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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

GRAND ARMY  
*of the* REPUBLIC

HELD AT

GRAND RAPIDS, JUNE 17-18-19, 1931

WITH ADDRESS OF

A. C. ESTABROOK, *Department Commander*

AND REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

*A spirit of true comradeship was beautifully exemplified by the  
citizens of Grand Rapids*

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

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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Headquarters Department of Michigan,  
Grand Army of the Republic.  
Lansing, July 1931

Hon. Wilber M. Brucker, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic held in Grand Rapids June seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth, as required by the statutes.

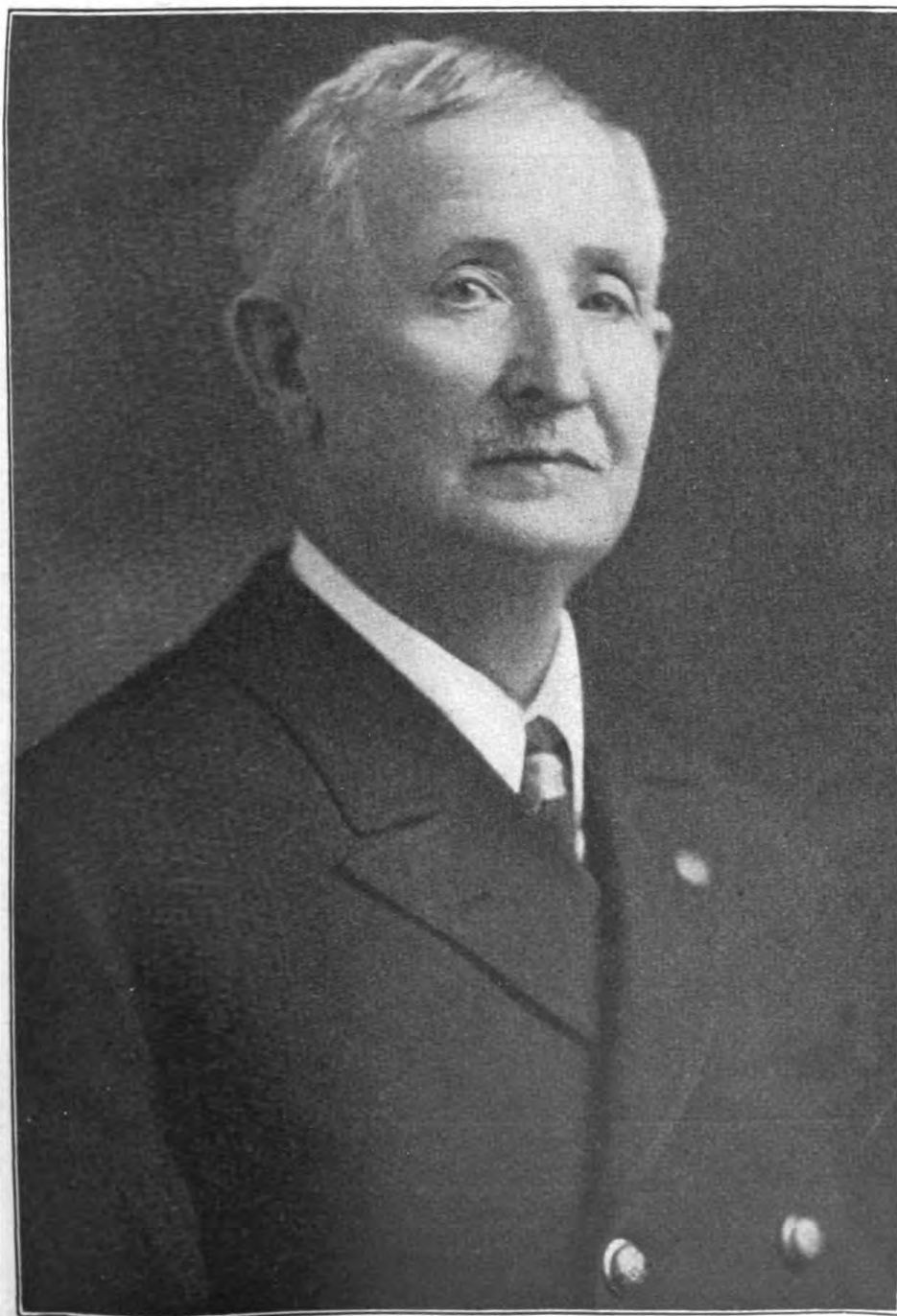
ALBERT C. ESTABROOK,  
Department Commander.

**OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. 1930-1931.**

Department Commander—A. C. Estabrook . . . . . Allegan  
 Department Sr. Vice Com.—John Killeen . . . . . Jackson  
 Department Jr. Vice Com.—A. F. Chappell . . . . . Detroit  
 Department Chaplain—Isaac Riddick . . . . . Albion  
 Medical Director—David Hilliard . . . . . Grand Rapids  
 Asst. Adj. and Q. M. General—Albert Dunham . . . . . Lansing  
 Judge Advocate—S. D. Bailey . . . . . Detroit  
 Patriotic Instructor—Frank D. Keeler . . . . . Saginaw  
 Department Inspector—John Barrett (died in office) . . . . . Grand Rapids  
 Chief Mustering Officer—Henry O. Shirts . . . . . Grand Rapids  
 Chief of Staff—Isaac Grant . . . . . Reed City  
 Senior Aide—M. D. Richardson . . . . . Lansing  
 Sergt. National Colors—George Howe . . . . . Port Huron  
 Sergt. Dept. Colors—C. M. Cook . . . . . Kalamazoo

**NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
1930-1931**

Commander-in-Chief—James E. Jewell . . . . . Fort Morgan, Col.  
 Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief—Jacob Secrest . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief—Charles H. Lewis . . . . . Pawtucket, R. I.  
 Surgeon General—Edward H. Cowan . . . . . Crawfordsville, Ind.  
 Chaplain-in-Chief—Henry Hilton Wood . . . . . Long Beach, Calif.  
 Adjutant-General—A. L. Emigh . . . . . Fort Morgan, Col.  
 Quartermaster-General—Cola D. R. Stowits . . . . . Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Judge Advocate General—Samuel M. Hench . . . . . Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 Inspector General—William H. Noll . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.  
 National Patriotic Instructor—Robert W. Hill, D. D. . . . . Albany, N. Y.  
 Senior Aide G. H. Pounder . . . . . Fort Atkinson, Wis.



**ALBERT C. ESTABROOK**  
Department Commander  
1930-1931



**HON. WILBER M. BRUCKER**  
Governor of Michigan

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Russell A. Alger, deceased	Detroit, 1867
Wm. A. Throop, deceased	Detroit, 1868
Wm. Humphrey, deceased	Adrian, 1870
C. V. R. Pond, deceased	Lansing, 1878-9
A. T. McReynolds, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1880
Byron R. Pierce, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1881-2
Oscar A. Janes	Detroit, 1883
Rush J. Shank, deceased	Lansing, 1884
Charles D. Long, deceased	Flint, 1885
John Northwood, deceased	New Lothrop, 1886
L. G. Rutherford, deceased	Hart, 1887
Washington Gardner, deceased	Albion, 1888
Michael Brown, deceased	Big Rapids, 1889
Henry M. Duffield, deceased	Detroit, 1890
Charles L. Eaton, deceased	Paw Paw, 1891
Henry S. Dean, deceased	Ann Arbor, 1892-3
James H. Kidd, deceased	Ionia, 1893-4
Louis Kanitz	Muskegon, 1894-5
S. B. Daboll, deceased	St. Johns, 1895-6
Wm. Skakespeare, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1896-7
Aaron T. Bliss, deceased	Saginaw, 1897-8
Alex. L. Patrick, deceased	Detroit, 1898-9
Russell R. Pealer, deceased	Three Rivers, 1899-1900
Ethel M. Allen, deceased	Portland, 1900-1
James VanKleek, deceased	Bay City, 1901-2
Edward C. Anthony, deceased	Negaunee, 1902-3
D. B. K. Vanraalte, deceased	Holland, 1903-4
Geo. H. Hopkins, deceased	Detroit, 1904-5
E. C. Cannon, deceased	Ewart, 1905-6
Joseph B. Griswold, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1906-7
William Jibb, deceased	Adrian, 1907-8
Charles Foote, deceased, died in office	Kalamazoo, 1908-9
Geo. L. Holmes, deceased, to fill vacancy	Detroit, 1909
James M. Greenfield, deceased	Flushing, 1909-10
Samuel J. Lawrence, deceased	Detroit, 1910-11
Geo. W. Stone, deceased	Lansing, 1911-12
John T. Spillane	Detroit, 1912-13
Frank R. Chase, deceased	Smyrna, 1913-14
Riley L. Jones, deceased	Detroit, 1914-15
Henry Rankin, deceased, died in office	Ypsilanti, 1915-16
Eli Strong, to fill vacancy, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1915-16
Lucius H. Ives, deceased	Mason, 1916-17
William O. Lee, deceased	Port Huron, 1917-18
David S. Howard, deceased	Pontiac, 1918-19
Edwin F. Lamb, deceased	Detroit, 1919-20
Henry Spaulding	Lansing, 1920-21
J. J. Holmes, deceased	Eaton Rapids, 1921-22
William Mears, deceased	Manton, 1922-23
Lyman A. L. Gilbert, deceased	Highland Park, 1923-24
Marvin C. Barney, deceased	Flint, 1924-25
John Seel, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1925-26
James R. Stephenson, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1926-27
Charles A. Bartlett, deceased	Detroit, 1927-28
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1928-29
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1929-30
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1930-31

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. M. Bigelow, deceased . . . . .	Montague, 1878-9
No record for 1880 or 1881	
G. R. Wright, deceased . . . . .	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, deceased . . . . .	Union City, 1884
George L. Fisher, deceased . . . . .	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer, deceased . . . . .	1886
W. W. Cook, deceased . . . . .	Lansing, 1887
True Hart, deceased . . . . .	Midland, 1888
William H. Russell, deceased . . . . .	Clio, 1889
E. L. Negus, deceased . . . . .	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, deceased . . . . .	Muskegon, 1891
James A. Crozier, deceased . . . . .	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward, deceased . . . . .	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieseke, deceased . . . . .	Owosso, 1894
Norm G. Cooper, deceased . . . . .	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon, deceased . . . . .	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague, deceased . . . . .	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carleton, deceased . . . . .	Port Huron, 1898
J. C. Bontecou, deceased . . . . .	Petoskey, 1900
Theo C. Putnam, deceased . . . . .	Grand Rapids, 1901
Marvin C. Barney, deceased . . . . .	Flint, 1902
L. D. Vankleek, deceased . . . . .	Pontiac, 1903
S. A. Aldrich, deceased . . . . .	Muskegon, 1904
John J. Cornwell, deceased . . . . .	Battle Creek, 1905
M. D. Morgan, deceased . . . . .	Traverse City, 1906
Riley L. Jones, deceased . . . . .	Saginaw, 1907
Edwin B. Nugent, deceased . . . . .	Bay City, 1908
J. J. Drake, deceased . . . . .	St. Joseph, 1909
Henry P. Shutt, deceased . . . . .	Kalamazoo, 1910
A. J. Ward, deceased . . . . .	Holland, 1911
H. C. Rankin, deceased . . . . .	Ypsilanti, 1912
John A. Wardell, deceased . . . . .	Lansing, 1913
Frank L. Manning, deceased . . . . .	Jackson, 1914
Eli Strong, deceased . . . . .	Kalamazoo, 1915
Thomas Davey . . . . .	Detroit, 1915
M. M. Andrews, deceased . . . . .	Bay City, 1916
H. W. Stevens, deceased . . . . .	Tecumseh, 1917
J. J. Holmes, deceased . . . . .	Eaton Rapids, 1918
George H. Keating, deceased . . . . .	Bay City, 1919
M. D. Richardson . . . . .	Lansing, 1920
E. A. Jennings, deceased . . . . .	Flint, 1921
Samuel D. Bailey . . . . .	Detroit, 1922-3
John A. Miller, deceased . . . . .	Grand Rapids, 1923-4
Edwin R. Havens . . . . .	Lansing, 1924-25
George W. Howe . . . . .	Port Huron, 1925-26
Willis W. Crocker, deceased . . . . .	Jackson, 1926-27
Wm. E. Walker, deceased . . . . .	Benton Harbor, 1927-28
J. P. Riley . . . . .	Kalamazoo, 1928-29
J. P. Riley . . . . .	Kalamazoo, 1929-30
John Killeen . . . . .	Jackson, 1930-31



## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

S. B. Kitchell, deceased	Coldwater, 1878
W. A. Palmer, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1879
W. A. Palmer, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1879-90
Dallas Johnson, deceased	Montague, 1881
Oscar A. Janes	Hillsdale, 1882
J. N. Keller, deceased	Saginaw, 1883
M. H. Humphrey, deceased	Three Rivers, 1884
H. F. Higgins, deceased	Petoskey, 1885
August Gobel, deceased	Detroit, 1886
Thomas H. Williams, deceased	Jackson, 1887
George W. Stone, deceased	Harrison, 1889
William Jibb, deceased	Adrian, 1890
Wm. H. Marston, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1891
Thomas M. Wiley, deceased	Owosso, 1892
E. C. Anthony, deceased	Negaunee, 1893
James M. Greenfield, deceased	Flushing, 1894
Oscar Palmer, deceased	Grayling, 1895
James O. Bellaire, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1896
Ren Barker, deceased	Reed City, 1897
D. C. Spears, deceased	Azalia, 1898
S. H. Mallory, deceased	Lake Odessa, 1900
Samuel J. Lawrence, deceased	Wyandotte, 1901
H. A. Backus, deceased	Detroit, 1902
M. D. Richardson	Lake City, 1903
Edward S. Jamison, deceased	Marine City, 1904
Dan J. Wilson, deceased	Jackson, 1905
S. M. Kent, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1906
O. Palmer, deceased	Grayling, 1907
Henry Spaulding	Hartford, 1908
George W. Wheeler, deceased	Boon, 1909
Albert Dunham	Jackson, 1910
George I. Nash, deceased	Marcellus, 1911
J. J. Holmes, deceased	Eaton Rapids, 1912
Charles A. Coolidge, deceased	Detroit, 1913
Marvin C. Barney, deceased	Flint, 1914
Thomas Davey	Detroit, 1915
Alison L. Bryant	Mayville, 1916
E. E. Lewis, deceased	Coldwater, 1917
Frank Lester, deceased	Mason, 1918
William G. Miner, deceased	Portland, 1919
E. S. Post, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1920
George D. Freeman, deceased	Detroit, 1921
John Seel, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1922-3
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1923-24
Arthur E. Ferry	Owosso, 1924-25
Josiah Creque, deceased	Jackson, 1925-26
George S. Farrar, deceased	Port Austin, 1926-27
J. P. Riley	Kalamazoo, 1927-28
Wm. Barrett, deceased	Bay City, 1928-29
James Churchill	Pontiac, 1929-30
A. F. Chappell	Detroit, 1930-31



## ROSTER OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT G. A. R.

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

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 17.

Post Commander, John Hodges.

*Past Post Commanders*

L. D. Reynolds.

Albert Hawley.

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### CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, Eugene Owen.

*Past Post Commanders*

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

Lafayette Stevens.  
E. Owen.

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

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, George A. Slayton.

*Past Post Commanders*

D. D. Rhodes.

Frederick Wolf.

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### PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 17.

Post Commander, H. C. Bond.

*Past Post Commanders*

Louis Kanitz.  
John Sturgeon.

Chas. Depuy.  
H. C. Bond.

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### JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, H. E. Waterman.

*Past Post Commanders*

Chas. Robbins.

H. E. Waterman.

W. R. Matthews.

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### WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, Geo. W. Francisco.

Lydia Spohr, Secretary.

## FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

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

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, Charles A. Tanner.

*Past Post Commanders*

Fred F. Main.

Charles A. Tanner.

