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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY
of the REPUBLIC

HELD AT

PETOSKEY, JUNE 22-23-24, 1932

WITH ADDRESS OF

ORESTUS BLAKE, *Department Commander*

AND REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

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

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

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Headquarters Department of Michigan,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Lansing, July 1932

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

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic held in Petoskey June 22, 23 and 24 as required by the statutes.

ORESTUS BLAKE,
Department Commander.

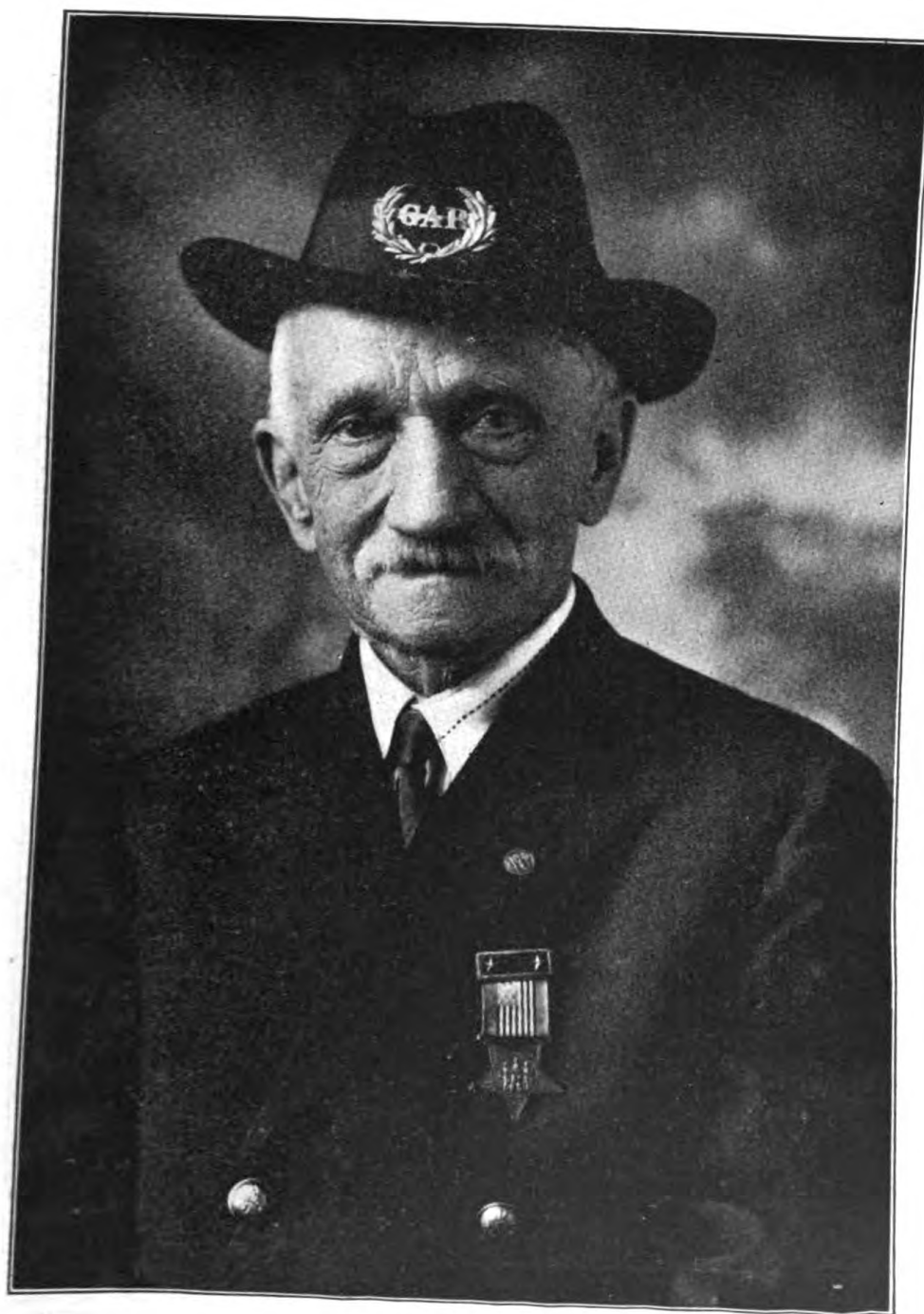
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
1931-1932

Department Commander—Orestus Blake	Jackson
Department Sr. Vice Com.—J. J. Reiser (Died in Office)	Grand Rapids
Department Jr. Vice Com.—S. S. Puckett	Petoskey
Department Chaplain—Isaac H. Riddick (Died in office)	Albion
Medical Director—Geo. W. Howe	Port Huron
Asst. Adj. and Q. M. General—Gen. Albert Dunham	Lansing
Judge Advocate—A. C. Estabrook	Allegan
Patriotic Instructor—Frank D. Keeler	Saginaw
Department Inspector—J. A. Hamilton	Lansing
Chief Mustering Officer—Leroy Park	Ann Arbor
Chief of Staff—Isaac Grant	Reed City
Senior Aide—Allison L. Bryant	Lansing
Sergt. National Colors—Geo. W. Howe	Port Huron
Sergt. Department Colors—C. M. Cook	Kalamazoo

NATIONAL OFFICERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
1931-1932

At the Sixty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 13-17, 1931, the following named comrades were elected to the offices designated below:

Commander-in-Chief—Samuel P. Town	Philadelphia, Pa.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Oley Nelson	Slater, Iowa
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Russel C. Martin	Los, Angeles, Calif.
Surgeon-General—Dr. Samuel A. Campbell	Mattoon, Ill.
Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. Jesse B. Bartley	Omaha, Neb.
Adjutant-General—W. F. Hambricht	Lancaster, Pa.
Quartermaster-General—Edward Hurley	Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge Advocate-General—John Reese	Broken Bow, Neb.
Inspector-General—Ira R. Wildman	Danbury, Conn.
National Patriotic Instructor—John F. Pickerill	Seattle, Wash.
Assistant Adjutant-General—Fred A. Burt	Providence, R. I.
Assistant Q.-G. and Custodian of Records—Jacob Barron	Philadelphia, Pa.
Chief of Staff—Charles E. Nason	Portland, Maine
Senior Aide-de-Camp—Joseph B. Henninger	Indianapolis, Ind.



ORESTUS BLAKE
Department Commander
1931-1932



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, deceased	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 H. Pealer, deceased	Three Rivers, 1899-1900
Ethel M. Allen, deceased	Portland, 1900-1
James VanKleeck, 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	Evart, 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, deceased	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
Orestus Blake	Jackson, 1931-32

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. Frieeseke, deceased	Owosso, 1894
Norm G. Cooper, deceased	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon, deceased	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague, deceased	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carlton, 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, 1922-23
John A. Miller, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1923-24
Edwin R. Havens, deceased	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
S. S. Puckett	Petoskey, 1931-32
J. J. Reiser (Died in office)	Grand Rapids, 1931-32

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. Kellar, 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, deceased	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, 1922-23
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1923-24
Arthur E. Ferry, deceased	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
C. M. Cook	Kalamazoo, 1931-32

ROSTER OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT G. A. R.

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

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 14.

Post Commander, John Hodges.

Past Post Commanders

L. D. Reynolds.

Albert Hawley.

CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, Eugene Owen.

Past Post Commanders

W. D. Frost.

Eugene Owen.

Lafayette Stevens

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

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, George A. Slayton.

Past Post Commanders

D. D. Rhodes.

Geo. A. Slayton.

Frederick Wolf.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 12.

Post Commander, H. C. Bond.

Past Post Commanders

John Sturgeon.

H. C. Bond.

Chas. Depuy.

JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, H. E. Waterman.

Past Post Commanders

Chas. Robbins.

H. E. Waterman.

WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, Geo. W. Francesco.

Cared for by W. R. C.

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

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, Chas. A. Tanner.

Past Post Commanders

Fred F. Main.

C. A. Tanner.

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

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 11.

Post Commander, C. Holmes.

*Past Post Commanders*William E. Walker.
Ambrose H. Rowe.
Chester Chorpensing.James M. Brent.
A. A. Covill.
Merritt Covill.

C. B. Holmes.

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 23.

Post Commander, Charles E. Sandborn.

*Past Post Commanders*John T. Spillane.
S. D. Bailey.
David Plumadore.William J. Fraser.
Thomas Davey.
John O. Stone.

A. S. Chappell.

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, W. H. Ashley.

Cared for by W. R. C.

WILLIAM PEBBOTT 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.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 1.

Cared for by W. R. C.

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, A. S. Beardsley.

Past Post Commanders

Geo. W. Willt.

A. S. Beardsley.

John Locke.

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, H. D. Tucker.

*Past Post Commanders*Geo. Enslow.
M. Farley.A. O. Aldrich.
H. D. Tucker.**HUBON POST NO. 28, BAD AXE.**

Chartered February 18, 1919.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Calvin H. Foster.

Past Post Commanders

John Clark.

Calvin H. Foster.

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FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31, 1881.

Membership 13.

Post Commander, J. W. Walker.
Past Post Commanders

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

James Gardner.
J. W. Walker.

ZACH CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 9.

Post Commander, J. F. Jones.
Past Post Commanders

A. L. Nealley.

J. A. Richardson.

J. F. Jones.

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, Fred Gill.
Past Post Commanders

Frank D. Keeler.

Fred Gill.

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

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 25.

Post Commander, James A. Hamilton.
Past Post Commanders

M. D. Richardson.
W. P. Treadway.
T. B. Blosser.

Seymour Foster.
Benjamin Ohlinger.
Allison Byrant.

James A. Hamilton.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 29.

Post Commander, R. P. Butrick.
Past Post Commanders

D. B. Morgan.
N. D. Chew.

G. W. Dickerson.
R. P. Butrick.

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

Chartered August 28, 1914.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Nicholas Brooks.

EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Chartered March 9, 1882.

Membership 24.

Post Commander, Orestus Blake.
Past Post Commanders

Albert Dunham.
Wm. M. Carroll.

A. N. Sova.
John Killeen.

Orestus Blake.

PHIL McKEERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, B. F. Keesler.
Cared for by W. R. C.
Past Post Commanders

Theodore Bortle.

Henry J. Peters.

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

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 11.

Post Commander, Luzern Durand.
*Past Post Commanders*A. C. Estabrook.
L. Y. Cady.William Burnett.
Luzern Durand.**COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLES.**

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, J. S. Eastman.
Past Post Commanders

G. K. Warren.

J. S. Eastman.

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

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 8.

Post Commander—
*Past Post Commanders***SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.**

Chartered July 27, 1882.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, E. M. Holt.
Past Post Commanders

J. B. Dorrance.

E. M. Holt.

JOSEPH R. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered Sept. 12, 1882.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, Philip Marsh.

ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 18.

Post Commander, J. P. Riley.
Past Post Commander
William Snyder.**WM. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.**

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, John W. Finch.
Past Post Commanders

John W. Finch.

Martin Kelsey.

CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 2.

Cared for by W. R. C.

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

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Daniel Crane.
Past Post Commanders

Daniel Crane.

Henry Schwinch.

- WILLIAM D. WILKINS, POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.**
Chartered October 25, 1882. Membership 3.
Post Commander, George Wilcox.
Past Post Commanders
L. B. Longwell. George Wilcox.
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- WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.**
Chartered December 9, 1882. Membership 3.
Post Commander, Albert W. Wager.
Past Post Commanders
Charles Strewing. Albert W. Wager.
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- WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.**
Chartered December 30, 1882. Membership 12.
Post Commander, Edwin S. Petit.
Past Post Commanders
Geo. Howe. N. D. Brown.
Edwin Petit. John Hill.
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- TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.**
Chartered March 17, 1883. Membership 2.
Post Commander, John Hetrick.
Past Post Commanders
N. P. Bateman. John Hetrick.
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- BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.**
Chartered March 9, 1883. Membership 18.
Post Commander, L. S. Daniels.
Past Post Commanders
Chas. W. Bennett. L. S. Daniels. S. H. Camp.
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- J. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.**
Chartered March 14, 1883. Membership 6.
Post Commander, L. D. Chapman.
Past Post Commanders
T. D. Chatman. L. D. Chapman. Chas. Wilbur.
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- JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.**
Chartered March 22, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander, Alfred H. Smith.
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- WADDELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.**
Chartered April 5, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander, George Barnes.
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- CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.**
Chartered April 7, 1883. Membership 7.
Post Commander, C. C. Forney.
Past Post Commanders
Lot Nevins. A. B. Benton.
C. C. Forney.

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- FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.**
Chartered April 11, 1883. **Membership 8.**
Post Commander, Francis M. Craig.
Past Post Commanders
T. H. Taylor. Francis M. Craig.
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- DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.**
Chartered April 14, 1883. **Membership 5.**
Post Commander, Wm. R. Olds.
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- WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.**
Chartered May 8, 1883. **Membership 4.**
Post Commander, Joseph Vallar.
Past Post Commanders
William F. Russell. Joseph Vallar.
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- HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.**
Chartered May 23, 1883. **Membership 2.**
Post Commander, Frank Emerick.
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- BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.**
Chartered May 18, 1883. **Membership 8.**
Cared for by U. S. W. V.
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- 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.
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- TURRELL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.**
Chartered May 8, 1883. **Membership 3.**
Cared for by W. R. C.
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- GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.**
Chartered June 7, 1883. **Membership 14.**
Post Commander, Wray Mitchell.
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- DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.**
Chartered June 11, 1883. **Membership 4.**
Cared for by W. R. C.
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- WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.**
Chartered July 11, 1883. **Membership 2.**
Post Commander, William Boltz.
Past Post Commanders
Andrew Crooks. William Boltz.

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CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.
Chartered July 5, 1883. Membership 3.
Post Commander, Geo. W. Kimble.

ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.
Chartered July 6, 1883. Membership 4.
Post Commander, R. 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 4.
Post Commander, Henry H. Brown.
Past Post Commanders
Chas. S. Snell. Henry H. Brown.

LOMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.
Chartered August 11, 1883. Membership 10.
Post Commander, S. S. Puckett.
Past Post Commanders
J. A. C. Rowen. Melvin Birch.
W. R. Montgomery. E. A. Dunton.
S. S. Puckett.

E. R. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.
Chartered August 30, 1883. Membership 3.
Cared for by D. of U. V.

CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.
Chartered August 30, 1883. Membership 2.
Post Commander, A. D. Austin.

HEBER LEFAVOR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.
Chartered September 3, 1883. Membership 4.
Post Commander, John Beaumont.
Past Post Commanders
John Beaumont. G. W. Sturdevant.

HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.
Chartered Sept. 25, 1883. Membership 3.
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 1.
Cared for by W. R. C.
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- GEO C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.**
Chartered October 5, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander, Nathan Green.
Cared for by S. of U. V.
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- 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.
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- L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.**
Chartered December 21, 1883. Membership 5.
Post Commander, William Guipe.
Past Post Commanders
S. Z. Watson. Theron Gradden.
Chas. Freeman. Wm. Guipe.
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- E. W. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**
Chartered January 4, 1883. Membership 8.
Post Commander, Isaac Riddick.
Past Post Commanders
Jacob Perrine. Hiram Herrick.
Isaac Riddick.
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- WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.**
Chartered December 23, 1883. Membership 4.
Post Commander, C. C. Eyester.
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- H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**
Chartered January 7, 1884. Membership 7.
Post Commander, Gilbert LaCroix.
Past Post Commanders
August Stietzer. M. L. S. Killman.
Gilbert LaCroix.
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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.
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- RUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.**
Chartered February 8, 1884. Membership 2.
Post Commander, Wm. N. Cross.
Cared for by W. R. C.

