization composed of patriotic women who have banded themselves together to work along charitable and patriotic lines, and to render every assistance possible to the Grand Army. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to them for their noble work; and in behalf of the Department of Michigan, I wish them God-Speed.



DAUGHTERS OF THE UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

This also applies equally to the DAUGHTERS OF THE G. A. R. and to the NATIONAL DAUGHTERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. These organizations are composed of our daughters, and our granddaughters, and our great granddaughters, who are proud of their heritage, and who, also are doing a splendid work. Their presence is always an inspiration to the old soldier.

I wish to thank the Detroit Tent which early in the year, presented this Department with a purse of \$25.00.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The Sons of Veterans are the lineal descendants of the men who fought in the Union Army of the Civil War. They are our sons and grandsons, and are a patriotic body of men who have proved their loyalty and worth. It is singularly noticeable how many of the sons and grandsons of the Union Veterans were in the Spanish-American and World Wars. We would be glad to see all of these eligible join the ranks of the Sons of Veterans, for this organization is most dear to the heart of every Civil War Veteran.

THE SPANISH WAR VETERANS

These were the next body of men to respond to the call of their country after the Civil War. History shows how nobly they performed their work. We of the Grand Army have a strong feeling of comradeship for the Spanish War Veterans, and will always be glad to have them continue to hold their Annual Encampments at the same time and place as we do ours.

WORLD WAR BOYS

We are all justly proud of our World War Boys, who have so recently proved their mettle and steadfastness. The world owes them a great debt for their services. The Grand Army of the Republic greatly appreciates their assistance in its work Memorial Day, and has observed with much feeling the respect and loyalty which the World War Veterans give to the Veterans of the Civil War.

THE SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

After an absence of four years, we returned to Des Moines, Iowa, to hold our National Encampment. Department Headquarters were at Hotel Franklin, the same place that we had when in Des Moines before, and where we were made very comfortable.

This Encampment, at which Michigan had a good representation, was upon the whole a very enjoyable one, the only drawback being the rainy weather. We were cordially received and entertained by the citizens, who did their best for the welfare of their visitors. Free transportation was given on all the street cars, and an automobile could be had at any time on request, free of charge.



It is with thanks, and great satisfaction, that I am able to report that the voting members of the Department were all present and all of them in their places at every meeting of the Encampment, all sessions of which were uniformly pleasant and harmonious.

OFFICIAL VISITS

While I have not been able to respond to every invitation, on account of my health, I have accepted as many as possible, and have been received with cordiality and kindness everywhere.

In order to show their love and respect for the Grand Army of the Republic, the American Legion last September invited me to be the Representative of the Department of Michigan, the honored guest at their Annual State Convention in Lansing, where I was most royally received and entertained.

AND IN CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the Assistant Adjutant, and Quartermaster General, H. A. Chapin, Judge Advocate, Oscar A. Janes and the other members of my official family, for their kindness and help during the past year.

And now, my Comrades, in bidding you farewell as your Commander, I wish to remind you that I expect to be with you at all the future Encampments as long as I am able. My prayers and best wishes will ever follow the Grand Army of the Republic, and especially the Michigan Department.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

JAMES R. STEPHENSON,

Department Commander.

Comrade Willis W. Crocker, Senior Vice Department Commander: You have heard the report of the Department Commander, what shall we do with it?

Oscar A. Janes: Appoint a committee to look the report over and make their report.

Senior Vice Department Commander: I will appoint Comrades Chase, Spaulding and Estabrook.

Department Commander: We will now have a report from the Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Crocker: I haven't any written report. You all know the duties of the Senior Vice Department Commander and the position he occupies. As I have always called it, it is an emergency office. His work depends a great deal on the Department Commander, whether he wants any help or not. During the past year I have stood ready at any time to assist him as he required, in consequence I have not done much.

I can make a little report of my own post, that is Post 48. We are in quite a flourishing condition considering the average. We have 53 or 54 members but as you know there are only a few who are able to get out to the meetings. We hold our meetings regularly every two weeks with the assistance of our live organizations,—Women's Relief Corps, Daughters of the G. A. R. and all those, we are getting along fine. It has been a great help to us to have those organizations working with us. I want to tell you this comrades, there isn't anything they can



possibly do that they leave undone for the benefit of Post No. 48. We are proud of them and of the patriotic citizens of Jackson; the fraternal organizations of the city invite us to their meetings, and banquet us and furnish conveyances for transportation, and under those circumstances I want to tell you that I don't believe there is a city in the State of Michigan which has the support of those organizations and the support of the whole city, that our post does and we are more than thankful for it, that is the way we keep up the organization. The ladies attend our meetings. We have two of them do the clerical work. They don't stop at anything to help us out and I hope the same condition exist in other cities. I didn't have the pleasure of going to any of the other posts. I thought I would be called upon, but it seems they got along alone. I installed the officers of our Post. I thank you.

Officer of the Day: Department Commander, there is a delegation of Spanish War Veterans at the door who would like admittance.

Department Commander: You will please admit them.

Chas. Gardner: Commander these are Comrades Burkhard and Ames who will address you.

Comrade Burkhard: For twenty years and over I have been calling upon you once a year at your annual Encampments. It has been a pleasure for me to do this. It is also attended with great sorrow. When I think of the past and the ones whom I addressed twenty years ago and see the few who appear before me this afternoon, I can only conclude that the grim reaper has gathered a great many of your comrades in and we realize that we are all wandering down life's shady pathway. It will only be a question of time when your Encampments will be held above the skies. We wish to assure you as Spanish War Veterans, that we have always been with you in anything that could be done for the furtherance and future good of the Grand Army of the Republic and their widows. We have steed side by side with you in Washington endeavoring to get a just compensation. It has been my good fortune to have helped gain pensions in my capacity as surgeon for many within the past few years. I have been glad to do this. I only regret that the last session was so dilatory that the poor widows were deprived of their \$20.00 which they needed and should have had.

The Spanish War Veterans are glad to wish you many more meetings, to wish you all prosperity and trust that the next legislature will give you what you should have and what you should demand.

Mr. Ames, Battle Creek: Every time the Colonel stirs he generally picks on one of us young fellows to see that he gets back safely. What he has told you I heartly endorse and thank you for the opportunity of looking into your faces once more.

Department Commander: Comrades we are very glad to have you with us today. We consider it an honor and hope you will come as often as you can. Delegation takes leave.

Department Commander: We will now have the Junior Vice Commander's report.

Junior Vice Commander: I am very much like the Senior Vice Commander. Our Department Commander has not called upon me to assist him during the last year. I have met him several times and he has always seemed to be quite confident that he could get along without our aid. We have been on deck all the time for the past year, ready to do



our duty when we were called upon. Being a sailor who served under Admiral Porter, I say "on deck". Perhaps if I had been in the army I would have said "on guard," or something, I don't know your terms. I will say this, that I have kept afloat all the time.

I am going to tell you this as a sort of good feeling. I have been asked by some of our good comrades if I would take the Department Commandership for the State of Michigan. I have always answered "No." I don't feel that a young man like me should take it. I am one of the youngest of our organization, enlisted when 15 years old. But Comrades, when the time comes, be it five, six, or ten years from now, when your numbers are less, I would be pleased to be the last Department Commander of the State of Michigan. Someone must do it. I hope you will save me for the last one. I don't ask honors. All I want is your love and esteem and if I can sprinkle flowers on the last head of your department when your souls have departed to yonder skies I want to be ready and I want to live a life that will entitle me to the same or greater glory that I have enjoyed on this earth. Thank you.

Comrade O. A. Janes: Inasmuch as the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders were not reduced to writing, it will be difficult for a committee to pass upon them, and I therefore move that the reports of these two officers be approved by this Encampment without being referred to a committee.

Comrade Spaulding supported this motion.

Motion was carried.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the Chaplain's Report.

Chaplain: I have no report to make because I have not heard from the people. On Sunday and Decoration Day the Michigan Soldiers' Home decorated every grave in the cemetery and the number was 2,692 graves. Small flags were put on the graves and there were services at the graves. There were 54 more this year than last, so you see our cemeteries are growing rapidly. I have picked up a few statements made in the various reports which I want to speak to you about. It seems that the Sunday service is hard for the boys to get there, they live out in the rural districts. As a result we cannot always get a speaker, so Sunday services were conducted by some of the boys just the same. The thing we started in to do to leave our impression when we are gone, and then I absolutely believe this institution will stand as it is today. The Grand Army of the Republic is an education, the children learn to know the truth about it.

When the blanks come to me I shall make my report to the Chief Chaplain of the G. A. R. of the U. S.

Three posts do not report anything with reference to the Sunday proposition. We are all getting a little careless about the great day. We have carried on for thirty-five years, and it has been an education to the young and to the old. Services were mostly local. There was no services for those people in the country where there is only two or three old soldiers as it was difficult to get a man to come and do their talking. The people cannot pay for it.



Report received while speaking:

Vermontville, Michigan.

Thirty-four persons stayed for Sunday, 85 attended other Memorial addresses.

The time has come in America when this institution is an established fact. It will never be forgotten. The women of the world are telling their children about these days and what they mean. It is one of the greatest educational features of the last half century. You not only fought battles, but lived in the heart of these people. Don't get discouraged, but keep up your high ideals.

As the Vermontville report goes, so the whole line of reports go. Your history will be read throughout all time and you boys will go down to your graves remembered for what you have done and I don't know another army on the pages of history who have done the things you have done in the short time you have done them in. I want you to feel that though you are gray-headed, teeth gone, you are not forgotten. The American soldier lives in the hearts of the people whom he fought to save and you will live there comrade until the angel of God shall blow the last trumpet and still America will live on and on. I thank you.

Mr. Spaulding of Post 20: I move the Chaplain's report be received and accepted without reference. Motion seconded and carried.

Officer of the Day: There is a delegation at the door of Daughters of Union Veterans.

Department Commander: I appoint Comrades Janes and Chaplain to escort them to the rostrum.

O. A. Janes: I have the pleasure and honor of presenting to you a committee from the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee is Past President of the Order. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Davidson.

Department Commander: We are very happy to have you with us today.

Mrs. Johnson: Commander and Comrades: It accords me great pleasure in behalf of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, to bring greetings to you and in their behalf I present these flowers. I would like to say that the Michigan Department from Detroit, the Grand Rapids Drill and Flint Drill will be at 7:30 tonight in the high school gymnasium.

Mrs. Parker: I am glad to be here and see these boys, it always does my heart good to be where the boys in blue are. I am always interested because my grandfather was a soldier, my stepfather was a soldier and my father was a soldier. My grandfather was killed in the second days' battle in Gettysburg. He wrote a letter to my grandmother the first day and the next day his body was lying at one end of the field and his head at the other. He was only 46 years old. He left two children. I am a daughter's daughter, and proud of it.

Mrs. Davidson: I have not been favored to have a grandfather, a father and a stepfather as a soldier, but I have a faith which never failed, and don't think anyone can honor the G. A. R. more than I do, and I am very glad to be on this committee this afternoon.

Chaplain: As Chaplain of the G. A. R. I want to congratulate these ladies. No wonder you are workers. Were it not for you this institution would not have survived. You have done your part to help us. Your



lives have been welded into this G. A. R. to which we are loyal to the core. You have given us great delight and we thank you. Come again. Officer of the Day: I announce a delegation of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander: Admit them. They will be escorted to the rostrum by the same escorts.

* * Commander this is a Committee of ladies from the G. A. R. Mrs. Gray: Department Commander Stephenson, and Comrades of my Father: I cannot tell you how glad and proud I was when our Department President appointed me one of the committee to carry greetings to the G. A. R. from the Ladies of the G. A. R. of the Department of Michigan. I consider that the greatest honor she could have given me. I am a soldier's daughter, my father served three years, nine months and three days as bugler in Company C of the ————. He enlisted from Pontiac and also played in the band at Lincoln's funeral, so you see I am blood kin to all of you boys.

I am not a speechmaker, but I want to tell you that our hearts are full of love for you old boys in blue. It is sad indeed when we realize how rapidly you are passing away, but we promise you, you will not be forgotten in the coming years. In behalf of the Department of Michigan, our Department President, Nellie Wall, sends you greetings from the Ladies of the G. A. R. and begs you to accept this small gift from the Department of Michigan, Ladies of the G. A. R. with our love. Comrades I thank you.

Commander: This is Mrs. Edsel who will address you now.

Mrs. Edsel: Commander and Comrades. It is with extreme pleasure I come to you this afternoon on this committee. As our sister has said, no greater honor could have been showered upon me today than to come to you with our message of love. I have just returned from a lengthy trip through the Southland where so many of our soldiers laid down their lives that this Union might be preserved and 6,500,000 black men liberated. I have visited the schools, colleges, hospitals. I have touched hands with those colored men, and if you could realize the gratitude that wells up in their hearts for what the are enjoying today, for the chance of an education, for living with their families instead of being sold on the auction block, you would never regret the step you took in 61-65. For 25 years I have labored among those people raising money that they might own a place in the south. Today they are building homes, they are coming to the front, and you may well be proud of their citizenship. I am not going to delay you with a lengthy speech, but just to say to you the feeling that a woman who lived with one of the Comrades for fifty years has. I had to give him up about five years ago and know how great a loss we women sustain when we stand by the bier of a loved one. I thank you.

Comrade Spaulding: Sisters and Comrades of the Ladies of the G. A. R. We are glad to greet you and glad you came with greetings from your organization to our organization. Please carry back with you our thanks for the recognition. We know what you have done for us, we know what you will do and we are proud of you. Thank you.

Mrs. Preston: Commander and comrades, I am Mrs. Preston of St. Joseph. My husband was a Grand Army man but he was enlisted in the navy. He was very young when he went from Chicago to New York



and they wondered what a kid like him wanted to get into the service for. He showed them he knew how to tie knots beautifully, and after going from office to office, the third officer said "All right, go ahead, report on the Brooklyn," which he did.

In that box presented to you by Mrs. Johnson is a present that these ladies have presented to you from the Ladies of the G. A. R., and I want this box to go with that one. When you open it you will see why. Delegation leaves.

Delegation of Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War is escorted to the rostrum.

Comrade Janes introduces Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Mr. McMurtrie, Present Commander-in-Chief Dr. E. W. Homan of Boston, Mass., and B. L. Pritchett of West Virginia.

Mr. McMurtrie: Commander and Comrades: It is indeed a pleasure and something I never could forswear, to come to you each year as a member of the Greetings Committee from the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. On this occasion I will make no remarks whatever, much preferring to introduce to you our present Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Homan, of Boston, Mass., who will talk to you as representing our Order.

Dr. Homan: As Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it gives me a great thrill and privilege this afternoon to meet with you, the comrades of our fathers, wherever they may have enlisted, and wherever they may have fought. Just a moment ago I met a Comrade in this hall and found he had enlisted in Second Infantry from Michigan. So wherever we go we find the comrades of our fathers. On the way to Cornell a few years ago with a comrade, I asked him if he had ever been there before, and he said, "Why bless your heart, that is where I enlisted when 16 years old, and when I get up there again I will show you the spot where Governor Smythe presented the colors to my regiment before we marched away. No matter where we go we find the comrades of our fathers meeting on these occasions. I am pleased to bring the greetings of our organization and to tell you that our purpose is to keep people from forgetting the sacrifices made by the comrades of the Civil War. It is so easy for people to forget in these days, and our organization is an organization of memory; we don't want people to forget that you sacrificed your education, your business, to answer the call of Abraham Lincoln to enter the service of your country in 61-65. We want you to know that our organization, together with your daughters, and the other patriotic orders connected with you, are the ones who are going to tell your story when the boys in blue are gone. There is no one on the face of the earth who knows your sacrifices and remembers, and will continue to remember them, as the boys and girls in your own families and those who have heard you sing the old war songs, and heard war stories from your lips. Memories of your sacrifices. There are all kinds of service organizations specializing in the G. A. R. We are here to see you get the things you want. That is our supreme object. Sentiment. It is difficult to assemble all the beautiful thoughts that cling around sentiment. Sentiment for home—how this word appeals to every man; Mother. And the love of a son for his Comrade father. There is no stronger bond on earth than the bond between son and father. That is why I come to pledge to you the allegiance and loyalty of your sons,



for we are so organized (I am a grandson myself) that we all belong to the same camp, we all decorate the graves of our comrades. I shall be glad to help carry on the work, so I bring to you today, comrades, the assurance that the Sons of the Union Fathers is so made and so constituted that they will go down through the years ever being loyal, ever pledging to you that the memories and sacrifices of 61-65 shall never be forgotten.