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

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 13.

Post Commander, C. B. Holmes.

*Past Post Commanders*

Wm. E. Walker.

James M. Brent.

Ambrose H. Rowe.

A. A. Covill.

Chester Chorpeneing.

Merritt Covill.

C. B. Holmes.

## FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 33.

Post Commander, John O. Stone.

*Past Post Commanders*

John T. Spillane.

William J. Fraser.

S. D. Bailey.

Thomas Davey.

David Plumadore.

A. F. Chappell.

## A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, W. H. Ashley.

Cared for by W. R. C.

## ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.

Chartered June 20, 1881.

Membership 1.

*Past Dept. Commander*

Henry Spaulding.

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

Chartered July 18, 1881.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, C. E. Brightup.

*Past Post Commander*

C. E. Brightup.

## WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Samuel S. Bunker.

*Past Post Commanders*

John C. Dick.

S. S. Bunker.

George Hanley.

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COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Cared for by W. R. C.

Membership 2.

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DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Post Commander, A. S. Beardsley.

Membership 3.

*Past Post Commanders*

Geo. W. Wilt.

A. S. Beardsley.

John Locke.

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JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Post Commander, H. D. Tucker.

Membership 8.

*Past Post Commanders*

Geo. Enslow.  
Geo. Dennison.

H. D. Tucker.

M. Farley.  
A. O. Aldrich.

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HURON POST NO. 28, BAD AXE.

Chartered February 18, 1919.

Post Commander, Calvin Foster.

Membership 4.

*Past Post Commanders*

John Clark.

Calvin Foster.

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FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31, 1881.

Post Commander, J. W. Walker.

Membership 14.

*Past Post Commanders*

E. M. Morse.  
W. E. Dockey.

James Gardner.  
J. W. Walker.

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ZACH CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Post Commander, J. F. Jones.

Membership 9.

*Past Post Commanders*

A. L. Nealley.

J. F. Jones.

J. A. Richards.

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SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Post Commander, Fred Gill.

Membership 11.

*Past Post Commanders*

E. B. Metcalf.  
Frank D. Keeler.

Watson J. Clark.  
Fred Gill.

## FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 25.

Post Commander, James A. Hamilton.

*Past Post Commanders*E. R. Havens.  
M. D. Richardson.  
W. P. Treadway.T. B. Blosser.  
Seymour Foster  
Benjamin Ohlinger.

## WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 31.

Post Commander, R. P. Butrick.

*Past Post Commanders*D. B. Morgan.  
N. D. Chew.  
H. L. Jefts.R. P. Butrick.  
Chas. A. Adams.  
G. W. Dickerson.

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

Chartered August 28, 1914.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, L. J. Carr.

## EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Chartered March 9, 1882.

Membership 23.

Post Commander, Orestus Blake.

*Past Post Commanders*Albert Dunham.  
Wm. M. Carroll.

Orestus Blake.

A. N. Sova.  
John Killeen.

## PHIL MCKERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 4.

Post Commander,

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

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 12.

Post Commander, Luzern Durand.

*Past Post Commanders*A. C. Estabrook.  
L. Y. Cady.Wm. Burnett.  
Luzern Durand.

## COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLES.

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, J. S. Eastman.

*Past Post Commanders*

Elias Nash.

J. S. Eastman.

G. K. Warner.

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

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 9.

Post Commander, John Wilbur.

*Past Post Commanders*

John Sirmyer.  
John Van Buren.

William Hoffman.  
John Wilbur.

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SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Chartered July 27, 1882.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, E. M. Holt.

*Past Post Commander*

J. B. Dorrance.

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JOSEPH R. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Philip March.

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ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 19.

Post Commander, H. W. Harvey.

*Past Post Commanders*

William Snyder.

H. W. Harvey.

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

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Martin Kelsey.

*Past Post Commanders*

John W. Finch.

Martin Kelsey.

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CORBIN POST NO. 83, UNION CITY.

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 3.

Post Commander.

*Past Post Commanders*

A. E. Thayer.

Geo. Eberhard.

C. M. Hall.

Cared for by W. R. C.

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

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Daniel Crane.

*Past Post Commanders*

Daniel Crane.

Henry Schwinch.

## FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

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

Chartered October 25, 1882.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, George Wilcox.

*Past Post Commanders*

L. B. Longwell.

George Wilcox.

## WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Chartered December 9, 1882.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Albert W. Wager.

*Past Post Commander*

Chas. Strewing.

## WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Chartered December 30, 1882.

Membership 12.

Post Commander, Edwin S. Petit.

*Past Post Commanders*

Geo. W. Howe.

Edwin S. Petit.

N. D. Brown.

John Hill.

## TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, John Hetrick.

*Past Post Commanders*

N. P. Bateman.

John Hetrick.

## BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Chartered March 9, 1883.

Membership 20.

Post Commander, L. S. Daniels.

*Past Post Commanders*

Chas. W. Bennett.

L. S. Daniels.

S. H. Camp.

## DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Chartered March 12, 1883.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, R. H. Brooks.

*Past Post Commanders*

John A. Dillon.

Russell H. Brooks.

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

Chartered March 14, 1883.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, L. D. Chapman.

*Past Post Commanders*

T. D. Chatman.

Chas. Wilbur.

J. W. Norton.

L. D. Chapman.



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JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLerville.

Chartered March 22, 1883. Membership 1.  
Post Commander, Alfred H. Smith.

WADDEL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.

Chartered April 5, 1883. Membership 1.  
Post Commander, George Barnes.

CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.

Chartered April 7, 1883. Membership 5.  
Post Commander, C. C. Forney.  
*Past Post Commanders*  
Lot Nevins. C. C. Forney. A. B. Benton.

FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.

Chartered April 11, 1883. Membership 12.  
Post Commander, Francis M. Craig.  
*Past Post Commanders*  
T. H. Taylor. Francis M. Craig.

DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.

Chartered April 14, 1883. Membership 7.  
Post Commander, Wm. R. Olds.  
*Past Post Commander*  
Wm. R. Olds.

WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.

Chartered May 8, 1883. Membership 5.  
Post Commander, Joe Vallar.  
*Past Post Commander*  
William F. Russell.

HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.

Chartered May 23, 1883. Membership 2.  
Post Commander, Frank Emerick.

BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.

Chartered May 18, 1883. Membership 10.  
Cared for by U. S. W. V.

WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.

Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 6.  
Post Commander, Orlando Levalley.  
*Past Post Commanders*  
Lyman C. Grady. D. S. Arnold.  
J. L. Myers. Frank Reed.  
Orlando Levalley.

## FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## TURRELL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.

Chartered May 8, 1883.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, S. B. Lewis.

*Past Post Commanders*

Levant Carter.

A. L. Taylor.

G. W. Crampton.

## GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.

Chartered June 7, 1883.

Membership 16.

Post Commander, Wray Mitchell.

## DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Membership 4.

Cared for by W. R. C.

## WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.

Chartered July 1883.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, William Boltz.

*Past Post Commanders*

Andrew Crooks.

William Boltz.

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

Chartered July 5, 1883.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, E. A. Sitte.

*Past Post Commander*

E. A. Sitte.

## ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered July 6, 1883.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, B. L. Rudd.

*Past Post Commanders*

Jeff Palmer.

B. L. Rudd.

## HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.

Chartered July 12, 1883.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Merritt S. Harding.

Cared for by W. R. C.

## EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.

Chartered July 30, 1883.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, Henry H. Brown.

*Past Post Commanders*

Chas. S. Snell.

H. H. Brown.

David M. Purchis.

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LOMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 12.

Post Commander, S. S. Puckett.

*Past Post Commanders*

J. A. C. Rowen.

W. R. Montgomery.

Melvin Birch.

E. A. Dunton.

S. S. Puckett.

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

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, J. W. Wyckoff.

*Past Post Commander*

J. W. Wyckoff.

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CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, Seth B. Mereness.

*Past Post Commander*

S. B. Mereness.

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HEBER LEFAVOR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.

Chartered September 3, 1883.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, John Beaumont.

*Past Post Commanders*

John Beaumont.

G. W. Sturdevant.

Cared for by W. R. C.

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

Chartered September 30, 1883.

Membership 2.

Cared for by W. R. C.

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HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.

Chartered September 25, 1883.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, William George.

*Past Post Commanders*

Thomas A. Eberhard.

William George.

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FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Membership 2.

Cared for by W. R. C.

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

Chartered October 5, 1883.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Lucius Sanborn.

## FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

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

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Thomas Nesbitt.

*Past Post Commanders*

A. C. Held.

Thomas Nesbitt.

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

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 8.

Post Commander, William Guipe.

*Past Post Commanders*S. Z. Watson.  
Chas. Freeman.Theron Gradden.  
W. Guipe.**E. W. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 9.

Post Commander, Isaac Riddick.

*Past Post Commanders*

Jacob Perrine.

Isaac Riddick.

Hiram Herrick.

Cared for by W. R. C.

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

Chartered December 23, 1883.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, C. C. Eyester.

*Past Post Commanders***H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**

Chartered January 7, 1884.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, Gilbert LaCroix.

*Past Post Commanders*

August Stietzer.

Capt. Gilbert LaCroix.

M. L. S. Killman.

**RUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.**

Chartered February 8, 1884.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Mathew King.

**OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, LAMB.**

Chartered February 4, 1884.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Wm. Boldock.

*Past Post Commanders*

Wm. Smith.

Wm. Boldock.

**WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY.**

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, John A. Newville.

*Past Post Commander*

John A. Newville.

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LONSON BRYANT POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.

Chartered May 20 1884.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, S. H. Dwelley.

*Past Post Commanders*

S. H. Dwelley.

Eli Brooks.

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

Chartered July 17, 1884.

Membership 1.

Sr. Vice Commander, John H. Wise.

LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAND.

Chartered September 1, 1884.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Peter Swick.

*Past Post Commanders*

James E. Johnson.

Peter Swick.

Cared for by D. U. V.

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

Chartered September 12, 1884.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, A. W. Dorland.

SAMUEL GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Chartered October 23, 1884.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Wm. Edwins.

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Chartered January 15, 1885.

Membership 13.

Post Commander, David Cantine.

*Past Post Commanders*

M. D. Ford.

S. G. Webster.

R. G. Abbey.

David Cantine.

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Patrick Ryan.

Cared for by W. R. C.

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

Chartered May 9, 1885.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, William Harwood.

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

Chartered March 27, 1886.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, Fred J. Buck.

*Past Post Commanders*

Edward Lockard.

Fred J. Buck.

## FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Chartered May 18, 1886.

Post Commander, Wm. Nubling.

Membership 4.

## KILBOURNE POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Cared for by W. R. C.

Membership 1.

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

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 1.

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

Chartered March 9, 1887.

Post Commander, A. M. Helmer.  
Cared for by W. R. C.

Membership 1.

## DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Post Commander, John L. Hinman.

Membership 10.

*Past Post Commanders*Felix A. Lemkie.  
Darius D. Thrope.  
O. A. Janes.Wm. T. Sage.  
Henry Stubensky.  
John L. Hinman.

## GEN. CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Post Commander, N. D. Watkins.

Membership 5.

*Past Post Commanders*Jesse H. Wood.  
N. D. Watkins.Chas. H. Clark.  
Sylvester Coon.

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

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Post Commander, John J. Reiser.

Membership 11.

*Past Post Commanders*James R. Beadle.  
Chas. A. Green.John A. Miller.  
John J. Reiser.

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

Chartered May 13, 1903.

Post Commander, J. L. Richard.

Membership 2.

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

Chartered November 18, 1893.

Post Commander, Joseph Cook.

Membership 13.

*Past Post Commanders.*

T. F. Courtney.

Joseph Cook.

Walter Kinsler.

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STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Post Commander,

Membership 25.

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WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Post Commander, Wm. Stewart.

Membership 4.

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

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Post Commander, Isaac Grant.

*Past Post Commanders*

Arestus Corwin.

Isaac Grant.

Membership 3.

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JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Chartered November 1, 1900.

Post Commander, A. R. Ellis.

*Past Post Commanders*

William C. Bouck.

Alvin R. Ellis.

Membership 2.

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

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Post Commander, Wm. F. Kimsey.

*Past Post Commanders.*

Wm. G. Dunn.

Wm. F. Kimsey.

Joshua Brown.

Membership 3.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
HELD AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, JUNE 17-18-19, 1931

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1931

The fifty-third annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order in the Italian Room of the Pantlind Hotel at 2:00 o'clock.

Department Commander appointed J. J. Reiser, of Post 395, Grand Rapids, Officer of the Day.

Officers of the Guard—E. Owens and E. E. Child, of Post 5, Grand Rapids.

Department Commander—Officer of the Day, are the approaches to this encampment properly guarded, and all present in possession of the countersign?

Officer of the Day—"Commander, they are."

Department Commander—"We are assembled in another annual encampment, for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before us. We meet in fraternity, charity and loyalty. The Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing. Parade Rest."

Chaplain Riddick—"Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this privilege. Again we have assembled; again we look at each other's faces and grasp each other's hands. Thy watchful eye has looked upon us, and Thy hand has guided our footsteps and has brought us safely to this room. Grant us, through the deliberations of this day, that we may realize that we are in Thy presence and that Thou art now, as in the past, our helper, our caretaker, our friend and our father. Bless this organization, we pray Thee, and grant that it may continue as it has in the past. And to those who are not permitted to be with us today, those who have not the strength necessary for their coming, grant comfort in the hour of distress. And may all of us so live that we may glorify Thee and glorify the country in which we live. We pray for Thy blessing upon this great land, upon its rulers and upon all in authority in this land. Lead us on by Thy spirit and grant us the grace to be united together in that land of eternal blessedness. We ask in the name of our Blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen."

Department Commander—The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll of officers.

Isaac Grant moves to dispense with the calling of the roll of posts.



Department Commander—The motion is made that we dispense with the calling of the roll. All in favor indicate their approval by saying "Aye".

Motion carried.

Department Commander—"We have with us today, the Mayor of Grand Rapids, Mr. Karel."

Mayor—Commander and officers, Members of the G. A. R.: I just had the pleasure of talking to the women. I suppose they boss you around, so I had to talk to them first.

"Grand Rapids welcomes you to our city. We hope that you are going to have a good time. If there is anything we can do to help you to have a good time, we will be only too glad to do so. Call at the City Hall if there is anything you want.

"This organization stands for something; it means something; it has accomplished things. Because you are organized, you are a community investment. Any organization today that does things is a community investment, because it *has* accomplished things. These organizations have helped the country. They have made our city a better place in which to live. It is only through the fact of organization that this city is a better city than it was years ago. Organization has helped to do this.

"We hope you will come again. Any time you come to the city, we will be mighty glad to give you our attention and try to give you anything you want. We are awfully glad you are here, and hope you come again."

#### RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Department Commander—

Mr. Mayor:

On behalf of the G. A. R. and our affiliated societies, I thank you for your cordial words of welcome, and for your expression of regard for the men of the Grand Army. Also for the proffered hospitality of your city.

These few men present are just a remnant of that great army in blue, who went forth in their youth to put down one of the greatest rebellions that ever existed. They have shown their courage and loyalty on the field of battle, and have saved our country in unity, and our Flag in its honor and beauty. But one of the grandest distinctions that these comrades claim, is, that after four long years of warfare, they came back like loyal and true men, to their homes,—returned to private life—became exemplary citizens—and took part in administering the government of their state, and of the United States, showing that they were able, both to defend and govern their country.

You have turned over your city to these men and their associates. I can assure you that this is duly appreciated. And should any "fall by the wayside", please remember the parable of the "good Samaritan", and take care of them, and we will bless you. We hope the City of Grand Rapids will have a pleasant remembrance of this occasion, and

I am sure we will carry to our homes many fond memories of our annual encampment, in the City of Grand Rapids,—year 1931.

Mayor Karel was escorted from the room and the Department Sr. Vice Commander takes the chair.