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WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY
Chartered March 20, 1884. Membership 1.
Post Commander, John A. Newville.

A. C. VAN BAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.
Chartered July 17, 1884. Membership 1.
Post Commander, John H. Wise.

LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.
Chartered September 1, 1884. Membership 3.
Post Commander, Peter Swick.
Past Post Commanders
James E. Johnson. Peter Swick.
Cared for by D. of U. V.

SAMUEL GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.
Chartered October 23, 1884. Membership 1.
Post Commander, James B. Peabody.

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.
Chartered January 15, 1885. Membership 10.
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 1.
Post Commander, N. H. Cheney.

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.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.
Chartered May 18, 1886. Membership 4.
Post Commander, Wm. Nubling.

KILBOURNE POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.
Chartered September 27, 1886. Membership 1.
Cared for by W. R. C.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, John L. Hinman.

Past Post Commanders

Oscar A. Janes.

Henry Stukensky.

Wm. T. Sage.

John L. Hinman.

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

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, N. D. Watkins.

Past Post Commanders

Jesse H. Wood.

Chas. H. Clark.

N. D. Watkins.

Sylvester Coon.

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

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, J. J. Reiser.

Past Post Commanders

James R. Beadle.

John A. Miller.

Chas. A. Green.

J. J. Reiser.

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

Chartered May 13, 1903.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, J. L. Richard.

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

Chartered November 18, 1893.

Membership 13.

Post Commander, Joseph Cook.

Past Post Commanders

T. F. Courtney.

Walter Kinsler.

Joseph Cook.

STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 25.

Post Commander,
Fraud Lester, Secretary.**WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.**

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, Wm. Stewart.

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

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Isaac Grant.

Past Post Commanders

Aretus Corwin.

Isaac Grant.

JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Chartered Nov. 1, 1900.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, A. R. Ellis.

Past Post Commanders

William C. Bouck.

A. R. Ellis.

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

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, William T. Kimsey.

Past Post Commanders

Wm. G. Dunn.

Wm. T. Kimsey.

Joshua Brown.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
HELD AT PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN, JUNE 22-23-24, 1932

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1932

The fifty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order in the Banquet Hall of the Perry Hotel at 1:45 o'clock.

Department Commander appointed Isaac Grant, of Post No. 451, Reed City, Officer of the Day.

Officer of the Guard—Ira M. Stewart of Post No. 170, Petoskey.

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

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

Department Commander—"Once more we are assembled in an annual encampment for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before us. Our hearts are united as one. The Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing. Parade Rest."

Chaplain Richardson—"Almighty Father we bow before Thee and thank Thee for this privilege of assembling in another encampment. We thank Thee that our lives have been kept to this hour. Thy constant care has been over us since last we met, through hours of danger. Thou hast brought us safely to this place. Be graciously near to us, and near to our Comrades who suffer from disease, and in all their distress give them grace to endure. Bless those who could not be with us today, and comfort and help them in all their distress. Bless our Order and make it an instrument of great good, and keep our names on the roll of Thy Servants. Bless our country, its rulers and all those in authority, give them wisdom in directing its affairs, and may we all be united in Thy kingdom above. We ask it in the name of Christ. Amen."

Department Commander—I now declare this encampment open in due form. The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll of officers. Eleven officers responded.

The next is the calling of the roll of posts.

Albert C. Estabrook 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 of posts. All in favor indicate their approval by saying "Aye."

Motion carried.

Department Commander—"I guess the next thing in order is for me to present my address. I will have to ask your indulgence. My eyes trouble me, and I cannot get any glasses to assist me. I may not be able to read as readily as I used to, but I will do the best I can."

Senior Vice Commander takes the chair.

ADDRESS OF COMMANDER

Comrades:

One year ago you conferred upon me the highest honor in your gift. You confided the welfare of this Department to my keeping, and while this great honor came to me unsolicited, I accepted the trust and pledged you upon my honor to give you the best service of which I was capable. And now at the close of my term I come to you to give an account of my stewardship, and if my service shall meet your approval I shall feel amply repaid for my every effort to serve.

I want to welcome you all to this fifty-fourth annual encampment of the Department of Michigan, and trust you will all enjoy the festivities that have been arranged for your entertainment by the loyal citizens of this city. I am assured that everything possible has been done to assure your entertainment and comfort, and feel confident that we will carry away with us only pleasant memories of our visit here. The unbounded hospitality shown by the good people here and their expressions of reverence for our loved Order assures us that everything that a great love could suggest has been done for our entertainment and pleasure.

FINANCES

The finances of the Department are in a very satisfactory condition as the report of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General will show.

SOLDIERS HOME

The Michigan Soldiers Home at Grand Rapids is one of the best equipped of any in our country. Modern in all its appointments, it is well adapted to care for all of our ex-soldiers who are not otherwise provided for. It is to be regretted that the committee appointed to visit and report to you on the conditions found there has been broken up by death and serious illness. Comrade J. J. Reiser, chairman, passed away in February, and Comrade Gilbert LeCroix of Mt. Clemens suffered a stroke of paralysis which left him in no condition to travel, and we have so few Comrades who are in a position to respond to a call for such service that I am presenting my own findings for your consideration in lieu of a report by an authorized committee.

It has been my privilege to visit the Home on several occasions during the year and I assure you that I have always been cordially welcomed and shown every courtesy by the Comandant, Col. Edgar H. Campbell and assisted in making a thorough inspection of the Home at all times, and my judgment is that Michigan has a Home that is second to none in the country. On a recent visit there I took a census of the present population of the Home which I present for your information.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

As of May 31st, 1932

Civil War Veterans	32
Spanish American War Veterans	82
World War Veterans	207
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Total	321

WOMEN

As of April 8th, 1932

Civil War Widows	148
Civil War Wives	6
Spanish American War Widows	2
Spanish American War Wives	4
Spanish American War Mothers	4
World War Mothers	8
World War Widows	6
World War Wives	1
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Total	173

AUXILIARIES AND ALLIED ORDERS

The time has come when the Commander of this Department cannot hope to be of much assistance to the Comrades of our fast declining posts, except through the ever loyal and hearty co-operation of our allied organizations. Recognizing this fact I have availed myself at all times of meeting as many of the Comrades as possible through attending the ever interesting gatherings of these allied orders.

While I have been accorded a hearty welcome at all times by all of our allied orders, our own Auxiliary, The Womans Relief Corps takes first place in our hearts. And I hereby gratefully acknowledge the many acts of kindness of Mrs. Ethel Wrobbel, President of the Department of Michigan W. R. C. and her official staff to myself as the representative of the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department.

To our Comrades of all wars, the Spanish American and World War Veterans, I want to acknowledge many acts of kindness and bespeak for them the same unbounded gratitude of our people that has been accorded the Grand Army of the Republic for over sixty years.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

With our Department I attended the Sixty-fourth National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, September 13th, 18th, 1931. While the Department of Michigan was not largely represented I was proud of the sixteen Comrades who were able to be with us, and who presented a united front at all times for the credit of Michigan. There was nothing lacking in the hospitality of Des Moines in making our Encampment one long to be remembered with pleasure.

MEMORIAL DAY THE NATION'S SABBATH DAY

It is gratifying to report that the day has been generally observed by all of our people and that our Comrades of all wars have accepted

the sacred trust to honor the memories of all who have merited that tribute from a grateful people. We must trust them with the loyal support of our allied orders to ever maintain the sacred nature of that day, as has been done by the Grand Army of the Republic for so many years. Memory is the only friend that grief can call her own.

OFFICIAL VISITS

The official visits of a Department Commander has always been regarded as a very enjoyable part of his duty, and a pleasant occasion for the Posts visited, but so many of our Posts have become so weak and inactive that very little can be done to help them, except through the ever ready co-operation of our allied organizations. Recognizing this fact I have availed myself of every opportunity to attend as many of these fraternal and patriotic gatherings as I could, always keeping in mind the needs of my Comrades and meeting as many as possible at these gatherings, and I hereby gratefully acknowledge the always hearty and helpful assistance of our associate orders at all times. Through the loyal co-operation of all our Allies I have been enabled to meet with the Comrades of many Posts through the year and gave them a word of encouragement for their feeble Posts to hold on yet a little longer.

IN MEMORIAM

During the past year two of my official family have answered the last roll call. With profound sorrow I have to record the passing of my Senior Vice Commander, J. J. Reiser, and our Department Chaplain, Isaac H. Riddick. I shall never cease to be thankful that it was my sad privilege to assist in laying these Comrades to their final rest with the beautiful G. A. R. Ritual which they loved:

Sweet be their rest and peaceful their sleeping,
God's way is best, They are in his keeping.

While our ranks are getting pitifully thin and so many of our Comrades are unable to be with us today, let us draw closer together, touch elbows as of old and pledge ourselves anew to do our utmost to maintain the high standard of our Department where it has always been kept.

While our ranks so fast are thinning,
Comrades falling one by one,
Let us closer stand together,
Till life's battles all are won.

CLOSING

One year ago you bestowed upon me the highest honor in your gift, and I assure you this great honor is duly appreciated. I have endeavored to serve you to the full extent of my ability, and if I have failed to measure up to your expectations I assure you it is the fault of the head and not of the heart. I extend my sincere thanks to all of my official family for their hearty co-operation in the conduct of the affairs of the Department, to our Auxiliary, the Womans Relief Corps, and all of our allied Orders. I owe a deep debt of gratitude for their hearty co-operation at all times.

Time waits for no man, and in a few hours I realize that I shall again be reduced to the ranks to touch elbows once more with my Comrades in carrying on the work that will be our pride while life lasts. In bidding you this my official farewell I want to bespeak for my successor the same wholehearted support that has been accorded me. Again I thank you for the great honor that has been mine and I pray that you may all be spared to enjoy many more meetings in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Respectfully submitted,
ORESTUS BLAKE,
 Department Commander.

Department Senior Vice Commander—I will appoint Past Department Commander A. C. Estabrook and Comrade M. D. Richardson committee on the Commander's report. (They will report later.)

Department Commander resumes the chair.

Officer of the Guard announces a committee of greetings from the United Spanish War Veterans.

Department Commander—"Officer of the Day, please introduce them."

Officer of the Day—"Commander, I take pleasure in introducing to you Mr. Charles Martin and Mr. Thomas Barrett Mitchell, representatives from the United Spanish War Veterans."

Mr. Martin—"Comrades, as a representative from the United Spanish War Veterans, I bring you most heartfelt greetings and best wishes for your long life, and for your continued success in your declining years. You all look good to me. (Aside—Yes sir, they do)."

Department Commander—"Mr. Mitchell comes from my town, and I am proud to have him bring you over. I wish you continued success in life, and hope you live many years to enjoy it. I certainly feel proud to have you with us."

Mr. Mitchell—"I couldn't add anything to what Mr. Martin has said. He has covered the subject well. I am always glad to be associated in any way with the Grand Army of the Republic."

Department Commander—"We are glad to have you with us. Thank you for your hearty greetings. We haven't much time for long speeches here, but I want to assure you of our interest in the United Spanish War Veterans, and to say again that we appreciate your greetings."

(Presentation of badges.) One of the men remarked: "I had a father who served in Custer's brigade." Both say, "Good-bye, hope to see you next year."

Officer of the Guard announces a delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans, Mr. George E. Cogshall, Mr. C. L. Blake and Mr. V. A. Cassey.

Department Commander—"We are very glad to see you."

Mr. Cogshall—"Commander and Comrades, we, your sons, bring you greetings on this occasion. You who served your country and brought to us, your sons, that heritage which we enjoy today, we are proud of you. We are proud of the fact that we are sons of men who served and gave their strength and life and gave of everything that they could

possibly give to serve the flag which we have floating over us today. You who served in the greatest internal domestic war that ever took place upon God's green footstool before or since, have purchased the deathless admiration of those who remain, for what you accomplished in that war. Just a short time ago I read in one of our daily papers of the statement of Mussolini, the Premier or Dictator of Italy, that Democracy was a failure, that a rule by the people never was and never could be accomplished. Mussolini is so hide-bound that he cannot see beyond the realm of Italy. If you remember, when you boys were engaged in that great war, Bismarck, the then Iron Chancellor of Germany made this statement, that the United States would never survive the return of that great Army or Armies which had taken part in that strife and come back to the country without ruining it. Bismarck was mistaken. You boys came home, took up your business and took hold of the plows, and again the country moved on, and as I said a few moments ago, you preserved that flag as a heritage for us. Why love the flag so much? It is nothing but a silk or cotton tri-color, but we love it for what it stands for, and I cannot better express to you the sentiment which I have in mind, than in the words of another:

'It is your flag and my flag,
And oh, how much it holds.
Your land and my land,
Secure beneath it's folds.
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed,
The red, the white, the blue,
The one flag, the great flag,
The flag for me and you.'

Mr. Commander, allow me to present you with this small bouquet of flowers and this badge of our Order. I thank you." "These other Comrades now have something to say."

V. A. Cassey—"It would be impossible for me to add anything to the talk given to you gentlemen. I am glad to come over here and to view this fine looking bunch of men again. It has been sixty years since the war closed, and by the looks of you I think you have many years yet. I am sure glad to see such a bunch here again today."

Department Commander—"Comrades, we are very glad to have you with us. We appreciate the devotion you hold for us, and while we preserved this country for you in the early days, we believe that you will take good care of it when we get through. We know these flowers will fade, but we know that the love that prompted their gift will be with us always."

The next thing in order will be the report of the Senior Vice Commander.

REPORT

Senior Vice Commander—"I did not know I was going to be called upon to make a report. If I had I would not have had time. I had a hard time to get here this morning, so many things pressing upon me here and there, telephone calls, etc., makes me necessarily very

busy. Soon after being elected, the General Council held here appointed a General Committee of the heads of eight organizations in the city, and the General Committee got down to business at once and have been busy since, trying to make this a real joyful occasion for you. I don't know whether we are succeeding or not. It is for you to say, but we have done our very best.

One thing I want to report on, I find wherever I have been in this Northern District, there is a good feeling. When I was in Grand Rapids I was surprised to find how few old soldiers there are.



S. S. PUCKETT
Department Senior Vice Commander

Another thing I want to tell you is this. In consultation with the other members of the roll, and trying to think of some way of honoring those who are in a way forgotten in small cemeteries here and there, we decided to make a trip on Memorial Day and see how many of these graves we could find and decorate. We started in the morning at 7 o'clock with nine, and by noon we had decorated 30. There were just two of us, one beside myself, representing the Grand Army, though the other organizations were there. We attended the exercises, and as soon as they were over we started in again, having already decorated those in three outlying cemeteries, then we decorated two more, and started for another one and we got a call from Mackinac City to come up there. We started immediately, and went from there to Cross Village. From Cross Village we came home, arriving at 6 P. M., having driven 234 miles and decorated the old soldiers' graves in all but one which was not found. Now that was too strenuous a day, so we have planned to divide up into four sections for another year, in order to get all the graves decorated in less time. We have in view, one old soldier lying out in a field, and

the removal of his body so it can be found and decorated with the others. This all will keep us from going to sleep. We had invited Comrade Cross of Cheboygan, the only living member of that Post, to give the opening address here, but I had a letter saying his health would not permit of his doing it. He said he hoped to be here though, today or tomorrow, and since he cannot deliver the opening address, I want to say on behalf of all Northern Michigan, that we welcome you to our midst and want you to feel just as much at home as we do. If anything does not suit you, report it to me. Of all organizations, the Grand Army comes first.