Mr. Burt Pitcher, Huntington, W. Va.: I cannot say anything further than our Chief Commander; he brings you greetings from the East, Mr. McMurtrie from your own State, I bring you greetings from the South, from the state severed by the war of 61-65—Virginia. I am from West Virginia, the part of the State of Virginia which did not secede, but stayed with the North. It is impossible for me to express to you, comrades, the feeling of lovve and admiration I have for the G. A. R.

Louis Kanitz replies with thanks. Delegation withdraws.

Military Order of the Cooties, who have been escorted to the stage with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, come forward and are introduced by Louis Kanitz.

Delegate of the Order of the Cooties: We are the Order of the Cooties, an auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I'll bet there isn't any of these old birds here who has not had cooties, if there is kindly stand up.

Voice from audience. "Not one, but lots of them."

Delegate: Or a grayback or a nit. Our organization is a subsidiary outfit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and in Jackson, where I come from, the G. A. R. is a member of our outfit. I see Mr. Crocker here, he is our old Past Commander, and belongs to our town and knows all about us. We don't bar race, color, or creed. Rank doesn't count with us. "Closer than a brother," that is our slogan. We believe we are as close to you devils as the cooties were in 61-65. A cootie increases and multiplies on any soil. We are closer than a brother and busier than a bee. I would like to have the Department Commander, or anybody who wants to join us Cooties to come down to the armory tonight, and we are going to have one of the best scratches ever held in any part of the U.S. The first time in the history of our organization, I as Grand Seam Squirrel of the Department of Michigan, Order of Cooties, with my members am going to pin on your Department Commander's coat, the first badge of the Order of the Cooties which has ever been given to anyone outside of the organization. If in Jackson, come and see us.

Dept. Commander of Cooties presents badge to Dept. Commander of G. A. R.

Department Commander of the Military Order of the Cooties: It is a pleasure to me as Dept. Commander of the Military Order of the Cooties, to present you with our badge. Anything that you may request at any time during this encampment or any other encampment, you have only to ask it of our Order and we will start scratching on your back.

Department Commander of the G. A. R.: In behalf of the G. A. R. I wish to thank you for your presence here. It is an honor and we will always consider it an honor to have you come and meet with us. I want to thank you in particular for this little badge and for all it stands for as you have expressed yourself here today. I thank you.

Delegation withdraws.



Officer of the Day: There is a delegation of the Daughters of the G. A. R. awaiting admittance.

Department Commander: Please have them escorted to the rostrum by the same escorts as the others.

The ladies are introduced by Chas. W. Gardner, and make the follow-

ing remarks:

Mrs. Minnie Bell: Department Commander, Past Department Commanders, and Comrades of the G. A. R.: I am more than delighted to bring to you the greetings of the National Daughters of the G. A. R., who are in session here. This has been my privilege for a number of years, and as I look into this audience I see many whom I have met many years before in Encampments. I am sorry to miss some of the faces which we used to see. We are the daughters and the granddaughters and great granddaughters of your comrades who fought with you to save this country and flag in 61-65. Comrades, it is our aim and object to do for you as long as you live, and we hope that will be for many years to come. We want to brighten your lives in your declining years, and it is with love and respect of the daughters of the G. A. R. that we bring you greetings in this encampment, and wish for you a most successful one. We present to you this little token.

Mrs. Grace Ashbaugh: I cannot say like my comrade has said to you that it has been my past pleasure to come before you with greetings. This is my first chance to carry greetings from the Daughters, and it is more than a pleasure to bring greetings to our fathers, our comrades, and so Department Commander, in behalf of the Daughters of the G. A. R., I present to you this little badge. We trust you will have a most successful Encampment.

Miss Bonnie Parke: Tomorrow Afternoon the Daughters of the G. A. R. invite you to their exercises.

Department Commander: We thank you for the honor of your presence this afternoon. Your words have been cheering and inspiring, and I want to thank you also for this little badge. I shall keep it a long time, and hope you will come again.

Delegation withdraws.

The Daughters of the Veterans of the Spanish War are escorted to the rostrum.

Sister Matheson, Delegate: I bring greetings from the Daughters of the Veterans of the Spanish War. This is a very high honor for me, an I hope we may meet again at many encampments.

Sister Rowe: I also bring greetings to the G. A. R., the greatest army in the world, the army we look to as the rose of this country. We feel that the sands of old are the sands of gold. This is my first privilege of bringing greetings, but I want to tell you my heart isn't big enough to express my gratitude, it thrills our hearts with joy and sorrow when we see you parading upon the street, and it fills our eyes with tears to see your ranks thinning, which is the way of all human beings and God's own will. We all have to go, we never know when the call will come, but you are always ready. You have done your duty to your country, and as Christians, and you stand back of our wonderful flag that has never known defeat. We have a heart full of love, respect, and thanksgiving for what the G. A. R. has done for this great Republic. There may be wars and soldiers, but we will have but one Grand Army in this



country, and I want you to know that the younger patriots feel that you are the rose of this country, and we are so happy to bring you greetings today. May God spare you many, many years, that you may come together and join hands again in greeting, and we hope to be spared to greet you for many years also.

Mrs. Mosher: I feel it a great pleasure to be asked to be on the Greetings Committee. I hope you will live many years to attend these con-

ventions.

Chaplain Chas. Gardner: Ours is a great country. It is made up of a great people. I think these families are greater and grander than all other people. Our nation has been built upon tears of sorrow and conflict, and life with you has been a conflict, but amid it all you find a spot in your heart for the old soldiers and we appreciate this greatly, it touches us greatly. It means more than just the idle words, you have devoted your lives to the benefit of that and built up America forever.

Delegation withdraws.

Officer of the Day: Commander, there is a delegation of Spanish War Veterans at the door.

Commander: Please admit them and have them escorted to the rostrum.

A. H. Gansser, Bay City, Michigan. Delegate: I am here to bring you greetings from the Spanish War Veterans Department of Michigan, and to bring to you a suggestion from them, in the kindliest manner they have accepted our invitation to come to Bay City next year, if it would bring the G. A. R. I would remind you that 40 years ago an emigrant boy came to Bay City. Within two years he lost his father and the U. S. Post became my American father. It was at their suggestion that I joined the National Guard in 1892 and for 35 years have done my part as a soldier. I was Department Commander of the Spanish War Veterans, and Chief Department Commander of the World War Veterans in 1919-20. You are talking to an adopted boy of the U. S. Post at Bay City, and in their behalf I am extending to you an invitation to come once again to good old Bay City. It is more beautiful and bigger than ever, and we will do more for you than we ever have done before. I understand that Kalamazoo is here with a very urgent invitation. I have been at a number of meetings at Kalamazoo and I would love to go there again, and if you have decided to go there I will be pleased to meet there with you. If you can't come to Bay City this year, then come next year and we will be with you. We have three G. A. R. posts in Bay City, one camp the first in Michigan, No. 1. We have a post for foreign wars, camp for disabled veterans. Bay City has always been a patriotic city.

We met last year in Jackson. Now in Benton Harbor, this is all in one section of the country, and the one thought in my mind is why not pass these things around as we used to do to different sections of the state. Port Huron, Jackson, Benton Harbor, how about the wonderful cities like Lansing, Flint, Saginaw, Bay City, and that is one good reason why Bay City is asking you to come there next year so we can show you the best time possible that a city of 50,000 can.

Captain Martin: I endorse all that Comrade Gansser has said and join with him in that invitation to you. Of course, if you have decided to go to Kalamazoo, we will be with you, but if you will come to Bay City we will try to give you the best time you ever had. Thank you.



Officer of the Day: There is a delegation of Children of the G. A. R. at the door.

Commander: Admit them.

Delegation enters.

Mrs. Carrie Park Boggs, who accompanied the two boys: I come to you today as the Department Chairman of the Junior Organization of the Daughters of the G. A. R. to introduce to you these two boys from Detroit, Michigan. I want you to know that the D. A. R. are training their children. These boys are lineal descendants of a comrade who fought with you in 61-65. These boys and girls have meetings regularly, and we are teaching them to appreciate the wonderful thing our fathers did for their country, because we know that what the children learn will be a lasting thing, and they will pass it on to the next generation. Comrades of the G. A. R. your fame shall ever dwell in the hearts that love you well and these children will carry on down through the generations what you have done for us, for this country, that is the greatest country on earth. We have brought flowers in tender sentiment of what we feel toward you.

James Wall: It gives me great pleasure to bring you greetings from the Junior Organization of the Daughters of the G. A. R. My grandfather fought with one of you boys and he answered the call to arms in 61 and fought with Farragut in Mobile Bay. I was with you in Port Huron and hope to be with you again next year.

William Wall: We have an organization in Detroit with requirements of active membership being that you must have a grandfather who fought in the Civil War. Any child can be an associate member. You comrades are welcome to our meetings at any time. They are held twice a month, the first and third Saturdays, in the G. A. R. Hall at Detroit.

Chaplain Charles W. Gardner: Extends thanks for greetings.

Officer of the Day: Commander there is a delegation of Veterans of Foreign Wars at the door and wishes admittance.

Commander: Please have them escorted to the rostrum.

Col. Joel R. Moore, 339th Inf.: Venerable Sir and Comrades: We are more than honored to have the opportunity of extending greetings to you. I know that you have lots to do and that you are weary of speechmaking, but we have something as the youngest veteran organization that we want to say to you. It was only a few days ago that the President of one of the greatest universities of this country—Boston, had the affrontery to say that we were wrong in teaching the children of the public schools of our great country the story of our military heroes and that included you as the greatest of all, of course. When President Grant of Boston dared to make that statement right while we were carrying our flags to the cemeteries, where your comrades sleep in glory, I say to you, that the youngest veteran organization of this country feels called upon to speak in protest against such traitorous sentiments. Every comrade of ours who walked upon those bloodsoaked fields of France or did military duty, had behind them the living story of those ever present in their memory, of the boys who carried the flag from Bull Run to Appointtox. They are upholding the standards of the old G. A. R.

There is one thing stands out in my memory of a great public gathering in Litchfield, Mich. My mother led me into that little cemetery



telling me proudly how those men had given themselves up for their country. That memory helped carry me over some of the hard days of the World War. We have nothing in common so far as the war of the Rebellion is concerned, or World War, but there is one thing we do have in common, one thing that binds us as comrades together, and that is the reason we like to meet with you—that is those colors—your colors and our colors, the fairest flag ever waved, the flag that has never known defeat, the colors that two million followed to the other side of the world to show that our United States was the Champion of Righteous-Those colors bind us together. We would like to decorate your Commander Stephenson with the Cross of Mortar, one of the most ancient decorations. A real military decoration. In history there is no more fascinating story than that of the crusaders united under the bonds of Christianity bearing upon their breasts the great cross, and who battled for hundreds of years, were finally defeated, but not disgraced, they are all allies of the World War, who finally succeeded in getting that land from the hands of the Turks.

This cross decorates and beautifies the garment of the humblest workman or of the finest station in life, particularly when it is worn with the good will and with the comradeship that actuated comrades of the G. A. R., Spanish War Veterans, and Comrades of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

O. A. Janes: It is with great pleasure that I listened to your talk and I recalled that years ago we lived in the same place, and when you responded to the call of your country and went to spread the great doctrine of democracy for the same people we saved from destruction during the Civil War. I had a son who was across in France for twenty months in that great struggle, so I had a deep interest, but he was fortunate to return home and I glory in the fact that I had one of my own blood who followed me in spreading that doctrine of liberty that I helped to preserve in this country. God bless you, may your organization prosper and be the means of cementing together the people of this nation after we have gone, in preserving the flag we saved, and you so valiantly carried across the deep waters.

Comrade Chase: I move that the Judge Advocate be instructed to send a letter of regret to Commander Seel and also Washington Gardner, Comrades Freund and Lansing, that they could not be with us, and send our best wishes.

Louis Kanitz presents resolution:

RESOLVED, That every member of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., in good standing in the department be and is hereby made a member of the Department Encampment, such comrades to be in full possession of the national countersign, to be admitted to be a member of the encampment.

Mr. Janes: This is along the line of suggestions made in the Department Commander's report. I was in hopes that before the presentation of this resolution that the report of the Assistant Adjutant General as to the membership of the G. A. R. should have been presented to you, but he says his report will show 1,563 members in good standing in the State of Michigan. This encampment today shows under the rules and regulations in force of only a handful of delegates to the G. A. R. Other G. A. R. are outside, who cannot be admitted to sit in the encampment and participate in this procedure.



That resolution means that every contrade in good standing in his post has a right to sit in the department meetings of the G. A. R. in this state. Then you will see a larger number and it will encourage them to come. Let's encourage the life of the G. A. R. In Des Moines that has been settled by a decision of the Judge Advocate General, each department is at liberty to determine the number of representatives.

Comrade Chase seconded the motion and after a few remarks by Com-

rade Kanitz, the motion was carried.

Comrade Janes: I move the incoming Department Commander shall publish that resolution in the General Order so that all persons may know of it. Which will not necessitate the election of delegates hereafter.

Comrade Kanitz supported the motion. Motion carried.

Comrade: The Mayor of this city has just sent in an order that all those who want to take a pleasure ride about the city will be furnished autos.

Comrade Janes moved that a recess be taken until 1:00 P. M. June 9th. The motion was seconded and carried.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

June 9, 1927

1:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 and opened in due form.

Daughters of Veterans file upon stage:

Delegate from Grand Rapids: The Daughters from Grand Rapids bring to you greetings and I take pleasure in introducing to you the Mother of the Daughters of Veterans, Sister Florence Dickinson:

You will find the Daughters of Veterans will always be with you and your comrades, and we hope you will all spend many more encampments with us, and help to show us how to live, to uphold old Glory. I thank you.

O. A. Janes: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, you of Grand Rapids, when I saw the delegation coming in down there I said to the Department Commander, do they think this is an open session for everybody, and that we have a lot of visitors attending, but when you filed up here on the stage I made up my mind that you came as a delegation to express to the G. A. R. your loyalty to the comrades who were your fathers and your grandfathers, and to our Department Commander, Dr. Stephenson. It is very nice of you to express yourselves in that way to the present Commander who is from your city.

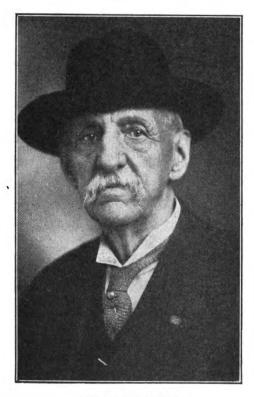
Commander: We are very much obliged for your coming and thank you for this honor. Comrades Salute.

Comrades give three cheers for Eva Gray.

One delegate explained why the post was named the Eva Gray Post and the delegates took leave.

Department Commander: Comrades, we are now ready to transact business after taking a recess yesterday and we will proceed with the regular order of business. We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General.





H. A. CHAPIN
Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General

Headquarters Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, Lansing, Michigan, June 8, 1927.