John Killeen, Sr. Vice Commander—Comrades, we will now listen to the address of the Department Commander.

### ADDRESS OF COMMANDER

Comrades:

We have assembled in this beautiful city of Grand Rapids, so called the "Furniture City", to hold our 53rd annual encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic. The unbounded hospitality of its people has already caused us to feel that it is good for us to be here. These encampments renew the ties of fraternity with which we were cemented together on the field of battle in defense of our country and Flag.

These annual gatherings, to those of us who have been attending them, have, as the years pass by, become more and more precious. They bring us thoughts of joy and of sorrow. Joy, because we were instrumental in saving the Union and making our nation what it is to-day. Sorrow, when we think of the many thousands of our comrades who gave their lives to accomplish this great work. The men of the Grand Army discharged their duty to their country as soldiers many years ago. And it rests with him in the future, as in the past, to keep true step to the call of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, until he takes the long trail into the land "beyond the shadows; Where taps never sound, nor the lights go out."

The world is better for his services. Much was accomplished by his sacrifices, and it can be said of him, as was said of old, "His good works live after him". It is fitting that the men in the sear and yellow leaf of life should meet and keep alive the spirit of patriotism, with the hope that the youth of our land may emulate the example set by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades,—I am proud of the record made by the soldiers of the Civil war. I am equally proud of the record made by the men who followed the Flag and stood behind the guns in the Spanish American and the World war. The product of the American home and the pupil of our free schools, is a safe man to guard a nations honor. On all occasions, he has shown his steadfastness in battle, his willingness and ability to endure hardships, and above all, he has shown himself a gentleman—May He ever be found as such.

The duties of the Department Commander have been a source of delight to me, as I have enjoyed the society of so many noble characters, the memory of which I will ever cherish.

### FINANCE

Our finances are in very good condition as the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General will show.

## SOLDIERS HOME

As a member of the Board of Managers, I will leave this report to the committee appointed for this purpose. I will say, however, that Michigan has a home for its ex-soldiers, and their widows, of which we may all feel proud.

## AUXILIARIES AND ALLIED ORDERS

My address would be incomplete were I to fail to mention that noble body of loyal women who compose our own auxiliary—the Women's Relief Corps. They have given us much help and encouragement during the past year. I hereby gratefully acknowledge the many kind acts rendered us by Mrs. Effie B. Murray, Department President of Michigan Woman's Relief Corp—her secretary, Mrs. Ella Rice, and others of her official staff. All are efficient and worthy representatives of our blessed auxiliary.

To the Daughters and Sons of Union Veterans, and their auxiliary, we owe much. Through you, and your associates, our work must be perpetuated, and I have an abiding faith that you will be faithful to the trust. I also desire to express my thanks to May Laurencelle, Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and to the National Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic for their faithful, patriotic devotion to our noble work.

To the United Spanish War Veterans—our comrades of later days, the Veterans of the World war, and all allied societies, many thanks are due for the interest you have manifested in the cause of liberty during the past year, and I hope that these fraternal ties will ever remain as close as they have in the past.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

With our Department, I attended the 63rd National Encampment at Cincinnati, Ohio, August 24th to 29th, 1930. Michigan made a fine showing in the parade and we had sixteen voting delegates in the sessions. The callers at Department headquarters, at the Gibson Hotel, were unanimous in their verdict that a fine time was being enjoyed.

## OFFICIAL VISITS

No more pleasant portion of the life of the Department Commander during his official term can be expected, than that, which finds him among his comrades in the various parts of the state in attendance upon campfires, reunions, etc. While I have been unable to respond to every call, I have done so in a large number of instances, and have derived a pleasure, the memory of which will dwell ever in my heart.

## MEMORIAL DAY

This day is a day of hallowed memories to us. Its observance has been general throughout the department. The line of blue is greatly diminished, and soon the comrades who have paid homage to those who have passed on, will join the throng on that everlasting shore.

They will be missed from the ranks, but their absence will only strengthen our regard for the day. It is a painful thought that Memorial Day, in many cases, is given over to sports. This desecration of so sacred a day should receive our earnest condemnation, and every effort should be made to discourage it by creating public sentiment against such desecration.

#### IN MEMORIAM

During the past year two of my official family have answered the last roll call, Henry O. Shirts, Chief Mustering Officer and John Barrett, Department Inspector.

“It is toll-toll-tol-l-l. God bless their noble souls,  
And the measured strokes are slower—now they cease,  
Yet their echo in each soul chants the universal dole  
For these dear old soldier comrades are at peace.”

#### CLOSING

Comrades—A year ago you elected me your Commander for the third consecutive year; an honor that is rarely bestowed upon a member of our order, an honor which I assure you, is duly appreciated.

I extend my most sincere thanks to my whole official family for their hearty co-operation in the conduct of our departmental affairs. It has been my earnest desire to advance the interests of the department and to strengthen our fraternal ties. My heart goes out in gratitude and love to all my comrades and to our Auxiliary for the many evidences of your kindness and esteem, and for the cordial and generous support rendered me during each of my official terms.

I have served the Department with the best I could give and be-speak for the comrade who will soon take my place, the same loyal support that you have accorded me.

Again, I thank you for the honor that has been mine. The Lord guard and guide you. May you be spared to do good for many years to come. May your bearing be upright, your conscience pure, your garments stain-less, as befits those who wear the insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

A. C. ESTABROOK,  
Department Commander,  
Michigan Grand Army of the Republic.

Department Sr. Vice Commander—I will appoint Comrade Frank D. Keeler and Comrade M. D. Richardson committee on the Commanders report.

Department Commander resumes the chair.

Officer of the Guards announced a committee of greetings from the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Officer of the Day—“Commander, I take great pleasure in introducing daughters of the Union Veterans, Mrs. Odin, Mrs. Gilleland and Mrs. Hoeflinger.”

Mrs. Odin—“Commander, I want to shake hands with you.

"Comrades, we bring you greetings from the Daughters of Union Veterans. We hope that you will have one of the most beautiful Encampments that you have ever had, and that you will have many more of them. There will be an encampment of the G. A. R. just as long as you have a son or a daughter left, if you will let us do the work for you and if you will tell us how you want it done.

"Our president sends greetings to you from herself and from our department. And these flowers—they say, "Say it with flowers"—and we ask that you accept these flowers with our love. I also bring this badge from our president."

Mrs. Gilleland—"Commander and our very dear comrades:

"It is my pleasure today, for the first time, to come into your encampment. I have been a member of the organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans for more than twenty-five years, and I have tried to give my best services for the good of this cause. I am happy to see you today, and may you be spared to come again."

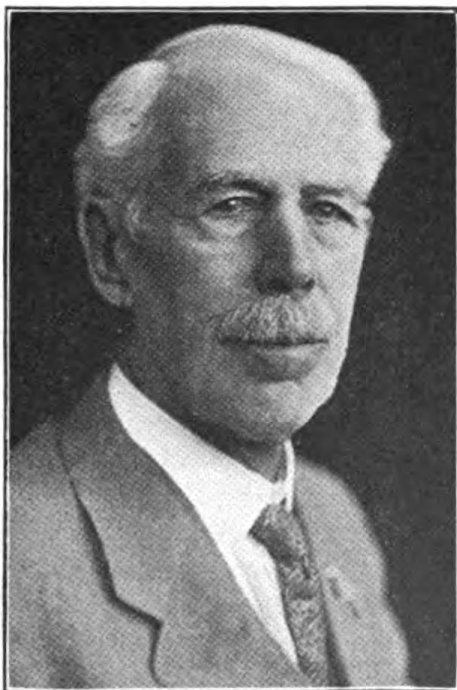
Mrs. Hoeflinger—"Commander and Comrades:

"Our chief of staff asked me to find out how many of the members of the G. A. R. we might expect at our banquet tomorrow night. You will have your dinner, then go to the camp fire, and then to the grand ball. I was asked to estimate, if I could, how many to expect, because we have to make reservations."

Department Commander—"Officer of the Day, will you pin these badges on the ladies?"

(Presentation of badges)—Department chaplain responded.

Department Commander—"Now we will listen to the report of the Senior Vice Commander."



JOHN KILLEEN  
Department Senior Vice Commander

## REPORT OF THE SR. VICE COMMANDER

Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, It is a pleasure to be with you on this occasion. I feel I have been highly honored the past year by the cordial receptions I have received from everyone. I have attended two district Conventions of the Woman's Relief Corps, one at Alma and one at Grand Ledge. Three meetings of the Sons at different places. The Ionia Co. Battalion at Ionia. A reception given our Department Commander at his home town. Also the banquet given by the Daughters of Jackson to the Grand Army on their 49th Anniversary.

I made one trip to the Soldiers Home at Grand Rapids.

I surely appreciate the confidence you have placed in me by electing me Senior Vice Commander of our Department and I have enjoyed my work very much.

Thank you,  
**JOHN KILLEEN,**  
 Sr. Vice Commander.

Officer of the Day—"Commander, may I introduce representatives of the Sons of Veterans?"

Department Commander—"Comrades, you have all heard the introduction. You know the gentlemen as well as I do." (To representatives) "We are glad to receive you at this time."

Mr. William Bateman, Lansing—"Commander and Comrades: Being sent here by the Sons of Veterans to greet you, I assure you that words cannot express what we have in our hearts. But we have a depth of feeling for you that is so great that it simply drowns the words.

"My father is still living, but is unable to be here today, much to my regret.

"As Sons of Veterans, we bring you the heartiest greetings we have. If there is anything you have in your minds that we can do for you, give us your suggestions and we will do the very best we can for you as long as we can. Thank you very much for your attention, and I want to present you with this token of flowers from our organization."

Mr. Finch, Grand Rapids—"Comrades, we appreciate very much the honor bestowed upon us in being sent to offer greetings to you. My father was an old Comrade, but has passed on. We wish to extend to you our help in any way that we can. All you need to do is to call upon us."

(Response by Commander) We thank you for your visit and flowers. Convey to your encampment our very best wishes.

(Badges pinned on by Officer of the Day).

Department Commander—"We extended an invitation to the Commander-in-chief to be with us and expected he would be until a few days ago I had a letter from him stating that he could not be here and asking me to represent or have him represented at this convention. I have detailed Comrade Kanitz to represent the commander-in-chief, if he will."

Louie Kanitz—"I will gladly do so. I thank you for the confidence you place in me, and my want of ability to fill the very exalted position

of the commander-in-chief. I will do my best, however, and will convey your and his greetings to the various organizations. I thank you."

Department Commander—"We will now listen to the report of the Junior Vice Commander."

A. F. Chappell—"As a past commander of Fairbanks post, it was my duty the past year to bury 17 comrades. I did the best I could.

"I am a little hard of hearing, and this year over at Pontiac I was nominated Junior Vice Commander and really elected before I knew very much about it. Well, I am one of those army men who were instructed to do their duty, and as far as I could see I did that, and fulfilled all obligations just by obeying orders. So I accepted the Junior Vice Commandership.

"Now in Detroit this year, we elected as our commander a man by the name of Stone. He is a fine old boy but in such shape that he was unable to take charge of any of our memorial services. I carried them through to the best of my ability. Further than that I do not know as I have much to say. We are dropping away very fast. In a few years you won't see anything of the old G. A. R. It is something to think about. I have sat in Fairbanks post when we had 600 members, and I have sat in that post when we have had only 9. I went through the roster in Fairbanks post while I was commander. I found 1502 names on that roster. Today you will find 28. I don't know that there is anything more that I can say. I thank you."

Department Commander—"And now we will listen to a report from our Department Chaplain."

Department Chaplain—"I greet you again today—glad to see your faces, glad that God has spared you through the year, has been merciful to you, has spared you and clothed you and given you strength sufficient to come into this gathering with us. My feeling is one of mingled emotions.

"The reports that have come in have been very few in number, largely because we are so disorganized in a certain sense. The years as they have passed on have weakened us and have diminished our number and have made our meetings of such an uncertain character. And so many have not reported because there was nobody there capable of reporting. But a few have reported, Adrian, Lansing, Port Huron, Mt. Clemens, Allegan, Kalamazoo, Otsego and some others, and they report that they are very few in number. Others have two members and some have three and four. The largest is 10. They report that memorial services and Decoration Day services are rare. In some instances sermons were preached and some addresses were given, but they have been given by members of the Legion. These things make us think. They bring to our minds and thoughts that every year shows a diminishing of strength and shows us that we are on the road to our final resting place.

"And so it becomes us, Comrades, as men of experience, having seen much of the world and known many experiences, it becomes us to keep our eyes on our great Father. Show to the world how happy an old soldier can be and how we can enjoy the remaining days of our lives.

"God bless you, Comrades. Keep your minds upon things divine. Fix your minds upon things that are essential, and may we at last meet together in that land where all struggles are over—that beautiful land of everlasting peace. God bless you."

(Introduction is made by Officer of the Day of Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans) Mrs. Zylstra, Mrs. DeBoldt, Mrs. Rattary.

Mrs. Deboldt—"Commander and Comrades: "This is one of the greatest honors that I think can be bestowed upon any member of these conventions—to be sent to greet our grand old G. A. R. I came here last year and I thought that I was the most honored lady at our convention, and I feel the same way this year.

"The city representative came to our auxiliary this morning and he was talking about perpetuating the memory of the grand old G. A. R. Everybody has the same sentiments—not only the comrades of the various wars, but every man who has any patriotism. The G. A. R. is the one organization that we shall always honor—those that have gone before, and those who are with us. I think there are really more here today than there were a year ago. And your Department Commander looks ten years younger than he did last year.

"When you think of what you did, and then they talk about the wonderful world war! What was more wonderful, what was grander, than making this the great United States, which you did?"

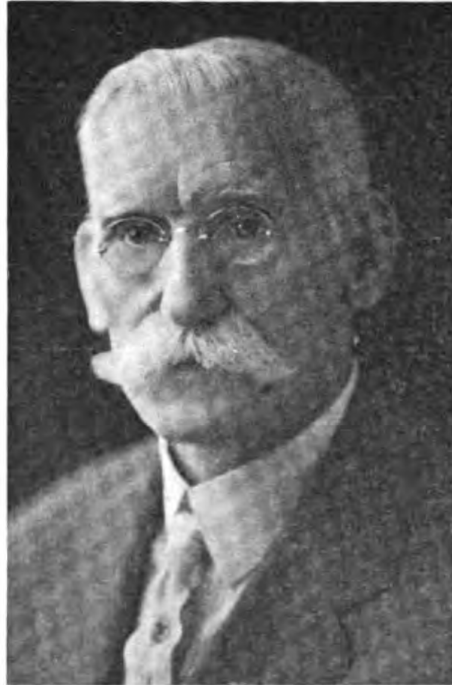
Mrs. Zylstra—"I, too, bring greetings from the Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary and my best wishes for a successful encampment and a good time while in our city."

Mrs. Rattary—"I also belong to the W. R. C. and I bring greetings from our convention and I hope you have a harmonious time."

(Badges presented)

Department Commander responded.

Department Commander—"I think the next thing in order will be the report of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General."



ALBERT DUNHAM  
Assistant Adjutant Quartermaster General



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Grand Rapids, Mich.

June 17, 1931.