Mr. Commander, one thing more I want to say. In selecting the badges for this encampment, the committee came up against this: The Grand Army badge is red, white and blue. The W. R. C. and other organizations have the same color. This did not strike me favorably. There was no distinction at all. Ten out of fourteen organizations with the same badge. I went home and slept over it. It was no trouble to decide on the Grand Army badge. It should be red, white and blue, then the Womens Relief Corps being next to the Grand Army, must have the same, or red, white and blue, also the Daughters of Union Veterans, and Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary, so we decided that all organizations recognized by the National, should have red, white and blue, then the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic should have the badge they had last year, a red ribbon, the National Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic a blue ribbon, so when you see them on the street with a blue ribbon on you will recognize them. Then the Spanish War Veterans, their Auxiliary, the Military Order of Serpents, all have red and yellow, and the World War Veterans, their Auxiliary and the Cooties, blue and yellow, so you can distinguish them wherever you find them, and all recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic red, white and blue. I believe that is all. I thank you."

Department Commander—"We are very glad for this report. We are very sorry that your famous citizen from Cheboygan failed to come up here to welcome us. I had thought a little along that line, and expected to respond to something he would say. I want to say how much we appreciate the welcome we have received here in Petoskey, and you can just discharge that message yourself."

Department Commander—"Now we will listen to the report of the Junior Vice Commander. By the death of Comrade Reiser, as you all know, Comrade Puckett becomes Senior Vice Commander. There was quite a lengthy report from this worthy Comrade. He has done everything there was to be done in his Department as Senior Vice Commander up to his death.

Secretary, Mrs. Ida F. Davidson—"Commander, may I not place that in the Journal of our Reports?"

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Department Commander Orestus Blake and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred on me one year ago in electing me as your Senior Vice Commander. This honor I appreciate most highly. I have tried my best to fulfill the duties of my office to the best of my ability. In the performance of my few duties during the year I have received much pleasure and benefit to myself.

I attended the Soldiers and Sailors Reunion of Allegan County. It was held on the fair grounds in Allegan July 23rd. Was cordially received and well entertained. I enjoyed the program and dinner. I also had the honor of meeting our Department Commander Orestus Blake who was invited to attend the reunion, also our Past Department Commander Comrade Albert C. Estabrook.



J. J. REISER
Senior Vice Commander
Died in office

I attended the 65th National Encampment of G. A. R. held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 13-18. Was royally entertained and enjoyed the hospitalities that was extended to us by the city of Des Moines, Iowa. I with Comrade Howe attended the picnic at Greenwood Park where we were served with a fried chicken dinner given by the Des Moines Post No. 738 Veterans of Foreign Wars. After the chicken dinner there were 29 Veterans of us that was initiated into that organization as Honorary Members.

On September 25th I received an invitation to attend a reception in honor of all the Department Officers of Michigan given by the Amasa

B. Watson Womans Relief Corps No. 171, Department of Michigan. A most beautiful and impressive program was planned and directed by Watson Corps President, Mrs. Ida M. Glasgow. Each officer was introduced and all paid special tribute to the two Civil War Veterans who were present. Your Senior Vice Commander and Comrade Amos Cole of Post 395 were highly honored. Sixteen Department officers of the G. A. R. and allied organizations were greeted by 200 friends. The guests were escorted to the platform by a color team of Eva Gray tent Daughters of Union Veterans and the Watson Junior Club in blue and white costumes presented each guest with a red rosebud. Judge C. E. Higbee of the Probate Court and Department Commander Wm. H. Zylstra of the Spanish War Veterans and Rev. C. Swart of the Home were the principal speakers. Their subject was briefly on patriotic subjects. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed the program.

On November 14th I attended the Inspection of the W. R. C. at Hastings.

On November 20th I attended the Inspection of the Watson W. R. C.

On November 25th I attended the funeral of our late Past Department Commander Louis Kanitz at Muskegon, Michigan.

On December 12th the Patriotic Units of Grand Rapids presented flags to the Federal Court with colorful ceremony. Judge Fred M. Raymond voiced the Courts appreciation. Civil, Spanish American and World Wars were represented in the ceremony. There were four flags presented. I had the honor to present the first one given by Amasa B. Watson Post No. 395, Department of Michigan, the second flag was given by Eva Gray Tent No. 2, Daughters of Union Veterans, the third by the Spanish American and the fourth by the World War Veterans.

Comrade J. J. Reiser died Feb. 23, 1932.

Department Commander—We will have report of Department Inspector. (Report read by secretary).

To Commander Blake of the Department of Michigan, I herewith beg to submit the following report:

As Inspector of the Department I wish to say that I have visited no Posts during my term of office. Few of the Posts do full ritualistic work now and those who do have been doing the work so long and so well as to need no inspection.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
 JAMES ALBERT HAMILTON,
 Post No. 42.

Department Commander: "Just consider that included, and now we will listen to the report of Comrade Cook, Junior Vice Commander."

Junior Vice Commander—"I have no report to make. It has only been a short time since I was appointed, so there has been no work to do. I know but very little history of the Department, and when I found I was named to this position I was surprised. I am the youngest man among you, and I thought some of you ought to be appointed in my place. I thank the Commander for the appointment. It is a great honor to me, and I appreciate it. I thank you all."

To my Comrades and friends, C. M. Cook, 1849-1932.
 O, memory lane, O memory lane.
 My thoughts go wandering down the way
 Through long long years, so much of pain
 So much of pleasure, work and play.
 O, memory lane, so dear to me.
 In thee I live life o'er again
 Filled with loved ones of yesterday
 They all come back to memory lane.



CHARLES M. COOK
 Junior Vice Commander

'Tis always spring in memory lane,
 The flowers bloom along the way,
 The roses and forget-me-nots,
 The soft winds 'mong the grasses play,
 And when night falls on memory lane,
 Their shadowy forms again we see
 And voices sweet, and laughter ring
 All down the lane of memory.

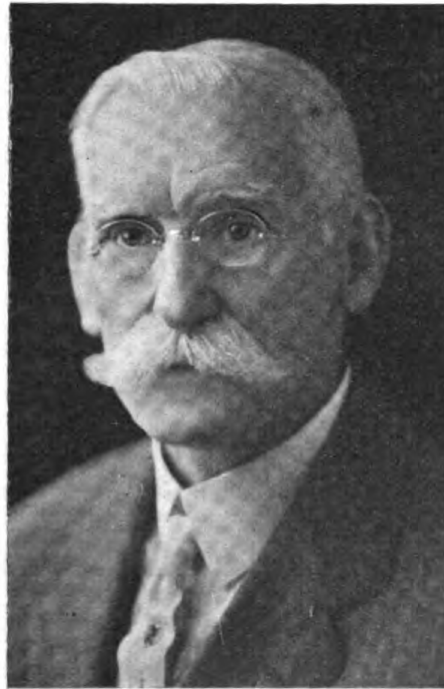
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Department Commander—"When Comrade Puckett became Senior Vice Commander it became necessary to have a Junior Vice Commander, and when suggestions were asked for to supply that vacancy, I suggested the name of Comrade Cook to be brought before the Comrades. He has done all that was required of him, and has done it well, and now we will have the report of the Department Chaplain."

Comrade Richardson was appointed to fill vacancy caused by the death of the Department Chaplain Isaac Riddick.

Department Chaplain—"I have no report to make."

Department Commander—"Then we will have the report of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General."



ALBERT DUNHAM
Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster General

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Petoskey, Mich.
June 22, 1932.

Orestus Blake, Department Commander:

I have the honor to submit to you and the Department Encampment my report as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General for the year just closed:

Number of Posts in good standing June 1, 1931..... 97

LOSSES DURING YEAR

By surrender of Charter 8

Leaving number of Posts in good standing June 1, 1932..... 89

MEMBERSHIP

Number of members in good standing June 1, 1931		656
Gained by muster	13	
By reinstatement	8	
By transfer	3	24
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Total		680

LOSSES DURING YEAR

By death	127	
By surrender of Charter	3	130
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Leaving members in good standing June 1, 1932		550

RECEIPTS

Amount on hand June 1, 1931 in Alger Fund		\$1,000.00
In the General Fund		3,526.35
Received from Standard Savings & Loan Assn. Interest \$200.00		
Received from Per capita tax	55.00	
From sale of supplies	7.40	
From other sources	6.90	269.30
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Total		\$4,795.65

DISBURSEMENTS

		\$4,795.65
Gift to A. C. Estabrook in lieu of badge	\$ 50.00	
Mich. Surety Co. for Bond for Asst. Q. M. General	5.00	
Railway Express Company	6.83	
Edward Hurley, Q. M. General for supplies	4.82	
Edward Hurley, Q. M. General for per capita tax	10.92	
Smith Floral Co. Pillow for Past. Dept. Commander Spaulding	10.00	
Walter Rogers, P. M., Rent of box 433	6.00	
Postage	25.78	
C. A. Fox, R. R. Certificates	5.95	
Traveling expenses Dept. Commander Blake	47.05	172.35
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Balance on hand June 1, 1932		\$4,623.30
In Standard Savings & Loan Association	\$4,000.00	
In Capital National Bank	616.39	
Cash on hand	6.91	
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Balance on hand June 1, 1932		\$4,623.30

We have paid out of the G.A.R. State Appropriation of \$1300.00, \$1,024.21.

Now I wish to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by appointing me Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General and to

the Comrades of the Department and the officers and allied organizations I extend my sincere thanks for the many courtesies received.

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

REPORT

Commander—"We have nine posts that have only got one member left in it, fourteen with two members, and we have several with only three members, so you see we are getting down to rock bottom."

Motion made and seconded that this report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Department Commander—"I am very glad for that motion at the close of this report. The condition of Posts in the State is as expressed. I haven't been over the State as much as I wanted to, but we haven't many active Posts in the State much any more. Here and there, there is one with members enough to get together to have a regular Post meeting. I am glad my old Post at Jackson is still able to get together for Post meetings."

Department Commander—"We will now have the report of the Patriotic Instructor."

(Patriotic Instructor not able to be present).

Department Commander—"The Executive Committee has its report prepared on the auditing of the books, and we will hear that."

"Commander, The Executive Committee of the Council of Administration respectfully report that they have audited the books of the Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General and find them correct and as follows:

Orestus Blake, Department Commander:

The Executive Committee of the Council of Administration respectfully report that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General and find them to be correct, and that we have \$4,623.30. In the Standard Savings & Loan Association \$4,000.00; Capital National Bank \$616.39; Cash on hand \$6.91.

M. D. RICHARDSON,
JOHN W. FINCH,
Committee.

Motion made and seconded that this report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Department Commander—"We will have report of the Judge Advocate."

Judge Advocate—"Gentlemen I ought not to have a very lengthy report, for there has been no disagreement presented to me. There has been nothing referred to me. There is no trouble. We are getting so old we cannot help but agree, so there is nothing left to report."

Department Commander—"Thank you for the report just the same. I expected we would be having some other visitation committees here before this. I hope all you Comrades understand that the Womens Relief Corps expect to be here about 3:15 perhaps, to escort us over to their place of meeting for our joint memorial service. This is strictly a G. A. R. and W. R. C. service, and I hope all you Comrades will stay and join in that service. If we have no further visiting delegations coming here, we will take a recess until the Womens Relief Corps arrives.

Question—"What are we to do in the interim until the regular meeting convenes tomorrow morning at 9:30?"



ETHEL CREUSERE WROBBEL
Department President Womans Relief Corps
1931-1932

Department Commander—"If there is nothing further to do, we might just as well adjourn until the regular meeting at 9:30 tomorrow morning, if we will pledge ourselves to stay right here. I think the ladies would be very much grieved if we adjourned and went away. Don't do anything to displease the W. R. C., they have been such a help to us. What do you say?"

Officer of the Day—"We have a delegation from the National Daughters of the G. A. R., also a Committee from the W. R. C."

The Committee from the W. R. C. consisting of Mrs. Ethel Wrobbel, Department President of the Michigan W. R. C., and Mrs. Eliza A. Taylor, Mrs. Lizetta Coady, Evelyn Creusere, Elizabeth Stevens, Anna

M. Earle, and Effie B. Murray, all Past Presidents of the W. R. C., was received and introduced.

Mrs. Creusere—"Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R., we bring you flowers. Flowers for remembrance, and for love, to show to you our love and our appreciation for you grand old men. How proud we are that we have some of you with us yet, and even when the last one of you shall have gone, we shall never, never forget you. We shall always keep green your memories before the world, the boys that you have been. You shall always be in our thoughts, and we shall never forget you, so you cannot say, 'Lest we forget.' Our love goes with these flowers. We thank you."

Department Commander—"I know that my Comrades all thank you for your offering. We know that these flowers will fade, but the love that prompted this offering will be with us to the end."

Mrs. Wrobbel—"Commander and our dear Comrades, I thought it quite proper to bring to you a report of our work this year.

REPORT TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Department Commander Orestus Blake:

As president of the Department of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps, it is my sincere pleasure and privilege to bring to you and your comrades here assembled a report of the work accomplished by your auxiliary this year just ending.

Number of Corps, June 1, 1931	117
Number of Corps, June 1, 1932	117
Cash received from former Treasurer	\$ 546.57
Gift from Grand Army Republic	100.00
Cash expended by Corps for relief	807.75
Value of Relief other than money	15,114.66
Child Welfare Relief	4,003.00
Amount expended for flowers	353.42
Amount expended by Department Relief Commission	100.00
Amount sent to non-pensioner—widows of Civil War Veterans at annex	110.00
Number of G. A. R. Veterans assisted	239
Members of their families assisted	275
Spanish War Veterans assisted	141
World War Veterans assisted	428
Army Nurses of all Wars assisted	18
Members and others not relatives	3,050
Total number assisted	4,151
Number of Members, March 31, 1931	8,170
Number of Members, March 31, 1932	7,418

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity Charity and Loyalty,
ETHER CREUSERE WROBBEL,
 Department President.

Such is the report of our work for this year. And now I have the pleasure of introducing to you one who has been endorsed as Michigan's

candidate for the National Presidency of the W. R. C., Mrs. Lizetta Coady."

Response by Senior Vice Commander Puckett—"Commander, Ladies of the W. R. C., and Comrades, It was my desire to respond to the first speech presenting the flowers, but I could not do it. It was too well done. It is too near the heart to allow me to express my thankfulness for that bouquet. The beautiful emblems its represents, and the beautiful thoughts expressed to us not only in the flowers alone, but the words, comes too near the heart for us to express. We accept them with all the kindness and love they represent. We are proud to receive such a report as you have just given us. It is something that gives us a great deal of pride, the work you are doing so extensively and so well. We have nothing but cheerfulness for you at this time. We praise you for the work you are doing as an Auxiliary to the G. A. R. Now, as to the Candidate that you have endorsed for the National Presidency, I want to make a motion that this G. A. R. in this Department endorse her, and to that end I make a motion to that effect if I can get a second for that, endorsing Lizetta Coady for National President of the W. R. C."

(Motion supported by several).

Department Commander—"You have heard the motion, Comrades of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. here assembled, endorsing Lizetta Coady for National President of the W. R. C. All in favor say "Aye." Carried with rising vote.

Mrs. Coady—"Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R., I am almost too full to say anything. When I became Department President I worked for you all and gave you a year of unfailing service, but for this body to endorse me for National President of the W. R. C., I just thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am so happy I want to cry."