James R. Stephenson, Department Commander, Comrades:

In accordance with the rules and regulations governing the work in my office, I have the honor to submit the following report covering the official duties of the office of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, both for the year ending June 4, 1927.

| Membership | Posts | Numbers |
|---|-------|---------|
| Number in good standing June 1, 1926 | 125 | 1,882 |
| Gains during the year: | 10 | |
| By muster | 12 | |
| By transfers | 18 | |
| | | 30 |
| Losses during year: | | |
| By death | 236 | |
| By suspension and transfer | 19 | |
| By surrender of charter | 94 | |
| | | 349 |
| Number of members in good standing June 4, 1927 | | 1,563 |
| Number of posts in good standing June 1, 1926 | | 125 |
| Loss of posts by surrender of charter | | 6 |
| Number of posts in good standing June 4, 1927 | | 119 |



The Department has 1,563 members in good standing Entitled to 16 Delegates and Alternates and one Delegate at Large and one Alternate at Large

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1927

| Cash on hand June 1, 1926 Received during the year as follows: From per capita tax From sale of supplies From all other sources Total receipts for the year | \$497.56 31.38 539.34 | \$1,632.91 1,068.18 2,701.09 |
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| DISBURSEMENTS | • | |
| Cola D. R. Stowets Q. M. Gen. per capita tax Jas. K. Davison Dept. Commanders Badge for | ! | \$89.00 |
| John Seel Mich. Surety Co., Quartermaster's bond. H. A. Chapin, various expenses. Express Flowers, D. LeBaron Telegrams Glass for charter. Lodgings, Des Moines, Chapin, Stephenson, Ferry Baggage H. A. Chapin, expenses Des Moines. H. A. Chapin, Expenses Benton Harbor. Cola D. R. Stowets Q. M. Gen. per capita tax. Printing Identification Certificates. Cola D. R. Stowets Q. M. Gen. supplies. Cola D. R. Stowets Q. M. Gen supplies. Overpaid for certificates. H. A. Chapin, salary Assistant Adjutant General | | 50.00 5.00 10.00 1.30 5.00 3.42 $.50$ 22.00 2.25 33.95 10.90 49.53 27.50 7.70 6.75 4.00 600.00 50.90 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 979.70 1,721.39 | |
| Total | | |
| Assets— General Fund Alger Fund Cash in Bank Outstanding Checks Cash in Office | | \$ 500.00 1,000.00 213.92 4.00 3.47 |
| Total Assets | | \$1,721.39 |



In closing I want to thank you, Commander, for the honor conferred by your appointment of myself as Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General and for your many kindnesses, and I also desire to express my thanks to the members of the Official Staff and all Comrades for their many courtesies, I am,

Sincerely your in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
H. A. CHAPIN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Comrade: I suggest this report be referred to the Council of Administration as I understand they have gone through this and verified same. Motion supported.

Comrade Barrett: I would move the adoption of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General's report. I am on the committee with Comrades Dunham and Estabrook. We went over the accounts carefully and find everything correct and the full committee has signed the report which Mr. Dunham will read, therefore Commander and Comrades, I move the adoption of the report to save time.

Objections by Comrade Janes.

Commander: Comrades it has been moved that this report be referred to the Council of Administration. Motion supported and carried.

Officer of the Day: Past Senior Vice National Commander Reese is at the door and would like admittance.

Commander: The Officer of the Day will please escort him to the platform.

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, I have the honor and the pleasure of introducing to this encampment Comrade Reese.

Comrade Reese: Commander and Comrades: It is a pleasure to me and an honor to have the privilege of meeting my comrades of 61-65; and it is a great honor to have been detailed as a representative of our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Walsh, our beloved Commander, one whom we all love, to bring to you his greetings, and the greetings of the Grand Organization of the G. A. R. of which he is Commander-in-Chief; and his best wishes for your pleasure and a good time during this meeting of your annual encampment. Also his regrets that he could not be with you today, he hopes that at some time and at some place, to be able to meet you again and that although he is absent from you he is present in spirit.

It is something to have taken a part in that great conflict in which we were engaged with more than two million of the boys of this country in defense of the Union and their flag. You with them, with sacrifices that you made, won a victory for us, for this country. You kept the Union from dividing and kept our flag from being destroyed. It is something to have lived in such a day and to see and to have the experience of the result of your efforts. By your loyal support and your sacrifices you brought a victory to this country that has made it the best and greatest country among the nations of the world. We realize that many of us have answered the great roll call, and been mustered out, but we are grateful that a few of us still remain to do something to make our country better and to bring about by education a christian, patriotic citizenship. We must have patriotism taught in our schools, in our homes, and be sure that it means all those virtues of justice, honor, purity and morality.



Do you know that there are more than 25 million of our boys and girls in the U. S. without any religious training? That is appalling. We must have our children taught patriotism, love of country, obedience to all, and regard for the constitution of the State and Nation and be taught the love of Christ—a Christianity taught by our Saviour, to have a citizenship that will carry on and keep this country one of the best and greatest countries the world ever knew.

I wish you pleasure in your meeting of this annual encampment and

hope to see you again before I leave.

Oh yes, I have been requested to say something to you as to our last pension being passed by Congress. We had the honor a month ago of the presence of the Commander-in-Chief and Comrade Lowler at our encampment in Nebraska, and from him I gathered the information I want to

give to you today.

There seems to be a false report as to the result of that pension bill. It failed, but on no part of the Commander-in-Chief and his assistants. Comrade Walsh and Governor Vansant were in Washington the last few days of Congress and by their earnest efforts they succeeded in getting the pension bill for the increase of widows' pensions not to \$50.00 per month, as it passed the House, but it was amended to \$40.00 a month and restricted to the age of 75 years, but it was the last day and could not be passed on account of the filibuster which might be raised against They consented for the amendment to go in and it passed on the evening of the 3rd day of March. They immediately went over and interviewed President Coolidge and had a very satisfactory interview with him. The Commander said to us that they were satisfied that he would have signed the bill if it had reached him in time. adjourned and there was no Congress at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March, and the bill was presented to the White House, laid upon the table of the President at nine o'clock of the morning of the 4th of March, but at that time he had left the White House and was on his way to the Capitol, where it is the custom and the duty of the President to go on the last day of Congress to sign any bill that might be passed that day. They know this because their car was just immediately in back of the car which contained the President and he was there on duty at twelve o'clock when the gavel fell and then there was no more Congress, and he couldn't sign a bill that he had not signed before the gavel fell.

That may be news to a lot of you. I didn't know it myself until I was informed of it, but what the President could sign a bill any time within ten days. He could do that in a long session of Congress when Congress adjourns to meet again, but in this Congress it was the last day of that Congress, and when they adjourned there was no Congress to meet unless special session was called, and for that reason he could not sign it.

Are there any further questions?

Comrade: What about the \$72 for Comrades?

Comrade Reese: The National Encampment at Des Moines, the committee on resolutions concluded, and so reported, that we should only ask a pension for the increase for widows at the short session. If we did we were likely to get it because it was only a short session. My idea of pension legislation for the future is to get into Congress with our committee from this organization at the early stage of Congress and invite those congressmen and senators who desire to have their names on



pension bill to get together and let us frame one pension bill which will include increase of pension for soldiers according to their needs and an increase of pension for every comrade's widow to \$50 per month, and if that is put in one bill and placed before Congress, and it can be passed before the last days of that Congress, and shut out the opportunity of any senator opposed to pensions to filibuster and keep it from passing, and then convince the President that it is a just bill and he ought to sign it, I believe he will.

Commander: In reply to your talk I would like to say we thank you and we feel highly honored for your coming. We will try to abide by the words you have spoken and hope that you may have a pleasant return, a happy journey and God speed in your work.

Officer of the Day: There is a delegation of the Chamber of Commerce from Kalamazoo would like admittance.

Commander: Please admit them. Comrades we will have a recess of a few moments to hear this delegation from Kalamazoo.

F. W. Kime, Kalamazoo: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to invite you in behalf of Kalamazoo and its Chamber of Commerce, to come to Kalamazoo for your 1928 encampment. Kalamazoo will extend to you every courtesy and do everything in our power to make your stay in our city one of fond remembrance. It gives me great pleasure to officially invite you to the city of Kalamazoo. Withdraws.

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, with your permission, Comrade Reese and I will now retire.

Officer of the Day: Department Commander, the Congressman from this district and the Postmaster of Benton Harbor are at the door and would like admittance.

Commander withdraws on visit to W. R. C. Willis W. Crocker, Senior Vice Department Commander takes the chair.

Comrade Janes announces a gift from the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans, to the G. A. R., of \$25.00, also an individual gift of flowers for the Commander.

Comrade Chapin moves that the check be accepted by the Department of Michigan with thanks and be deposited for our benefit as soon as he returns to Lansing. Motion supported and passed.

Officer of the Day: Senior Vice Department Commander, there is still waiting at the door the Congressman from this district and the Postmaster of Benton Harbor, who wish admittance.

Senior V. D. C.: We will take a recess for a few minutes and receive these visitors.

S. V. D. C.: Comrades, I have the pleasure to present to you the Congressman from this district, Mr. Ketcham, and also the Postmaster of Benton Harbor, Mr. Banyon.

Mr. Ketcham. Members of the G. A. R. I have come from my home in Hastings, which is at the opposite end of this district, to be with you today, so that I might show my own personal appreciation of your acceptance of the invitation to come to Benton Harbor and the Fourth Congressional District for the holding of your annual encampment. The Fourth Congressional District is not composed of many large cities, Benton Harbor being the largest city we have. For that reason we do not have the great conventions that go to the larger cities. While there are many attractions always on hand in a larger city, yet I think there



is one attraction you find in the smaller city which is a very great attraction when you are thinking of a good time, that is that what we may lack in knowledge and facilities for entertaining I think we make up in that spirit of true hospitality and so I know you are having a delightful time in Benton Harbor and you will continue to throughout the encampment.

Every since I have had any notion of public life whatsoever the one thing uppermost in my mind is to do everything that I can as such a public servant, charged with a certain responsibility, to make the years of the men who answered the call to colors, as pleasant as a great government can make them. I trust that my vote has been in line with the declarations I used to make before I entered Congress. While you may be called upon to write your representative letters to ask him his consideration of legislation or other things directly affecting your welfare, there is one vote that will be cast for the first, last and all the time for you.

Little red in all the rope used in British Navy. Bit of blue interwoven in the life of our nation, that is the little thin line of blue represented by the men who are before me this afternoon. These are the men who made the splendid background of which we are so wondrously proud today, and without you and without what you did it would not be possible for me to stand upon any public platform and indulge in that delightful occupation telling about the wonders, the beauties, the accomplishments of a great land like ours, and the best thing we can do to show our appreciation is not by words but by deeds which indicate that they propose to show whatever honor they can do to the few remaining days you will be privileged to remain with us. God bless you men. I hope you may live long; but how many years, great or small, I hope they may have for each of you and your splendid organization the best for you.

I want to tell you again how glad we are to have you here, and trust that just as soon as you decently can with due regard to the other cities, we hope you will come back again to see us. We trust this trip will be but a guarantee of the larger measure of your second coming and may it be not too long delayed.

Comrade Janes: Congressman Ketcham, we are very glad to welcome you here at this time and I was not aware until you mentioned it that we were in the Fourth District. We deem it an honor to have you here. We are few, our ranks are rapidly diminishing. I know that you will do all you can and will always stand for the rights of those men who fought for their country's salvation and so I am glad to present to you the badge of the encampment.

Postmaster Banyon gave a short talk assuring the G. A. R. of their welcome.

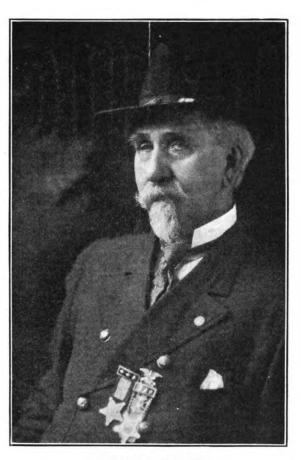
Senior V. D. C. presents badge to Postmaster. Gentlemen withdraw. Officer of the Day: This card represents Mr. McFadyen, who would like to say a few words in regard to Grand Rapids.

S. V. D. C.: Please have him wait a few minutes.

Comrade Janes: As Judge Advocate of this Department, appointed by your Department Commander as his legal adviser, I have had during the year a few cases submitted to me on which I have rendered opinions. There have been questions asked me which had formerly been settled, so I would ask that you pay particular attention to this report to avoid the



next Judge Advocate's having to answer these same questions. (Report attached).



OSCAR A. JANES
Judge Advocate

June 8, 1927.

To the Department Encampment G. A. R.:

My report as Judge Advocate for the year contains four cases sub-

mitted for are opinion thereon as follows:

Comrade F. L. Manning, Chaplain of Post No. 48, Jackson, asks, "Has there been any changes made in the National By-Laws of the G. A. R. Rules and Regulations, whereby a Post can elect and install in any office a woman to fill the same legally."

OPINION

The Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic does not permit the election to office in a Post any person who is not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The National Encampment has provided that the Adjutant and Quartermaster may employ any person not a member of the G. A. R. to do the clerical work of the Post, but they do not, in any sense, thereby become officers of the Post. (See Opinion No. 7, by Judge Advocate General McBride, 60th National En-



campment, Des Moines, Iowa, 1926.) They do not thereby become either Adjutant or Quartermaster or acquire any other rights incident to membership. They should not be installed into office. They may write the reports of such officers but the reports must be signed by the officer himself, or must evidence his official action.

O. A. JANES, Judge Advocate.

Highland Park, Mich., Oct. 27, 1926.

Dr. James R. Stephenson, Department Commander, 209 North Park St., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My dear Commander:

Your request for an opinion on the inquiry from A. L. Deuel, Attorney for I. B. Richardson, Post No. 13, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in reference to the disposition of the proceeds realized from the sale of a lot and building thereon, owned by the Post and occupied for Post Meeting in the event of surrendering its charter and disbanding as an organization on account of but eight or nine members remaining in the Post, received.

I have to inform you that the National Encampment of the G. A. R. several years ago decided that "A Post disbanded is not required to turn over to the Department cash on hand or real estate purchased with Post funds," and on a question submitted at the last Encampment held at Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 19 to 24, of similar import as to disposition of assets of a Post on surrender of its charter the previous action of the National Encampment was re-affirmed stating that the Grand Army had no jurisdiction over the disposition of the assets of a disbanded Post. And if the Post was incorporated or unincorporated the disposition of its assets would be governed by the laws of the State. Under this decision of the National Encampment it is not incumbent on you, as Department Commander, to give any direction as to any disposition of the proceeds from the sale of the real estate of the Post in question. The Post can dispose of its assets independent of the Grand Army.

The communication from Attorney Deuel states, "That a few years ago the Post passed a resolution that when the Post disbands and dissolves the organization that they would sell the building and lot, and devote the proceeds to the erection of a proper monument on their lot in our cemetery."

The legal question arises if the Post on disbandonment is not in duty bound to carry out this action of the Post when it comprised a much larger membership than at present, when it contemplates with only about eight or nine members to sell the property and divide the proceeds among themselves—as stated in the communication to you on behalf of the Post. To not devote the assets to the erection of the monument as directed by action of the Post years ago with a large membership and—instead to ignore that action of the Post, and divide the assets among the few remaining members would be a dishonorable act if not illegal, and not an exercise of a spirit of true comradeship to those who "have gone before," and have answered the last roll call.

O. A. JANES, Judge Advocate.



Dr. James R. Stephenson,
Department Commander.

Dear Commander:

Yours of the 14th of Feb'y, submitting the inquiry from the Commander of Wm. H. Borden Post No. 211, G. A. R., at Ionia, relative to the Post uniting with the Relief Corps, and asking for an opinion if the Post can legally do so in order to keep up the Post. I have to inform you that the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic do not provide any method whereby a Post may consolidate with any other organization.

I realize that many of the Posts are few in membership, and many of the Comrades too old and infirm to attend the meetings without assistance; the Relief Corps would be great aid in prolonging the life of the Post. While the members of the Relief Corps, cannot become members of the Post, or elected and installed as an officer in the Post, in order that the Relief Corps could attend the meetings of the Post as non-members, the Post could hold open meetings to which the Relief Corps could attend, the Post opening and closing such meetings without ceremony, thus avoiding the ritualistic portion of the ceremony which would be illegal. The officers must be members of the Posts, but the National Encampment, has authorized assistance by persons not members of the Post to do the clerical work for Adjutant and Quartermaster.

Installation of officers can be public, using the ceremony in the service

This opinion also applies to the Daughters of Veterans and Ladies of the G. A. R.