A. C. Estabrook, Department Commander:

I have the honor to render the following report for the year just closed:

Number of Posts in good standing June 1, 1930 .....	102
Loss by surrender of Charter .....	5
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Leaving number of Posts in good standing June 1, 1931 .....	97

## MEMBERSHIP

Number of members in good standing June 1, 1930 .....		817
Gain by muster .....	11	
By reinstatement .....	4	
By transfer .....	3	18
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Total .....		835

## LOSSES DURING YEAR

By death .....	161	
By surrender of Charter .....	12	
By suspension .....	6	179
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Leaving members in good standing June 1, 1931 .....		656

## RECEIPTS

Amount on hand June 1, 1930 in Alger Fund .....		\$1,000.00
In the General Fund .....		3,315.92
Received from Woman Relief Corps .....	\$ 100.00	
Interest from Standard & Loan Co. ....	226.50	
From Per capital tax .....	85.00	
From sale of supplies .....	11.95	
From other sources .....	5.74	429.19
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Total .....		\$4,745.11

## DISBURSEMENTS

Gift to Department Commander in lieu of badge . . . . .	\$ 50.00	
John Crotty for Registration Book . . . . .	1.00	
Mich. Surety Co. bond for A. A. Q. M. General . . . . .	5.00	
Transfer of baggage to Pontiac & return . . . . .	2.25	
Transfer of baggage to Cincinnati and return . . . . .	2.32	
Walter Rogers, Postage and box rent . . . . .	43.50	
Maxine Schemser, Stenographer at Pontiac . . . . .	4.20	
Albert Dunham, Asst. Adj. General, Telegrams . . . . .	1.50	
Smith Floral Co., Pillow for Past Dept. Commander Gilbert . . . . .	10.00	
Refund to Post No. 143 and No. 137 . . . . .	4.40	
Col. D. R. Stowits, for supplies . . . . .	5.20	
Edward Hurley, Act. Quartermaster General, Sup- plies . . . . .	2.77	
Edward Hurley, Act. Quartermaster Gen., Per capita tax . . . . .	13.02	
Ida F. Davidson, Expenses to Grand Rapids . . . . .	4.50	
C. A. Fox, for identification certificates . . . . .	6.80	
A. C. Estabrook, Dept. Commander, Traveling ex- penses . . . . .	62.30	218.76
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Balance on hand June 1, 1931 . . . . .		\$4,526.35
In S. S. & Loan Co. . . . .	\$4,000.00	
In City National Bank . . . . .	521.04	
Cash on hand . . . . .	5.31	
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Balance on hand June 1, 1931 . . . . .		\$4,526.35

We have paid out of the G. A. R. appropriation \$1,011.81.

In closing, I wish to extend to you my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me by appointing me Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and now I wish to thank the Comrades of this Department and all of the allied organizations for the many courtesies extended to me; and to Ida Davidson, my secretary, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the able and courteous manner she has conducted the affairs of the office.

Cordially in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
ALBERT DUNHAM,  
Assistant Adjutant and Assistant  
Quartermaster General.



IDA F. DAVIDSON  
Secretary, Department of Michigan G. A. R.

Department Commander—"If there are no objections, this report will be referred to the Executive Committee. We will now listen to the report of the Patriotic Instructor."

Comrade Keeler—"Commander and Comrades: The report of the Patriotic Instructor will take rank along with other reports. It is a pretty small proposition. I have received 11 reports from posts' patriotic instructors out of the 97 posts still in existence. Those reports reflect the condition of the G. A. R. at large. They are meagre, brief. Some of them have merely the post number on them and are signed usually by the commander. Only two of them, I believe, have been signed by patriotic instructors. I expected to make this report tomorrow so I do not have it with me today, but that is the substance. It is past the possibility of any denial that the ability to make reports—the capacity, the strength to put forward any endeavor, to encourage and stimulate patriotism, as the office originally was made for, is beyond possibility. It is quite unreasonable to expect that every post will make an extensive report, but I am free to say this—that the work of stimulating patriotism among the children and young people is out of the question. But the spirit of patriotism that existed when this G. A. R.

was organized is still alive, rampant, full of vigor, and as loyal as ever. It does not diminish. The old boys still love their old country and they still are willing, so far as their strength will allow, to do whatever they may be called upon to do. I thank you for listening to that much. It is not much—that is the condition.”

FRANK D. KEELER,  
Patriotic Instructor.

Commander—Comrades: “I have listened to the report of the Patriotic Instructor. I filled that office in Post 126, Belding, Michigan, for about seven or eight years now, and this is the first time that there has ever been any occasion to call on that post for a report, but I want to report here that I have never received any blanks of any kind. I have been looking for them for the last three months. I suppose I could, if it didn’t take too much time, make a report from memory, but I would rather not do that, and if at any time you furnish me blanks I will make the report.”

Ida Davidson—Commander. May I make an explanation. I was requested to send all blanks for your post to A. M. Eaves, Son of Veteran, and I am sure I did so.

Department Commander. I will now appoint committees to return all of these greetings, and for the W. R. C. I will appoint Comrade Richardson. He can choose his running mate.

#### Appointments:

Sons of Union Veterans—Isaac Grant.  
D. U. V.—Issac Riddink.  
Ladies of G. A. R.—George Howe.  
Aux. Sons of Veterans—John W. Finch.  
Spanish War Veterans—Thomas Courtney.  
Aux. Sons of Veterans—George Wilcox.  
Foreign Wars—Howard Bond.  
Aux. Vet. of Foreign Wars—S. H. Carlton.

Commander—That completes the appointments of committees to visit other conventions.

(Introduction is made by Officer of the Day of Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, represented by Mrs. Hosleon and Mrs. Bennett.)

Mrs. Hosleon—“Commander and Comrades: I represent the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic and we wish to extend to you a loving greeting from our organization, and we hope that you have a pleasant and happy time, and that you go back inspired from having renewed acquaintances and having reminisced over the times when you were boys in the civil war. As long as my father lived he attended every one of the encampments that he could. He belonged to the Third Michigan Cavalry.

I am happy to be the one sent today to represent the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I want to present these flowers from our organization.”

Presentation of badges by the Officer of the Day.

(Chaplain responds.)

(Introduction is made by Officer of the Day of Spanish War Veterans, represented by Harry Warren and W. Martin.)

Mr. Martin—"Commander and Comrades: We bring you the greetings of the United Spanish War Veterans of Michigan. We come to bring you all of the kindest greetings that we can, and wish you long life and happiness, and we hope that if we do live to be as old, that we will be just as good physically, mentally and every way as you are. We want you to accept our heartfelt thanks for your services. We, in turn, did what we could."

Mr. Warren—"Comrades, it is great pleasure to me to be with the Grand Army. I came from Bay City, and it was my good fortune to be the first department commander of the state of Michigan. The Grand Army Boys were of great assistance to me when we went in '98 in April. It was the Grand Army of the Republic who escorted us to the railroad station, and it was hard to keep them from getting on the train and going with us, and when we returned to Bay City and stepped off the train, and there were not many of us left, it was the Grand Army who welcomed us. We, as Spanish War Veterans, have endeavored to live up to their ideals—they have been our guide. There never was a time when the Grand Army did not cooperate with us, and vice versa. We were welcome at their meetings at all times. We did everything we could to be with them. We went out to the cemetery together. We planted the flowers and helped those comrades on Memorial Day. They always invited us on a joint service. I am at the Michigan Soldiers' Home and I have the privilege of being in the hospital every day, and I never forget to stop and shake hands with the Grand Army men in that hospital. I thank you for having the honor of being here."

(Response by Commander.)

Department Commander:—"And now we will hear from the executive committee, if they are ready to report."

A. C. Estabrook, Department Commander—The Executive Committee of the Council of Administration respectfully report that they have examined the books, receipts and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General and find them to be correct. The amount of cash on hand is \$4,526.35. \$4,000.00 in Standard Savings & Loan Association; \$521.04 in the City National Bank and Cash on hand, \$5.31.

M. D. RICHARDSON,  
Committee.

Isaac Grant—Commander, I move this report be accepted and adopted. Motion supported and carried.

(Commander appoints committee on resolutions:

Frank D. Keeler, Post 38  
E. B. Metcalf, Post 38  
M. D. Richardson, Post 49.

Department Commander—What further business have we to come before the convention? Has anyone anything to say on any particular subject?

Comrade George Howe—"Commander, I want to denounce pacifism and militarism! Instead let us all cry out "My country, right or wrong, my country!" It is up to me; it is up to you; it is up to every individual citizen to say that their country is right always, but right or wrong, my country, my home, my community. Hooray!

(Isaac Riddick announces that the Flag would be presented to the Commandant for the Home at 6:30 in the Ball Room of the Pantlind Hotel.

Commander—"We have put off the parade until Friday. We want to have two sessions tomorrow and get our business done and have our election and get through tomorrow. So Friday, after the parade, anyone who wants to get away will be able to do so. You are invited to see the Soldiers' Home and find all the fault with it you can. We are simply proud of it."

(Introduction is made by Officer of the Day of Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, represented by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Reynolds.)

Mrs. Palmer—"I hope I can make you understand how glad I was to be invited, or at least to be allowed to come on this greetings committee for the G. A. R. My father was a member of the G. A. R. and I lost a grandfather in the service. The Grand Army comrades are very dear to me and it has always been a pleasure to meet with the G. A. R. and bring greetings, whenever I get a chance. Presents box of cigars. We just hope that during your session you will enjoy them as much as we have in presenting our greetings to you, and we wish you a most successful session, and at the close of the session that we can plan another year to meet somewhere in a grand body just as we have this year."

Mrs. Reynolds—I am very happy also to have the honor of extending greetings from our auxiliary.

(Response by Chaplain.)

Department Commander—It is a good time to elect delegates to the National Encampment. We are entitled to 14, one at large and 13 delegates, and their alternates.

### NOMINATIONS

Delegate at Large—S. D. Bailey.

### DELEGATES:

David Plumadore, Post No. 17  
 Martin Kelsey, Post No. 83  
 A. H. Lightcamp, Post No. 48  
 S. H. Carlton, Post No. 79  
 J. P. Riley, Kalamazoo, Post No. 79  
 George W. Howe, Post No. 98  
 Frank Keeler, Post No. 38, Saginaw  
 A. L. Bryant, Lansing, Post No. 42  
 Isaac Grant, Reed City, Post No. 451

M. D. Richardson, Lansing, Post No. 42  
 Thomas Courtney, Detroit, Post No. 433  
 John W. Finch, Greenville, Post No. 83  
 Edward Rogers, Allegan, Post No. 56

## ALTERNATES:

James A. Hamilton, Lansing, Post No. 42  
 E. S. Petit, Post No. 98, Port Huron  
 J. J. Reiser, Grand Rapids, Post No. 395  
 John Kilean, Jackson, Post No. 48  
 Howard Bond, Muskegon, Post No. 7  
 Wm. Snyder, Kalamazoo, Post No. 79  
 Frank Wood, Custer Post, No. 5  
 Loren B. Chapman, Eaton Rapids, Post No. 111  
 Steuben Filkins, Post No. 109, Coldwater  
 George Wilcox, Post No. 91, St. Louis

(Vote made by acclamation; motion carried.)

Department Commander—"The next thing in order is the election of a council of administration."

M. D. Richardson  
 John Finch  
 A. L. Bryant  
 S. H. Carlton  
 A. N. Sova

(Vote made by acclamation; motion carried.)

Department Commander—"We have one invitation for our next year's meeting. Isaac Grant moved to defer choosing next meeting place until tomorrow.

(Motion made and carried.)

### REMARKS BY HENRY BROWN AND CHAPLAIN RIDDICK

Comrade, Henry H. Brown—"I want to say that I want to honor the W. R. C. They have done a great deal for our post and for all posts, and for the comrades in general. I think that you all feel the same as I do. They have stayed by us, and if any one of you has ever had any graybacks on you, you know how close. We were hard up many times, and they stood right by us. We always appreciated it, and we do today.

"In Vermontville we have put up a monument for the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. It is 6 ft. 2 in. in circumference, with two tiers of large stone. On one side of the monument is the W. R. C. Flag, and on the other the G. A. R. We have had quite an active corp in our town. The only evidence now that we ever had a civil war stands in the park. That is the only evidence from that town that we had a civil war, but there is plenty of evidence in the cemetery. There are over 200 buried there. We have had on our roster a little over 300 names, and while I am one of three remaining members of that post, I am the only one who lives in that city from the civil war, a town of about 5,000 population. It seems to be a

little unevenly divided some way. Coopersville, a town of about 1,000 population, has 10 ex-soldiers left. It seems strange to have it work out that way."

Department Chaplain Riddick—I just want to remind all of you that you are loyal men who know what it is to sacrifice to save this land. We have a great enemy that is doing all in its power, with great energy, to overthrow your sacrifice and to overcome this land. I refer to Communism. It is doing more than we possibly can imagine. It is emphatically against the government, opposing all government, opposing religion, opposing everything that is good, and they introduce every conceivable measure to turn the people from the principles you have sacrificed for, for the things that will be destructive to humankind. And so I say we must be wide awake and when opportunity offers, we must meet it, we must stand up for the right, we must be opposed to everything of this character. Our churches must stand, our children must attend Sunday school. This land must be preserved. You said so in the days of rebellion when you marched against the foe. This land must continue as it has in the past, the land of freedom, the home of the brave, the home of every patriotic citizen."

Officer of the Guards announced the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Effie B. Murray and Past Department Presidents.

Comrade Reiser, Officer of the Day, escorted the ladies in and presented them to the Department Commander.

Department Commander—Comrades, it is a very great pleasure to me to have the opportunity not only to present to you the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Effie B. Murray, but also the Past Department Presidents, who have not only stood back of their organization, but have been our main stay also:

Louise A. Turck, Evelyn Creusere, Florence M. Boot, Emma E. Bailey, Carrie E. Torrey, Ida F. Davidson, Anna M. Earle, Maude Holmes, Ella M. Rice, Eliza A. Taylor, Elizabeth Stevens, Lizetta Coady, Minnie Van-Tuyl—Past Dept. Presidents.

Department Commander—Comrades salute.

Department Commander—We will now listen to Mrs. Murray.

Mrs. Murray—"Commander Estabrook, I think the first thing we have to offer our comrades is our regrets in coming so late. I see by my watch that it is now 4:30, and we were to be here at 3:30, and I beg your pardon. It was something over which I had no control and I could not have come any sooner.

"We come with greetings from the W. R. C. this year the same as we have in other years. You are just as dear to the W. R. C. as you were 50 years ago when you were in your prime. I am not going to talk very long. I know you have all gotten tired of hearing speeches.

"We are going to hold our memorial services; the girls are getting ready for it now, and I am giving an invitation to you G. A. R. boys to join with us in that memorial service. It is going to be very nice and it is something that I am asking you especially to do this year. Will you please come up to our services immediately when you leave this place?

"On behalf of the W. R. C. I wish to present to you and through you to the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., this check. It is on the Old Kent Bank right here in Grand Rapids. You can have it cashed before



you leave if you get broke before you leave. We are very happy to do this. We wish that we could have had five more zeros and if I could have put on four or five more on this check I would have been very happy, but I am happy to present to you what it is. This from the Department of Michigan. That means that many corps have sent it to the G. A. R. I would also like to present to Commander Estabrook his very own picture."

Presents her complimentary badge and check for \$100.00.

(Badges presented.)

Mrs. Taylor—"Commander, officers and members of the G. A. R.: A very pleasant duty has been assigned to me to carry greetings and our love from the W. R. C. to the G. A. R. in this gift of flowers, which are God's chief gift to men, and also a gift to the Commander."—(Cigars).

Commander—"This is a touching occasion. We greet you with pleasure at any time, and we thank you for your gifts of flowers and money and for your messages, and we hope to meet you many times. I want Comrade Riddick to respond to you."

Department Chaplain—"We all have a very warm spot in our hearts for the W. R. C. We are glad to see you today. We old men are rapidly passing away—more than 100 have this past year gone into that better country—but the W. R. C will always go on. May the Lord bless you and grant you peace. May you live long to continue your good work."

Department President—"In conclusion I want to say that it has been a pleasure to work for these Comrades. Commander Estabrook has helped me over many hard places, he has always had a cheery smile, a glad hand, and words of encouragement. He was always telling me that



**EFFIE B. MURRAY**  
Dept. President Woman's Relief Corps



**ELLA M. RICE**  
Department Secretary Womans Relief Corps

I was working too hard. He has helped me over many difficult places and has been an inspiration and encouragement always and I am glad today to come to his encampment. I have here a report of our year's work that I wish to give to you."

(Report read.)