Mrs. Anna Earle—"I just want to say that the fact that she is a soldier's daughter makes her doubly dear to us, and Comrades, when you can adjourn the meeting, according to arrangements made, we invite you to join us in a joint Memorial service in the High School Building."

Department Commander—"Mrs. President, before we adjourn we have another duty to perform yet." (Badges presented). (W. R. C. Committee retires.)

Officer of the Guard announces a Committee of greetings from the National Daughters of the G. A. R.

Department Commander—"Officer of the Guard, is the Committee in waiting?"

Officer of the Guard—"It is."

Committee, consisting of Miss Lillian Stoddard and Mrs. Nellie Wall, is received and introduced.

Officer of the Day—"We welcome you."

Mrs. Wall—"Comrades, it gives me great pleasure to bring this bouquet of flowers to the G. A. R. from the National Daughters of the G. A. R. Our Order wishes you a most happy and prosperous convention."

Department Commander—"We thank you ladies for this offering. We know these flowers will fade, but the love that prompted the gift will be with us always. I am sorry to make this reception so brief, but we have a very important meeting soon."

Department Commander to Miss Stoddard—"I was just going to say, 'Make it short'."

Miss Stoddard—"The Department Commander has said to make it short, and make it short we will. We wish you all the success in the world."

(Badges presented)

Motion made and seconded to adjourn until Thursday morning at 9:30. Carried.

Courtesy cars were provided to carry the Comrades and W. R. C. members over to the High School Auditorium.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Comrades were escorted into the Auditorium by the Department President, and Past Department Presidents of the W. R. C. passing under an arch of flags formed by the Department Aides. The convention rose and sang "Onward Christian Soldiers". The Comrades were introduced by the Department President and seated on the platform. Louise Libby, Department Chaplain conducted the beautiful and impressive services. The platform was a bower of blossoms surrounding "The Gates Ajar". Two little girls, dressed in white attended the "Gates", forming a lovely picture. Services opened with prayer by the Past National Chaplain, Anna M. Earle. Solo by Ethel Wrobbel, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought". Tributes were then paid to the deceased and flowers placed on the altar.

To Past Department Commander Louis Kanitz

By Eliza Taylor

Remembrance is the sweetest word.
Thought ever framed—heart ever heard.

Comrade Louis Kanitz, 93 years of age, answered the last roll call Sunday evening November 22, 1931 at his home surrounded by his family. He was a kind husband, a loving father, always thinking of his home and loved ones. He was the last charter member of Phil Kearney Post No. 7, Muskegon. He enlisted in April 1861 in the 17th Missouri Infantry and later re-enlisted in the 8th Illinois Cavalry. He was a very active member of the Grand Army of the Republic having filled many offices and served the Department as Commander 1894-95. Comrade Kanitz's going away on November 22 has left a void that cannot be filled. A friend of the Woman's Relief Corps we shall miss him more than tongue can tell. A friend who never failed one, and his friends were numbered by those who knew him, for all who had the privilege of knowing him were his friends. He has left his loved ones the greatest heritage that man can bestow—the record of a good clean life and that of an honorable and useful citizen. No where on that record can be found

the word "failure". We will miss him in our conventions. He will be missed in home circle, in his home post and in the Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic where he had served so faithfully.

"The good deeds left behind him
Form a chain to bind him
To those who linger here."

Tribute to Past Department Commander Henry Spaulding

By Ida F. Davidson

"Like the leaves, that slowly falling
Demonstrate their work is done
So the G. A. R. is passing,
Passing, One by One".

Henry Spaulding was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, July 25, 1842. He enlisted in Company H, 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteers in July, 1861 at the age of 19 years. He was discharged September 27, 1862 on account of wounds. In October, 1870, he came to Michigan where he resided until his death which occurred December 8, 1931. He was a charter member of Ellsworth Post No. 20, Grand Army of the Republic, which was organized at Hartford, Michigan, June 20, 1881. He was appointed Assistant Adjutant General in 1912 and served until 1920 when he was elected Department Commander. He was reappointed Adjutant in 1921 and served until 1925 when he was forced to resign on account of blindness.

We knew him as a loyal member of the G. A. R. and a true friend of the W. R. C. In memory of Comander Spaulding, "my Commander", I deposit these flowers.

While the "set of the sails" and not "the gales",
Determines the way of the ship;
And the "set of the soul", not the storm or strife,
Determines the way of the life;
Yet the Port of the ship in the midst of the gales,
Determines the "set of the sails",
And the goal of the life, as the waves of fate roll,
Determines the "set of the soul".

Tribute to the memory of John J. Reiser

By Gertrude M. Lewis

Each year in passing takes its tribute of our Civil War Veterans. Feb. 23, 1932, John J. Reiser, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan passed to the great beyond.

Comrade Reiser enlisted on November 16, 1861 as a drummer boy in Co. A, 4th Reg., Maryland Volunteer Infantry, and served three years with distinction, participating in nine major battles. He was so young his mother persuaded the father to join the same unit "in order to look after him." They fought together in but one engagement, the battle of Cedar Mountain, and in this conflict it was the son that carried the father to a dressing station.

Mr. Reiser was one of two survivors of his regiment. He has one of the longest service records of any Civil War Veteran in Michigan. He

was an upstanding citizen, a patriotic supporter of the constitution, a Christian and a loyal Mason.

He has answered the last bugle call and joined the invisible army above.

They are slipping away these comrades of ours,
Like leaves on the current cast.
With never a break in the rapid flow,
We watched them as one by one they go
Into the dreamland of the past.

Tribute to Isaac H. Riddick

By Etta S. Brown

Isaac Hancock Riddick was born June 15, 1846 at West Elkton, Preble County, Ohio. He enlisted in the Union army for service April 26, 1864, becoming a member of the 133rd Indiana Volunteers.

In the fall of '65 he entered the Freshman class at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Later he attended Albion College. The Master of Arts Degree was conferred upon him by this college in 1875. Upon his graduation, he entered the Methodist ministry, being a pastor in several cities in Michigan and other states.

In 1928 he was elected chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Michigan, in which organization he was very active. For two years he was Chaplain of the Soldiers Home in Grand Rapids with the rank of captain. He returned to his home in Albion in 1931, at which place he passed to his reward, May 19, 1932.

"Sleep Comrade sleep! The wild terror of battle,
The shout of the victor, the peal of the gun,
The clash of the sabre, the musketry's rattle
Shall never more wake you. Your warfare is done."

In his memory, I place these flowers.

Tribute to The Grand Army

By Anna Earl

One by one, they are passing,
These Comrades whom we love,
One by one they are entering
Through the pearly gates above.
They have given their lives to service
But their work on earth is done,
And today we meet to mourn them
One by one.
One by one we have laid the flowers,
With memories so sweet;
One by one, we shall miss them
When their faces no more we greet.
They have left to us the fragrance
Of a beautiful service done,
And today we bless their memory
One by one.

Once more we pause to pay tribute to those for whom taps have been sounded. They were men of courage, patriots going forth to do their part, but today as we look around, our hearts are saddened, for their faces we see no more. They were our inspiration. The work of these men need no monument and their deeds will live in the hearts of their countrymen.

Let us, if possible, be a little more kind, a little more thoughtful of these heroes left.

Rest Comrades, Rest and sleep
 The thoughts of men should be
 As sentinals, to keep
 Your rest from dangers free.
 Your silent tents of green
 We deck with fragrant flowers;
 Yours has the suffering been,
 The memory shall be ours.

With tenderest love and devotion I place this tribute on the altar of memory, for the departed members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

THURSDAY A. M. 9:30

Department Commander—"This is an adjourned meeting of this encampment. We are again regularly assembled for the transaction of such business as may properly come before us. We have met in fraternity, charity and loyalty. The Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing."

Chaplain Richardson—"Almighty Father, humbly we bow before Thee. We thank Thee for the protection that has kept us until this hour, and for Thy guidance in all things. Be graciously near unto us, and give us right words that will enable us to comfort those who freely gave their lives for this cause. Bless our Order and make it an instrument of great good, and at last receive us into that great Lodge above. We ask it in the name of Christ. Amen."

Department Commander—"Comrades, the first thing we want to do is to appoint the Visiting Committees. We have been visited by all the organizations assembled here, and we want to return the compliment. I have made out a list of the Visiting Committees, and I hope nobody will object to serving. Take any Comrade along that you wish on this visitation, and I hope you will make these visits promptly. You can divide them up and make them at your own convenience, of course."

COMMITTEE TO CARRY GREETINGS

To Womans Relief Corps—A. C. Estabrook.
 To Daughters of Union Veterans—C. M. Cook.
 To Ladies of the G. A. R.—S. S. Puckett.
 To Auxiliary Sons of U. V.—John W. Finch.
 To Sons of Veterans—M. D. Richardson.
 To United Spanish War Veterans—Howard Bond.
 To Auxiliary U. S. W. V.—John Killeen.
 To Veterans Foreign Wars—S. S. Puckett.
 To Auxiliary V. F. W.—J. P. Riley.
 To National Daughters of the G. A. R.—S. H. Carlton.

"That completes our list, I think. Report promptly, as we want to push our business as fast as we can."

Comrade Puckett—"It is very necessary this morning, to know who of this body will attend the banquet tonight. The ladies found it a little difficult to sell tickets, and they want to know how many will come to the banquet at the Odd Fellows Hall."

Department Commander—"How many are going to that joint banquet?" Fifteen. I have had to make so many appointments today, it is hard for me to keep up with them."

Comrade Puckett—"Those going to visit other organizations, I will show you where to go if you don't know."

Department Commander—"Officer of the Day, it has been suggested that you ascertain if everyone present is entitled to remain. Will you investigate."

Officer of the Day—"There is one who is not." (Comrade retires)

Department Commander—"Now Comrades, are there any reports? If there is no other business, I want to say that I hope those who have been appointed on the Visitation Committees will take plenty of time and go between sessions so as not to handicap meetings."

(Someone remarks, "We will have to go when they are in session.")

Officer of the Guard—"There are four ladies outside waiting."

Department Commander—"Officer of the Day, there are four ladies waiting outside. Please introduce them."

Officer of the Day—"Commander, I have the pleasure of introducing a delegation from the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

Department Commander—"Comrades, we have before us, ladies from the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We are very glad to meet you ladies."

Marie Proctor—"We bring you Comrades greetings from the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We all hope you have a very enjoyable encampment, and we would like to present you with these flowers. Our Department President also sent this badge with her best wishes. Thank you."

Department Commander—"Thank you for this visit, and especially for these flowers. We love flowers, and us old fellows love to get them. We are glad we can enjoy their perfume, for flowers have charms as well as music. We hope we shall be privileged to receive you at several encampments. We are not all dead yet, and we are going to stay with you just as long as we can keep going."

Mrs. Davidson—"Commander, there is a Comrade out here who is not a member of any Post at this time. Shall I register him and let him be admitted or what shall I do?"

Department Commander—"I don't think there are any objections from these Comrades in having him registered."

Motion made and seconded that this Comrade be allowed to have a seat in this Convention. It is so ordered.

Officer of the Day—"Commander, there is a delegation here from the Ladies of the G. A. R."

Delegation introduced.

Department Commander—"Ladies, we welcome you. Comrades salute."

Ella Jones—"Commander and Comrades, I don't know when I ever had an honor I appreciate so much, as to come to you old boys who

have been in the Order a great many years. I have been out on courtesies, but somehow I failed to get to you. In behalf of the Ladies of the G. A. R. I wish to present to you boys a little comfort and a little cheer, and hope you will all sit around tonight and just smoke and smoke and think of us girls." (Presents box of cigars)

Lillie C. Wall—"Commander and Comrades, during my term as Department President, Commander Blake, as your leader, helped me a lot this year, and we want to see that this is carried on. We are so proud of you. We are of the same blood, and we wish to extend to you, our best wishes for a very harmonious Convention. I just want to tell the Comrades that I am so proud to be the daughter of a Grand Army man. I think there is nothing better. Father was always very glad and was so interested in carrying on. I hope you have a very wonderful Convention, and I want to say this, we do miss Comrade Bartlett to tell us to 'carry on.'"

Remark—"Who shall carry on when the Boys are gone?" Reply by above delegation, "We are going to do that for you."

Comrade Riley—"Accept this as a response to your greetings, Song, 'Who Will Carry on When the Boys in Blue are Gone.'"

(Presentation of badges).

(Remark by one of above delegation—"I have almost enough badges for a quilt.")

Officer of the Guard announces another Committee of Greetings from the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary Committee consisting of Mabel Horning, Josephine Novoting and Edith Rochester.

Mabel Horning—"I represent the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, and I also have a badge of our Convention which I wish to present to you."

Josephine Novoting—"My dear Commander and Comrades: I don't know that I was ever so honored in my life. You know our boys come after you, and they are a part of you. When our Auxiliary first formed it was you boys who came to our assistance, when we were afraid, not knowing what to do. I hope we will always be able to help you, and perhaps you will go on forever. Our country cannot get along without you." (Comrade Riley and Howe respond)

Comrade Riley—"Ladies, we are very glad for your greetings."

Comrade Howe—"It was my pleasure for several years to have the company of a Spanish War Veteran. We worked together in a printing office. He looked after the printing of the paper in Cuba for a while, and after he came back and was elected state treasurer, I served with him as his lieutenant."

Department Commander—"We are proud indeed, ladies, to have your greetings. I, too, think a great deal of the Spanish War Veterans because our sons and the sons of our Confederate enemies thus came together, proving that this was really a re-united country. Boys from Michigan, Texas, South Carolina and others mix together and become chums and work together just like we did."

Comrade Mosier voted in.

Department Commander—"Now Comrades, the coast is clear, and if there is no other business to come before the body, we will have the report of the Patriotic Instructor. Comrades, listen to the report of the Patriotic Instructor."

REPORT

Department Commander and Comrades—The diminishing number of posts during the past year and the passing of Comrades into a stage of life where we are fast slowing down, is the cause of the narrowing limits of patriotic activities by the Veterans themselves—and the carrying on by the Auxiliaries of patriotic functions presenting flags, conducting various programs appropriate to the George Washington season—constitute the work of these grand organizations of women.

So far ten posts have responded to the call for reports on what is being done to encourage and foster a spirit of patriotism and observance of those days set apart to commemorate the services of Veterans of all wars.

The reports as received indicate mainly to induce school children to take part in Memorial Day services and these efforts seem generally to be quite successful. The little ones, each provided with a flag seem delighted to join in the marches and attend the cemetery programs.

In my home town (Saginaw) at least 500 children accompanied by their teachers joined in the march and gathered about the Mound in our Soldiers plot and listened attentively to the program and sang the National hymn.

FRANK D. KEELER,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

Department Commander—"I consider that a very fine report."

Comrade Howe—"I would like to second that report as to what the Comrade has said about his experience in visiting schools and talking with those young lives, the future citizens of the Republic of the United States of North America. It would take a man right off his feet to try to talk with those young lads, boys."

Comrade Estabrook—"I move that this report be accepted and adopted." Motion seconded. Carried.

Department Commander—"Nominations are now in order for Council of Administration."

The following nominations were made:

M. D. Richardson—Post No. 42.

John W. Finch—Post No. 83.

Allison Bryant—Post No. 42.

S. H. Carlton—Post No. 79.

J. F. Beaumont—Post No. 181.

Comrade Estabrook moves that the names be voted upon collectively. Motion seconded. It is so ordered.

Department Commander—"The election of delegates to the National Encampment, and one at large, is in order."