O. A. JANES, Judge Advocate.

H. A. Chapin,
A. A. Gen'l, G. A. R.
My dear Comrade:

To the question of Comrade A. C. Estabrook, inquiring if the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are entitled to be admitted to the meetings of the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was forwarded me by you, in reply state, that the subject matter of admitting the Sons of Veterans to the meetings of the Posts, without membership or vote, but as guests, was adopted at the Milwaukee National Encampment upon a report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations recommending the rules and regulations be changed to provide for such admission.

A question arose as to the legality of such admission until the Rules and Regulations were amended, incorporating the action therein.

The Judge Advocate General held although it was approved by the National Encampment it did not become operative until the Rules and Regulations were amended providing for such admission. He furthermore stated "by its adoption the National Encampment, which is the supreme authority, indicated the wish that the Sons of Veterans should or might be permitted to attend the meetings of the Posts and the Commander-in-Chief in Order No. 2, adopted the only practicable method to be followed by Posts in permitting Sons of Veterans to attend their meetings. The question of admittance was again raised and Commander-



in-Chief Inman referred it again to Judge Advocate General McBride for an opinion as to the legality of the action and his opinion is found on pages 151 and 152 of the Journal of Proceedings of the 60th National Encampment, held at Des Moines, which is as follows: When a Son of Veteran seeks admission to a Grand Army Post, he should convince the Commander that he is a Sons of Veteran in good standing. He should then be admitted simply as a visitor, with no power to vote, or to act in any way as if he were a member of the Post. They cannot be given our countersign nor can we require that they have a visiting card from their Camp. It will be enough if they can convince us, that they are members of the Sons of Veterans, and whether or not their evidence of that fact is sufficient, is left entirely to the Commander of the Post."

Inasmuch as the National Encampment has authorized their admission and the Judge Advocate General holds their admission legal there is no occasion to doubt the legality of their attendance at Post meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR A. JANES, Judge Advocate.

I was on committee of resolutions at Des Moines, we had the question whether the W. R. C. and other organizations should be accorded the same rights to attend meetings that the Sons of Veterans have been accorded. This was referred back to the Convention, it will come up again before the National Encampment at Dayton. I stand ready to support a measure that will permit these organizations to attend the meetings of the Post as non-members without vote and without any authority to hold office. That is the only way to keep small posts alive. What greater assistance can these women render now than accompanying us to Posts meetings and back during inclement weather, that we may enjoy the privilege of comradeship at the Post.

Comrade Chapin: I move that the report of the Judge Advocate be accepted without reference.

Comrade Creque, Post No. 48, Jackson: It seems to me that Comrade Janes does not agree when he starts out with what he ends up with. There is not a man belonging to the G. A. R. but what knows that 50 to 75% of the Posts have died within the last four years. What causes it? Rules and Regulations, and you know it, because they were not allowed to bring in any assistance whatever to keep that Post alive. I know of a Post right now in Jackson county that is kept alive and has been for four years, by one Relief Corps woman, and the first resolution Comrade Janes brought up on his report I know all about. I had something to do with that. I was Commander of the Post at the time and I asked Manning if he would be installing officer in our Post. He said he would take it up with the Judge Advocate to get authority to install. I said, "Is that your opinion?" Then you will not be the installing officer of this Post. I didn't appoint him. I appointed a Comrade to install the officers. There was a resolution in Grand Rapids with reference to this matter, as to having the Daughters from the Relief Corps come in as clerical workers and it was read and handed over to the committee. The committee turned down the women and passed a resolution that the sons might do the clerical work. See the fallacy of such a decision. There are only 27 Encampments of the Sons of the fathers while there



are about 100 Posts. How could 27 assist us in such a manner? I say that Rules and Regulations at this time is a farce, because we are not the men we were forty or fifty years ago.

Comrade Janes: Wherein does my opinion not agree with where I started.

Comrade Creque: On the points you did not agree with letting those ladies in.

Comrade Tindall, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids: Now the Comrade right here finds fault with the Constitution. If he don't like the way of doing business why don't he have it changed? We can't suit all of us. We are here for a purpose to get along the very best we can. We are not very long in this little world, now for God's sake Comrades, let's get along without all this jangling, if we don't like the way, let's change it and don't fight about it.

Comrade Janes' report was acted upon and accepted.

Officer of the Day: Mr. McFayden of Grand Rapids is at the door.

Senior Vice Dept. Com.: Introduce Mr. McFayden.

Mr. McFayden: Officers and Comrades: I feel a little bit bashful before this group today, the only thing that keeps my knees from wobbling is that I walked the decks of the old Iowa a few years ago, and for that reason I feel we have something in common, for some of you may have walked those very decks. I am here as representative from Grand Rapids. Just recall a couple of years ago when we had the last National Encampment in Grand Rapids. I hope all of you were there because at that time Grand Rapids enjoyed the greatest convention that it has ever had the honor of entertaining. There is not a person in Grand Rapids but appreciated the honor we had at that time. Everyone just seemed to open up. As I went around helping with the arrangements, it seemed everyone was having a good time. We had chairs all along the sidewalks and everybody had a chance to sit down when he Luncheon clubs had the visitors and delegates as their guests at luncheons, there were a lot of special events planned. We did the best we knew how to make your National Encampment a real success. We didn't do as well as we believe we can do if we do it again. We have learned some things. I am a member of the American Legion, and I believe you would confer a great favor upon the American Legion if you would invite them to watch you conduct your business. So we learned a great deal, and another time we could make the Encampment even more enjoyable and accommodate you much better than before. We receive favorable comments about that last National Encampment in Grand Rapids from everywhere. I met a man at a convention in Los Angles the other day who had been at Grand Rapids during that Encampment and he was telling me what a wonderful time he had there. So Grand Rapids decided they would extend an invitation again if pos-So the citizens of Grand Rapids, through the Mayor, whom I represent here today, and the Supt. of Schools and Association of Commerce, Convention Bureau and Hotels, request that you accept an invitation to meet with us next year. We have already prepared for your entertainment by an appropriation of \$10,000 to entertain you, besides what Grand Rapids will do.

We want to have all the school children put on a big parade. The last time we thought there would not be room for this, but we know now that



there would, and we believe it will be a mighty tribute to the National Encampment, and you will enjoy seeing the school children. We have planned lots of other things to make this even greater success if you will accept our invitation of Grand Rapids to meet with us next year. I thank you.

Comrade Tindall, Post 395, Grand Rapids: We are in better shape than two years ago, we have the money, Comrades, and we have the heart, we will take care of every Comrade who comes to Grand Rapids no matter what color, we will see that he is taken care of.

M. B. Richardson, Post No. 42, read a resolution which was objected to and afterward withdrawn.

Senior Vice Dept. Com.: All the organizations represented here sent a delegation to us from their organization. We have not sent a representative to any of those organizations, to carry the greetings of the G. A. R. which should have been done this afternoon.

Department Commander: I have just returned from the W. R. C. where I took the liberty of extending greetings from the G. A. R.

Ed Killeen, Post No. 48, Jackson; J. McCarthy, Post No. 33, Detroit; and Thos. Biddle, Post No. 35, South Haven; volunteered to visit the Sons of Veterans.

T. H. Nichols of Post No. 48, Jackson, volunteered to visit the Sons of Veterans auxiliary.

George W. Howe, Post No. 98, Port Huron; J. W. Walker, Post No. 32, and Fred Gill, Post No. 38, Saginaw; were appointed to visit the Spanish War Veterans and their auxiliary.

Charles A. Bartlett, Post No. 17 and A. C. Estabrook, Post No. 56, Allegan, were appointed to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of the G. A. R.

To the Department Commander:

The Executive Committee of the Council of Administration beg to report that they have examined and checked the vouchers, receipts and books of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General and find the total receipts, including cash on hand at the beginning of this term, to be Two Thousand Seven Hundred and One Dollars and Nine Cents (\$2,701.09) and the total disbursements Nine Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$979.70), leaving a balance of One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-one Dollars and Thirty-nine Cents (\$1,721.39), as shown by the books.

ALBERT DUNHAM,
A. C. ESTABROOK,
CAPT. WM. BARRETT,
Committee.

Benton Harbor, Michigan, June 8, 1927.

Comrade Chapin distributed the district blanks to members of the districts to be filled out and returned Friday morning.

Senior Vice Dept. Com.: Department Commander and Comrades: In regard to the per capita tax. At the present time all we are paying is 25c per year. Every year the W. R. C. has given us \$300.00 to help pay expenses. The Past Presidents of the Daughters of Veterans gave us \$25.00 more. According to what has been said to the Relief Corps, they



are going to try to give you \$500. I don't believe in begging. One-half of the Comrades of the Dept. of Michigan are getting \$72.00 a month. The balance of them are getting \$65.00. My proposition is that we double this per capita tax and try to pay our own expenses as near as we can. I make that a motion that the per capita tax be raised from 25c to 50c per year for the Department, commencing the 1st of July. Supported.

Chapin: The motion called for this to commence July 1st. The number of members in good standing is determined at the December

meeting.

Senior Vice: With the consent of the one seconding this motion, I will change this date to January 1st, or that we pay this 50c hereafter.

Comrade Chapin: I want to say in regard to the per capita tax that when that membership is turned in, if possible, and the 50c is determined, why wouldn't it be a good plan for the boys to send that 50c at the time the number of members in good standing is determined and not divide it up into two payments. I move that the motion of the Senior Vice Dept. Com. be amended so that the 50c per capita tax should be paid in the month of December.

Dept. Commander: You have heard the motion as amended, that the per capita tax be raised to 50c per person per year and that this be all paid in December. The motion was seconded, and carried.

Comrade Janes: I move that we take a recess until nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Motion seconded, and upon being put to vote, carried.

FRIDAY MORNING

June 10, 1927

9:00 A. M.

The meeting was called to order and opened in due form.

J. McConkey, Post 433, Detroit, reported on his visit to the Sons of Veterans, had a royal reception. They told us to report back to you that they were ready to carry on the work when we laid it down. They also entrusted to us a badge that we were to present to the Department Commander which I take pleasure in presenting to you.

Department Commander: Thank you. If you see any of the comrades

return my thanks and best wishes.

Comrade Bartlett: Comrade Estabrook and myself visited the Ladies of the G. A. R. and presented the greetings of this Department to that organization. Last night we could not find the Daughters, they had finished their meetings, but at their banquet at the hotel our greetings were presented and duly received. I claim this badge as a personal right.

Comrade Nichols: I was asked to go to the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. I was royally received there, and they gave me a badge. They didn't give me one to give you. They sent their best wishes to the G. A. R.

Fred Gill: Department Commander, we visited the Spanish War Veterans yesterday afternoon and were royally received. From there we



proceeded to the auxiliary of the Spanish War Veterans but found them adjourned. We were unable to call upon them but will do so this afternoon.

Comrade J. W. Walker: I was called upon to take the greetings of the Department to the Daughters of Veterans yesterday. I found them all alive and they returned their gratitude to the Department of the G. A. R. They received me with honor and I gave them the congratulations of this Department.

Officer of the Day: Department Commander, there is a gentleman here from the Convention Bureau for Travel in Detroit, who would like to appear before you.

Commander: He may enter now.

Mr. Tallison: I am Mr. Tallison who wishes to say a word on Detroit. I am here at the request of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau with personal invitations from the bureau and from Mayor John W. Smith and the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, inviting you to come to Detroit next year for your 1928 Encampment. We would feel very highly honored if you decide to come and hope most sincerely that you will come to Detroit next year. Withdraws.

Commander: Have all the committees reported?

Comrade Frank R. Chase: To the members of the 49th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. Your committee to whom was referred the annual address of your Department Commander, most respectfully reports as follows: that in looking over the work of our Order, it was very carefully administered during the year. We most cordially recommend that the same be adopted in full. We cheerfully recommend that the usual badge of Past Department Commander of the G. A. R. be presented to Commander Stephenson.

FRANK R. CHASE, A. C. ESTABROOK, HENRY SPAULDING, Committee.

It was moved and supported that this report be accepted. The Senior Vice Department Commander put this motion to vote and it was unanimously carried.

Comrade Janes: I move at this time we take up the question of selecting a place for our next encampment. Supported by Comrade Chase, and upon being put to vote the motion carried.

A. C. Estabrook, Post No. 56, Allegan: I move that in order to get it before the convention we select Kalamazoo as our next meeting place.

Comrade Chapin: We have letters from different cities inviting us. Comrade: I move these be read.

One communication from Detroit and two from South Haven were read.



AN INVITATION TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Detroit, Mich., June 10, 1927.

To the Members of the G. A. R. In Convention at Benton Harbor, Mich.

Dear Members:

The City of Detroit would feel it a great honor to be the scene of the next Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic and Mayor John W. Smith, the Detroit Board of Commerce and the Detroit Convention Bureau heartly invite you to meet next year in this City.

Detroit offers many advantages as a place for your convention. It is centrally located and easy to reach and has ample Hotel accommodations at reasonable rates, to care for all of your members.

We sincerely hope that you will decide to come to Detroit in 1928. Yours very truly,

J. LEE BARRETT, Executive Vice President, Detroit Convention Bureau.

CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN G. Carroll Ross, Mayor

June 8, 1927.

To the Grand Army of the Republic:

The City of South Haven would like to extend to your organization a cordial invitation to make our city the meeting place of your next session. Should you decide to accept our invitation, I can assure you that everything possible for your comfort and pleasure will be done.

Very truly yours,

G. CARROLL ROSS, Mayor City of South Haven.

SOUTH HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

South Haven, Michigan, June 8, 1927.

Dept. Commander, Grand Army of the Republic, State Encampment in Session, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

We take this opportunity and method of extending to you and the members of your organization our hearty wishes that this Encampment will be the most successful yet held and to extend to you a most welcome invitation that when considering the location of the Encampment next year that South Haven will have your serious consideration.

Situated as South Haven is on the Southeast coast of Lake Michigan bounded by miles of the finest sand beach on the Lake, surrounded by vast rich agricultural interests with ample hotel and housing conditions, South Haven is an ideal convention city.



The Casino, Michigan's largest pavilion, as well as several other exceptionally fine halls together with the high school auditorium, offer meeting places for the various branches of the organization equaled by but few cities.

For the divertissement of delegates and visitors, South Haven at this time of the year offers bathing, boating, golfing, tennis, horse back riding, fishing, moving pictures and vaudeville, rides among the beautiful orchards and many other activities which will make your stay here one of pleasure and because of the exceptionally fine climate, one that will be beneficial also.

South Haven would welcome the honor of being able to be hostess to such a distinguished assemblage and sincerely trusts that in this matter, we may be given your serious consideration.

Very truly yours,
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
H. J. Dollinger, Secretary.

Officer of the Day: Ladies of the W. R. C. are at the door and would like admittance, also the President of the Department.

Commander: You will please admit them. Will Comrade Estabrook and Comrade Crocker please escort these ladies to the rostrum.

Comrade Crocker: Commander and Comrades, this is a committee from the Women's Relief Corps, Mrs. Turck will talk to you..

Mrs. Turck: Commander, Officers and Members of the G. A. R. in convention assembled, I am not here to make a speech but I want to say to you it always gives me pleasure to look into your faces. I think this is the sixth year I have been so honored. Perhaps some of you will remember me. I am going to attend to the business part of this and give you a report of what the W. R. C. have done during the past year. (attached).

Commander: Comrades, this is Mrs. Bailey from Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Bailey: Now boys, I don't really think I needed that introduction. I have been coming here for a long while, my chairman who has just read the report and myself, and we were both remarking this morning the we were glad to be able to come once more. I am not going to take your time because we have with us our National President who I am sure can say to you words that we perhaps could not think of, and not only that, but you see us so often while you may not see her as often as you have us. But Commander, it has been my pleasure for a great many years, to present the greetings and flowers from the Department President to you from the W. R. C. The blessing of flowers is one of God's richest blessings of love and good will and I am sure that comes in with the Grand Army and the W. R. C. for the good will and good feeling that has always existed between us.

Commander: Thank you for these flowers and we assure you of our good will and our help whenever we can return this compliment.

Comrades, this is Mrs. McCabe, Past Department President from Bay City.