Department Commander, A. C. Estabrook—As President of the Department of Michigan Woman's Relief Corp, I deem it a pleasure as well as a privilege, to bring to you and the Comrades here assembled a report of the work accomplished by your Auxiliary, during the year just ending.

Number of Corps March 31, 1930.....	119	
Number of Corps March 31, 1931.....	117	
Cash received from former Treasurer.....		\$553.34
Cash received from Corps for relief.....		859.09
Value of relief other than money.....		87,147.12
Amount turned over to Post.....		118.76
Expended for flowers.....		2,228.52
Amount expended by Department Relief Committee.....		100.00
Number of Soldiers and families assisted.....	5886	
Numbers of members, March 31, 1930.....	8591	
Number of members, March 31, 1931.....	8170	
Amount of money presented Department of Michigan		
Grand Army of the Republic.....		100.00

Respectfully submitted in F. C. L.

EFFIE B. MURRAY,

Department President.

Department Commander—On behalf of the G. A. R. I thank you for all of these gifts.

(Standing vote of thanks to the W. R. C. moved by Isaac Riddick.)

Department Commander—"If there is no objection we can close the business at this time. We will adjourn and accompany the ladies to their convention room and enjoy their memorial services."

Meeting adjourned and the Comrades attended the "Memorial Services" of the W. R. C. held in the Ball Room of the Hotel Pantlind.

#### THURSDAY, A. M.

Department Commander—"Comrades, the hour has arrived at which we were to call a meeting this morning. Comrade Riddick will invoke the Devine blessing.

Department Chaplain—"Again, O God, we come to thee. Our efforts are nothing without Thy blessing. Thy cooperation be with us. This day direct us in the exercise of the hours that pass on. May we be strengthened in heart, purpose and spirit. Bless every comrade here. Keep us in health and strength according to Thy holy will. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord. Amen."

Officer of the Day—Commander: "We have a delegation from the ladies of the G. A. R. I also wish to say to the comrades that the auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans just presented us with these cigars. They did not have

time to come in. After the session we will tap one of these boxes and see what they are.

(Ladies of the G. A. R. represented by Mrs. Anna McGrath, Lilian Bartlett and Mrs. Parkhurst were introduced.)

Department Commander—Comrades, we will hear from Mrs. McGrath.

Mrs. McGrath—"Commander and Comrades: On behalf of the national president whom I represent today, I bring you greetings from the National. I also am sent from the department president. She sends to you from the Department of Michigan her love and greetings with a box of cigars for you."

Miss Bartlett—"Comrades, I am happy to bring you greetings from the ladies of the G. A. R. Blessed be the tie that binds us to you. We are thinking happy thoughts of you comrades, of the dear kind things you have done, and all hearts turn to you as flowers turn to the sun. No wonder you are so well beloved. You have given sunshine to us all."

Mrs. Parkhurst—"Commander, officers and comrades: This is the first time that I have ever carried greetings to any of the associations as we meet year after year, and I am pleased that my first visit is to the old comrades. My father was in the 69th Ohio Volunteers. I know how happy he would be if he knew that his daughter was bringing greetings to his old comrades from the ladies of the G. A. R."

Department Commander—Ladies I thank you for these beautiful flowers and for these cigars.

(Badges presented.)

Department Commander—"Now, there was a subject offered to me this morning regarding our endorsement of the state of Michigan to have Grand Rapids our next National convention city. I think it would be a proper thing to go on record as endorsing the idea of having Grand Rapids our National convention city for 1932. If anyone will make a motion, we will get rid of it. They have asked us to do it, and of course we should. It is our state.

S. H. Carlton moves to support the invitation to Grand Rapids. Seconded by Albert Dunham. Motion carried.

Department Commander—Springfield, Ill., is going to ask for the national convention. I told them that in case it was not in Grand Rapids, we would be in favor of Springfield.

Officer of the Day—Department Commander, I have the pleasure of presenting Cornelius Swart, Chaplain and John Stronach, Jr., Quartermaster of the Soldiers' Home.

Department Commander—We are pleased to see these friends of ours and we will listen to Comrade Swart.

Comrade Swart—"Department Commander and Comrades, we have come as delegates from the Spanish War Veterans of the Department of Michigan, and to say that your choice of the convention city is our choice.

Mr. John Stronach—"We are sent to assure you that whatever choice you make for the next convention city, that is our choice. We understand that there has been a lot of activity among certain other bodies

regarding picking the city that you are going to have the convention in and we figured that perhaps you would decide that yourselves. Whatever one you decide on will be our choice.

(Visitors retired.)

Department Commander—Are there any other delegations waiting? Are there any other committees to report?

Department Commander—I wish to announce that the past department commanders and past department presidents banquets has been changed to Friday noon.

Mrs. Davidson—Commander, I have here an invitation from Jackson. Would you like to have it read at this time?

Commander—Not until we get ready for all the invitations.

Department Commander—Is the committee on the commanders report ready to report?

Comrade Keeler—Department Commander and Comrades: Your committee to whom was referred the Commander's address have carefully read it and recommend approval of the same. We recommend a gift of \$50.00 in lieu of Commander's badge.

FRAND D. KEELER

M. D. RICHARDSON

Committee

Department Commander—I will entertain a motion that we take a recess until 2:00 o'clock this afternoon to give the cities who wish to invite us a chance to get their invitations in. We have been advised not to have this election quite so soon. If anyone will move that we take a recess until 2:00 this afternoon, we will find out about it.

Comrade Chappell—I move that we take a recess until 2:00 o'clock. Carried.



COL. EDGAR H. CAMPBELL  
Commandant  
Michigan Soldiers Home

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK

Department Commander—You will please come to order. We will proceed without prayer this time. Any committees ready to report.

Comrade Reiser—Comrades, I have the report of the Soldiers' Home Committee.

REPORT OF SOLDIERS HOME COMMITTEE

Department Commander and Comrades—The committee upon whom devolved the duty of inspecting the Michigan Soldiers Home, beg leave to report as follows:

On February 6th, 1931, we visited the home where the Quartermaster Captain John Stronach and Major Don C. Ingraham, the Adjutant, gave us welcome and extended to us the most courteous treatment.

We were first conducted to the dining room by the Quartermaster, Captain John Stronach. There, we were served with dinner such as the members of the home receive (a-la-cafeteria style). We found everything well cooked and plenty of it. The food was first class. This was without any notice of our visit.

*The Menu consisted of:*

Soup—Salmon chowder.	Fish—Fried Haddock
Lettuce and tomato salad	Baked macaroni and cheese
Pumpkin pie	White and rye bread
Milk, tea and coffee	

I questioned several inmates of the home in regard to the meals that they are served and they all said they get the best the market affords and they have no complaint to make whatever.

We were then conducted through the Main Building by Captain Stronach, visiting the kitchen. In the basement, the bakery and the store-room, we found a large stock of meats, vegetables, fruits and canned goods on hand. Everything was in first class condition.

We were then conducted through the Woman's Annex by the Matron, Mrs. Kuhn. We found all the rooms in first class condition, neat and clean, and everything in good order. There were no complaints by the women as they always receive the kindest attention from the Matron and there is nothing lacking for the comfort and welfare of the women.

The number of Veterans and Women in the different groups are as follows:

Civil War Veterans .....	70	
Spanish War Veterans .....	119	
Indian War Veterans .....	9	
World War Veterans .....	162	
		360
WOMEN		
On duty .....	124	
Hospital .....	74	
Away with leave .....	21	219
		579
Total .....		579

JOHN J. REISER  
Chairman

EUGENE OWEN  
EBENEZER CHILD

Department Commander—What will be done with this report?

Comrade Bryant moves the report be accepted and adopted (carried).

M. D. Richardson reports his visit to W. R. C.—The committee appointed to carry greetings to the W. R. C. have performed that duty. We were very kindly received.

S. H. Carlton, Committee to L. A. V. F. W. reports—“We were received royally. The national president presided and gave us badges and sent one to the commander of the department with a very lovely message. I have forgotten every word of it. She is all right and would not hesitate to tell it to your faces, no doubt.”

Department Commander—“She is a brave woman. We thank you.”

Isaac Grant, Sons of Veterans—“We visited the Sons of Veterans and they took us up to the Spanish War Veterans. They took us out and rode us all over town and finally took us to the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and then drove us around some more. They are all nice boys and are doing good work. We gave them our best wishes and they sent you a badge with their best wishes. I thank you.”

Isaac Riddick, Committee to Daughters of Civil War Veterans—“I told them I have the pleasure of having a daughter. They greeted us very kindly. I told them that they were very handsome and they were delighted. They offered me a choice among them and said they would give me as many as 25. We found them a very happy and joyful company. We recommended the great land that we dwell in and they certainly gave assent thereto, and they gave us badges.”

Comrade Finch—“I want to say that I failed so far to find my organization. I haven't yet found them.”

Department Commander—Any other reports?

Comrade George W. Howe—“Department Commander, you appointed me to convey greetings to the ladies of the G. A. R. from the department of Michigan, and I had the pleasure of doing so and certainly was given a reception that I shall never forget. They are a wonderful body of women. With me was Comrade Le Croix and one or two others, and I had the good fortune to be joined at the door by our representative of the National Commander, Louis Kanitz, so that you can understand that we made up a fine delegation and we were more than pleasantly and kindly received. It is an occasion that I shall never forget. They are a wonderful body of women and it certainly is a great privilege to look into the faces of the best women, mothers, of this great country of ours, the greatest nation on earth. I thank you for appointing me. As to badges, we all received them, but we did not think of bringing you one, but if you wish you can have mine.

Department Commander—We are still receiving reports. Any other report?

Comrade Riddick—“May I speak a word? I was going to say that I do not think you realize what an institution we have in the Soldiers' Home. I think it would be of benefit to all of you if you would go up there and see how well our boys and their women are cared for. The rooms are kept nicely, and they have everything conducive to health, and food

of the very best quality. And during the last two months improvements have been made that are wonderful, surprising. You cannot find anywhere any nicer place, more healthful and suggestive of comfort than there. And if ever you look forward to a home in the Soldiers' Home, you will not regret it. I wish every one of you could make a visit there so that you could carry home a picture of it. I thank you."

Frank D. Keeler, Department Commander and Comrades: Your Committee on Resolutions begs to submit for your consideration and action the following:

Resolved: That the 53rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held in the city of Grand Rapids June 1931 equals if not surpasses previous events of this kind in the success and enjoyment of the Annual Get-Together of Civil War Veterans and Allied Organizations. The strong bond of loving brotherhood, so peculiar among veterans who have shared dangers and toils on battle fields, grows stronger and deeper as the years go by and the event is looked forward to more eagerly each year.

We may freely congratulate ourselves on having chosen one of the fairest metropolises in our land for this as well as former meetings.

Grand Rapids has taken a warm place in our hearts and earned our lasting gratitude for the open arms extended to us many times.

To the several charming auxiliaries we bow in grateful recognition of their loving ministrations to our every comfort and welfare. God bless them, they never forget us. We may further congratulate ourselves that in all our career since installation, no shadow of dissension or scandal has ever been thrown across our path. No institution has held more firmly the popular good will of all citizens throughout our state.

Mindful of the creature comforts of the aged boys, the various hotels have provided generously the service to meet the wants of the most exacting.

Public utilities also have extended a welcoming hand—to the City Government, the press, our hearty thanks are due. We have further been fortunate in the selection of members to administer the financial interest as well as to wisely guide our every social activity.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANK D. KEELER,  
E. B. METCALF,  
M. D. RICHARDSON,

Committee.

**Department Commander**—"Comrades, what action will you take on these resolutions?"

(Comrades Finch and Howe move that they be accepted. Supported and carried).

Comrade Puckett of Petosky—"I invite you to come to Petosky to hold your encampment next year. We have every convenience that you can require, and there is no danger of being overcrowded because

it is at least two weeks before the resort season sets in, so the hotels will be ready for business. We can get accommodations among the people for those who desire private accommodations. The Chamber of Commerce and the City Council have sent a representative here and they would like to have him talk to you two or three minutes."

Department Commander—"We will listen to Mr. Murphy."

Mr. Murphy, Petoskey—"I don't have to tell you that northern Michigan loves the G. A. R. I am down here to tell you that and also to ask you on behalf of the city of Petoskey and northern Michigan to spend the time of your encampment with us next year. I do not believe I have to tell you of the marvelous air we have in northern Michigan or its wonderful drinking water. On behalf of the city of Petoskey and northern Michigan, because we love you, and because we are a convention town, we want you up there in 1932. I have here an invitation from our mayor and the Chamber of Commerce of Petoskey."

(Invitation read).

Delegation from Auxiliary of the V. of F. W., represented by Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Jacobs were introduced at this time by the Department Commander.

Mrs. Lee—"It gives me great pleasure at this time to present the greetings from our auxiliary."

Mrs. Jacobs—"Our state president sends her love and greetings for herself and also from our auxiliary, and I present these to you with all the love and esteem of a woman who belongs to it. Long may you all live and Old Glory wave forever. Presents flowers.

Department Commander—"Ladies, I would like to have Comrade Riddick say a few words to you."

Department Chaplain—"We thank you, ladies, for this visit and we are very glad to meet you upon this pleasant occasion. We are having a very harmonious time and one thing that contributes to that is the coming and greetings of these kind hearted ladies bringing their expressions of love. Our hearts are warm and we are pleased by your greetings. We wish that you may live long and that in your thoughts you will keep kind memories of us. May the Lord bless you."

Department Commander—"On behalf of the G. A. R. I thank you for this beautiful bouquet of flowers."

(Badges presented).

Department Commander—I would like to ask Comrade Keeler if he has heard anything more from Saginaw regarding our invitation for next year's encampment."

Comrade Keeler—"Department Commander, I am fearful that Saginaw has fallen down on getting their invitation in. For some reason we haven't heard from our city authorities or Chamber of Commerce. I rather imagine there is a hitch somewhere and I therefore withdraw everything I said with reference to our going to Saginaw next year."

Department Commander—"Are there any more invitations?"



Comrade Reed—"Commander, we have for years been holding this encampment in the southern part of the state. The farthest north has been Bay City. I think it would be well to give the comrades in the upper peninsula the same privileges we have. We have held it in the lower peninsula for 50 years—at least 30 years. I am in favor of accepting the Petoskey invitation and I would like to have it put to a vote."

(Invitation from Jackson is read by the Secretary).

(Invitation from Mt. Clemens is read).

Comrade Le Croix—"I want to say that this is the third time that I have invited the old soldiers to come to Mount Clemens. We had the old soldiers with us thirty-six years ago. I do not believe that I want to wait 36 years longer because they will all be gone. I want them to come to Mt. Clemens and we will take good care of them. There are seven members left there but we are getting a great deal of help from the young soldiers. As I said, there are only seven members there but I can get a lot of help and I would like to have the convention come to Mt. Clemens next year."

Comrade Blake—"I am not authorized by the Chamber of Commerce of Jackson to speak for them. I know you have all been to Jackson and know that you are as well cared for there as you could be anywhere. I can but second their invitation and urge you to select Jackson. The city is more than willing to shoulder the burden. I will be glad—more than glad—to meet you in Jackson next year."

Department Commander—"I think the fair way is to submit it to a vote. We will vote by ballot for a majority."

(Comrade Reiser and Comrade Blake appointed tellers).

Mount Clemens .....	9 votes
Petoskey .....	21 votes
Jackson .....	18 votes

(Motion made to make the vote unanimous. Carried).

(Veterans of Foreign Wars, represented by Mr. Peters and Mr. Murphy were admitted and introduced).

Department Commander—We will hear from Comrade Peters.

Comrade Peters—"Comrades, we want at this time to thank you very much for your consideration of Petoskey. On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I wish to thank you."

Comrade Murphy—"And as an officer of the city of Petoskey, I also wish to thank you. I assure you that we will give you a good time."

Department Commander—"Now, any resolutions or motions?"