Nominations were made as follows:

Delegate-at-Large—Theodore Burton—Holly.

1. John W. Finch—Greenville.
2. S. H. Carlton—Kalamazoo.
3. Martin Kelsey—Lakeview.
4. George S. Wilcox—St. Louis.
5. Isaac Grant—Reed City.

6. Thomas H. Nichols—Jackson.
 7. J. Nodell—Coldwater.
 8. Howard Bond—Muskegon.
 9. Augustus Horn—Marine City.
 10. Orlando Levalley—Caro.
 11. Eugene Owen—Grand Rapids.
- Alternate-at-Large—Ed. R. Rogers—Allegan.
1. William Snyder—Kalamazoo.
 2. L. S. Daniels—Coldwater.
 3. A. H. Lightcap—Jackson.
 4. Morris Kent—Kalamazoo.
 5. Henry Hoffman—Memphis.
 6. L. C. Grady—Caro.
 7. George Summers—Caro.
 8. W. A. Northrup—Big Rapids.
 9. S. A. Phillips—Lake City.
 10. J. A. Hamilton—Lansing.
 11. John Wise—Holland.

Motion made and seconded that Comrades nominated as delegates to the National encampment, including alternate, be declared elected. Carried.

Department Commander—"Now Comrades, what is your further pleasure? If there are any reports anyone has to make, I will be glad to receive them. I want to push the business along and get it in shape so when we talk about the next place to go to, we will have lots of time.

Officers of the Guard announces a visitor, the Chief of Staff of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Iva M. Hildreth.

Department Commander—"Officer of the Day will you please introduce the visitor?"

Visitor introduced.

Iva M. Hildreth—"Commander Blake, I am happy to see so many here, and I just came to invite you to the Complimentary Lunch tonight at the Odd Fellows Hall. We are going to have a snappy program so you can get out for the camp fire, ball, etc."

Moved and supported this invitation be accepted by a rising vote.

Department Commander—"Now then, what is your further pleasure, Comrades?"

Comrade Puckett—"If there is no other business to come before us at present, I move we proceed to the election of the place to hold our next Annual Encampment. Supported. Carried.

Department Commander—"It is moved and supported that we proceed to the election of the place to hold our next Annual Encampment. All in favor say "Aye". It is so ordered. Now I will listen to the invitations. I think our Secretary has several invitations on her table, and we will listen to them."

(Invitations read and given orally.)

Pontiac Chamber of Commerce.

Grand Rapids Convention Bureau.

Grand Rapids Mayor.

City Manager, Geo. W. Welch, Grand Rapids.

Telegram from Traverse City, Don C. Weeks, Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

Jackson, Michigan, Albert Dunham, Secretary Chamber of Commerce.
Owosso Chamber of Commerce and local Orders.

Saginaw Board of Commerce.

Bay City, City Clerk.

Department Commander—"Comrades, it certainly gives me great pleasure to know that almost every city of any importance in Michigan wants us next year. They are all fine invitations. Every city that has sent in an invitation is certainly in earnest when they promise to make every effort possible for our entertainment, our comfort, our pleasure and our success. Every city is on the same footing. Some of the cities have invited us back for the second, third, and fourth time, I think, especially Grand Rapids. Now I have always enjoyed going to Grand Rapids. It is one of the finest cities, I think, in the United States. It is well known, and very popularly known all over the United States, especially among Grand Army men, but Grand Rapids has had it repeatedly, and several other cities are equally anxious to entertain us and have extended us fine invitations, and we are certainly going to consider them I suppose."

Comrade Keeler—"Saginaw, which is represented, by authority of the Board of Commerce, mayor, council, and I might safely say, business men, will extend through my voice, this invitation to come there in 1933 and hold our Encampment. Saginaw has had it only twice in the past sixty years, or not for a long, long time anyway. We have failed to get an invitation accepted for possibly twenty years, I think. Now, Comrades, I believe Saginaw has a good right to expect your acceptance. We want you to think about it and to decide to come to Saginaw next year. They will do as much as anybody, their invitation is just as hearty and just as earnest as can be made. I don't think I need to say any more pertaining to the subject."

Department Commander—"We are going to give everybody a chance. We want to hear from everybody."

Officer of the Guard—"Comander, the leader of the Michigan Fife and Drum Corps is waiting out here. He wants to come and play for us."

Department Commander—"Make it mighty short."

Leader, Charles Norris—"We will be very glad to, I assure you."

Department Commander—"We are always very busy, and while we appreciate music very much, we do not want you to stay too long."

Leader—"We are not going to."

(Fife and Drum Corps comes in and plays three selections, ending with the selection, "The Girl I Left Behind Me.")

Charles Norris—"Comrades, we wish for you a happy meeting and a happy reunion. We hope to meet each and every one of you next year, and as long as you meet."

Comrade Puckett—"If you will take the depression off, we will be there."

Officer of the Day—"Comrade Gansser is outside with an invitation from Bay City."

Department Commander—"We are glad to hear from those Cities which have asked us to visit them next year. Now Bay City will report when Comrade Gansser comes in."

Comrade Gansser—"Just fifty years ago, on May 30, 1882, as a boy 12 years old, just arrived from Germany, I assisted in the first Memorial

Day exercises in Bay City. I owe much, personally, to the Grand Army. We want you to come to Bay City once more. You used to come every five or six years. We have always loved the Grand Army, is the reason we want you to come. It is a matter of Bay City's love for you, there can be no question about it. We will be glad to serve you, proving to you that these are not empty words, but that we still love and honor you Comrades, and if your conscience will permit you to, come to Bay City next year. If you come to Bay City it will be a joint occasion between Saginaw and Bay City. God bless you, come to Bay City if you can."

Comrade Puckett—"I have the pleasure to report my visit to the Ladies of the G. A. R. They are doing fine. They have a good attendance. The hall was nearly filled with members, and they were very much pleased to have a member of the G. A. R. to visit them. They had more business than we had, and as I happened to get in there about the beginning of the reading of a report, I waited. They seemed to be in a happy mood, doing work with an energy that bespeaks younger women than they are. They hoped some day to meet with you."

Department Commander—"I am very glad for that report. We have a man here, I believe, waiting to second the invitation to Saginaw, Comrade Metcalf."

Comrade Metcalf—"The boys of the Spanish War Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars requested me to stick around until the fire works began. It has been several years since the town of Saginaw has been honored with the presence of the G. A. R. men. We have many friends in the G. A. R., and we want to go along with you until the end of time. That is our job. Comrade Keeler here, one of my good friends, worked awful hard for Saginaw, and I hope you are not going to disappoint him and turn down this joint invitation to come to Saginaw. In closing I will say that the Veterans of Foreign Wars will not break faith with you. Come to Saginaw next year."

Department Commander—"Is there any one else now who wishes to represent any of these cities who have sent in their invitations? We want to give them a fair chance."

Albert Dunham—"I wish to consider Saginaw. Saginaw has not had it since 1917."

Comrade Howe seconds the invitation to Bay City.

Department Commander—"Anything further? If not, I will appoint Comrade Cook and Comrade Riley as tellers, and we will proceed to vote by ballot as to where we are going for our next encampment."

Department Commander—"Have you all voted? Tellers please proceed to count the ballots."

Saginaw	28 votes
Bay City	10 votes
Grand Rapids	2 votes
Jackson	1 vote

Comrade Keeler—"I think it is in order, and move that this encampment accept unanimously, the invitation to Saginaw." Seconded. Carried.

Comrade Keeler—"On behalf of Saginaw and a whole lot of good old Comrades I want to thank you for this decision, and I wish to say that the citizens generally will take good care of the Grand Army boys."

Officer of the Day—"Here is a telegram of greetings and congratulations from Mr. Ted Beecher." Read by Secretary Ida Davidson.

Orestus Blake, Commander Dept. of Michigan Annual
Encampment of G. A. R., Petoskey, Mich.

Hopeful that your department have most successful convention. Personal regards to Comrades.

TED BEECHER.

Department Commander—"Are there any other reports to make now? It is soon going to be time to eat."

Comrade Dunham—"I move that we take a recess until 1:30." Seconded.

Department Commander—"It is moved and seconded we take a recess until 1:30. All in favor say "Aye." Carried.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1:45

Department Commander—"You will please come to order. We will proceed without prayer."

Officer of the Guard—"There is a lady waiting out here to come in."

Department Commander—"Officer of the Day, please introduce the lady."

Officer of the Day—"It affords me great pleasure to be able to introduce to you, Mrs. Libbie Cornell, representing the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, and also representing the National President of that Order."

Department Commander—"I am very glad to greet you and to receive your greetings. Comrades, salute."

Mrs. Cornell—"It makes me very happy to have this privilege of coming to you. I have come to know you so well during the time of your service in our city. I was more than honored to entertain your Department leader of the Grand Army in my home last spring, and he has become very dear to me. My father, who was a Comrade, died from exposure in the war. He passed away soon after returning home. Maybe you think I am not old enough to be like that, but I am. Department Commander Blake, I just brought a little gift from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans for you and all of these Comrades, and we want you to smoke to us, with our best wishes, and we just want to do everything for you that we can. Three years ago we brought you \$25.00, but you didn't need it and returned it to us, and since then we have brought you cigars. Yesterday we left flowers, and today we come back with the smokes. Our love is in there with our best wishes."

Department Commander—"I am very happy to receive you with this greeting Mrs. Cornell, and as Mrs. Cornell has said, I was royally entertained in her home at Grand Rapids. Comrades, I am glad, and I know that her love and the love of all the Daughters she is here to represent, send their love along with these cigars. Remember, they were presented by the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, your sons and my sons. They are taking care of our boys, and Mrs. Cornell, I am very glad to receive you, and you must have one of our badges."

Mrs. Cornell—"Thank you, I am very proud to wear that."

Department Commander—"Whoever shall represent the G. A. R. this year, will not forget that Mrs. Cornell lives in Grand Rapids.

Comrade (?)—"We are very happy for this greeting, especially from you, Mrs. Cornell."

(Mrs. Cornell asks one of the Comrades to stand up.)

Mrs. Cornell—"That Comrade has known me since I was so high, and he says I never will grow up."

Comrade—"I think she will grow up to a certain extent, but never forget to be just the girl she is now."

Department Commander—"Now Comrades, have we got any more committees to report? The Committee on Resolutions; is that Committee ready to report?"

Comrade Keeler—"I am ready to report. Commander and Comrades, the Committee on Resolutions finds it difficult to find words to express our satisfaction and our pleasure at the results of this annual gathering."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee on resolutions desires to present for your consideration an expression of our inward feelings.

Resolved—That the fifty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, held in the beautiful and thriving city of Petoskey is justly entitled to a high place among the best and most successful of our annual gatherings. To the local committee of arrangements, who have so thoughtfully provided for conveniences and meeting places of the various organizations—we give warmest thanks.

The hotel and other entertaining service has been highly appreciated. Michigan's favorite playground has been duly admired and enjoyed, and we hope we may repeat the pleasant experience at some later date.

Resolved—that our thanks are due to Department Commander Blake for his faithful and energetic endeavor to omit nothing for our complete and successful sojourn. To the citizens generally for their open hearted hospitality we feel indebted. Their cheerful greetings, smiling welcome, and kindly words have met us at all times and places. As we go to our homes we will carry grateful memories of a very happy reunion.

FRANK D. KEELER,

M. D. RICHARDSON,

Committee.

Department Commander—"Comrades you have heard the Resolutions. What will we do with them?"

Comrade Estabrook moves that they be accepted and adopted. Seconded. Carried.

Officer of the Guard announces a Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Department Commander—"If there are no further reports, a Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans wish to be admitted. Please admit them, Officer of the Day."

Officer of the Day—"Commander and Comrades, I am very happy to introduce to you, Mrs. Pearl Baker, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Liebenstein of the Daughters of Union Veterans."

Department Commander—"I am happy to introduce to you, these ladies from the Daughters of Union Veterans. Comrades salute."

Mrs. Baker—"Commander and Comrades assembled this afternoon, I don't know when I ever had a more pleasant duty assigned to me. This is the first time I ever had the privilege of being assigned on a Committee of Greetings to the G. A. R. and looking into the faces of my father's Comrades. I certainly wish for you, on behalf of the Daughters of Union Veterans, the most successful Convention possible to be held, and I want to present to you on their behalf, all the love and consideration every daughter has for her father, and that our Organization has to give you, and I want to say that we are ready and willing at all times to stand behind you and carry on the work. Commander, I also wish to pin on your coat, this badge from our President."

Mrs. Johnson—"My Comrade Howe is one of our grand old men of St. Clair County, and we are always very, very proud of him. We would be very proud to have any of you Comrades meet with us as we are assembled in our Convention. It is indeed a great pleasure to me to bring to you, the love of the Daughters of your Convention. We wish you many more harmonious Conventions, and invite you to our Convention when you can come. We hope to see you next year in our Convention. I too have a father living, who is past 90, and he asked me to bring back a badge to him."

Mrs. Liebenstein—"I am so happy to be on this Committee. I have been on it before, and I am so glad they asked me to come and see you again. I am the granddaughter of a Veteran as well as the daughter. Father held his position of Quartermaster General 27 years and only lost 12 meetings. I want to always keep up with the memory of you and be faithful to you and our own daughters."

Department Commander—"Ladies, I feel very happy to receive these greetings and these beautiful flowers. We know these flowers are going to wither, but the love you spoke of is going to be with us always. You all know that if we ever needed anything in the world we could go to a daughter and surely get it. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this kindly greeting, and hope you will carry back to your Convention our best wishes for your future happiness and success. We shall always depend upon our daughters, and know they will never disappoint us."

Badges presented.

Department Commander—"Comrades, I think there should be some other reports ready to come in. I want to get these reports off as fast as possible."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S REPORT

We have examined the report of the Commander and find that he has carefully and conscientiously discharged all the duties of his office. We recommend the adoption of the same, and also that he be presented with a Past Department Commander's jewel, not to exceed \$50.00 in value.

A. C. ESTABROOK,
M. D. RICHARDSON,
Committee.

Comrade Keeler—"I move the adoption of the report, supported and carried.

Department Commander—"Thank you Comrades for this report. All I ask is that I may so conduct myself as to receive your approval, that my conduct shall be satisfactory. Thank you Comrades."

Officer of the Guard announces a visitor, Mr. Griffith from Mt. Clemens.

Department Commander—"Introduce the visitor."

Mr. Griffith—"I am very sorry to have to stand up and express the failure of Comrade LaCroix to attend this encampment. About seven weeks ago he was taken with a light stroke, but he told me to remember him to all the boys with love and kindest regards. He is sorry he is not able to be here, but he is very feeble. I always brought Captain LaCroix with me. He said he hoped to be able to be with you at the next meeting, and he asked me to kindly tell the boys to bring him a badge to remember the encampment by, for he was unable to attend."

Department Commander—"Mr. Griffith, we are very glad to receive this message from Captain LaCroix. He wrote me about his stroke, or somebody wrote for him, expressing his sorrow at not being able to come. Please give him this badge.

Mr. Griffith—"Thank you, he will be very much pleased to receive it."

Department Commander—"Here is a program to carry to him with our love. Tell him to bring it to Saginaw with him."

Department Commander—"Are there any other reports now, ready to come in? I believe we ought to get them cleared off as fast as we can."

"We have another matter I would like to bring before this encampment. We had an invitation from Grand Rapids for the National Encampment, and a representative was here today and asked me if we would endorse Grand Rapids for the National Convention next year, and I told him I would bring it before the encampment."