Mrs. McCabe: Commander and Members of the Grand Army, I am very glad indeed to bring greetings from the W. R. C. to you. These girls have been here before but this is the first time I have had the pleasure of coming before you. I want you to know how much the W. R. C. love



the Grand Army and we are very glad we are your auxiliary. I wish you all a successful year, may you all live to come to our next Encampment. I am not a talker and we have a good speaker ahead of us, so that is all I will say.

Commander: We have the honor of having with us Mrs. Redner, Past Department President.

Mrs. Redner: Commander and Members of the G. A. R. I have come to you today with a great deal of feeling in my heart of love and admiration for the G. A. R., and I wish to assure you that it is with a great deal of happiness that I look into your faces while at the same time there is a great deal of sadness in missing those who have passed away. I came to bring greetings of the W. R. C. and of their work for our Department President and to say that we came with a great deal of pleasure to bring to you our National President. You have no doubt heard her, and I know you want to hear her again, and I hope I may live to meet you again some time in the future.

Commander: Comrades, we have the honor this morning of having a distinguished visitor with us, Mrs. Christy, of Oberlin, Ohio, and our National President of the W. R. C.

Mrs. Christy: Department Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R., I am not going to detain you very long, this is a real privilege and honor that comes to a National President to visit the encampments in the various departments when she is making the official visit to the W. R. C. I have been North, South, East and West, and I have had the honor of going into many departments and visiting the various encampments of the G. A. R. Boys, it is a pleasure to any member patriotic, to come before you, to be able to take your hand and to put our hearts next to yours and whisper in your ear that we love you. We are with you, we will stand back of you as long as you live. It is my great good fortune to bring to you the love and the greetings from nearly 200,000 members in the W. R. C., and everyone of them has your interests at heart. You remember last night those of you who attended the camp fire, of the splendid gifts that came to your department. May I say that in every department the members of the W. R. C. are doing this same thing because of their great love for you, and it is you, dear comrades, I am sure that it seems only day before vesterday, that you were boys in blue; only yesterday you fought the fight, and you won for this country. You have given to this country records that no other army has ever given or ever can give, and you are the greatest and you are the grandest organization of men that the world has ever known. Our chairman has given you the records of the W. R. C. in the Department of Michigan. Your dear Miss Bailey has brought you these flowers that glisten with the love of friendliness for you. They found them in the gardens of their hearts and thought you would like to know that they grew there. Comrades, some might say that you have a few more gray hairs and just a few more wrinkles than you had yesterday, but you know you will never grow old to us. It is we who are growing old, but your lives and your records are embalmed in our lives. You have been our inspiration for all these 45 years and I am happy to publicly say to you that I prize the time that you comrades admitted or allowed to be admitted, loyal women into membership into the organization of the W. R. C. Someone has said we are the largest patriotic organization in the world. I must tell you that



we are the second largest. We are the oldest organization, presenting flags, doing all the patriotic work we find to do, but the American Legion have a few more members now than we have, and so we are second. In every way we are endeavoring to add to the membership, and I believe it will not be long until I can say we stand at the head of the patriotic organizations of the world. You need never fear, comrades, no matter what the membership may be, that our interest for you will ever change. In our garden of remembrance there is a very sacred spot, fragrant with the bloom and beauty of the sweet forget-me-not, there are no flowers in the garden fairer, lovlier, than these little flowers that whisper always I will remember you.

Commander: Ladies of the W. R. C. Past Presidents, I have a request from the Senior Past National Vice Commander, to say a few words in

return for your kind greetings here this morning.

Comrade Janes: Mrs. National Executive Officer of the Great Order of the W. R. C., auxiliary to the G. A. R., and these other ladies who have held high positions in the Department of Michigan, we have expected that you would make us a visit. You have never failed to come and give us words of greeting, making a report of your great work during the year, which lets us know that you are truly the helpmate of the G. A. R. And last night that gift that you gave to us, it gladdened our hearts, revived us anew, to go forward with the work of the G. A. R. when we now are limited to only 1,500 members in the State of Michigan. The G. A. R. is rapidly diminishing, nearly 400 passed over the great divide Not only here, but throughout the whole country where last year. G. A. R., exists. It is only a few years now until the G. A. R. will cease to exist. Many have said, what are the W. R. C. going to do then. as Judge Advocate, have had that question put to me. I have said, you have good work to continue, to preserve the ideas and principles of government that we made great sacrifices to maintain and exist. That is your great patriotic work in behalf of this great government that was preserved by Lincoln and the boys who responded to his call. I have been appealed to this year as Judge Advocate, to know if the women could not be admitted to the meetings of the Post, saying that many of the Posts are small, the few members there are aged and infirm, and they would like the Woman's Relief Corps and other allied organizations to accompany them to their meetings. Without this aid they cannot go. I readily see that if such a condition could exist, it would give great benefit and encouragement to the small Posts throughout the land. The same question was presented to the National Encampment and was referred to the National Encampment to be held in Dayton, Ohio, and I shall vote strongly that they may be admitted in—not as members—but as visitors non-voting, the same as we have admitted the Sons of Veterans. You can go there and sit beside the comrade, you can aid him in going to the Post and returning home. Many of them have their wives and daughters anxious to do that valuable work. And when the time comes, when we have given up and gone to the great beyond, keep on the good work, as I said before, of preserving the government that we sacrificed and died for, so that in coming generations it may still be the greatest government on the face of the earth. Delegation withdraws.

The report of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Michigan, follows:



WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Auxiliary to the

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Office of Elizabeth Stephens, President, 3563 Military Street

Port Huron, June 8, 1927.

To the Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Army of Michigan in convention assembled:

| Number: of: Corps—March 31, 1926 | |
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| Number of Corps—March 31, 1927 122 | |
| Clash received from former Treasurer in all funds | \$ 974.89 |
| Cash expended by Corps for relief | 884.16 |
| Value of relief other than money | 9,504.41 |
| Amount turned over to Posts | 179.58 |
| Number of Soldiers and families assisted | |
| Expended by Corps for flowers, etc | 3,309.04 |
| Amount expended for Department relief | 185.00 |
| Amount expended for patriotic work | $4,\!526.25$ |
| Number of members, March 31, 1926 | |
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Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH STEVENS, Department President.

Comrade Howe: Department Commander, I would ask that in honor of the retiring delegation of the W. R. C., our standard, Old Glory, be brought forward and placed in proper position.

Commander: Comrade Chapin informs us that the flags are all packed ready to be shipped, so we cannot comply with that request.

Comrade Howe: I have tried to honor the occasion by placing the coat of arms—the standard of the State of Michigan—in its proper place in the left, that is all I can do.

Comrade Janes: We were considering the location for our next encampment when this delegation came in and I suggest that we go on with that business.

F. H. Carlton, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo: A young man from our city presented an official invitation yesterday and we haven't forgotten it, and we are here to represent Kalamazoo, and urge this invitation. Our representative of the Chamber of Commerce assured us if the encampment came to Kalamazoo, they would do the rest. There is no question about your being taken care of. Historical spot, home of Col. Joe Westnedge; Col. Gansser has many friends in Kalamazoo. We are prepared to take care of you and extend an invitation which we think should be considered.



Commander: Are there any more invitations for this encampment for the ensuing year? If not we will proceed to close this.

Luzerne Durand, Post No. 56, Allegan: I represent my Post in speaking of this encampment, I tell you that we are in favor of this encampment coming to Kalamazoo. It is one of the greatest cities around here, they will accommodate you in every way you want. Our regiment was organized in Kalamazoo, they have used us wonderfully, and the W. R. C. are the backbone of our Post at Allegan, they are doing a wonderful work for us; in Kalamazoo it is the same. I have heard ever so many say they would like to have our encampment at Kalamazoo.

Comrade Bartlett: I would suggest that instead of taking the ballot

it be done by a rising vote. This motion was carried.

Comrade Spaulding: I move that we hold the next encampment in

Kalamazoo. Motion supported.

All but four were on their feet as in favor of Kalamazoo, so Comrade Spaulding makes a motion that Kalamazoo be declared the unanimous choice of this Department for the 1928 encampment. This motion was supported and unanimously carried.

Comrade Dunham: I move that we proceed with the election of

officers. Motion supported and carried.

Department Commander: Nominations are in order for Department Commander.

Comrade Spaulding: I move that the tellers be now appointed. Commander appoints Howe, Estabrook and Dunham as tellers.

Bartlett: I move that nominating speeches be confined to three min-

utes and the seconding speeches to one minute. Motion carried.

Comrade: I arise to present the name of one for Department Commander whose name I had the extreme pleasure of presenting four years ago and he received second highest vote in the encampment. I have been a member of this body every since 1868, 44 years ago. I was elected Department Commander, and I guess you all realize I have been very active since then in the matters of the G. A. R. and attending its meetings and I want someone to be Department Commander who is active in G. A. R. work. We are getting low in numbers. Somebody who can give enthusiasm to that work, and as I have looked over the field I arise to present the name of that comrade who is active and who has time to give to the work, Comrade Charles A. Bartlett of Detroit. He is in great demand in that regard for not only G. A. R. but W. R. C. and Daughters of the G. A. R., and he creates enthusiasm. I ask you to support Charles A. Bartlett for Department Commander.

Comrade Richardson: I have the honor to present the name of a comrade who is equal in every respect, I think, to the comrade who has already been nominated. He belongs to the same Post as Comrade Bartlett, was Commander of that Post when it contained 600 members, was Quartermaster to the Post, and has for years attended our encampments. He carries three wounds, left his blood on the fields of battle. Col. Janes has received these honors and he is worthy of them. Northwood, Van-Raalte, Judge Long have all been honored because they have left their blood on the battlefields. Comrade Davey has suffered ever since he was discharged. Place the two comrades equally beside one another, we certainly should honor the one who left his blood on the battlefield. I nominate Thomas Davey.



Nominations were closed, after calling off the districts, with these two men in the field.

District 4. Comrade Estabrook: I arise to second the nomination of Comrade Bartlett, I believe he would make an efficient and zealous commander.

District 5. Comrade Gilles. I arise to second the nomination of Thomas Davey.

District 7. Comrade Beaumont seconds the name of Bartlett.

District 8. Fred Gill: I arise to second the nomination of Charles A. Bartlett as Department Commander, a man who has qualified to fill the post and do credit to the G. A. R.

District 10. Comrade Wm. Barrett: I arise to second the nomination of Charles Bartlett. I know he will make an excellent Department Commander. I have known him for years and know we will not make a mistake in electing him as Department Commander.

Comrade Chapin: I will now move that we proceed to ballot. Supported and carried.

Tellers collect votes and Commander declares the ballot closed.

Comrade Estabrook: Commander, the whole number of votes cast is 88. Necessary for choice, 44.

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Commander: Comrades, Charles A. Bartlett having received a majority of votes, I now declare him elected our next Department Commander. We will now proceed with the election of Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Spaulding: It has been the custom of this encampment to elect the Senior Vice Commander from the city where the encampment is being held.

Comrade Janes: Has Post 14 any candidates for Senior Vice? Delegate gone to Comrade Seel's for the Service Book.

Commander: We will now proceed with the election of Junior Vice Commander.

Nominations.

District 2. John Kileen, Post 48, nominates Josiah Creque.

District 3. Carlton, Post 79, nominates J. P. Riley.

District 8. Geo S. Wilcox, Post —, nominates Gill of Saginaw.

Comrade Gill: I decline the offer.

Comrade Spaulding: Kalamazoo being our next place of meeting, they have presented the name of a comrade of that Post 79 for Junior Vice, I think it is no more than right that we should give them some of those officers whereby they might help in the caring for our encampment next year. I support the name of Comrade Riley.

Comrade Creque resigns in favor of Riley.

Comrade Janes: I move the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant cast the unanimous vote of this assembly for Riley. Carried.

Chapin: According to instructions I cast the entire vote of this encampment for J. P. Riley for Junior Vice Commander.

Commander: Comrades, I declare the election of J. P. Riley.

Nominations—Chaplain.



Comrade Spaulding: I place in nomination for Chaplain the name of Charles W. Gardner to succeed himself.

Commander: Are there any further nominations?

Comrade Spaulding: As there seems to be no other candidate for that office I move that the rule be suspended and Assistant Adjutant cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Chas. W. Gardner as Chaplain for this encampment. (Motion supported and carried.)

Commander: I declare Chas. W. Gardner elected as Chaplain for the

ensuing year.

Comrade Spaulding: Now Department Commander, the next in line would be our Medical Director. We had the misfortune to lose our medical director by death, who has been very faithful to us for years. I move we proceed to elect our Medical Director.

Comrade Janes: If you know of any comrade who is a physician it would be proper to name him, if you do not know of anyone, name some-

one else as the duties of a medical director are really non est.

Comrade Spaulding: I know of only one physician in this Department, and that is our present Department Commander. I therefore nominate our Comrade J. R. Stephenson as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Commander Stephenson: Comrades, I am not aspiring to any office. I have had a lot of work, but I will serve you in any capacity I can. There is no office but what any Comrade ought to consider an honor, and if I can be of any service to you in any way I will serve you the best I can. But if there is any other here who will fill that place, elect him.

Comrade Spaulding: Department Commander, there seems to be no other candidate, I move that the Assistant Adjutant cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Comrade Stephenson as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Senior Vice: Comrades, Department Commander Stephenson is nominated for the office of Medical Director, it has been moved that the Assistant Adjutant cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Comrade Stephenson for the ensuing year. (Motion supported and carried.)

Senior Vice: I declare Comrade Stephenson unanimously elected as Medical Director of this Department.

Comrade Spaulding: Commander, the next in order would be the Council of Administration, the election of five members. I would name Comrade Albert Dunham.

Comrade Janes: I elect Comrade Estabrook.

Comrade Bartlett: I would be pleased to name Wm. Barrett.

Comrade Spaulding: I place in nomination the name of Comrade Gill.

Comrade Chapin: I nominate Comrade Howe of Port Huron.

Comrade Spaulding: Now department commander, inasmuch as there are now five members I move that the five be declared elected and that the Asst. Adj. cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for those five. (Motion supported and carried.)

Commander: Comrades, I declare those five members elected.

Comrade Spaulding: The next in line would be the delegate at large to the national encampment. Grand Rapids is named for the next session of the national encampment and I think that they would be



entitled to a delegate and the delegate at large that they might have the privilege of getting in the national encampment, I would present the name of Walter L. Funk.

Comrade Bartlett supports this motion. Carried.

Comrade Spaulding: Now we should elect an alternate at large.

Comrade Dunham: I suggest A. L. Bryant, he has attended every department encampment except this and the doctor said there is no question but that he would be able to go to the next encampment.

Motion seconded and carried.

Commander: Comrade A. L. Bryant is elected alternate at large.

Comrade Chapin: We are entitled to 16 delegates for 1563 members in good standing. Only 12 have been chosen from the districts.

Additional four

George S. Farrar, Port Austin Willis W. Crocker, Jackson Mathew King, Cheboygan Geo. W. Walker, Battle Creek

Comrade Janes: I make a motion that all the delegates to the encampment that have been chosen from the districts and the four above mentioned, be elected delegates to the National Encampment to be held in Dayton. Motion supported and carried.

Alternates for the above four.

Thomas Courtney, Post 433 Walter Kinsler, Post 433 John R. Robinson, Post 32 George W. Howe, Port Huron

Motion to elect the above four made, supported and carried.

Comrade Kanitz: I move we appoint a committee of three and that they send a report to the Adjutant General's office, to be put in words, a resolution of regret for the death of the three past department commanders during the past year.

Col. Gansser: Pardon me Commander, but I have something to say at this time which is very important. I am the Bay City representative for 1929. Be sure to come to the American Legion Convention in Jackson, August 15, 16, 17, there will be cars to take you to headquarters and we will take care of you. On August 28, 29, 30, 31 the S. W. V. National Convention is in Detroit and the G. A. R. will be our guests of honor. The American Legion, particularly in Detroit, is at the disposal of the G. A. R., their widows or children. The American Legion and S. W. V. want to give you the invitation, now use it.

Comrade Spaulding: We are very much pleased with the invitation of the S. W. V. and I for one hope this encampment will endorse it and comply with the request of Col. Gansser.