Comrade Grant—"Commander and Comrades, we have been on the firing line now for nearly sixty years and we have had a force back of us that has worked for us in the fields, the shops and the homes. They have handed to us from \$100 to \$300 a year that they have had to work for. I mean the W. R. C. We have more money now than we can honestly spend and I make a motion that we hand this check back, (through our secretary, Ida Davidson) to the W. R. C. I mean the check for \$100 given us yesterday."

(Motion supported and carried).

Commander—"Any more resolutions? If not we will proceed to the election of officers.

Delegation from Disabled Veterans of Foreign Wars, represented by Mr. Verne C. Howard.

Comrade Howard—"It gives me a great deal of pleasure today in giving you greetings from the state department of Michigan and the local chapter, William Alden Smith Chapter No. 2 of Grand Rapids, and I wish you in this convention here assembled the very best convention you have ever had, and God speed you in the most wonderful year. I thank you and offer our services in doing everything we can in bettering conditions for you gentlemen while you are with us. Thank you very kindly."

Mrs. Davidson—"Comrades of the G. A. R., the Commander has given me this opportunity of thanking you for the privilege of presenting this check to the W. R. C. I want to thank you and want you to know that it pleases me more than I can tell you. (Mrs. Davidson retires).

Department Commander—"Is there any more business to come before the encampment? If not we will proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Will someone make a nomination for Department Commander?"

Comrade Bryant—"I wish to present to this encampment a comrade who has the full endorsement of his post. He is commander of his post at the present time. His name is Orestus Blake of Jackson.

Department Commander—"Any other nominations?"

Comrade Finch—With great pleasure I present the name of another Jackson man, John Killeen.

Comrade Chappell nominates Samuel D. Bailey of Detroit.

Department Commander—"We will proceed to ballot."

George Howe and John Reiser appointed tellers.

Ballots collected and counted:

John Killeen .....	9
Orestus Blake .....	29
S. D. Bailey .....	11

(Vote is made unanimous).

Comrade Blake—"I want to thank you for the confidence you have expressed in this vote. I did not come to this convention with the idea of taking any office, but having the endorsement of my post and the associated organizations I couldn't refuse to allow them to use my name. I thank you comrades for the confidence you have expressed in this vote and promise to administer the affairs of this organization so as to justify that confidence."

Department Commander—"Now for nominations for Senior Vice Commander."

Comrade Finch nominates J. J. Reiser and moves to suspend the rules and elect by acclamation—carried.

Comrade Reiser—"Comrades, this is certainly an unexpected honor for me to be elected here as Senior Vice Commander of this department. I will do my best and I thank you very much."

Department Commander—Nominations for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Finch nominates S. S. Puckett of Petoskey.

Comrade Dunham moves that rules be suspended and he be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Comrade Puckett—"Thank you very much. I will do all that I can to make the next meeting a success."

Department Commander—"Whom will you have for surgeon?"

Isaac Grant moves that George Howe be elected. Motion carried.

Department Commander—Whom will you have for Chaplain.

Moved that Comrade Riddick be renominated. Carried.

Comrade Riddick—"I assure you that I feel this to be a very great honor. It touches my heart to be considered worthy of the great privilege of conducting your devotional exercises. I would rather be Chaplain of the G. A. R. than president of the U. S. A."

Comrade Blake appoints Albert Dunham Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

Mrs. Davidson—"Commander and Members of the G. A. R. I have delivered your check to the W. R. C. with your love, and they ordered me to return their sincere thanks to you for all your love and good wishes, and to say that if at any time you should need any assistance, you have only to call upon them, and they will be glad to respond, whatever the call may be."

Department Commander—"We can now proceed to the installation of officers. As Senior Past Department Commander, I think it becomes my duty to install the incoming officers of the encampment.

Commander Blake—"I would like to say a word. You have elected me your Commander for a year. I don't want you to consider me just as your Commander but as your servant, and whenever I can be of any service to you, Comrades, I want to hear from you."

(Delegation from Veterans of Foreign Wars, represented by Comrade Van Antwerp and Comrade Slott).

Commander Estabrook and Comrades of the G. A. R.—"It is a great pleasure for me to act on the greetings committee every year, but my greatest pleasure is to come to the G. A. R. because from the time I was knee-high to a grasshopper my ideal of a man who was a true patriot was a member of the G. A. R. And when I married, I married the daughter of a Grand Army man. The Veterans of Foreign Wars want you comrades to know that every member of your organization is an honorary member of our organization. If there is anything you want, call on the Veterans of Foreign Wars. (Presents flowers).

Commander Estabrook—I am happy to present our friend Mr. Ted Beecher.

Mr. Beecher—"I just want to say this. I possibly was as much instrumental in bringing your convention to Grand Rapids this year as any one person. Since the 29th of January I have endeavored to give most

of my time for your encampment. It has been a great pleasure to be able to work for you and with you. I have had the hearty cooperation of your Department Commander—in fact he has left most everything to me with the exception of a few suggestions. I have had the cooperation of Mr. Geo. M. Reed, General Chairman of the United Spanish War Veterans and General Chairman of Foreign Wars, J. B. Semeyn. I know that these gentlemen have helped me to their utmost in giving me their attention, in coming to all meetings, helped me in the decisions for your meetings, as well as theirs, and I hope that you have had a wonderful convention, that you will have a wonderful time while you are here in Grand Rapids. If there is anything we can do to make your stay here more pleasant, it will be a pleasure to do so. We are glad to have you here at any time you wish to return to Grand Rapids. It would be a pleasure to have your state encampment here. I understand that you are going to Petoskey next year. I know you will enjoy it there. If there is anything I can do to help you have a good time while you are up there, I would like to do it. I am going to ask you one thing. I would like to have Commander Estabrook present a resolution asking for the National encampment to come to Grand Rapids in 1932. I want to say also that we are only too glad to help you. We want to do everything we can for you while you are here. It is a great pleasure."

Department Commander—"Resolutions have been passed by this encampment thanking the city and all who have been doing things for us, but I think it would be fine to give Comrade Beecher a rising vote of thanks for the work he has done for us."

Mr. Beecher—"I thank you very kindly."

Comrade Howe—"Before our friend leaves—after we get through with the parade I would like to know if our friend has in mind any entertainments."

Mr. Beecher—"I don't know how many of you veterans have been out to see the Soldiers' Home since you have been here. I might also add that the line of march, if it is in conformity with your wishes will start promptly at 10:00 o'clock. Your division will form at the Rowe Hotel and your department will form right there at Michigan and Monroe. Your allied organizations will be formed elsewhere in the parade. The first thing is the police escort. The Mayor, city managers and commission next. Our best band will head your division, the Metropolitan band, made up of firemen and policemen. Your other auxiliaries and allied organizations will be back of you. We are making this line of march short for you. You will march past here and up to the head of Monroe Street to the soldiers' monument. Chairs will be provided for you. And cars will be provided for those who do not wish to march. They will call for you and bring you back here. If you want to, it can be arranged that these cars will take you out to the Soldiers' Home."

Comrade Blake—"This is probably the last time that we will assemble in Grand Rapids for a long time unless we come back for the National Encampment. Every one that can march I would like to have on foot. Show them that we are still on deck."

Albert Dunham A. A. Gen.—Commander—In accordance with the report of the Committee on the Department Commander's Report which

was adopted recommending that \$50.00 be given the Commander in lieu of a Past Department Commander's badge. It gives me great pleasure to present to the Commander a check for \$50.00.

Department Commander—Comrade Dunham and Comrades of the Department of Michigan. I sincerely thank you for this gift which expresses your love and confidence in me, and as I said in the beginning of this meeting that I would soon relinquish my office as Department Commander but my interest in the Department will never cease and I still

“Want to be the kind of help  
That you've all been glad to be.  
I want to mean as much to you,  
Each minute of the day,  
As you have meant, dear friends of mine,  
To me along my way”

#### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 1931-1932

Orestus Blake, Department Commander, Jackson.  
Albert Dunham, Asst. Adj. & Q. M. General, Lansing.  
J. J. Reiser, Senior Vice Com., Post 395, Grand Rapids.  
S. S. Pucket, Junior Vice Com., Post 170, Petoskey.  
Geo. W. Howe, Medical Director, Post 98, Port Huron.  
Isaac H. Riddick, Chaplain, Post 210, Albion.  
A. C. Estabrook, Judge Advocate, Post 56, Allegan.  
Frank D. Keeler, Patriotic Instructor, Post 38, Saginaw.  
Leroy Park, Chief Mustering Officer, Post 137, Ann Arbor.  
Isaac Grant, Chief of Staff, Post 451, Reed City.  
A. L. Bryant, Senior Aide, Post 42, Lansing.  
J. A. Hamilton, Dept. Inspector, Post 42, Lansing  
Geo. W. Howe, Sergt. National Colors, Post 98, Port Huron.  
C. M. Cook, Sergt. Dept. Colors, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

Comrade Estabrook acted as Installing Officer and Comrade George Howe as Officer of the Day.

Comrade Estabrook—Department Commander—I am pleased to place in your hands this gavel the emblem of your authority and declare you duly authorized to perform all the duties thereof.

Department Commander Blake—Comrades again I thank you for this very great honor and ask your hearty co-operation during the coming year—is there any further business to come before this encampment.

Comrade Estabrook—Commander—If there is no further business I move we adjourn sine die. Motion supported.

Department Commander—You have heard the motion all in favor say aye those opposed no. The motion is carried and we are adjourned.

#### UNOFFICIAL PROGRAM.

Again Grand Rapids demonstrated their ability to act as host to the Grand Army of the Republic and their affiliated organizations. Too much credit cannot be given to Mr. Ted Beecher, the Management of the Pantlind Hotel, the Boy Scouts and the Citizens for their untiring efforts

to fulfill every promise made for the comfort and entertainment of the Comrades. The Boy Scouts were their constant companions, giving every assistance, always alert to their every need. These noble Boys are our coming men and we can trust the welfare of this Government into their hands.

The Programs were very neat and contained the following:

### WELCOME.

#### To Our Visitors:

Grand Rapids appreciates the honor you have bestowed on our city by choosing Grand Rapids for your annual department meeting place this year.

It is our intention to entertain you so well that you will wish to return here at some early future time for another convention. We would appreciate having your gathering each year. Our city is known as the "Furniture Capital of America" and as the "Gateway to the Playground of a Nation" which are befitting titles. Our citizens are prepared to make your stay both pleasant and profitable. We are honored by having you in our midst, you who have so nobly defended our country in the past and have a great influence at present. Not unmindful of the sacrifices you have made we strive to make this Encampment a memorable one.

Extending the privileges of our City to you during your stay, I am

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN D. KAREL, Mayor.

#### To Our Friends and Visitors:

Grand Rapids is proud of this privilege to act as your civic host and will do its best to see that you have an enjoyable and memorable stay in the "Furniture Capital of America."

The local committees have worked faithfully to prepare for your visit. They have left nothing undone to insure your comfort and pleasure. We deem it a privilege to entertain you. Our citizens are at your service.

Permit us to wish you your most successful convention during this, the fifty-third annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

ERIC W. DAHL, General Chairman,  
Grand Rapids Convention Bureau.

### WELCOME VETERANS

For your convenience we have arranged to have open house at the Michigan Soldiers Home on the three days of your convention, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 17-18-19. The Grand Rapids Convention Bureau through the courtesy of the Police Department will have courtesy cars stationed on Lyon Street from Monroe to the Grand River with courtesy stickers on wind shields to take all veterans about the city. May your stay be most enjoyable.

COLONEL EDGAR H. CAMPBELL,  
Commandant Michigan Soldiers Home.

Wednesday afternoon the encampment was adjourned at four o'clock to attend the Memorial Services of the Womans Relief Corps in Ball Room of the Pantlind Hotel. These services were very impressive and beautiful, and were held in memory of the Comrades and members of the Womans Relief Corps who passed away during the year. At 8:00 P. M. Leah Mills of Elsie, Mich., in behalf of the Department of Michigan W. R. C. presented a large silk flag to the Soldiers Home. The gift was accepted by the Commandant of the Home, Col. Edgar H. Campbell; expressing not only his sincere thanks for the gift, but also for the entire membership of the Home. Later a reception and minuet were given.

Thursday at 8:30 the Aides Rainbow Breakfast was held under the direction of Lizetta Coady of Detroit, Department Sr. Aide. It was a very happy gathering and a "riot of beautiful colors". At this time silk Flags and Loyalty Pins were presented to the Aids who had secured the most new members for the W. R. C. or re-instated old ones. At 8:00 P. M. the Campfire was held in the I. O. O. F. Temple. The program was arranged by E. H. Beecher. Pearl L. Fouch, retiring Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans acting as Chairman. Stirring addresses were given by Hon. Fred W. Green, Department Commander A. C. Estabrook, the newly elected Commander Orestus Blake and others who paid a loving tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic. Col. John G. Emery Past National Commander of the American Legion spoke in appreciation of the services of these men, declaring that were it not for their valor and their sacrifices there would have been no tasks for the Boys of 1898 and 1917. Vocal and instrumental music, dancing, etc., completed one of the most entertaining Campfires ever held.

### ANNUAL PARADE

Friday dawned hot and sultry, but long before the time set for the parade, visitors not taking part, and citizens filled every available space along the line of march. From the moment the squadron of Motorcycle Police appeared the throng began cheering. Col. E. H. Campbell, Marshal of the day and his Staff were followed by the Sons of Union Veterans acting as escorts to the Grand Army of the Republic—Michigan Drum Corps led this division and all along the line the Comrades of the G. A. R. received generous applause. Arriving at Herald Square the Comrades took seats on the reviewing stand and watched with pleasure one of the most beautiful parades the Department ever had.

During the week several banquets and luncheons were given by the various organizations.

Hon. Wilbur M. Brucker, Gov. of Michigan was an honored guest and visited the different organizations in convention assembled.

### REGISTRATION

Registration was in charge of Ida F. Davidson Department Secretary of the Michigan G. A. R. assisted by Mrs. James A. Lombard and Mrs. Mary E. Johnston of Grand Rapids, members of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans. 93 Comrades registered as G. A. R. members entitled to vote in the encampment.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Mich., June 27, 1930.

General Orders No. 1. Series 1930-1931.

I. The fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Pontiac, Michigan, June 5th, 6th, 7th, 1930, having elected me as Department Commander and having been duly installed, I hereby assume command and in so doing I desire to express to the Comrades of the Department my most sincere thanks for the honor bestowed upon me for the third time. Fully realizing the great responsibility resting on me I enter upon its duties with a determination to give my best efforts to continue the fine record our Department has ever maintained. I wish to reiterate what has so often been said by my predecessors, and I say it, not with formality, but with earnestness of feeling. During the year let us again make a united effort to present an object lesson in patriotic consecration that will incite the youth of our land to strive to emulate the example set by the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

II. The following named Comrades were elected and installed:

Commander—A. C. Estabrook, Post No. 56, Allegan.  
Sen. Vice Com.—John Killeen, Post No. 48, Jackson.  
Jun. Vice Com.—A. F. Chappell, Post No. 17, Detroit.  
Medical Director—David Hilliard, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.  
Chaplain—Isaac H. Riddick, Post No. 210, Albion.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

George W. Howe, Post No. 98, Port Huron—Delegate-at-Large.  
J. P. Riley, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.  
J. J. Reiser, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.  
Pete Miller, Post No. 17, Detroit.  
David Plumadore, Post No. 17, Detroit.  
Fred Gill, Post No. 38, Saginaw.  
John Finch, Post No. 83, Greenville.  
John Killeen, Post No. 48, Jackson.  
Martin Kelsey, Post No. 83, Lakeview.  
Isaac Grant, Post No. 451, Reed City—Alternate-at-Large.  
A. H. Lightcap, Post No. 48, Jackson.  
Edwin S. Petit, Post No. 98, Port Huron.  
Smith Carlton, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.  
Thomas F. Courtney, Post No. 433, Detroit.  
Eugene Owen, Post No. 1, Soldiers Home.  
James Hamilton, Post No. 42, Lansing.  
James Martin, Post No. 35, South Haven.



## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Fred Gill, Post No. 38, Saginaw.  
 O. Blake, Post No. 48, Jackson.  
 Smith Carlton, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.  
 Gilbert LaCroix, Post No. 216, Mt. Clemens.  
 M. D. Richardson, Post No. 42, Lansing.

## OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster Gen.—Albert Dunham, Post No. 48, Jackson.  
 Judge Advocate—S. D. Bailey, Post No. 17, Detroit.  
 Patriotic Instructor—Frank D. Keeler, Post No. 38, Saginaw.  
 Chief Mustering Officer—Henry O. Shirts, Post No. 1, Grand Rapids.  
 Chief of Staff—Isaac Grant, Post No. 451, Reed City.  
 Senior Aide—M. D. Richardson, Post No. 42, Lansing.  
 Department Inspector—John Barrett, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.  
 Sergt. Natl. Colors—George W. Howe, Post No. 98, Port Huron.  
 Sergt. Dept. Colors—C. M. Cook, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M. D. Richardson, Post No. 42, Lansing.  
 Fred Gill, Post No. 38, Saginaw.  
 Gilbert LaCroix, Post No. 216, Mt. Clemens.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Howard Bond, Post No. 7, Muskegon.  
 Thomas F. Courtney, Post No. 433, Detroit.

## SOLDIERS HOME COMMITTEE

J. J. Reiser, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.  
 Ebenezer Childs, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.  
 Eugene Owen, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

S. D. Bailey, Post No. 17, Detroit.  
 III. The Department Commander requests each Post to send in the name of one Comrade to serve on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief and one to serve on the Staff of the Department Commander.  
 IV. Complete arrangements for National Encampments to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 24th will be issued in next General Orders.

By order of

A. C. ESTABROOK,  
 Department Commander.

Official

ALBERT DUNHAM,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

Lansing, Mich., August 5, 1930.

**General Orders No. 2. Series 1930-1931.**

I. As previously announced, the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 24th to 29th, 1930.

II. Michigan headquarters will be established at Hotel Metropole, Monday, August 25th, room No. 400. Representatives and Comrades are invited to register and receive their Michigan ribbon badge.

III. A meeting of the Delegates and those entitled to a seat in the Encampment will be held in Headquarters room Tuesday evening, August 26th at 7:30 o'clock. National badges will be distributed at this time, and important business transacted. All Representatives are urged to be present.

IV. Delegates not able to attend the Encampment should notify the Assistant Adjutant General, Albert Dunham.

V. Department Headquarters in Lansing will be closed from August 23rd until Tuesday, September 2nd.

VI. All requests for Hotel rates and reservations must be addressed to Dan M. Myers, Chairman Hotel Committee, Cincinnati, Ohio, c/o Alms Hotel.

**VII. Rates and Transportation:**

Railroad fare from different points to Cincinnati and return via Detroit—

Lansing to Cincinnati, Ohio .....	\$10.95
Bay City to Cincinnati, Ohio .....	12.78
Saginaw to Cincinnati, Ohio .....	12.32
Grand Rapids to Cincinnati, Ohio .....	10.95
Kalamazoo to Cincinnati, Ohio .....	10.95
Battle Creek to Cincinnati, Ohio .....	10.95
Jackson to Cincinnati, Ohio .....	10.95
Detroit to Cincinnati, Ohio .....	9.38
Ann Arbor to Cincinnati, Ohio .....	10.67

For route and time of leaving Detroit consult your local Ticket Agent.

VIII. Railroad rate is one fare for the round trip on identification certificate plan. Tickets on sale August 21st to 27th. Final return limit October 1st, 1930. Stopovers will be allowed upon application to the conductor. Certificates will be furnished on application to the Assistant Adjutant General Albert Dunham.

A special through coach to Cincinnati will leave Lansing, Monday, Aug. 25th at 9:43 a. m. (city time) over the P. M. and B. & O. railroad. Michigan Drum Corps and others will take advantage of this through service without change of cars at Detroit.

IX. The following Comrades have been appointed Aides-De-Camp on the Department Commander's Staff:

T. F. Courtney, Post No. 433, Detroit.  
 Holden Albro, Post No. 441, Leslie.  
 Franklin Keesler, Post No. 53, Mason.  
 J. P. Riley, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.  
 John M. Putnam, Post No. 111, Eaton Rapids.

By order of

A. C. ESTABROOK,  
 Department Commander.

Official

ALBERT DUNHAM,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, November 1st, 1930.

General Orders No. 3. Series of 1930-1931.

I. The Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, August 24th to 29th, 1930. Headquarters of Michigan G. A. R. was located at the Metropole Hotel. To the Committee of Arrangements and the citizens we extend many thanks for their generous hospitality and courtesy. The week was filled with business sessions, banquets and many pleasure trips. Especially interesting was the excursion on the steamer Island Queen, to Point Pleasant, the birthplace of Gen. U. S. Grant, where appropriate exercises were held, Lt. Col. U. S. Grant III acting as Officer of the Day.

Wednesday at 10:30 A. M. the annual parade took place. Hours before the time set for the parade the streets were a moving mass of humanity. Through the courtesy of President Hoover, the U. S. Marine Band of Washington, D. C., was present during the entire week and made a splendid appearance in their spotless white trousers, blue coats and caps, as they headed the parade. Michigan Department was led by their own State Drum Corps consisting of twenty-five members. The Department received generous applaud all along the line for their neat and orderly being. As they reached the Grand Stand they were greeted with "Michigan, My Michigan." Tears of joy and tears of sorrow were mingled. Again our sincere thanks are due to the Boy and Girl Scouts who rendered valuable assistance, not only during the parade, but throughout the entire week.

II. First business session was called to order at 2:00 P. M. by the Commander-in-Chief Comrade Foster. Resolutions, election of officers, etc., have been promulgated in National General Orders No. 1.

III. In accordance with Rules and Regulations the Annual Post Election of Officers will be held at the first meeting in December. Report blanks for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1930, are enclosed. Post Adjutants will please fill out and return to the Asst. Adj. & Q. M. G. Albert Dunham with per capita tax of 10 cents per member by Jan. 15, 1931. If Officers hold over, blanks should be filled out the same as if new officers were elected. Post Patriotic Instructors should fill out blanks and forward to the Dept. Patriotic Instructor Frank D. Keeler, No. 428 N. Warren Ave., Saginaw, Mich., during the month of January.

Post Adjutants are urged to send a complete record of all comrades who have died during the year 1930.

IV. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are urged to take part in Armistice Day programs, thus showing our appreciation of the sacrifices made by these Comrades while over seas. Let us also join in a Thanksgiving service to God for all His kindness to us, and may the "Christmas tide" with its sacred memories bring a message of "Peace on earth to every Comrade."

#### IN MEMORIAM

"How fast they fall, those we have known,  
As leaves from Autumn's branches blown."

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Sorrowfully we announce the passing of another Past Dept. Com. Lyman A. L. Gilbert, whose death occurred Sept. 27th, 1930. Comrade Gilbert enlisted in Co. H, 7th Mich. Inft., June 24th, 1861. Served as Dept. Com. 1923-24.

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John Barrett, Dept. Inspector, passed away at Grand Rapids, Sept. 19th, 1930. Comrade Barrett enlisted in Co. C, 1st Mich. E. and M., Dec. 19th, 1863.

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Edward H. Stein, Past Commander Post No. 395, passed away at his home in Grand Rapids, Oct. 4th, 1930.

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Capt. Charles H. Manley, age 87, died Oct. 28th at Jackson, Mich. Enlisted in Co. A 1st Mich. Inft. June 1861. Wounded in action at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, (arm amputated). Discharged for disability Sept. 28, 1863. He was a member of Post No. 137, Ann Arbor.

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Brave Soldiers and faithful Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer;  
The headstones thicken along the way,  
And life grows sadder, but love grows stronger  
For those who walk with us day by day."

By order of

A. C. ESTABROOK,  
Department Commander.

Official

ALBERT DUNHAM,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Mich., May 1, 1931.

General Orders No. 4. Series 1930-1931.

I. The fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Grand Rapids, June 17, 18 and 19, 1931.

Headquarters of the G. A. R. will be established at the Pantlind Hotel, mezzanine floor Wednesday a. m., June 17. Comrades should register early and secure their badges. Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans will assist in the registration. All Comrades of this Department, who are in good standing in their Post, and in possession of the 1931 countersign are entitled to a seat and a vote at this Encampment.

II. The Council of Administration will meet in headquarters room Wednesday, June 17 at 10 a. m. Books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General will be audited at this time, and such other business as may seem necessary.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

III. Frank D. Keeler—Post No. 38, Saginaw.  
M. D. Richardson—Post No. 42, Lansing.  
Fred Gill—Post No. 38, Saginaw.  
Other Committees will be appointed later.

IV. Round trip tickets will be sold at one and one-half fare (minimum of \$1.00) for the round trip on indentionation certificate plan. Tickets will be on sale June 13-19, good returning June 25. Consult your local ticket agent for route and time of trains.

V. Requests for R. R. Certificate should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General Albert Dunham, G. A. R. Headquarters, Capitol, Lansing, Michigan.

## VI. HOTEL RATES

### Pantlind Hotel Rates

Room for one without bath, has private toilet, \$2.50.  
 Room for two without bath, has private toilet, \$4.00.  
 Room for one with bath, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00.  
 Room for two with bath, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00.  
 Twin beds room with bath, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00.  
 Suite for three persons, \$9.00.  
 Rooms with bath, four single beds, \$10.00.

### Morton Hotel Rates

Single rooms, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.  
 Rooms for two with double bed, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00  
 per day.  
 Rooms with twin beds for two persons, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00  
 per day.  
 Suites, \$11.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 per day.  
 All rooms at Morton are with bath, either tub or shower.  
 All requests for reservations should be addressed to:  
 The Grand Rapids Convention Bureau, Inc. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

VII. The first session of the Encampment will be held in the Pantlind Hotel, first floor, Wednesday, June 17, at 2 p. m.

### Thursday, June 18

Session will be called to order at 9:30 a. m. and at 2 p. m. Campfire at 8 p. m.

### Friday, June 19

Annual parade at 10:30 a. m. All Comrades are requested to appear in uniform as far as possible. For further information consult official program.

VIII. The 65th National Encampment will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 13-19. Michigan Headquarters will be at the Hotel Franklin. Complete information will be issued in future General Orders.

### "MEMORIAL DAY"

"As we stand this day in reverence,  
 O'er the graves of honored dead,  
 May we feel their blessed spirit  
 Hovering gently o'er our head.  
 Giving back the sweetest message,  
 Why they died and God's great plan.  
 This, the oneness of our Father,  
 And the Brotherhood of man".

IX. Memorial Day is approaching with its sacred memories again reminding us of our Comrades who "sleep the sleep that knows no waking" having given unfaltering devotion to their Country and to their Flag—

"One day for them who gave their years".

X. The patriotic duty of the surviving Comrades of the Grand Army is outlined in Gen. John A. Logan's General Orders No. 11, issued May 5, 1868.

May 30 has been designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of our Comrades. In this sacred duty let the Comrades of the late Wars, our affiliated patriotic organizations and the children be invited to participate in the exercises and also to attend divine worship on Memorial Sunday, May 24.

“Then let us clasp hands as we walk together,  
And let us speak softly in love's sweet tone;  
For no man knows on the morrow whether  
We two pass on—or but one alone.”

XI. In closing these, by last General Orders, I face the fact that in a short time my relation to this Department, as your Commander will cease but the official part only. The relation of Comradeship is too closely cemented to be severed only when comes the final call, “Lights Out”.

By order of

A. C. ESTABROOK,  
Department Commander.

Official

ALBERT DUNHAM,  
Assistant Adjutant General.





## In Memoriam

### THE MEASURE OF A MAN

*Not* "How did they die" *But*—"How did they live?"  
*Not* "What did they gain?" *But*—"What did they give?"  
These are units to measure the worth  
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.  
*Not* "What was their station?" *But*—"Had they a heart?"  
And "How did they play their God-given part?"  
Were they ever ready with a word of good cheer,  
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?  
*Not* "What was their church?" *Nor*—"What was their creed?"  
*But* "Had they befriended those really in need?"  
*Not* "What did the sketch in the newspaper say?"  
*But* "How many were sorry when they passed away?"

## MEMORIAL ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1930

## John A. Logan Post No. 1, Grand Rapids.

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Jesse McBane	Private	C	137 N. Y.	Rockford.	July 7, 1930
H. O. Shirts	Private			Grand Rapids.	Aug. 24, 1930
Luther Winters	Private			Soldiers' Home.	Dec. 31, 1930

## Custer Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.

John F. Pomeroy	Private	E	10th Mich. Cav.	Grand Rapids.	Aug. 9, 1930
John Barrett	Private	C	1st Mich. E. and M.	Grand Rapids.	Sept. 20, 1930
W. F. Eaton	Private	H	5th Mich. Cavalry	Grand Rapids.	Nov. 11, 1930
Jacob Pierson	Seaman		U. S. Navy	Grand Rapids.	June 11, 1930

## C. J. Dickerson Post No. 6, Hillsdale

James E. French	Private	L. & H.	Artillery, N. Y.	Hillsdale.	Feb. 2, 1930
Samuel S. Woodruff	Corp.	F	124th Ohio Inf.	Hillsdale.	Feb. 8, 1930
James M. Crowell			1st Mich. Col.	Hillsdale.	Feb. 20, 1930

## Phil Kearney Post No. 7, Muskegon

Royal A. Jenkins	Private	B	144th Penn.	Muskegon	June 16, 1930
Erastus W. Downing	Private	A	10th Ind. Cavalry	Muskegon	Dec. 8, 1930

## William Bell Post No. 10, Dundee

Chester Daniels	Private	F	24th Mich. Inf.	Dundee.	Oct. 31, 1930
Sylvester Mills	Private	D	7th Mich. Inf.	Dundee.	Nov. 9, 1930
Frederick Alchin	Private	D	4th Mich. Infantry	Ovid.	Dec. 20, 1930

## I. B. Richardson Post No. 13, Harbor Springs

Marion Mead	Private	F & C	Mich. H. Artillery	Harbor Springs	Oct. 6, 1930
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Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 14, Benton Harbor

Chas. S. Hopkins	Private	C	1st N. Y. Artillery	Benton Harbor	Jan. 23, 1930
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Fairbanka Post No. 17, Detroit

Edward H. Hill	Private	I	2nd Mass. H. Artillery	Detroit	Feb. 7, 1930
Wm. H. Cole	Private	F	24th N. Y. Cavalry	Detroit	Feb. 11, 1930
Robert Bolger	Private	H	24th Mich. Infantry	Detroit	Mar. 29, 1930
John Dudley	Private	G	Landsman, U. S. Navy	Detroit	Mar. 31, 1930
John D. Hubel	Private	G	11th U. S. Cavalry	Detroit	April 11, 1930
Robert Morris	Private	H	24th Mich. Infantry	Detroit	April 23, 1930
Chas. K. Radcliff	Private	F	106 Ohio Infantry	Detroit	April 24, 1930
Francis Dumaw	Private	D	U. S. Infantry	Detroit	April 26, 1930
Barney W. Ray	Private	D	1st Mich. Infantry	Detroit	April 27, 1930
Samuel Sperry	Private	K	152nd Ind. Infantry	Detroit	Aug. 14, 1930
William Whitmore	Private	I	5th U. S. Cavalry	Detroit	July 19, 1930
Lewis F. Phister	Private	F	2nd N. Y. Infantry	Detroit	Dec. 10, 1930
Howard H. Parsons	Private	F	186th N. Y. Infantry	Detroit	Dec. 10, 1930
William Lamb	Private	G	14th Mich. Infantry	Detroit	Dec. 15, 1930
William H. Hibbard	Private	G	7th Mich. Cavalry	Lansing	Dec. 18, 1930

David Becker Post No. 25, Ogden Center

Wm. C. B. Smith	Private	G	147th N. Y. Infantry	Fairfield	July 23, 1930
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Farragut Post No. 32, Battle Creek

Henry McLeod	Private	E	15th Mich. Infantry	Battle Creek	Mar. 13, 1930
Chas. Parker	Private	H	2nd Mo. Cavalry	Battle Creek	Sept. 11, 1930
A. L. Edwards	Private	F	2nd Mich. Infantry	Battle Creek	Nov. 7, 1930

Zach Chandler Post No. 35, South Haven

James Martin	Private		11th Mich. Infantry	South Haven	Dec. 22, 1929
E. S. McGive	Private			South Haven	April 13, 1930

Stanton Post No. 37, Stanton

Jesse Holcomb	Private	D	21st Mich. Infantry	Stanton	Nov. 30, 1930
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Saginaw Post No. 38, Saginaw

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Charles W. Loomis.....				Saginaw.....	Jan. 29, 1930
Charles H. Buter.....				Saginaw.....	Mar. 23, 1930
Michael V. Foley.....				Saginaw.....	May 17, 1930
James Dunn.....				Saginaw.....	June 6, 1930

Chas. T. Foster Post No. 42, Lansing

Addison Childs.....	Private.....	A	30th Mich. Vols.....	Lansing.....	Jan. 25, 1930
William H. Hosford.....	Private.....		14th Mich. Lt. Artillery.....	Lansing.....	Jan. 28, 1930
John C. Kennedy.....	Private.....	G	47th Ohio Infantry.....	Lansing.....	May 30, 1930
Medad V. Miller.....	Musician.....		15th U. S. Inft.....	Lansing.....	Nov. 7, 1930
Daniel S. Mevis.....	Private.....	D	14th Mich. Infantry.....	Lansing.....	Dec. 11, 1930

Woodbury Post No. 45, Adrian

Thomas Curtis.....				Adrian.....	Jan. 25, 1930
Harry Pixley.....				Adrian.....	May 24, 1930
J. L. Drake.....				Adrian.....	Aug. 1930
Henry Turner.....				Adrian.....	Sept. 13, 1930
Charles Carpenter.....				Adrian.....	Oct. 11, 1930
Henry Gifford.....				.....	.....