Comrade Estabrook—"Commander and Comrades, I move that this Department endorse the invitation to hold our 1933 National Encampment in Grand Rapids. Supported and carried.

Department Commander—"Is there anything further now, to come before this encampment? What is your further pleasure?"

Comrade Keeler—"Commander and Comrades, in the past the Department as well as each individual Post throughout the State, has been blessed, beyond our right to expect, by contributions, especially from The Womans Relief Corps and their Organizations. When our funds were low they came to our relief, as you well know, in a very substantial manner, and it is due more to them possibly, than any other source, that we pulled through. The State, of course, has helped us also, but under conditions as they exist now, I want to move that this Department transfer from its general fund, the sum of \$1000.00 to go to the Michigan Department of the Womans Relief Corps. We owe it to them. They helped us as many of you remember. They gave us \$1,777.04 at our Golden Anniversary. Now I can't help but feel we would be ungrateful if we didn't remember them. On their part, therefore, I move we set aside and present to the Womans Relief Corps of Michigan, the sum of \$1000.00."

Comrade Bryant seconds the motion and many others.

Comrade Richardson—"Department Commander and Comrades, today the funds of these ladies are low on account of the depression. Cer-

tainly they do nothing but acts of kindness, we should agree together to return a portion of that fund to them. I hope this Convention will endorse that motion."

Department Commander—"The subject is open for discussion now, and if any Comrade has any idea on the subject, they want to express them now."

Comrade Stewart, Petoskey—"I would like to amend the motion from \$1000.00, making it \$1700.00."

Comrade Keeler—"I accept the amendment."

Department Commander—"Now then, Comrades, are you ready for the question?" Question. All in favor say aye, opposed no.

Department Commander—"Comrades, it is carried."

Mrs. Davidson—"Commander and Comrades, as a member of the Womans Relief Corps, I truly thank you. I am very glad the motion has passed.

Comrade Dunham—"It will probably take six months and more than that before we can get it, but we will get the money all right. We were getting 5% interest on it, but under this depression they demand we make an application, and you have to take your turn to draw it out."

Department Commander—"We know the ladies will get it in due time. What is your further pleasure? If there is nothing further to present at this time, and no other committee to report, the next thing will be the election of officers."

Chaplain Richardson moves for the election of officers. Seconded. Carried.

Department Commander—"The nomination for Commander for another year is now in order."

Comrade Estabrook—"Commander and Comrades, as we haven't many men to draw from these days, I think we should have a leader we can trust, one that has been tried and that has proved faithful and true and successful as Commander of the Encampment, therefore I nominate Orestus Blake for Commander."

Comrade Keeler—"I don't believe in driving the horses half way across the creek to water them. We are all getting old, and we all know what that means. Commander Blake has had his whole soul in this work and has done everything it seemed to me he could do in the best interests of the Department. He has had the benefit of years of experience which is worth a vast sum to the man who undertakes the job of managing the Department business, for he knows now what to do, and we can surely depend upon his doing it. I heartily endorse and second the nomination of Commander Blake for re-election."

Department Commander—"Are there any further nominations?"

Comrade Estabrook—"There being no further nominations I move the rules be suspended and the Secretary of this encampment be instructed to cast the entire vote for Orestus Blake for Department Commander for the ensuing year. Supported and carried.

Department Commander—"Comrades, I cannot express to you now, my appreciation for this great honor. I didn't come here seeking a re-election. I didn't seek election last year, until Comrades who were there insisted that I allow my name to be used, and the only comfort I could give them was that I held it to be the duty of every Comrade of the G. A. R. to be ready to answer, 'here'. I did the best I could last year.

I have made mistakes, but every one of them are landmarks for good. Comrades, I will do the very best I know how."

Department Commander—"Comrades, the next thing in order is the election of a Senior Vice Commander."

Chaplain Richardson—"I suggest the name of C. M. Cook of Kalamazoo as Senior Vice Commander."

Department Commander—"Are there any other names?"

Chaplain Richardson moves the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the entire vote of the encampment for C. M. Cook, for Senior Vice Commander. Seconded. Carried.

C. M. Cook—"I surely thank you. I am the youngest man in the Michigan G. A. R.. As the die is cast, I will accept it and thank you very much. I will do the best I can."

Department Commander—"Who will you have for Junior Vice Commander?"

Chaplain Richardson—"Comrade Keeler of Saginaw. It is advisable to have one of the Department officers in Saginaw."

Comrade Finch—"I move that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the entire vote of this encampment for Comrade Keeler of Saginaw for Junior Vice Commander." Seconded. Carried.

Comrade Keeler—"I had no idea of seeking an office in coming here. I always felt satisfied with the honors I had. Now this is unexpected, but duly appreciated. I thank you very much. If there is anything I can do for the improvement or the welfare of this Department, I will readily and gladly do it. I thank you."

Department Commander—"It has been our habit and custom to elect a Junior Vice Commander in the city of the next meeting."

"The next is Medical Director."

(Comrade Howe is suggested.)

Comrade Estabrook—"Comrade Howe is named merely on past efficient services."

(Moved and seconded Comrade Howe be elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.) Declared elected.

Comrade Howe—"Commander and Comrades, when I look around and into your faces, I wonder what trick or what slight-of-hand performance elected me. When I received notice a year ago that I had been elected to this office, I said the only qualification I had for the office was the fact that I had been in the Kellogg Sanitarium, and this appears to be my graduation. I thank you."

Comrade Estabrook—"It would take a long time to set forth all the qualifications for Medical Director."

Department Commander—"The next thing is to elect a Department Chaplain for the coming year. Chaplain Riddick, whom we all loved, died in office, and I was very happy to be able to go over and conduct the funeral."

Comrade Puckett nominates Comrade Richardson or Chaplain Richardson for reelection.

Moved and seconded he be elected. Carried.

Chaplain Richardson—"Commander and Comrades, I thank you kindly for the honor conferred upon me. It is certainly a peculiar one when you think of it, as I am not a minister, but I am an honored elder of the

church I belong to. I thank you for what you have done, and I will do the best I can."

Department Commander—"Now there is no further election of officers, the other offices being appointive offices which I believe will appear in general order, and which I will get at very shortly. Now we will proceed to the installation of officers for the coming year. I will ask Comrade Estabrook to act as Installing Officer and Comrade Howe to assist as Officer of the Day.

Comrade Estabrook—Commander Blake. Before proceeding with the installation I have a very pleasant duty to perform. For your faithful service, the interest you have taken in the Grand Army of the Republic, and your devotion to its members, I present to you this Past Commander's jewel in behalf of this Department.

Mrs. Davidson—"Commander Blake, I am pleased to pin this beautiful badge over a heart that has always beat true for the Grand Army of the Republic."

Department Commander—"Comrade Estabrook and Comrades all, this is the greatest honor I ever accepted in this Society or anywhere. This seems to me evidence that I have in some way done my duty. I shall wear this badge with greater pride than anything I ever possessed, Comrades. It is a beautiful thing, and I shall never look at it but what I shall remember the Comrades who presented me with this beautiful emblem. I cannot express my appreciation for this beautiful gift. Comrades, I am going to try to give you better service this year than I ever thought of doing before. Comrades, I thank you. I am too full for utterance."

Department Commander—"We have neglected to ask you who you would have for your Quartermaster General and Adjutant for the coming year. You all know my Assistant Quartermaster General very well. If he will, it is Albert Dunham. Now all the other offices are appointive and will appear in the General Orders as soon as I can compose myself long enough to make them out."

Department Commander—"Comrades, this has been a very pleasant encampment to me, and I hope to be able to meet every one of you in Saginaw next year, and as many more. It hurt me this year to see my Comrades falling away. You know I lost my Senior Vice Commander, and later Chaplain Riddick. I had the satisfaction of saying the last word over his grave, and I appreciated the privilege. Comrades, I hope we do not have any severe losses this year, and I hope to report every one of you on deck a year from now, in Saginaw. Comrade Keeler, I hope to meet you there, and I hope to meet you all there. Now then Comrades, the ladies presented us with this box of cigars."

Comrade Estabrook acting as installing officer, and Comrade Howe as Officer of the Day, the following officers were installed:

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 1932-1933

Orestus Blake, Department Commander, Jackson.
 C. M. Cook, Senior Vice Commander, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
 Frank D. Keeler, Junior Vice Commander, Post 38, Saginaw.
 Geo. W. Howe, Medical Director, Post 98, Port Huron.
 M. D. Richardson, Chaplain, Post 42, Lansing.

Albert Dunham, Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, Lansing.

Department Commander—"We have been presented with a lot of beautiful flowers here, and they should be disposed of. We appreciate those offerings and we hate to see them wasted. (Stenographer agrees to dispose of them to the hospital, which she did.)

Comrade Estabrook—"Commander, if there is no further business I move we adjourn sine die. Motion seconded.

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

Comrade A. J. McDougal, commander V. F. W. of Gaylord, Michigan, called just after adjournment.

UNOFFICIAL PROGRAM

Petoskey—The city of "million dollar sunsets", ideally located on Little Traverse Bay, acted as host to the 54th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic June 22, 23, 24, 1932. Headquarters were established at the Perry Hotel where every courtesy and kindness were extended to us. Much credit is due to Comrade Puckett and Comrade Joseph P. Murphy for their untiring efforts and determination to fulfill every promise made. The following hearty "Welcome" was extended to all organizations.

WELCOME

To Our Visitors:

I rejoice in the pleasure of welcoming you to our city. I know that every courtesy will be extended to you during your stay here. I want you to know we appreciate the honor for having brought this convention to us. Petoskey has been called, Michigan's Year Around Play Ground, and it is our ambition that the title shall not be an empty one. Every citizen wishes to do their utmost to make your stay here one of pleasure and profit.

Welcome Veterans, Petoskey belongs to you.

D. CHARLES LEVINSON,
Mayor.

To the Grand Army of the Republic
and its Allied Organizations:

Chief Petoskey greets you and welcomes you to the home of his forefathers, and will do his best to entertain you in the Playground of Northern Michigan. We are proud to be given the opportunity to act as your host.

Our local committees have done their utmost to give you a fine Encampment. Our citizens and Emmet County in general, deeming it a privilege to entertain you, are at your service.

We wish you a most successful fifty-fourth Annual Encampment.

JOSEPH P. MURPHY,
Chairman.

S. S. PUCKETT,
Treasurer.

RALPH L. PETERS,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY

At 10 A. M. a tree was planted in Arlington Park and dedicated in remembrance to the "Father of our Country George Washington", by the Womans Relief Corps Department of Michigan. Commander Blake, Vice Commander S. S. Puckett and the Michigan Drum Corps assisting. Immediately following these exercises the group marched in a body to the court room of the city hall where a beautiful silk flag was presented by Ida Collins, Department Patriotic Instructor of the Womans Relief Corps. Judge Victor Sprague, of the Emmet county circuit court accepted the gift in a brief but hearty patriotic response.

THURSDAY

Regular sessions were held during the day and at 7:30 the annual Campfire. This program was arranged by Mr. Wilson McDonald, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, assisted by Comrade Puckett. Program opened with music by the Michigan Fife and Drum Corps followed by Levi Genereaux, Petoskey Indian who sang "America" in Indian. Male quartet beautifully rendered several selections, this program was very interesting.

At 10:30 the Military Ball opened with a grand march led by our Comrade Puckett and his wife.

FRIDAY

Promptly at 10:30 the event of the week took place. The annual parade marching with steady step, shoulders back, the Grand Army of the Republic, numbering 40, escorted by the Sons of Union Veterans and led by the Michigan Drum Corps marched to the reviewing stand where the Comrades were seated and given an opportunity to view the parade, at the close Governor Brucker personally greeted the Comrades of the G. A. R. and the Fife and Drum Corps. Many banquets and luncheons were given during the week.

REGISTRATION

Registration was in charge of Ida F. Davidson, Department Secretary of the Michigan G. A. R. assisted by Mrs. Elva Warner, member of Chas. T. Foster W. R. C. No. 7 of Lansing. 55 Comrades were registered.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, June 27, 1931.

General Orders No. 1. Series 1931-1932.

I. The Fifty-third annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 17-18-19, 1931, 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 sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me, and assure them that while this great honor has come to me without any solicitation on my part, I fully realize the responsibility resting upon me, and I enter upon its duties with a determination to give my best efforts to sustain the high standard ever held by this Department.

In entering upon the duties of this high office, I desire the Comrades of this Department to regard me not only as their Commander, but as their servant, every ready to serve them to the fullest extent of my ability and opportunity.

II. The following named Comrades were elected and installed:

Commander—Orestus Blake, Post No. 48, Jackson.

Sen. Vice Com.—J. J. Reiser, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.

Jun. Vice Com.—S. S. Puckett, Post No. 170, Petoskey.

Medical Director—Geo. W. Howe, Post No. 98, Port Huron.

Chaplain—Isaac H. Riddick, Post No. 210, Albion.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

S. D. Bailey, Post No. 17, Detroit, Delegate-at-Large.

E. Pomeroy, Post No. 48, Jackson.

M. W. Kelsey, Lakeview.

A. H. Lightcap, Post No. 48, Jackson.

S. H. Carlton, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.

J. P. Riley, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.

Geo. W. Howe, Post No. 98, Port Huron.

F. D. Keeler, Post No. 38, Saginaw.

A. L. Bryant, Post No. 42, Lansing.

Isaac Grant, Post No. 451, Reed City.

M. D. Richardson, Post No. 42, Lansing.

T. F. Courtney, Post No. 433, Detroit.

Ed. Rogers, Post No. 56, Allegan.

ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

James A. Hamilton, Post No. 42, Lansing.

E. S. Petit, Post No. 98, Port Huron.

J. J. Reiser, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.

John Killeen, Post No. 48, Jackson.
 H. C. Bond, Post No. 7, Muskegon.
 W. H. Snyder, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.
 Frank Wood, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.
 L. D. Chapman, Post No. 111, Eaton Rapids.
 Stuben Filkins, Post No. 109, Coldwater.
 George Wilcox, Post No. 91, St. Louis.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

M. D. Richardson, Post No. 42, Lansing.
 John W. Finch, Post No. 83, Greenville.
 A. L. Bryant, Post No. 42, Lansing.
 S. H. Carlton, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.
 A. N. Soba, Post No. 48, Jackson.

OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster Gen.—Albert Dunham, Post No. 48, Jackson.
 Judge Advocate—A. C. Estabrook, Post No. 56, Allegan.
 Patriotic Instructor—Frank D. Keeler, Post No. 38, Saginaw.
 Chief Mustering Officer—Leroy Park, Post No. 137, Ann Arbor.
 Chief of Staff—Isaac Grant, Post No. 451, Reed City.
 Senior Aide—A. L. Bryant, Post No. 42, Lansing.
 Department Inspector—J. A. Hamilton, Post No. 42, Lansing.
 Sergt. Natl. Colors—George W. Howe, Post No. 98, Port Huron.
 Sergt. Dept. Colors—C. M. Post, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

S. D. Bailey, Post No. 17, Detroit.

III. The Department Commander requests each Post to send in the name of two Comrades to serve on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief and two to serve on the Staff of the Department Commander.

IV. Complete arrangements for National Encampment to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, the week of Sept. 13, will be issued in next General Orders.

By order of

ORESTUS BLAKE,
 Department Commander.

Official

ALBERT DUNHAM,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

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

Lansing, Mich., August 5, 1931.

General Orders No. 2. Series 1931-1932.