Comrade Janes: We can only express our willingness to do all we can to secure for 1929 the convention at Bay City. I pledge Gansser that I will use my influence for Bay City.

Comrade Bartlett: As the newly elected Commander of this Department I will do all that is possible to comply with his request.

Motion supported and carried to appoint committee of three on resolution of regret for three past department commanders. Commander appoints Comrades Chase, Janes and Kanitz. Report follows:



IN MEMORIAM

Comrades John J. Holmes, Edward C. Anthony and Marvin C. Barney, Past Department Commanders.

Death has again entered our ranks, and taken from our numbers, three

of our Past Department Commanders.

Comrade John J. Holmes died at his home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, November 14th, 1926. Aged 85 years. He was born in Niagara county, New York, September 16th, 1841. He enlisted during the Civil War in Company F, 13th Michigan Vol. Infantry, August first, 1862, and was taken prisoner of war at Munfordville, Kentucky, September 17th, 1862, shortly after he entered the service. On May 1st, 1864, he was transferred to the Veterans' Reserve Corps, and was discharged for disability at Nashville, Tennessee, June 12th, 1865. He was elected Department Commander in June, 1921.

Comrade Edward C. Anthony died at his home in Negaunee, Mich., December 18th, 1926. He was born in Revelstoke, England, January 8th, 1840, and at the time of his decease he was nearly 87 years old. He enlisted in Company B, First Michigan Vol. Cavalry, August 8th, 1861, and was discharged August 27th, 1864, serving the full term of his enlistment for three years.

He participated with his regiment in the many battles in which the regiment was engaged in the Army of the Potomac under General Geo. A. Custer and other commanders.

In civil life he was prominently identified with the affairs of his city, serving sevaral terms as its mayor. He served several years as a member of the Prison Board in charge of Marquette State Prison. He was elected Department Commander in 1902.

Comrade Marvin C. Barney died at his home in Flint, Mich., January 4th, 1927, at the age of 83 years. He enlisted in Company C, 10th Michigan Vol. Infantry, October 2nd, 1861, at the age of 18 years, and re-enlisted February 6th, 1864, at Rossville, Ga., and was discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, July 19, 1865, after nearly four years of service for his country. He was with his regiment under General Sherman in the numerous battles from Chattanooga to Atlanta. In civil life he was a prosperous business man in Flint, Mich., his home city, and was active and prominent in all civic affairs of the city.

He was elected Commander of the Department in 1924.

These comrades were ever active and devoted to the best interest of the Grand Army, in their posts and the annual encampments. We will miss them at our annual meetings, but will cherish their comradeship as years pass on.

"Taps have sounded for them; lights are out; the soldier sleeps."

To the widows and families of our deceased comrades we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.



The committee recommend the adoption of the foregoing memorials; that they be published in the Journal of Proceedings, and that a volume of said proceedings be sent to the widows of said deceased comrades.

LOUIS KANITZ,

Past Department Commander,
FRANK R. CHASE,

Past Department Commander,
OSCAR A. JANES,

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
Committee.

Comrade Spaulding: You have made your appointment of the committee of resolutions, I would move that this encampment rise to their feet and stand with bowed heads for a minute in honor of the three past department commanders who passed away during the last year—Holmes, Anthony and Barney. Encampment stood with bowed heads for three minutes.

Comrade McConkey, Post 433, Detroit: I move that the encampment goes on record as giving a vote of thanks to Benton Harbor as appreciating all the courtesies extended to us. Motion supported and carried.

John Reese of Nebraska: One matter I want to present to the comrades this morning. Last evening when the W. R. C. brought their gift of \$700.00, and the Daughters of Veterans \$300.00 and another camp of the Daughters \$50.00, making \$1,050, I wondered what you were going to do with that money. I soon found out. In Nebraska the legislature has made an appropriation of \$2,800, \$1,400 a year, presented to the G. A. R. to carry on the business of our organization; I understand that you have no appropriation from your legislature.

Comrade Chapin: We have a budget of \$500 a year to take care of

printing and stationery.

Reese: Yes, we have that too, but above that they appropriated \$2,800, and \$1,400 for each year. I would advise at your next meeting of legislature you get an appropriation such as that. They wanted to make it more in Nebraska, but we told them no, we could get along with that.

Comrade Spaulding: Now in regard to electing our senior vice commander, is there anyone in this room from Benton Harbor?

Comrade W. E. Walker: Yes, I am, but I know of no one to recommend.

Comrade Bartlett: I nominate W. E. Walker for Senior Vice Commander. Motion supported and carried.

Comrade Janes: If there is nothing further to come before the encampment I move we now proceed with installation of officers for the ensuing year. I move we invite the representative of the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. to install the officers of this encampment. (Motion supported and carried.)

Officers installed.

Commander Bartlett: I want to thank the installing officer for his service and ask him to convey to his Commander-in-Chief the good wishes of the officers and members of this G. A. R.

Comrade Janes: I wish to present this motion, that the thanks of this department is extended to the acting Commander-in-Chief for his



services in installing our officers into their respective posts, and for his visitation here. Motion supported and carried.

John Reese: I thank you for the resolution just passed.

Commander Bartlett: I will make one appointment. I desire to appoint Oscar A. Janes for Judge Advocate.

Comrade Janes: Commander, I thank you and will endeavor to conduct this office in a legal manner whenever you may requisition.

Commander: I declare the 49th annual encampment of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. adjourned.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, June 19th, 1926.

General Order No. 1, Series 1926-1927.

Having been unanimously elected and installed Commander of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic at the forty-eighth Annual Encampment held at Jackson, June 9, 10, 11, 1926, I hereby assume the duties of that office.

I wish to thank my comrades for the high honor which they have bestowed upon me. I realize the great responsibility of this office and shall do all in my power with the cooperation of the other officials and every comrade in the Department to make the coming year a successful one.

I would suggest that we all exert our best efforts toward increasing our membership.

The following named Comrades were duly elected and installed in their respective offices:

Department Commander—Dr. James R. Stephenson, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

Senior Vice-Department Commander-Willis W. Crocker, Post 48, Jackson.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—George S. Farrar, Post 28, Bad Axe.

Medical Director-Dr. Robert La Barron, Post 147, Pontiac.

Department Chaplain—Rev. Charles W. Gardner, Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids.

Council of Administration—William Barrett, Post 278, Bay City; Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson; A. C. Estabrook, Post 56, Allegan; Fred Gill, Post 38, Saginaw; Charles A. Bartlett, Post 17, Detroit.

Executive Committee—Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson; A. C. Estabrook, Post 56, Allegan; Wm. Barrett, Post 278, Bay City.

Delegates elected to the National Encampment at Des Moines, September 19 to 25, 1926.

Delegate at Large—A. S. Sawyer, Post 17, Detroit.

Delegate—Charles A. Bartlett, Post 17, Detroit.

Delegate—James A. Sutton, Post 48, Jackson.

Delegate—George W. Marsh, Post 32, Battle Creek. Delegate—James M. Brant, Post 14, Benton Harbor.

Delegate—E. H. Stein, Post 395, Grand Rapids.

Delegate—Thomas Warren, Post 145, Flint.



Delegate—Allison Bryant, Post 42, Lansing.
Delegate—F. L. Trash, Post 156, St. Johns.
Delegate—A. J. Teed, Post 444, Cadillac.
Delegate—Charles A. Randall, Post 198, Reed City.
Delegate—M. W. King, Post 224, Cheboygan.
Delegate—J. W. Wyckoff, Post 174, Hancock.
Delegate—Henry R. Stubensky, Post 384, Detroit.
Delegate—Arthur E. Ferry, Lansing.
Delegate—David Speers, Post 10, Dundee.
Delegate—George T. Gardner, Post 40, Charlotte.
Delegate—Thomas Courtney, Post 433, Detroit.
Delegate—Robert Morris, Post 17, Detroit.

Alternates

Alternate at Large—Francis Trudall, Post 5, Grand Rapids. Alternate—Walter Kinsler, Post 433, Detroit. Alternate-Josiah Creque, Post 48, Jackson. Alternate—J. W. Taylor, Post 395, Grand Rapids. Alternate-J. H. Monk, Post 19, Bangor. Alternate—Wesley Wheeler, Post 395, Grand Rapids. Alternate—Charles T. Lard, Post 42, Lansing. Alternate—William Smith, Post 233, Lamb. Alternate—S. Z. Watson, Post 205, Owosso. Alternate-Ezra Tyler, Post 7, Muskegon. Alternate—William Barrett, Post 278, West Bay City. Alternate—W. M. Cross, Post 224, Cheboygan. Alternate—Court Moore, Post 300, Marquette. Alternate-J. S. Keen, Post 384, Detroit. Alternate—George W. Howe, Post 98, Port Huron. Alternate—F. H. Carlton, Post 79, Kalamazoo. Alternate—Walter L. Funk, Post 5, Grand Rapids. Alternate—John L. Hinman, Post 384, Detroit. Alternate—Isaac Morse, Post 53, Mason.

OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General—H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw.

Judge Advocate—Oscar A. Jans, Post 384, Detroit.
Patriotic Instructor—M. D. Richardson, Post 42, Lansing.
Senior Aide—Walter L. Funk, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
Chief Mustering Officer—Wm. Killefer, Post 31, Paw Paw.
Department Inspector—F. L. Manning ,Post 48, Jackson.
Sergeant of National Colors—Arthur E. Ferry, Lansing.
Sergeant Department Colors—James A. Sutton, Post 48, Jackson.
Legislative Committee—Oscar A. Janes, Post 384, Detroit.
Committee to Visit Soldiers' Home—Col. L. H. Ives, Post 441, Mason;
Edgar A. Green, Post 395, Grand Rapids.
Committee on Military Museum—Arthur E. Ferry, Lansing; A. B. Chapin, Post 42, Lansing.



The Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in Des Moines, Iowa, September 19 to 25, 1926. The railroads have granted rates of one fare for the round trip on the Certificate plan—certificates will be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General in time for transportation to the National Encampment at Des Moines. Let every Post send in for the number desired and they will be forwarded at once. These headquarters will be closed September 18th and remain closed to September 27th. The headquarters of this Department will be established at Hotel Franklin in Des Moines, Iowa. For reservations at Hotels address G. E. Hamilton, Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

There will be a meeting of delegates and Past Department Commanders at the Department Headquarters at 7 o'clock p. m., Sept. 20. Badges will be issued at this time and other necessary business transacted. Delegates not answering to roll call will be considered absent and all vacancies filled by Alternates. The Department Commander desires each Post to send to these Headquarters the name of one comrade to recommend as Aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. Also to forward the name of one comrade to serve on the Department Commander's staff. Comrades are urged to forward to Headquarters the Per Capita tax now due.

Further appointments of committees will be announced in future general orders.

By order of DR. JAMES R. STEPHENSON, Department Commander.

Official
H. A. CHAPIN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, August 14, 1926.

General Order No. 2, Series 1926-1927.

The Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in Des Moines, Iowa, September 19 to 25, 1926. Head-quarters Department of Michigan will be at the Hotel Franklin. The following societies will be entitled to reduced rates:

Grand Army of the Republic and all allied organizations.

The railroad rates are fare one way for the round trip. Certificate plan, non-validation and no diversity of routes (must go and return the same way). The certificates are now in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General. Let every Post and allied organization send in for the number wanted and they will be forwarded at once.

Comrade S. D. Bailey of Fairbanks Post No. 17, Grand Army of the Republic, has been appointed chairman of the Committee on Transportation, and has made arrangements for special coaches on Michigan Central train leaving Detroit, September 19, 1926, at 1:35 P. M. (Eastern time); leaving Ann Arbor 1:26 P. M. (Central time); Jackson 2:15 P. M.; Battle Creek 3:15 P. M.; Kalamazoo 3:50 P. M.; Niles 4:53 P. M., arriving at Chicago at 7:30 P. M. Transfer to LaSalle Street Station.



Train leaves for Des Moines at 11:10 P. M. (Central time) over the Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, arriving at Des Moines, Iowa, 7:59 A. M., September 20. The return limit of all railroad tickets is October 30. Stopovers are permitted at any station by application to the conductor.

Pullman fares in either direction between Chicago and Des Moines are: Lower berth, \$3.75; upper berth, \$3.00; drawing room, \$13.50. Those desiring sleeping car reservations write to A. D. Martin, G. A. P. D., 209 Majestic Bldg., Detroit, Mich., stating kind of accommodations desired and he will reserve same, advising you promptly space reserved, or consult your ticket agent in regard to railroad fares and sleeping car reservations. Have your tickets and reservations over the Rock Island & Pacific Railroad from Chicago to Des Moines, Iowa, so that we may all travel together.

In order that Comrade Bailey of Room 106, Wayne County Court House, Detroit, may know how many sleeping cars to arrange for, kindly advise him at once the number of members that are going from your Post or Auxiliary, stating the kind of reservation desired from Chicago to Des Moines, Iowa.

The Michigan Central Railroad to Chicago, and the Rock Island Railroad, Chicago to Des Moines, has been chosen the official routes for the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

Posts or individuals may use any other lines to Chicago to suit their

convenience and any other line west of Chicago if they so desire.

A special sleeping car will leave Grand Rapids at 12:01 P. M. September 17, via the Pennsylvania Railway to Kalamazoo, thence Michigan Central to Chicago, arriving there at 5:00 P. M. Leave Chicago at 11:10 P. M., through to Des Moines without bus transfer at Chicago.

The Grand Trunk Railway system has a train leaving Port Huron at 12:10 P. M. Leaving Lansing at 3:10 P. M., arriving in Chicago at 9:00 P. M., in time for the 11:10 P. M. train on the Rock Island to Des Moines.

IN MEMORIAM

The Department Commander is called upon to announce with feelings of sincerest sorrow the death of our much loved Medical Director of this Department, aged 69 years.

After a long illness Comrade Dr. Robert LeBaron, at his home in Pontiac, July 16, 1926, quietly answered to summons from the beyond and joined that greater number of his comrades gone before.

His military record as made in Civil War was in the Fourth Michigan Infantry, which he joined the 15th of August, 1861, as Assistant Surgeon, and was mustered out June 2, 1864.

Dr. LeBaron joined Dick Richardson Post 147, December 15, 1885, was surgeon of the Post from that time until his death.

He was elected Medical Director of the Department of Michigan, June 12, 1912, and has held that office from that time until the day of his departure.

By order of DR. JAMES R. STEPHENSON, Department Commander.

Official
H. A. CHAPIN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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Comrade Isaac Grant of Post 451, Reed City, was regularly appointed Chief of Staff and was through error omitted in General Order No. 1

A number of Posts have not paid their June per capita tax. Post Commander will kindly look after this at once.

By order of DR. JAMES R. STEPHENSON, Department Commander.

Official
H. A. CHAPIN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, November 4th, 1926.

General Order No. 3. Series 1926-1927.

The Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the City of Des Moines, Iowa, during the week beginning September 19th, 1926, and proved to be a splendid meeting of the Comrades. The weather was not very good but the kindly hospitality of the good people of Des Moines more than made up for the inclemency of the weather. The voting members of the Department were all present. The thanks of the Department Commander are tendered to the Representatives, all of whom were in their places at every meeting of the Encampment, and all sessions were pleasant and harmonious.

Comrade Oscar A. Janes of Post 384 was elected a member of the Committee on Resolutions. Comrade Albert Dunham of Post 48 was elected member of the National Council of Administration.

Comrades of the Department of Michigan, that part of the current year has arrived in which our most important duties are to be performed, that of the Election of Officers for the ensuing year; an honest faithful observance of duty and love for the order should be the only record required or accepted.

With this order are the blanks from which the Roster of the Department Encampment is made up, the blanks should be carefully examined and the names of the Officers, Delegates, and Alternates, be plainly written. In fact after the election is over the retiring Commander and Adjutant before leaving the Post room should complete the return blanks and at once send them with per capita tax to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Michigan. They should be in his office not later than January 10th, 1927. The election should be held on the first stated meeting in December.

The figures in red ink indicating number in good standing last report, must not be changed. These reports with per capita tax should be forwarded before the new officers are installed.