Edward Pomeroy Post No. 48, Jackson

Hiram Bailey.....	Private.....	K	61st N. Y. Infantry.....	Jackson.....	Aug. 4, 1930
Lorin L. Fitch.....	Private.....	H	131st Penn. Infantry.....	Jackson.....	Feb. 18, 1930
James Koons.....	Private.....	E	9th Mich. Infantry.....	Brooklyn.....	April 9, 1930
James A. Sutton.....				Jackson.....	Mar. 8, 1930

C. J. Bassett Post No. 56, Allegan

Haram Moore.....	Private.....	A	3rd Mich. Cavalry.....	Allegan.....	July 13, 1930
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**Colvin Post No. 59, Gobles**

Richard Hill.....	Gobles.....	June 5, 1930
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**G. K. Warren Post No. 63, Tawas City**

Reuben Wade.....	Private.....	K	11th Mich. Cavalry.....	Tawas City.....	1930
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**U. S. Grant Post No. 67, Bay City**

Robert Hunt.....	Private.....	I	14th Mich. Inf.....	Bay City.....	Nov. 15, 1930
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**Shields Post No. 68, Shelby**

Frank A. Pitts.....	Private.....	M	10th Mich. Infantry.....	Shelby.....	June 28, 1930
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**Joseph R. Smith Post No. 76, Monroe**

John Sigler.....	Private.....	D	4th Mich. Infantry.....	Rockwood.....	July 18, 1930
John Parish.....	Private.....	A	24th Mich. Infantry.....	Fiat Rock.....	Oct. 24, 1930

**Orcutt Post No. 79, Kalamazoo**

Nathan Stanley.....	Private.....	B	12th Mich. Infantry.....	Kalamazoo.....	Jan. 10, 1930
Aaron Knight.....	Private.....	C	1st Mich. Sharpshooters.....	.....	Reported
Eugene Waters.....	Private.....	G	13th Mich. Infantry.....	.....	Reported
George Chandler.....	Private.....	E	19th Mich. Infantry.....	Kalamazoo.....	April 29, 1930
Chas. K. Cronk.....	Private.....	H	25th Mich. Infantry.....	Battle Creek.....	July 7, 1930

**Wm. A. Kent Post No. 83, Greenville**

Abram H. Johnson.....	Private.....	A	6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Greenville.....	June 24, 1930
Orville Fuller.....	Private.....	E	10th Mich. Cavalry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Dec. 25, 1930

**Corbin Post No. 88, Union City**

J. M. Wells.....	Private.....	M	1st Mich. E & M.....	Union City.....	April 19, 1930
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## J. N. Fenoyer Post No. 90, Saginaw

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Hugh McLean.....	U. S. Navy "Roover"		Roover.....	Saginaw.....	Jan. 13, 1930
Joseph Brumby.....	Private.....	H.....	23rd Ohio Infantry.....	Saginaw.....	May 4, 1930
Wm. L. McNitt.....	Private.....	A.....	124th N. Y. Infantry.....	Saginaw.....	Aug. 19, 1930
Frank McPhillips.....	Private.....	C.....	4th N. Y. H. Artillery.....	Saginaw.....	Aug. 21, 1930
John B. Lamott.....	Private.....		16th Mich. Infantry.....	Saginaw.....	Oct. 15, 1930

## William D. Wilkins Post No. 91, St. Louis

H. W. Forney.....	Private.....	K.....	68th Ohio Infantry.....	St. Louis.....	Feb. 15, 1930
Joseph Hulton.....	Private.....	E.....	8th Mich. Infantry.....	St. Louis.....	Aug. 28, 1930

## William Sanborn Post No. 98, Port Huron

Murdock McLean.....	Private.....	F.....	29th Mich. Infantry.....	Port Huron.....	Feb. 9, 1930
R. E. Lawrence.....	Private.....	G.....	10th Mich. Infantry.....	Port Huron.....	July 16, 1930
Elmore Putney.....	Private.....	B.....	106th N. Y. Infantry.....	Sandusky, Ohio.....	Oct. 20, 1930
Oliver Yake.....	Private.....	K.....	22nd Mich. Infantry.....	Lexington.....	Dec. 26, 1930

## Butterworth Post No. 109, Coldwater

Baxter Strong.....	Private.....	F.....	13th Mich. Infantry.....	Coldwater.....	Feb. 1930
George Jeffers.....	Private.....	G.....	9th Mich. Infantry.....	Coldwater.....	Feb. 23, 1930
Dwight Bolster.....	Private.....	H.....	11th Mich. Infantry.....	Coldwater.....	Feb. 26, 1930
Jacob Van Nuys.....	Private.....			Coldwater.....	Oct. 19, 1930

## DeGolyer Post No. 110, Hudson

W. A. Barnard.....	Private.....	I.....	11th Mich. Infantry.....	Hudson.....	Aug. 23, 1930
A. H. Boies.....	Private.....	F.....	4th Mich. Infantry.....	Hudson.....	Dec. 20, 1930

## J. B. Brainard Post No. 111, Eaton Rapids

John Putnam.....	Private.....	G.....	23rd Mich. Infantry.....	Eaton Rapids.....	Aug. 4, 1930
Washington M. Smith.....	Private.....	I.....	7th Mich. Cavalry.....	Eaton Rapids.....	July 23, 1930

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Carver Post No. 123, Frankfort

Marcellus Fuller	Private	Bat. H	1st Mich. L. Artillery	1930
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Fitzgerald Post No. 125, Hastings

Warren Dailey				Dec. 31, 1930
W. B. Jefferies			Hastings	
			Hastings	

Welch Post No. 137, Ann Arbor

Hi. A. Sweet	Private		135th Indiana	Feb. 28, 1930
Walter H. Jackson	Private		Ann Arbor	
Nathaniel DeBarr	Private	G	5th Mich. Cavalry	Sept. 18, 1930
Chas. H. Manly	Private	F	27th Mich. Infantry	Oct. 29, 1930
			Jackson	

Horace S. Roberts Post No. 139, Alpena

Frank Hasell	Private	C	10th N. Y. Infantry	Oct. 27, 1930
			Alpena	

Beers Post No. 140, Tecumseh

Henry Bissell	Private	G	4th Mich. Infantry	Mar. 4, 1930
A. Van Valkenburg	Private	D	11th Mich. Infantry	Aug. 19, 1930
Fred Chiverall	Died at Soldier's Home in	Dayton, O.	Tecumseh	

Turrell Post No. 144, Lapeer

Charles Colman	Private	I	10th Mich. Infantry	Oct. 7, 1930
			Mayfield	

Gov. Crapo Post No. 145, Flint

Edgar Randall	Private	E	1st Mich. Infantry	April 10, 1930
Ira G. Ormsbee	Private	C	16th Mich. Infantry	Sept. 3, 1930
			Flint	
			Flint	

## Chas. E. Grisson Post No. 156, St. Johns

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Ely Adams.....	Private.....	C	50th Penn. Infantry.....	St. Johns.....	April 10, 1930
Abe Cruson.....	Private.....	H	3rd Ind. Infantry.....	St. Johns.....	June 23, 1930
Geo. W. Kimball.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## Edward Dwight Post No. 163, Vermontville

Wm. E. Surine.....	Private.....	K	9th Mich. Infantry.....	Vermontville.....	Sept. 9, 1930
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## Lombard Post No. 170, Petoskey

J. M. Treadwell.....	Private.....	D	55th Ohio Infantry.....	Pellston.....	June 4, 1930
E. O. Wilbur.....	Private.....	I	6th Ohio Cavalry.....	Petoskey.....	Aug. 14, 1930

## E. R. Stiles Post No. 174, Hancock

Henry Rouleau.....	Private.....	G	17th Wis. Infantry.....	Houghton.....	Nov. 17, 1930
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## Carpenter Post No. 180, Ypsilanti

James P. Kimball.....	Private.....	G	7th Mich. Cavalry.....	Ypsilanti.....	April 6, 1930
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## Heber Le Favor Post No. 181, Milford

Frank Eaton.....	Private.....	H	5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Highland.....	1930
Jesse Decker.....	Private.....	G	1st Mich. Cavalry.....	Ortonville.....	Mar. 26, 1930

## Frank Powell Post No. 187, Oxford

Seth Francis.....	Private.....	G	1st Mich. Cavalry.....	Oxford.....	Feb. 8, 1930
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**L. C. Woodman Post No. 196, Lawton**

Charles Barrell.....	Private.....	D	17th Mich. Infantry.....	Lawton.....	Mar. 10, 1930
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**L. B. Quackenbush Post No. 205, Owosso**

Silas Sadler.....	Private.....	G	4th Mich. Infantry.....	Owosso.....	May 18, 1930
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**Wm. H. Borden Post No. 211, Ionia**

James H. Layden.....	Private.....	B	101st Ohio Vol. Infantry.....	Ionia.....	Jan. 13, 1930
Wm. A. Woods.....	Private.....	K	128th Ohio Vol. Infantry.....	Ionia.....	Feb. 9, 1930
Samuel Stowell.....	Ser.....	B	8th Mich. Infantry.....	Ionia.....	Feb. 28, 1930
Charles B. Louerin.....	Private.....	E	3rd Mich. Vol.....	Ionia.....	Mar. 11, 1930

**Geo. Martin Post No. 227, Eastport**

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**Oscar Bartlett Post No. 233, Lamb**

Wm. Greenwell.....	Cot.....	H	8th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Goodell.....	Sept. 6, 1930
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**Lucius Taylor Post No. 274, Milan**

Charles F. Davis.....	Private.....	H	18th Mich. Vol. Infantry.....	Milan.....	Mar. 28, 1930
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**Andrews Post No. 294, Big Rapids**

Hiram Devowe.....	Private.....	F	186th N. Y. Infantry.....	Big Rapids.....	Sept. 30, 1930
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**Comstock Post No. 352, Manchester**

D. M. Burch.....	Ser.....	E	4th Mich. Cavalry.....	Manchester.....	Mar. 8, 1930
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**Kilbourne Post No. 361, Sherwood**

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Samuel Fisher.....	Private.....	B	16th Ohio Infantry.....	Sherwood.....	June 14, 1930
A. J. Snyder.....	Private.....	D	9th N. Y.....	Union City.....	Nov. 12, 1930

**E. P. Case Post No. 372, Benzonia**

John D. Chandler.....	Private.....	F	7th Mich. Cavalry.....	Benzonia.....	Nov. 11, 1930
Zenas Clark.....	Private.....	D	17th Mich. Infantry.....	Benzonia.....	Sept. 1930
Cassius Judson.....	Private.....	Bat. H	1st Lt. Artillery.....	Benzonia.....	Aug. 1930

**Detroit Post No. 384, Detroit**

Gilbert R. Osman.....	Private.....		69th N. Y. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	July 6, 1930
Nicholas Woods.....	Private.....		13th Ill. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Nov. 22, 1930
Sidney B. Dixon.....	Private.....	G	24th Mich. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	June 8, 1930

**Amasa B. Watson Post No. 395, Grand Rapids**

James H. Martin.....	Private.....	B	21st Mich. Vol. Infantry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Jan. 17, 1930
Abraham Lobbell.....	Private.....		9th Mich. Cavalry.....	Grandville.....	April 6, 1930
Oliver L. Fox.....	Private.....	A	11th Mich. Infantry.....	Grand Rapids.....	April 12, 1930
Edgar A. Green.....	Private.....	E	3rd N. Y. Vol.....	Grand Rapids.....	July 31, 1930
Obediah Coleman.....	Private.....	F	11th Mich. Infnt.....	Grand Rapids.....	Sept. 15, 1930
Harvey Hilton.....	Cor.....	A	142nd Ind. Vol.....	Grand Rapids.....	Sept. 21, 1930
Edward H. Stein.....	Private.....	E	6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Oct. 4, 1930
Wesley Wheeler.....	Private.....	A		Grand Rapids.....	Dec. 18, 1930

**Gen. O. M. Poe Post No. 433, Detroit**

Basset H. West.....	Private.....	M	8th Ind. Cavalry.....	Detroit.....	.....1930
Patrick H. Lally.....	Private.....	(H C)	15th Ind. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	.....1930
			17th Ind. Infantry.....		

**Steel Bros. Post No. 441, Mason**

Names not given				
<b>Gen. I. C. Smith Post No. 451, Reed City</b>				
George H. Gilbert.....	Serg.....	D	121 N. Y. Infantry.....	Reed City..... June 1930
<b>J. M. Pond Post No. 460, Saugatuck</b>				
Scott W. Eddy.....				Saugatuck..... Mar. 8, 1930

“Rest my Comrades, sweetly rest,  
 In thy love have we been blest,  
 In the years that intervene  
 Will we keep thy memory green.  
 Thou whom we have loved so well  
 Farewell, Comrades, fare thee well.”

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## “Heritage of the Grand Army of the Republic.”

“The Grand Army of the Republic is a unique organization. No child can be born into it. No proclamation of President, edict of King or Czar can command admission. No university or institution of learning can issue a diploma authorizing its holder to entrance. No act of Parliament or Congress secures recognition. The wealth of a Vanderbilt cannot purchase the position. Its doors open only on the presentation of a bit of parchment, worn, torn, and begrimed as it may be, which certifies to an honorable discharge from the armies or navies of the Nation during the war against the rebellion, and, unlike any other organization, no new blood can come in. There are no growing ranks from which recruits can be drawn into the Grand Army of the Republic. With the consummation of peace through victory its ranks were closed forever; its lines are steadily growing thinner, and the ceaseless tramp of its columns is with everlessening tread. The gaps in the picket lines grow wider every day. Details are made for the reserve summoned into the shadowy regions until by and by only a solitary sentinel will stand guard, waiting until the bugle call from beyond shall muster out the last comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.”