I. As previously announced, the Sixty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 13th to 18th, 1931.

II. Michigan Headquarters will be established at Hotel Franklin, Monday Sept. 14th, Room No. 210. 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 No. 210, Tuesday evening Sept. 15th at 7:30 o'clock. All representatives are urged to be present as business of importance will be transacted at this time.

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 Sept. 11th to Sept. 21st.

VI. Requests for reservations or information should be addressed to G. E. Hamilton, Chairman Hotels and Housing, Convention Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Des Moines, Iowa.

VII. Rates and Transportation.

The Michigan Central and Rock Island Lines are designated as the Official Routes for the Department of Michigan Headquarters train. If more convenient to leave your city on any other railroad, do so, joining the Headquarters train at Chicago, which train will leave the La Salle Street Station, Chicago, on the Rock Island Lines at 11:30 P. M. Saturday, Sept. 12th, arriving in Des Moines 7:30 A. M., Sunday. Return Special Train will leave Des Moines at 11:00 P. M. Friday, September 18th, arriving Chicago 7:30 A. M. Other trains leaving Des Moines for Chicago are as follows:

Leave Des Moines 7:00 A. M. 11:35 A. M. 8:15 P. M. 11:00 P. M.
Arrive Chicago 3:15 P. M. 8:30 P. M. 6:59 A. M. 7:30 A. M.

Those who desire to visit beyond Des Moines, or stop over at any station, or return on any other trains than the Official Train, may do so.

Special low rates are being made to Colorado and the Pacific Coast, whereby those who desire, may stop at Des Moines for the Encampment, then go on to Colorado or the Pacific Coast. Those desiring to do so, will write to Mr. C. P. Bradley, 209 Majestic Building, Detroit, who will quote rate from your home city.

Special coaches will be put in at Detroit, and sleepers at Chicago. Special cars will leave on the Michigan Central as follows:

Leave Detroit, 1:35 P. M. (E. T.), Ypsilanti, 1:11 P. M. (C. T.), Ann Arbor, 1:24 P. M., Jackson 2:20 P. M., Battle Creek, 3:23 P. M.,

Kalamazoo, 4:05 P. M., Niles 5:10 P. M.—connecting at Jackson with train leaving Lansing 1:08 P. M., Owosso, 12:30 P. M., Saginaw, 11:35 A. M., Bay City, 11:00 A. M., arriving Chicago 7:30 P. M.

Grand Trunk R. R. connects at Chicago, leaving Port Huron at 12:15 P. M., Flint, 1:40 P. M., Lansing, 2:55 P. M., Battle Creek, 3:58 P. M., Cassopolis, 5:12 P. M., arriving Chicago 8:15 P. M.

Pere Marquette trains leave Grand Ledge, 3:04 P. M., Grand Rapids, 4:15 P. M., Muskegon, 11:15 A. M., Holland, 4:51 P. M., Bangor, 5:42 P. M., Benton Harbor, 6:24 P. M., St. Joseph 6:35 P. M., arriving Chicago 9:00 P. M.

The following are the round trip rates from principal cities in Michigan. For rates from other stations in Michigan, ask your local ticket agent.

Adrian	\$20.48	Flint	\$22.63	Muskegon	\$19.83
Ann Arbor	21.81	Grand Rapids	19.52	Niles	16.24
Battle Creek	18.81	Hastings	20.19	Owosso	21.82
Bay City	23.63	Hillsdale	19.30	Port Huron	24.76
Benton Harbor	16.42	Jackson	20.36	Saginaw	23.18
Charlotte	20.19	Kalamazoo	17.99	St. Joseph	16.35
Coldwater	18.50	Lansing	20.85	Sturgis	17.63
Detroit	22.70	Lapeer	24.32	Ypsilanti	22.10

Sleeping car fares between Chicago and Des Moines each way, are as follows:

Lower berth	\$ 3.75
Upper berth	3.00
Compartment	10.50
Drawing room	13.50

All those desiring sleeping car space will write to Mr. C. P. Bradley, General Agent, Rock Island Lines, 209 Majestic Building, Detroit, giving space desired, saying if return reservation is wanted on special train. He will reserve and advise you space assigned.

Dates of sale of tickets—September 10th to 16th, inclusive—limited to return November 1st, 1931. Stopovers will be allowed on going or return within limit of ticket.

VIII. Railroad rate is one fare for the round trip on identification certificate plan. Certificates will be furnished on application to Albert Dunham, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Michigan. Comrades and members of all allied organizations are invited to join our headquarters train.

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

- George Barnes, Post No. 120, Howell.
- Amos Cole, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.
- Kommer Esveld, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.

By order of
ORESTUS BLAKE,
 Department Commander.

Official
ALBERT DUNHAM,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

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

Lansing, Mich., November 2, 1931.

General Orders No. 3. Series 1931-1932.

I. The sixty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, September 16, 1931. Headquarters of Michigan G. A. R. was located at Hotel Franklin. Again, for the third time in nine years, we are indebted to the citizens of Des Moines for their generous hospitality, courtesy and many acts of kindness. During the entire week the Comrades were under the watchful and devoted care of that grand organization "The Boy Scouts". Business sessions, banquets, presentations of tablets and flags, band concerts by the U. S. Army Band, etc., filled the week with many pleasant memories, and made us wish "that the days had more hours in them that we might accept all the invitations extended to us." The fiftieth anniversary of the Sons of Union Veterans was fittingly observed Tuesday evening, September 15.

The annual parade took place Wednesday A. M. The city's largest street crowd in many years overflowed the 17 blocks of the parade route, and their applause rang steadily during the entire march. Roofs of the buildings were crowded with spectators who showered the 800 marching Veterans with flowers. The reviewing stand was occupied by Dan W. Turner, Governor of Iowa, and his staff: James E. Jewell, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. and many other Past National Officers. One section was filled by the school children of Des Moines, all dressed in white and waving flags. As the "Boys of '61" moved slowly past the reviewing stand, some with tottering steps and many in automobiles, unable to march, there were few whose eyes did not dim with tears, not tears of sorrow, but of deep gratitude to the "Veterans who preserved this Union". Bombs that released American flags when they burst in the air, were set off at the river front during the parade.

The Michigan Department consisted of 16 members led by your Commander. Business sessions, resolutions, etc., will be promulgated in National General Orders.

II. As required by the Rules and Regulations, the annual election of officers will be held at the first meeting in December. Report blanks for the year ending December 31, 1931, are enclosed. Post Adjutants will please fill out and return to the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, Albert Dunham, Lansing, Michigan, with per capita tax of ten cents per member by January 15, 1932. 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 Department Patriotic Instructor Frank D. Keeler, 428 N. Warren Ave., Saginaw, Michigan, during the month of January. Post Adjutants are urged

to send in a complete record of all Comrades who have died during the year 1931.

III. The following committees are appointed:

Executive Committee, Council of Administration:

M. D. Richardson, Post No. 42, Lansing, Mich.

John W. Finch, Post No. 83, Greenville, Mich.

A. N. Sova, Post No. 48, Jackson, Mich.

Committee to Visit Soldiers' Home:

J. J. Reiser, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Thomas Nichols, Post No. 48, Jackson, Mich.

Gilbert LaCroix, Post No. 216, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

IN MEMORIAM

"Death's but a summons from someone above,
Someone with wisdom and infinite love."

Edwin R. Havens, member of Charles T. Foster Post No. 42, passed away at his home August 25, 1931. He enlisted in Co. A, 7th Michigan Cavalry as Sergeant, September 12, 1862. Discharged December 15, 1865. He served the Department as Senior Vice Commander in 1924. Comrade Havens was an exemplary citizen, a true friend, and an untiring worker for the Grand Army of the Republic.

"The sun has set to us, but shines elsewhere."

Thanksgiving time is fast approaching and we are reminded of the bountiful supply we have received from our Heavenly Father. Let us give thanks and share our blessings with those around us. Your Department Commander sends Christmas greetings to the Comrades, and may the New Year bring "Peace and good will to all."

Additional Aides-De-Camp are hereby appointed:

Henry B. Appleton, Post No. 441, Mason, Mich.

John L. Richard, Post No. 405, Perrinton, Mich.

By order of

ORESTUS BLAKE,

Department Commander.

Official

ALBERT DUNHAM,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Mich., May 2, 1932.

General Orders No. 4. Series 1931-1932.

I. The fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Petoskey, June 22, 23, 24, 1932.

Headquarters of the G. A. R. will be established at Perry Hotel. Wednesday A. M., June 22. Comrades are requested to register early

and secure their badges. All Comrades of this Department, who are in good standing in their Post, and in possession of the 1932 countersign are entitled to a seat and a vote at this Encampment.

II. The Council of Administration will meet in Headquarters room, Wednesday, June 22 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.

III. Round trip tickets will be sold at one and one-half fare (minimum \$1.00) for the round trip on identification certificate plan. Tickets will be on sale June 18-24, good returning 30 days from date of sale. Consult your local ticket agent for route and time of trains.

IV. Requests for R. R. certificates should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Albert Dunham, G. A. R. Headquarters, Capitol, Lansing, Mich.

V. Requests for reservations should be addressed to Joseph P. Murphy, General chairman, Petoskey, Michigan.

VI. Hotel Rates:

<i>Rooms</i>	<i>Perry Hotel</i>	<i>Cushman Hotel</i>	<i>Small Hotel</i>
Single with running water	\$1.75	\$1.75 to \$2.00	\$1.25 to \$1.50
Double with running water	\$2.50	\$2.50 to \$4.00	\$2.00 to \$2.25
Single with bath	\$2.75	\$2.75	
Double with bath	\$3.50	\$3.50	
Single with toilet only	\$2.25		
Double with toilet only	\$3.00		

There will be many rooms in private homes and summer boarding houses at \$1.00 per person. All summer hotels at neighboring resorts will be open the week of the Encampment.

VII. The first session of the Encampment will be held in the Club Room, Perry Hotel, Wednesday, June 22, at 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Sessions will be called to order at 9:30 A. M. and at 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Annual parade at 10:30. All Comrades are requested to appear in uniform as far as possible. Official programs will furnish further information.

VIII. Committee on Resolutions:

Fred D. Keeler, Post No. 38, Saginaw.

M. D. Richardson, Post No. 42, Lansing.

Fred Gill, Post No. 38, Saginaw.

Other committees will be appointed during the Encampment.

IX. Owing to the death of Comrade J. J. Reiser, Department Sr. Vice Commander, the Jr. Vice Commander automatically fills the chair and Comrade C. M. Cook, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo has been appointed Jr. Vice Commander.

X. The 66th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Springfield, Ill., Sept., 18-24. Michigan headquarters will be at Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Complete information will be issued in future General Orders.

XI.

MEMORIAL DAY

No braver soldiers ever donned
Their colors for the fray
Than Yankee boys who fought and fell
And those who march today.

They never shed a drop of blood
On land or on the sea
For trade, revenge, or to extend
Our country's boundary.

They broke the shackles from the slave,
And set the Negro free;
They saved the Threatened Cuban race
From Spanish tyranny.

And when the God of War marched forth
To conquer by his might,
They crossed the deep, and turned him back,
Spurred on by sense of right.

So let our banners be unfurled,
And bright be skies o'erhead,
As down our streets they march again,
These comrades of our dead.

Gen. John A. Logan's General Orders No. 11, issued May 5, 1868, designated May 30 as a day set apart for the purpose of paying a tribute to all our Comrades who have answered the last "roll call." In this sacred duty let the Comrades of all wars, and the children participate in the placing of flags and strewing of flowers, also attend services on Memorial Sunday, May 22.

XII.

"MOTHERS DAY"

Sunday May 8th has been designated as "Mothers Day".

"Gentle hands that never weary toiling in love's vineyard sweet,
Eyes that seem forever cheery when our eyes they chance to meet
Tender, patient, brave, devoted, this is always mother's way.
Could her worth in gold be quoted as you think of her today?"

—*Edgar Guest.*

XIII.

FLAG DAY

Let every patriotic citizen display "Old Glory" on June 14.

"O bright Flag, O brave Flag,
O Flag to lead the free!
The hand of God thy colors blent
And heaven to earth thy glory lent,
To shield the weak, and guide the strong
To make an end of human wrong,
And draw a countless human host to follow after thee."

IN MEMORIAM

*"Softly like rose leaves, one by one they fall,
We never hear the door open, as they pass beyond recall."*

With deepest sorrow we announce the following deaths:

Louis Kanitz, charter member of Phil Kearney Post No. 7, Muskegon, died at his home, Nov. 22, 1931. He enlisted in April, 1861, in the 17th Missouri Inft. and later re-enlisted in 8th Ill. Cavalry—Served the Department as Commander 1894-95.

Henry Spaulding, last member of Ellsworth Post No. 20, Hartford, died Dec. 8th, 1931. Enlisted in Co. H 83rd Penn. Vol. Sept. 9th, 1861. Discharged Aug. 27th, 1862 on account of wounds. Served the Department as Commander 1920-21.

J. J. Reiser, Department Sr. Vice Commander, passed away at his home in Grand Rapids, February 23rd, 1932. He served in Co. G., 3rd Regt. Md. Vols. 1st Brigade 1st Division 12th and 20th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac and Army of the Cumberland.

As Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic we knew and esteemed them best. They were true to the principles upon which our organization rests.

*"Fraternity—Charity—Loyalty."
For them "Taps have sounded—They sleep"*

XIV. In closing this my last General Orders, I want to express my appreciation for the loyal co-operation of my Comrades and our allied organizations during the past year, and bespeak for my successor the same helpful support. As I return to the ranks I will be ever ready to serve my Comrades in my humble way, as opportunity presents.

By order of
ORESTUS BLAKE,
Department Commander.

Official
ALBERT DUNHAM,
Assistant Adjutant General.

In Memoriam



“As on earth they bravely struggled
In the right to do and dare,
On the battlements of Heaven
They will join their Comrades there.

They are marching, old and feeble
And the way is rough and hard,
They are coming Father Lincoln,
Last of thy old loyal guard.”