Post Commanders and Adjutants, your attention is directed to the blanks in duplicate for the Adjutants' and Quartermasters' reports. Fill them out promptly as soon as election is over and send them in at once. Also the Credential and Election blanks should be carefully filled out so that we may have a complete list of the Officers and delegates to the next Department Encampment.



Adjutants will use extra care in filling out the death roll blanks, giving all the deaths from December 31st, 1925, to December 31st, 1926, giving following the property of the latest state of death and the latest state of death states and the latest states are stated as the latest states and the latest states are stated as the latest stated as the latest states are stated as the latest stated as the

full military record as per form on blanks, also date of death.

Also the blanks to be filled out by the Post Chaplain and the Post Patriotic Instructor, they should be in the hands of the Department Chaplain, Charles W. Gardner, Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, and Department Patriotic Instructor, M. D. Richardson, Box 402, Lansing, Michigan, not later than June the first, 1927. Where there has been no appointment made of Post Chaplain or Post Patriotic Inspector the Department expects that the Post Commander will see that the reports are filled out and forwarded.

By order of DR. JAMES R. STEPHENSON,
Department Commander.

Official H. A. CHAPIN, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, April 6th, 1927.

General Order No. 4. Series 1926-1927.

The Forty-ninth Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Benton Harbor, Michigan, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 8, 9, 10, 1927.

Department Headquarters will be located at Hotel Vincent.

Rates on Railroads form in the State to Benton Harbor, will be one and one half fare, (with minimum of \$1.00) for the round trip on Identification Certificates only, for members of the G. A. R., and allied organizations and dependent members of their families. Round trip tickets will be sold from June 4 to 10 inclusive and before being honored for return passage, return portions thereof must be validated at Benton Harbor, Mich., by agents at the regular ticket offices of the lines over which tickets read into Benton Harbor, from June 8 to 16 inclusive, and when validated tickets will be good for return leaving on any day within final limit, passenger must, however, reach original starting point within transit limit shown on ticket, but in no case later than midnight of June 16, 1927.

The Identification Certificates are in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General. All members of the G. A. R., and allied organizations entitled to them will please notify the Assistant Adjutant General, the number wanted and they will be sent at once. Any person receiving any number of them will keep a record of the person receiving them, also the number so that they may be identified in case any question arises in regard to tickets or certificates. This is very important.

MEMORIAM

It is with sorrow the Department Commander announces the death of three Past Department Commanders as follows:



Comrade John J. Holmes, died at his home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., Sunday, November 14th, 1926. He was born in Niagara County, New York, September 16th, 1841. He enlisted in Company F, 13th Michigan Infantry, at Jackson on the first day of August, 1862, and was taken prisoner at Munfordville, Ky., Sept. 17th, of the same year. On May 1st, 1864, he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps and received an Honorable Discharge for disability at Nashville, Tenn., June 12th, 1865. He was elected Department Commander in June, 1921.

Comrade Edward C. Anthony, passed away at his home in Negaunee, Michigan, December 18th, 1926, at the age of nearly 87 years. He was born in Revelstoke, England, January 8th, 1840. He enlisted in Company B, First Michigan Cavalry, August 8th, 1861, and was discharged at Detroit, Michigan, August 27th, 1864. He was elected Department Commander in 1902.

Comrade Marvin C. Barney, passed away at his home in Flint, Michigan, January 4th, 1927, at the age of 83 years. He enlisted in Company C, 10th Michigan Infantry, October 2nd, 1861, at the age of 18 years. Reenlisted February 6th, 1864, at Rossville, Ga. Mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, July 19th, 1865. He served as Department Commander in 1924.

MEMORIAL DAY

Fifty-nine years ago, Gen. John A. Logan issued an order establishing the beautiful and impressive custom of strewing flowers on the last resting place of our heroic dead, and each year since it has been more and more generally and appropriately observed.

Too great an honor cannot be given those men who so nobly sacrificed their all in the service of their country, and it behooves the few of us who are left to use our greatest effort to make this day a truly sacred one.

Your Commander suggests that you invite the different Patriotic Organizations to participate with you in the observance of our coming Memorial Day Exercises.

A Federation formed of the Civil War Veterans, The Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, The Spanish War Veterans, The World War Boys and all their Auxiliaries would perpetuate the proper observance of the day long after every member of the Grand Army of the Republic had answered the last roll call.

Post Commanders are requested to ask the schools in their respective localities to hold patriotic exercises on Friday afternoon preceding Memorial Day.

Let every Post Commander, in accordance with the long established custom, arrange to have their Post attend Divine Services in a body on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day and I suggest that they invite the ministers in the various churches to deliver patriotic addresses or sermons on that day.

By order of DR. JAMES R. STEPHENSON, Department Commander.

Official
H. A. CHAPIN,
Assistant Adjutant General.



MEMORIAL ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1926

John A. Logan Post No. 1, Soldiers' Home.

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| Name. | Rank. | Com- pany. | Regiment. | Date of death. |
| Charles Pique | Private | H | 22nd Mich. Infantry | May 16, 1926 June 15, 1926 |
| Jesse Thompson | Private | | 13th Ind. Infantry | Oct. 13, 1926 |
| Albert Bohen | | B | 11th Mich. Cavalry | June 6, 1926 Mar. 28, 1926 |
| Jerry Monroe | Private | H | 15th Mich. Infantry | Feb. 17, 1926 |
| George Post | Private | F | 33rd U. S. Infantiy | Dec. 27, 1926 |
| | C. O. Loomis | Post N | o. 2, Quincy. | |
| L. C. Farlor | Private | G | 12th Ohio Cavalry | Sept. 12, 1926 |
| | Not Membe | er of the | G. A. R. | |
| Whitfield Lampman | | | 1st Mich. Lt. Art | |
| | Custer Post N | ' 'o. 5, G | rand Rapids. | <u>'</u> |
| Wm. E. Davis | Private | A | 161st N. Y. Infantry | 1926 |
| John C. Sime | Private | A | 12th W. Va. S. S | Feb. 8, 1926 |
| G. M. Bennett | Private | | 1st N. Y. Light Art | Mar. 26, 1926 |
| Henry C. Meyers Wm. H. S tokes | Private Private | | 1st Mich. Eng. and M | April 4, 1926 Nov. 6, 1926 |
| Wm. B. Bostock | Private | K | 10th Mich. Infantry | Nov. 7, 1926 |
| Chester Darling | Private | I | 10th Mich. Infantry | Dec. 6, 1926 |
| | C. J. Dickerson | Post N | o. 6, Hillsdale. | |
| Clayton S. Green | | I | 88th Ohio Infantry | April 8, 1926 |
| Edgar D. Culver | Private Private | H | 20th Mich. Infantry | July 15, 1926 Nov. 12, 1926 |
| Luman H. Dillon | Private | | 4th Mich. Infantry | Dec. 28, 1926 |
| · | Phil Kearney P | ost No. | . 7, Muskegon. | |
| Louis Scuil | Private | G | 3rd N. J. Infantry | May 30, 1926 |
| Ch | arles H. Towne | Post N | io. 8, Ishpeming. | |
| James McNeal | Corp | L | Harris Cavalry, N. Y | April 25, 1926 |
| | William Bell F | Post No | . 10, Dundee. | |
| Henry Ball | Private | F | 26th Mich. Infantry | Aug. 8, 1926 |
| Nelson Carney | Sergt Private | K D | 15th Mich. Infantry | Oct. |
| Walter Mason | Corp | Ē | 15th Mich. Infantry | Jan. 24, 1926 |
| I. B. | Richardson Po | st No. | 13, Harbor Springs. | |
| Francis M. Johnson | Capt | A | 139th Ill. Infantry | June 6, 1926 |
| David Foreman | Private | Ğ | 133rd Ohio Infantry | Nov. 15, 1926 |
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| ge H. Thomas P | ost No | . 14, Benton Harbor. | |
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| Rank. | Company. | Regiment. | Date of death. |
| Private. Private. Musician Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Seaman. Private. | A M H G D B C | 17th Wis Infantry 1st Mich. Cavalry 80th Ind. Infantry. 6th Wis. Infantry. 66th Ill. S. S. 15th Pa. Infantry. 11th Ohio Infantry. Ship Ottawa U. S. Navy 15th Ill. Infantry. | Jan. 16, 1926 Jan. 30, 1926 Feb. 11, 1926 April 29, 1926 May 29, 1926 July 23, 1926 Oct. 17, 1926 Nov. 27, 1926 Dec. 6, 1926 |
| Fairbanks Po | st No. | 17, Detroits | - The Market Land |
| No report. | KGF LHHHGF FGDBHFFH | 5th Mich. Cavalry. 9th Mich. Infantry. 10th Ohio Cavalry. 5th Mich. Cavalry. 8th Mich. Cavalry. 24th Mich. Infantry. 8th Mich. Infantry. 8th Mich. Infantry. 8th Mich. Cavalry. 15th Ill. Infantry. 12th Mich. Cavalry. 12th Mich. Cavalry. 12th Mich. Infantry. 1st N. Y. Lt. Art. 21st Ohio Infantry. 2nd Mich. Infantry. 15th Mich. Infantry. | Feb. 18, 1926 Feb. 20, 1926 April 10, 1926 May 1, 1926 May 10, 1926 May 10, 1926 May 24, 1926 July 25, 1926 Aug. 10, 1926 Sept. 22, 1926 Oct. 6, 1926 Oct. 16, 1926 Dec. 8, 1926 |
| AcPherson Post | No. 18 | , Traverse City. | |
| Private | B | 75th N. Y. Infantry | Jan. 8, 1926 July 14, 1926 |
| A. Lincoln Pe | st No. | 19, Bangor. | |
| Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. | K G F B | 2nd Mich. Infantry | May 1, 1926 Jan. 2, 1926 Jan. 16, 1926 Oct. 19, 1926 Jan. 25, 1926 |
| Ellsworth Pos | t No. 2 | 0, Hartford. | - |
| Private Private Corp | D B E B | 66th Ill. Infantry | Jan., 1926 Feb. 14, 1926 July 2, 1926 Oct. 28, 1926 |
| W. Chapman I | Post No | . 21, St. Joseph. | |
| Private | | | July 3, 1926 Sept. 22, 1926 |
| vid Becker Post | No. 25 | 5, Ogden Center. | ** |
| Private | I | 21st Ohio Infantry | Mar. 27, 1926 |
| Joe Hooker | Post No | o. 26, Hart. | ~3 ¹ / |
| Private Private | A I | 26th Mich. Infantry | Jan. 11, 1926 Oct. 7, 1926 |
| | Rank. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Seaman. Private. Seaman. Private. Fairbanks Pe No report. Private. | Rank. Company. Private. A Private. M Musician H Private. G Private. B Private. B Private. C Seaman. Private. E Fairbanks Post No. No report. G No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. G No report. G No report. G No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. G No report. F No report. G No report. H No report. H No report. G No report. G No report. G No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. B No report. H No report. B No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. B No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. B No report. B No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. D No report. D No report. B No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. H No report. B No report. D No report. B No report. H No report. H No report. D No report. B No report. H No report. B No report. B No report. H No report. B No | Private. A Private. M Private. M Private. M Private. M Private. G Private. G Private. G Private. D Private. D Private. B Private. C Private. B Private. C Private. E Private. B |



Farragut Post No. 32, Battle Creek.

| | Farragut Post | No. 32, | Battle Creek. | |
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| , Name. | Rank. | Company. | Regiment. | Date of death. |
| John Dunn. William Borden. E. W. Bardo. William Reed. P. M. Fish. | Private Sergt Private Private | G F C A | 2nd Mich. Infantry | Mar. 31, 1926 May 1, 1926 May 22, 1926 June 17, 1926 June 20, 1926 |
| Levi Juckett | Private | K C | Mich. E. and M | Nov. 20, 1920 Nov. 26, 1920 |
| | fyron: H.: Baker | Post N | lo. 33, Morenci. | |
| James Haynes | Private | | II S Novy | Jan. 13, 1920 |
| Edgar V. Hamlin | Private Private | F C | U. S. Navy | Mar. 14, 1926 July 5, 1926 |
| Zacl | h Chandler Pos | t No. 3 | 35, South Haven. | |
| Walter A. Bushnel | Private | F | 100th Ill. Infantry | Jan. 21, 1920 |
| Rosso Dean Francis Peterson | Private | H | 2nd N. Y. Heavy Art | Feb. 2, 1920 |
| A L Sheckels | Private | G | 3rd Iowa Cavalry 1st Mich. S. S | Feb. 23, 1926 April 22, 1926 |
| W. W. Fletcher | Private | C | 6th U. S. Cavalry | April 28, 192 |
| Henry Harris Robert Payne | Private | A G | 4th Mich. Cavalry 6th Mich. Heavy Art | May 1, 1920 June 14, 1920 |
| Henry Beardsley | Private | B | 21st Ohio Infantry | June 23, 1920 |
| | Saginaw Pos | t No. 3 | 8, Saginaw. | |
| George A. HuntBaptiste LaDousa | Private | G B | 100th N. Y. Infantry 10th Mich. Infantry | Feb. 28, 1926 May 15, 1926 |
| A | . S. Williams P | ost No | . 40, Charlotte. | , |
| George Gates | Private | K | 1st Mich. Cavalry | Oct. 9, 1926 |
| CI | harlés T. Föster | Post I | No. 42, Lansing. | |
| Jacob P. Sleight | 2nd Lieut | В | 3rd Mich. Cavlary | Jan. 8, 1926 |
| John A. Wardell | Private | G | 12th Mich: Infantry | Jan. 15, 1926 |
| John E. Neary | Private | K | 33rd N. Y. Infantry 3rd Mich. Cavalry | Jan. 16, 1926 Jan. 31, 1926 |
| Thomas W. Baldwin | Surgeon | A | 3rd N. Y. Cavalry | Feb. 9, 1926 |
| John Davidson | Corp Private | E G | 8th Mich. Infantry 6th Mich. Cavalry | April 6, 1926 |
| | | | our Mich. Cavary | April 22, 1926 |
| | | | 42nd Ohio Infantry | June 7, 1920 |
| Frank L. Henderson | Private | H | 42nd Ohio Infantry 2nd Mich. Cavalry | June 30, 1926 |
| Frank L. Henderson | Private Private | A H D | 2nd Mich. Cavalry | June 30, 1926 July 6, 1926 |
| Frank L. Henderson Silas W. Newman Charles M. Loe James W. Potter | Private | H | 2nd Mich. Cavalry | June 30, 1926 July 6, 1926 July 31, 1926 |
| Frank L. Henderson | Private | A H D H B | 2nd Mich. Cavalry 111th Ohio Infantry 3rd Minn. Infantry 3rd Mich. Cavalry 5th Mich. Cavalry | June 30, 1926 July 6, 1926 July 31, 1926 Sept. 17, 1926 May 4, 1926 |
| Frank L. Henderson. State W. Newman. Charles M. Loe. James W. Potter. Charles A. Gunn. Chester B. Church. Thomas A. Shirts. | Private Private Sergeant Private | H D H B | 2nd Mich. Cavalry 111th Ohio Infantry 3rd Minn. Infantry 3rd Mich. Cavalry | June 30, 1926 July 6, 1926 July 31, 1926 Sept. 17, 1926 May 4, 1926 Oct. 15, 1926 |
| Frank L. Henderson. Silas W. Newman. Charles M. Loe. James W. Potter. Charles A. Gunn. Chester B. Church. Thomas A. Shirts. | Private. Private. Private. Sergeant. Private. Corp. Private. | A H D H B G E F | 2nd Mich. Cavalry 111th Ohio Infantry 3rd Minn. Infantry 3rd Mich. Cavalry 5th Mich. Cavalry 19th Mich. Infantry 28th Mich Infantry | July 31, 1926 Sept. 17, 1926 May 4, 1926 Oct. 15, 1926 |
| Frank L. Henderson. Silas W. Newman. Charles M. Loe. James W. Potter. Charles A. Gunn. Chester B. Church. Thomas A. Shirts. Joseph A. Burtran. | Private. Private. Private. Sergeant. Private. Corp. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. | A H D H B G E F | 2nd Mich. Cavalry 111th Ohio Infantry 3rd Minn. Infantry. 3rd Mich. Cavalry 5th Mich. Cavalry 19th Mich. Infantry 28th Mich Infantry 45, Adrian. | June 30, 1926 July 6, 1926 July 31, 1926 Sept. 17, 1926 May 4, 1926 Oct. 15, 1926 Dec. 7, 1926 |
| Frank L. Henderson. Slas W. Newman. Charles M. Loe. James W. Potter. Charles A. Gunn. Chester B. Church. Thomas A. Shirts. Joseph A. Burtran. H. H. House. | Private. Private. Private. Sergeant. Private. Corp. Private. Private. Private. | A H DH B G E F F OST No. | 2nd Mich. Cavalry | June 30, 1926 July 6, 1926 July 31, 1926 Sept. 17, 1926 May 4, 1926 Oct. 15, 1926 Dec. 7, 1926 |
| Frank L. Henderson. Silas W. Newman. Charles M. Loe. James W. Potter. Charles A. Gunn. Chester B. Church. Thomas A. Shirts. Joseph A. Burtran. H. H. House. Wm. H. Smith. I. S. Berray. | Private. Private. Private. Sergeant. Private. Corp. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. | A H D H B G E F F | 2nd Mich. Cavalry | June 30, 1926 July 6, 1926 July 31, 1926 Sept. 17, 1926 May 4, 1926 Oct. 15, 1926 Dec. 7, 1926 Dec. 17, 1926 Dec. 17, 1926 Dec. 15, 1926 May 22, 1926 |
| Frank L. Henderson. Silas W. Newman. Charles M. Loe. James W. Potter. Charles A. Gunn. Chester B. Church. Thomas A. Shirts. | Private. Private. Private. Sergeant. Private. Corp. Private. Private. Private. Private. | A H DH B G E F F OST No. | 2nd Mich. Cavalry 111th Ohio Infantry 3rd Minn. Infantry 3rd Mich. Cavalry 5th Mich. Cavalry 19th Mich. Infantry 28th Mich Infantry 45, Adrian. | June 30, 1926 July 6, 1926 July 31, 1926 Sept. 17, 1926 May 4, 1926 Oct. 15, 1926 |



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| twart Tomero, | | 10. 70, Jackson. | |
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| Rank. | Com- pany. | Regiment. | Date of death. |
| No report | n | 90th Ohio Infantry | Dec. 14, 1926 |
| No report | | 18th Mich Infantry | May 13, 1920 |
| No report | | 184th N. Y. Infantry | July 18 1926 |
| No report | | | May 18, 1926 |
| No report | | | July 18, 1926 May 18, 1926 Feb. 16, 1926 |
| | | | Nov. 19, 1926 |
| No report | | 9th Mich. Infantry | Nov. 30, 1920 |
| No report | M | 8th. Mich. Cavalry | Dec. 22, 1926 |
| | | | |
| Private | E | 1 | Oct. 1, 192 |
| | 1 | | |
| C. J. Bassett l | ost No | . 56, Allegan. | |
| | | 8th Mich. Cavalry | April 22, 1920 |
| | | | April, 1920 |
| No report | A. | N V A - tillow | July 12, 1920 No report |
| | | N. I. Arullery | No report |
| No report | | 12th Wich, Imantry | Dec. 31, 192 |
| Colvin Pos | t No. 5 | 9, Gobles. | |
| Private | М | Light Artillery | Aug. 11, 192 |
| U. S. Grant Po | ost No. | 67, Bay City. | |
| Private | к | 8th Mich. Cavalry | Aug. 10, 192 |
| Private | | 23rd Mich. Infantry | Oct. 30, 192 |
| Private | A | 19th N. Y. Cavalry | Oct. 192 |
| oseph R. Smitl | h Post | No. 76, Monroe. | |
| Private | | Infantry | Mar. 5, 192 |
| Orcutt Post | No. 79, | Kalamazoo. | |
| Driveto | A | 11th Mich Cavelry | Feb 20 102 |
| | | | Feb. 20, 192 Nov. 8, 192 |
| | | | Mar. 3, 192 |
| | 1 | | April 2.192 |
| Private | . C | 24th Mich. Infantry | April 7, 192 |
| Private | Ĺ | 5th Mich. Cavalry | April 7, 192 May 31, 192 |
| | F | | June 4, 192 |
| | В | 4th Mich. Cavalry | Jan. 6, 192 |
| Private | F | 14th N. Y. Artillery | Jan. 6, 192 |
| Private | G | 1st Mich. E. and M | July 6, 192 |
| Iarlow Briggs I | ost No | . 80, Hopkins. | |
| Private Private | L | 4th Mich. Cavalry | May 10, 192 Nov. 13, 192 |
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| illiam A. Kent | Post N | o. 83, Greenville. | |
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| | Rank. No report Rept. H. Barrow Not Memb Private Private Private No report No report No report No report No report No report Private | Rank. Company. No report. D No report. E No report. E No report. F No report. G No report. C Private. E No report. A No report. C No report. A No report. A No report. A Private. C Private. G Iarlow Briggs Post No Private. A | Rank. Company. Regiment. No report. E 18th Mich. Infantry. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. Infantry. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. Infantry. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. Infantry. 18th Mich. Infantry. 18th Mich. Infantry. 18th Mich. Infantry. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. Infantry. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. E. and M. 18th Mich. E. and M. 18th Mich. E. and M. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. E. and M. 18th Mich. Cavalry. 18th Mich. E. an |



Corbin Post No. 88, Union City.

| | | Union City. | |
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| Rank. | Com- pany. | Regiment. | Date of death. |
| | | 3rd V. Battery55th Ohio Infantry | Oct. 28, 1926 Nov. 25, 1926 |
| N. Penoyer Post | t No. 90 | D, Saginaw, W. S. | |
| | | 69th N. Y. Infantry | Mar. 7, 1926 1926 |
| liam D. Wilkin | s Post | No. 91, St. Louis. | |
| Piivate | K | 6th Wis. Infantry | Dec. 30, 1926 |
| Wallace Post | No. 95 | , Flat Rock. | |
| Sergeant Private 1st Lieut | K G A | 24th Mich. Infantry | July 4, 1926 |
| liam Sanborn l | Post No | o. 98, Port Huron. | |
| Private Private Private | M h C | 7th Mich. Cavalry | Feb. 1, 1926 Aug. 3, 1926 Nov. 6, 1926 |
| Fim Lewis Post | No. 10 | 7, Dimondale. | |
| Private Musician | B | 126th N. Y. Infantry 78th N. Y. Infantry | Jan. 28, 1926 May 13, 1926 |
| Sutterworth Po | st No. | 109, Coldwater. | • |
| Private. Private. No report. Private. Private. Private. Private. No report. Private. Fifer | B C H G H | U. S. V 1st Mich. Infantry. Minister. No report. 9th Mich. Infty. Mustered out Capt. U. S. Col. Troops 110th N. Y. Infantry. 11th Mich. Infantry. Regimental Corp. | Feb. 1, 1926 Feb. 6, 1926 April 4, 1926 May 25, 1926 July 18, 1926 July 19, 1926 July 30, 1926 Aug. 13, 1926 Dec. 28, 1926 |
| 3. Brainard Pos | t No. 1 | 11, Eaton Rapids. | |
| Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. No report. | D B G I B F | 150th Ohio Infantry | Jan. 12, 1926 Nov. 18, 1926 Jan. 11, 1926 Jan. 11, 1926 May 17, 1926 Nov. 14, 1926 Oct. 3, 1926 Sept. 21, 1926 |
| ohn Gilluby Po | st No. | 114, Fowlerville. | |
| Corp Private | H K | 4th Mich. Infantry 15th N. Y. Heavy Art | Sept. 30, 1926 Feb. 15, 1926 |
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| | l | | Nov. 12, 1926 |
| | Private. Private. No report. No report. No report. No report. liam D. Wilkin Private. Sergeant. Private. 1st Lieut. liam Sanborn l Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Musician Butterworth Po Private. | Private. B N. Penoyer Post No. 96 No report. No report. No report. K Wallace Post No. 95 Sergeant. K Private. G 1st Lieut. A liam Sanborn Post No. 16 Private. M Private. M Private. C Tim Lewis Post No. 16 Private. B Musician C Sutterworth Post No. Private. G | Rank. pany. Regiment. Private. B 3rd V. Battery. 55th Ohlo Infantry. N. Penoyer Post No. 90, Saginaw, W. S. No report. 69th N. Y. Infantry. 1st N. Y. Cavalry. liam D. Wilkins Post No. 91, St. Louis. Private. K 6th Wis. Infantry. Wallace Post No. 95, Flat Rock. Sergeant. K 24th Mica. Infantry. 24th Mich. Infantry. 4th Mich. Infantry. 4th Mich. Infantry. 10th |



Welch Post No. 137, Ann Arbor.

| | Weich Post N | 10. 137, | Ann Arbor. | |
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| Name. | Rank. | Com- pany. | Regiment. | Date of death. |
| Silas P. Hill | Private Fifer | G | 3rd N. Y. Infantry 20th Mich. Infantry | July 30, 1926 June 16, 1926 |
| Н | orace S. Robert | s Post | No. 139, Alpena. | |
| Solomon Evans | Private | G | 7th Mich. Cavalry | Oct. 22, 1926 |
| | Whiteside P | ost No | . 143, Caro. | |
| Earl Sweet | Private No report | | 1st Mich. Cavalry | 1926 1926 |
| | Turrill Pos | t No. 1 | 44, Lapcor. | |
| Gad Norton | Private | В | 22nd Mich. Infantry | Dec. 14, 1926 |
| | Gov. Crapo | Post No | o. 145, Flint. | |
| Albert Palmer Melvin Van Buren Oscar J. Lockhard James McGuey John M. Cleveland | Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. | L H H K | 3rd Iowa Cavalry | Dec. 24, 1926 Nov. 9, 1926 Nov. 17, 1926 Dec. 18, 1926 Dec. 30, 1926 |
| D | ick Richardson | Post d | No. 147, Pontiac. | |
| Robert LeBaron. A. H. Carpenter. Ames Smith. A. B. Parmelee. Wm. Teggerdine. C. L. Blair. William Young. | Private Private Private Private Private | A D I B | 4th Mich. Infantry | July 15, 1926 Sept. 16, 1926 Nov. 24, 1926 Jan. 14, 1926 Sept. 16, 1926 May 28, 1926 Dec. 28, 1926 |
| Cha | arles F. Gibson | Post N | lo. 156, St. Johns. | |
| Martin Sleves | Private Private | | N. Y. Artillery 6th Mich; Cavalry | April 11, 1926 Dec. 13, 1926 |
| Не | nry F. Wallace | Post I | No. 160, Corunna. | |
| James Baldwin | Private | н | 23rd Mich. Infantry | Jan., 1926 |
| Edv | vard Dwight Po | st No. | 163, Vermontville. | |
| Dewitt J. Loomis | Private | B | Not assigned | Feb. 12, 1926 Sept. 10, 1926 |
| • | Lombard Pos | t No. 1 | 70, Petoskey. | |
| W. F. Lawton | Sergeant Private Musician | I G H | 28th N. Y. Infantry 64th N. Y. Infantry 44th Ohio Infantry | Not reported Not reported Not reported |
| | E. R. Stiles Pos | st No. 1 | 74, Hancock. | |
| Steven Loranger | Sergeant | . н | 27th Mich. Infantry | Jan., 1926 |



| | Carpenter | Post | No. | 190, | Ipsuant | ١. |
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| Name. | Rank. Company | | Regiment. | Date of death. | |
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| James Arms. Henry Neiman. Alex. M. Kinsley Samuel Vannerman. John H. Callender. | Corp Private. Private. Private. Private. | G D E C | 6th Mich. Cavalry | Jan. 26, 1926 May 30, 1926 Jan. 18, 1926 June 17, 1926 June 21, 1926 | |
| | Hackett Post | No. 18 | 35, Bronson. | | |
| C. W. Albertson | Private Private | K | 23rd N. J. Infantry | Sept. 30, 1926 Oct. 23, 1926 | |
| н | eber Le Favour | Post N | o. 181, Milford. | | |
| Armand Patrick | Corp Private | A | Marine Corps 1st Mich. Lt. Artillery | April 9, 1926 Feb. 2, 1926 | |
| L. | B. Quackenbus | h Post | No. 205, Owosso. | | |
| I. W. Knapp | Corp Corp Private. | D A F | 195th Ohio Infantry | May 26, 1926 June 26, 1926 Sept. 4, 1926 | |
| | Wm. H. Borden | Post 1 | No. 211, Ionia. | | |
| Edwin S. Shattuck Lafayette Carpentier | Private Private | A | 8th Mich. Infantry17th Mich. Infantry | Nov. 21, 1926 Dec. 13, 1926 | |
| | Joseph Smith F | ost No | . 215, Fulton. | | |
| O. M. Gates | Sergeant | E | 103rd Ohio Infantry | Dec. 26, 1926 | |
| | Oscar Bartlett | Post N | o. 233, Lamb. | | |
| George Wonch | Private | ĸ | 3rd Mich. Infantry | Sept. 22, 1926 | |
| Wa | lter Clifford Po | st No. | 235, Boyne City. | | |
| Alfred P. Hilliker | Private | E., L. | 8th Mich. Cavalry | Mar. 27, 1926 | |
| Lo | nson Bryant P | ost No | . 255, Mayville. | | |
| Edwin O'Neil | Sergeant | c | 10th Mich. Infantry | Mai. 20, 1926 | |
| Α. | C. Van Raalte | Post N | o. 262, Holland. | | |
| Peter D. Feyter | Private | I | 25th Mich. Infantry | 1926 | |
| <u></u> | Lyon Post N | o. 266, | Menominee. | | |
| M. Farvilly. Warren Cowing Norwood Bowers | Private Fifer Private | G E I | 17th Wis. Infantry | April 17, 1926 No report Dec. 9, 1926 | |
| San | uel W. Grinne | l Post | No. 283, Sunfield. | | |
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| Name. | Rank. Company. | | Regiment. | Date of death. |
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| George Stengel | Private Private Sergeant Private | A D K | 10th Mich. Cavalry | Jan. 13, 1926 Jan. 14, 1926 Feb. 26, 1926 Nov. 28, 1926 |
| All | ert Jackson Po | st No. | 300, Marquette. | |
| Edward C. Anthony | Private | В | 1st Mich. Cavalry | Dec. 18, 1926 |
| Е. Н. | Liscum Post | No. 343 | , Sault Ste. Marie. | |
| Mathew FitzpatrickGeorge Thurston | Private Private | I A | 3rd N. Y. Cavalry | June 25, 1926 Nov. 9, 1926 |
| | 3. D. Haight Po | st No. | 348, Scottville. | |
| O. D. Bates | Private | | | April 19, 1926 |
| | Comstock Post | No. 352 | , Manchester. | |
| T. F. Rushton | Private Private | A D | 1st Mich. Infantry | Feb. 23, 1926 Dec. 31, 1926 |
| | E. P. Case Post | t No. 3 | 72, Bensonia. | |
| I. P. Covey | Major | | 44th Ill, Vol. Cavalry | July 13, 1926 |
| | Detroit Post | No. 38 | 4, Detroit. | |
| B. C. Lockwood. Nelson C. Thomas. Charles A. Coolidge. Frank P. Byrne. Jospeh S. Keen. John Davis. | Ret. Brig. Gen. Capt Ret. Brig. Gen. Private. Private. Corp | B D D G | U. S. A | Jan. 22, 1926 Feb. 20, 1926 June 1, 1926 June 12, 1926 Dec. 3, 1926 Dec. 27, 1926 |
| Ch | arles A. Price P | ost No | . 405, Perrinton. | |
| Thomas B. Musser | Private | н | 49th Ohio Infantry | Feb. 6, 1926 |
| G | en. O. M. Poe | Post N | o. 433, Detroit. | |
| H. C. Bradley | No report | | | |
| J | ohn Hunter Po | st No. | 455, Montrose. | |
| Andrew McMorry | Private Private Corp | G C D | 2nd Mich. Infantry | Not reported Not reported Dec., 1926 |



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