MEMORIAL ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1931

John A. Logan Post No. 1, Grand Rapids

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Luther James Winters.....	Private.....	H	8th Mich. Infantry.....	Soldiers' Home.....	1931
George Wilber.....	Private.....	B	1st Mich. Col. Infantry.....	Soldiers' Home.....	April 6, 1931
Othello Crosby.....	Private.....			Soldiers' Home.....	Sept. 30, 1931

Custer Post No. 5, Grand Rapids

George B. Schwab.....	Private.....	B	6th Mich. H. Art.....	Soldiers' Home.....	Aug. 27, 1931
Duane Sweezy.....	Private.....	M	24th Mich. Infantry.....	Soldiers' Home.....	Aug. 14, 1931
George S. Van West.....	Private.....	B	1st Mich. Infantry.....	Soldiers' Home.....	Dec. 7, 1931

C. J. Dickerson Post No. 6, Hillsdale

Albert W. Veness.....	Private.....		4th Mich. Infantry.....	Hillsdale.....	Feb. 28, 1931
Benjamin F. Cooper.....	Landaman in Navy.....			Hillsdale.....	Jan. 20, 1931
Frank B. Ford.....	Private.....	D	2nd Mich. Infantry.....	Hillsdale.....	Oct. 22, 1931

Phil Kearney Post No. 7, Muskegon

Wash Bulson.....	Private.....	G	2nd Wis. Cavalry.....	Muskegon.....	Feb. 11, 1931
Charles F. Gunn.....	Private.....	L	6th N. Y. Artillery.....	Muskegon.....	Feb. 22, 1931
Thomas Beckwith.....	Private.....	B	29th Ohio Cavalry.....	Muskegon.....	June 6, 1931
Louis Kanitz.....	Private.....	G	8th Ill. Cavalry.....	Muskegon.....	Nov. 22, 1931

John A. Dix Post No. 9, Hesperia

Charles Radenbaugh.....	Private.....	H	6th Ohio Infantry.....	Hesperia.....	April 4, 1931
W. R. Matthews.....	Private.....	C	11th Mich. Infantry.....	Hesperia.....	Nov. 17, 1931

George H. Thomas Post No. 14, Benton Harbor

Charles S. Hopkins.....	Private.....	C	1st N. Y. Infantry.....	Benton Harbor.....	Jan. 23, 1931
Wesley Noe.....	Private.....	C	25th Mich. Infantry.....	Benton Harbor.....	Dec. 10, 1931

Fairbanks Post No. 17, Detroit

Benjamin F. Ruxton.....	Private.....	H	69th N. Y. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Feb. 9, 1931
Major Cowher.....	Private.....	G	16th Mich. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Mar. 9, 1931
Lucius J. Cuiver.....	Private.....	F	1st N. Y. Light Artillery.....	Detroit.....	Mar. 14, 1931
Joseph Stadler.....	Private.....	E	16th Mich. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	May 1, 1931
Elias J. McClintock.....	Private.....	K	85th Ohio Infantry.....	Detroit.....	May 22, 1931
C. F. Babcock.....	Private.....	E	104 Ohio Infantry.....	Detroit.....	May 26, 1931
Charles H. Lockwood.....	Private.....	C	55th Ohio Infantry.....	Detroit.....	July 2, 1931
Samuel S. Babcock.....	Private.....	E	5th N. Y. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Oct. 28, 1931
Mathews M. Myer.....	Private.....	G	106th Ohio Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Nov. 5, 1931
James W. Fales.....	Private.....	F	4th Mich. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Dec. 5, 1931

A. Lincoln Post No. 19, Bangor

John C. Crall.....	Sargeant.....	G	102nd Penn. Infantry.....	Bangor.....	April 20, 1931
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Ellsworth Post No. 20, Hartford.

Henry Spaulding.....	Sargeant.....	H	83rd Penn. Infantry.....	Lansing.....	Dec. 8, 1931
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A. W. Chapman Post No. 21, St. Joseph

C. E. Brightup.....	No Record.....			St. Joseph.....	
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Col. Fenton Post No. 24, Fenton

Com. Winters.....	No Record.....				
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Joe Hooker Post No. 26, Hart

George F. Dennison.....	Private.....	L	50th N. Y. Eng.....	Hart.....	1931
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Huron Post No. 28, Bad Axe

Chauncy Galloway.....	Private.....		10th N. Y. Light Artillery.....	Bad Axe.....	Dec. 28, 1931
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Farragut Post No. 32, Battle Creek

William E. Morgan.....	Private.....	A	11th Mich. Infantry.....	Battle Creek.....	April 4, 1931
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FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Zack Chandler Post No. 35, South Haven

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
William Wick.....	Private.....	D	1st Mich. S. S.....	South Haven.....	Sept. 7, 1931

Saginaw Post No. 38, Saginaw

Charles E. Heacox.....	Private.....	B	146th N. Y. Infantry.....	Saginaw.....	Jan. 20, 1931
E. B. Metcalf.....	Private.....	G	15th Mich. Infantry.....	Saginaw.....	Aug. 22, 1931
Crist Wasserman.....	Private.....	M	5th Ohio Light Artillery.....	Saginaw.....	Oct. 18, 1931
Watson J. Clark.....	Private.....	D	4th Mich. Infantry.....	Saginaw.....	Nov. 17, 1931

Chas. T. Footer Post No. 42, Lansing

Leander D. Smith.....	Private.....	I	152nd Ind. Infantry.....	Lansing.....	Mar. 1, 1931
George W. Knapp.....	Private.....	G	21 Mich. Infantry.....	Lansing.....	Mar. 25, 1931
Edwin R. Havens.....	Lieutenant.....	I	7th Mich. Cavalry.....	Lansing.....	Aug. 25, 1931
W. H. Sheffield.....	Private.....	K	9th Mich. Infantry.....	Lansing.....	Nov.

Woodbury Post No. 45, Adrian

George Miller.....	Private.....	C	6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.....	Adrian.....	Mar. 13, 1931
Henry Smith.....	Private.....	F	U. S. Navy.....	Adrian.....	April 14, 1931
H. L. Jeffs.....	Private.....	D	177th Ohio V. Infantry.....	Adrian.....	April 15, 1931
Geo. A. Dibble.....	Private.....	K	7th Mich. Infantry.....	Adrian.....	June 18, 1931
Dewitt C. Orenduff.....	Private.....	A	4th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Adrian.....	July 6, 1931
Orville Wood.....	Private.....		7th Mich. Infantry.....	Adrian.....	July 16, 1931
Charles Adams.....	Private.....		111th N. Y. Infantry.....	Adrian.....	Dec. 6, 1931

B. H. Rutter Post No. 47, Dowagiac

Lewis J. Carr.....	Corporal.....	D	100th Ind. Regiment.....	Dowagiac.....	1931
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Edward Pomeroy Post No. 48, Jackson

Lorenzo Rice.....	Private.....	K	16th Mich. Infantry.....	Jackson.....	April 13, 1931
G. W. Sweezey.....	Private.....	C	11th Mich. Infantry.....	Jackson.....	Jan. 21, 1931
Amos W. White.....	Private.....	H	3rd Ohio Cavalry.....	Jackson.....	Nov. 12, 1931

Phil McKernan Post No. 53, Mason

Henry Peters	Private	No Record	Mason	Mar. 25, 1931
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C. J. Bassett Post No. 56, Allegan

John W. Parks	Private	H	Allegan	May 11, 1931
C. M. Taylor	Private	D	Allegan	July 15, 1931

Joseph R. Smith Post No. 76, Monroe

Baxter Johnson	Private	F	Monroe	May 12, 1931
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Orcutt Post No. 79, Kalamazoo

H. W. Harvey	Private	H	Kalamazoo	Feb. 22, 1931
H. R. Campbell	Private	E	Kalamazoo	Oct. 4, 1931

Corbin Post No. 88, Union City

David W. Filson	Private	K	Union City	Aug. 6, 1931
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Wm. D. Wilkins Post No. 91, St. Louis

Francis M. Frear	Private	K	St. Louis	Feb. 17, 1931
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Butterworth Post No. 109, Coldwater

George Stewart	Private	A	Coldwater	Jan. 23, 1931
A. R. Grove	Private	F	Coldwater	Aug. 20, 1931
Charles H. Bard	Private		Coldwater	Oct. 14, 1931

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

Eliab Dunbar	Private	A	Eaton Rapids	Aug. 19, 1931
Henry Steffy	Private		Eaton Rapids	Sept. 3, 1931
John Thompson	Private	H	Eaton Rapids	Oct. 10, 1931
John R. Kingman	Private		Eaton Rapids	Dec. 15, 1931

Fitzgerald Post No. 125, Hastings

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Erastus M. Hinmon.....	Private.....	E	3rd Mich. Infantry.....	Hastings.....	1931
Warren Daley.....	No Record.....				1931
Morey Brumley.....	No Record.....				1931
Frank Bronston.....	No Record.....				1931

Dan S. Root Post No. 126, Belding

Frank Caster.....	Private.....	E	20th Mich. Infantry.....	Belding.....	Nov. 24, 1931
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Welch Post No. 137, Ann Arbor

William F. Russell.....	Private.....	K	8th Mich. Cavalry.....	Ann Arbor.....	Mar. 28, 1931
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Beers Post No. 140, Tecumseh

John J. Hubbard.....	Private.....		130th N. Y. Regiment.....	Tecumseh.....	Mar. 27, 1931
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Turrell Post No. 144, Lapeer

G. W. Cramton.....	Private.....		1st Mich. Cavalry.....	Lapeer.....	Oct. 20, 1931
Silas Bradshaw.....	Private.....	G	7th Mich. Infantry.....	Lapeer.....	Oct. 26, 1931
John Sheldon.....	Private.....			Lapeer.....	Mar. 3, 1931

Gov. Crapo Post No. 145, Flint

Frederick Hanley.....	Private.....		N. Y. Eng.....	Flint.....	Oct. 3, 1931
C. H. Conover.....	Private.....			Flint.....	Feb. 15, 1931
James Failing.....	Private.....	D	12th Mich. Infantry.....	Flint.....	Jan. 3, 1931

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

E. A. Sitts.....	Private.....	I	10th Mich. Cavalry.....	St. Johns.....	Sept. 28, 1931
John Fitzgerald.....	Private.....	B	3rd Mich. Cavalry.....	St. Johns.....	Sept. 20, 1931

Edward Dwight Post No. 163, Vermontville

David M. Purchis.....	Private.....	B	28th Mich. Infantry.....	Vermontville.....	Jan. 8, 1931
Asa J. Brown.....	Private.....	D	30th Ind. Infantry.....	Vermontville.....	July 31, 1931

Lombard Post No. 170, Petoskey

Frank Jones.....	Private.....	H	8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Petoskey.....	April 8, 1931
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Carpenter Post No. 180, Ypsilanti

S. B. Mereness.....	Private.....	I	102nd N. Y. Vol.....	Ypsilanti.....	Feb. 9, 1931
Samuel Fletcher.....	Private.....	M	11th Mich. Infantry.....	Ypsilanti.....	Oct. 26, 1931
Joseph Bird.....	Private.....		10 Mich. Cavalry.....	Ypsilanti.....	Nov. 4, 1931

J. B. McPherson Post No. 183, Holly

George F. Dulmage.....	Private.....	E	4th Mich. Cavalry.....	Holly.....	Mar. 17, 1931
Charles Finsman.....	Private.....		No Record.....	Holly.....	May 5, 1931

Frank Powell Post No. 187, Oxford

Matthew Wilbur.....	Private.....	A	150th O. National Guards.....	Oxford.....	Nov. 14, 1931
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Geo. C. Whitney Post No. 188, Hadley

Lucius Sanborn.....	Private.....	C	16th Mich. Infantry.....	Hadley.....	April 30, 1931
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L. B. Quackenbush Post No. 205, Owosso

Chester Burch.....	Private.....		209th Penn.....	Owosso.....	Feb. 8, 1931
Edgar Marshall.....	Private.....		25th Ohio.....	Owosso.....	July 17, 1931
Edgar Sweetland.....	Private.....		4th Mich. Infantry.....	Owosso.....	Oct. 30, 1931
Samuel Dick.....	Private.....		7th N. Y. Infantry.....	Owosso.....	

E. W. Hollingsworth Post No. 210, Albion

Cyrus B. Hungerford.....	Private.....	C	13th Mich. Infantry.....	Albion.....	Nov. 14, 1931
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FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Wm. H. Borden Post No. 211, Ionia

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Timothy Burtch.....	Private.....	E	4th Mich. Infantry.....	Ionia.....	Oct. 2, 1931
G. L. Hullaberger.....	Private.....	H	32nd Ohio V. Infantry.....	Ionia.....	June 1931

Ruddock Post No. 224, Cheboygan

Matthew W. King.....	Private.....	D	6th Ohio Cavalry.....	Cheboygan.....	Jan. 13, 1931
Edwin G. Beebe.....	Private.....	K	97th N. Y. Vol.....	Cheboygan.....	Dec. 21, 1931

Oscar Bartlett Post No. 233, Lamb

William Baldock.....	Private.....	H	3rd Mich. Infantry.....	Abbottford.....	Aug. 18, 1931
William Smith.....	Lamb.....

Walter Clifford Post No. 235, Boyne City

William H. Wallace.....	Private.....	F	96th N. Y. Infantry.....	Boyne City.....	Mar. 16, 1931
Amos Palmer.....	Private.....	H	6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Boyne City.....	May 6, 1931

Samuel Grinnell Post No. 283, Sunfield

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Darius D. Thorpe.....	Private.....	G	25th Mich. Infantry.....
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			Jan. 7, 1931
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S. R. Downs Post No. 374, Parma			
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Simoon Spaulding.....	Private.....	F	9th Mich. Infantry.....
George L. Fisher.....	Sergeant.....	K	9th Mich. Infantry.....
William B. Miner.....	Private.....	F	177th Ohio Infantry.....
Stephen J. Pratt.....	Private.....		N. Y. Cavalry.....
David Mutton.....	Private.....	A	9th Mich. Infantry.....
Joseph Hanchett.....	Private.....	D	9th Mich. Infantry.....
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			Webberville.....
			Breckenridge.....
			Fowlerville.....
			Leslie.....
			Delhi.....
			Coleman.....
			Sheridan.....
			June 6, 1930
			Nov. 19, 1930
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			May 5, 1931
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			Grand Rapids.....
			April 2, 1931

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Year	Entertaining City	Presiding Commander
1868	Detroit	Russell A. Alger
1869	Lansing	William A. Throop
1870	Lansing	William Humphreys
1879	Grand Rapids	C. V. R. Pond
1880	Grand Rapids	C. V. R. Pond
1881	Quincy	A. T. McReynolds
1882	Muskegon	Byron R. Pierce
1883	Battle Creek	Byron R. Pierce
1884	Detroit	Oscar A. Janes
1885	East Saginaw	Rush J. Shank
1886	Jackson	Charles D. Long
1887	Grand Rapids	John Northwood
1888	Lansing	L. G. Rutherford
1889	Bay City	Washington Gardner
1890	Adrian	Michael Brown
1891	Muskegon	Henry M. Duffield
1892	Ann Arbor	Charles L. Eaton
1893	Benton Harbor	Henry S. Dean
1894	Owosso	James H. Kidd
1895	Mt. Clemens	Louis Kanitz
1896	Saginaw	S. B. Daboll
1897	Greenville	William Shakespeare
1898	Port Huron	Aaron T. Bliss
1899	Petoskey	Alex L. Patrick
1900	Grand Rapids	Russell R. Peeler
1901	Flint	E. M. Allen
1902	Pontiac	James VanKleek
1903	Muskegon	Edward C. Anthony
1904	Holland	D. B. K. VanRaalte
1905	Traverse City	George H. Hopkins
1906	Saginaw	E. C. Cannon
1907	Bay City	Joseph B. Griswold
1908	Detroit	William Jibb
1909	Kalamazoo	George L. Holmes
1910	Holland	James M. Greenfield
1911	Ypsilanti	Samuel J. Lawrence
1912	Port Huron	George W. Stone
1913	Lansing	John T. Spillane
1914	Jackson	Frank R. Chase
1915	Kalamazoo	Riley I. Jones
1916	Bay City	Eli Strong
1917	Battle Creek	Luclus H. Ives
1918	Saginaw	William O. Lee
1919	Traverse City	David S. Howard
1920	Port Huron	Edwin F. Lamb
1921	Flint	Henry Spaulding
1922	Detroit	J. J. Holmes
1923	Grand Rapids	William Mears
1924	Lansing	Lyman A. Gilbert.
1925	Port Huron	M. C. Barney
1926	Jackson	John Seel
1927	Benton Harbor	James R. Stephenson
1928	Kalamazoo	Charles A. Bartlett
1929	Bay City	A. C. Estabrook
1930	Pontiac	A. C. Estabrook
1931	Grand Rapids	A. C. Estabrook
1932	Petoskey	Orestus Blake

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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 or 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 ever-lessening 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.”